

## Activity: Density of an Irregular Object

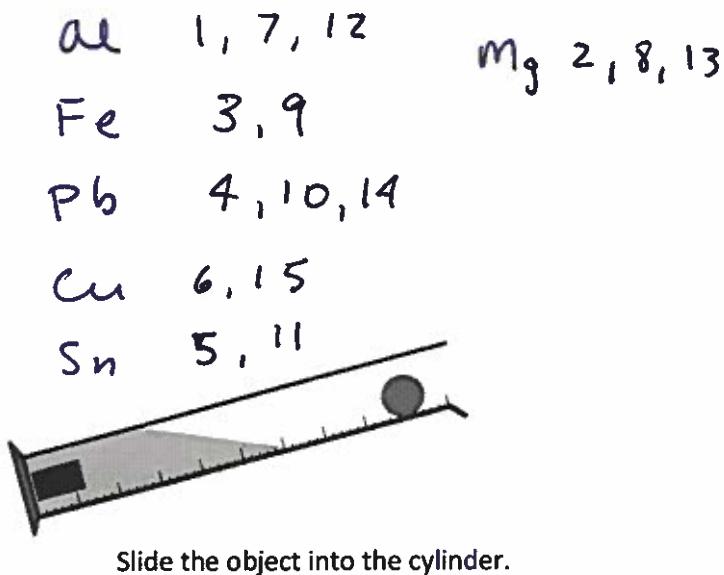
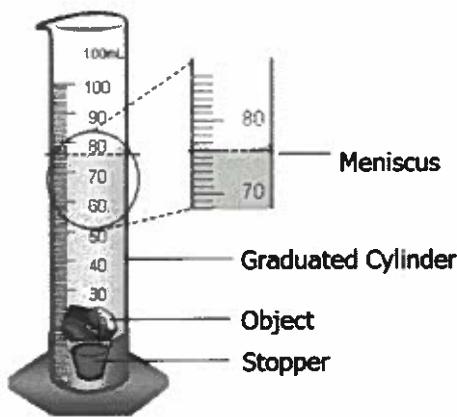
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Due: Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> all groups

Purpose: To find the density of an object using the water displacement method, and use that data to help identify the substance of the object.

Materials: small irregular object  
balance, graduated cylinder  
rubber stopper.

Diagram:



Slide the object into the cylinder.

What to do?

- Find the mass of the object.
- Find the volume of the object using the graduated cylinder.
- Record your data including the uncertainty of the equipment.
- Calculate the density & identify the metal using the posted list.

Data: Station # 13

Description of metal (Colour(s), size, shape)

Colour: light silver, dark grey discolouration. long rectangular prism  
very light (mass)

Mass ( $m$ ) of the object: 19.9  $\pm 0.1$  g

Initial volume ( $V_i$ ) of water: 84.0  $\pm 0.5$  mL

Final apparent volume ( $V_f$ ): 95.3  $\pm 0.5$  mL

Depends on the graduated cylinder used!

Density Calculations:

Volume

$$\Delta V = V_f - V_i$$

$$\Delta V = (V_f - V_i)_{\text{mL}} \pm (\delta V_f + \delta V_i)_{\text{mL}}$$

$$= (95.3 - 84.0)_{\text{mL}} \pm (0.5 + 0.5)_{\text{mL}} \quad ①$$

$$\Delta V = (11.3 \pm 1.0)_{\text{mL}}$$

$$P = \frac{m}{\Delta V}$$

$$= \frac{19.9}{11.3} \quad ①$$

$$P = 1.761062 \text{ g/mL}$$

$$\delta P = \left( \frac{\delta m}{m} + \frac{\delta \Delta V}{\Delta V} \right) P$$

$$= \left( \frac{0.1}{19.9} + \frac{1.0}{11.3} \right) 1.761062$$

$$= 0.164696$$

$$\delta P = 0.2$$

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Final answer (1.8  $\pm 0.2$ ) g/mL

Metal magnesium

Practicing using numbers with uncertainties. You must show your formulas and work for full marks.

Use the following numbers with uncertainties to do the following operations.

$$A = 38.75 \pm 0.08 \quad B = 548.25 \pm 0.02 \quad C = 82.85 \pm 0.01 \quad D = 115.71 \pm 0.05$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1. A+B-C &= (A+B-C) \pm (\delta A + \delta B + \delta C) \\ &= (38.75 + 548.25 - 82.85) \pm (0.08 + 0.02 + 0.01) \\ &= 504.15 \pm 0.11 \end{aligned}$$

$$A+B-C = 504.15 \pm 0.11$$

$$504.2 \pm 0.1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \frac{AB}{C} &= \frac{(38.75)(548.25)}{82.85} \\ &= 256.424 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \frac{AB}{C} &= \left( \frac{\delta A}{A} + \frac{\delta B}{B} + \frac{\delta C}{C} \right) \frac{AB}{C} \\ &= \left( \frac{0.08}{38.75} + \frac{0.02}{548.25} + \frac{0.01}{82.85} \right) 256.424 \\ &= 0.569695 \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta \frac{AB}{C} = 0.6$$

$$256.4 \pm 0.6$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \frac{D-B}{C-A} &\leftarrow (D-B) \pm (\delta D + \delta B) = (115.71 - 548.25) \pm (0.05 + 0.02) \\ &= -432.54 \pm 0.07 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D-B}{C-A} &= \frac{-432.54}{44.10} = -9.80816 \\ &\leftarrow (C-A) \pm (\delta C + \delta A) = (82.85 - 38.75) \pm (0.01 + 0.08) \\ &= 44.10 \pm 0.09 \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta \left( \frac{D-B}{C-A} \right) = \left( \frac{\delta(D-B)}{D-B} + \frac{\delta(C-A)}{C-A} \right) \frac{D-B}{C-A}$$

$$\delta \left( \frac{D-B}{C-A} \right) = \left( \frac{0.07}{-432.54} + \frac{0.09}{44.10} \right) -9.80816$$

$$-9.81 \pm 0.02$$

$$4. \frac{B+D}{A^2}$$

$$B+D \pm (\delta B + \delta D) = (548.25 + 115.71) \pm (0.02 + 0.05) = 663.96 \pm 0.07$$

$$\frac{B+D}{A^2} = \frac{B+D}{A \cdot A} = \frac{663.96}{(38.75)(38.75)} = 0.442179$$

$$0.442 \pm 0.002$$

$$\delta \left( \frac{B+D}{A^2} \right) = \left( \frac{\delta(B+D)}{B+D} + \frac{\delta A}{A} + \frac{\delta A}{A} \right) \frac{B+D}{A^2}$$

$$(4.42 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-1}$$

$$\delta \left( \frac{B+D}{A^2} \right) = \left( \frac{0.07}{663.96} + \frac{0.08}{38.75} + \frac{0.08}{38.75} \right) 0.442179$$