

Summary of Density Lab Calculations



Using “Best Line” (not data points), determine the Slope of Volume vs Mass Data Plot

Pick two (x,y) points on “best line”

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

There is a How to Graph Summary as a separate download for those who need it

Determine the Density of a Regular Solid (Marble)

1. Calculate the radius of the marble.

$$\text{Radius (r)} = \text{diameter (measured with the caliper)} / 2$$

2. Calculate the volume of the marble using the equation for the volume of a sphere.

$$\text{Volume of a sphere} = (4/3) \pi r^3$$

3. Calculate the density of your marble

$$\text{Density} = \text{mass} / \text{volume}$$

Determine the Density of an Irregular Solid Unknown

1. Calculate the volume of the rock

$$\text{Volume} = \text{Final volume} - \text{Initial volume}$$

2. Calculate the density of the rock

$$\text{Density} = \text{mass} / \text{volume}$$

