
PHYS 1220 Group Work Sheet

Temperature

With your group, discuss how to answer these questions and write your group answer in the space provided. Explain/show how you got your answer: don't just write down a number! (Especially not one without units!)

1. The freezing point of pure water is $273.15\text{ K} = 32^\circ\text{F}$. What is absolute zero in Fahrenheit?

2. The year 2024 was the hottest year ever recorded, exceeding the pre-industrial global average by 2.62°F .
 - a. What is the increase in Celsius?

 - b. What is the increase in kelvin?

3. The temperature inside a classroom might vary between 18.0°C and 24.0°C . If a steel meter stick is exactly 1.0000 meters long at 18.0°C , what is its length at 24.0°C ? (Steel $\alpha = 1.2 \times 10^{-5}/^\circ\text{C}$)

4. The thermal coefficient of volume expansion of gasoline is $1.1 \times 10^{-3}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. Flow meters on most American gas pumps are calibrated for gasoline at 16.5°C . On a late summer day, the gasoline in a tank is at a temperature of 26.5°C . If gasoline is priced at \$3.00/gallon, how much does a purchaser overpay for 10.0 gallons of gasoline?
5. A automobile's gasoline tank, made of high-density polyethylene ($\alpha = 15 \times 10^{-5}/^{\circ}\text{C}$), is filled to the brim with 0.0568 m^3 of gasoline at 20.0°C . As the car sits in the sun, the temperature of the gasoline increases to 28.0°C .
- Does gasoline spill out of the tank, or does space open up in the tank?
 - What is the resulting volume difference?