Physics 112
Course Outline 2011 - 2012

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Unit I: Kinematics (15 hours)
Vector Analysis
Graphical Analysis
Mathematical Analysis
(Chapters 2 and 3)

Unit II: Dynamics (20 hours)
Introduction
Newton's Laws
(Chapters 4 and 5)

Unit III: Work and Energy (20 hours)
Work, Power and Efficiency
Transformation, Total Energy and Conservation
(Chapters 6 and 7)

Unit IV: Waves (25 hours)
Fundamental Properties
Sound Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation

Unit V: Refraction and Diffraction of Light
Snell's Law
Total Internal Reflection

Unit VI: Lenses and Mirrors
Converging and Diverging Lenses
Thin Lens Equation
Lens Maker's Formula
Mirror Equation

Evaluation:

Tests, Quizzes, Labs	70%
Final Exam	30%

Materials:
Binder & paper
Lab Book
Scientific Calculator
Ruler/Protractor
Pen/Pencil

Textbook: Physics (McGrawHillRyerson): Text and CD ROM Price > $153.33

What is physics?

Physics is the study of matter and energy and their relationships.

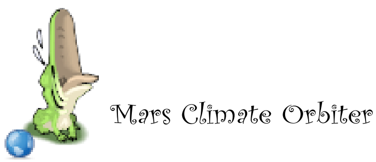
System of Units

Scientists use units to define the measurements of quantities.

The metric system is convenient to use because units of different sizes are related by powers of ten.

The system used throughout the world is the SI system of units. SI stands for Systeme International d'Unite.

The system is based on seven fundamental or base units.



Seven Fundamental/Base Units of the SI System

Quantity	Name of Unit	Symbol of Unit
Length		
Mass		
Time		
Electric Current		
Temperature		
Amount of Something		
Luminous Intensity (brightness)		

NIST - National Institute of Standards and Technology

Derived Units

Derived units are units that are made up of two or more fundamental (base) units.

Examples:

Prefixes

Prefixes are used to change SI units by powers of ten.
The metric units for all quantities use the same prefixes.

cm ⇨ cg, cs, cA, cK, cmol, ccd

SI Prefixes		
Power of 10	**Name**	**Symbol**
10^{12}	tera	
10^{9}	giga	
10^{6}	mega	
10^{3}	kilo	
10^{2}	hecto	
10^{1}	deca	
10^{-1}	deci	
10^{-2}	centi	
10^{-3}	milli	
10^{-6}	micro	
10^{-9}	nano	
10^{-12}	pico	

Scientific Notation

Scientific notation is based on exponential notation. The numerical part of a measurement is expressed as a number between 1 and 10 multiplied by a whole number power of 10.

$$M \times 10^n$$

where $1 \leq M < 10$
and n is an integer

Simple Rule

Move the decimal point until only one non-zero digit remains to the left.

"***n is the the number of places you shift the decimal point***"

n is ***positive*** if you shift the decimal point to the ***left***

and

n is ***negative*** if you shift the decimal point to the ***right***

Examples

1. 0.0000018 kg ________________________
2. 437 s ________________________
3. 0.158 m ________________________
4. 900045 cm ________________________
5. 654.2×10^{-6} m ________________________

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Error

Every measurement has a degree of error.

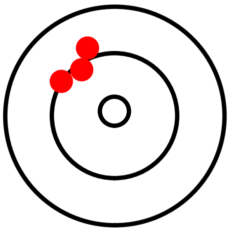
a) random error - totally unpredictable

b) systematic error - due to the design of an experiment

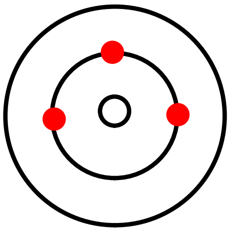
Accuracy vs. Precision

accuracy - describes the degree to which the result of an experiment or calculation approximates a true or accepted value

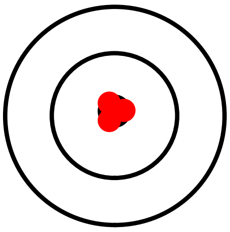
precision - describes the exactness and repeatability of a value



precision without accuracy



same accuracy, limited precision



accurate and precise

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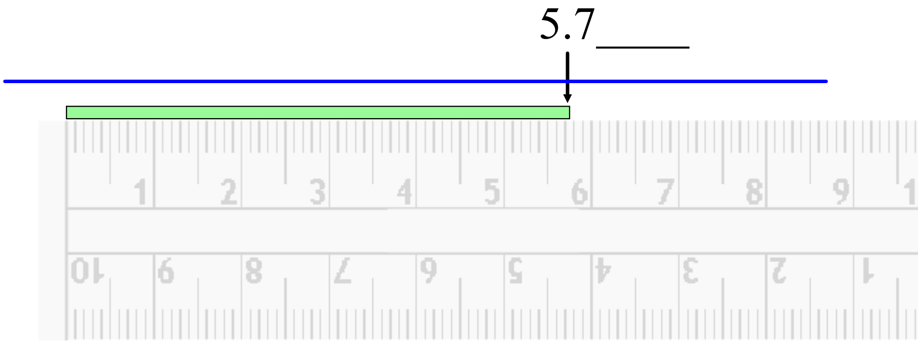
Significant Digits/Figures

Significant digits are all the digits in a measurement that are certain.

The last digit in a measurement is always an estimate.
Only one estimated digit is significant.

Example

The length of the "green thing" is somewhat longer than 5.7 cm.
The last digit is an estimate.



Let's say the estimated digit is 5.

∴ Our measurement, 5.75 cm, has three significant digits. They are the two digits we are sure of, 5 and 7, and the last 5 that is an estimate.

General Rules

All non-zero digits (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) in a measurement are significant.

All final zeroes after the decimal point are significant. (ie. 145.600 km)

A zero that only serves to locate the decimal point is not significant. (0.0051 s)

Zeroes between two other significant digits are always significant. (ie. 2.03 m)

Zeroes to the right of a whole number are considered to be ambiguous. (ie. 186 000 kg)

> Write results in scientific notation to indicate clearly which zeroes are significant.
> 1.86×10^5 kg , 186000×10^0 kg
>
> After a calculation, keep only those digits that truly reflect the accuracy of the original measurements.

Significant Digits and Operations

Addition & Subtraction

When measurements are added or subtracted, the sum or difference will have the same number of digits after the decimal point as the original measurement with the fewest digits after the decimal point.

$$\begin{array}{r} 49.01\ \text{m} \\ -\ 3.049\ \text{m} \\ \hline 45.961\ \text{m} \end{array}$$

45.96 m

Multiplication and Division

When measurements are multiplied or divided, the product or quotient will have the same number of significant digits as the original measurement with the least number of significant digits.

$$12.5\ \text{m} \times 16\ \text{m} \times 15.88\ \text{m} = 3176\ \text{m}^3$$

$$3.2 \times 10^3\ \text{m}^3$$

Stuff You Need to KNOW

1. Measured quantities have units.

2. Scientists use the SI system of units.
   (Systeme International d'Unites)

3. Units can be fundamental or derived.

4. Prefixes are used to signify the magnitude of units.

5. Large and small measurements are most clearly written using scientific notation.

6. All measurements are subject to some uncertainty.

7. The number of digits that are valid for any measurement is limited by the precision of the measuring device.

Attachments

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