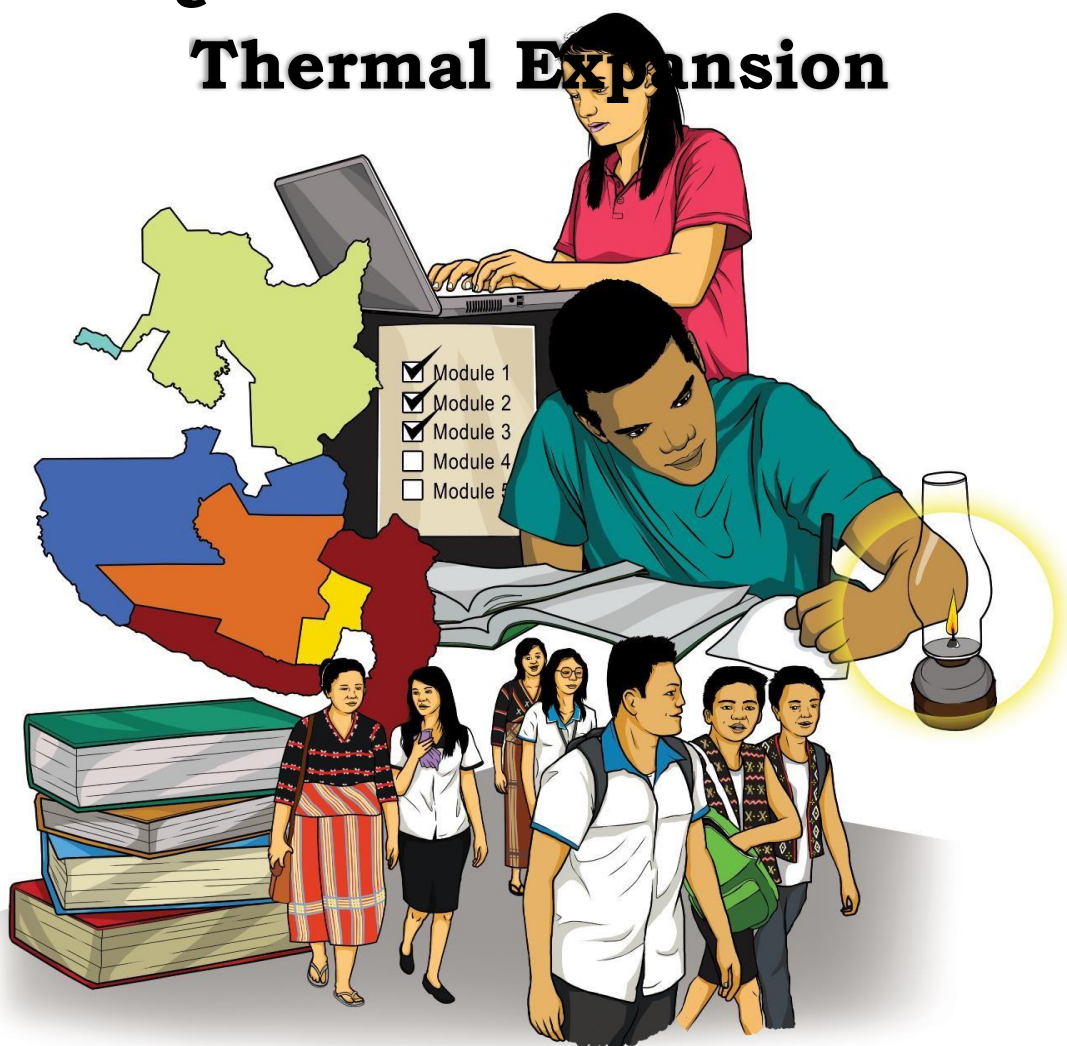
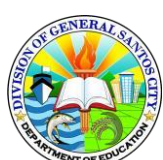


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# Introductory Message

For the facilitator:

Welcome to the **General Physics - 12** Self-Learning Module (SLM) on **Thermal Expansion!**

This module was collaboratively designed, developed and reviewed by educators both from public and private institutions to assist you, the teacher or facilitator in helping the learners meet the standards set by the K to 12 Curriculum while overcoming their personal, social, and economic constraints in schooling.

