

# Properties of Matter and Their Measurements

## Physical Properties

- **Physical properties** can be measured or observed without changing the identity or composition of the substance.

*Examples:* Colour, odour, melting point, boiling point, etc.

## Chemical Properties

- **Chemical properties** require a chemical change to occur.

*Examples:* Acidity, basicity, combustibility, etc.

## Units of Measurement

**Fundamental Units:** Mass, length, and time are fundamental quantities, and their units are known as fundamental units.

There are seven basic units of measurement for the quantities:

1. Length
2. Mass
3. Time
4. Temperature
5. Amount of substance
6. Electric current
7. Luminous intensity

Basic Physical Quantity	Symbol for Quantity	Name of SI Unit	Symbol for SI Unit
Length	<i>l</i>	metre	m
Mass	<i>m</i>	kilogram	<i>H</i>
Time	<i>t</i>	second	s
Electric current	<i>i</i>	ampere	A
Thermodynamic temperature	<i>T</i>	kelvin	K
Amount of substance	<i>n</i>	mole	mol
Luminous intensity	<i>K</i>	candela	cd

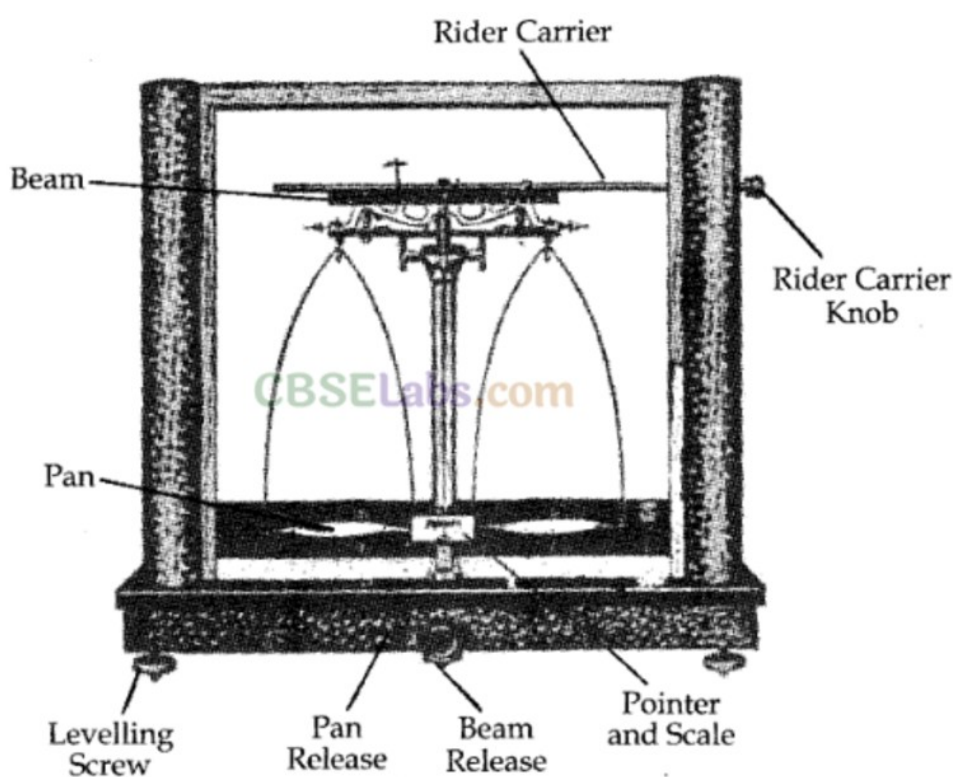
## SI-System (International System of Units)

This is the most commonly used system of measurement worldwide. It defines units for all seven basic quantities.

### Definitions of Basic SI Units:

1. **Metre (m):** Length of the path travelled by light in vacuum during  $1/299,792,458$  of a second.

2. **Kilogram (kg)**: Unit of mass, equal to the mass of the international prototype of the kilogram.
3. **Second (s)**: Duration of 9,192,631,770 periods of radiation corresponding to the transition between two hyperfine levels of the ground state of cesium-133 atom.
4. **Kelvin (K)**: Thermodynamic temperature unit, equal to  $1/273.16$  of the temperature of the triple point of water.
5. **Ampere (A)**: Constant current that, if maintained in two parallel conductors 1 meter apart, produces a force of  $2 \times 10^{-7}$  N per meter of length between them.
6. **Candela (cd)**: Luminous intensity, in a given direction, from a source emitting monochromatic radiation of frequency  $540 \times 10^{12}$  Hz with a radiant intensity of  $1/683$  watt per steradian.
7. **Mole (mol)**: Amount of substance containing as many elementary entities as atoms in 0.012 kg of carbon-12.



