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this handbook addresses the historical background of the islamic world and reviews its basic past intellectual achievements it studies social progress of these regions and sub regions in comparison with other parts of the world it uses large data sets and well established statistically weighted indexes in order to assess the nature and pace of the multiple facets of social change in member states of the organization of islamic cooperation oic the handbook extensively discusses the main challenges confronting the islamic nations in the social economic political and ideological fields though it is recognizable that social change in the islamic world is generally positive it remains highly variable in pace and there is room to speed it up to the benefit of millions of deprived muslim people hence the book studies the different propositions and programs of action such as the united nations millennium development campaign and the oic s ten year programme of action to present an integrated and comprehensive agenda of action to help improve the situation in the islamic world

wie können wir den ursprung des hasses erklären der unsere welt überzieht von amokläufern über den is bis hin zu donald trump von rachsüchtigem nationalismus bis zu rassismus und frauenfeindlichkeit in den sozialen medien der britisch indische intellektuelle pankaj mishra gibt in seinem neuen buch eine überraschende erklärung indem er zunächst den blick bis hin zurück ins 18 jahrhundert richtet zeigt er wie schon im prozess der modernisierung diejenigen die nicht davon profitiert haben anfällig für demagogen waren und alle anderen die zu spät kamen zurückgelassen oder ausgegrenzt wurden sind immer auf erschreckend gleiche weise reagiert haben mit hass auf erfundene feinde dem heraufbeschwören eines imaginären goldenen zeitalters und der selbstermächtigung durch spektakuläre gewalt heute wie damals treiben massenpolitik technologie und das streben nach reichtum und individualismus millionen von menschen ziellos in eine demoralisierte welt entwurzelte die von der moderne nicht profitieren mit denselben schrecklichen folgen eine brillante und höchst aktuelle deutung der gegenwart wie sie nur ein wahrhaft globaler intellektueller sz vorlegen kann mit tiefem verständnis sowohl der westlichen wie der nichtwestlichen geschichte bekommt pankaj mishra wie niemand vor ihm das elend im herzen dieser gefährlichen zeiten in den griff das ist das erstaunlichste überzeugendste und verstörendste buch das ich in den letzten jahren gelesen habe joe sacco zwingend tiefgründig und genau zur richtigen zeit john banville

a study of the question of freedom of expression in the middle east includes analysis of censorship in algeria the fatwa against salman rushdie taliban repression in afghanistan and the 1980 transmission on british tv of death of a princess historische aneignungen und ästhetische konstruktionen außereuropäischer kulturen innerhalb der westlichen kunst und kulturgeschichte sind relativ gut erforscht untersuchungen zu den mannigfaltigen westprojektionen und reflexionen bis in die gegenwart stellen jedoch ein forschungsdesiderat dar die beiträger innen des bandes fragen unter welchen historischen und geopolitischen bedingungen formt sich ein okzidentales kultur und kunstbewusstsein aus welche ab und ausgrenzungsmechanismen spielen dabei eine rolle im zentrum der analyse steht eine kritische okzidentalismusreflexion und deren beeinflussung durch die geopolitische deplatzierung und zersplitterung des westens

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this book presents an in depth cultural and political analysis of the issue of political islam as a potential source of tensions and conflict and how this might be peacefully resolved looking at modernity from an islamic point of view the author analyses issues such as law knowledge and human rights

mit blick auf die internationalen beziehungen analysiert naika foroutan welche möglichkeiten bestehen der gefahr sich verschärfender zivilisationskonflikte zu begegnen dabei untersucht sie auch ob die für den westen sicherheitspolitisch bedeutsamen kulturdialoge zusätzlich einen beitrag zur demokratisierung der islamischen staatenwelt leisten können

künstlerische selbstinszenierungen in der zeitgenössischen iranischen videokunst sind nicht zuletzt durch identitätskonstruktionen im sowohl inner als auch außeriranischen visuellen diskurs geprägt im zentrum dieses buches stehen arbeiten von simin keramati und shahram entekhabi die in eine breit angelegte kunst und kulturwissenschaftliche analyse des identitätsbegriffs in iran des 20 und 21 jahrhunderts eingebettet sind julia allerstorfers interdisziplinäre studie berücksichtigt aktuelle debatten um kulturelle identität in migrativen und länderübergreifenden kontexten und führt differenziert in performative und de konstruktive praxen der selbstdarstellung in der iranischen gegenwartskunst ein