This learning resource hopes to engage the learners into guided and independent learning activities at their own pace and time. Furthermore, this also aims to help learners acquire the needed 21st century skills while taking into consideration their needs and circumstances.

In addition to the material in the main text, you will also see this box in the body of the module:



## ***Notes to the Teacher***

This contains helpful tips or strategies that will help you in guiding the learners.

As a facilitator you are expected to orient the learners on how to use this module. You also need to keep track of the learners' progress while allowing them to manage their own learning. Furthermore, you are expected to encourage and assist the learners as they do the tasks included in the module.

For the learner:

Welcome to the **General Physics - 12** Self-Learning Module (SLM) on **Thermal Expansion!**

The hand is one of the most symbolized part of the human body. It is often used to depict skill, action and purpose. Through our hands we may learn, create and accomplish. Hence, the hand in this learning resource signifies that you as a learner is capable and empowered to successfully achieve the relevant competencies and skills at your own pace and time. Your academic success lies in your own hands!

This module was designed to provide you with fun and meaningful opportunities for guided and independent learning at your own pace and time. You will be enabled to process the contents of the learning resource while being an active learner.

This module has the following parts and corresponding icons:



***What I Need to Know***

This will give you an idea of the skills or competencies you are expected to learn in the module.



***What I Know***

This part includes an activity that aims to check what you already know about the lesson to take. If you get all the answers correct (100%), you may decide to skip this module.



***What's In***

This is a brief drill or review to help you link the current lesson with the previous one.



***What's New***

In this portion, the new lesson will be introduced to you in various ways such as a story, a song, a poem, a problem opener, an activity or a situation.



***What is It***

This section provides a brief discussion of the lesson. This aims to help you discover and understand new concepts and skills.



***What's More***

This comprises activities for independent practice to solidify your understanding and skills

of the topic. You may check the answers to the exercises using the Answer Key at the end of the module.



***What I Have Learned***

This includes questions or blank sentence/paragraph to be filled in to process what you learned from the lesson.



***What I Can Do***

This section provides an activity which will help you transfer your new knowledge or skill into real life situations or concerns.



***Assessment***

This is a task which aims to evaluate your level of mastery in achieving the learning competency.



### ***Additional Activities***

In this portion, another activity will be given to you to enrich your knowledge or skill of the lesson learned. This also tends retention of learned concepts.



### ***Answer Key***

This contains answers to all activities in the module.

At the end of this module you will also find:

### ***References***

This is a list of all sources used in developing this module.

The following are some reminders in using this module:

1. Use the module with care. Do not put unnecessary mark/s on any part of the module. Use a separate sheet of paper in answering the exercises.
2. Don't forget to answer *What I Know* before moving on to the other activities included in the module.
3. Read the instruction carefully before doing each task.
4. Observe honesty and integrity in doing the tasks and checking your answers.
5. Finish the task at hand before proceeding to the next.
6. Return this module to your teacher/facilitator once you are through with it.

If you encounter any difficulty in answering the tasks in this module, do not hesitate to consult your teacher or facilitator. Always bear in mind that you are not alone.

We hope that through this material, you will experience meaningful learning and gain deep understanding of the relevant competencies. You can do it!



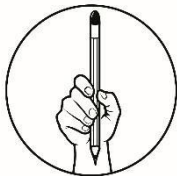
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At the end of this module, you will be able to **define coefficient of thermal expansion and coefficient of volume expansion** (STEM\_GP12THIIg-51) **and calculate volume or length changes of solids due to changes in temperature** (STEM\_GP12THIIg-52).

