

Solve the problems below using correct significant figures and scientific notation.

1. State the number of significant figures present in the following figures.

a) 8743 m

4

b) 0.045 K

2

c) 86,002 kg

5

d) 2000 s

1

e) 3600. N

4

f) 90.00 m

4

g) .00100 s

3

h) 50.050 J

5

$$\begin{array}{r} 287.6 \text{ s} \\ 36.841 \text{ s} \\ + 1.43 \text{ s} \\ \hline 325.871 \end{array}$$



= 325.9 s

Least # decimals

$$\begin{array}{r} 27.61 \text{ mm} \\ - .0077 \text{ m} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 27.61 \text{ mm} \\ - 7.7 \text{ mm} \\ \hline 19.91 \text{ mm} \end{array}$$



= 19.9 mm

Convert units
Least # decimals

4. $8.6342 \text{ s} \times 71.1 \text{ s} = 613.892 \text{ s}^2 = 614 \text{ s}^2$

Least # s.f.

5. $(207.1 \text{ m}) / (10 \text{ m}) = 20.71 = 20$

Least # s.f.

6. $9.14 \times 10^2 \text{ m} + 8.6 \times 10^4 \text{ m} =$

$.0914 \times 10^4 \text{ m} + 8.6 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$

$= 8.6914 \times 10^4 \text{ m} = 8.7 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$

Same power of 10
Least # decimals

7. $(7.30 \times 10^2 \text{ m})(5.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m}) =$

$= 3.65 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2 = 3.7 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2$

Least # s.f.

8. $(3.14 \times 10^6 \text{ m}) / (2.9 \times 10^8 \text{ m}) =$

$= 0.010828 = 0.011 \text{ OR } 1.1 \times 10^{-2}$

Least # s.f.

9. Using dimensional analysis convert 56 m/s into mi/hr.

$$\left(\frac{56 \text{ m}}{\text{s}}\right)\left(\frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ hr}}\right)\left(\frac{1 \text{ mi}}{1609 \text{ m}}\right) = \frac{201600 \text{ mi}}{1609 \text{ hr}} = 125 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{hr}} = 130 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{hr}}$$

Because 56 only has 2 s.f., 125 must round up to match

10. How many meters are in a 67.2 gigameter?

$$\left(\frac{67.2 \text{ Gm}}{1}\right)\left(\frac{10^9 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ Gm}}\right) = 6.72 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}$$

11. How many micrograms are in 1 kilogram?

$$\left(\frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1}\right)\left(\frac{10^3 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}}\right)\left(\frac{1 \mu\text{g}}{10^{-6} \text{ g}}\right) = 1 \times 10^9 \mu\text{g}$$

It is easier to go to the base unit first, then another prefix

12. Estimate the approximate height of a child in meters using magnitudes of 10.

$10^0 \text{ m} = 1 \text{ m}$

(versus $10^1 = 10 \text{ m}$ or $10^{-1} = 10 \text{ centimeters}$)

13. Estimate the approximate weight of a couch in kilograms using magnitudes of 10.

$10^2 \text{ kg} = 100 \text{ kg}$

(versus $10^1 = 10 \text{ kg}$ or $10^3 = 1,000 \text{ kg}$)

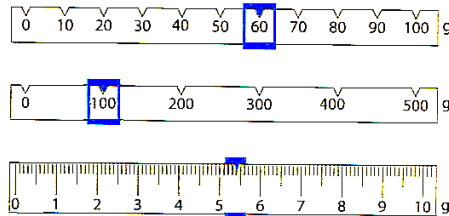
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a. Measure the diameter of the basketball in centimeters. Report the value in meters. Remember to include uncertainty.



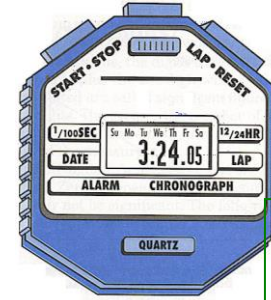
**$3.39 \text{ cm} \pm .02 \text{ cm}$
 $0.0339 \text{ m} \pm 0.0002 \text{ m}$**

b. Measure the mass of the object in grams. Report the value in kilograms. Remember to include uncertainty.



**$165.40 \text{ g} \pm 0.02 \text{ g}$
 $0.16540 \text{ kg} \pm 0.00002 \text{ kg}$**

c. What is the elapsed time in seconds? Remember to include uncertainty.



Round stopwatches to nearest 1/10

$204.1 \text{ s} \pm 0.2 \text{ s}$
Remember to convert minutes to seconds

15. A student attempts to measure the length of a floor tile in physics class. The results of five trials are listed below.

Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Trial 5
56.30 cm	57.10 cm	56.75 cm	56.42 cm	57.02 cm

a. Calculate the range of the data.

$\text{Range} = \text{High} - \text{Low} = 57.10 \text{ cm} - 56.30 \text{ cm} = 0.80 \text{ cm}$

b. Calculate the mean (average) of the data.