vahdat comparative religion tufts u in this revised version of his dissertation in sociology at brandeis u applies a carefully defined theory of modernity to his discussion of iran from the mid 19th century to the present the theories of modernity advanced by kant hegel marx weber adorno foucault and habermas are discussed at the outset subsequent chapters consider the iranian use of modernity the role of intellectuals in adopting modernity and how political events have moderated both annotation copyrighted by book news inc portland or

the new and updated edition of political islam world politics and europe focusses on the shift within political islam in light of 9 11 and the events of the arab spring from a jihadist struggle to institutional islamism refuting what has often been referred to by commentators as the moderation of islamism the second edition of this book introduces the concept of institutional islamism a process which tibi argues was accelerated in the aftermath of the arab spring both jihadist and institutional islamism pursue the same goal of an islamist state but disagree fundamentally on the strategy for achieving it whilst jihadism is committed to the idea of a violent islamic world revolution institutional islamism embraces political institutions as a means to an end turning to the events of the arab spring in tunisia libya and egypt this book attempts to determine whether an abandonment of violence is enough to underpin a shift to genuine democracy analysing the fall of morsi in particular tibi questions what lessons can be learnt from his presidency and argues that this event will not change the overall trend of development from jihadism to institutional islamism a timely addition to existing literature this book will be of interest to students and scholars studying middle eastern and european politics political islam and international relations

developed in response to the events of september 11 2001 these 14 articles from prominent muslim thinkers offer a provocative reassessment of islam s relationship with the modern world confronting issues such as racism justice sexuality and gender this book reveals the real challenges faced by muslims of both sexes in contemporary western society a probing frank and intellectually refreshing testament to the capacity of islam for renewal change and growth these articles from fifteen muslim scholars and activists address the challenging and complex issues that confront muslims today avoiding fundamentalist and apologetic approaches the book concentrates on the key areas of debate in progressive islamic thought contemporary islam gender justice and pluralism with further contributions on subjects as diverse and controversial as the alienation of muslim youth islamic law marriage and feminism and the role of democracy in islam this volume will prove thought provoking for all those interested in the challenges of justice and pluralism facing the muslim world as it confronts the twenty first century

written by scholars from a range of disciplines concerned with the middle east and islam history religious studies anthropology sociology political science and covering the muslim world extensively from malaysia turkey sudan egypt and israel palestine to muslim communities in europe and the united states this important contribution to the debate on globalization sets a standard in dealing with this pervasive force in the field of islamic and middle eastern studies

the architecture of the islamic world is predominantly considered in terms of a dual division between tradition and modernity a division which saeid khaghani here argues has shaped and limited the narrative applied to this architecture khaghani introduces and reconsiders the mosques of eighth to fifteenth century iran in terms of poststructural theory and developments in

historiography in order to develop a brand new dialectical framework using the examples of mosques such as the friday mosques in isfahan and yazd as well as the imam mosque in isfahan khaghani presents a new way of thinking about and discussing islamic architecture making this valuable reading for all interested in the study of the art architecture and material culture of the islamic world

noch nie konnten so viele menschen wie heute ihre meinung auf der ganzen welt verbreiten internet und globalisierung haben eine neue epoche der redefreiheit möglich gemacht gleichzeitig provozieren sie neue kulturelle und religiöse konflikte müssen wir rassistische kommentare auf facebook hinnehmen darf satire den propheten mohammed verhöhnen 2011 hat timothy garton ash eine debatte angestoßen seitdem diskutieren teilnehmer aus der ganzen welt die frage wie wir in zukunft vernünftig unsere standpunkte austauschen wie wir das recht auf redefreiheit genauso wie die würde andersdenkender sichern können es ist der stoff für sein neues buch ein standardwerk zur redefreiheit im 21 jahrhundert

dismissing the idea that an african connection explains the spread of islam amongst african americans sherman jackson explores the complex factors that have given rise to the black muslim movement finds answers in both african american religious traditions the doctrines of the faith

this book is a study of political thought in islam from the viewpoint of the history of ideas and the relevance of these ideas to contemporary arabic political discourse the author examines the use of the classical islamic tradition turath and its religious and philosophical components by the three dominant arabic political discourses the islamists apologists and intellectuals the book analyzes the different assumptions advanced by these discourses and the way they propose to apply or restore the turath in the present exploring connections between the medieval islamic tradition and current debates this book is essential reading for