After going through this module, you are expected to:

1. define coefficient of thermal expansion and coefficient of volume expansion.
2. calculate volume or length changes of solids due to changes in temperature, and;
3. solve problems involving thermal and volume expansion.



## ***What I Know***

**Multiple Choice.** Choose the letter of the best answer. Encircle the letter of your choice.

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**Lesson****1****THERMAL EXPANSION*****(Volume and Length Changes of Solid)***

Learning Objectives:

1. define coefficient of thermal expansion and coefficient of volume expansion.
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***What's In*****Activity 1. Puzzle in Motion**

Given the synonyms and clues of the words, identify the words being presented below. Write your answer on the space provided.

<b>WORDS</b>	<b>SYNONYMS</b>
<b>1. E _ _ _ N _ _ _ _</b>	Increase, Enlargement, Extension
<b>2. _ O _ _ _ I _ _ _ _ T</b>	Constant, Number, Figure
<b>3. _ E _ _ E _ _ _ _ _ E</b>	Hotness, Celsius, Fahrenheit
<b>4. _ _ _ _ T _</b>	Distance, Measurement, Height
<b>5. _ _ _ U _ _</b>	Size, Liter, Space

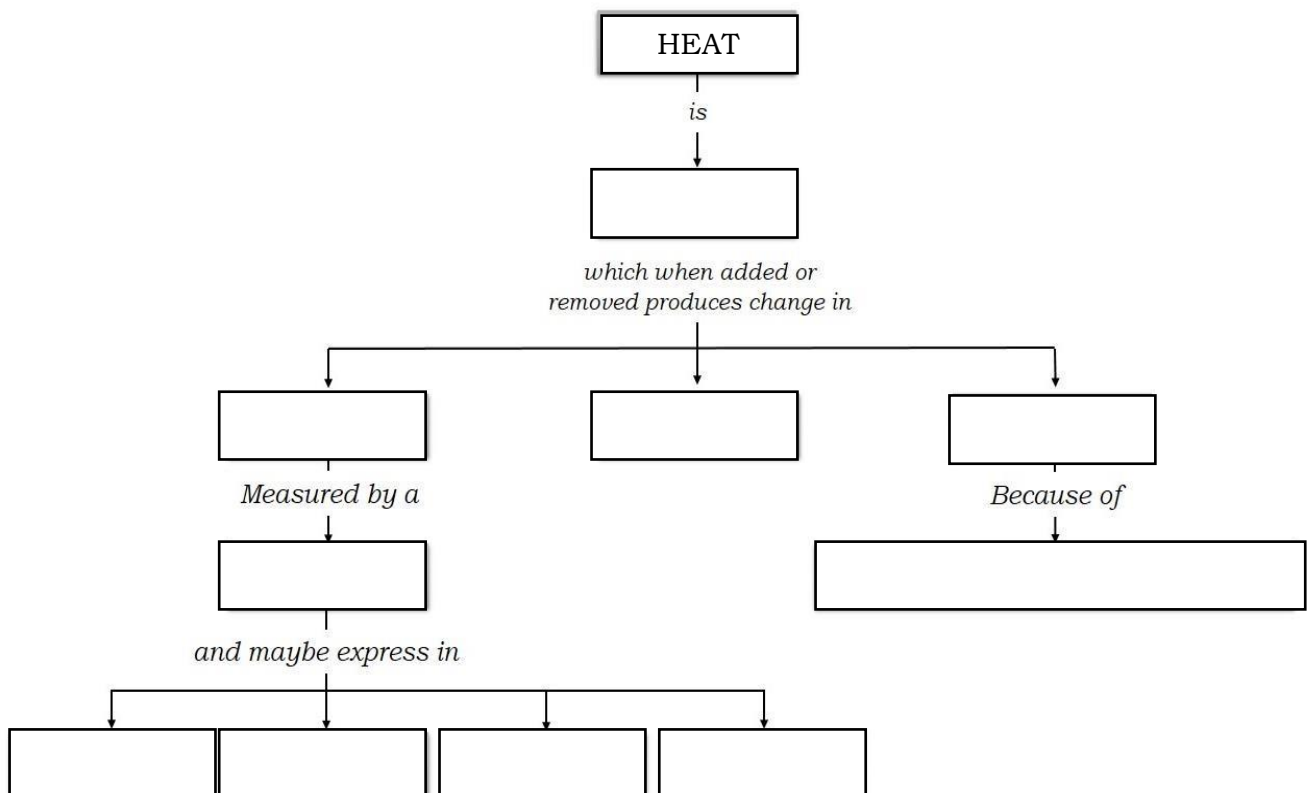


## What's New

### Activity 2. Concept Box

Fill in the graphic organizer based on the given selection.

THERMAL EXPANSION/CONTRACTION	PHASE	ENERGY
KELVIN	DIMENSION	FAHRENHEIT
CELSIUS	THERMOMETER	RANKINE
		TEMPERATURE

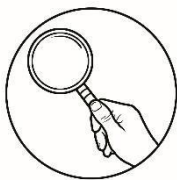


### Activity 3. Mix and Match

Answer the following problem below by matching the commonly used symbols in thermal expansion to its specific name. Write the letter of the correct answer on the space provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1.  $T$
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2.  $\beta$
