

Module 3: Representing Amounts of Substances Density and Molar Volume

Fundamentals of Chemistry Open Course

Learning Objectives | Module 3



- 1. Explain the significance of Avogadro's number and why the value 6.022 × 10²³ mol⁻¹ is a convenient definition of the mole.
- 2. Use average atomic masses to calculate the molar mass of a substance with given chemical formula.
- 3. Apply molar mass to determine amount of substance from mass and *vice versa*.
- 4. Define mass density and molar volume; apply them in calculations.
- 5. Visualize liquid solutions at the submicroscopic level; identify the components of a solution.
- 6. Define concentration and recognize common units of concentration.
- 7. Define molarity and apply it to calculate amount of solute from volume of a solution and *vice versa*.
- 8. Recognize quantities in the ideal gas law and their associated units.
- 9. Apply the ideal gas law to calculate the amount of a gas from pressure, volume, and temperature.

Mass Density



• Mass density, often simply called density, is the mass of a pure substance per unit volume.

Units are mass per volume, such as grams per milliliter (g/mL) or kilograms per liter (kg/L).

• Generally, solids are more dense than liquids, which are more dense than gases.

• Densities of a gas can vary over a wide range because gas volume is not fixed.

Molar Quantities



• Extensive properties depend on the amount of substance present; intensive properties do not.

• Intensive properties may be intrinsic to a substance under a given set of conditions or refer to a standard amount of substance.

• Quantities with names like "molar x," such as molar mass, molar volume, molar heat capacity, etc. refer to intensive values per mole of the substance.

Molar Volume



• One example of a molar quantity is **molar volume**, the volume occupied by 1 mole of a substance under specified conditions.

• Typically reported in units of liters per mole (L/mol).

• The molar volume of an ideal gas at standard temperature and pressure (0 °C and 1.00 atm) is 22.4 L/mol.