



Module 2

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Uncertainty in Measurement (Section 1.5)

An **exact number** results from **counting** objects or is part of a **definition**.

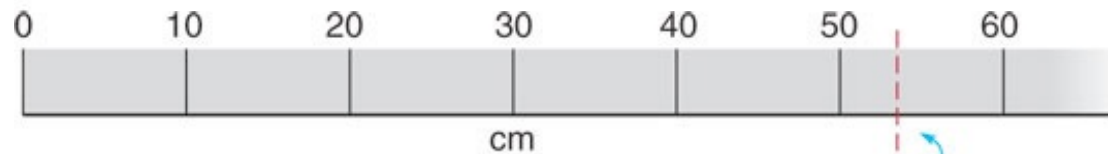
10 fingers, 35 students, $1\text{ m} = 1000\text{ mm}$

An **inexact number** results from a measurement or observation.

29439.223450 m, 1000 g, 0.0053 dL

Uncertainty from the Measuring Device

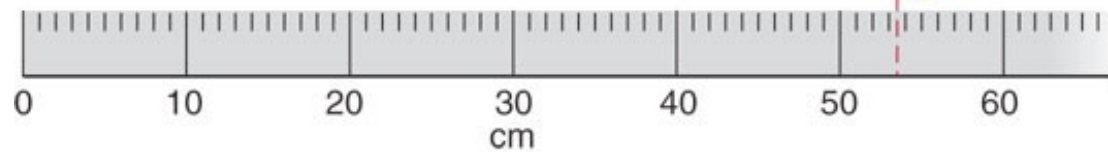
Ruler A



53 cm estimated digit

53.5 cm estimated digit

Ruler B



Significant Figures aka “Sig Figs”

Rule 1: All non-zero digits are always significant.

Rule 2: A zero counts as a sig fig when it is:

1. between two non-zero digits
2. at the end of a number with a decimal point

Rule 3: A zero does not count as a sig fig when it is:

1. before the first non-zero digit
2. at the end of a number that **does not** have a decimal point

Concept Check

Determine the number of **sig figs** in each number

0.2000

1,200,002

0.040040

0.001

10,040

7,300.

When You Multiply and Divide

The answer has the **same number** of sig. figs. as the original number with the **fewest** sig. figs.

Round digits up/down when necessary.

$$\frac{351.2 \text{ miles}}{5.5 \text{ hour}} =$$

$$0.00345 \times 123.45 =$$

When You Add and Subtract

The answer has the **same number** of decimal places as the original number with the **fewest** decimal places.

$$12.721 - 3.43 =$$

$$95.3 + 3.020 =$$

$$482.11 + 2.0 + 0.0032 =$$

Concept Review (Section 1.5)

CONCEPT REVIEW EXERCISES

1. Explain why the concept of significant figures is important in numerical calculations.
2. State the rules for determining the significant figures in a measurement.
3. When do you round a number up, and when do you *not* round a number up?

Practice Problems: 1-12

The International System of Units (Section 1.6)

Base units are modified by powers of 10 called prefixes.

Prefixes modify the size of the base unit.

Property	Unit	Abbreviation
length	meter	m
mass	kilogram	kg
time	second	s
amount	mole	mol
temperature	kelvin	K
electrical current	ampere	amp
luminous intensity	candela	cd

Metric Prefixes

Prefix	Value
mega	1,000,000
kilo	1,000
deci	10
centi	100
milli	1000
micro	1,000,000

