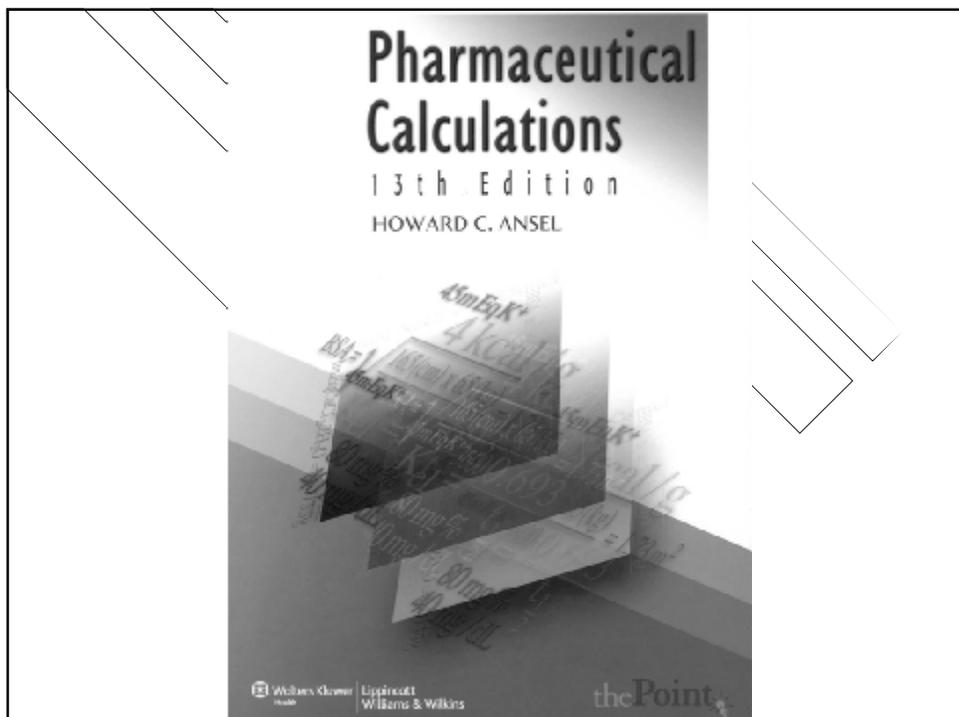


Fundamentals of Pharmaceutical Calculations

藥學計算的基礎



Scope of Pharmaceutical Calculations

The use of calculations in pharmacy is varied and broad-based. It encompasses calculations performed by pharmacists in traditional as well as in specialized practice settings and within operational and research areas in industry, academia, and government. In the broad context, the scope of pharmaceutical calculations includes computations related to:

- chemical and physical properties of drug substances and pharmaceutical ingredients;
- biological activity and rates of drug absorption, bodily distribution, metabolism and excretion (pharmacokinetics);
- statistical data from basic research and clinical drug studies;
- pharmaceutical product development and formulation;
- prescriptions and medication orders including drug dosage, dosage regimens, and patient compliance;
- pharmacoeconomics; and other areas.

Step-wise Approach pharmaceutical calculations

Step 1. Take the time necessary to carefully read and thoughtfully consider the problem *prior to* engaging in computations. An understanding of the purpose or goal of the problem and the types of calculations that are required will provide the needed direction and confidence.

Step 2. Estimate the dimension of the answer in both quantity and units of measure (e.g., milligrams) to satisfy the requirements of the problem. A section in Chapter 1 provides techniques for *estimation*.

Step 3. Perform the necessary calculations using the appropriate method both for efficiency and understanding. For some, this might require a step-wise approach whereas others may be capable of combining several arithmetic steps into one. Mathematical equations should be used only after the underlying principles of the equation are understood.

Step 4. Before assuming that an answer is correct, the problem should be read again and all calculations checked. In pharmacy practice, pharmacists are encouraged to have a professional colleague check all calculations prior to completing and dispensing a prescription or medication order. Further, if the process involves components to be weighed or measured, these procedures should be double-checked as well.

Step 5. Consider the *reasonableness* of the answer in terms of the numerical value, including the proper position of a decimal point, and the units of measure.

Objectives

- 分數，小數，百分比換算及計算應用
- 利用指數計算
- 應用比率及百分比方法解決問題
- 應用維分析(**dimensional analysis**)方法解題
- 理解有效數字

NUMBERS(數) AND NUMERALS(數字)

- A number is a total quantity, or amount, of units.
- A numeral is a word or sign, or a group of words or signs, expressing a number.
- For example, 3, 6, and 48 are Arabic numerals expressing numbers that are, respectively, 3 times, 6 times, and 48 times the unit.

NUMBERS(數) AND NUMERALS(數字)

- There are many symbols used in mathematics and science that provide instructions for a specific calculation or that indicate relative value.
- Some of the common symbols of arithmetic are presented in Table 1.1.

TABLE 1.1 SOME ARITHMETIC SYMBOLS USED IN PHARMACY²

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x ²	x squared
x ³	x cubed

^a Table adapted from *Barron's Mathematics Study Dictionary* by Frank Tapson with the permission of the author. Many other symbols (either letters or signs) are used in pharmacy, as in the metric and apothecaries' systems of weights and measures, in statistics, in pharmacokinetics, in prescription writing, in physical pharmacy, and in other areas. Many of these symbols are included and defined elsewhere in this text.

KINDS OF NUMBERS

- In arithmetic, the science of calculating with positive, real numbers,
- a number is usually
 - 1) a natural or whole number, or integer, such as 549;
 - 2) a fraction, or subdivision of a whole number, such as $\frac{4}{7}$.
 - 3) a mixed number, consisting of a whole number plus a fraction, such as $3\frac{7}{8}$.

- A number such as 4, 8, or 12, taken by itself, without application to anything concrete, is called an abstract or pure number (抽象數或虛數).
 - merely designates how many times the unit 1 is contained in it, without implying that anything else is being counted or measured.
- An abstract number may be added to, subtracted from, multiplied by, or divided by any other abstract number.

- A number that designates a quantity of objects or units of measure, such as 4 grams, 8 milliliters, or 12 ounces, is called a *concrete or denominate number* (具體數或單位數).
 - designates the total quantity of whatever has been measured.
 - may be added to or subtracted from any other number of the same denomination,
 - may be multiplied or divided only by a pure number.

- The result of any of these operations is always a number of the same denomination.
- Examples:
 - Ø $10 \text{ grams} + 5 \text{ grams} = 15 \text{ grams}$
 - Ø $10.0 \text{ milliliters} - 5 \text{ milliliters} = 5 \text{ milliliters}$
 - Ø $300 \text{ milligrams} \times 2 = 600 \text{ milligrams}$
 - Ø $12 \text{ ounces} \div 3 = 4 \text{ ounces}$

- When we apparently multiply or divide a denominate number by a number of different denomination, we are in fact using the multiplier or divisor as an abstract number.
 - for example, 1 ounce costs 5 € (美分) and we want to find the cost of 12 ounces, we do not multiply .5 € by 12 ounces, but by the abstract number 12.

ARABIC NUMERALS

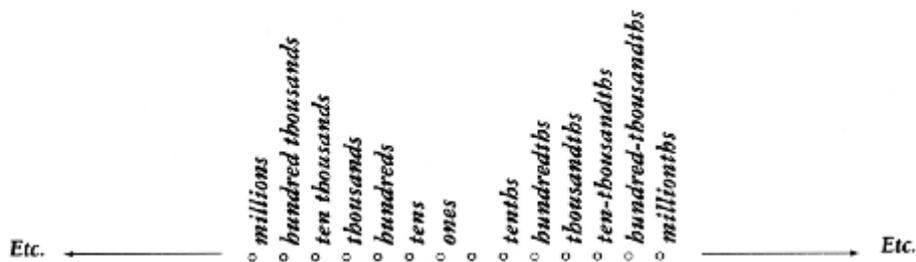
- is properly called a decimal system.
- With only 10 figures—a zero and nine digits (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)
- different values are assigned to the digits according to the place they occupy in a row.
- The central place in the row is usually identified by a sign placed to its right called the decimal point.

ARABIC NUMERALS

- Any digit occupying this place expresses its own value—in other words, a certain number of ones.
- The former value of a digit is increased 10-fold each time it moves one place to the left, and, conversely, its value is one-tenth of its preceding value each time it moves one place to the right.

- These 10 figures:
 - serve all our needs in dealing with positive integers,
 - are adequate for expressing fractions, negative numbers, and irrational (無理) and imaginary numbers (虚数).

