

### LSPU Self-paced Learning Module (SLM)

<b>Course</b>	SCI 1- Chemistry for Engineers
<b>Sem/AY</b>	First Semester/2023-2024
<b>Module No.</b>	2
<b>Lesson Title</b>	<b>MEASUREMENT of MASS and VOLUME</b>
<b>Week Duration</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>September 4-8, 2023</b>
<b>Description of the Lesson</b>	This lesson discusses the measurement of mass, volume and density. It also explains the different equipment and apparatus used in measuring mass and volume in laboratories. It also includes computation for mass, volume and density.



### Learning Outcomes

<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Students should be able to meet the following intended learning outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the properties of mass and volume.</li> <li>Familiarize with the apparatus used in measuring mass and volume of objects.</li> <li>Determine the volume of regular and irregularly shaped objects.</li> <li>Calculate the density of a substance from given mass and volume.</li> </ul>
<b>Targets/ Objectives</b>	<p>At the end of the lesson, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the properties of mass and volume.</li> <li>Identify the apparatus used in measuring mass and volume.</li> <li>Calculate the volume of regular and irregularly shaped objects.</li> <li>Calculate the density of an unknown liquid and irregularly shaped solids.</li> </ul>



### Student Learning Strategies

<b>Online Activities (Synchronous/ Asynchronous)</b>	<p>A. Online Discussion via Google Meet</p> <p>You will be directed to attend in a One-Hour class discussion on measurement of mass and volume. To have access to the Online Discussion, refer to the announcement that will be posted in the Google Classroom.</p>
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(For further instructions, refer to your Google Classroom and see the schedule of activities for this module)

**B. Learning Guide Questions:**

1. What is mass? What instrument is used to measure mass? What are the basic units of mass?
2. What is volume? What instrument is used to measure liquid volume? What formula is used to calculate the volume of a solid object
3. What is density? What formula is used to calculate density?

**Note:** The insight that you will post on online discussion forum using Learning Management System (LMS) will receive additional scores in class participation.

**Lecture Guide**

**Measurement of Mass**

**Mass** is a measure of the amount of matter in a substance or an object. The basic SI unit for mass is the kilogram (kg), but smaller masses may be measured in grams (g).

To measure mass, you would use a balance. In the laboratories, mass may be measured with a triple beam balance or an electronic balance as shown below.



**Fig 1. Triple Beam Balance**

The triple beam balance (fig. 1) is used to measure masses very precisely; the reading error is  $\pm 0.05$  gram.

Steps in using the triple beam balance from

<https://www.physics.smu.edu/~scalise/apparatus/triplebeam/>

1. With the pan empty, move the three sliders on the three beams to their leftmost positions, so that the balance reads zero. If the indicator on the far right is not aligned with the fixed mark, then calibrate the balance by turning the set screw on the left under the pan.
2. Once the balance has been calibrated, place the object to be measured on the pan.

**Offline Activities  
(e-Learning/Self-  
Paced)**



3. Move the 100-gram slider along the beam to the right until the indicator drops below the fixed mark. The notched position immediately to the left of this point indicates the number of hundreds of grams.
4. Now move the 10-gram slider along the beam to the right until the indicator drops below the fixed mark. The notched position immediately to the left of this point indicates the number of tens of grams.
5. The beam in front is not notched; the slider can move anywhere along the beam. The boldface numbers on this beam are grams and the tick marks between the boldface numbers indicate tenths of grams.
6. To find the mass of the object on the pan, simply add the numbers from the three beams.
7. As with a ruler, it is possible to read the front scale to the nearest half tick mark.

Electronic balances (fig. 2) have become a popular standard equipment in many school laboratories due to its extreme ease of use for any skill level. It allows the user to accurately measure the mass of a substance to a level of accuracy impossible for traditional balances. This is importance in experiments that require precise amounts of the substance to achieve the desired results.



**Fig 2. Electronic Balance**

Steps in using the electronic balance from <https://sciencing.com/use-electronic-balance-7860190.html>

1. Place the electronic balance on a flat, stable surface indoors. The precision of the balance relies on factors such as wind, shaky surfaces, or similar forces will cause the readings to be inaccurate.
2. Press the "ON" button and wait for the balance to show zeroes on the digital screen.
3. Press the "Tare" or "Zero" button to automatically deduct the weight of the container from future calculations. The digital display will show zero again, indicating that the container's mass is stored in the balance's memory.
4. Carefully add the substance to the container. Ideally this is done with the container still on the platform, but it may be removed if necessary.



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Avoid placing the container on surfaces that may have substances which will add mass to the container such as powders or grease.

5. Place the container with the substance back on the balance platform if necessary and record the mass as indicated by the digital display.

## Measurement of Volume

Volume is a measure of the amount of space that a substance or an object takes up. The basic SI unit for volume is the cubic meter ( $\text{m}^3$ ), but smaller volumes may be measured in  $\text{cm}^3$ , and liquids may be measured in liters (L) or milliliters (mL).

