

## Experiment 1G

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### PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**MATERIALS:** 100 mL beaker (1), 50 mL beaker (1), 10 mL graduated cylinder (1), 25 mL graduated cylinder (1), 5.00 mL volumetric pipet (1), Buret (1), plastic dropper (1), small bottle with cap (2), Buret clamp (1), ring stand (1), copper shot (instructor hood), zinc metal pieces (instructor hood), brass pieces (instructor hood), 7 M hydrochloric acid dropper (instructor hood), 7 M nitric acid dropper (instructor hood)

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this experiment is to become familiar with the common types of laboratory glassware and equipment, make observations, and analyze data.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** By the end of this experiment, the student should be able to demonstrate the following proficiencies:

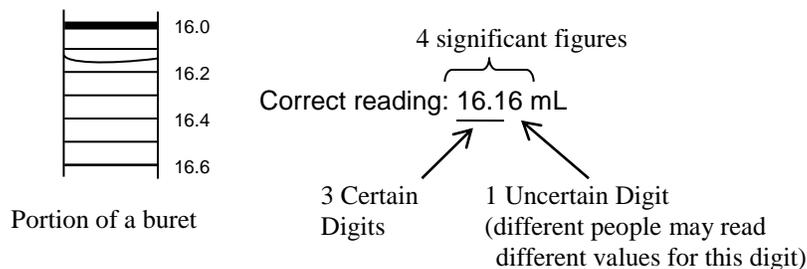
1. Understand the safety issues when working in the laboratory.
2. Know how to correctly use a buret, a pipet, and a graduated cylinder.
3. Know how to use an analytical and top-loading balance.
4. Determine the density of a liquid and a solid.
5. Construct an Excel spreadsheet and graph with trendline using laboratory data.
6. Record laboratory data and observations.

#### BACKGROUND:

*Laboratory glassware.* There are two major categories of laboratory glassware: (1) those that contain a certain volume (volumetric flasks) and (2) those that deliver a certain volume (pipets, burets, and graduated cylinders). “To Contain” glassware (sometimes labeled TC) is typically used for preparing solutions of known volume. “To Deliver” glassware (sometimes labeled TD) is used to transfer known volumes between containers. Some glassware is very carefully designed and marked for high accuracy/precision work (burets, pipets, and volumetric flasks), while other glassware is not intended for such work (beakers, Erlenmeyer flasks, and graduated cylinders).

In high accuracy/precision work, the glassware must be clean. Not only does clean glassware avoid unwanted chemical contamination, but it also assures that delivered volumes of liquids will be correct. A dirty spot on the inside wall of a buret or pipet, for example, even if the spot itself does not occupy a significant volume, can cause a droplet of water to adhere to the wall, causing an error in the recorded volume of delivered liquid (less volume delivered).

*Measuring and recording data.* The generally accepted rule for measuring volumes is to estimate one more digit beyond the digit associated with the closest spaced markings.



For measurements obtained from devices which provide digital output, such as electronic mass balances or a Spectronic 20, all digits should be recorded, including any trailing zeroes, with the understanding that the last digit is within “one” unit of the correct value.

Example readings from an analytical balance:

1.234 g (no trailing zeros)

0.0450 g (trailing zeros reported)

4.000 g (trailing zeros reported)

Appendix E (from the Plebe lab website) gives more detailed information about equipment precision, including the various types of glassware to be investigated in this experiment.

*Properties.* Any characteristic that can be used to describe or identify matter is called a *property*. Properties can be classified in a variety of ways. One common classification sorts properties as physical properties and chemical properties. *Physical* properties, like color or mass, are those which can be determined without changing the chemical makeup of the material. Weighing an object does not change it, so mass is a physical property. *Chemical* properties, on the other hand, rely on a chemical change. For example, iron reacts with oxygen to form rust. Rusting is a chemical property (and also a chemical reaction).

*Density* is a quantity that can be used to describe a sample, or even identify one from a limited set of possibilities. This property can be used for both pure materials and mixtures. Density is defined as the ratio of the mass divided by the volume. Like other properties of matter, density can be classified into two of the categories described above. You may already be able to classify density as a 'physical' or 'chemical' property. In this experiment, we will deduce whether density is an 'extensive' or 'intensive' property.

*Error Analysis.* Appendix J is a basic introduction to the kinds of measurements most often encountered in the chemistry laboratory, along with methods for assessing the reliability of these measurements. *Accuracy* and *precision* are two different terms that are used to refer to the numbers that result from measurements. *Accuracy* refers to the agreement between a measured value and the true (or accepted) value. An accurate value is one that is very close to the true or accepted value. *Precision* refers to the degree of agreement among several measurements of the same quantity. Precision reflects the reproducibility of a given measurement. Precise values are very close to other values of the same measurement. For a set of data, the average may not be very accurate (far from its true value) but the data may be very precise (very similar values, reproducible). The goal of any experiment is to be both accurate and precise.

