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Measurements in Chemistry

Chapter 2

Problem-Set Solutions

- 2.1 It is easier to use because it is a decimal unit system.
- 2.2 Common measurements include mass, volume, length, time, temperature, pressure, and concentration.
- 2.3 a. The metric prefix giga, abbreviated as G, has a value of 10^9 . b.

The metric prefix *nano*, abbreviated as n, has a value of 10⁻⁹, c,

The metric prefix mega, abbreviated as M, has a value of 10⁶. d.

The metric prefix *micro*, abbreviated as μ , has a value of 10⁻⁶.

- 2.4 a. kilo-, 10^3
- b. M. 10⁶
- c. pico-, p
- d. d, 10^{-1}

- 2.5 a. A kilogram, abbreviated as kg, measures mass.
 - b. A megameter, abbreviated as Mm, measures length.
 - c. A nanogram, abbreviated as ng, measures mass.
 - d. A milliliter, abbreviated as mL, measures volume.
- 2.6 a. centimeter, length b. vol
- b. volume, dL
- c. picometer, length d. mass, kg
- 2.7 a. A milliliter is 10^3 times smaller than a liter.
 - b. A kiloliter is 10⁹ times larger than a microliter. c.

A nanoliter is 108 times smaller than a deciliter. d.

A centiliter is 10⁸ times smaller than a megaliter.

- 2.8 a. larger, 10^6
- b. smaller, 10^3
- c. smaller, 10¹⁰
- d. smaller, 10¹⁵
- 2.9 The meaning of a metric system prefix is independent of the base unit it modifies. The lists, arranged from smallest to largest are:
 - a. nanogram, milligram, centigram
- b. kilometer, megameter, gigameter
- c. picoliter, microliter, deciliter
- d. microgram, milligram, kilogram

- 2.10 a. microliter, milliliter, gigaliter
 - c. picometer, micrometer, kilometer
- b. centigram, decigram, megagram
- d. nanoliter, milliliter, centiliter

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- a. 0.01 cm; since the ruler is marked in tenths units, the estimated digit is hundredths b. 1 cm; since the ruler is marked in tens units, the estimated digit is ones 2.25 a. 2.70 cm; the value is very close to 2.7, with the estimated value being 2.70 b. 27 cm; the value is definitely between 20 and 30, with the estimated value being 27 2.26 a. 2.7 cm; the value is definitely between 2 and 3, with the estimated value being 2.7 b. 27.0 cm; the value is very close to 27, with the estimated value being 27.0
- a. ruler 4; since the ruler is marked in ones units it can be read to tenths
 - b. ruler 1 or 4; since both rulers are marked in ones units they can be read to tenths
 - c. ruler 2; since the ruler is marked in tenths units it can be read to hundredths
 - d. ruler 3; since the ruler is marked in tens units it can be read to ones
- 2.28 a. ruler 1 or 4; since both rulers are marked in ones units they can be read to tenths
 - b. ruler 2; since the ruler is marked in tenths units it can be read to hundredths
 - c. ruler 3; since the ruler is marked in tens units it can be read to ones
 - d. ruler 3; since the ruler is marked in tens units it can be read to ones
- 2.29 a. The zeros are not significant because they are trailing zeros with no decimal point.
 - b. The zeros are significant; trailing zeros are significant when a decimal point is present.
 - c. The zeros are not significant; leading zeros are never significant.
 - d. The zeros are significant; confined zeros (between nonzero digits) are significant.
- 2.30 a. significant