$\text{avg} = \frac{\text{sum}}{\# \text{ trials}} = \frac{56.30 \text{ cm} + 57.10 \text{ cm} + 56.75 \text{ cm} + 56.42 \text{ cm} + 57.02 \text{ cm}}{5} = \frac{283.59 \text{ cm}}{5} = 56.72 \text{ cm}$

c. Calculate the uncertainty in the mean.

$\text{uncertainty} = \frac{\text{range}}{\# \text{ trials}} = \frac{0.80 \text{ cm}}{5} = 0.16 \text{ cm}$

d. As accurately as the student can determine based on this data, a floor tile's length is somewhere between what two values?

Between 56.88 cm and 56.56 cm

e. Your teacher reveals that the floor tile's length is 56.78 cm, what is the percent error of the average value?

$\% \text{ error} = \frac{\text{real} - \text{theoretical}}{\text{real}} \times 100 = \frac{56.78 \text{ cm} - 56.72 \text{ cm}}{56.78 \text{ cm}} \times 100 = 0.1057\%$

To get full credit on a, b, c, and e, you must show equation, substitute with units, and report your final answer with sig figs and units.

16. A student does a physics experiment in which she lets a toy car travel along the floor. At one minute intervals she records the distance in meters. Her data is summarized in the table below.

Time (min)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Distance (m)	0	1.1	2.2	3.0	4.2	5.1

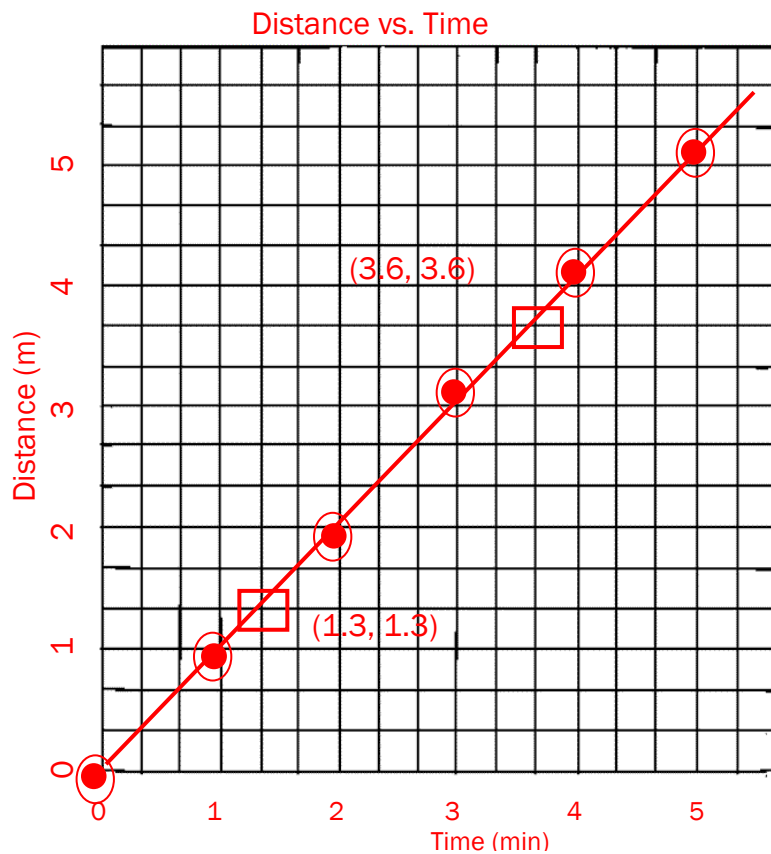
a. Which is the independent variable?

Time – because she set it at specific intervals

b. Which is the dependent variable?

Distance – what she is measuring – depends on time interval selected

c. Graph the data properly in the space below, including a best-fit line or curve.



d. Calculate the slope of the best-fit line. Show all calculations here, including formula and substitutions with units.

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{3.6\text{m} - 1.3\text{m}}{3.6\text{min} - 1.3\text{min}} = 1.0 \text{ m/min}$$

To get full credit you must show equation, substitute with units, and report your final answer with sig figs and units.

e. According to your graph, what type of relationship is there between time and distance?

Direct

100 kg \approx 200 lbs

17. The mass of a high school football player is approximately

- (A) 10^0 kg (B) 10^1 kg (C) 10^3 kg (D) 10^2 kg

18. The height of a doorknob above the floor is approximately

- 1 m (A) 1×10^0 m (B) 1×10^1 m (C) 1×10^{-2} m (D) 1×10^2 m

19. How many significant figures are there in the number 304500 meters?

- (A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6

Zero to right only count if decimal is present

20. Which one of the following is a fundamental unit?

- (A) Ampere (B) Coulomb (C) Ohm (D) Volt

Memorize!

