

## RULES FOR DETERMINING # OF SIG FIGS

1. All nonzero digits are significant.

**567845656 cm** - 9 sig figs

2. All zeros between non-zero digits (“sandwiched”) are significant.

**560005 cm** - 6 sig figs

3. All beginning zeros are NOT significant.

**0.00000567 cm** - 3 sig figs

4. Ending zeros are significant if the decimal point is actually written in but not significant if the decimal is an “understood” decimal.

**260000. g** - 6 sig figs

**260000 g** - 2 sig figs

5. All zeros after a nonzero digit *after* a decimal are significant.

**0.00000567000 cm**

## RULES FOR ADDING/SUBTRACTING SIG FIGS

You can only have as many decimal places in your answer as the number in the problem added/subtracted that has the least number of decimal places (the “roughest” measurement added/subtracted)

## RULES FOR MULTIPLYING/DIVIDING SIG FIGS

You can only have as many sig figs in your answer as the number in the problem multiplied/divided with the least number of sig figs

1. 454 *g*
2. 2.2 *lbs*
3. 2.205 *lbs*
4. 0.3937 *L*
5. 0.0353 *L* \_\_\_\_\_
6. 1.00800 *g* \_\_\_\_\_
7. 500 *g* \_\_\_\_\_
8. 480 *ft* \_\_\_\_\_
9. 0.0350 *kg* \_\_\_\_\_
10. 100. *cm* \_\_\_\_\_
11. 1,000 *m* \_\_\_\_\_
12. 0.625 *L* \_\_\_\_\_
13. 63.4540 *mm* \_\_\_\_\_
14. 3,060 *m* \_\_\_\_\_
15. 500. *g* \_\_\_\_\_
16. 14.0 *mL* \_\_\_\_\_
17. 1030 *g* \_\_\_\_\_
18. 9,700 *g* \_\_\_\_\_
19. 125,000 *m* \_\_\_\_\_
20. 12,030.7210 *g* \_\_\_\_\_
21. 0.000000030 *cm* \_\_\_\_\_
22. 0.002 *m* \_\_\_\_\_
23. 0.0300 *cm* \_\_\_\_\_
24. 1.00 *L* \_\_\_\_\_
25. 0.025 *m/s* \_\_\_\_\_
26. 0.100 *kg* \_\_\_\_\_
27. 0.00300 *km* \_\_\_\_\_
28. 303.0 *g* \_\_\_\_\_
29. 250 *g* \_\_\_\_\_
30. 1,000. *m* \_\_\_\_\_

1.

$$\begin{array}{r} 703 \text{ g} \\ 7 \text{ g} \\ + 0.66 \text{ g} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

2.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5.624 \text{ ft} \\ 0.24 \text{ ft} \\ + 16.8 \text{ ft} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

3.

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \text{ kg} \\ - 0.2 \text{ kg} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

4.

$$\begin{array}{r} 18.7 \text{ m} \\ + 0.009 \text{ m} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

5. Add  $65.23 \text{ cm}$ ,  $2.666 \text{ cm}$ , and  $10 \text{ cm}$ .

6. Multiply  $2.21 \text{ cm}$  and  $0.3 \text{ cm}$ .

7. Multiply:  $(2.002 \text{ cm})(84 \text{ cm})$

8. Multiply:  $(107.888 \text{ cm})(0.060 \text{ cm})$

9. Divide  $72.4 \text{ cm}$  by  $0.0000082 \text{ cm}$ .

10. Multiply  $0.32 \text{ cm}$  by  $600 \text{ cm}$  and then divide the product by  $8.21 \text{ cm}$ .