b. significant

c. not significant

- d. not significant
- Significant figures are the digits in a measurement that are known with certainty plus one digit that is uncertain. In a measurement all nonzero numbers, and some zeros, are significant.
 - a. 6.000 has four significant figures. Trailing zeros are significant when a decimal point is present.
 - b. 0.0032 has two significant figures. Leading zeros are never significant.
 - c. 0.01001 has four significant figures. Confined zeros (between nonzero digits) are significant, but leading zeros are not.
 - d. 65,400 has three significant figures. Trailing zeros are not significant if the number lacks an explicit decimal point.
 - e. 76.010 has five significant figures. Trailing zeros are significant when a decimal point is
 - f. 0.03050 has four significant figures. Confined zeros are significant; leading zeros are not.
- 2.32 a. 5 b. 3 c. 4 d. 2 e. 5 f. 5
- a. 11.01 and 11.00 have the same number (four) of significant figures. All of the zeros are significant because they are either confined or trailing with an explicit decimal point.
 - b. 2002 has four significant figures, and 2020 has three. The last zero in 2020 is not significant because there is no explicit decimal point.
 - c. 0.000066 and 660,000 have the same number (two) of significant figures. None of the zeros in either number are significant because they are either leading zeros or trailing zeros with no explicit decimal point.

a. 10,300 (three s.f.) \checkmark 0.30 (two s.f.) \checkmark 0.300 (three s.f.) Since the least number of

significant figures is two, the answer will have two significant figures.

b. 3300 (two s.f.) ★ 3330 (three s.f.) ★ 333.0 (four s.f.) The lowest number of significant figures is two, so the answer will have two significant figures.

- c. 6.0 (two s.f.) \div 33.0 (three s.f.) The answer will have two significant figures.
- d. 6.000 (four s.f.) \div 33 (two s.f.) The answer will have two significant figures.
- 2.48 a. 1
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 1
- In multiplication and division of measured numbers, the answer has the same number of significant figures as the measurement with the fewest significant figures. (s.f. stands for significant figures.)
 - a. 2.0000 (five s.f.) $\times 2.00$ (three s.f.) $\times 0.0020$ (two s.f.) = 0.0080 (two s.f.)
 - b. 4.1567 (five s.f.) $\times 0.00345$ (three s.f.) = 0.0143 (three s.f.)
 - c. 0.0037 (two s.f.) $\times 3700$ (two s.f.) $\times 1.001$ (four s.f.) = 14 (two s.f.)
 - d. 6.00 (three s.f.) \div 33.0 (three s.f.) = 0.182 (three s.f.)
 - e. 530,000 (two s.f.) $\div 465,300$ (four s.f.) = 1.1 (two s.f.)
 - f. 4670 (four s.f.) $\times 3.00$ (three s.f.) $\div 2.450$ (four s.f.) = 5720 (three s.f.)
- 2.50 a. 0.080
- b. 0.1655
- c. 0.0048
- d. 0.1818
- f. 1.44

e. 36.000

- In addition and subtraction of measured numbers, the answer has no more digits to the right of the decimal point than are found in the measurement with the fewest digits to the right of the decimal point.
 - a. 12 + 23 + 127 = 162 (no digits to the right of the inferred decimal point)
 - b. 3.111 + 3.11 + 3.1 = 9.3 (one digit to the right of the decimal point)
 - c. 1237.6 + 23 + 0.12 = 1261 (no digits to the right of the inferred decimal point)
 - d. 43.65 23.7 = 20.0 (one digit to the right of the decimal point)
- 2.52 a. 281
- b. 12.20
- c. 309
- d. 1.04
- a. The uncertainty of 12.37050 rounded to 6 significant figures is 0.0001 2.53
 - b. The uncertainty of 12.37050 rounded to 4 significant figures is 0.01
 - c. The uncertainty of 12.37050 rounded to 3 significant figures is 0.1
 - d. The uncertainty of 12.37050 rounded to 2 significant figures is 1
- 2.54 a. 0.0001
- b. 0.001
- c. 0.01
- d. 1
- 2.55 Scientific notation is a numerical system in which a decimal number is expressed as the product of a number between 1 and 10 (the coefficient) and 10 raised to a power (the exponential term). To convert a number from decimal notation to scientific notation, move the decimal point to a position behind the first nonzero digit. The exponent in the exponential term is equal to the number of places the decimal point was moved.
 - a. $120.7 = 1.207 \text{ k} \cdot 10^2$ The decimal point was moved two places to the left, so the exponent is 2. Note that all significant figures become part of the coefficient.
 - b. $0.0034 = 3.4 \text{ k} \cdot 10^{-3}$ The decimal point was moved three places to the right, so the exponent is -3.
 - c. $231.00 = 2.3100 \ \text{k} \ 10^2$ The decimal point was moved two places to the left, so the exponent is 2.
 - d. 23,100 = 2.31 k 10^4 The decimal point was moved four places to the left, so the exponent is 4.
- 2.56 a. 3.722×10^{1}
- b. 1.02×10^{-3}
- c. 3.4000×10^{1}
- d. 2.34×10^5