advanced students and researchers of islam and political thought

this book is a comparative study of basic themes in christian and islamic fundamentalist discourses analyzing and comparing texts from a wide variety of fundamentalist leaders and movements looking for family resemblances and significant differences in order to better understand the contemporary phenomenon of religious resurgence after placing fundamentalisms in a theoretical framework the study looks at selected themes important to fundamentalists noting resemblances and differences these themes include their anti secularist stance their theocentric worldviews their reliance on inerrant sacred scriptures and their attitudes to politics government state and democracy the study also looks at the fundamentalist view of the world as a perennial battlefield between the forces of good and those of evil in the realm of ideologies as well as politics and the legitimation of violence

the expression of an islamic political radicalism in britain has been one of the most dramatic developments in recent decades islamic radicalism and multicultural politics explores the nature of this phenomenon by analysing the origins of islam and its historical contact with western europe and britain and the emergence of islamic political radicalism in the muslim world and in the west tahir abbas draws on historical analysis and contemporary case studies to explore the post war immigration and integration of muslim groups the complex relations that exist between a secular liberal britain and a diverse but multifaceted islam and the extent of social and economic inequalities that affect muslims as individual citizens and in local area communities he shows how violent extremism among british muslims is in reality influenced by a range of issues including the factors of globalisation and contemporary politics media and culture analysing and dissecting public policy abbas offers suggestions for tackling the major social political and economic questions facing british muslims in the post 7 7 era an important contribution to the study of religion race and ethnicity in modern britain this accessible work will be of interest to anyone working in the field of

islamic studies sociology and political radicalism cover design by mahtab hussain mahtabhussain com

award winning historian theodore friend recently set out alone across asia and the middle east on a quest to understand firsthand the life situations of women in indonesia pakistan saudi arabia iran and turkey woman man and god in modern islam recounts friend s remarkable journey and relates hundreds of encounters and conversations with people he met along the way commingling a deep respect for islam and his faith in the potential of women to change their worlds friend presents an open exploratory outsider s perspective on women in five very different islamic cultures timely fare for all who wish to broaden their world horizons

in the aftermath of the iranian revolution the government of the islamic republic initiated a stringent anti drug campaign that included fining addicts imprisonment physical punishment and even the death penalty despite these measures drug use was and is still commonplace based on her most recent fieldwork janne bjerre christensen explores the mounting problems of drug use in iran how treatment became legalized in 1998 how local ngos offer methadone treatment in tehran and face continuous political challenges in doing so and how drug use is critically discussed in iranian media and cinema drugs deviancy and democracy in iran is thus a unique account of iran s recent social and political history drawing important conclusions about the complexity of state power and the growing impact of civil society vital for all those interested in iran s history politics and society

this volume documents the transformation of age old antisemitic stereotypes into a new form of discrimination often called new antisemitism or antisemitism 2 0 manifestations of antisemitism in political legal media and other contexts are reflected on theoretically and contemporary developments are analyzed with a special focus on online hatred the volume points to the need for a globally coordinated approach on the political and legal levels as well as with regard to the modern media to effectively combat modern antisemitism

this book explains the increasing incidences and normalisation of islamophobia by analysing the role of signifiers of free speech censorship and fatwa during the satanic verses affair in problematising the figure of the muslim ismail patel develops the notion of islamophobia not as a continuation of the antagonistic relation from the british empire but as a postcolonial reformulation of the figure of the muslim the book views islamophobia studies as a paradigm engages in the debate of islamophobia as a global phenomenon investigates the contestation over its definition and challenges the view of islamophobia as a reserve of the far right it assesses the debate around the concept of identity and shows how the colonised figure of the muslim provided significance in constructing british imperial identity providing a decolonial counter islamophobia approach that challenges britishness exclusionary white symbolic content the book calls for a liberating idea of britishness that promotes a post racist rather than a post race society theoretically rich in analysis this book will contribute to discussions of identity formation britishness islamophobia and counter islamophobia it will be of use to students and researchers across history politics sociology cultural studies literary studies and anthropology

