Exercise 36

Indicate the SI base units or derived units that are appropriate for the following measurements:

- (a) the length of a marathon race (26 miles 385 yards)
- (b) the mass of an automobile
- (c) the volume of a swimming pool
- (d) the speed of an airplane
- (e) the density of gold
- (f) the area of a football field
- (g) the maximum temperature at the South Pole on April 1, 1913

Solution

The SI units for mass, length, time, and temperature are kilogram (kg), meter (m), second (s), and kelvin (K), respectively.

- (a) meters (m)
- (b) kilograms (kg)
- (c) cubic meters (m³)
- (d) meters per second (m/s)
- (e) kilograms per cubic meter (kg/m³)
- (f) square meters (m²)
- (g) kelvins (K)