Scheme of the decimal system:



- The total value of any number expressed in the Arabic (decimal) system is the sum of the values of its digits as determined by their position.
- Example: 5,083.623 means:
 - 5,000.000 or 5 thousands
 - + 000.000 plus 0 hundreds
 - + 080.000 plus 8 tens
 - + 003.000 plus 3 ones
 - + 000.600 plus 6 tenths
 - + 000.020 plus 2 hundredths
 - + 000.003 plus 3 thousandths

ROMAN NUMERALS

- The Roman system of notation expresses a fairly large range of numbers by the use of a few letters of the alphabet in a simple "positional" notation indicating adding to or subtracting from a succession of bases extending from 1 through 5, 10, 50, 100, and 500 to 1000.
- Roman numerals merely record quantities: they are of no use in computation.

- To express quantities in the Roman system, eight letters of fixed values are used:

ss	=	$\frac{1}{2}$
I or i	=	1
V or v	=	5
X or x	=	10
L or l	=	50
C or c	=	100
D or d	=	500
M or m	=	1000

- Other quantities are expressed by combining these letters by the general rule
 - when the second of two letters has a value equal to or smaller than that of the first, their values are to be added;
 - when the second has a value greater than that of the first, the smaller is to be subtracted from the larger.

Rule 1. Two or more letters express a quantity that is the sum of their values if they are successively equal or smaller in value:

ii	=	2	xv	=	15	lxxvii	=	77	dv	=	505	mc	=	1100
iii	=	3	xx	=	20	lxxxvi i	=	88	dx	=	510	md	=	1500
vi	=	6	xxii	=	22	ci	=	101	dl	=	550	mdclxvi	=	1666
vii	=	7	xxxiii	=	33	cv	=	105	dc	=	600	mdcclxx vi	=	1776
viii	=	8	li	=	51	cx	=	110	mi	=	1001	mm	=	2000
xi	=	11	lv	=	55	cl	=	150	mv	=	1005	mmv	=	2005
xii	=	12	lx	=	60	cc	=	200	mx	=	1010			
xiii	=	13	lxvi	=	66	di	=	501	ml	=	1050			

Rule 2. Two or more letters express a quantity that is the sum of the values remaining after the value of each smaller letter has been subtracted from that of a following greater letter:

- dates are customarily expressed in capitals.
- Roman numerals are used in pharmacy only occasionally on prescriptions:
 - to designate the number of dosage units prescribed (e.g., capsules no. C),
 - to indicate the quantity of medication to be administered (e.g., teaspoonfuls ii),
 - the common or apothecaries' systems of measurement are used (e.g., grains iv)

iv	=	4	xxiv	=	24	xliv	=	44	cdi	=	401	cm	=	900
ix	=	9	xxxix x	=	39	xc	=	90	cdxi	=	440	cmxcix	=	999
xiv	=	14	xl	=	40	xcix	=	99	cdxiiv	=	444	MCDXCII	=	1492
xix	=	19	xli	=	41	cd	=	400	cdxc	=	490	MMIV	=	2004

Examples:

ii = 2	xxx = 30
iii = 3	xiii = 13
iv = 4	xiv = 14
vi = 6	xviii = 18
vii = 7	xix = 19
ix = 9	ci = 101
cxi = 111	lxxxviii = 88
dl = 550	xciv = 94
mv = 1005	cdxlv = 444
cd = 400	cdxc = 490
mc = 1100	cmxcix = 999
cm = 900	MCDXCI = 1492

COMMON AND DECIMAL FRACTIONS

- The arithmetic of pharmacy requires facility in the handling of common fractions and decimal fractions.
- The following brief review of certain principles and rules should be helpful,
- The practice problems should provide a means of gaining accuracy and speed in their manipulation.

Common Fractions

- A number in the form $1/8$, $3/16$.
- Its denominator, or second or lower figure, always indicates the number of aliquot parts into which 1 is divided;
- its numerator, or first or upper figure, specifies the number of those parts with which we are concerned.
- The value of a fraction is the quotient (i.e., the result of dividing one number by another) when its numerator is divided by its denominator.
 - If the numerator is smaller than the denominator, the fraction is called proper, and its value is less than 1.
 - If the numerator and denominator are alike, its value is 1.
 - If the numerator is larger than the denominator, the fraction is called improper, and its value is greater than 1.

- Two principles must be understood by anyone attempting to calculate with common fractions.
 1. multiplying the numerator increases the value of a fraction, and multiplying the denominator decreases the value, but when both numerator and denominator are multiplied by the same number, the value does not change.

$$\frac{2}{7} = \frac{3 \times 2}{3 \times 7} = \frac{6}{21}$$

- allows us to reduce two or more fractions to a common denominator when necessary.
- We usually want the lowest common denominator, which is the smallest number divisible by all the other given denominators.
- **Example: Reduce the fractions $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{4}{5}$, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to a common denominator.**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{3}{4} = \frac{15 \times 3}{15 \times 4} = \frac{45}{60} \\ \frac{4}{5} = \frac{12 \times 4}{12 \times 5} = \frac{48}{60} \\ \frac{1}{3} = \frac{20 \times 1}{20 \times 3} = \frac{20}{60} \end{array} \right\} \text{answers}$$

2. dividing the numerator decreases the value of a fraction, and dividing the denominator increases the value, but *when both numerator and denominator are divided by the same number, the value does not change.*

$$\frac{6}{21} = \frac{6 \div 3}{21 \div 3} = \frac{2}{7}$$

- allows us to reduce an unwieldy fraction to more convenient lower terms, either at any time during a series of calculations or when recording a final result.
- To reduce a fraction to its **lowest terms**, divide both the numerator and the denominator by the largest common divisor(最大公約數).
 - **Example: Reduce 36/2880 to its lowest terms.**

$$\frac{36}{2880} = \frac{36 \div 36}{2880 \div 36} = \frac{1}{80}, \text{ answer.}$$

Rule 1. Before performing any arithmetical operation involving fractions, reduce every mixed number to an improper fraction.

- multiply the integer, or whole number, by the denominator of the fractional remainder, add the numerator, and write the result over the denominator.
- For example, before attempting to multiply $\frac{3}{4}$ by $1 \frac{1}{5}$, first reduce the $1 \frac{1}{5}$ to an improper fraction:

$$1 \frac{1}{5} = \frac{(1 \times 5) + 1}{5} = \frac{6}{5}$$

Rule 2. When performing an operation involving a fraction and a whole number, express (or at least visualize) the whole number as a fraction having 1 for its denominator.

- Think of 3, as $3/1$, 42 as $42/1$, and so on.
- This visualization is desirable
 - when a fraction is subtracted from a whole number,
 - when a fraction is divided by a whole number.

Adding Fractions

- Ø reduce them to a common denomination,
- Ø add the numerators,
- Ø write the sum over the common denominator.
 - If whole and mixed numbers are involved, the safest (although not the quickest) procedure is to apply Rules 1 and 2.
 - If the sum is an improper fraction, you may want to reduce it to a mixed number.

- *Example: In preparing batches of a formula, a pharmacist used 1/4 ounce, 1/12 ounce, 1/8 ounce, and 1/6 ounce of a chemical. Calculate the total quantity of chemical used.*
- The lowest common denominator of the fractions is 24.

$$\frac{6 + 2 + 3 + 4}{24} \text{ ounce} = \frac{15}{24} \text{ ounce}$$

$$= \frac{5}{8} \text{ ounce, answer.}$$

Subtracting Fractions

- Ø reduce them to a common denomination,
- Ø subtract, and write the difference over the common denominator.
 - If a whole or mixed number is involved, first apply Rule 1 or 2.
 - If the difference is an improper fraction, you may want to reduce it to a mixed number.

Examples: A hospitalized patient received $\frac{7}{12}$ liter of a prescribed intravenous infusion. If he had not received the final $\frac{1}{8}$ liter, what fraction of a liter would he have received?

$$\frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{14}{24} - \frac{3}{24} = \frac{11}{24} \text{ liter, answer}$$

Ø If 3 fl. oz. of a liquid mixture are to contain $\frac{1}{24}$ fl. oz. of ingredient A, $\frac{1}{4}$ fl. oz. of ingredient B, and $\frac{1}{3}$ oz. of ingredient C, how many fluid ounces of ingredient D are required?

$$\frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1+6+8}{24} = \frac{15}{24} = \frac{5}{8} \text{ fl.oz.}$$

$$\frac{3}{1} - \frac{5}{8} = \frac{24-5}{8} = \frac{19}{8} \text{ fl.oz.} = 2\frac{3}{8} \text{ fl.oz., answer.}$$

Multiplying Fractions

Ø multiply the numerators

Ø write the product over the product of the denominators.

- If either is a mixed number, first apply Rule 1.
- If the multiplier is a whole number, simply multiply the numerator of the fraction and write the product over the denominator.