When reporting results, two useful quantities are the average (or mean) and standard deviation of a set of data. The standard deviation represents the spread in the data

$$\text{Average} = \text{mean} = \bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \qquad \text{Standard deviation} = s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

The variable  $n$  represents the number of measurements in a data set.

A common way to compare a result to a true value ( $x_t$ ) is determine the percent error:

$$\% \text{ error} = (x_i - x_t) / x_t \times 100$$

where  $x_i$  is an experimental value, either an individual measurement or the average of a set of data. The % error can be a positive or negative value depending on whether  $x_i$  is larger or smaller than the true value ( $x_t$ ).

**PRE-LAB:** Before lab, complete the pre-lab exercises. Also read the safety agreement and sign it. Bring the safety sheet, your pre-lab, your safety goggles, your laptop and this handout with you to lab.

**PROCEDURE:**

Safety: Safety for you and your classmates is the highest priority in the laboratory. Your instructor will discuss laboratory safety and give you a tour of the laboratory. Your signed safety sheet will also be collected. You will be working with a lab partner, but both students should record the data individually.

**Part A: Making Observations in the Laboratory**

1. Brass is an alloy, composed of approximately 30% zinc metal and 70% copper metal. You will observe reactions of the constituent metals with strong acids.
2. Your instructor will perform these demonstrations in the hood but you must also wear your goggles. Observe the reactions of copper with 7 M nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ) and copper with 7 M hydrochloric acid (HCl); then zinc with 7 M nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ), and zinc with 7 M hydrochloric acid (HCl).
3. Record your observations on page 1G-5. Answer the in-lab questions.
4. Your instructor will perform these additional demonstrations in the hood. Observe the reaction of brass with 7 M nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ) and brass with 7 M hydrochloric acid (HCl). Record your observations.

**Part B: Determination of the Density of a Sample Solution**

**Group A: Using a Graduated Cylinder**

1. With a clean 100 mL beaker, obtain about 40 mL of the prepared sample solution from the labeled container in the room.
2. Using a top-loading balance, determine the mass of a small bottle with its cap (don't forget to tare the balance first). It is not necessary that the bottle is completely dry on the inside as long as it is capped. The bottle must be dry on the outside.
3. Using the 10 mL graduated cylinder, measure about 5.0 mL of the solution and transfer it to the bottle. Record your actual volume with the correct number of significant figures on page 1G-6.
4. Weigh the capped bottle on a top-loading balance and record the mass.
5. Repeat steps 3-4 for four additional about 5.0 mL volumes. **DO NOT** empty the bottle between each addition. It's only important that you know the volume of solution added from the graduated cylinder and its corresponding mass.
6. When you are done, clean all the glassware.

**Group B: Using a Pipet**

1. With a clean 100 mL beaker, obtain about 40 mL of the prepared sample solution from the labeled container in the room.
2. Using a top-loading balance, determine the mass of a small bottle with its cap (don't forget to tare the balance first). It is not necessary that the bottle is completely dry on the inside as long as it is capped. The bottle must be dry on the outside.
3. Using the 5.00 mL pipet, transfer a 5.00 mL sample of the solution to the bottle.
4. Weigh the capped bottle on a top-loading balance and record the mass.
5. Repeat steps 3-4 for four more 5.00 mL volumes. **DO NOT** empty the bottle between each addition. It's only important that you know the volume of solution added from the pipet and its corresponding mass.
6. When you are done, clean all the glassware.

**Group C: Using a Buret**

1. With a clean 100 mL beaker, obtain about 40 mL of the prepared sample solution from the labeled container in the room.
2. Using a top-loading balance, determine the mass of a small bottle with its cap (don't forget to tare the balance first). It is not necessary that the bottle is completely dry on the inside as long as it is capped. The bottle must be dry on the outside.
3. Pour the measured solution into the buret and make sure there are no air bubbles in the buret tip.

4. Record the initial buret reading with units and the correct number of significant figures. Buret volumes should be read to the hundredths place in volume (for example, 1.26 mL).
5. From the buret, add about 5 mL of the solution to the bottle. **DO NOT** empty the bottle between each addition. It's only important that you know the volume of solution added from the buret and its corresponding mass.
6. Record the final buret reading.
7. Weigh the capped bottle on a top-loading balance and record the mass.
8. Repeat steps 5-7 for four more different volumes. The bottle does not need to be emptied between each addition. It's only important that you know the volume of solution added from the buret and its corresponding mass. The buret does not need to be refilled (unless necessary).
9. When you are done, clean all the glassware.

### **Part C: Determination of the Density of a Metal**

#### **Density of Zinc and Copper**

1. Using the equipment available in your hood and the dry metal pieces, design an experiment for measuring the density of your assigned metal.
2. Have your instructor initial your proposed procedure and assign your group a metal. Carry out your described measurements three times. Record your data with appropriate units and to the appropriate number of significant figures in the Data Section.

