

Dimensional Analysis

Group Practice

- 4 timed rounds plus a bonus round (difficulty increases each round!)
- Rotate writer each round (other team members can help!)
- Complete the dimensional analysis problem on the whiteboard
- Follow rules for showing math work
- Get work checked
 - First two teams: 2 points
 - All other teams: 1 point

Round 1

$$93.6 \text{ s} = ? \text{ ns}$$

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$$93.6 \text{ s} \times \frac{10^9 \text{ ns}}{1 \text{ s}} = 9.36 \times 10^{10} \text{ ns}$$

Round 2

$$7.2 \text{ mi} = ? \text{ in}$$

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$$7.2\text{mi} \times \frac{5280\text{ft}}{1\text{mi}} \times \frac{12\text{in}}{1\text{ft}} = 460000\text{in} \text{ or } 4.6 \times 10^5\text{in}$$

Round 3

$$3.89 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm} = ? \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

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$$3.89 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm} \times \frac{1\text{m}}{100\text{cm}} \times \frac{10^6 \mu\text{m}}{1\text{m}} = 38.9 \mu\text{m}$$

Round 4

$$0.007 \text{ km/s} = ? \text{ mi/min}$$

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$$\frac{0.007\text{km}}{1\text{s}} \times \frac{1\text{mi}}{1.61\text{km}} \times \frac{60\text{s}}{1\text{min}} = 0.3\text{mi/min}$$

Bonus Round

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$$\frac{0.040\text{ft}}{1\text{min}} \times \frac{12\text{in}}{1\text{ft}} \times \frac{2.54\text{cm}}{1\text{in}} \times \frac{1\text{min}}{60\text{s}} = 0.020\text{cm/s}$$