- *Example: If the adult dose of a medication is 2 teaspoonfuls, calculate the dose for a child if it is 1/4 of the adult dose.*

$$\frac{2 \text{ tsp}}{1} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ tsp., answer.}$$

Dividing Fractions

- The reciprocal of a number is 1 divided by the number.
- For example, *the reciprocal of 3 is $1/3$.*
- In general, when a is a fraction, its reciprocal is $1/a$.
 - the reciprocal of $1/4$ is $4/1$ or 4,
 - the reciprocal of $2\frac{1}{2}$ or $5/2$ is $2/5$.

- if the fraction $3/4$ is interpreted as meaning
 - 3 divided by 4,
 - dividing by 4 is exactly the same as multiplying by the reciprocal of 4, or $1/4$.
- This method of handling division when fractions are involved is called the reciprocal method,
- To divide by a fraction, then, simply invert its terms and multiply.
 - When a fraction is to be divided by a whole number, first interpret the whole number as a fraction, having 1 for its denominator, invert to get its reciprocal, and multiply.

- *Examples: If 1/2 ounce is divided into 4 equal parts, how much will each part contain?*

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ oz.} \div \frac{4}{1} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8} \text{ oz., answer}$$

A manufacturer wishes to prepare samples of an ointment in sealed foil envelopes, each containing 1/32 ounce of ointment. How many samples may be prepared from 1 pound (16 ounces) of ointment?

$$\frac{16}{1} \div \frac{1}{32} = \frac{16}{1} \times \frac{32}{1} = 512 \text{ samples, answer.}$$

If a child's dose of a cough syrup is $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoonful and represents $\frac{1}{4}$ of the adult dose, what is the adult dose?

$$\frac{3}{4} \text{ tsp.} \div \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ tsp.} \times \frac{4}{1} = 3 \text{ tsp.}, \text{ answer.}$$

Decimal Fractions

- A fraction with a denominator of 10 or any power of 10 is called a decimal fraction, or simply a decimal.
- The denominator of a decimal fraction is never written, because the decimal point indicates the place value of the numerals.
- The numerator and the decimal point are sufficient to express the fraction.
- Therefore, $\frac{1}{10}$ is written 0.1, $\frac{45}{100}$ is written 0.45, and $\frac{65}{1000}$ is written 0.065.

Familiar operations worth recalling

1. moving the decimal point one place to the right multiplies a number by 10, two places to the right multiplies it by 100, and so on.
2. moving the point one place to the left divides a number by 10, two places to the left it divides it by 100, and so on.
3. A decimal fraction may be changed to a common fraction by writing the numerator over the denominator and (if desired) reducing to lowest terms:

$$0.125 = 125/1000 = 1/8$$
4. A common fraction may be changed to a decimal by dividing the numerator by the denominator (note that the result may be a repeating or endless decimal fraction):

$$3/8 = 3 \div 8 = 0.375$$

$$1/3 = 1 \div 3 = 0.3333\dots$$

Percent

- its corresponding sign, % , mean "in a hundred."
- 50 percent (50%) means 50 parts in each one hundred of the same item.
- Common fractions may be converted to percent by dividing the numerator by the denominator and multiplying by 100%.
- **Example: Convert 3/8 to percent.**

$$\frac{3}{8} \times 100\% = 37.5\%$$

- Decimal fractions may be converted to percent by multiplying by 100%.
- Example: *Convert 0.125 to percent.*
 $0.125 \times 100\% = 12.5\%$, answer.

TABLE 1.2 EQUIVALENCIES OF COMMON FRACTIONS, DECIMAL FRACTIONS, AND PERCENT

COMMON FRACTION	DECIMAL FRACTION	PERCENT (%)	COMMON FRACTION	DECIMAL FRACTION	PERCENT (%)
1/1000	0.001	0.1	1/5	0.2	20
1/500	0.002	0.2	1/4	0.25	25
1/100	0.01	1	1/3	0.333	33.3
1/50	0.02	2	3/8	0.375	37.5
1/40	0.025	2.5	2/5	0.4	40
1/30	0.033	3.3	1/2	0.5	50
1/25	0.04	4	3/5	0.6	60
1/15	0.067	6.7	5/8	0.625	62.5
1/10	0.1	10	2/3	0.667	66.7
1/9	0.111	11.1	3/4	0.75	75
1/8	0.125	12.5	4/5	0.8	80
1/7	0.143	14.3	7/8	0.875	87.5
1/6	0.167	16.7	8/9	0.889	88.9

EXPONENTIAL NOTATION

- Many physical and chemical measurements deal with either very large or very small numbers.
 - Because it often is difficult to handle conveniently numbers of such magnitude in performing even the simplest arithmetic operations, it is best to use exponential notation or powers of 10 to express them.
- we may express 121 as 1.21×10^2 , 1210 as 1.21×10^3 , and 1,210,000 as 1.21×10^6 .
- we may express 0.0121 as 1.21×10^{-2} , 0.00121 as 1.21×10^{-3} , and 0.00000121 as 1.21×10^{-6} .

- The first part is called the coefficient, customarily written with one figure to the left of the decimal point.
- The second part is the exponential factor or power of 10.
- The exponent represents the number of places that the decimal point has been moved—positive to the left and negative to the right—to form the exponential.
 - when we convert 19000 to 1.9×10^4 , we move the decimal point 4 places to the left; hence the exponent 4.
 - when we convert 0.0000019 to 1.9×10^{-6} , we move the decimal point 6 places to the right; hence the negative exponent.

FUNDAMENTAL ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS WITH EXPONENTIALS

- In the *multiplication* of exponentials,
 - the exponents are added. For example, $10^2 \times 10^4 = 10^6$.
 - the coefficients are multiplied together in the usual manner,
- Examples:
 - $(2.5 \times 10^2) \times (2.5 \times 10^4) = 6.25 \times 10^6$, or 6.3×10^6
 - $(2.5 \times 10^2) \times (2.5 \times 10^{-4}) = 6.25 \times 10^{-2}$, or 6.3×10^{-2}
 - $(5.4 \times 10^2) \times (4.5 \times 10^3) = 24.3 \times 10^5 = 2.4 \times 10^6$

- In the *division* of exponentials,
 - the exponents are subtracted.
 - For example, $10^2 \div 10^5 = 10^{-3}$.
 - the coefficients are divided in the usual way.

- Examples:

$$(7.5 \times 10^5) \div (2.5 \times 10^3) = 3.0 \times 10^2$$

$$(7.5 \times 10^{-4}) \div (2.5 \times 10^6) = 3.0 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$(2.8 \times 10^{-2}) \div (8.0 \times 10^{-6}) = 0.35 \times 10^4 = 3.5 \times 10^3$$

- In the *addition and subtraction* of exponentials,
 - the expressions must be changed (by moving the decimal points) to forms having any common power of 10,
 - the coefficients are added or subtracted.
- The result should be rounded off to the number of decimal places contained in the least precise component, and it should be expressed with only one figure to the left of the decimal point.

- Examples:

$$(1.4 \times 10^4) + (5.1 \times 10^3)$$

$$(1.4 \times 10^4) - (5.1 \times 10^3)$$

$$(9.83 \times 10^3) + (4.1 \times 10^1) + (2.6 \times 10^3)$$

COMMON LOGARITHMIC NOTATION

- *Every number is expressed simply as a power of 10—not with absolute precision, but with sufficient accuracy for any given purpose—and we may multiply any two numbers so expressed, or divide one by the other, by the simple process of adding or subtracting their exponents.*
- The exponent that indicates to what power 10 must be raised to equal approximately a given number is called the common logarithm of that number.
- The logarithm of 10 or of any integral power of 10 is always a positive or negative integer:

$$\log 10 \text{ (or } 1 \times 10^1) = 1$$

$$\log 100 \text{ (or } 1 \times 10^2) = 2$$

$$\log 1000 \text{ (or } 1 \times 10^3) = 3$$

and so on; and

$$\log 1 \text{ (or } 1 \times 10^0) = 0$$

$$\log 0.1 \text{ (or } 1 \times 10^{-1}) = -1$$

$$\log 0.01 \text{ (or } 1 \times 10^{-2}) = -2$$

- If these were the only numbers in existence, no table of logarithms would be needed; for a given number, say 1,000,000 (or 1×10^6),
 - If we know the system, we can readily supply its logarithm: 6; or, given the logarithm 6, we can readily reconstruct the number it represents: 1,000,000.

- Any number not in the 10's series must contain a certain excess over some power of 10—as 150 contains 10^2 plus an excess of 50.
 - the logarithm of such a number always consists of a positive or negative whole-numbered exponent plus a positive decimal-fraction exponent (carried to as many decimal places as suit our purposes).
 - As it turns out, the power of 10 that approximates 150 (or 1.5×10^2) is $10^{2.1761}$, and therefore $\log 150 = 2.1761$.

