

# Chapter 1 → Matter and Measurement

## Uncertainty in Measurement

- Number associated with measurement is obtained from measuring device
- Measurements *always* have some degree of uncertainty
  - Important to indicate uncertainty

## Significant Figures and Calculations

- Rules for counting significant figures
    - 1) Non-zero integers are always significant
    - 2) Zeros can be interpreted differently
      - a) Leading zeros are zeros that precede all non-zero digits
        - ❖ These are *not* significant
      - b) Captive zeros are zeros in between non-zero digits
        - ❖ These are significant
      - c) Trailing zeros are zeros to the right end of a number
        - ❖ Only significant if decimal point is present
    - 3) Exact numbers have  $\infty$  significant figures
  - Advantages of Exponential Notation
    - 1) Easy indicated
    - 2) Less zeros are needed to be copied
- \*\*Limit the number of significant figures to the number with least amount in the equation*

## Dimensional Analysis

- Also known as unit factor method
- Used to convert between units

## Density

- The mass of a substance per unit of volume of a substance
- $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$
- Density of a liquid can easily be determined by weighing an accurately known volume of a liquid

## Classification of Matter

- Matter is anything that has mass and occupies space
- Three states of matter
  - Liquid
    - definite volume; no definite shape
  - Gas
    - No definite volume or shape
      - Highly compressable
      - Easy to decrease volume of a gas (relatively)
  - Solid
    - Rigid; fixed volume and shape
  - Solids and liquids are *slightly* compressable
- Most matter is a mixture of pure substances
  - Examples→ wood, gasoline, wine, soil, air
- Mixtures have variable composition
  - Homogenous
    - Visibly, *indistinguishable* parts
  - Heterogenous
    - Visible, *distinguishable* parts
- Mixtures can be separated by physical means
- Pure substances have a constant composition
  - Can be compounds or free elements
- Boiling and freezing are *physical changes*
- Distillation
  - Process that depends on differences in volatility
  - Volatility→ how readily substances become gasses
- Filtration
  - Used to separate a mixture of liquids and solids
- Chromatography
  - Uses stationary phase (solid) and mobile phase (liquid)
  - Paper chromatography
    - Porous paper used for stationary phase
    - Drop of liquid is placed on paper then dipped into a liquid
- Compound → substance with constant composition but can be broken down by chemical means
- Chemical change → Given substance becomes a *new* substance with *different properties and composition*
- Elements → cannot be decomposed by chemical or physical means

## Temperature Conversions

- $T_K = T_C + 273.15$
- $T_C = (T_F - 32)\left(\frac{5}{9}\right)$
- $T_F = \left(T_C \times \frac{9}{5}\right) + 32$