



Error Propagation in Arithmetic Calculations

Type of Calculation	Example	Standard Deviation of x
Addition or Subtraction	$x = p + q - r$	$s_x = \sqrt{s_p^2 + s_q^2 + s_r^2}$
Multiplication or Division	$x = \frac{p \cdot q}{r}$	$s_x = x \sqrt{\left(\frac{s_p}{p}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s_q}{q}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s_r}{r}\right)^2}$
Exponentiation	$x = p^y$	$s_x = y \cdot x \frac{s_p}{p}$
Logarithm	$x = \log_{10} p$	$s_x = 0.434 \frac{s_p}{p}$
Antilogarithm	$x = \text{anti log}_{10} p$	$s_x = 2.303 \cdot x \cdot s_p$

Quantity	Equivalent Values
Mass	1kg = 1000g = 0.001 metric ton = 2.20462lb _m = 35.27392 oz 1lb _m = 16 oz = 5 x 10 ⁻⁴ ton = 453.593 g = 0.453593kg
Length	1m = 100 cm = 1000 mm = 10 ⁶ microns (μm) = 10 ¹⁰ angstroms(A) = 39.37 in = 3.2808 ft = 1.0936 yd = 0.0006214 mile
Volume	1 m ³ = 1000 liters = 10 ⁶ cm ³ = 10 ⁶ ml = 35.3145 ft ³ = 220.83 imperial gallons = 264.17 = 1056.68 qt 1 ft ³ = 12 in = 1/3 yd = 0.03048 m = 30.48 cm
Force	1N = 1 kg · m/s ² = 10 ⁵ dynes = 10 ⁵ g · cm/s ² = 0.22481 lb _f 1lb _f = 32.174 lb _m · ft/s ² = 4.4482 N = 4.4482 x 10 ⁵ dynes
Pressure	1 atm = 1.01325 x 10 ⁵ N/m ² (Pa) = 101.325 kPa = 1.01325 bars = 1.01325 x 10 ⁶ dynes/cm ² = 760mm Hg at 0°C (torr) = 10.333 m H ₂ O at 4°C = 14.696 lb _f /in ² (psi) = 33.9 ft H ₂ O at 4°C = 29.921in Hg at 0°C
Energy	1J = 1 N · m = 10 ⁷ ergs = 10 ⁷ dyne · cm = 2.778 x 10 ⁻⁷ kW · h = 0.23901 cal = 0.7376 ft·lb _f = 9.486 x 10 ⁻⁴ Btu
Power	1 W = 1 J/s = 0.23901 cal/s = 0.7376 ft · lb _f /s = 9.486 x 10 ⁻⁴ Btu/s = 1.341 x 10 ⁻³ hp