- The *whole-number exponent* is called the *characteristic*.
 - It accounts for the integral power of 10 contained in the given number and hence serves to locate the decimal point in that number.
 - If a number is given in ordinary notation, you can find the characteristic by converting it to exponential notation, in which the characteristic appears as a power of 10.

- The *decimal-fraction exponent* is called the *mantissa*, which you can find in a table of logarithms.
 - The mantissa represents the *significant figures* in a given number, regardless of the location of the decimal point.
 - In other words, given the sequence 610, a four-place table will tell you the mantissa is 7853, whether the number is 61.0, or 6.10, or 0.00610.

ously:

	Characteristics	Mantissa
$\log 6.10$ (or 6.10×10^0)	=	0.7853
$\log 61.0$ (or 6.10×10^1)	=	1.7853
$\log 610$ (or 6.10×10^2)	=	2.7853
$\log 6100$ (or 6.10×10^3)	=	3.7853

and so on; and

$\log 0.610$ (or 6.10×10^{-1})	=	$\bar{1}.7853$
$\log 0.0610$ (or 6.10×10^{-2})	=	$\bar{2}.7853$
$\log 0.00610$ (or 6.10×10^{-3})	=	$\bar{3}.7853$

and so on. Note that putting the minus sign *over* the characteristic indicates it alone is negative, and that the mantissa, as always, is positive.

NATURAL LOGARITHMS

- The base of the *natural or Napierian* system of logarithms is e , which is the irrational number 2.71828....
- When it is necessary to change from a natural logarithm to a common logarithm, the computation may be performed by using the following relationship:

$$\log_e n = 2.303 \log_{10} n$$

2.303 is the logarithm of 10 to the base 2.71828.
 $\text{Log}_e 10 = 2.303$

USE OF LOGARITHM TABLES

- Logarithm tables give mantissas calculated to four-place, five-place accuracy, and upward, depending on the table and its purpose.
- A four-place table ensures an accuracy within 0.5 when we work with three-figure numbers.
- Table 1 has typical features.
 1. a column to the left and a row at the top to guide us in locating the mantissas of three-figure numbers;
 2. the four-place mantissas of all three-figure numbers,
 3. columns of proportional parts providing us with a quick means of calculating more accurate mantissas when given numbers of four-figure accuracy, a process called *interpolation*.

Table 1. Logarithms

Natural Numbers	Proportional Parts									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	0000	0045	0090	0135	0180	0225	0270	0315	0360	0405
11	0414	0459	0504	0549	0594	0639	0684	0729	0774	0819
12	0828	0873	0918	0963	1008	1053	1098	1143	1188	1233
13	1242	1287	1332	1377	1422	1467	1512	1557	1602	1647
14	1656	1701	1746	1791	1836	1881	1926	1971	2016	2061
15	2070	2115	2160	2205	2250	2295	2340	2385	2430	2475
16	2520	2565	2610	2655	2700	2745	2790	2835	2880	2925
17	2970	3015	3060	3105	3150	3195	3240	3285	3330	3375
18	3420	3465	3510	3555	3600	3645	3690	3735	3780	3825
19	3870	3915	3960	4005	4050	4095	4140	4185	4230	4275
20	4320	4365	4410	4455	4500	4545	4590	4635	4680	4725
21	4770	4815	4860	4905	4950	4995	5040	5085	5130	5175
22	5220	5265	5310	5355	5400	5445	5490	5535	5580	5625
23	5670	5715	5760	5805	5850	5895	5940	5985	6030	6075
24	6120	6165	6210	6255	6300	6345	6390	6435	6480	6525
25	6570	6615	6660	6705	6750	6795	6840	6885	6930	6975
26	7020	7065	7110	7155	7200	7245	7290	7335	7380	7425
27	7470	7515	7560	7605	7650	7695	7740	7785	7830	7875
28	7920	7965	8010	8055	8100	8145	8190	8235	8280	8325
29	8370	8415	8460	8505	8550	8595	8640	8685	8730	8775
30	8820	8865	8910	8955	9000	9045	9090	9135	9180	9225
31	9270	9315	9360	9405	9450	9495	9540	9585	9630	9675
32	9720	9765	9810	9855	9900	9945	9990	10035	10080	10125
33	10170	10215	10260	10305	10350	10395	10440	10485	10530	10575
34	10620	10665	10710	10755	10800	10845	10890	10935	10980	11025
35	11070	11115	11160	11205	11250	11295	11340	11385	11430	11475
36	11520	11565	11610	11655	11700	11745	11790	11835	11880	11925
37	11970	12015	12060	12105	12150	12195	12240	12285	12330	12375
38	12420	12465	12510	12555	12600	12645	12690	12735	12780	12825
39	12870	12915	12960	13005	13050	13095	13140	13185	13230	13275
40	13320	13365	13410	13455	13500	13545	13590	13635	13680	13725
41	13770	13815	13860	13905	13950	13995	14040	14085	14130	14175
42	14220	14265	14310	14355	14400	14445	14490	14535	14580	14625
43	14670	14715	14760	14805	14850	14895	14940	14985	15030	15075
44	15120	15165	15210	15255	15300	15345	15390	15435	15480	15525
45	15570	15615	15660	15705	15750	15795	15840	15885	15930	15975
46	16020	16065	16110	16155	16200	16245	16290	16335	16380	16425
47	16470	16515	16560	16605	16650	16695	16740	16785	16830	16875
48	16920	16965	17010	17055	17100	17145	17190	17235	17280	17325
49	17370	17415	17460	17505	17550	17595	17640	17685	17730	17775
50	17820	17865	17910	17955	18000	18045	18090	18135	18180	18225
51	18270	18315	18360	18405	18450	18495	18540	18585	18630	18675
52	18720	18765	18810	18855	18900	18945	18990	19035	19080	19125
53	19170	19215	19260	19305	19350	19395	19440	19485	19530	19575
54	19620	19665	19710	19755	19800	19845	19890	19935	19980	20025

Table 1. Logarithms

Natural Numbers	Proportional Parts									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
55	7404	7412	7419	7427	7435	7443	7451	7459	7466	7474
56	7482	7490	7497	7505	7513	7520	7528	7536	7543	7551
57	7558	7566	7574	7582	7590	7597	7604	7612	7619	7627
58	7634	7642	7649	7657	7664	7672	7679	7686	7694	7701
59	7708	7716	7723	7731	7738	7745	7752	7760	7767	7774
60	7782	7789	7796	7803	7810	7818	7825	7832	7839	7846
61	7853	7860	7868	7875	7882	7889	7896	7903	7910	7917
62	7924	7931	7938	7945	7952	7959	7966	7973	7980	7987
63	7994	8000	8007	8014	8021	8028	8035	8041	8048	8055
64	8062	8069	8075	8082	8089	8096	8102	8109	8116	8122
65	8129	8136	8142	8149	8156	8162	8169	8176	8182	8189
66	8195	8202	8209	8215	8222	8228	8235	8241	8248	8254
67	8261	8267	8273	8280	8287	8293	8299	8306	8312	8319
68	8325	8331	8338	8344	8351	8357	8363	8370	8376	8382
69	8388	8395	8401	8407	8414	8420	8426	8432	8439	8445
70	8451	8457	8463	8470	8476	8482	8488	8494	8500	8506
71	8512	8519	8525	8531	8537	8543	8549	8555	8561	8567
72	8573	8579	8585	8591	8597	8603	8609	8615	8621	8627
73	8633	8639	8645	8651	8657	8663	8669	8675	8681	8686
74	8692	8698	8704	8710	8716	8722	8728	8734	8740	8745
75	8751	8757	8762	8768	8774	8779	8785	8791	8797	8802
76	8808	8814	8820	8825	8831	8837	8842	8848	8854	8859
77	8865	8871	8876	8882	8887	8893	8899	8904	8910	8915
78	8921	8927	8932	8938	8943	8949	8954	8960	8965	8971
79	8976	8982	8987	8993	8998	9004	9009	9014	9020	9025
80	9030	9035	9041	9046	9051	9057	9062	9067	9072	9078
81	9083	9088	9093	9099	9104	9109	9114	9119	9124	9129
82	9134	9139	9144	9149	9154	9159	9164	9169	9174	9179
83	9184	9189	9194	9199	9204	9209	9214	9219	9224	9229
84	9234	9239	9244	9249	9254	9259	9264	9269	9274	9279
85	9284	9289	9294	9299	9304	9309	9314	9319	9324	9329
86	9334	9339	9344	9349	9354	9359	9364	9369	9374	9379
87	9384	9389	9394	9399	9404	9409	9414	9419	9424	9429
88	9434	9439	9444	9449	9454	9459	9464	9469	9474	9479
89	9484	9489	9494	9499	9504	9509	9514	9519	9524	9529
90	9534	9539	9544	9549	9554	9559	9564	9569	9574	9579
91	9584	9589	9594	9599	9604	9609	9614	9619	9624	9629
92	9634	9639	9644	9649	9654	9659	9664	9669	9674	9679
93	9684	9689	9694	9699	9704	9709	9714	9719	9724	9729
94	9734	9739	9744	9749	9754	9759	9764	9769	9774	9779
95	9784	9789	9794	9799	9804	9809	9814	9819	9824	9829
96	9834	9839	9844	9849	9854	9859	9864	9869	9874	9879
97	9884	9889	9894	9899	9904	9909	9914	9919	9924	9929
98	9934	9939	9944	9949	9954	9959	9964	9969	9974	9979
99	9984	9989	9994	9999	10000					

Finding the Logarithm of a Number.

