미시거시 2018-2학기 과제 1

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1. Determine the length of the row that is obtained when the atoms in a 1 mm³ grain of table salt are placed one next to the other.

Data

- Density of salt: $d(NaCl) = 2.165 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Ionic radius of sodium: $r(Na) = 0.97 \text{ Å} = 0.97 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$
- Ionic radius of chlorine: $r(Cl) = 1.81 \text{ Å} = 1.81 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$
- Atomic weight of sodium: M(Na) = 22.9898 g
- Atomic weight of chlorine: M(Cl) = 35.453 g
- Avogadro's number: $N_A = 6.02252 \times 10^{23}$

2. Make an order-of-magnitude estimate for the average number of rubber molecules torn away from a shoe on each step.

Hints:

- For simplicity, let us assume the basic unit of the rubber molecule is *cis*-1,4 polymer, which consists of natural rubber. https://www.britannica.com/science/polyisoprene#ref1049238
- First, measure the amount of shoe rubber worn out after some period. Justify why it is difficult to measure the change just after one step.
- Estimate how many steps you took during that period.
- Describe explicitly why and how you measure and estimate the quantities and what assumptions you made behind such estimates.