

## Chapter 2.4 Chemical Formulas

### Different Representations

#### Chemical Formulas

NH<sub>3</sub> ammonia

1 atom of Nitrogen

3 atoms of Hydrogen

N<sub>1</sub>H<sub>3</sub> only include subscript  
> 1

Not NH3 Correct NH<sub>3</sub> ↓ subscript

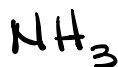
CH<sub>4</sub> → 1 Carbon & 4 Hydrogens

NaC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O → 1 Sodium, 2 Carbon,  
5 Hydrogen, 1 Oxygen

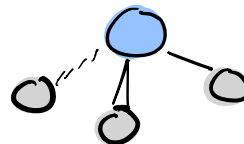
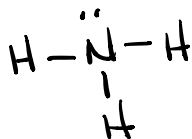
Subscripts are ratios, Fixed ratios  
ratios are atom ratios or molar ratios

## Other representations

molecular Formula  $\rightarrow$  Lewis Structure  $\rightarrow$  3D Structure

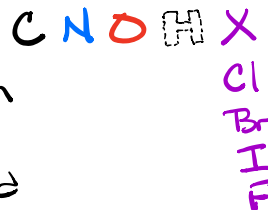


# of atom  
in ratios



How atoms  
are connected

- How to build them
- Comes later
- Know how to read them

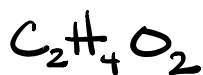


Chemical Formula — Atom ratios  
& some structural info

Lewis Structures — Atom Connectivity  
which atoms are  
connected to which

3D molecules — Shape

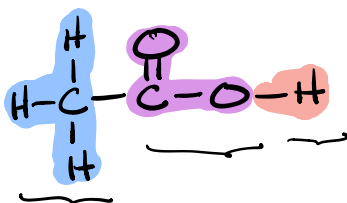
# Examples of formulas



Simple molecular formula



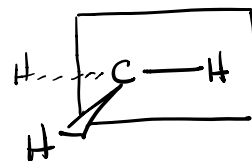
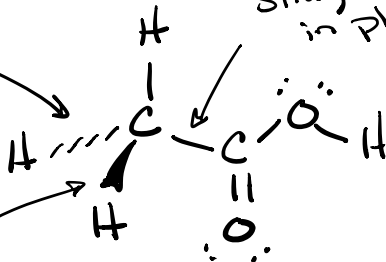
molecular formula that has some structure encoded



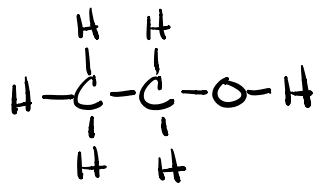
Hash bond  
back in space

Straight bond  
in plane

wedge bond  
forward in  
space

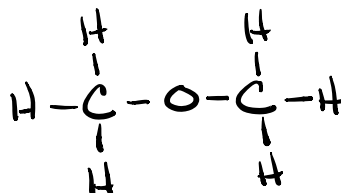


Molecular Formulas can have different molecules they represent



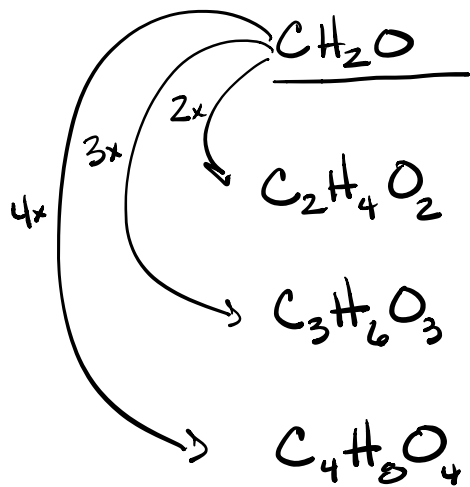
Ethanol

or



Dimethyl ether

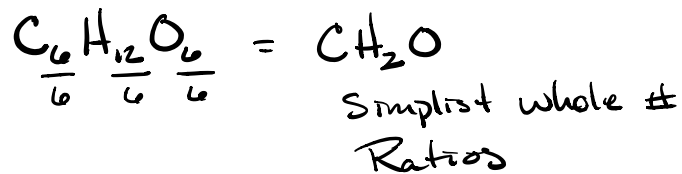
Structural Isomers - two molecules that have different structures but the same molecular formula