- determine the characteristic, then find the mantissa in the log table.
- Find the log of 262.

$$262 = 2.62 \times 10^2$$

By inspection of the ten factor, the characteristic = 2.

To find the mantissa, focus attention on the digits 262.

In the left-hand column in the log table, find 26; opposite it and in the column numbered 2 is the desired mantissa 0.4183. (The table omits the 0.)

Therefore, $\log 262 = 2.4183$, answer.

- *Find the log of 2627.*

$$2627 = 2.627 \times 10^3$$

By inspection of the ten factor, the characteristic = 3.

In the left-hand column in the table, find 26; opposite it and in the column numbered 2, find the mantissa 0.4183; opposite 26 and in column 7 under proportional parts, find 11 (meaning 0.0011 but written without zeros) and add it to 0.4183 to obtain the desired mantissa 0.4194.

Therefore, $\log 2627 = 3.4194$, answer.

- *Find the log of 0.002627.*

$$0.002627 = 2.627 \times 10^{-3}$$

By inspection of the ten factor, the characteristic = 3.

The mantissa is determined as in the preceding example.

Therefore, $\log 0.002627 = \underline{3}.4194$, answer.

Finding the Antilogarithm of a Logarithm

- When a problem is solved by logarithms, the result is expressed as the logarithm of the answer.
- Therefore, it is necessary to find the antilogarithm or the number corresponding to the logarithm.
- If the mantissa of a logarithm is known, its antilogarithm can be found by a reverse reading of the log table.
- ***Find the antilogarithm of the logarithm 1.7604.***

The mantissa 0.7604 is found in the column numbered 6 opposite 57, and the resulting figure is 576.

The characteristic is 1 and the required number is 5.76×10^1 or 57.6, answer.

- ***Find the antilogarithm of the logarithm 3.7607.***

Because the mantissa 0.7607 is not found in the log table, interpolation must be used.

In the log table, 0.7607 falls between 0.7604 and 0.7612; therefore, the resulting figure must be between 576 and 577.

The given mantissa is 0.0003 (or 3 units) more than the mantissa 0.7604.

Therefore, opposite 0.7604, find 3 in column 4 of proportional parts.

The required figure is 5764.

The characteristic is 3 and the required number is $5.764 \times 10^3 = 5764$. answer.

Table A.I.1. Logarithms

Natural Numbers											Proportional Parts								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	0000	0345	0690	1035	1380	1725	2070	2415	2760	3105	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
11	0415	0555	0695	0835	0975	1115	1255	1395	1535	1675	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
12	0735	0828	0920	1012	1104	1196	1288	1380	1472	1564	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
13	1150	1171	1206	1250	1294	1338	1382	1426	1470	1514	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63
14	1461	1492	1525	1558	1591	1624	1657	1690	1723	1756	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72
15	1764	1798	1831	1864	1897	1930	1963	1996	2029	2062	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81
16	2064	2098	2131	2164	2197	2230	2263	2296	2329	2362	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
17	2504	2538	2571	2604	2637	2670	2703	2736	2769	2802	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99
18	2955	2977	2999	3021	3043	3065	3087	3109	3131	3153	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108
19	3396	3418	3439	3461	3483	3505	3527	3549	3571	3593	13	26	39	52	65	78	91	104	117
20	3936	3958	3979	4001	4023	4045	4067	4089	4111	4133	14	28	42	56	70	84	98	112	126
21	4222	4243	4264	4285	4306	4327	4348	4369	4390	4411	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	135
22	4424	4445	4466	4487	4508	4529	4550	4571	4592	4613	16	32	48	64	80	96	112	128	144
23	4617	4638	4659	4680	4701	4722	4743	4764	4785	4806	17	34	51	68	85	102	119	136	153
24	4807	4828	4849	4870	4891	4912	4933	4954	4975	4996	18	36	54	72	90	108	126	144	162
25	4999	5019	5039	5059	5079	5099	5119	5139	5159	5179	19	38	57	76	95	114	133	152	171
26	5180	5200	5220	5240	5260	5280	5300	5320	5340	5360	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180
27	5370	5390	5410	5430	5450	5470	5490	5510	5530	5550	21	42	63	84	105	126	147	168	189
28	5560	5580	5600	5620	5640	5660	5680	5700	5720	5740	22	44	66	88	110	132	154	176	198
29	5750	5770	5790	5810	5830	5850	5870	5890	5910	5930	23	46	69	92	115	138	161	184	207
30	5940	5960	5980	6000	6020	6040	6060	6080	6100	6120	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216
31	6130	6150	6170	6190	6210	6230	6250	6270	6290	6310	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	225
32	6320	6340	6360	6380	6400	6420	6440	6460	6480	6500	26	52	78	104	130	156	182	208	234
33	6510	6530	6550	6570	6590	6610	6630	6650	6670	6690	27	54	81	108	135	162	189	216	243
34	6700	6720	6740	6760	6780	6800	6820	6840	6860	6880	28	56	84	112	140	168	196	224	252
35	6890	6910	6930	6950	6970	6990	7010	7030	7050	7070	29	58	87	116	145	174	203	232	261
36	7080	7100	7120	7140	7160	7180	7200	7220	7240	7260	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270
37	7270	7290	7310	7330	7350	7370	7390	7410	7430	7450	31	62	93	124	155	186	217	248	279
38	7460	7480	7500	7520	7540	7560	7580	7600	7620	7640	32	64	96	128	160	192	224	256	288
39	7650	7670	7690	7710	7730	7750	7770	7790	7810	7830	33	66	99	132	165	198	231	264	297
40	7840	7860	7880	7900	7920	7940	7960	7980	8000	8020	34	68	102	136	170	204	238	272	306
41	8030	8050	8070	8090	8110	8130	8150	8170	8190	8210	35	70	105	140	175	210	245	280	315
42	8220	8240	8260	8280	8300	8320	8340	8360	8380	8400	36	72	108	144	180	216	252	288	324
43	8410	8430	8450	8470	8490	8510	8530	8550	8570	8590	37	74	111	147	183	219	255	291	327
44	8600	8620	8640	8660	8680	8700	8720	8740	8760	8780	38	76	114	150	186	222	258	294	330
45	8790	8810	8830	8850	8870	8890	8910	8930	8950	8970	39	78	117	153	189	225	261	297	333
46	8980	9000	9020	9040	9060	9080	9100	9120	9140	9160	40	80	120	156	192	228	264	300	336
47	9170	9190	9210	9230	9250	9270	9290	9310	9330	9350	41	82	123	159	195	231	267	303	339
48	9360	9380	9400	9420	9440	9460	9480	9500	9520	9540	42	84	126	162	198	234	270	306	342
49	9550	9570	9590	9610	9630	9650	9670	9690	9710	9730	43	86	129	165	201	237	273	309	345
50	9740	9760	9780	9800	9820	9840	9860	9880	9900	9920	44	88	132	168	204	240	276	312	348
51	9930	9950	9970	9990	10000	10010	10020	10030	10040	10050	45	90	135	171	207	243	279	315	351
52	10060	10070	10080	10090	10100	10110	10120	10130	10140	10150	46	92	138	174	210	246	282	318	354
53	10160	10170	10180	10190	10200	10210	10220	10230	10240	10250	47	94	141	177	213	249	285	321	357
54	10260	10270	10280	10290	10300	10310	10320	10330	10340	10350	48	96	144	180	216	252	288	324	360

Table A.I.1. (Continued)