Blue box = x times larger

Red box = x times smaller

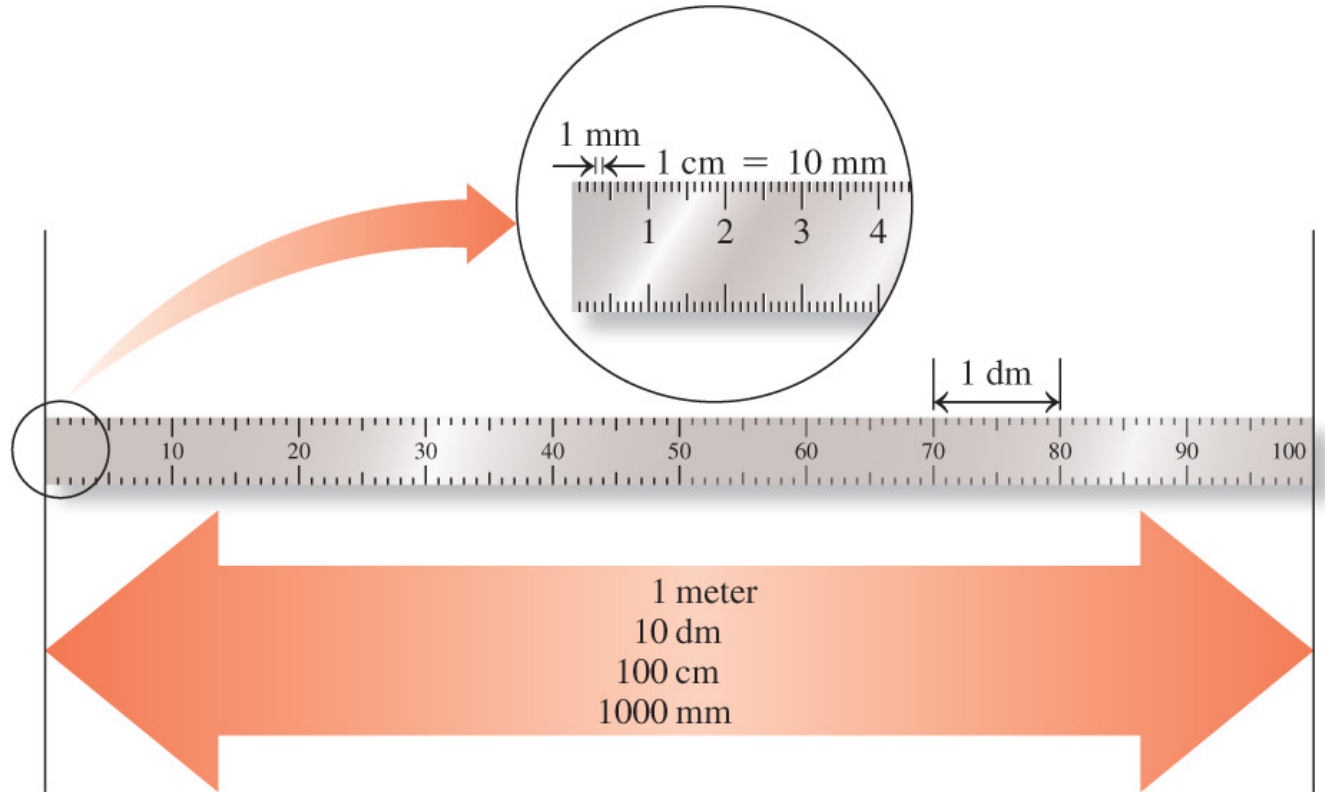
Measuring Length

1 **kilo**meter (km) = 1,000 meters (m)
1 km = 1,000 m

1 meter (m) = 1,000 **milli**meters (mm)
1 m = 1,000 mm

1 meter (m) = 100 **centi**meters (cm)
1 m = 100 cm

Measuring Length



Measuring Mass

1 **kilo**gram (kg) = 1,000 grams (g)

1 kg = 1,000 g

1 gram (g) = 1,000 **milli**grams (mg)

1 g = 1,000 mg

1 gram (g) = 1,000,000 **micro**grams (μg)

1 g = 1,000,000 μg

US Food and Drug Administration Nutrient Values

Nutrient	Amount Recommended
Protein	44 g
Vitamin C	60 mg
Vitamin B ₁₂	6 μ g (6 mcg)
Calcium	1000 mg
Copper	2 mg
Iodine	150 μ g (150 mcg)
Iron	18 mg
Magnesium	400 mg
Niacin	20 mg
Potassium	3500 mg
Selenium	55 μ g (55 mcg)
Sodium	2400 mg
Zinc	15 mg

Measuring Volume



1 **kilo**liter (kL) = 1,000 liters (L)

