

EXERCISE 2

Density

OBJECTIVES:

1. To become familiar with the metric system
2. To determine the density of a substance

Equipment

1. balance
2. unknown solid sample
3. graduated cylinder
4. Vernier caliper

The density ($D = \frac{M}{V}$) of matter is a fundamental physical property which is defined as mass per unit volume.

Procedure

1. Obtain a solid sample from your instructor and weigh it to the nearest 0.01 g.
2. Using a vernier caliper, measure the dimensions of the sample.
3. Calculate the sample's volume in cm^3 (volume of sample = $\pi r^2 l$).
4. Calculate the density of your samples in g/cm^3 .
5. Repeat the volume measurement using a graduated cylinder.
6. Calculate the density of the sample using volume obtained from water displacement.
7. Obtain the accepted density from your instructor.
8. Calculate the percent error.

$$\text{(Percent error)} = \frac{|\text{accepted value} - \text{experiment value}| \times 100}{\text{accepted value}}$$

9. Show all calculations.

ANSWER SHEET

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NAME _____ SECTION _____ DATE _____

Sample No.# _____

1. Weight of Sample _____

2. a. Length _____

b. Diameter _____

3. Volume from Dimension _____

4. Density from Dimension _____

5. Volume by Water Displacement _____

a. initial reading _____

b. final reading _____

6. Density of the Sample Using the Volume from Water Displacement _____

7. Accepted Density of your Sample _____

8. Percent Error _____