Natural Numbers											Proportional Parts								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
55	7484	7412	7419	7427	7435	7443	7451	7459	7466	7474	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
56	7482	7490	7497	7505	7513	7520	7528	7536	7543	7551	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
57	7519	7566	7514	7522	7530	7538	7546	7554	7562	7570	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
58	7514	7542	7519	7537	7554	7572	7589	7606	7624	7641	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
59	7569	7516	7525	7534	7543	7552	7561	7570	7579	7588	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
60	7582	7588	7596	7603	7610	7618	7625	7632	7639	7646	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
61	7653	7660	7668	7675	7682	7689	7696	7703	7710	7717	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
62	7726	7733	7740	7747	7754	7761	7768	7775	7782	7789	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
63	7795	7802	7809	7816	7823	7830	7837	7844	7851	7858	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
64	7865	7872	7879	7886	7893	7900	7907	7914	7921	7928	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
65	7935	7942	7949	7956	7963	7970	7977	7984	7991	7998	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
66	8005	8012	8019	8026	8033	8040	8047	8054	8061	8068	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
67	8075	8082	8089	8096	8103	8110	8117	8124	8131	8138	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
68	8145	8152	8159	8166	8173	8180	8187	8194	8201	8208	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
69	8215	8222	8229	8236	8243	8250	8257	8264	8271	8278	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
70	8285	8292	8299	8306	8313	8320	8327	8334	8341	8348	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
71	8355	8362	8369	8376	8383	8390	8397	8404	8411	8418	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
72	8425	8432	8439	8446	8453	8460	8467	8474	8481	8488	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
73	8495	8502	8509	8516	8523	8530	8537	8544	8551	8558	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
74	8565	8572	8579	8586	8593	8600	8607	8614	8621	8628	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
75	8635	8642	8649	8656	8663	8670	8677	8684	8691	8698	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
76	8705	8712	8719	8726	8733	8740	8747	8754	8761	8768	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
77	8775	8782	8789	8796	8803	8810	8817	8824	8831	8838	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
78	8845	8852	8859	8866	8873	8880	8887	8894	8901	8908	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
79	8915	8922	8929	8936	8943	8950	8957	8964	8971	8978	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
80	8985	8992	8999	9006	9013	9020	9027	9034	9041	9048	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
81	9055	9062	9069	9076	9083	9090	9097	9104	9111	9118	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

SOME LOGARITHMIC COMPUTATIONS

- As shown in the first of the subsequent examples, when a negative number is "added", it is actually subtracted;
- As shown in the third example, when a negative number is "subtracted," it is actually added.
- The fourth example shows the curious but consistent fact, when subtracting one logarithm from another, that if you borrow from a negative characteristic (as 1 is borrowed from the -1 of the minuend), you increase the value of the negative characteristic (as the -1 becomes -2, which is canceled out when the 2 of the subtrahend is "subtracted" from it).

- ***Multiply (5.25 X 10³) by (8.92 X 10⁻⁶) by (7.56 X 10⁵).***

$$\log (5.25 \times 10^3) = \underline{3.7202}$$

$$\log (8.92 \times 10^{-6}) = \underline{6.9504}$$

$$\log (7.56 \times 10^5) = 5.8785$$

$$\text{Total:} \qquad 4.5491$$

Antilogarithm of 4.5491 = 3.541 X 10⁴ = 35410, or (retaining only three significant figures), 35400, answer.

• ***Divide 29600 by 5.544.***

$$29600 = 2.96 \times 10^4$$

$$5.544 = 5.544 \times 10^0$$

$$\log(2.96 \times 10^4) = 4.4713$$

$$\log(5.544 \times 10^0) = 0.7438$$

$$\text{Difference: } 3.7275$$

Antilogarithm of 3.7275 = $5.34 \times 10^3 = 5340$,
answer.

• ***Divide 7500 by 0.627.***

$$7500 = 7.50 \times 10^3$$

$$0.627 = 6.27 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$\log(7.50 \times 10^3) = 3.8751$$

$$\log(6.27 \times 10^{-1}) = \underline{1.7973}$$

$$\text{Difference: } 4.0778$$

Anrilogarichm of 4.0778 = $1.196 \times 10^4 =$
11960, or (retaining only three significance
figures), 12000, answer.

- **Divide 0.191 by 0.0452.**

$$0.191 = 1.91 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$0.0452 = 4.52 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\log (1.91 \times 10^{-1}) = \underline{1.2810}$$

$$\log (4.52 \times 10^{-2}) = \underline{2.6551}$$

$$\text{Difference: } 0.6259$$

Antilogarithm of 0.6259 = $4.226 \times 10^0 = 4.226$, or (retaining only three significant figures), 4.23, answer.

- **Find the value of**

$$\frac{(4.54 \times 10^6) \times (3.25 \times 10^3)}{(1.21 \times 10^8)}$$

$$\log (4.54 \times 10^6) = 6.6571$$

$$\log (3.25 \times 10^3) = 3.5119$$

Total: 10.1690 = log of
numerator

log (1.21 $\times 10^8$) = 8.0828 = log of
denominator

$$\text{Difference: } 2.0862$$

Antilogarithm of 2.0862 = 1.219 or $1.22 \times 10^2 = 122$, answer.

RATIO, PROPORTION, AND VARIATION

Ratio

- The relative magnitude of two like quantities is called their ratio.
- Ratio is sometimes defined as the quotient of two like numbers.
- To avoid losing sight of the fact that two quantities are being compared, this quotient is always expressed as an operation, not as a result: in other words, it is expressed as a fraction, and the fraction is interpreted as indicating the operation of dividing the numerator by the denominator.
- A ratio presents us with the concept of a common fraction as expressing the relation of its two numbers.

- The ratio of 20 and 10 is not expressed as 2 (that is, the quotient of 20 divided by 10), but as the fraction $20/10$.
- When the fraction $1/2$ is to be interpreted as a ratio, it is traditionally written 1:2, and it is read not as one-half but as 1 to 2.
- All the rules governing common fractions equally apply to a ratio.
- If the two terms of a ratio are multiplied or are divided by the same number, the value is unchanged.
 - eg: the ratio 20:4 or $20/4$ has a value of 5; if both terms are divided by 2, the ratio becomes 10:2 or $10/2$, again the value of 5.

- The terms of a ratio must be of the same kind, for the value of a ratio is an abstract number expressing how many times greater or smaller the first term (or numerator) is than the second term (or denominator).
- The terms may be abstract numbers, or they may be concrete numbers of the same denomination.
 - we can have a ratio of 20 to 4 ($20/4$) or 20 grams to 4 grams ($20 \text{ grams}/4 \text{ grams}$).

- When two ratios have the same value, they are equivalent.
- *the product of the numerator of the one and the denominator of the other always equals the product of the denominator of the one and the numerator of the other, i.e., the cross products are equal:*

$$\therefore 2/4 = 4/8$$

$$2 \times 8 \text{ (or 16)} = 4 \times 4 \text{ (or 16)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{4} = \frac{4}{8}$$

- *if two ratios are equal, their reciprocals are equal:*
- *the numerator of the one fraction equals the product of its denominator and the other fraction:*

$$\therefore 2/4 = 4/8, \text{ then } 4/2 = 8/4$$

$$\text{If } 6/15 = 2/5$$

$$\text{then } 6 = 15 \times 2/5 = 6,$$

$$\text{and } 2 = 5 \times 6/15 = 2.$$

- *the denominator of the one equals the quotient of its numerator divided by the other fraction:*

$$15 = 6 \div 2/5 \text{ (or } 6 \times 5/2) = 15,$$

$$\text{and } 5 = 2 \div 6/15 \text{ (or } 2 \times 15/6) = 5.$$

Proportion

- A proportion is the expression of the equality of two ratios. It may be written in any one of three standard forms:
 1. $a:b = c:d$
 2. $a : b :: c : d$
 3. $a/b = c/d$
- Each of these expressions is read: a is to b as c is to d, and a and d are called the *extremes* (meaning "outer members") and b and c the *means* ("middle members").

- In any proportion, the product of the extremes is equal to the product of the means.
- If the missing term is a mean, it will be the product of the extremes divided by the given mean,
 - if it is an extreme, it will be the product of the means divided by the given extreme.

If $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$, then

$$a = \frac{bc}{d}, b = \frac{ad}{c}, c = \frac{ad}{b}, \text{ and } d = \frac{bc}{a}$$

- *given any three terms of a proportion, by appeal to the facts set forth above, we may easily calculate the value of the fourth.*
- Because the missing fourth is usually the desired answer, proportion takes us to it without any intermediate steps.

- *Examples:*

1. *If 3 tablets contain 975 milligrams of aspirin, how many milligrams should be contained in 12 tablets?*

$$\frac{3(\text{tablets})}{12(\text{tablets})} = \frac{975(\text{mg})}{x(\text{mg})}$$
$$x = \frac{12 \times 975}{3} \text{mg} = 3900 \text{mg, answer.}$$

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- *the means or the extremes may be interchanged without destroying the validity of the equation.*

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- *ratios should express the relationship of denominate numbers of the same kind.* In many problems, the quantities given must be reduced or converted to a common denomination before we can proceed with the solution.
- **Proportions** need not contain whole numbers. If common or decimal fractions are supplied in the data, they may be included in the proportion without changing the method.

