

3.3.1 Compound Rates

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KEY WORDS density

<!-- Session 2 native-skill companion -->

Objective

Practise compound rates within the labelled native lessons. Public original tasks; locally authored answer guidance.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ Rates, unit prices, density and pressure · Foundation

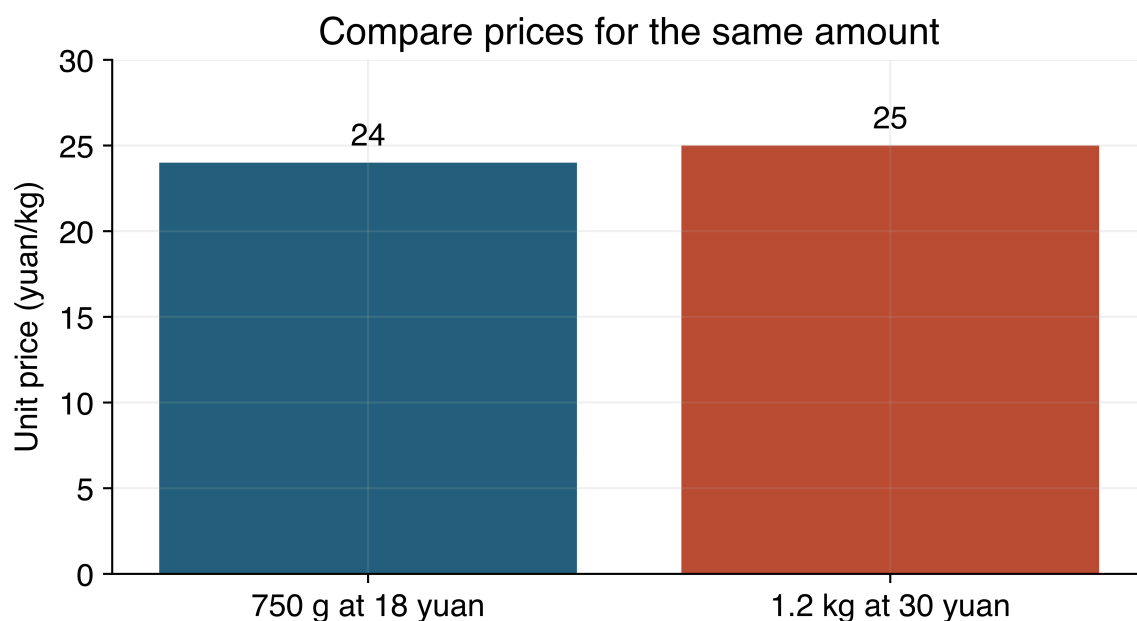
A compound rate divides one quantity by another: speed= d/t , pay=earnings/time, unit price=cost/amount, density=mass/volume and pressure=force/area. Rearrange these equations before substituting. Convert each dimension separately; converting cm^2 to m^2 uses a squared length factor. Comparisons must use the same units and conditions.

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}, \quad p = \frac{F}{A}, \quad m = \rho V$$

A 750 g pack costing 18 yuan has unit price $18/0.75=24$ yuan/kg. A 1.2 kg pack at 30 yuan costs 25 yuan/kg, so the first is better value if quality and waste are equal. A block of mass 540 g and volume 200 cm^3 has density 2.7 g/cm^3 ; a 50 cm^3 piece of that material has mass 135 g. Since $1 \text{ g}=0.001 \text{ kg}$ and $1 \text{ cm}^3=0.000001 \text{ m}^3$, $2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3=2700 \text{ kg/m}^3$. A 120 N force over 0.03 m^2 gives pressure $4000 \text{ N/m}^2=4000 \text{ Pa}$. At fixed force, halving the area doubles pressure. An hourly pay rate of 48 yuan/hour gives 120 yuan for 2.5 hours.

Volume conversions cube the length factor and area conversions square it. A density of 2.7 g/cm^3 is not 2.7 kg/m^3 . A cheaper package may cost more per kilogram; include only comparable products.

AQA R1/R11 includes speed, pay, pricing, density and pressure in numerical and algebraic contexts. Show the rearrangement with named quantities and carry units through the answer; use an inverse check such as density $\times$ volume=mass.



Original native-lesson illustration; labels belong to its worked example.

2 Practice

2.1 (Foundation) Find density for mass 540 g and volume 200 cm³.

2.2 (Foundation) Find pressure in Pa for 120 N on 0.03 m².

2.3 (Foundation) Find the unit price in yuan/kg for 750 g at 18 yuan.

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Decide whether this claim is true. Justify with a concrete calculation or counterexample: Converting density from g/cm^3 to kg/m^3 leaves its numerical value unchanged.
