

PHYSICS 1030

Homework #1

(Due Sept. 6, 2016)

1. If it takes four men four hours to build a wall, then how long would it take six men to build the same wall?

2. (Serway 1-3) An automobile company displays a die-cast model of its first automobile, made from 9.35 kg of iron. To celebrate its hundredth year in business, a worker will recast the model in solid gold from the original dies. What mass of gold is needed to make the new model?

3. (Serway 1-6) What mass of a material with density ρ is required to make a hollow spherical shell having inner radius r_1 and outer radius r_2 ?

4. True story: I was in Iceland in 2013 to attend the annual World Esperanto Congress, and noticed that the price of gasoline at the local Nesti station in Reykjavík was posted as 252.9 Icelandic krónur (kr.) per liter. I wondered what the price was in U.S. dollars per gallon. I could not remember the conversion factor between liters and gallons, but I *could* remember the following facts:

- The exchange rate: 1 kr. = 0.825764¢.
- 1 gallon = 231 cubic inches.
- 1 inch = 2.54 cm.
- 1 cm³ = 1 milliliter.
- \$1 = 100¢.

Using *only* these facts, convert 252.9 kr./liter to find the price of gas in Iceland in dollars per gallon. Compute your answer to the nearest penny per gallon. (*Do not* look up the liters-to-gallons conversion factor to work this problem.)

5. Estimate the number of teaspoons of water in the Chesapeake Bay. The Bay has an area of 4479 square miles, and an average depth of 7.7 fathoms. (Refer to Appendix J of the class notes for appropriate conversions factors.)

6. (Serway 1-18) Suppose your hair grows at the rate of $1/32$ inch per day. Find the rate at which it grows in nanometers per second. Because the distance between atoms in a molecule is on the order of 0.1 nm, your answer suggests how rapidly layers of atoms are assembled in this protein synthesis.

7. The nearest star to the Earth is the red dwarf star Proxima Centauri, at a distance of 4.218 light-years. Convert this distance to barleycorns. (1 barleycorn = $1/3$ inch.)