Volumes are measured depending on its state:

- The volume of a liquid is measured with a measuring container, such as a measuring cup or graduated cylinder.
- The volume of a gas depends on the volume of its container: gases expand to fill the entire container.
- The volume of a regularly shaped solid can be calculated from its dimensions. For example, the volume of a rectangular solid is the product of its length, width, and height.
- The volume of an irregularly shaped solid can be measured by water displacement method.

### Tools in measuring volume of liquids

1. Measuring cups. A common tool used in measuring the volumes of liquids. Measuring cups expresses liquid volumes in SI units of milliliters and English system of cups and fluid ounces (fig 3).



**Fig 3. Measuring cup**

2. Volumetric Glassware. These includes beaker, graduated cylinder, Erlenmeyer flask, volumetric flask, pipets and burets. Each of these containers are used in the laboratory for different purposes.



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**Fig 4. Beaker, Erlenmeyer flask, graduated cylinder and volumetric flask**

### Measuring Volumes of Regular Solids

The volume of a solid object with a regular geometric shape (rectangular box, cube, cylinder, sphere) can be determined using the volume formula for the shape.

Cube :  $V = s^3$

Rectangle :  $V = L \times w \times h$

Sphere :  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Cylinder :  $V = \pi r^2 h$

where: V= volume

s = length of a side

L= length

w= width

h= height

r= radius

### Measuring Volumes of Irregularly Shaped Solids

The volumes of irregularly shaped objects cannot be determined using the volume formula. The volume of these objects can be determined using the water displacement method, where the object is submerged in water and the difference in volume before and after the object is submerged will be the volume of the object.

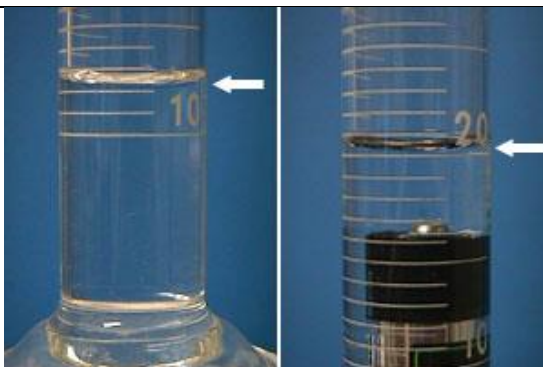
Procedure:

1. Place water to a measuring container such as a graduated cylinder and record the volume. This reading will be the initial volume ( $V_i$ ).
2. Submerge the object in the water, as observed, the water level will rise as the object is being submerged. Record the new volume of water. This will be the final reading ( $V_f$ )
3. Compute the volume of the object using the formula  $V_{object} = V_f - V_i$



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**Fig 5. A battery submerged in water**

In figure 5, the initial volume of water (on the left) is 12.4 ml. After the battery has been submerged, the volume reading is 20.5 ml. The volume of the battery is  $V_{\text{battery}} = 20.5 - 12.4 = 8.1 \text{ ml}$

The following video shows how the volume of an irregular shaped objects can be measured by the displacement method.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=17&v=e0geXKxeTn4&feature=emb\\_log\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=17&v=e0geXKxeTn4&feature=emb_log_o)

**Example 1.** Calculate the volume (in cubic centimeters) of a prism that is 5 m long, 40 cm wide and 2,500 mm high.

Solution:

$$\text{Volume of the prism} = L \times w \times h$$

Convert each parameter in centimeters (cm)

$$L = 5\text{m} \times \frac{100\text{cm}}{1\text{m}} = 500\text{cm}$$

$$h = 2,500\text{mm} \times \frac{1\text{cm}}{10\text{mm}} = 250\text{cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of prism} &= 500\text{cm} \times 40\text{cm} \times 250\text{cm} \\ &= 5,000,000 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ or } 5.0 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.** Calculate the volume of a metal sphere with radius of 3.5 cm.

Solution:

$$\text{Volume of sphere} = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi(3.5)^3$$

$$V = 179.594 \text{ cm}^3$$

**Example 3.** A graduated cylinder is filled to an initial volume of 25.0 ml. A small pebble is dropped into the graduated cylinder. The final volume of the graduated cylinder is 29.3 ml. What is the rock's volume in both ml and  $\text{cm}^3$ ?

Solution:

$$\text{Initial volume of water } (V_i) = 25.0 \text{ ml}$$

$$\text{Final volume of water } (V_f) = 29.3 \text{ ml}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of pebble} &= V_f - V_i \\ &= 29.3 - 25.0 \\ &= 4.3 \text{ ml} \end{aligned}$$



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$$\text{Volume of pebble in } \text{cm}^3 = 4.3 \text{ ml} \times \frac{1 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ ml}} = 4.3 \text{ cm}^3$$

## Density

Densities are widely used to identify pure substances and to characterize and estimate the composition of many kinds of mixtures. Some definitions of densities are:

- is a mass per unit volume of a material substance.
- is commonly expressed in grams per cubic centimeter.
- indicates how much of a substance occupies a specific volume at a defined temperature and pressure.