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3.  $L$
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4.  $\alpha$
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5.  $V$

- a. Length**
- b. Alpha**
- c. Volume**
- d. Beta**
- e. Temperature**



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**Thermal Expansion** is the tendency of matter to change its shape, area, and volume in response to a change in temperature.

An increase in temperature implies an increase in the kinetic energy of the individual atoms. In a solid, unlike in a gas, the atoms or molecules are closely packed together, but their kinetic energy (in the form of small, rapid vibrations) pushes neighboring atoms or molecules apart from each other. This neighbor-to-neighbor pushing results in a slightly greater distance, on average, between neighbors, and adds up to a larger size for the whole body. For most substances under ordinary conditions, there is no preferred direction, and an increase in temperature will increase the solid's size by a certain fraction in each dimension.

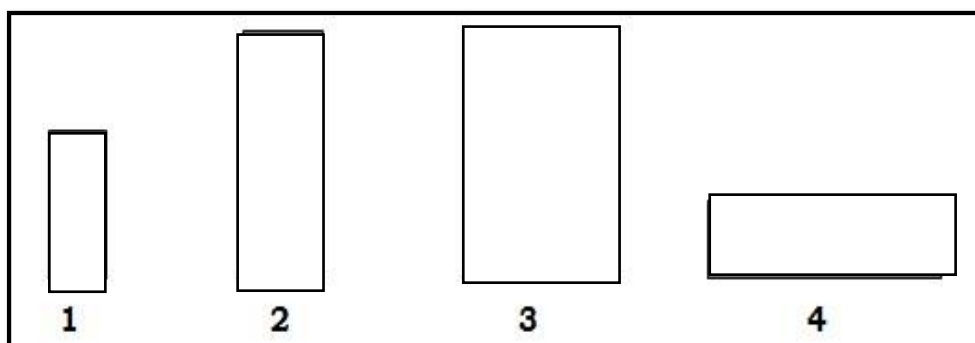
**Temperature** is a monotonic function of the average molecular kinetic energy of a substance. When a substance is heated, the kinetic energy of its molecules increases. Thus, the molecules begin vibrating/moving more and usually maintain a greater average separation.

Materials which contract with increasing temperature are unusual; this effect is limited in size, and only occurs within limited temperature ranges. The relative expansion divided by the change in temperature is called the material's **Coefficient of linear thermal expansion** and generally varies with temperature. When an object is heated or cooled, its length changes by an amount proportional to the original length and the change in temperature.

