CHAPTER TWO: MEASUREMENTS AND PROBLEM SOLVING

Measurements: Our Starting Point

- Why should we begin our study of chemistry with the topic of measurement?
 - Much of the laboratory work in this course is based on measurements of some type or another
 - Both laboratory and lecture material require intelligent interpretation of measurements
 - Beginning students are rarely familiar with the strict measurement methods used in chemistry

Types of Measurements

- Suppose I ask the question:
 "How far is it from Rio Hondo College to UCLA?"
- Your answer must contain two pieces information
 - A numerical value
 - A unit
- Examples
 - About 25 miles
 - About 45 minutes

Types of Measurements

- Length
 - Distance from one location to another
 - Distance between the "center" of one atom and one it is attached to

Mass

- The quantity of matter in whatever it is we are measuring
- The more matter an object contains, the greater its mass

Mass vs. Weight

- Weight measures the gravitational attraction between an object and the Earth (or moon, Jupiter, etc.)
- □ Weight is not the same as mass!
- Example: Consider a 1-ton (2,000 pound) rock on the surface of the Earth.
 - How will its weight change if we move it to the moon? To Jupiter?
 - How will its mass change?

Scientific Notation

- Many measurements in chemistry involve numbers that are extremely large or small.
 - Examples:
 - Number of atoms in a glass of water.
 - Distance between two atoms in a sugar molecule.
- Scientific notation is a convenient mathematical notation which simplifies working with numbers of this magnitude.

Scientific Notation: How it Works

- Take the value under consideration, and move the decimal point after the first non-zero digit.
 Example: 582 --> 5.82
- Next, consider how many places the decimal was moved, and in what direction it was moved.
 - The decimal moved 2 places to the left.
 - Our new value is 10², or 100 times, smaller than it was to begin with.
- Undo this by multiplying by 10 to the power of how many places the decimal moved.
 - This power is positive if the decimal moved to the left, negative if it moved to the right
 - Our value is 5.82×10^2

Examples

Express these numbers in scientific notation.

23,894.

0.004289

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Which digits in each measurement are certain? Uncertain?







Significant Figures

- Clearly, when we take measurements, there is a limit as to how accurate our data can be.
- □ For example, compare your weight on a:
 - A bathroom scale
 - A truck scale
- Significant figures are those values in a measurement which we can rely on for accuracy.
- The term significant digits is sometimes also used, as are abbreviated terms like "sig figs" and "sig digs"



- Trailing zeros are significant <u>if there is a decimal point in the</u> value.
- If there is no decimal, the zeros are ambiguous and generally not considered significant. Results should be represented in scientific notation. Let's consider 6,800

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Rounding

- In general, rules for rounding in chemistry do not differ from the rules you learned in earlier math courses
- Sometimes you may be asked to round to a particular place value
- Most times, you will need to round to a specific number of significant digits
- Question In what situations could rounding be a bad thing?

Rounding

Examples:

Round 134.786 to a. the hundredths place b. four significant figures

Round 4,852.78 to a. the tens place b. two significant figures

Calculations: Multiplication & Division

- When performing multiplication and division, first count the number of significant digits in each part of the calculation.
- Then, determine which value has the <u>least</u> number of significant digits.
- Your answer will be rounded to that many significant figures.

Examples

 $2.5 \times 7.89 = 20.$

 $\frac{100.}{25} = 4.0$

Calculations: Addition and Subtraction

- When adding or subtracting, consider the value with the *least* precision. Your answer must extend to that level of precision.
 - For example, suppose you are adding 60.82 and 7.831
 - 60.82 goes to the hundredths place
 - 7.831 extends to the thousandths place
 - Therefore, your answer will round to the hundredths place.

 VERY IMPORTANT: Note that in adding and subtracting, the number of significant figures in the values does <u>not</u> matter!





□ Let's take the previous problem

$(6.834 \times 8.32) - 3.45 =$

- □ Where do you begin first?
- Remember the mathematical order of operations, i.e., 'Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally'?
- □ In this case start with parenthesis and determine the sig figs.
- □ Then complete the remainder of the equation.

□ 6.834 x 8.32 = 56.85888 (how many sig figs?)

• _____ - 3.45 = _____

Exact and Inexact Numbers

- Most measurements we have a certain amount of uncertainty associated with them
- A measurement with any degree of uncertainty is described as an <u>inexact number</u>
- □ Some numbers have no uncertainty associated with them
 - Number of eggs in a basket (countable)
 - Number of people in a room (countable)
 - Number of inches in a foot (a defined relationship)
 - Number of quarters (or pennies, nickels, or dimes) in a dollar (all are defined relationships)
- Such values are described as <u>exact numbers</u>
 - None of these values need to be estimated; they are either countable or defined



Examples

$$(6.27 \times 10^{3}) \times (9.347 \times 10^{-7}) =$$

 $\frac{2.189 \times 10^{13}}{(6.45 \times 10^{-3}) \times (9.2 \times 10^{14})} =$

What about significant figures here?



