

CHM 110 Practice Set 1
Significant Figures and Unit Conversions

SOLUTIONS

Follow the directions for each part, and write answers in the provided blanks. Remember to show work if asked.

Count the number of significant figures in each measurement

- 1) 3 0.00645 g 2) 3 1050 g 3) 4 11.73 g 4) 3 0.01140 g
 5) 3 4.70 × 10⁶ g 6) 1 0.0005 g 7) 5 0.50057 g 8) 2 65000 g
 9) 3 650. g 10) 2 72 g

Solve the following unit conversion problems using dimensional analysis. Write the answer in the answer blank, and show the dimensional analysis setup in the space provided.

- 11) 11.3 mL to μL Answer: 11300 μL
 $\text{mL} = 10^{-3}\text{L}$ $\mu\text{L} = 10^{-6}\text{L}$

$$11.3 \text{ mL} \times \frac{10^{-3}\text{L}}{\text{mL}} \times \frac{\mu\text{L}}{10^{-6}\text{L}} = 11300 \mu\text{L}$$

- 12) 15500 feet to furlongs. (You may assume that *furlong* = 220 yd and 3 ft = yd)

furlong = 220 yd 3 ft = yd Answer: 23.5 furlongs

$$15500 \text{ ft} \times \frac{\text{yd}}{3\text{ft}} \times \frac{\text{furlong}}{220\text{yd}} = 23.48484848 \text{ furlongs}$$

- 13) 12.4 mg to kg Answer: 1.24 × 10⁻⁵ kg
 $\text{in} = 2.54\text{cm}$ $12\text{in} = \text{ft}$

$$12.4 \text{ ft} \times \frac{12\text{in}}{\text{ft}} \times \frac{2.54\text{cm}}{\text{in}} = 403.5552 \text{ cm}$$

- 14) 0.00045 m³ to cm³ Answer: 450 cm³
 $\text{cm} = 10^{-2}\text{m}$

$$0.00045 \text{ m}^3 \times \frac{\text{cm}}{10^{-2}\text{m}} \times \frac{\text{cm}}{10^{-2}\text{m}} \times \frac{\text{cm}}{10^{-2}\text{m}} = 450 \text{ cm}^3$$

Solve the problem. Write your answer in the blank, and show your work in the provided space. Round the answer using the significant figures rules we discussed in class.

15) In an experiment to calculate the density of a liquid, an empty cylinder is weighed. The cylinder has a mass of 75.2435g. After filling the cylinder with 25.0 mL of liquid, the cylinder and liquid together weigh 115.8393g. What is the density of the liquid?

Answer: 1.62 $\frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 115.8393\text{g} \\ - 75.2435\text{g} \\ \hline 40.5958\text{g} \end{array} \quad d = \frac{40.5958\text{g}}{25.0\text{ mL}} = 1.623832\text{ g/mL}$$

Solve the problem. Write your answer in the blank, and show your work in the provided space. Round the answer using the significant figures rules we discussed in class.

16) A solid object has a mass of 7.7548g. It is placed into a graduated cylinder that already contains 15.0 mL of water. After the object sinks to the bottom of the cylinder, the cylinder reads 17.1 mL. What is the density of the object?

Answer: 3.7 $\frac{\text{g}}{\text{mL}}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 17.1\text{ mL} \\ - 15.0\text{ mL} \\ \hline 2.1\text{ mL} \end{array} \quad d = \frac{7.7548\text{g}}{2.1\text{ mL}} = 3.692761905\text{ g/mL}$$

Perform the unit conversion. Write your answer in the blank, and show your work in the provided space. Round the answer using the significant figures rules we discussed in class.

17) 72.4 cm to ft (You may assume that 12 in = ft and 2.54 cm = in. These factors are exact.)

Answer: 2.38 ft

$$72.4\text{ cm} \times \frac{1\text{ in}}{2.54\text{ cm}} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12\text{ in}} = 2.375328\text{ ft}$$