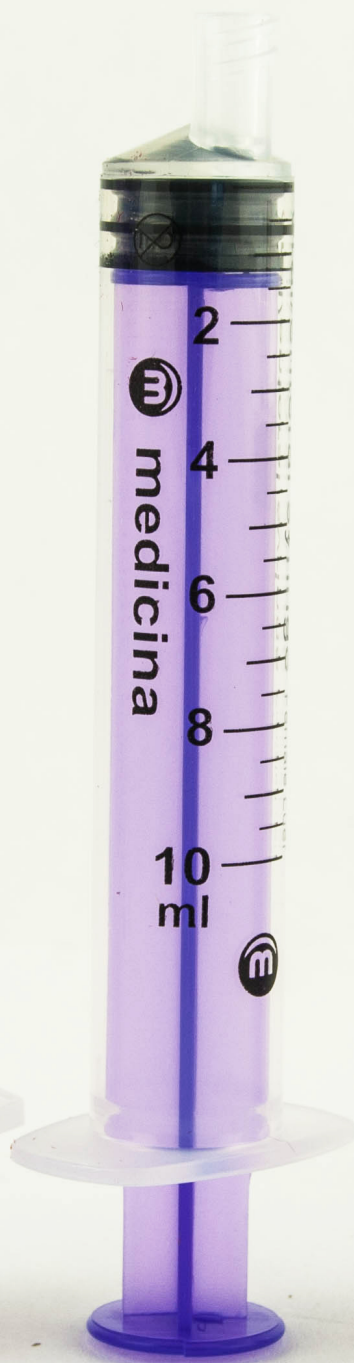
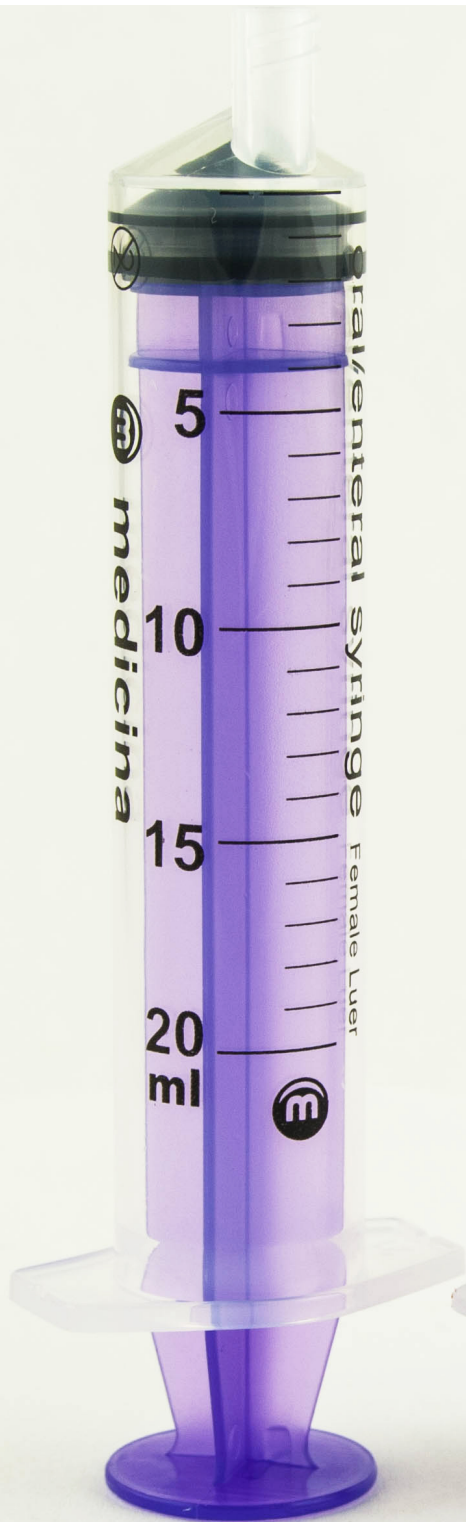
1 kL = 1,000 L

1 liter (L) = 10 **deci**liters (dL)

1 L = 10 dL