The English System

- The English System of units includes many familiar units
 - Inches, Feet, and Miles
 - Liquid Ounces
 - Pounds and Tons
- Despite its popularity, the English System has a serious flaw

SI Units

- SI units (after "International System") are based on powers of 10
 - There are 10 millimeters in a centimeter
 - There are 10 centimeters in a decimeter
 - There are 10 decimeters in a meter.
- You only need to know what each prefix means to be able to easily convert from one unit to another.
- These prefixes are used in all types of measurements, including distance, volume, time, and energy among many others.

SI Units: Common Base Units

Туре	Base Unit	Abbreviation
Length	Meter	m
Mass	Gram*	g
Volume	Liter	L
Energy	Joule	J
Time	Second	S
Temperature	Kelvin	К
Amount	Mole	mol

Table of Prefixes for SI Units

prefix	abbreviation*	power of 10	decimal form	word form
tera-	т	1012	1,000,000,000,000	trillion
giga-	G	10 ⁹	1,000,000,000	billion
mega-	Μ	106	1,000,000	million
kilo-	k	10 ³	1,000	thousand
hecto-	h	10 ²	100	hundred
deka-**	da	10 ¹	10	ten
deci-	d	10-1	0.1	tenth
centi-	с	10-2	0.01	hundredth
milli-	m	10-3	0.001	thousandth
micro-	μ	10-6	0.000001	millionth
nano-	n	10 ⁻⁹	0.00000001	billionth
pico-	р	10-12	0.00000000001	trillionth
femto-	f	10-15	0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	quadrillionth





Units of Temperature

- □ Fahrenheit (°F)
 - Commonly used to measure temperatures in the U.S., but not very practical for scientific use.
- □ Celsius (°C)
 - Unit most commonly used in determining temperature in the laboratory.
- □ Kelvin (K)
 - The SI unit of temperature.
 - O K is called "absolute zero." It is impossible to for a system to have a temperature of O K (or lower).

The Temperature of the Freezing and Boiling Points of Water

Temperature Scale	Freezing Point	Boiling Point
°F	32	212
°C	0.00	100.00
К	273.15	373.15



Conversion Factors

- Conversion factors are fractions which have different units in the numerator and denominators
- The value in the numerator and denominator are equivalent, so multiplying be a conversion factor does not ultimately change the value of a measurement
- For example, we can get the following conversion factors from the equation below:

12 inches = 1 foot



Unit Conversions

Consider the following problem:

"Convert 18.5 feet to inches."

We need a conversion factor which will cancel out feet, and leave us with inches.

 Strategy: Divide by feet (in denominator), multiply by inches (in numerator)

18.5 ft. $\left(\frac{12 \text{ in.}}{1 \text{ ft.}}\right) = 222 \text{ in.}$

Conversion Factors using SI Units

- Before attempting conversion problems using SI units it is essential that you know the power of ten which corresponds to each prefix
- You must be able to write each relationship between a prefixed unit and its base unit in two different ways
- For example, consider the following units and their conversion factors:

Prefixed unit: centimeters (cm)

Base unit: meter

 $1 \text{ cm} = 10^{-2} \text{ m}$ and $10^2 \text{ cm} = 1 \text{ m}$

1cm	10 ⁻² m
10 ⁻² m	1cm
1m	10 ² cm
10 ² cm	1m

Unit Conversions

Consider this example, using SI units:
 "How many centimeters are in 9.86 m?"

9.86 m ×
$$\left(\frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10^{-2} \text{ m}}\right) = 986 \text{ cm}$$

Unit Conversions

Another example using the SI system.
 "How many nanoseconds (ns) are there in 2.83 milliseconds (ms)?"

2.83 m/s $\left(\frac{10^{-3} s}{1 m/s}\right) \left(\frac{1 n s}{10^{-9} s}\right) = 2.83 \times 10^{6} n s$

Conversion Factors Between SI and English Units

Type of Measurement	Probably Most Useful to Know	Others Useful to Know		Know
Length	$\frac{2.54\text{cm}}{1\text{in.}}$	<u>1.609 km</u> 1mi	<u>39.37 in.</u> 1m	<u>1.094 yd</u> 1m
Mass	453.6 g 1lb		2.205 lb 1kg	
Volume	3.785 L 1gal		<u>1.057 qt</u> 1L	

Multiple Unit Conversions

In many measurements, such as in this problem, there are units in both the numerator and the denominator:
 "A car is traveling at 60. miles per hour. How fast is this in centimeters per second?"

 $\frac{60 \text{ miles}}{1 \text{ hour}} \left(\frac{5280 \text{ ft.}}{1 \text{ mile}}\right) \left(\frac{12 \text{ in.}}{1 \text{ ft.}}\right) \left(\frac{2.54 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ in.}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ hour}}{60 \text{ min}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ sec}}\right) = 2682 \frac{\text{ cm}}{\text{ s}}$ $= 2.7 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{ cm}}{\text{ s}}$

Solution Maps

- A solution map is a visual outline that shows the strategic route required to solve a problem.
- For unit conversion, the solution map focuses on units and how to convert one to another.
- For problems that require equations, the solution map focuses on solving the equation to find an unknown value.