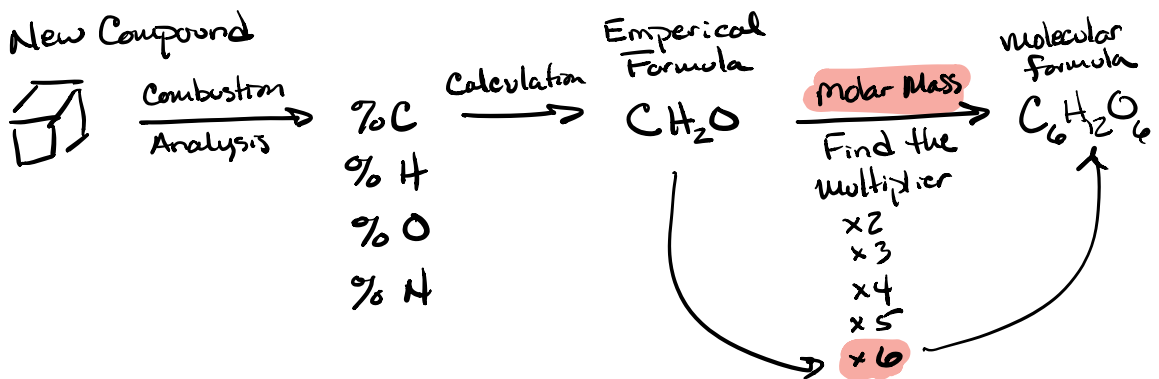
Empirical Formula  
= Smallest whole number ratios  
of a formula

Example glucose  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$

Find the empirical formula for glucose

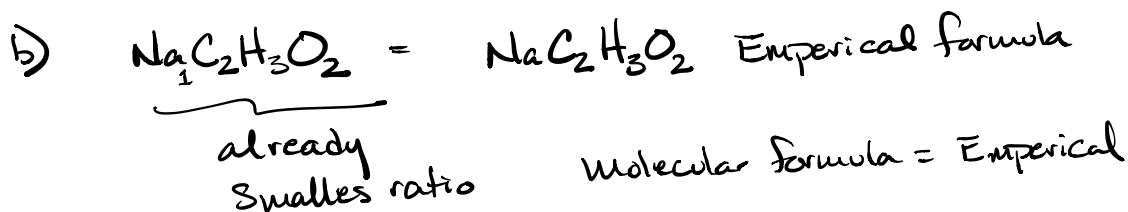
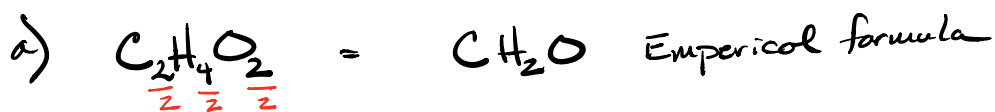


Why do we have or want empirical formulas?  
Why are they useful?

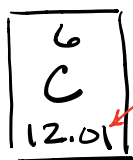


Find the empirical formula for each formula below.

Molecular Formulas



Molar Mass - mass in grams of 1 mole of a substance



Viewed as  
amu for 1 atom      amu/atom  
or

⇒ g for 1 mole of C atoms  
g/mole

$$12.01 \text{ g C} = 1 \text{ mole C atoms} = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ C atoms}$$

mass ⇌ Count

Ex

How many grams will 3.21 moles of Carbon weigh?