1 liter (L) = 1,000,000 **micro**liters (μ L)

1 L = 1,000,000 μ L



Concept Check - Find the Error



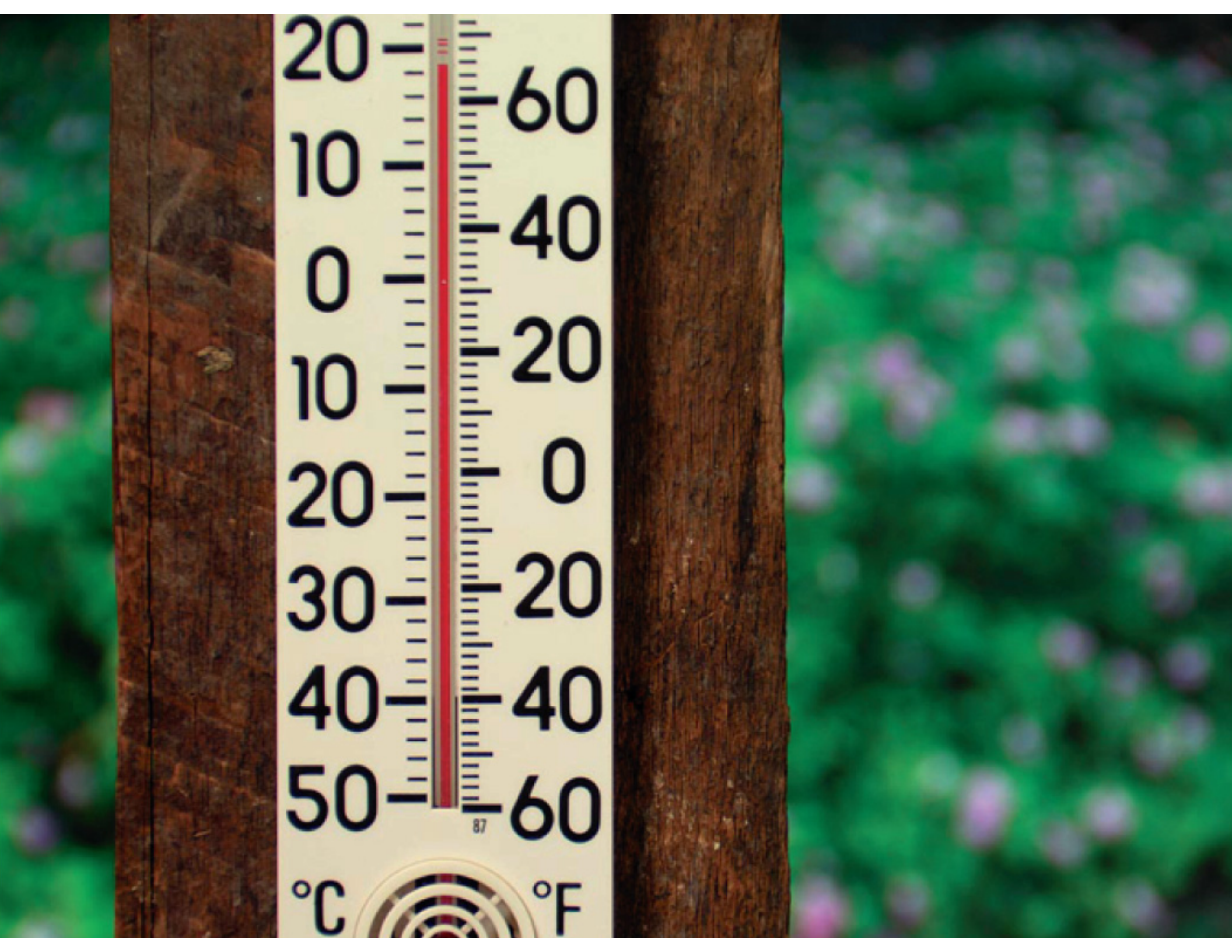
a consumer fee.