1. Two fractions having a **common denominator** are **directly proportional to their numerators**.
2. Two fractions having a **common numerator** are **inversely proportional to their denominators**.

$$\frac{\frac{60}{100}}{\frac{50}{100}} = \frac{60}{50}$$

$$\text{Proof: } \frac{60}{100} \div \frac{50}{100} = \frac{60}{100} \times \frac{100}{50} = \frac{60}{50}$$

$$\frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{7}} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\text{Proof: } \frac{2}{3} \div \frac{2}{7} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{7}{2} = \frac{7}{3}$$

- Example: *If 30 milliliters represent 1/6 of the volume of a prescription, how many milliliters will represent 1/4 of the volume?*

$$\frac{\frac{1}{6}(\text{volume})}{\frac{1}{4}(\text{volume})} = \frac{30(\text{mL})}{x(\text{mL})}$$

$$\text{Or: } \frac{4}{6} = \frac{30}{x}(\text{mL})$$

$$x = \frac{6 \times 30}{4} \text{ mL} = 45 \text{ mL, answer.}$$

Variation

- Most pharmaceutical calculations deal with:
 - **simple, direct relationships:** twice the cause, double the effect.
 - **inverse relationships:** twice the cause, half the effect, as when you decrease the strength of a solution by increasing the amount of diluent.
- *If 10 pints of a 5 % solution are diluted to 40 pints, what is the percentage strength of the dilution?*

$$\frac{10(\text{pint s})}{40(\text{pint s})} = \frac{x(\%)}{5(\%)}$$

$$x = \frac{10 \times 5}{40} \% = 1.25\%, \text{ answer.}$$

CALCULATIONS CAPSULE

Ratio and Proportion

- A *ratio* expresses the relative magnitude of two like quantities (e.g., 1:2, expressed as "1 to 2.")
- A *proportion* expresses the equality of two ratios (e.g., 1:2 = 2:4).
- The four terms of a proportion are stated as:

$$a:b = c:d, \text{ or, } a:b :: c:d, \text{ or } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$$

and expressed as "a is to b as c is to d."
- Given three of the four terms of a proportion, the value of the fourth, or missing, term may be calculated.
- The ratio-and-proportion method is a useful tool in solving many pharmaceutical calculation problems.

Dimensional analysis

Factor analysis

Factor-label method

Unit-factor method

- Step 1.* Identify the given quantity and its unit of measurement.
- Step 2.* Identify the wanted unit of the answer.
- Step 3.* Establish the *unit path* (to go from the given quantity and unit to the arithmetic answer in the wanted unit), and identify the conversion factors needed. This might include:
 - (a) a conversion factor for the given quantity and unit, and/or
 - (b) a conversion factor to arrive at the wanted unit of the answer.
- Step 4.* Set up the ratios in the unit path such that cancellation of units of measurement in the numerators and denominators will retain only the desired unit of the answer.
- Step 5.* Perform the computation by multiplying the numerators, multiplying the denominators, and dividing the product of the numerators by the product of the denominators.

CALCULATIONS CAPSULE

Dimensional Analysis

- An alternative method to ratio and proportion in solving pharmaceutical calculation problems.
- The method involves the logical sequencing and placement of a series of ratios to consolidate multiple arithmetic steps into a single equation.
- By applying select conversion factors in the equation—some as reciprocals—unwanted units of measure cancel out, leaving the arithmetic result and desired unit.
- Dimensional analysis scheme:

Unit Path

Given Quantity	$\frac{\text{Conversion Factor for Given Quantity}}{\text{Conversion Factor for Wanted Quantity}}$	$\frac{\text{Conversion Factor for Wanted Quantity}}{\text{Conversion Factor for Given Quantity}}$	Conversion Computation	Wanted Quantity
				=

How many fluidounces (fl. Oz.) are there in 2.5 liters (L)?

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2.5 L	$\frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ L}}$	$\frac{1 \text{ fl. oz.}}{29.57 \text{ mL}}$		=

Note: The unit path is set up such that all units of measurement will cancel out except for the unit wanted in the answer, *fluidounces*, which is placed in the numerator.

- *Examples: How many fluid ounces are in 2.5 liters if there are 1000 milliliters in 1 liter and 29.57 milliliters in 1 fluid ounce?*

Step 1:

$$\frac{2.5L}{1.0L} = \frac{x mL}{1000 mL}$$

Step 2:

$$\frac{29.57 mL}{1 fl. oz.} = \frac{2500 mL}{x fl. oz.}$$

$$\frac{1 fl. oz.}{29.57 mL} \times \frac{2500 mL}{29.57} = 2.5 L = 84.5 fl. oz., \text{ answer.}$$

- *A medication order calls for 1000 milliliters of a dextrose intravenous infusion to be administered over an 8-hour period. Using an intravenous administration set that delivers 10 drops/milliliter, how many drops per minute should be delivered to the patient?*

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \text{ hrs} &= 480 \text{ min} \\ \frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{x \text{ mL}} &= \frac{480 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ min}} \\ x &= 2.1 \text{ mL} / \text{min} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2.1 \text{ mL}}{x \text{ drops}} &= \frac{1 \text{ mL}}{10 \text{ drops}} \\ x &= 21 \text{ drops} / \text{min}, \text{ answer.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{10 \text{ drops}}{1 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{480 \text{ min}} = 21 \text{ drops} / \text{min}, \text{ answer.}$$

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES



CALCULATIONS CAPSULE

Significant Figures

- Digits other than zero are significant.
- A zero between digits is significant.
- Final zeros after a decimal point are significant.
- Zeros used only to show the location of the decimal point are not significant.

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

- When we record a *measurement*, the last figure to the right must be taken to be an ***approximation***, an admission that the limit of possible precision or of necessary accuracy has been reached, and that any further figures to the right would be **non-significant**.
- We should learn to interpret a denominate number like **325 grams** as follows: The 3 means *300 grams*, neither more nor less, and the 2 means *exactly 20 grams more*; but the final 5 means *approximately 5 grams more, i.e., 5 grams plus or minus some fraction of a gram*.
- Whether this fraction is, for a given purpose, negligible depends on **how precisely** the quantity was (or is to be) weighed.

- **Significant figures**, then, are consecutive figures that express the value of a denominate number **accurately enough** for a given purpose.
- The accuracy varies with the number of significant figures, which are all absolute in value except the **last**, and this is properly called **uncertain**.
 - **Two-figure accuracy** is liable to a deviation as high as **5%** from the theoretic absolute measurement.
 - For example, if a substance is reported to weigh 10 grams to the nearest gram, its actual weight may be anything between **9.5 and 10.5 grams**.
 - **Three-figure accuracy** is liable to a deviation as high as **0.5%**;
 - **four-figure accuracy** may deviate **0.05%**;
 - **five-figure accuracy**, **0.005%**.

The interpretation of zero may be summed up as follows:

1. Any zero between digits is significant.
2. Initial zeros to the left of the first digit are never significant; they are included merely to show the location of the decimal point and thus give place value to the digits that follow.
3. One or more final zeros to the right of the decimal point may be taken to be significant.

Examples:

Assuming that the following numbers are all denominate:

1. In 12.5, there are *three* significant figures; in 1.256, *four* significant figures; and in 102.56, *five* significant figures.
2. In 0.5, there is *one* significant figure. The digit 5 tells us how many *tenths* we have. The nonsignificant 0 simply calls attention to the decimal point.
3. In 0.05, there is still only *one* significant figure, as there is in 0.005.
4. In 0.65, there are *two* significant figures, and likewise *two* in 0.065 and 0.0065.
5. In 0.0605, there are *three* significant figures. The first 0 calls attention to the decimal point, the second 0 shows the number of places to the right of the decimal point occupied by the remaining figures, and the third 0 significantly contributes to the value of the number. In 0.06050, there are *four* significant figures, because the final 0 also contributes to the value of the number.

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6. 0.65: two significant figures, and likewise two in 0.065 and 0.0065.

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5. 0.0605: three significant figures.
 - The first 0 calls attention to the decimal point;
 - the second 0 shows the **number of places** to the right of the decimal point occupied by the remaining figures;
 - the third 0 significantly contributes to the value of the number.
- 0.06050: four significant figures, because the final 0 also contributes to the value of the number.

6. 20000: five significant figures;
 7. 20000 ± 50 or, to express the same quantity another way, 20000 to the nearest 100, contains only three significant figures.
- one of the factors determining the degree of approximation to perfect measurement is the **precision of the instrument** used. It would be incorrect to claim:
 - 7.76 milliliters had been measured in a graduate calibrated in units of 1 milliliter,
 - 25.562 grams had been weighed on a balance sensitive to 1/10 grain,

1. If a substance weighs 0.06 gram,
 1. according to a balance sensitive to 0.001 gram, we may record the weight as 0.060 gram.
 2. But if the balance is sensitive only to 0.01 gram, the value should be recorded as 0.06 gram, and a record of 0.060 gram would be invalid.
2. When recording a length of **10 millimeters** found by use of an instrument accurate to **0.1 millimeter**, the value may be recorded as **10.0 millimeters**.
3. If a volume of **5 milliliters** is measured with an instrument calibrated in **tenths** of a milliliter, the volume may be recorded as **5.0 milliliters**.

