

# Dimensional Analysis:

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$$\left( \text{Known Quantity} \right) \times \left( \text{Conversion factor(s)} \right) = \left( \text{Answer Sought} \right)$$

units!!!

3 sig figs!

Jimmy's pop quiz:

Q1: ①  $4355 \text{ lb} / 5 \text{ days}$

③  $1 \text{ lb} = 453.59 \text{ g}$

② Ball's mass =  $0.0113 \text{ g} / \text{ball}$

How many balls will the plant make in 1 day?

$$\frac{4355 \text{ lb}}{5 \text{ days}} \div 5 \text{ days}$$

$$= \frac{\text{balls}}{\text{day}}$$

Answer

$$\frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{day}} = \underline{871 \text{ lbs/day}}$$

$$871 \frac{\text{lbs}}{\text{day}} \times \frac{453.59 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ lb}} \times \frac{1 \text{ ball}}{0.0113 \text{ g}}$$

Conversion factor      Conversion factor

calculator  
 $(34962556.)$   
↑ 64

$$\boxed{3.50 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{balls}}{\text{day}}}$$

$$2. \quad \% \text{ elongation} = (1.033 - 1.000) \times \underline{100}$$

$$= \underline{3.3\%}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \downarrow \\ 1.033 \\ - 1.000 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

0.033

↑  
uncertainty

←  
2 sig figs.

Don't use this when figuring out sig fig.

(Digress) →

$$3.429 - \underline{2.3} = \underline{1.1}$$

uncertainty  
↓

Calculator answer = ~~1.129~~

↑

$$\begin{array}{r} 3.429 \\ - 2.3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

uncertainty

1.129

↑  
uncertainty

2. Tensile strength =

$$\frac{\overbrace{(0.500 \text{ kg})}^{3 \text{ sig fig}} \overbrace{(9.80 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg}})}^{3 \text{ sig fig}}}{\underbrace{(4.90 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2)}_{3 \text{ sig fig}} \underbrace{(10^{-4} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{cm}^2})}_{(1 \times 10^{-4})}}$$

$$= \frac{1.00 \times 10^7}{\text{m}^2} \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

(a)

$$3. E = \underbrace{3.00 \times 10^2 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2}}_{3 \text{ sig fig}} \div \underbrace{0.0050}_{2 \text{ sig fig}} = \frac{6.0 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2}}{\text{in}^2}$$

(b) 1 Pascals (Pa) =  $1 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$

$$1 \text{ in} = 2.54 \text{ cm}$$

$$100 \text{ cm} = 1 \text{ m}$$

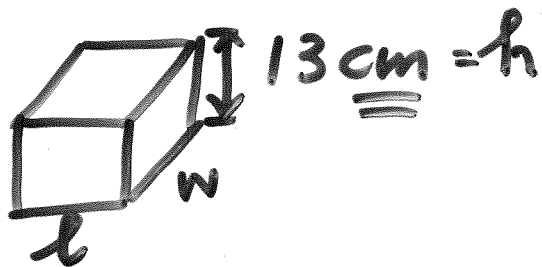
$$1 \text{ N} = 0.225 \text{ lbs.}$$

$$6.0 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2} \times \frac{1 \text{ N}}{0.225 \text{ lb}} \times \frac{1 \text{ in}}{2.54 \text{ cm}} \times \frac{1 \text{ in}}{2.54 \text{ cm}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} = \boxed{\frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}}$$

(in x in)

$$= 4.1 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = 4.1 \times 10^8 \text{ Pa}$$

4. Cube



$$V = l \times w \times h = \text{---} \text{ m}^3$$

Convert to meter first then calc. Volume

$$13 \text{ cm} \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ m}}{100 \text{ cm}} \right) = 0.13 \text{ m}$$

$$V = (0.13)^3 = \underline{\underline{2.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3}}$$

5. 
$$3 \text{ km} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} = \underline{\underline{3 \times 10^3 \text{ m}}}$$

You need to do this pop-quiz  
in 5 minutes!