Current law allows businesses to hand out compostable and reusable plastic bags that are at least 2.5 milliliters thick.



Temperature is a measurement of how hot or cold an object is.

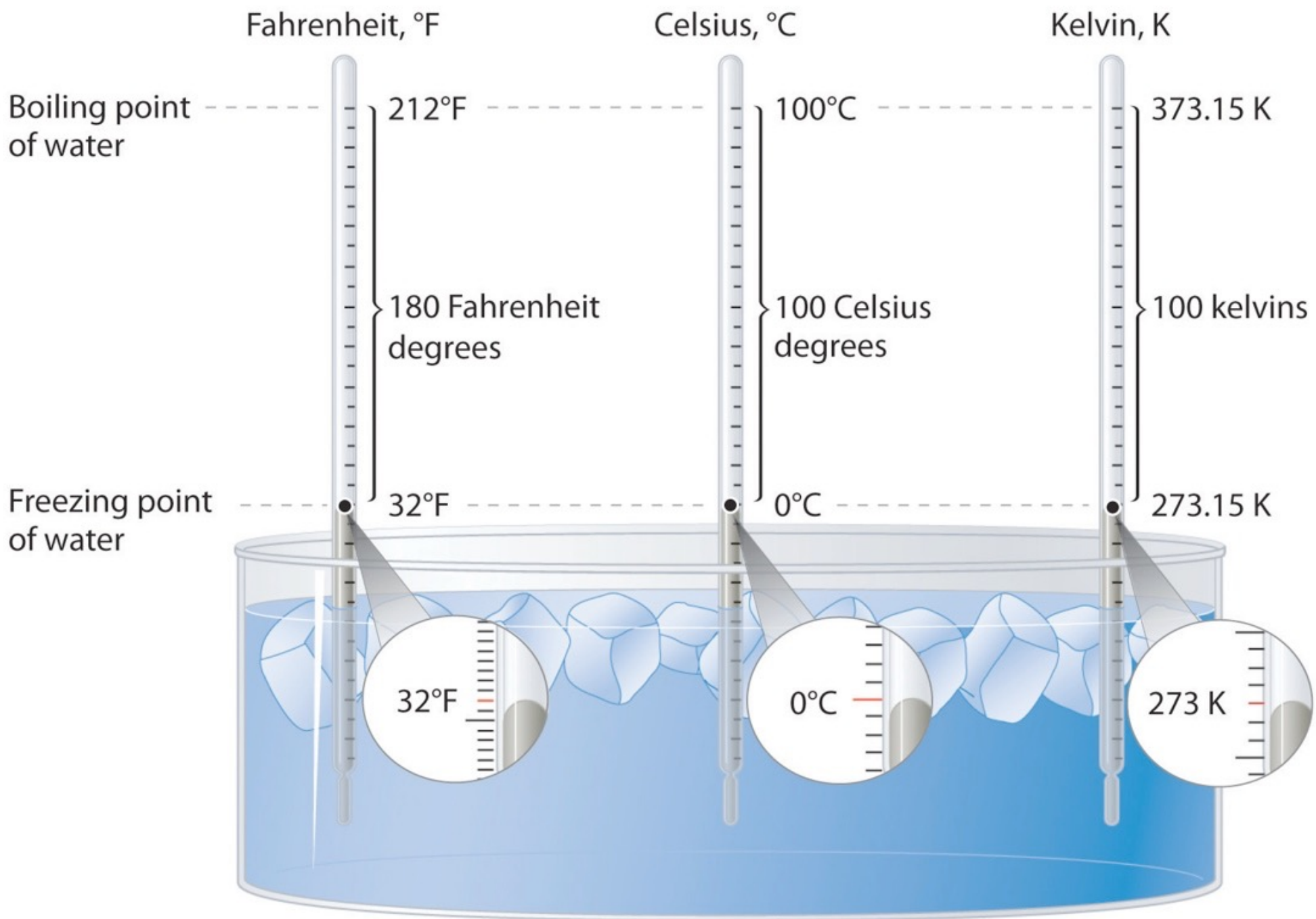




20
10
0
10
20
30
40
50

60
40
20
0
20
40
60

°C °F



Temperature Conversion

$$K = ^\circ C + 273$$

$$^\circ F = 1.8(^\circ C) + 32$$



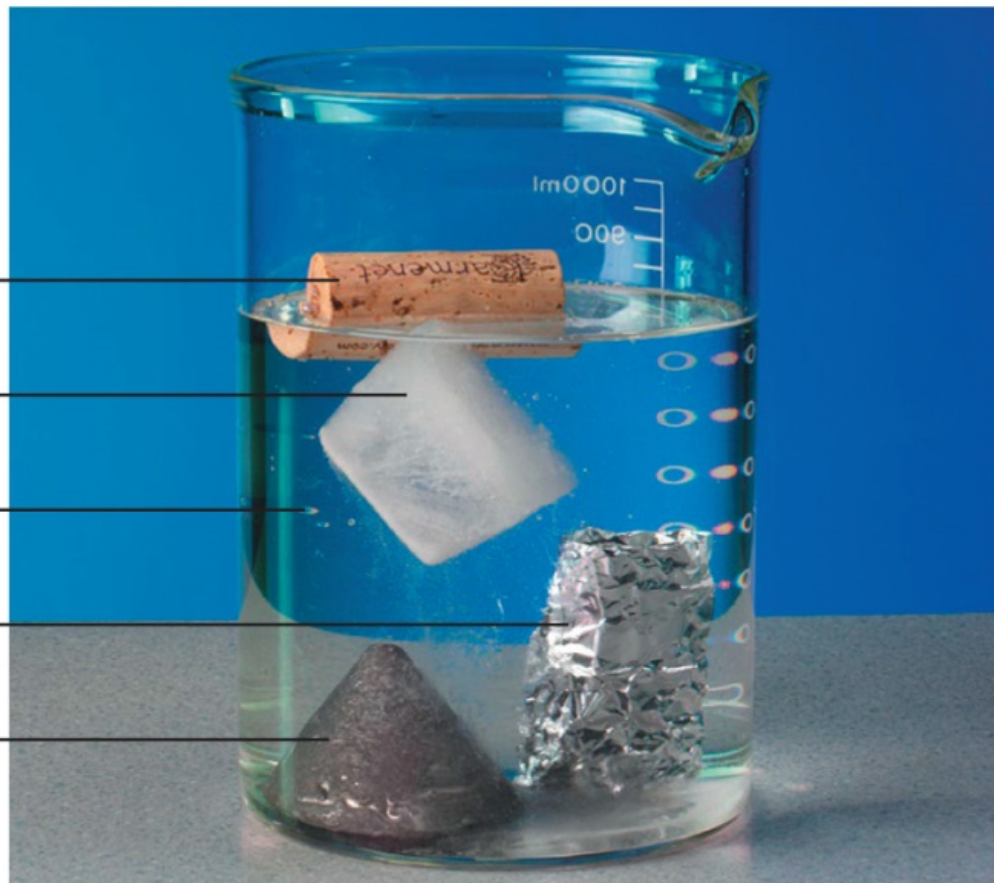
A patient has a temperature of $105^\circ F$.
What is her temperature in $^\circ C$?