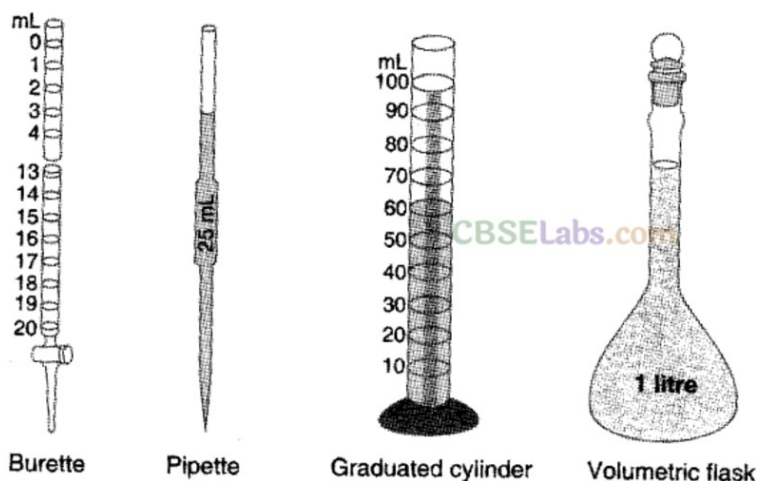
**Fig. 1.1** Analytical balance.

## Mass and Weight

- **Mass**: Amount of matter present in a substance. It is constant and can be measured using an analytical balance.  
*SI Unit*: Kilogram (kg).
- **Weight**: Force exerted by gravity on an object. It varies with changes in gravity.

## Volume

- **Volume:** Space occupied by matter. In SI units, it is expressed as cubic meter ( $\text{m}^3$ ).  
Popular unit: Litre (L), though not an SI unit.  
*Mathematical conversion:*  $1 \text{ L} = 1000 \text{ mL} = 1000 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ dm}^3$ .
- **Measuring Devices:** Volume of liquids can be measured using burettes, pipettes, cylinders, and measuring flasks.

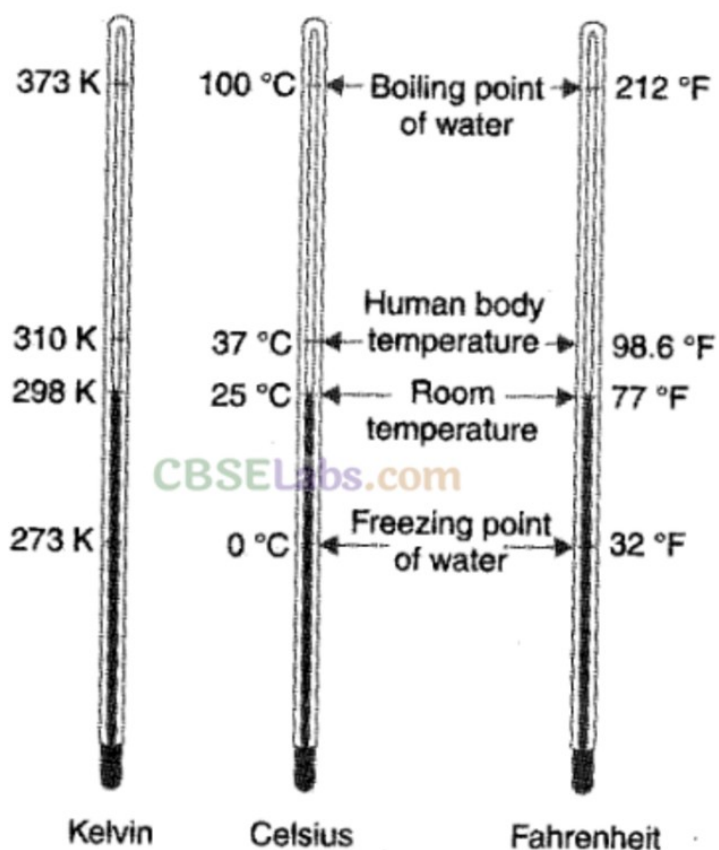


**Fig. 1.2** Some volume measuring devices.

## Temperature

Temperature can be measured using three scales:

1. **Celsius Scale ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ):** Calibrated from  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  (freezing point of water) to  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  (boiling point of water).
2. **Fahrenheit Scale ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ):** Calibrated from  $32^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $212^{\circ}\text{F}$ .
3. **Kelvin Scale (K):** SI scale. Temperature in Kelvin is shown with the symbol **K**.



### Relationship between Kelvin Scale and Celsius Scale:

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = \frac{9}{5} (^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32$$

The Kelvin scale is related to Celsius scale as follows:

$$\text{K} = ^{\circ}\text{C} + 273.15$$

### Density

- **Density:** Amount of mass per unit volume.  
*SI Unit:* kg/m<sup>3</sup>, but often expressed as g/cm<sup>3</sup> in chemistry.

# Density

- SI unit for density is derived from the base units for mass and volume [CBSE Labs.com](https://www.cbse-labs.com)
  - $\text{kg/m}^3$
  - Units are large for laboratory use
    - $\text{g/cm}^3$  or  $\text{g/mL}$
- Physical property of a substance
  - Doesn't depend on amount of sample
    - As mass increases, volume increases (proportional)
    - Ratio of mass to volume is constant
  - Helps to identify a substance

## Uncertainty in Measurements

All scientific measurements involve some degree of error or uncertainty, which can arise due to:

1. Skill and accuracy of the worker.
2. Limitations of measuring instruments.