Significant Figures

The number of digits in a measurement about which we are certain and one additional digit which has an element of uncertainity are known as significant figures.

- ☐ Rules for determining the number of significant figures
- 1. All non zero digits are significant. (புஅவுறை എழ் അക്ക னது, സിഗ്നിഫിക്കൻ് സംவுகலுள்) e.g. 45.75 has 4 significant figures: But 0.0012 has 2 significant figures.
- 2. All zeros in between two non zero digits are significant.(പുജ്വമല്ലാത്ത രണ്ട് സംഖ്യകളുടെ ഇടയ്ക്കുവരുന്ന എല്ലാ പുജ്വങ്ങളും സിത്നിഫിക്കൻറാണ്). e.g. 400.07 km has 5 significant figures.
- 3. The zeros between decimal point and the left of the first non zero digit of the decimal number are not significant. (യെസിമൽ പോയിൻറിന് ശേഷം ആദ്യം വരുന്ന പുജ്യമല്ലാത്ത അക്കത്തിനു മുൻപിൽ വരുന്ന പൂജ്യങ്ങൾ സിന്നിഫിക്കന്റല്ല). e.g. 0.00142 and 0.142 has three significant figures. 1.42×10^{-3} m has three significant figures.
- 4. If the given number does not contain a decimal point, the final zeros are not significant. But if the number obtained is on the basis of an actual measurement, all zeros to the right of the last non zero digit are significant.(സംഖ്യയിൽ ഡെസിമൽ പോയിന്റ് ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ അവസാനത്തെ പുജ്യങ്ങൾ അപ്രധാനമാണ്. അളവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട സംഖ്യയാണെങ്കിൽ അവസാന പുജ്യങ്ങൾ പ്രധാന മാണ്). e.g. 2500 has two significant figures. But 2500 kg has 4 significant figures. 2.5 × 10³ kg has two significant figures.
- 5. If the number has an integral part and a decimal part, all zeros in the number are significant.(Integral part ഉം ഡെസിമൽ പാർട്ടും ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എല്ലാ പുജ്യവും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ടതാണ്). e.g. 154.0 mm has 4 significant figures. 154.00 cm has 5 significant figures.

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