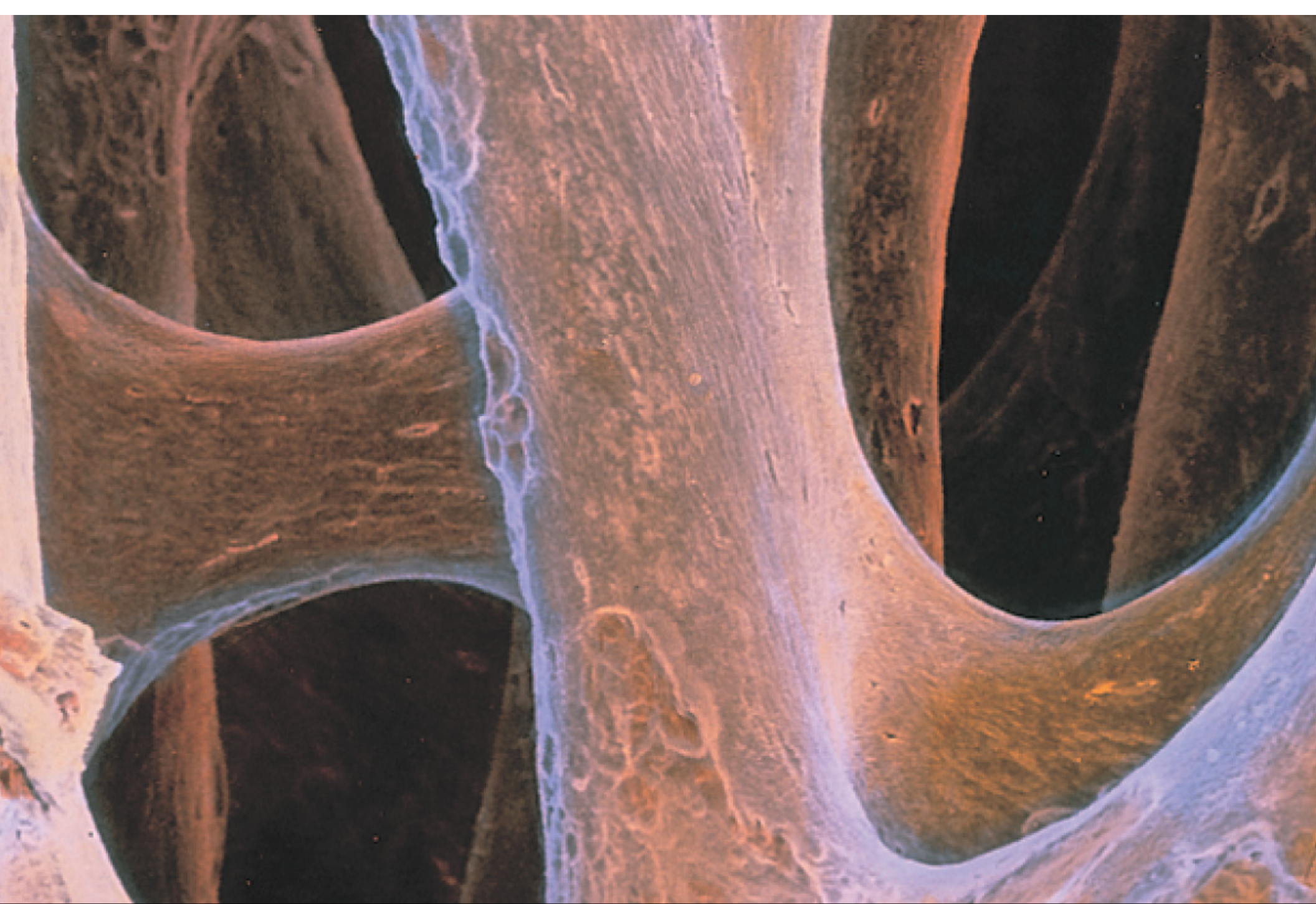
Derived Units vs Base Units

Density

- Cork ($D = 0.26 \text{ g/mL}$)
- Ice ($D = 0.92 \text{ g/mL}$)
- Water ($D = 1.00 \text{ g/mL}$)
- Aluminum ($D = 2.70 \text{ g/mL}$)
- Lead ($D = 11.3 \text{ g/mL}$)



$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$



Bone density: Normal bone



Bone density: Bone with osteoporosis



What is the density of drinking alcohol if a 488 mL sample has a mass of 385 grams?

Concept Review (Section 1.6)

CONCEPT REVIEW EXERCISES

1. What is the difference between a base unit and a derived unit? Give two examples of each type of unit.
2. Do units follow the same mathematical rules as numbers do? Give an example to support your answer.

Practice Problems: 1-7

Converting Units (Section 1.7)

Ratio between two quantities

Conversion factors **within** a system are definitions

Examples: $\frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}}$ $\frac{3 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ yd}}$ $\frac{16 \text{ oz}}{1 \text{ lb}}$ $\frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}}$ $\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}}$ $\frac{1 \text{ g}}{10^6 \mu\text{g}}$

Don't limit sig. figs. of a calculation by definitions

Conversion Factors (from Exam 1 Handout)

Length:

12 in = 1 ft

3 ft = 1 yd

1 mile = 5280 ft

1.00 km = 0.621 mile

1.00 m = 39.4 in

1.00 m = 3.28 ft

1.00 inch = 2.54 cm

Mass:

1 pound = 16 ounces

1.00 kg = 2.20 pounds

1.00 ounce = 28.3 grams

Volume:

1 quart = 4 cups

1 gallon = 4 quarts

1.00 L = 0.264 gallon

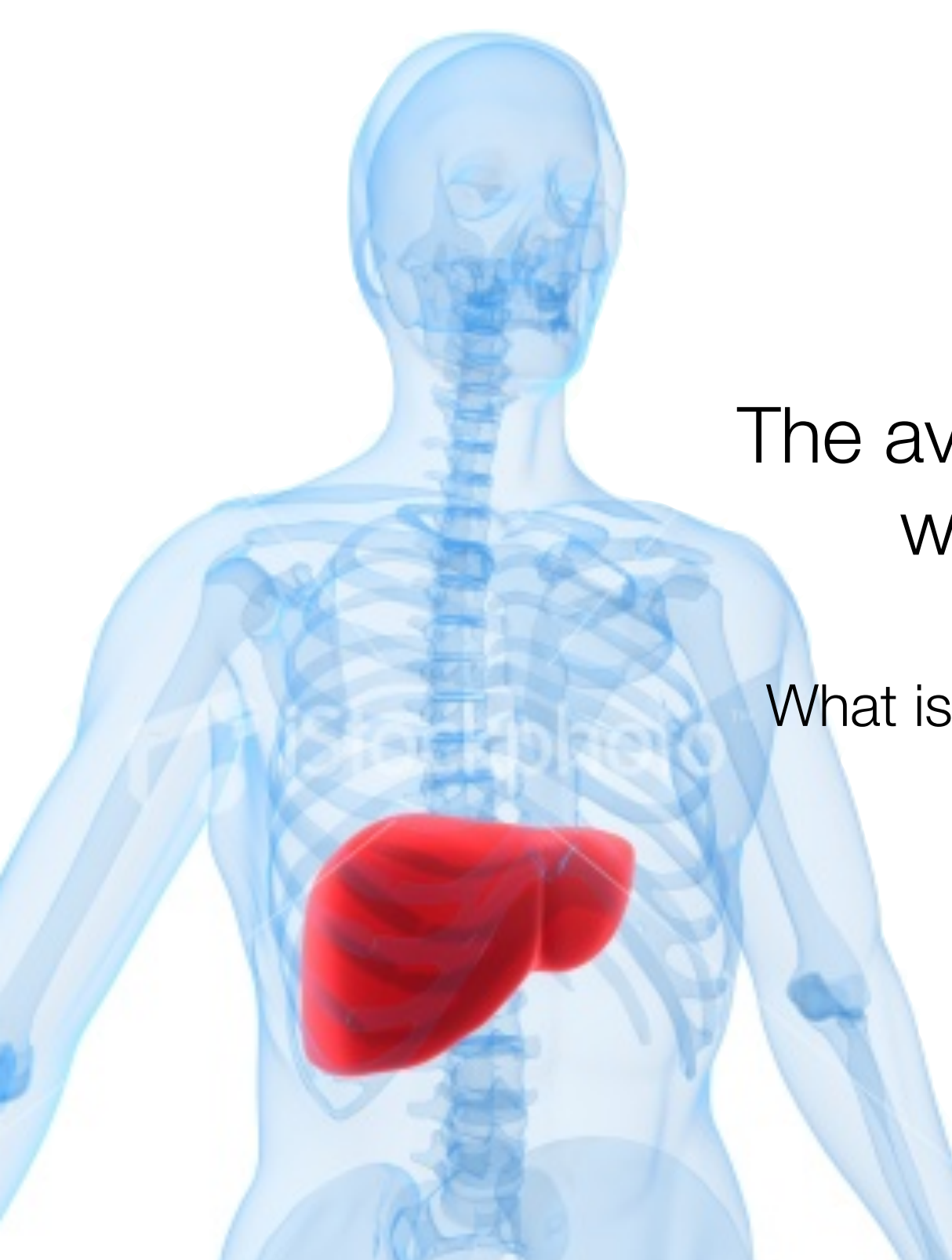
1.00 quart = 0.946 liter

1.00 mL = 0.0338 fluid ounce

Dimensional Analysis

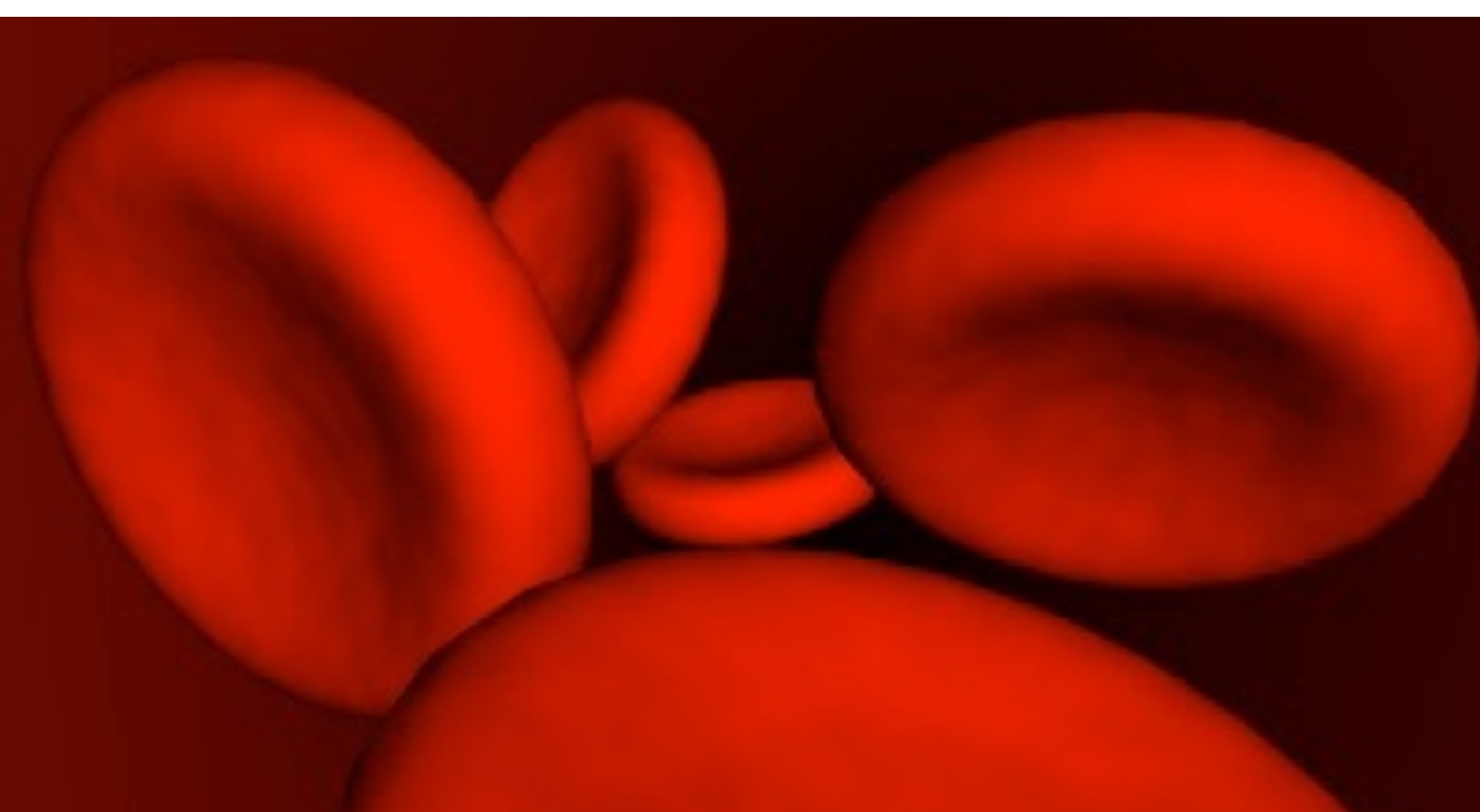
Best method for unit conversion.

Three Steps:



The average human liver weighs 1.5 kg.

What is the weight in pounds?

A microscopic view of several red blood cells, which are biconcave discs, against a dark background. The cells are a vibrant red color and are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping. The lighting highlights the edges and the central indentation of the cells.

Capillaries carry blood from small arteries
to small veins and are 1 mm in length.
How long are they in inches?

Food for Thought

Chocolate and Chocolate Liquor	Insect filth (AOAC 965.38)	Average is 60 or more insect fragments per 100 grams when 6 100-gram subsamples are examined OR Any 1 subsample contains 90 or more insect fragments
	Rodent filth (AOAC 965.38)	Average is 1 or more rodent hairs per 100 grams in 6 100-gram subsamples examined OR Any 1 subsample contains 3 or more rodent hairs
	Shell (AOAC 968.10-970.23)	For chocolate liquor, if the shell is in excess of 2% calculated on the basis of alkali-free nibs
DEFECT SOURCE: <i>Insect fragments - post harvest and/or processing insect infestation, Rodent hair - post harvest and/or processing contamination with animal hair or excreta, Shell - processing contamination</i> Significance: <i>Aesthetic</i>		



Food for Thought

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How many insect fragments do you eat in a Hershey's chocolate bar (mass = 43 grams)?



Concept Review (Section 1.7)

CONCEPT REVIEW EXERCISES

1. How do you determine which quantity in a conversion factor goes in the denominator of the fraction?
2. State the guidelines for determining significant figures when using a conversion factor.

Practice Problems: 1-16 in Section 1.7
1-14 in Section 1.8