**Linear expansion** means change in one dimension (length) as opposed to change in volume (volumetric expansion). The change in length measurements of an object due to thermal expansion is related to temperature change by a coefficient of linear thermal expansion.

### Activity 4. Metalinearity

The figure below shows four rectangular metal plates, with sides of  $1L$ ,  $2L$ , and  $3L$ . They are all made of the same material, and their temperature is to be increased by the same amount. **Rank the plates according to the expected increase in (a) their vertical heights and (b) their areas. Arrange from greatest to least rate of expansion.**



**Volume expansion** is defined as the increase in the volume of the solid on heating. Remember that volume is equal to the product of length, width and height ( $l \times w \times h$ ).

If all dimensions of a solid expand with temperature, the volume of that solid must also expand. For liquids, volume expansion is the only meaningful expansion parameter.

If the temperature of a solid or liquid whose volume is  $V$  and increased by an amount  $\Delta T$ , the increase in volume is found to be;

$$\Delta V = V\beta\Delta T$$

where  $\beta$  is the **coefficient of volume expansion** of the solid or liquid. The coefficients of volume expansion and linear expansion for a solid are related by  $\beta = 3\alpha$ .

**Example:**

**Suppose an iron bar was heated from  $15^\circ\text{C}$  up to  $280^\circ\text{C}$  to be molded into a car bumper, what will be its new volume if the coefficient of volume expansion  $\beta$  is equal to  $36 \times 10^{-6}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ ?**

**SOLUTION:**

**STEP 1:** Use the equation for the volume thermal expansion  $\Delta V = \beta V \Delta T$  to calculate the change in volume,  $\Delta V$ . Use the coefficient of volume expansion,  $\beta$ , for iron and note that the change in temperature,  $\Delta T$ , is  $265^\circ\text{C}$

Given:

$$\beta = 36 \times 10^{-6}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta T = T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{initial}} = 270^\circ\text{C} - 15^\circ\text{C} = 255^\circ\text{C}$$

$$V = l \times w \times h = 190\text{cm} \times 60\text{cm} \times 60\text{cm} = 684,000\text{cm}^3$$

**STEP 2:** Plug all of known values into the equation to solve for  $\Delta V$ .

$$\Delta V = \beta V \Delta T$$

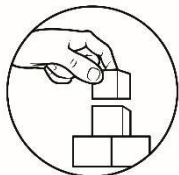
$$\Delta V = (36 \frac{\text{}}{^\circ\text{C}} \times 10^{-6}) (600\text{cm}^3) (255^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\Delta V = 5,232.6\text{cm}^3$$

### Activity 5. Volume Expansion (VolEx)

Calculate the volume expansion of the given material below.

A iron block whose initial temperature  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  was heated at about  $260^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What will be its new volume if the coefficient of volume expansion  $\beta$  is equal to  $36 \times 10^{-6}\text{C}^{-1}$ ?



## What's More

### Activity 6. Bridge of Contract

Solve the given problem below

The main span of Silway Bridge 1 is 0.06km at its coldest. The bridge is exposed to temperatures ranging forming  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What is its change in length between these temperatures? Assume the bridge is made of entirely of steel. ( $\alpha = 12 \times 10^{-6}\text{C}^{-1}$ )



## What I Have Learned

### Activity 7. Thermal Filler

Fill in the blanks to complete the paragraph.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ is the tendency of matter to change it shape, area, and volume in response to a change in temperature.

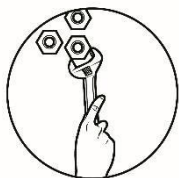
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If all dimensions of a solid expand with temperature, the volume of that solid must also expand. For liquids, volume expansion is the only meaningful expansion parameter.



## What I Can Do

### Activity 8. Coefficient of Expansion

Direction: Perform the task provided below

An experiment to measure the thermal expansion of a metal bar that has a length of 1 m long at 20°C produced the following results. Answer the following questions.