2.57 To convert a number from scientific notation to decimal notation, move the decimal point in the coefficient to the right for a positive exponent or to the left for a negative exponent. The

number of places the decimal point is moved is specified by the exponent. The number of significant figures remains constant in changing from one notation to the other.

a. $2.34 \times 10^2 = 234$

b. $2.3400 \ \ 10^2 = 234.00$

c. $2.34 \times 10^{-3} = 0.00234$

d. $2.3400 \ \ 10^{-3} = 0.0023400$

- 2.58 a. 3721
- b. 3721.0
- c. 0.0676
- d. 0.067600
- 2.59 When you compare exponential numbers, notice that the larger (the more positive) the exponent is, the larger the number is. The more negative the exponent is, the smaller the
 - a. 1.0×10^{-3} is larger than 1.0×10^{-6}
 - b. 1.0×10^3 is larger than 1.0×10^{-2}
 - c. 6.3×10^4 is larger than 2.3×10^4 (The exponents are the same, so we need to look at the coefficients to determine which number is larger.)
 - d. 6.3×10^{-4} is larger than 1.2×10^{-4}
- 2.60 a. 2.0×10^2
- b. 3.0×10^6
- c. 4.4×10^{-4}
- d. 9.7×10^3
- 2.61 In scientific notation, only significant figures become part of the coefficient.
 - a. 1.0×10^2 (two significant figures)
 - b. 5.34×10^6 (three significant figures)
 - c. 5.34×10^{-4} (three significant figures)
 - d. 6.000×10^3 (four significant figures)
- 2.62 a. 3
- b. 3
- c. 5
- d. 4
- To multiply numbers expressed in scientific notation, multiply the coefficients and add the exponents in the exponential terms. To divide numbers expressed in scientific notation, divide the coefficients and subtract the exponents.
 - a. $(3.20 \ \ \ 10^7) \ \ \ \ (1.720 \ \ \ \ 10^5) = 5.504 \ \ \ \ \ 10^{12} = 5.50 \ \ \ \ \ \ 10^{12}$ The coefficient in the answer is expressed to three significant figures because one of the numbers being multiplied has only three significant figures.
 - b. $(1.00^{-1} \text{ k}^{-} 10^{3})$ k $(5.00 \text{ k}^{-} 10^{3})$ k $(3.0 \text{ k}^{-} 10^{-3}) = 15$ k $10^{3} = 1.5$ k 10^{4} To express the answer in correct scientific notation, the decimal point in the coefficient was moved one place to the left, and the exponent was increased by 1.
 - c. $(3.0 \times 10^{-5}) \div (1.5 \times 10^{2}) = 2.0 \times 10^{-7}$
- 2.64 a. 5.3×10^{12}
- b. 8.1×10^{-2}
- c. 2.0×10^{-8} d. 1.3×10^{5}
- 2.65 a. 10^2 ; the uncertainty in the coefficient is 10^{-2} and multiplying this by the power of ten gives $10^{-2} \times 10^4 = 10^2$
 - b. 10^4 ; $10^{-2} \times 10^6 = 10^4$
 - c. 10^4 : $10^{-1} \times 10^5 = 10^4$
 - d. 10^{-4} : $10^{-1} \times 10^{-3} = 10^{-4}$
- a. 10^{-4} ; the uncertainty in the coefficient is 10^{-2} and multiplying this by the power of ten gives 2.66 $10^{-2} \times 10^{-2} = 10^{-4}$
 - b. 10^{-4} ; $10^{-3} \times 10^{-1} = 10^{-4}$
 - c. 10^2 : $10^{-1} \times 10^3 = 10^2$

