

**Lab 1.1: Density: A Characteristic Property**

**Purpose:** To identify an unknown solid, using density, and to arrive at a better understanding of mass versus volume graphs.

**Part 1****Procedure:**

1. Press the tare button on your balance, and find the mass of your unknown metal. Make sure your balance is measuring **grams(g)** and not ounces(oz).
2. Record the mass in the data table at the bottom of the page.
3. Pour approximately 17.0 ml of water into a graduated cylinder. Make sure you're reading the right scale, with "zero" at the bottom of the cylinder. **Record the exact volume of water used.**
4. Tilt the cylinder slightly, and not to cause splashing and not to break the glass, **gently** slide the metal block into the water.
5. Record the new volume in  $\text{ml} = \text{cm}^3$  in the data table at the bottom of the page.
6. Empty the cylinder, *dry the block with a paper towel*, and repeat steps 1→5.

**Data:**

TRIAL	Mass(g)	Original Volume of Water(ml)	Volume of Water + Sample(mL)
1			
2			

**Analysis of Data:**

1. a. Find the volume of the sample from steps 3 and 5 by subtracting. Do it for each trial (see table below).

TRIAL	Volume of unknown (subtract volumes from data table) (mL)
1	
2	
average	

b. Find the average of the two volumes and enter it in the table above.

c. Calculate the average mass. (see data table on previous page)

Average mass(g)	
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d. Calculate the density using the average mass and average volume.

Density of unknown(include units)	
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e. Use the table to come to a conclusion. Which metal was in your block?

**Conclusion:** My unknown given to me was #\_\_\_\_\_ and it was the element  
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Possible Element	Possible Unknown Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
lithium	0.53
aluminum	2.7
titanium	4.0
tin	7.3
iron	7.9
copper	9.0
rhodium	12.4

**Part 2**            **Procedure**

1. Place an empty graduated cylinder on a balance and press the *tare* button.
2. Pour exactly 5.0 mL of liquid into the cylinder, and record its mass in the data table below.
3. Pour another 5.0 mL for a total of 10.0 mL liquid into the cylinder, and record its mass in the data table below.
4. Pour another 5.0 mL for a total of 15.0 mL liquid into the cylinder, and record its mass in the data table below.
5. Pour another 5.0 mL for a total of 20.0 mL liquid into the cylinder, and record its mass in the data table below.
6. Finally pour another 5.0 mL for a total of 25.0 mL liquid into the cylinder, and record its mass in the data table below. Also record the temperature of the water.

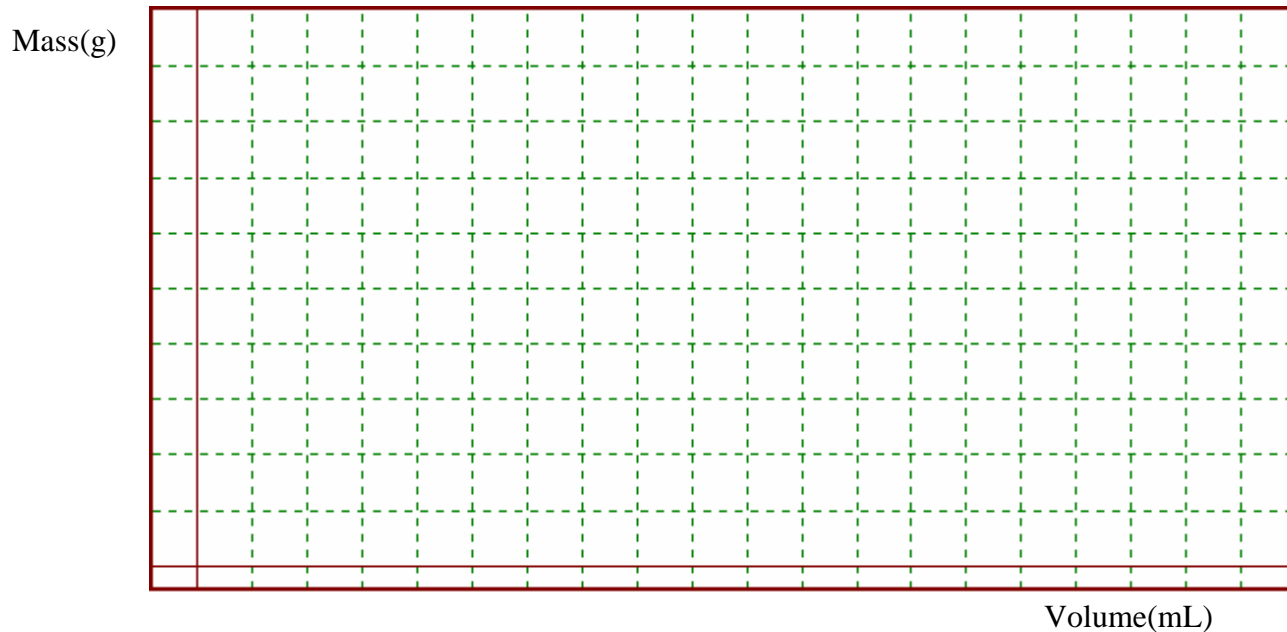
**Data:**

**Temperature = \_\_\_\_\_**

STEP	Volume(mL)	Mass(g)
2	5.0	
3	10.0	
4	15.0	
5	20.0	
6	25.0	

**Analysis:**

1. Using volume as  $x$  and mass as  $y$ , graph the 5 points from the data table.



2. Calculate the slope (rate of change) for this graph.

Slope =

3. What characteristic property is represented by the slope? \_\_\_\_\_

4. If a liquid had a density of 0.6 g/ml, what would its slope on the graph be? \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** Does the density of a liquid depend on the amount measured? \_\_\_\_\_

There was one measurement you recorded which will affect density; it is \_\_\_\_\_