

Unit Conversations

- Refers changing numerical figures from one unit of measurement to another.
- Ex: meters to centimeters, seconds to nanoseconds, milliliters to litres.
- Most follow the nomenclature below.

Prefix	Symbol	Multiplication factor
exa	E	10^{18} = 1 000 000 000 000 000 000
peta	P	10^{15} = 1 000 000 000 000 000
tera	T	10^{12} = 1 000 000 000 000
giga	G	10^9 = 1 000 000 000
mega	M	10^6 = 1 000 000
kilo	k	10^3 = 1 000
hecto	h	10^2 = 100
deca	da	10^1 = 10
deci	d	10^{-1} = 0.1
centi	c	10^{-2} = 0.01
milli	m	10^{-3} = 0.001
micro	μ	10^{-6} = 0.000 001
nano	n	10^{-9} = 0.000 000 001
pico	p	10^{-12} = 0.000 000 000 001
femto	f	10^{-15} = 0.000 000 000 000 001
atto	a	10^{-18} = 0.000 000 000 000 000 001

- Time is the Odd Man Out
 - 3600 sec in 1 hr
 - 60 min in 1 hr
 - 60 sec in 1 min
 - 1000 ms in 1 sec
 - 1000000

Mass: 1.55 kg = _____ g 642 g = _____ kg	Distance: 2896 mm = _____ cm 0.086 cm = _____ mm
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Volume: 0.127 L = _____ mL 15.8 mL = _____ L 981 cm ³ = _____ L 2.65 m ³ = _____ cm ³	Time: 4 hrs = _____ min 180 sec = _____ min 452 μs = _____ sec
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Ratios:

Convert numerator and denominators separately, using multiplication inverses when necessary.

How many mL are in 80g of ethanol? (d = 0.79 g/mL)

Significant Figures

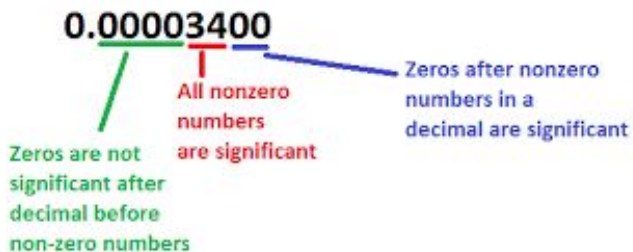
- Most numbers involved in technical and scientific work are approximate, having been arrived at through some process of measurement.
- However, certain other numbers are exact, having been arrived at through some definition or counting process.

Scientific Notation

- writing large/small numbers using less digits. Using multiplication of powers of 10.
- An example of **scientific notation** is when you write 4×10^3 for 4,000.

NOTES HANDOUT

Significant Figures



1. Convert each of the following numbers to a number having 3 significant figures.
 - a. 34.579
 - b. 193.405
 - c. 23.995
2. Convert each of the following numbers to a number having 4 significant figures.
 - a. 99.9975
 - b. 11,687.42
 - c. 874.992

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Chemistry 20 - Unit 0 - Unit Conversions and Significant Figures Practice

Name: _____

1. Convert 25 mL into litres.
2. How many seconds are in 250 μs ?
3. Convert 9.5 g into milligrams.
4. Express 1.5 L in kilolitres.
5. Convert 3×10^{-2} mg into decigrams.
6. How many megagrams are in 125 cg?
7. Express $\frac{3.5 \text{ g}}{\text{mL}}$ in $\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{L}}$.
8. Express $\frac{0.15 \text{ kmol}}{\text{dg}}$ in $\frac{\text{mmol}}{\text{g}}$.

9. Convert each value into correct scientific notation.

a. 0.000 934	d. 496×10^6
b. 7 983 000 000	e. $0.000\ 06 \times 10^1$
c. 0.000 000 000 820 57	f. $309\ 72 \times 10^{-8}$

10. Express each answer using the correct number of significant digits.

a. $55.671\text{ g} + 45.78\text{ g}$	d. $0.350\text{ mL} + 1.70\text{ mL} + 1.019\text{ mL}$
b. $1.9\text{ mm} + 0.62\text{ mm}$	e. $5.841\text{ cm} \times 6.03\text{ cm}$
c. $87.9478\text{ L} - 86.25\text{ L}$	f. $17.51\text{ g} \div 2.2\text{ cm}^3$