

Dimensional analysis is the technique of treating units as numbers for the purpose of solving problems. For mathematical purposes 1 ft means $1 \times \text{ft}$. (Numbers are multiplied by their units.) Write a ratio with one unit on bottom and another unit on the top. Insert numbers to make the top and bottom *equal* to use as a conversion factor.

- Words that mean divided: per, in a, is a, are a, goes with, equals, equivalent
- Recognize that there is a difference between \$/lb and lb/\$.
- Metric prefixes can be treated as independent units: $\frac{\text{milli}}{0.001} \frac{\text{kilo}}{1000} \frac{\text{centi}}{0.01}$
- Converting 6 m^2 to square ft requires using a conversion twice.
 $2 \times 2 = 2^2$ $\text{sec} \times \text{sec} = \text{sec}^2$ $3^2 \times 3^2 = 3^4$ $\text{m}^2 \times \text{m} = \text{m}^3$
- Always identify amount of what or moles of what. Having 2 mL or 4 grams or 3 mole is less meaningful than having 2 mL H₂O or 4 grams He or 3 mole C.

Most numerical chemistry problems involve

1. converting from amounts to moles

Grams of solid converted to moles using formula mass: FM g/mole.

Liters of liquid converted to grams using density in g/mL, then grams converted to moles using formula mass. The density of liquid water from 0 to 30°C is 1.00 g/mL.

Liters of solution converted to moles using molarity. *Grams of solution* converted to grams dissolved using %, then grams converted to moles using formula mass.

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{moles dissolved}}{\text{liters of solution}} = M \quad \% = \frac{\text{g dissolved}}{100 \text{ g solution}} \quad \text{ppm} = \frac{\text{mg analyte}}{\text{kg sample}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\text{mg analyte}}{\text{L solution}}$$

The number of moles or grams dissolved does not change upon dilution.

Liters of gas converted to moles using $\frac{PV}{nT} = \frac{.082058 \text{ L atm}}{\text{mol K}}$.

2. using stoichiometry information from formulas or balanced reactions

CO₂ means $\frac{2 \text{ atoms O}}{1 \text{ atom C}}$ or $\frac{2 \text{ atoms O}}{\text{molecule CO}_2}$ or $\frac{1 \text{ atom C}}{2 \text{ atoms O}}$, etc.

2H₂ + O₂ → 2H₂O means $\frac{2 \text{ molecules H}_2}{1 \text{ molecule O}_2}$ or $\frac{2 \text{ molecules H}_2\text{O}}{1 \text{ molecule O}_2}$, etc.

3. converting from moles to amounts

Example: How many g Ag in 3.72 g Ag₂CO₃?

$$3.72 \text{ g Ag}_2\text{CO}_3 \frac{\text{mol Ag}_2\text{CO}_3}{275.8 \text{ g Ag}_2\text{CO}_3} \frac{2 \text{ mol Ag}}{\text{mol Ag}_2\text{CO}_3} \frac{107.9 \text{ g Ag}}{\text{mol Ag}} = 2.91 \text{ g Ag}$$

Example: 10.02 mL HCl is titrated with 0.1123 mol NaOH/L. The indicator changes color after addition of 42.34 mL NaOH. What is the mol HCl/L?

- Convert amount delivered from buret to moles
- Use stoichiometry of reaction: 1 HCl + 1 NaOH → 1 NaCl + 1 H₂O
- Moles/L wanted so take moles and divide by original liters.

$$\frac{42.34 \text{ mL NaOH} \frac{0.1123 \text{ mol NaOH}}{\text{L NaOH}} \frac{1 \text{ mol HCl}}{1 \text{ mol NaOH}}}{10.02 \text{ mL HCl}} = 0.4745 \text{ mol HCl/L}$$

Symbols for molarity = mol/L

In analytical chemistry we need to make a distinction between how a solution is prepared and the species that are actually in the solution. We will use M for the “analytical concentration” (the total amount, or the recipe), and [] for the actual solution species concentration. Both are read as mol/L.

For example, in 1.0 M NaCl, the [NaCl] = 0.0, [Na⁺] = 1.0, and [Cl⁻] = 1.0, and in 1.00 M H₂SO₄, [H₂SO₄] = 0.000, [HSO₄⁻] = 0.988, [SO₄⁻²] = 0.012, and [H⁺] = 1.012