this book focuses on the history and work of the saudi dār al iftā one of the most central modern islamic official religious institutions the study was undertaken from two perspectives 1 dār al iftā creation power structure functions and the sociopolitical environment in which it operates and 2 the actual work of this institution mainly the mechanisms by which modern saudi state muftis cope with clashes between wahhābī idealism and the reality of an evolving society this is a critical work which updates the readers grasp of contemporary law and society in the modern saudi state in particular and in islamic jurisprudence in general

this book provides an in depth deliberation upon the now unsettled relationship between religion and politics in contemporary britain with some emphasis upon the case of islam which is now at the centre of the debate combining theological reflections and academic and policy perspectives this topical collection includes contributions from ted cantle sunder katwala maleiha malik and tariq modood among others

the power of sovereignty explores the religio political and philosophical concepts of sayyid qutb one of the most influential political thinkers for contemporary islamists and who has greatly influenced the likes of osama bin laden executed by the egyptian state in 1966 his books continue to be read and his theory of jahiliyya ignorance is still of prime importance for radical islamic groups providing a detailed perspective of sayyid qutb s writings this book examines the relation between the specifics of the concept of hakimiyyah and that of jahiliyyah the force and intent of these two concepts how qutb employs their specifics to critically assess the political establishments like nationalism and capitalism the influence of the two concepts on egypt s radical islamic movements where many of al qa ida s lieutenants officers ideologues and conspirators were fomented shedding light on islamic radicalism and its intellectual origins the power of sovereignty presents new analysis on the intellectual legacy of one of the most important thinkers of modern islamic revival

the author examines from different perspectives theological and philosophical as well as socio political and historical the significance of the concept of the individual in the ways of thinking of iranians this book establishes that the mystical dimension of islamic thought the divine nature of islamic law and the mode of relationship between ruler and the ruled in combination counteracted growth of concern for the individual self in iranian thought

the cell phone reader offers a diverse eclectic set of essays that examines how this rapidly evolving technology is shaping new

media cultures new forms of identity and media centered relationships the contributors focus on a range of topics from horror films to hip hop from religion to race and draw examples from across the globe the cell phone reader provides a road map for both scholars and beginning students to examine the profound social cultural and international impact of this small device

reaching beyond traditionally politicised scholarship to provide a unique perspective on the place of religion and culture in global and local politics this book examines the impact of islam on civilizational relations between different groups and polities bassam tibi takes a highly original approach to the topic of religion in world politics exploring the place of islam in society and its frequent distortion in world politics to the more radical islamism looking at how this becomes an immediate source of tension and conflict between the secular and the religious tibi rejects the clash of civilizations theory and argues for the revival of islamic humanism to help bridge the gap chapters expand on inter civilizational conflict in global politics dialogue between religious and secular east and west western concepts of islamism euro islam and the islamic diaspora in europe islamic humanism as a tool for bridging civilizations shedding new light on the highly topical subject of islam in politics and society this book is an essential read for scholars and students of international politics islamic studies and conflict resolution

suspicions about the integration of islam into european cultures have been steadily on the rise and dramatically so since 9 11 one reason lies in the visibility of anti western islamic discourses of salafi origin which have monopolized the debate on the true islam not only among muslims but also in the eyes of the general population across europe these discourses combined with islamophobic discourses reinforce the so called incompatibility between the west and islam this book breaks away from this clash between islam and the west by arguing that european islam is possible it analyzes the contribution that european islam has made to the formation of an innovative islamic theology that is deeply ethicist and modern and it clarifies how this

constructed european islamic theology is able to contribute to the various debates that are related to secular liberal democracies of western europe part i introduces four major projects that defend the idea of european islam from different disciplines and perspectives politics political theology jurisprudence and philosophy part ii uses the frameworks from three major philosophers and scholars to approach the idea of european islam in the context of secular liberal societies british scholar george hourani moroccan philosopher taha abderrahmane and the american philosopher john rawls the book shows that the ongoing efforts of european muslim thinkers to revisit the concept of citizenship and political community can be seen as a new kind of political theology in opposition to radical forms of islamic thinking in some muslim majority countries opening a new path for examining islamic thought in and of europe this book will appeal to students and scholars of islamic studies islam in the west and political theology