- We must clearly distinguish *significant figures*, from *decimal places*.
 - When recording a measurement, the number of decimal places we include indicates *the degree of precision with which the measurement has been made*,
 - whereas the number of significant figures retained indicates the *degree of accuracy* that is sufficient for a given purpose.
- a value "**correct to (so-many) decimal places**" should never confuse with the expression "**correct to (so-many) significant figures**."

Examples

1. If the value of 27.625978 is rounded off to five decimal places, it is written 27.62598; but when this value is rounded off to five significant figures, it is written 27.626.
2. The value 54.3265, when rounded off to 54.3, is precise to **one decimal place** but it is accurate to **three significant figures**.

Rules for rounding

1. when **recording a measurement**, retain as many figures as will give only one uncertain figure. The **uncertain figure** will sometimes represent an estimate **between graduations on a scale**.
 1. if you use a ruler calibrated in centimeters, you might record a measurement as approximately **11.3** centimeters, but not as approximately 11.32 centimeters. Because the 3 is uncertain, no other figure should follow it.

2. when **eliminating superfluous figures** in the result of a calculation, **add 1 to the last figure** retained if the following figure is **5 or more**.
 1. 2.43 may be rounded off to 2.4, but 2.46 should be rounded off to 2.5.
 2. if a number like 2.597 is rounded off to three significant figures, the 1 added to the 9 makes 10, and 0 should be recorded, for it is significant: 2.60.

3. when adding or subtracting approximate numbers, include only as many decimal places as are in the number with the **least decimal places**.

- *Example: Add these approximate weights: 162.4 grams, 0.489 gram, 0.1875 gram, and 120.78 grams.*

Incorrect

$$\begin{array}{r}
 162.4 \\
 0.489 \\
 0.1875 \\
 +120.78 \\
 \hline
 283.8565, \text{ answer.}
 \end{array}$$

Correct

$$\begin{array}{r}
 162.4 \\
 0.5 \\
 0.2 \\
 + 120.8 \\
 \hline
 283.9, \text{ answer.}
 \end{array}$$

- It is important to note that in filling a prescription, the pharmacist must **assume that the physician means** each quantity to be measured with the *same degree of precision*. Hence, if we add these quantities taken from a prescription:

5.5 grams

0.01 gram

0.005 gram

- we must not round off the total to one decimal place. Rather we must retain **at least three decimal places** in the total by interpreting the given quantities to mean **5.500** grams, **0.010** gram, and **0.005** gram.
- When **greater precision** is required, we may interpret the given quantities to mean **5.5000**, **0.0100**, and **0.0050**, etc.

4. when ***multiplying or dividing*** one approximate number by another approximate number, ***round off the component with the greater number of significant figures to the number contained in the component having fewer significant figures. Retain no more significant figures in the product or quotient than in the number with the least significant figures.***

Example: Multiply 1.65370 grams by 0.26.

- 1.65370 grams is rounded off to 1.65 grams
- 1.65 grams X 0.26 = 0.4290 or 0.43 gram, answer.

- When multiplying or dividing with denominate numbers taken from a **prescription or official formula**, ***assuming that each quantity*** is meant to be measured with the same degree of accuracy,
- we must interpret each quantity as having at least as many **significant figures** as appear in the quantity containing the **greatest number of significant figures**.
 - if the quantities 0.25 gram, 0.5 gram, and 5 grams are included in a prescription,
 - should be interpreted as 0.25 gram, 0.50 gram, and 5.0 grams for purposes of multiplication or division (as when we enlarge or reduce a formula),
 - results should be rounded off to contain **two significant figures**.
- **multiplication and division:** concerned with the number of significant figures,
- **addition and subtraction:** the number of decimal places is important.

5. When multiplying or dividing an **approximate number by an absolute number, round off the result to the same number of significant figures** as in the approximate number.

Example: If a patient has taken 96 doses, each containing 2.54 mg of active ingredient, how many milligrams of the active ingredient has he taken in all?

Ans: 2.54 mg

$$\begin{array}{r} \times 96 \\ \hline 1524 \\ 2286 \\ \hline 243.84 \text{ or } 244 \text{ mg, answer.} \end{array}$$

ESTIMATION

- One of the best checks of the **reasonableness** of a numeric computation.
- If we arrive at a wrong answer by using a wrong method, mechanical final verification of our figuring may not reveal the error.
- But an absurd result, such as occurs when the **decimal point is put in the wrong place**, will not likely slip past if we check it against a preliminary estimation of what the result should be.

- Because it is imperative that pharmacists ensure the accuracy of their calculations by every possible means, pharmacy students are urged to adopt **estimation** as one of those means.
- Proficiency in estimating **comes only from constant practice.**
- Pharmacy students are urged to acquire the habit of estimating the answer to every problem encountered before attempting to solve it.
- Estimation serves not only as a means for **judging the reasonableness of the final result**, but also as a **guide in the solution of the problem.**

- Checking the accuracy of every calculation, of course, such as by adding a column first upward and then downward, is important.
- The student should follow this invariable procedure: (1) estimate, (2) compute, (3) check.
 - First, the numbers given in a problem are **mentally rounded off to slightly larger or smaller numbers** containing fewer significant figures; e.g., 59 would be rounded off to 60, and 732 to 700.
 - Then, the required computations are performed, as far as possible mentally, and the result, although known to be somewhat greater or smaller than the exact answer, is close enough to serve as an estimate.

- No set rules for estimating can be given to cover all the computations in arithmetic.
- But examples can illustrate some of the methods that can be used.
- One way to obtain a reasonable estimate of the total is first to add the figures in the **leftmost column**.
 - The neglected remaining figures of each number are equally likely to express more or less than one-half the value of a unit of the order we have just added,
 - hence to the sum of the leftmost column is added $1/2$ for every number—or 1 for every two numbers—in the column.

- *Examples: Add the following numbers: 7428, 3652, 1327, 4605, 2791, and 4490.*
- Estimation: The figures in the thousands column add up to 21000, and with each number on the average contributing 500 more, or every pair 1000 more, we get $21000 + 3000 = 24000$, estimated answer.
- Calculation:

7428	
3652	
1327	
4605	
2791	
4490	
24293	, answer.

- *Add the following numbers: 2556, 449, 337, 1572.*
- Estimation: The figures of the thousands column add up to 3000, and with each pair of numbers contributing approximately another 1000, we get $3000 + 2000 = 5000$, estimated answer.

- Calculation:

2556

449

337

1572

4914, answer.

- In multiplication, the product of the two leftmost digits plus a sufficient number of zeros to give the right place value serves as a fair estimate. The number of zeros supplied must equal the total number of all discarded figures to the left of the decimal point.

- Approximation to the correct answer is closer if the discarded figures are used to round off the value of those retained.
- *Examples: Multiply 612 by 415,*
- Estimation: $4 \times 6 = 24$, and because we discarded four figures, four zeros must be supplied, giving 240,000, estimated answer.
- Calculation:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 612 \\
 \times 413 \\
 \hline
 1836 \\
 612 \\
 2448 \\
 \hline
 252756, \text{ answer.}
 \end{array}$$

- *Multiply 2889 by 209.*
- Estimation: The given numbers round off to 3000 and 200. $3 \times 2 = 6$, and supplying five zeros we get 600,000, estimated answer.
- Calculation;

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2889 \\
 \times 209 \\
 \hline
 26001 \\
 5778 \\
 \hline
 603801, \text{ answer.}
 \end{array}$$

- When the multiplier is a decimal fraction, the possibility of error is reduced if we first convert it to a common fraction of approximately the same place.
- *Examples: Multiply 41.76 by 20.3.*
 - Estimate: $42 \times 20 = 840$.
- *Multiply 730.5 by 321.*
 - Estimate: $700 \times 300 = 210,000$.
- *Multiply 314.2 by 0.18.*
 - Estimate: Because 0.18 or $18/100$ lies between $1/6$ and $1/5$ the answer will lie between 50 and 60.
- *Multiply 48.16 by 0.072.*
 - Estimate: $7/100$ equals about $1/15$, and $1/15$ of 48 is about 3.

- In division, the given numbers may be rounded off to convenient approximations, but again care is needed to preserve the correct place values.
- *Example: Divide 2456 by 5.91.*
 - Estimate: The numbers may be rounded off to 2400 and 6. We may divide 24 by 6 mentally, but we must remember the two zeros substituted for the given 56 in 2456.
 - The estimated answer is 400.