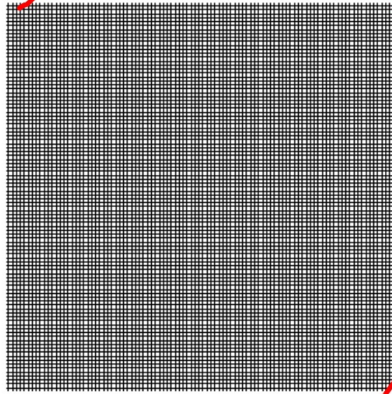


Converting Square Units and Cubic Units

Ex 1) Convert 1 sq m into sq cm

$$1 \text{ m}^2 = \left( \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^2 = \text{---} \text{ cm}^2$$

100cm  
1m



1m  
100cm

$$1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m} = 1 \text{ m}^2$$

$$100 \text{ cm} \times 100 \text{ cm} = 10000 \text{ cm}^2$$

100

Ex 2 Convert 1 m<sup>3</sup> into cm<sup>3</sup>

$$1 \text{ m}^3 = \left( \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^3 = \text{---} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$1 \text{ m}^3 = \left( \frac{10^6 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^3 = 1,000,000 \text{ cm}^3$$

What happens to the conversion factor as you square or cube the units?

Practice

P1) Convert 1,000,000 mm<sup>2</sup> into km<sup>2</sup>

$$1 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^2 \cdot \left( \frac{10^{-6} \text{ km}}{1 \text{ m}} \right)^2 = \frac{1 \times 10^{-6}}{\text{km}^2}$$

P2) Convert 520 Tm<sup>3</sup> into Mm<sup>3</sup>

$$5.2 \times 10^2 \text{ Tm}^3 \cdot \left( \frac{10^6 \text{ Mm}}{1 \text{ Tm}} \right)^3 = 5.2 \times 10^{20} \text{ Mm}^3$$

P3) Convert 10 sq mi into sq ft

$$10 \text{ mi}^2 \cdot \left( \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} \right)^2 = \frac{278,784,000}{\text{ft}^2}$$

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Liquid conversion 1 L = 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> = 1000cc

Convert 600 L into cubic meters

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Practical problem -

Phil Erup has a rectangular water tank that is 10m x 10m x 8m, and his garden hose flows at a rate of 250 L/min. If Phil's tank is completely empty when he starts pumping water how long does Phil have before the tank starts to overflow. Round your answer to the nearest minute.

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$$\frac{250L}{\text{min}} \cdot \frac{1000\text{cm}^3}{1L} = \frac{250,000\text{cm}^3}{\text{min}} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^5 \text{cm}^3}{\text{min}}$$

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$$\frac{2.5 \times 10^5 \text{cm}^3}{\text{min}} \cdot \frac{10^{-6} \text{m}^3}{\text{cm}^3} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^{-1} \text{m}^3}{\text{min}} = \frac{.25\text{m}^3}{\text{min}}$$

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$$\frac{800\text{m}^3}{.25\text{m}^3 / \text{min}} = 3200 \text{ min } \text{ or } 53\text{hr } 20 \text{ min}$$

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Conversion website

[http://www.taylormade.com.au/billspages/conversion\\_table.html](http://www.taylormade.com.au/billspages/conversion_table.html)

First two weeks of Physics website

<http://teachingphysics.wordpress.com/2008/07/25/the-first-two-weeks-of-physics-class/>

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$$7.34 \times 10^{15} \text{ pg} \cdot \frac{10^{-12} \text{ g}}{\text{pg}} = 10^3$$

$\frac{10^0}{10^{-12}}$

$$\frac{114 \text{ mi}}{\text{hr}} \cdot \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ sec}} = 167.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$$

50.95

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$$\frac{114 \text{ mi}}{\text{hr}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ sec}} \cdot \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ ft}}$$

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$$\frac{50.95 \text{ m}}{\text{sec}} \cdot \frac{3600 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ hr}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}}$$

$$183.42 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$$

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$$1.08 \times 10^{24} \frac{\text{pm}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$3.0 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}} \cdot \frac{10^{-9} \text{ km}}{1 \text{ m}} = 3.0 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$3.0 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}} \cdot \frac{10^{12} \text{ pm}}{1 \text{ m}} \cdot \frac{3600 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ hr}} =$$