

Intro Quiz #2

1. How many km can light go in a year? [This is the definition of a LIGHT YEAR!]

Given:

- Ⓐ 1 km = 1,000 m
- Ⓑ Light goes 3×10^8 m per 1 second.
- Ⓒ 60 seconds = 1 minute
- Ⓓ 60 minutes = 1 hour
- Ⓔ 24 hours = 1 day
- Ⓕ 365 days = 1 year

$$\frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \times \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ sec}} \times \frac{60 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ min}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{24 \text{ hrs}}{1 \text{ day}} \times \frac{365 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ yr}} = \frac{10^{13} \text{ km}}{1 \text{ yr}}$$

2. How many minutes are in a year?

Given:

- Ⓐ 365 days / 1 yr
- Ⓑ 24 hr / 1 day
- Ⓒ 60 min / 1 hr

Estimate: # min / yr

$$\frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{24 \text{ hrs}}{1 \text{ day}} \times \frac{365 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ yr}} = \frac{6 \times 10^5 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ yr}}$$

3. How many nanoseconds are in a millenium?

Given:

Estimate: # nanoseconds / millenium

- 1,000 yrs / 1 millenium
- 365 days / yr
- 24 hr / 1 day
- 60 min / 1 hr
- 60 sec / 1 min
- 10^9 nanoseconds / 1 sec

$$\frac{10^9 \text{ ns}}{1 \text{ sec}} \times \frac{60 \text{ sec}}{1 \text{ min}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{24 \text{ hr}}{1 \text{ d}} \times \frac{365 \text{ d}}{1 \text{ yr}} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ yrs}}{1 \text{ mill}} = \frac{36 \times 10^{18} \text{ ns}}{1 \text{ mill}}$$

4. How many nm wide is the universe?

Given:

Estimate: # nm / universe

- 1 universe = 30×10^9 light years
- 1 light year = 10^{13} km
- 1 km = 1,000 m
- 10^6 nm = 1 mm
- 10 mm = 1 cm
- 100 cm = 1 m

$$\frac{10^6 \text{ nm}}{1 \text{ mm}} \times \frac{10 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ cm}} \times \frac{100 \text{ cm}}{1 \text{ m}} \times \frac{10^3 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{10^{13} \text{ km}}{1 \text{ ly}} \times \frac{30 \times 10^9 \text{ ly}}{1 \text{ U}} = \frac{3 \times 10^{35} \text{ nm}}{1 \text{ U}}$$