d.
$$10^2$$
; $10^{-3} \times 10^5 = 10^2$

- To convert a number from decimal notation to scientific notation, move the decimal point to a position behind the first nonzero digit. The exponent in the exponential term is equal to the number of places the decimal point was moved.
 - a. 0.00300300 to three significant figures becomes $3.00 \ \ \ 10^{-3}$
 - b. 936,000 to two significant figures becomes 9.4 \$\mathbf{1}\$ 10^5
 - c. 23.5003 to three significant figures becomes 2.35 $\mbox{$\checkmark$}$ 10¹
- 2.68 a. 3.030×10^{-1} b. 1.51×10^{1} c. 3.26×10^{6} d. 3.200×10^{7}

- 2.69 Conversion factors are derived from equations (equalities) that relate units. They always come in pairs, one member of the pair being the reciprocal of the other.
 - a. 1 day = 24 hours The conversion factors derived from this equality are:

$$\frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hours}}$$
 or $\frac{24 \text{ hours}}{1 \text{ day}}$

b. 1 century = 10 decades The conversion factors derived from this equality are:

c. 1 yard = 3 feet The conversion factors derived from this equality are:

$$\frac{1 \text{ yard}}{3 \text{ feet}}$$
 or $\frac{3 \text{ feet}}{1 \text{ yard}}$

d. 1 gallon = 4 quarts The conversion factors derived from this equality are:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{1 \text{ gallon}} & \text{or} & \underline{4 \text{ quarts}} \\ 4 \text{ quarts} & & 1 \text{ gallon} \end{array}$$

2.70 a. $\frac{1 \text{ week}}{7 \text{ days}}$ or $\frac{7 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ week}}$

- c. $\frac{1 \text{ foot}}{12 \text{ inches}}$ or $\frac{12 \text{ inches}}{1 \text{ foot}}$
- 2.71 The conversion factors are derived from the definitions of the metric system prefixes.
 - $\frac{1 \text{ kL}}{10^3 \text{ L}}$ or $\frac{10^3 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ kL}}$ a. $1 \text{ kL} = 10^3 \text{ L}$ The conversion factors are:
 - $\frac{1 \text{ mg}}{10^{-3} \text{ g}}$ or $\frac{10^{-3} \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mg}}$ b. $1 \text{ mg} = 10^{-3} \text{ g}$ The conversion factors are:

c.
$$1 \text{ cm} = 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$
 The conversion factors are: $\frac{1 \text{ cm}}{10^{-2} \text{ m}}$ or $\frac{10^{-2} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ cm}}$

d.
$$1\mu sec = 10^{-6}$$
 sec The conversion factors are:
$$\frac{1}{10^{-6}} sec \qquad or \qquad \frac{10^{-6}}{1} sec \qquad 1$$

2.72 a.
$$\frac{1 \text{ ng}}{10^{-9} \text{ g}}$$
 or $\frac{10^{-9} \text{ g}}{1 \text{ ng}}$

b.
$$\frac{10^{-1} \text{ L}}{1 \text{ dL}}$$
 or $\frac{1 \text{ dL}}{10^{-1} \text{ L}}$

c.
$$\frac{10^6 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ Mm}}$$
 or $\frac{1 \text{ Mm}}{10^6 \text{ m}}$

d.
$$\frac{10^{-17} \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ psec}}$$
 or $\frac{1 \text{ psec}}{10^{-17} \text{ sec}}$

