

Announcements – Lecture II – Thursday, Sep 6th

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1.3 How Do Scientists Report Numbers – Significant Figures

1.3 Example_1

When 36.456 is added to 74.2 the result is –

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$$\begin{array}{r} 36.456 \\ 74.2 \\ \hline 110.656 \end{array}$$

↳ > 50 ... round up

110.7



- A) 110.656
- B) 110.6
- C) 110
- D) 110.7
- E) I have no clue!

When adding and subtracting the resultant should be recorded according to the number with the fewest decimal places.

1.3 How Do Scientists Report Numbers – Significant Figures

1.3 Example_2

When 18.44 is multiplied by 36.1 the answer should be reported to ___ significant figures –



- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3**
- D) 4
- E) I have no clue!

18.44 ... 4
36.1 ... 3

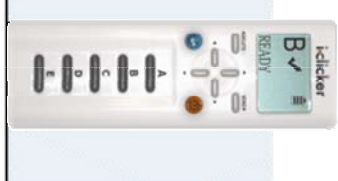
When multiplying and dividing, the number with the fewest significant figures rules.

1.3 How Do Scientists Report Numbers – Significant Figures

1.3 Example_3

MAIN QUESTION

Question
Carry out the following calculation and report the answer in the correct number of significant figures.

$$\frac{(168)}{3} \left[\frac{23.56 - 2.3}{1.248 \times 10^3} \right] =$$


Significant figures

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3**
- D) 4
- E) I have no clue!

Any addition or subtraction should be completed first:

$$23.56 - 2.3 = 21.2(6)$$

↳ 3 Sig figs

Note the use of Scientific Notation ... 1.248×10^3
 100 ... 1 significant figure
 1.00×10^2 has 3 significant figures

1.5 Factor-Label Method – Dimensional Analysis – The Mathematics of Chemistry

What is a Handy Way to Convert from One Unit to Another?

1.5 Example_1

Prior to the metric system, the common unit of weight was the pound (lb).

Under the S.I. System, $1 \text{ lb} = 453.5\text{g}$. If an old recipe calls for **9 ounces** of flour ($16 \text{ oz} = 1 \text{ lb}$), how many grams of flour is this equivalent to?

$$1 \text{ lb} = 453.5 \text{ g}$$
$$16 \text{ oz} = 1 \text{ lb}$$

$$\frac{9 \text{ oz}}{16 \text{ oz}} \times \frac{1 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ lb}} = 0.56 \text{ lb}$$

$$\frac{0.56 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ lb}} \times \frac{453.5 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ lb}} = 255 \text{ g}$$

1.5 Dimensional Analysis – The Mathematics of Chemistry

What is a Handy Way to Convert from One Unit to Another?

1.5 Example_2

A field is 100m long by 45m wide. What is the area in cm^2 ? ($1\text{m} = 100\text{cm}$)
To illustrate the power of dimensional analysis, first find the area in m^2 and then do the conversion to cm^2 .



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|----|-------------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| A) | 4.5×10^5 | B) | 4.5×10^7 |
| C) | 45 | D) | 0.45 |
| E) | Oops ... I must have made a mistake | | |

$$\text{Area} = 100 \text{ m} \times 45 \text{ m} = 4.5 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2$$

$$4.5 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2 = 4.5 \times 10^3 \text{ m m}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 4.5 \times 10^3 \text{ m m} \quad | \quad 100 \text{ cm} \quad | \quad 100 \text{ cm} \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad | \quad 1 \text{ m} \quad | \quad 1 \text{ m} \end{array} = 4.5 \times 10^7 \text{ cm cm}$$
$$= 4.5 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^2$$

1.5 Factor-Label Method – Dimensional Analysis – The Mathematics of Chemistry

What is a Handy Way to Convert from One Unit to Another?

1.5 Example_3

The density of whole blood at 37°C is $1.06 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$. What is the mass, in grams of a 15.0 cm^3 sample of blood?



- A) 15.9g
- B) 14.2g
- C) Neither a or b
- D) Tom I am clueless!

Would it help if I told you .. $1.06 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3} = \frac{1.06 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ cm}^3}$?

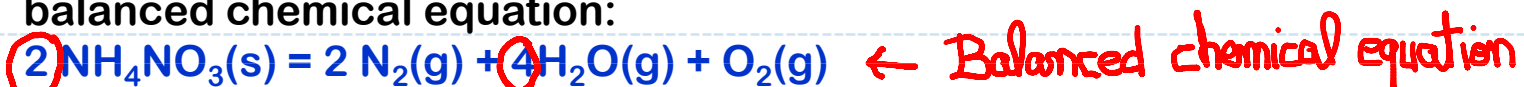
$$15.0 \text{ cm}^3 \left| \frac{1.06 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ cm}^3} \right. = 15.9 \text{ g}$$

1.5 Factor-Label Method – Dimensional Analysis – The Mathematics of Chemistry

What is a Handy Way to Convert from One Unit to Another?

1.5 Example_4

Ammonium Nitrate decomposes explosively according to the following balanced chemical equation:



If 3.4 moles (the chemists unit of quantity) decomposes, how many moles of gaseous water are produced.

$$3.4 \text{ mol NH}_4\text{NO}_3 \left| \frac{4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}}{2 \text{ NH}_4\text{NO}_3} \right. = 6.8 \text{ mol H}_2\text{O}$$