the interface between the current shi ite landscape and christian thinking is of the greatest significance for the shifting political and religious dynamics of the middle east sasan tavassoli here examines iranian shi ite thinkers encounters with christian thought since the islamic revolution of 1979 and provides insight into the cultural and intellectual climate surrounding christian muslim dialogue in contemporary iran the literature on christianity in iran reveals a wide range of approaches and attitudes and tavassoli demonstrates that traditional polemics are giving way to a more descriptive and subjective understanding of christian thought he also studies muslim christian dialogue and research conducted and supported by governmental as well as non governmental organizations and offers a close examination with interviews of the work of three prominent liberal religious intellectuals abdol karim soroush mostafa malekian and mojtahed shabestari placing contemporary shi ite thought in the broad historical context of pre and post revolution iran tavassoli relates concrete religious cultural and socio political realities to the themes and orientations in the latest phase of the shi i islam christianity encounter and offers fresh insight into the dynamism of contemporary islam and the religious complexities of the muslim world

heidegger ontology and the destiny of islam thoughts and reflections on the nature of islam in the world critiques islam as a phenomenon set into motion from its beginning it is a reflective work that addresses difficult questions about islam through familiar historical concerns and grapples with the issues that arise in that process notably it attests to making no substantive claims about muslims and instead keeps to the course of analysis of the phenomenon that is islam which is taken as an assessable entity rather than a categorical construct understood largely in light of a history of observable realities the ontological analysis of islam reveals the general acquaintance with it to be imperfect this suggests the reality of islam is based on a primal truth that is only partially seen the analysis then confronts two problems firstly that islam is not what its historical story as it were proclaims and secondly that islam is therefore not what is traditionally made out of the surviving historical narratives it is not a question of what islam is but more critically how islam appears in the world

this book provides an honest assessment of the contemporary relationship between western and islamic cultures and puts forth the cross cultural idea of tolerance as one invaluable approach for affecting peaceful coexistence

an introduction to four western figures influenced by sufism who wrote about an inner esoteric islam

islam and international relations fractured worlds reframes and radically disrupts perceived understanding of the nature and location of islamic impulses in international relations this collection of innovative essays written by mustapha kamal pasha presents an alternative reading of contestation and entanglement between islam and modernity wide ranging in scope the volume illustrates the limits of western political imagination especially its liberal construction of presumed divergence between islam and the west split into three parts pasha s articles cover islamic exceptionalism challenges and responses and also look beyond western international relations this volume will be of great interest to graduates and scholars of international relations islam religion and politics and political ideologies globalization and democracy

aydın süer befasst sich mit dem historischen narrativ vom niedergang des osmanischen reiches welches den blick osmanischer und türkischer eliten auf sich selbst und auf europa bis heute maßgeblich beeinflusst hat dazu untersucht der autor reiseberichte die als folge einer ab dem 18 jahrhundert zunehmenden reisetätigkeit von osmanen nach europa entstanden sind kennzeichnend für alle reiseberichte ist dass sie die berichterstattung über europa auf auffällige weise und häufig in den dienst einer kritik an der eigenen gesellschaft stellen damit erzeugen und verstärken sie nach und nach das bild von einem im aufstieg begriffenen europa demgegenüber das osmanische reich zumindest potenziell einer gefahr des untergangs ausgesetzt ist es ist hier gerade die wahrnehmung darstellung und deutung einer unmittelbar erlebten fremden wirklichkeit die bei den autoren der reiseberichte zugleich eine reflexion darüber auslöst was das eigene und das fremde ausmacht

the book is especially topical and could be marketed world wide it shows the intellectual origins the conceptual and methodological thinking of radical islamist movement in the modern world sayyid qutb is probably the most influential political thinker for contemporary islamists and has greatly influenced the likes of bin laden it is therefore helpful in providing an understanding of radical islamic fundamentalists which makes this book extremely relevant since the events of september 11th the book provides a new analysis of qtub and is an important contribution to this topic

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## Decoding 2.54 x 2.54: Unveiling the Significance of a Seemingly Simple Measurement

The seemingly innocuous measurement of 2.54 x 2.54 inches might seem insignificant at first glance. However, this seemingly simple number holds immense importance across various fields, from engineering and manufacturing to everyday life. It represents a fundamental link between the metric and imperial systems of measurement, specifically the conversion factor between inches and centimeters. This article delves into the significance of 2.54 x 2.54 inches, exploring its origins, applications, and implications in different contexts.