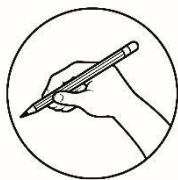
Temperature (°C)	Length (m)
0	0.999620
5	0.999715
10	0.999810
15	0.999905
20	1.000000

### Guide Questions:

1. Why some lengths less than 1m while others are greater than 1m?
2. Is the metal bar measures exact 1m long at 20°C? Why?
3. Would you expect to get the same results for the different type of metal?
4. Plot these data.  
What do you notice about the y-axis?
5. The gradient of the graph gives the thermal expansion coefficient of the material. This tells an engineer the change in length in meters that occurs per meter of material initially present per °C change in temperature. What is the gradient of the graph you have just plotted? Give your answer in standard form.

Formula:  $\text{gradient}(\text{coefficient of expansion } (\alpha)) = \frac{L^{\text{final}} - L^{\text{initial}}}{t^{\text{final}} - t^{\text{initial}}};$

L = length; t = temperature



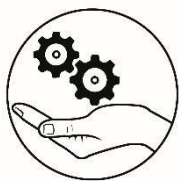
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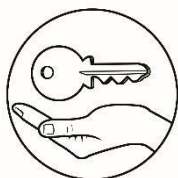


## ***Additional Activities***

### **IN-THERMAL PROBLEM**

**Direction:** Read and analyse the problem below and perform the given tasks. Observe the use of correct significant figures for your final answer.

1. A concrete sidewalk is constructed between two buildings on a day when the temperature is  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The sidewalk consists of two slabs, each three meters in length of negligible thickness. As the temperature rises to  $38^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the slabs expand, but no space is provided for the thermal expansion. The buildings do not move, so the slabs buckle upward. What is the change in length of each slab associated with the temperature change?
2. A 3cm silver metal cube whose initial temperature  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  was heated at about  $760^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What will be its new volume if the coefficient of volume expansion  $\beta$  is equal to  $57 \times 10^{-6}\text{C}^{-1}$ ?



## Answer Key

**ACTIVITY 4:**  
**Metallinearity**  
 2 a. & 3, 1, 4  
 3 b. 2, 1, 4

**Pre-Assessment**

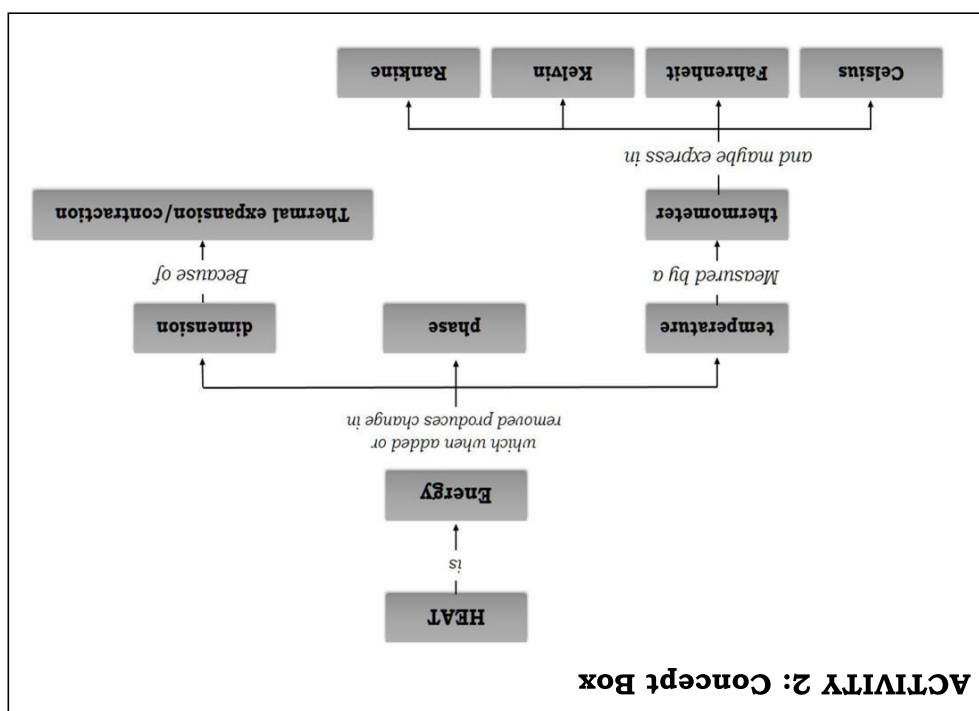
1.C	11.D
2.B	12.C
3.B	13.C
4.B	14.C
5.C	15.C
6.B	
7.C	
8.A	
9.B	
10.C	

