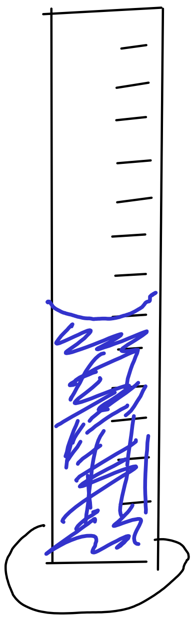
...of an object

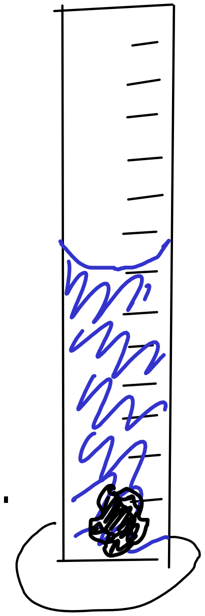
1) Measure mass of object

mass = 9.78 g



2) Partially fill cylinder with liquid, record volume.

volume = 25.0 mL



3) Put object into cylinder, record new volume

volume = 26.6 mL

4) Subtract to find volume of object

$$\begin{array}{r} 26.6 \text{ mL} \\ -\ 25.0 \text{ mL} \\ \hline 1.6 \text{ mL} \end{array}$$

5) Density = mass object / volume object

$$\text{Density} = \frac{9.78 \text{ g}}{1.6 \text{ mL}}$$

$$\boxed{= 6.1 \text{ g/mL}}$$

Converting from one unit to another

We will use the method of dimensional analysis, sometimes called the factor-label method.
... or, the "drag and drop" method!

Dimensional analysis uses conversion factors to change between one unit and another

What's a conversion factor? A simple equality.

Example

$$\boxed{12 \text{ in} = 1 \text{ ft}}$$

Conversion factors in metric

In the metric system, conversion factors between units may always be made from the metric prefixes!

For example, "kilo-" means 10^3

$$k = 10^3$$

so

$$km = 10^3 m$$

$$kg = 10^3 g$$

$$kL = 10^3 L$$

$$ks = 10^3 s$$

Just apply the prefix to the base unit!

How do we actually USE a conversion factor?

Convert 15.75 m to cm

$cm = 10^{-2} m$

$$15.75 \cancel{m} \times \frac{cm}{10^{-2} \cancel{m}} = \boxed{1575\ cm}$$

* This fraction equals one, so multiplying by it does not change the VALUE of the number, only its UNITS!

* Similar to...

If X = 2, then

$\frac{X}{2} = 1$

15.75 / EE -2 .. on TI-83

Convert 0.01893 kg to g

$kg = 10^3 g$

$$0.01893 \cancel{kg} \times \frac{10^3 g}{\cancel{kg}} = \boxed{18.93\ g}$$

DRAG AND DROP

- Drag the part of the factor that contains the unit you want to get rid of (cancel out) to the BOTTOM.

- Then, drag the other half of the factor to the TOP

Convert 14500 mg to kg

$mg = 10^{-3}\,g \qquad kg = 10^{3}\,g$

$$14500\,\cancel{mg} \times \frac{10^{-3}\,\cancel{g}}{\cancel{mg}} \times \frac{kg}{10^{3}\,\cancel{g}} = \boxed{0.0145\,kg}$$

Convert 0.147 cm^2 to m^2

$cm = 10^{-2}\,m$

< - don't use squared and cubed units in your factors!

$$0.147\,\cancel{cm^2} \times \frac{10^{-2}\,m}{\cancel{cm}} \times \frac{10^{-2}\,m}{\cancel{cm}} = \boxed{1.47 \times 10^{-5}\,m^2}$$

$(0.0000147\,m^2)$

For squared and cubed units, remember that you must use each factor two (for squared) or three (for cubed) times. If you remember that ...

$cm^2 = cm \times cm$

$cm^3 = cm \times cm \times cm$

... it should make sense!

8.45 kg to μg

$kg = 10^{3} g \qquad \mu g = 10^{-6} g$

$$8.45\ \cancel{kg} \times \frac{10^{3}\ \cancel{g}}{\cancel{kg}} \times \frac{\mu g}{10^{-6}\ \cancel{g}} = \boxed{8.45 \times 10^{9}\ \mu g}$$

(8450000000 μg)

88100 kHz to MHz

$\boxed{Hz = s^{-1}\ (\text{frequency})}$

$kHz = 10^{3} Hz \qquad MHz = 10^{6} Hz$

$$88100\ \cancel{kHz} \times \frac{10^{3}\ \cancel{Hz}}{\cancel{kHz}} \times \frac{MHz}{10^{6}\ \cancel{Hz}} = \boxed{88.1\ MHz}$$

Convert 38.47 in to m, assuming 2.54 cm = 1 in

$2.54\ cm = in \qquad cm = 10^{-2}\ m$

$$38.47\ \cancel{in} \times \frac{2.54\ \cancel{cm}}{\cancel{in}} \times \frac{10^{-2}\ m}{\cancel{cm}} = \boxed{0.9771\ m}$$

Convert 12.48 km to in $\quad 2.54\ cm = in \qquad cm = 10^{-2}\ m$

$km = 10^{3}\ m$

$$12.48\ \cancel{km} \times \frac{10^{3}\ \cancel{m}}{\cancel{km}} \times \frac{\cancel{cm}}{10^{-2}\ \cancel{m}} \times \frac{in}{2.54\ \cancel{cm}} = \boxed{491300\ in}$$