### I. The Foundation: Inches and Centimeters

The basis of the 2.54 x 2.54 measurement lies in the conversion factor between inches and centimeters: 1 inch is precisely equal to 2.54 centimeters. This precise equivalence is crucial for seamless conversion between the two systems. The value 2.54 isn't arbitrary; it's a result of meticulous scientific measurements and international agreements aimed at standardizing measurements globally. Prior to this standardization, different countries and regions used variations in their inch definitions, leading to considerable inconsistencies. The adoption of 2.54 cm/inch solved this problem, paving the way for a more unified and accurate

system of measurements.

### **II. Practical Applications: From Electronics to Construction**

The 2.54 x 2.54 measurement, often representing a square inch (approximately 6.45 cm<sup>2</sup>), appears in countless applications: Electronics: The ubiguitous Integrated Circuit (IC) packaging, often referred to as a "chip," frequently uses 2.54 mm (or 0.1 inch) grid spacing for pinouts and component placement on printed circuit boards (PCBs). This standardization allows for easier design. manufacturing, and interoperability of electronic components from various manufacturers. Imagine trying to assemble a computer with components from different manufacturers if there wasn't a universally agreed-upon grid spacing. The chaos would be immense. Manufacturing: Machine parts, particularly those involving precision engineering, often use 2.54 mm increments in their design and manufacture. This ensures compatibility with tools, fixtures, and other components. Consider the manufacture of automotive parts. Slight variations in dimensions due to measurement inconsistencies could lead to catastrophic failures. Construction and Design: While less common than in electronics and manufacturing, the 2.54 cm/inch conversion is fundamental in architectural blueprints and construction designs, particularly when dealing with plans that use both imperial and metric units. Converting between these systems using the 2.54 factor ensures accuracy and prevents errors that could have significant structural implications. Photography and Imaging: The sensor size of digital cameras, particularly in older models, is often specified using inches. The 2.54 factor is crucial for calculating the sensor's dimensions in millimeters. This is essential for understanding image quality, field of view, and depth of field calculations. Everyday Life: Many everyday items, though not directly using 2.54 x 2.54 inches, benefit indirectly from the standard. For example, the dimensions of many standard screws, nuts, and

bolts are often based on the inch system, influencing their compatibility with tools and fixtures.

#### **III. Understanding Potential Errors and Limitations**

While the 2.54 cm/inch conversion offers significant benefits, it's important to acknowledge potential limitations: Rounding Errors: When converting between systems, rounding errors can accumulate, particularly in complex calculations. This can lead to slight inaccuracies in final results. It's crucial to maintain a sufficient number of significant figures to minimize these errors. System Incompatibility: While the 2.54 conversion facilitates interoperability, not all systems and tools are designed to handle both metric and imperial units seamlessly. This can lead to challenges in certain situations, requiring careful planning and conversion procedures.

#### IV. Conclusion: The Enduring Relevance of 2.54 x 2.54

The seemingly simple measurement of 2.54 x 2.54 inches plays a surprisingly vital role in various aspects of our lives. It represents a cornerstone of global measurement standardization, facilitating seamless interaction between the metric and imperial systems. Understanding this fundamental conversion factor is crucial for anyone involved in engineering, manufacturing, design, or any field requiring precise measurements. Recognizing its implications and potential limitations ensures accurate and reliable results across diverse applications.

#### FAQs:

1. Why is 2.54 cm exactly equal to 1 inch? This is a result of international agreements establishing a precise definition for the inch based on the metric system. It's not a naturally occurring ratio but a defined standard. 2. Are there any exceptions to the 2.54 cm/inch conversion? While 2.54 cm/inch is the internationally accepted standard, historical variations existed, and some niche applications might still use slightly different values. However, these exceptions are rare. 3. How can I avoid errors when converting between inches and centimeters? Use accurate conversion tools and calculators, maintain a sufficient number of significant figures in your calculations, and always double-check your results. 4. What is the difference between 2.54 cm and 2.54 mm? 2.54 cm (centimeters) is equal to 25.4 mm (millimeters), as there are 10 mm in 1 cm. The difference is a factor of 10. 5. Why is the 0.1-inch grid so prevalent in electronics? The 0.1-inch (2.54 mm) grid provides a practical balance between component density and ease of manufacturing and assembly. It's a standard that allows for efficient design and production of circuit boards.

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