**ACTIVITY 1:**  
**What's the Word...That's the Word**

1. Expansion
2. Coefficient
3. Temperature
4. Length
5. Volume

**ACTIVITY 3: Mix and Match**

1. E-Temperature
2. D-Beta
3. A-Length
4. B-Alpha
5. C-Volume



**ACTIVITY 7: Thermal Filler**

- Thermal expansion
- Temperature
- Closely packed together
- Contract
- Coefficient of linear
- Proportional
- Linear Expansion
- Volume Expansion
- Length
- Width
- thermal expansion

**ACTIVITY 6: Bridge of Contract**

**SOLUTION:**

**STEP 1** Use the equation for the linear thermal expansion  $\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$  to calculate the change in length,  $\Delta L$ . Use the coefficient of linear expansion  $\alpha$ , for steel and note that the change in temperature,  $\Delta T$ , is  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$

Given:

$$\alpha = 12 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta T = T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{initial}} = 40^{\circ}\text{C} - 15^{\circ}\text{C} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$L = 0.09 \text{ m}$$

**STEP 2** Plug all of known values into the equation to solve for  $\Delta L$ .

$$\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$$

$$\Delta L = \left( \frac{12 \times 10^{-6}}{^{\circ}\text{C}} \right) (0.09 \text{ m}) (25^{\circ}\text{C})$$

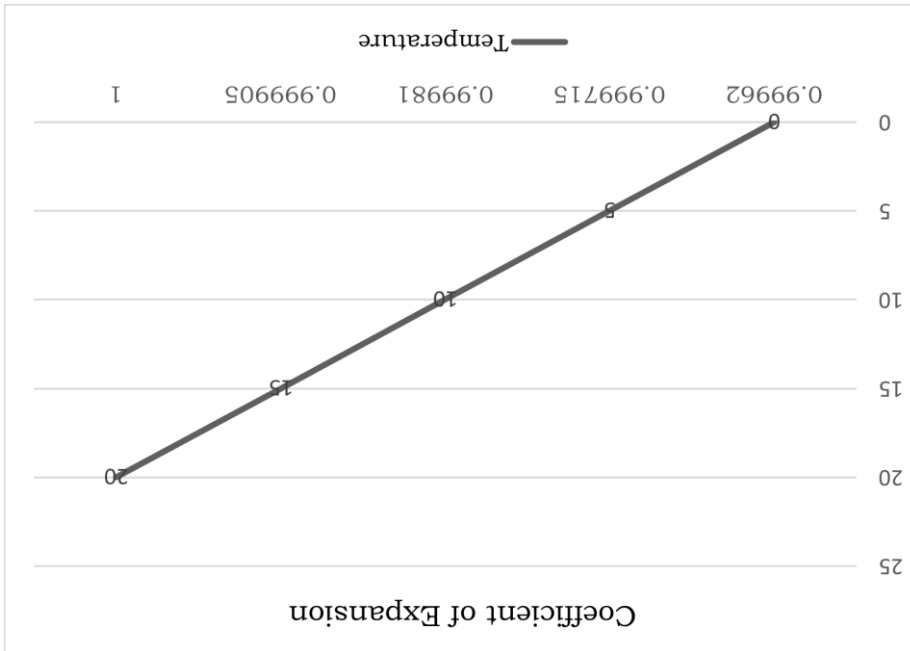
$$\Delta L = 2.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$$

### Activity 8: Coefficient of Expansion

1. The measured length changes as the temperature changes. When the temperature fell below the initial measurement temperature of 20°C the material contracted. Above this temperature is expanded.