Density Formula:

$$D = \frac{M}{V}$$

where: M = mass of the substance

V = volume of the substance

D = density of the substance

$$\text{Units: } \frac{g}{\text{cm}^3}, \frac{kg}{\text{m}^3}, \frac{lb}{\text{in}^3}, \frac{lb}{\text{ft}^3}$$

## Using Water as a Density Comparison

When an object is placed in water, the object's relative density determines whether it will float or sink in water. If the object has a lower density than water, it will float to the surface of the water. If an object has a higher density than water, it will sink. Density of water at 4°C is  $1.0000 \frac{g}{\text{cm}^3}$

Example: Cork has a density of  $240 \frac{kg}{\text{m}^3}$ , so it will float in water, while lead has a density of  $11,340 \frac{kg}{\text{m}^3}$  will sink.

Liquids tend to form layers when added to water. Ethyl alcohol ( $789 \frac{kg}{\text{m}^3}$ ) will float on water and form a separate layer until it is thoroughly mixed. Glycerin ( $1259 \frac{kg}{\text{m}^3}$ ) will sink into the water and form layer at the bottom no matter how vigorously it is mixed. Mixing liquids with different densities tend to form layers or "density column" as shown in Figure 6.

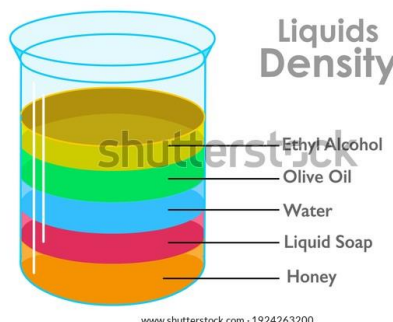


Fig 6. Density Column





**Example 1.** A metal ball has a mass of 2kg and a volume of 6 m<sup>3</sup>. What is its density?

**Solution:**

Given: M=2 kg, V= 6 m<sup>3</sup>

$$D = \frac{M}{V}$$

Substitute the given values

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \frac{M}{V} \\ &= \frac{2 \text{ kg}}{6 \text{ m}^3} \\ &= 0.333 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \quad (\text{round off to three decimal places}) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.** What is the volume of a marble that has a mass of 3 g and density of 2.7 g/ml?

**Solution:**

$$D = \frac{M}{V} \quad ; \quad V = \frac{M}{D}$$

Substitute the given values

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{M}{D} \\ &= \frac{3 \text{ g}}{2.7 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{ml}}} \\ &= 1.111 \text{ ml} \quad (\text{round off to three decimal places}) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.** If the density of a diamond is 3.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, what would be the mass of diamond whose volume is 0.5 cm<sup>3</sup>?

**Solution:**

$$D = \frac{M}{V} \quad ; \quad M = D \times V$$

Substitute the given values

$$\begin{aligned} M &= D \times V \\ &= 3.5 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \times 0.5 \text{ cm}^3 \\ &= 1.75 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

### Engaging Activities

A. Evaluate the following. Present your solution.

1. A block of aluminum occupies a volume of 15.0 mL and weighs 40.5 g. What is its density?
2. What is the weight of the ethyl alcohol that exactly fills a 200.0 mL container? The density of ethyl alcohol is 0.789 g/ml.
3. A flask that weighs 345.8 g is filled with 225 mL of carbon tetrachloride. The weight of the flask and carbon tetrachloride is found to be 703.55 g. From this information, calculate the density of carbon tetrachloride.

B. Evaluate the following. Present your solution.





1. Mercury metal is poured into a graduated cylinder that holds exactly 22.5 ml. The mercury used to fill the cylinder weighs 306.0 g. From this information, calculate the density of mercury.
2. A rectangular block of copper metal weighs 1896 g. The dimensions of the block are 8.4 cm by 5.5 cm by 4.6 cm. From this data, what is the density of copper?
3. Calculate the density of sulfuric acid if 35.4 mL of the acid weighs 65.14 g.
4. Find the mass of 250.0 mL of benzene. The density of benzene is 0.8765 g/ml.
5. A block of lead has dimensions of 4.50 cm by 5.20 cm by 6.00 cm. The block weighs 1587 g. From this information, calculate the density of lead.



## Performance Tasks

Design a simple experiment about mass, volume and density using the available materials in your home like measuring cups (convert to mL), ordinary weighing scale (you need to approximate and convert to grams), books, bible or wooden block (for regular solid), screws, coins, pebbles/stone or marbles (for irregular solid). If you are using measuring cups, use 3-4 pebbles or marbles for the water to rise. Use the format below in presenting your Performance Task#2.

### Performance Task #2

#### Determination of Mass, Volume and Density

##### Introduction

The purpose of this experiment is to understand the meaning and significance of density of a materials. Density is a physical property of liquids and solids. A physical property can be measured without changing the chemical identity of the substance. Density is defined as the mass per unit volume of a substance, it is determined by dividing the mass of a substance by its volume.

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Mass of a substance}}{\text{Volume of a substance}}$$

##### Objectives:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

##### Equipment and Materials:

##### Procedure:

##### Data and Result:

## Conclusion:



## Learning Resources

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