Road Map

mole  $\longrightarrow$  grams

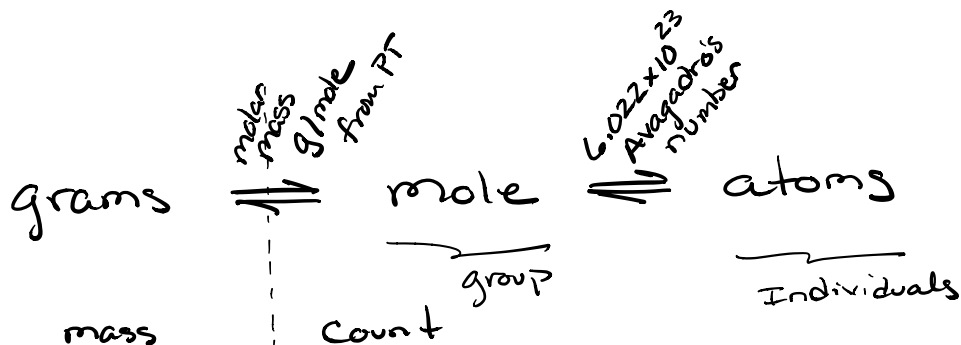
Equality Comes from PT



12.01 g Carbon atoms = 1 mole Carbon atoms

$$3.21 \text{ moles Carbon atoms} \times \frac{12.01 \text{ grams Carbon atoms}}{1 \text{ moles Carbon atoms}} = 38.5521 \text{ g C}$$
$$= \boxed{38.6 \text{ g C}}$$

General Road Map



a) How many carbon atoms are in a diamond weighing 1.232g?

b) How many moles of Carbon is this

Part a

Road Map



From PT 12.01 g C = 1 mole C

$N_A$   $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  atoms = 1 mole atoms

↑ same ↑

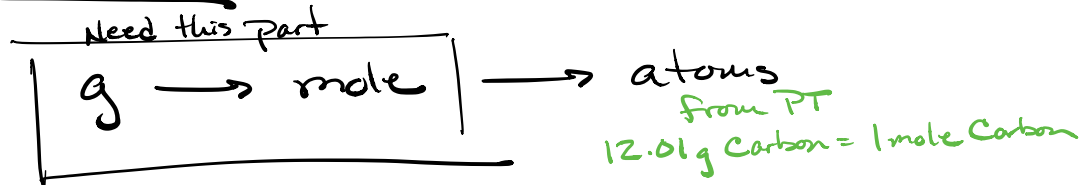
$$1.232 \text{ g C} \times \frac{1 \text{ mole C}}{12.01 \text{ g C}} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms C}}{1 \text{ mole C}} =$$

$$1.232 \div 12.01 \times 6.022 \text{ E } 23 = 6.177438801 \times 10^{22}$$

$$= 6.177 \times 10^{22} \text{ atoms of C}$$

b) How many moles of Carbon atoms is in 1.232g of C?

### Road Map



$$1.232 \text{ g C} \times \frac{1 \text{ mole C}}{12.01 \text{ g C}} =$$

$$1.232 \div 12.01 = 0.102581182$$

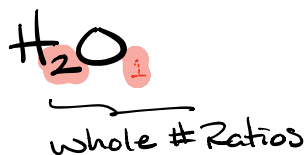
$$= \boxed{0.1026 \text{ mole C}}$$

⇒ answer to atoms  $\approx \times 10^{23}$   
because atoms are so small

⇒ answer to moles  $\approx$  slightly greater or smaller than 1  
because moles are huge group



# Equalities from Chemical Formulas



## atom equalities

2 atom Hydrogen = 1 molecule of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

1 atom Oxygen = 1 molecule of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{part}} = \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{part}}$

Ex



Write some equalities for the formula

Parts to whole

2 C atoms = 1  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Br}_2$  molecule

4 H atoms = 1  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Br}_2$  molecule

2 Br atoms = 1  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{Br}_2$  molecule

Part to part

2 C atoms = 2 Br atoms  $\quad \text{or} \quad 1 \text{ C atom} = 1 \text{ Br atom}$

4 H atoms = 2 Br atoms  $\quad \text{or} \quad 2 \text{ H atoms} = 1 \text{ Br atom}$

Ex

*Desired Part*  
How many Br atoms are in *Given Whole*  $3.72 \times 10^{16}$  molecules of  $C_2H_4Br_2$ ?