- 2.73 Exact numbers occur in definitions, counting and simple fractions. Inexact numbers result when a measurement is made.
 - a. 1 dozen = 12 objects This is a definition, so the conversion factors are exact numbers.
 - b. 1 kilogram = 2.20 pounds This equality is measured, so the conversion factors are inexact numbers.
 - c. 1 minute = 60 seconds The equality is derived from a definition; the conversion factors are exact numbers.
 - d. 1 millimeter = 10^{-3} meters The equality is derived from a definition; the conversion factors are exact numbers.
- 2.74 a. exact
- b. exact
- c. inexact
- d. exact
- Exact numbers occur in definitions (c. and d.); inexact numbers result when a measurement is 2.75 made (a. and b.). The numbers below are expressed to three significant figures.

a.
$$4.54 \times 10^2 \text{ g}$$

b. $2.54 \times 10^{0} \text{ cm}$

c.
$$1 \times 10^{-12}$$
 g

b. 2.54 d. 3.60 b. 1×10^{-6} c. 1×10^{-3} d. $3.60 \ \ 10^1 \text{ in}$

2.76 a.
$$9.46 \times 10^{-1}$$

b.
$$1 \times 10^{-6}$$

c.
$$1 \times 10^{-3}$$

- d. 4×10^{0}
- Using dimensional analysis: (1) identify the given quantity and its unit, and the unknown quantity and its unit and (2) multiply the given quantity by a conversion factor that allows cancellation of any units not desired in the answer.
 - a. 1.6×10^3 dm is the given quantity. The unknown quantity will be in meters. The equality is $1 \text{ dm} = 10^{-1} \text{ m}$, and the conversion factors are:

$$\frac{1 \text{ dm}}{10^{-1} \text{ m}}$$
 or $\frac{10^{-1} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ dm}}$

The second of these will allow the cancellation of decimeters and leave meters.



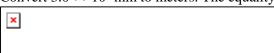
b. Convert 24 nm to meters. The equality is $1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m}$.

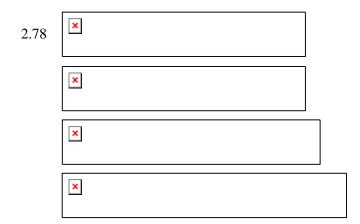


c. Convert 0.003 km to meters. The equality is $1 \text{ km} = 10^3 \text{ m}$.



d. Convert 3.0×10^8 mm to meters. The equality is $1 \text{ mm} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$.





Convert 2500 mL to liters. The equality is $1 \text{ mL} = 10^{-3} \text{ L}$. 2.79



× 2.80

2.81 Convert 1550 g to pounds. Some conversion factors relating the English and Metric Systems of measurement can be found in Table 2.2 of your textbook.



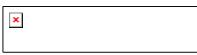
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Convert 25 mL to gallons. For this conversion, use two conversion factors, one derived from the defined relationship of mL and L, and the other, relating gallons and liters, from Table 2.2.

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2.85 Convert 83.2 kg to pounds. See Table 2.2 in your textbook for the conversion factor relating kilograms and pounds.



Convert 1.92 m to feet. Use two conversion factors: the relationship between inches and meters from Table 2.2, and the defined relationship between feet and inches.



2.86



5 ft 4 in. = 64 in.



Exact numbers occur in definitions (1 foot = 12 inches). Therefore the answer will have the same number of significant figures as the measurement.

a. 4.3 feet – two significant figures

b. 3.09 feet – three significant figures

a. 4.3 feet – two significant figures
c. 0.33030 feet – five significant figures

d. 5.12310 feet – six significant figures

2.88 a. 2

b. 5

d. 3

The conversion factor is obtained from a measurement (1 inch = 2.540 cm). Therefore, the 2.89 answer will have the same number of significant figures as the number in the measurement or the conversion factor with the least number of significant figures.

a. 4.3 cm – two significant figures

b. 3.09 cm – three significant figures

c. 0.33030 cm – four significant figures

d. 5.12310 cm – four significant figures

2.90 a. 2 b. 4

c. 4

c. 6

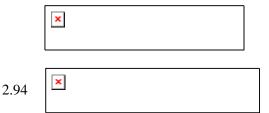
d. 3

2.91 Density is the ratio of the mass of an object to the volume occupied by that object. To calculate the density of mercury, substitute the given mass and volume values into the defining formula for density.