Systematic Approach

- 1. Write down the given amount and unit.
- 2. Write down what you want to find and unit.
- 3. Write down needed conversion factors or equations.
 - a. Write down equivalence statements for each relationship.
 - b. Change equivalence statements to conversion factors with starting unit on the bottom.

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4. Design a solution map for the problem.

- Order conversions to cancel previous units or arrange equation so the find amount is isolated.
- 5. Apply the steps in the solution map.
 - Check that units cancel properly.
 - Multiply terms across the top and divide by each bottom term.
- 6. Determine the number of significant figures to report and round.
- 7. Check the answer to see if it is reasonable.
 - Correct size and unit.

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Example 2.8—Convert 7.8 km to Miles

1.	Write down the Given quantity and its unit.	Given:	7.8 km 2 significant figures
2.	Write down the quantity you want to Find and unit.	Find:	? miles
3.	Write down the appropriate Conversion Factors .	Conversion Factor:	1 km = 0.6214 mi
4.	Write a Solution Map .	Solution Map:	$\begin{array}{c} \text{km} \longrightarrow \text{mi} \\ \hline 0.6214 \text{ mi} \\ \hline 1 \text{ km} \end{array}$
5.	Follow the solution map to Solve the problem.	Solution: 7.8 km	$\times \frac{0.6214 \text{ mi}}{1 \text{ km}} = 4.84692 \text{ mi}$
6.	Significant figures and round.	Round:	4. <u>8</u> 4692 mi = 4.8 mi 2 significant figures
7.	Check.	Check:	Units and magnitude are correct.



- as the values which accompany them.
- For example, what is the area of a square which is 5.0 cm on each side?

 $5.0 \text{ cm} \times 5.0 \text{ cm} = 25 \text{ cm}^2$

□ Let's convert that to square meters:

 $25 \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{10^{-2} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ cm}}\right)^2 = 25 (10^{-4} \text{ m}^2) = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$

Area & Volume

□ Common units of volume you should know

□ Liter(L) – the SI unit of volume

- milliliter(mL) another common unit
- Cubic centimeter (cm³ or cc) a unit equivalent to the milliliter

$$1 \text{ mL} = 1 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ cc}$$

 Dealing with volumes involves a similar procedure to that of areas.





A Density Problem

The mass of an empty graduated cylinder is found to be 22.57 g. 7.25 mL of a liquid is added to it. The graduated cylinder and liquid have a combined mass of 30.79 g. What is the density of the liquid?

One More Density Problem

A 73.43 g cube of gold is dropped into a graduated cylinder whose volume reads 27.8 mL. After the cube sinks to the bottom, what volume reading will the graduated cylinder have? Note that gold has density 19.3 g/cm^3 .

Percentages

- Many chemical calculations involve the use of percentages
- □ In words, percent means "for every 100 parts of the whole"
- For example, say that we have a mixture with 15% iron by mass
- We know from this that, for every 100 grams of the mixture, 15 grams of it is iron, or, as a ratio
 - 15 grams of iron : 100 grams of mixture
- We can generate the following conversion factor (and its reciprocal) for this example:

15 grams of iron 100 grams of mixture

Example

□ The mineral calcite is 40.0% calcium by mass.

a. What mass of calcium is contained in a 1.55 kg block of calcite?

b. What is the mass of a block of calcite which contains 13.5 grams of calcium?

Converting Temperatures

To convert between Celsius and Kelvin, use the following relationship:

 $T(\text{in K}) = T(\text{in }^{\circ}\text{C}) + 273.15$

 \square To convert between °C and °F, use the equation:

$$^{\circ}F = (1.8 \times ^{\circ}C) + 32$$

A Temperature Problem

The temperature in Paris is 23 °C. What is the equivalent temperature in Kelvin? In Fahrenheit?

Accuracy & Precision in Measurements

- If data is <u>accurate</u>, this means that the results obtained are close to the "true and correct" value(s).
- If a group of measurements give data which are close in value, these measurements are said to be precise.





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Find Density of Metal if 100.0 g Displaces Water from 25.0 to 37.8 mL

1. Write down the Given quantity and its unit.	Given:	<i>m</i> =100.0 g <u>3 sig figs</u> displaces 25.0 to 37.8 mL
2. Write down the quantity you want to Find and unit.	Find:	<i>d</i> , g/cm ³
3. Write down the appropriate Conv. Factor and	CF & Equation:	$1 \text{ mL} = 1 \text{ cm}^3 \qquad d = \frac{m}{V}$
4. Write a Solution Map.	Solution Map:	$\begin{array}{c} m, V \\ d = \frac{m}{V} \end{array}$
5. Follow the solution map to Solve the problem.	Solution V = 37.8-25.0 12.8 mL	
6. Significant figures and round.	Round:	7. <u>8</u> 125 g/cm ³ = 7.81 g/cm ³ 3 significant figures
7. Check.	Check:	Units and magnitude are correct.

Density as a Conversion Factor















Example:
A 55.9 kg person displaces
57.2 L of water whenInformation:
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