21. A student measures a distance several times. The readings lie between 49.8 cm and 50.2 cm. This measurement is best recorded as

- (A) $50.0 \text{ cm} \pm 0.4 \text{ cm}$ (C) $50.0 \text{ cm} \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}$
(B) $49.8 \text{ cm} \pm 0.4 \text{ cm}$ (D) $49.8 \text{ cm} \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}$

22. The mass of an object is measured to be 18.65 kg and its volume 4.3 m^3 . If the density (mass per unit volume) is calculated from these values, to how many significant figures should it be expressed?

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

4.3 only has 2 s.f., which is lowest

23. Convert to meters: $78 \mu\text{m}$

- (A) $7.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ (B) $7.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ (C) $7.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$ (D) $7.8 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$

24. Convert to proper scientific notation: 902×10^{66}

- (A) 9.02×10^{64} (B) 9.02×10^{66} (C) 9.02×10^{67} (D) 9.02×10^{68}

25. Which of the following is a base unit?

- (A) gram (B) kilogram (C) centimeter (D) nanosecond

No prefix

26. Report the answer to the correct number of significant digits: $57.783 \text{ cm} - 6.1 \text{ cm}$

- (A) 51.683 cm (B) 51.68 cm (C) 51.7 cm (D) 52 cm

Least # decimals

27. Perform the following calculation and answer using the correct number of significant digits: $8.23 \times 10^{-29} \div 5.2 \times 10^{-13}$

- (A) 1.5×10^{-16} (B) 1.6×10^{-16} (C) 1.58×10^{-16} (D) 2×10^{-16}

Least # s.f.

28. Of the following, the smallest quantity is

- (A) 0.635 km (B) $0.635 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}$ (C) $6.35 \times 10^4 \text{ m}$ (D) $0.635 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}$ (E) $0.635 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$

29. Fifty five millimeters is approximately equivalent to

- (A) 0.055 m (B) 55 m (C) 0.55 m (D) 5.5 m (E) 0.0055 m

30. Of the following, the largest quantity is

- (A) 0.047 cm (B) $47 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$ (C) $4.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}$ (D) $0.00047 \times 10^2 \text{ cm}$ (E) $0.000047 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}$

31. The number 300,000,000 can be written as

- (A) 3×10^6 (B) 3×10^7 (C) 3×10^8 (D) 3×10^9 (E) 3×10^{-9}

32. A millimeter is

- (A) 10^3 m (B) 10^2 m (C) 10^1 m (D) 10^{-3} m (E) 10^{-6} m

33. Which of the following represents the same quantity as 6.50×10^{-3} ampere?

- I. 6.50 mA
- II. 65.0×10^{-4} A
- III. 0.00650 A
- IV. 65.0×10^{-2} A

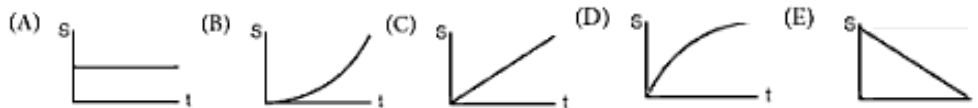
- (A) I, II, and III only (B) I and III only (C) II and IV only (D) IV only (E) none of them

34. Which of the following represents a derived unit?

- I. Newton
- II. Kilogram
- III. Ampere
- IV. Pascal

- (A) I, III, and IV only (B) I and IV only (C) I only (D) all of them (E) none of them

Questions 35 through 37 are based upon the following graphs.



35. Which of the graphs represents a direct relationship?

- (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E

36. Which of the graphs represents a quadratic relationship?

- (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E

37. In which graph is the slope a negative value?

- (A) A (B) B (C) C (D) D (E) E

- Answers:
1. a. 4
b. 2
c. 5
d. 1
e. 4
f. 4
g. 3
h. 5
 2. 325.9 s
 3. 19.9 mm
 4. 614 s^2
 5. 20
 6. 8.7×10^4 m
 7. $3.7 \times 10^8 \text{ m}^2$
 8. 1.1×10^{-2}
 9. 130 mi / hr
 10. 6.72×10^{10} m
 11. 1×10^9 μm
 12. 10^0 m
 13. 10^2 kg
 14. a. 0.0339 m \pm
0.0002 m
b. 0.16540 kg \pm
0.00002 kg
c. $204.1 \text{ s} \pm .2 \text{ s}$
 15. a. 0.80 cm
b. 56.72 cm
c. 0.16 cm
d. 56.88 cm -
e. 56.56 cm
0.1057 %
 16. a. Time
b. Distance
c. See sheet in class
d. 1.0 m/min
e. Direct
 17. D
 18. A
 19. B
 20. A
 21. C
 22. B
 23. C
 24. D
 25. A
 26. C
 27. B
 28. B
 29. A
 30. E
 31. C
 32. D
 33. A
 34. B
 35. C
 36. B
 37. E