*equalities reside here*

Road Map

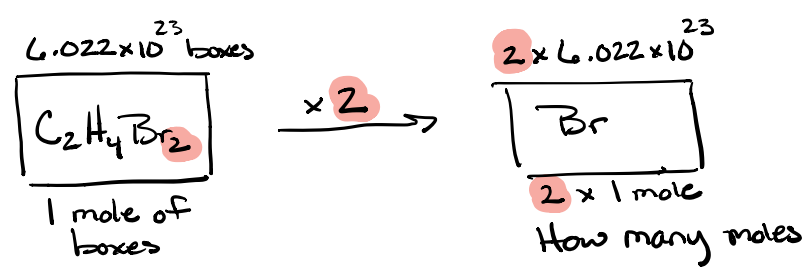
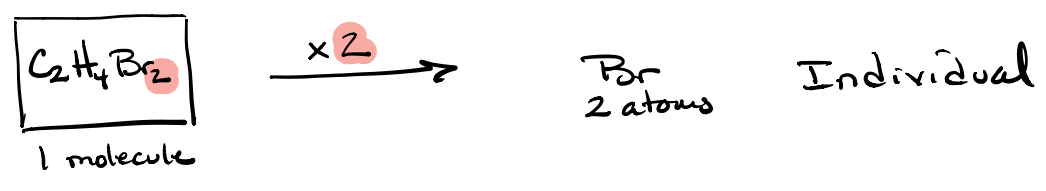


2 Br atoms = 1  $C_2H_4Br_2$  molecule

3  $3.72 \times 10^{16}$  molecules  $C_2H_4Br_2$   $\times$   $\frac{2 \text{ atoms Br}}{1 \text{ molecule } C_2H_4Br_2}$  = atoms Br

*Exact*   
 *Counted Ratio*

$3.72 \times 10^{16} \times 2 = 7.44 \times 10^{16}$  =  $7.44 \times 10^{16}$  atoms Br



$C_2H_4Br_2$  has two meanings

1 molecule  $C_2H_4Br_2 = 2$  atoms Br *Indiv. atoms*

or

$6.022 \times 10^{23}$   
1 mole molecules  $C_2H_4Br_2 = 2$  mole atoms Br *Group*

same as

1 mole  $C_2H_4Br_2 = 2$  mole Br

$$A = B$$

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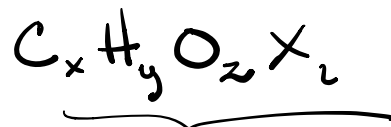
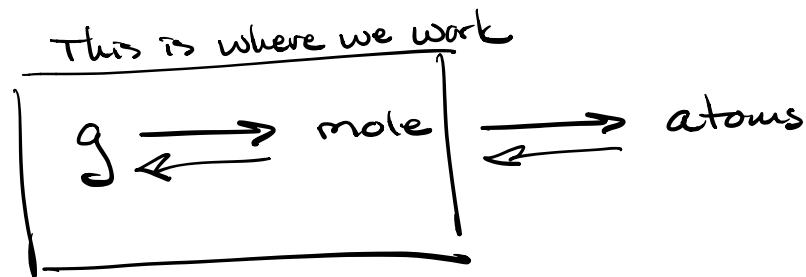
$$CA = CB$$

$$6.022 \times 10^{23} A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} B$$



g per mole

12.01 g = 1 mole C atoms *dropped off*



Subscripts are most useful as molar Subscripts that relate the part to whole  
part to part