2. The amount of expansion and contraction for a given temperature change depends on the material used so, in general, these results would not be replicated if the experiment used a different material.

3. The metal will be cut to 1m at the temperature specified, in this case 20°C. As you see from the data, this measurement can be subjected to change due to temperature differences. Also, the length can only be cut as accurately as the cutting machine allows. In reality when producing of a number of lengths of a desired dimension a distribution of actual cut lengths will be produced. For a good cutting machine the average should be very near the required length. The required length (at a stated temperature) is called the normal length and variations of this should be within specified tolerances.



4. The results show that this change in length is small compared with the initial length. This means that if you plot the data you have a very small scale on the y-axis and a requirement to keep a large number of decimal places, as shown in the graph

5. The gradient of the graph gives the thermal expansion of coefficient of the material. This tells an engineer the change in length in meters that occurs per meter of material initially present per °C change in temperature.

The gradient is given as

$$\alpha = \frac{L_{final} - L_{initial}}{T_{final} - T_{initial}} = \frac{1.000000 - 0.999620}{20 - 0} = 1.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$$

This is the thermal expansion coefficient in units of °C<sup>-1</sup>

**Post-Assessment**

1. A
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. D

6. C
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. D

11. D
12. B
13. C
14. A
15. C

**Additional Activity: In-Thermal Problem**

1. **STEP 1:** Use the equation for the linear thermal expansion  $\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$  to calculate the change in length,  $\Delta L$ . Use the coefficient of linear expansion,  $\alpha$ , for steel and note that the change in temperature,  $\Delta T$ , is  $13^\circ\text{C}$

Given:

$$\alpha = 17 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta T = T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{initial}} = 38^\circ\text{C} - 25^\circ\text{C} = 13^\circ\text{C}$$

$$L = 3.0 \text{ m}$$

**STEP 2:** Plug all of known values into the equation to solve for  $\Delta L$ .

$$\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$$

$$\Delta L = \left( \frac{17 \times 10^{-6}}{\text{C}^\circ} \right) (3.0 \text{ m}) (13^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\Delta L = 0.00047 \text{ m} \approx 4.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

The change in length of each slab associated with the temperature change is  $0.00047 \text{ m}$ . That is why the buckling of a sidewalk is one consequence of not providing sufficient room for expansion. As a result, engineers incorporate expansion joints or spaces along bridge and roads.

2. **STEP 1:** Use the equation for the volume thermal expansion  $\Delta V = \beta V \Delta T$  to calculate the change in volume,  $\Delta V$ . Use the coefficient of volume expansion,  $\beta$ , for silver and note that the change in temperature,  $\Delta T$ , is  $740^\circ\text{C}$

Given:

$$\beta = 57 \times 10^{-6} \text{C}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta T = T_{\text{final}} - T_{\text{initial}} = 760^\circ\text{C} - 20^\circ\text{C} = 740^\circ\text{C}$$

$$V = V_3 = (3 \text{ cm})^3 = 9 \text{ cm}^3$$

**STEP 2:** Plug all of known values into the equation to solve for  $\Delta V$ .

$$\Delta V = \beta V \Delta T$$

$$\Delta V = \left( \frac{57 \times 10^{-6}}{\text{C}^\circ} \right) (9 \text{ cm}^3) (740^\circ\text{C})$$

$$\Delta V = 0.12654 \text{ cm}^3 \approx 0.13 \text{ cm}^3$$

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