Density = mass/volume =
$$\frac{524.5 \text{ g}}{38.72 \text{ cm}^3}$$
 = 13.55 $\frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$

$$2.92 \qquad \frac{12.0 \text{ g}}{2.69 \text{ cm}^3} = 4.46 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$$

2.93 Use the reciprocal of the density of acetone, 0.791 g/mL, as a conversion factor to convert 20.0 g of acetone to milliliters.



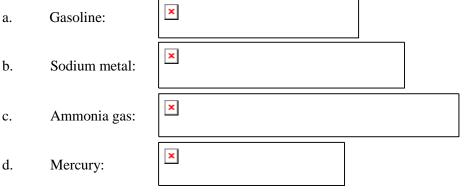
2.95 Use the density of homogenized milk, 1.03 g/mL, as a conversion factor to convert 236 mL of homogenized milk to grams.



× 2.96

- An object or a water-insoluble substance will float in water if its density is less than that of water, 1.0 g/cm^3 .
 - a. Paraffin wax will float in water because its density, 0.90 g/cm³, is less than that of water.
 - b. Limestone will sink in water because its density, 2.8 g/cm³, is greater than that of water.
- 2.98 a. rise b. sink
- Density = mass/volume The answer will have the same number of significant figures as the measurement with the least number of significant figures.
 - a. Density = $1.0 \text{ g} \div 2.0 \text{ cm}^3 = 5.0 \times 10^{-1} \text{ g/cm}^3$
 - b. Density = $1.000 \text{ g} \div 2.00 \text{ cm}^3 = 5.00 \times 10^{-1} \text{ g/cm}^3$
 - c. Density = $1.0000 \text{ g} \div 2.0000 \text{ cm}^3 = 5.0000 \times 10^{-1} \text{ g/cm}^3$
 - d. Density = $1.000 \text{ g} \div 2.0000 \text{ cm}^3 = 5.000 \times 10^{-1} \text{ g/cm}^3$
- $2.100 \text{ a. } 5.00 \times 10^{-1}$
- b. 5.0×10^{-1}
- c. 5.000×10^{-1}
- d. 5.000×10^{-1}

2.101 Calculate the volume of the given mass of substance by using density as a conversion factor.



- 2.102 a. 64.3 mL
- b. 51,200 mL
- c. 5.84 mL
- d. 64.1 mL
- 2.103 a. True. The density of body fat is less than average body density.
 - b. False. Fat cells are less dense than water.
 - c. False. Lean individuals have less fat so their average body densities are higher.

c. false

d. true

2.105 The relationship between the Fahrenheit and Celsius temperature scales can be stated in the form of an equation:



To find the temperature for baking pizza in degrees Celsius, substitute the degrees Fahrenheit in the appropriate form of the equation and solve for °C.



2.106



2.107 Convert the freezing point of mercury, -38.9°C, to degrees Fahrenheit using the appropriate equation.



$$2.108 \quad \frac{9}{5} \ (29.1^{\circ}) + 32.0^{\circ} = 84.4^{\circ} F$$

2.109 Convert one of the temperatures to the other temperature scale.

2.110
$$\frac{9}{5} \left(-15^{\circ}\right) + 32.0^{\circ} = 5^{\circ}F; -15^{\circ}C \text{ is higher}$$

- 2.111 a. False. Recent studies indicate that the average body temperature is 98.2 °F.
 - b. False. Body temperature is typically lowest in the very early morning.
 - c. True. Women have a slightly higher average body temperature than men.
 - d. True. A rapid fall in body temperature is associated with "shivering.
- 2.112 a. true
- b. false
- c. false
- d. false