#### **Clean-up:**

Rinse all glassware with deionized water and return them to your lab bench area (hood). Organize your lab bench area. Clean up any spills. At the end of any lab experiment, wash your hands to remove traces of chemicals.

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**DATA SHEET:** Report all values with units and the proper number of significant figures.

**Part A: Making Observations in the Laboratory**

	Observations – describe what happened	Did a chemical reaction occur?
1. Cu and HNO <sub>3</sub>		
2. Cu and HCl		
3. Zn and HNO <sub>3</sub>		
4. Zn and HCl		

**In-lab Question 1.** Are zinc and copper elements, compounds or mixtures?

**In-lab Question 2.** Make a simple sketch of the particles present at the atomic level in zinc and copper.

Zinc:

Copper:

**In-lab Question 3.** Brass is an *alloy* of zinc and copper. Is brass an element, a compound or a mixture?

**In-lab Question 4.** Make a simple sketch of the particles present at the atomic level in brass.

Brass:

**In-lab Question 5.** Predict what will happen when brass is treated with 7M HNO<sub>3</sub> and when it is treated with 7M HCl.

HNO <sub>3</sub> prediction	HCl prediction

	Observations – describe what happened	Did a chemical reaction occur?
1. Brass and HNO <sub>3</sub>		
2. Brass and HCl		

**Part B: Determination of the Density of a Solution**

**Group A: Using a Graduated Cylinder**

Solution sample	Volume of Solution added to bottle (mL)	Mass of bottle and solution (g)
0	-----	
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

**Group B: Using a Pipet**

Solution sample	Volume of Solution added to bottle (mL)	Mass of bottle and solution (g)
0	-----	
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

**Group C: Using a Buret**

Solution sample	Initial Buret Reading (mL)	Final Buret Reading (mL)	Mass of bottle and solution (g)
0	-----	-----	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

**Part C: Determining the Density of a Metal**

1. Design an experiment for measuring the density of a metal. Write enough detail so that someone else could follow your procedure.

Instructor's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned Metal \_\_\_\_\_

**DATA**

## DATA ANALYSIS AND QUESTIONS

### Part B: Determination of the Density of a Solution

- Using your data, complete the following tables and determine the density of the solution. Show one sample calculation here.

#### Graduated Cylinder

Solution sample	Volume of solution added to vial (mL)	Total Volume of solution in vial (mL)	Mass of vial and solution (g)	Mass of solution (g)	Density (g/mL)
0					
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

#### Pipet

Solution sample	Volume of solution added to vial (mL)	Total Volume of solution in vial (mL)	Mass of vial and solution (g)	Mass of solution (g)	Density (g/mL)
0					
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

#### Buret

Solution sample	Initial Reading (mL)	Final Reading (mL)	Volume of solution added to vial (mL)	Total Volume of solution in vial (mL)	Mass of vial and solution (g)	Mass of solution (g)	Density (g/mL)
0							
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

2. Determine the average density of the sample solution for each of the three methods. Show your work here.

Graduated cylinder: \_\_\_\_\_

Pipet: \_\_\_\_\_

Buret: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Using Excel to determine the density.**

- a. Enter your experimental data into Excel and add columns corresponding to the tables above. Use the program to calculate values. For help, see the Excel tutorial on the Plebe Chemistry website. <https://www.usna.edu/ChemDept/files/documents/excel-tutor/Excel%202016%20Tutorial.pdf>
- b. Calculate the average density for each method and calculate the standard deviation for your densities.
- c. Create a graph of total mass vs. total volume added. Unless directed otherwise, graphs for this course are Scatter charts and the independent variable is shown on the x-axis. For this experiment, total volume added is the independent variable.
- d. Add a trendline to your graph. Select the box to display the equation.
- e. The equation is in the form of the equation of a line:  $y = mx + b$ , where  $m = \text{slope}$  and  $b = y\text{-intercept}$ .
  - i. Slope is rise over run. Since the numbers on your graph have units, slope will also have units.  
What are the units for your slope? \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. What physical property does the slope represent? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. For your trendline, select the box to display the  $R^2$  value. This value helps to evaluate how close your data points are to the trendline, with a perfect line having an  $R^2$  value of 1.00000.

