## University of Houston Problem of the Week

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**Problem 1:** A collection of critters weight 3000 lbs with 99% of it being water-weight. If they reduce the water-weight to 98%, how much do the critters weigh?

Solution. 1500 libs

The non-water weight is 1% of  $3000\,\mathrm{lbs} = 30\,\mathrm{lbs}$ . If that becomes 2% of the weight, the total weight would be  $^{30\,\mathrm{lbs}}/_{0.02} = 1500\,\mathrm{lbs}$ .