## General properties

## WHAT IS THE AIM OF THIS PRACTICAL?

You will learn to measure some general properties: the mass and the volume of some solid objects and one liquid.

## WHAT DO YOU NEED?

| Digital scale | A ruler | Graduated cylinder |
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| A dice | A bottle of water | A rock |
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## A BIT OF THEORY

General properties are those that cannot be used to identify a substance. For example, volume, mass or area.

## WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?

## 1. Mass of a solid object

a. Take a scale and switch it on. Wait until the display shows zero;
b. Place the object on the scale's plate;

c. Read the value shown in the display;
d. Fill the table with the result of the reading: A
e. Repeat the process for each object: B

## 2. Volume of a regular solid object

a. Take a ruler and measure all the edges (width, height and depth) of the object;
b. Calculate the volume of the solid object using the following equation:

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V=w \cdot h \cdot d
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c. Fill the table with the result of the calculation: C

## 3. Volume of an irregular solid object

a. Take a graduated cylinder;
b. Pour liquid into the cylinder paying attention not to reach the brim;
c. Read the level of the liquid ( Vi ) avoiding the parallax error;
d. Drop the object into the cylinder;
e. Read the new level of the liquid (Vf) avoiding the parallax error;
f. Calculate the volume of the solid (Vs) object by using the following equation:

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V s=V f-V i
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g. Fill the table with the result of the calculation: D

## 4. Volume of a liquid

a. Take a graduated cylinder;
b. Pour the liquid into the cylinder paying attention not to reach the brim;
c. Read the level of the liquid avoiding the parallax error;
d. Fill the table with the result of the reading: E
e. Repeat the process for each liquid.

## 5. Mass of a liquid

a. Take a scale and switch it on. Wait until the display shows zero;
b. Place a graduated cylinder on the scale's plate;
c. Press the "Tare" button;

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d. Pour the liquid into the cylinder paying attention not to reach the brim;
e. Read the value shown in the display;
f. Fill the table with the result of the reading: F


## RESULTS:

|  | Mass (g) | Volume (cm $\left.{ }^{3}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Regular solid object | A | C |
| Irregular solid object | B | D |
| Liquid | F | E |

## FEED-BACK

Evaluate the difficulty of this practical. Circle the number that suits the level of difficulty you found while going through this practical:

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\begin{array}{lllllll}
\text { Very Easy } & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \text { Very Difficult }
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Did you enjoy going through this practical? Circle the number that suits your choice

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\begin{array}{lllllll}
\text { Not at all } & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \text { Very much }
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