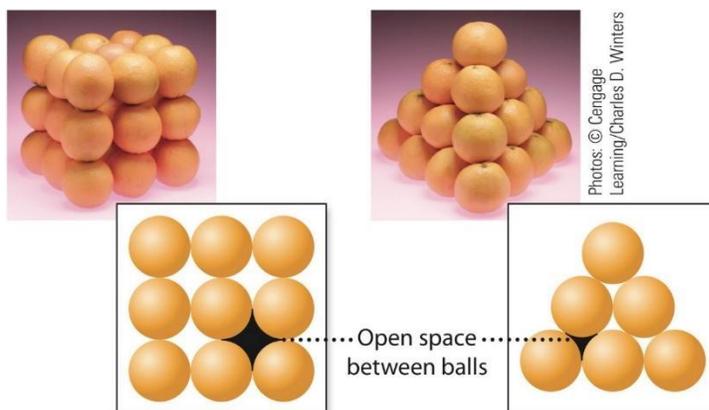
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1. Calculate the density of your assigned metal from your experimental values. Show your work here.

- The accepted value for the density of copper is  $8.960 \text{ g/cm}^3$  at 293K and the accepted value for the density of zinc is  $7.133 \text{ g/cm}^3$  at 293K. Determine the % error in comparison to your experimentally determined value.

**Approximate Volume and radius of zinc and copper atoms.**

- From the mass of your sample and the atomic mass of your metal, determine the number of atoms of your metal in a  $1.00 \text{ cm}^3$  sample. Use the accepted values given above for the density of your metal.
- Assuming that atoms are spherical, we can visualize them as packing in different possible arrangements. Two examples of these possible packings are shown below. Examining these two possibilities, which one is more efficient, that is, which one has less empty space between the spheres?
- Both zinc and copper pack in ways closer to the picture on the right. It is known that 74% of the available space is taken up by atoms and 26% is empty space between the atoms. For  $1.00 \text{ cm}^3$ , calculate the volume of the atoms.





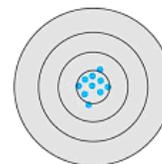
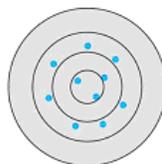
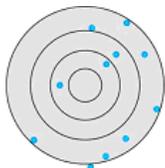
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PRE-LAB EXERCISES

Complete this page prior to attending lab.

1. Based on the targets, which would be considered *inaccurate* but *precise*? Circle your choice.



2. Given the following 3 values:      2.5      3.3      4.2

a. Determine the average (or mean).

Average = \_\_\_\_\_

b. Determine the standard deviation.

Standard Deviation = \_\_\_\_\_

3. Read the volume in this buret and report it with the correct number of significant figures. →

Buret volume = \_\_\_\_\_ mL



4. What is Archimedes' Principle? Search the web.

5. To the right is a picture of a volumetric flask. →

Is it a TC (to contain) or TD (to deliver) piece of glassware?      TC      TD



6. Review the concept of significant figures in your textbook.

a. How many significant figures do the following numbers contain?

0.0129 has \_\_\_\_\_ significant figures.

2.0100 has \_\_\_\_\_ significant figures.

b. Report these numbers to 3 significant figures.

2.996 → \_\_\_\_\_

8000 → \_\_\_\_\_

c. Perform this operation and report the answer with the proper number of significant figures.

$1.05 \div 12.00 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

7. Circle the chemical property.

Mass

Flammability

Color

## CHEMISTRY LABORATORY SAFETY AGREEMENT

Before working in the chemistry laboratory, read carefully the safety precautions and techniques for handling chemicals described in <http://www.usna.edu/ChemDept/files/documents/manual/SAFETY.pdf>. **Give this agreement, signed and dated, to your laboratory instructor on the first day of lab.**

When you are in the laboratory, THINK about what you are doing at all times.

1. Always wear approved chemical splash goggles and lab aprons in the laboratory.
2. Do not attempt any unauthorized experiments. Follow directions carefully.
3. Know the location and operation of safety equipment.
4. Bring only necessary materials into lab. Book bags, jackets, covers, etc., are to be left in the hallway.
5. Never work alone in the laboratory.
6. Never eat or drink in the laboratory. Do not bring water bottles into the laboratory.
7. Use the fume hood for experiments. Keep lab stools at the tables, NOT by the hoods.
8. Keep your work area uncluttered. Clean up your area before leaving lab. Lower the hood sashes.
9. Use only equipment that is in good condition.
10. Dispose of waste and excess materials according to your laboratory instructor's directions.
11. No horseplay in the laboratory.
12. Do not sit or lean on laboratory work surfaces.
13. Handle chemicals with caution.
  - (a) Read labels carefully.
  - (b) Use only the amount required.
  - (c) Leave reagent containers in their proper places.
  - (d) Clean up all spills immediately.
  - (e) Label all chemical containers.
14. Thoroughly wash your hands any time you leave the laboratory.
15. Immediately report all accidents and physical/chemical injuries, no matter how minor, to your laboratory instructor. Be ready to take immediate action as needed to assist any injured classmate.
16. Do not leave the laboratory without your instructor's approval.

I have carefully read all the safety precautions on the pages at the website above and recognize that it is my responsibility to observe them throughout my chemistry course.

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Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

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