

Math Review for CHEM 3

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Exponents:

Simplify the expressions below.

$$1) \quad 10^2 \cdot 10^5 = 10^{(2+5)} = \boxed{10^7}$$

$$6) \quad \frac{10^3}{10^5} = 10^{(3-5)} = \boxed{10^{-2}}$$

$$2) \quad 10^{-3} \cdot 10^5 = 10^{(-3+5)} = \boxed{10^2}$$

$$7) \quad \frac{10^2}{10^{-8}} = 10^{(2-(-8))} = 10^{(2+8)} = \boxed{10^{10}}$$

$$3) \quad 10^{-2} \cdot 10^{-4} = 10^{(-2+(-4))} = 10^{(-2-4)} = \boxed{10^{-6}}$$

$$8) \quad \frac{(10^3)^{-3}}{10^{-6}} = \frac{10^{(3 \cdot -3)}}{10^{-6}} = \frac{10^{-9}}{10^{-6}} = 10^{(-9-(-6))} = 10^{(-9+6)} = 10^{-3}$$

$$4) \quad (10^3)^4 = 10^{(3 \cdot 4)} = \boxed{10^{12}}$$

$$9) \quad \textcircled{1} \frac{10^9}{10^{-2} \cdot 10^5} \cdot \frac{10^{-7}}{(10^2)^3} = \frac{10^9}{10^{(-2+5)}} \cdot \frac{10^{-7}}{(10^2)^3} = \frac{10^9}{10^3} \cdot \frac{10^{-7}}{10^6}$$

$$10 \cdot 10 = 10^6 \cdot 10^{-13} = 10^{(6+(-13))} = \boxed{10^{-7}}$$

$$5) \quad (10^{-2})^4 = 10^{(-2 \cdot 4)} = \boxed{10^{-8}}$$

$$10) \quad \frac{10^{-3}}{(10^4)^{-2}} \cdot \frac{10^2}{10^3} = \frac{10^{-3}}{10^{(4 \cdot -2)}} \cdot \frac{10^2}{10^3} = \frac{10^{-3}}{10^{-8}} \cdot \frac{10^2}{10^3}$$

$$= \frac{10^{-3}}{10^{-8}} \cdot 10^{(2+3)} = \frac{10^{-3}}{10^{-8}} \cdot 10^5$$

Scientific Notation:

$$1) \quad (5.7 \times 10^{-25}) - (1.3 \times 10^{-25}) =$$

$$2) \quad (4.0 \times 10^2) + (3.00 \times 10^3) =$$

$$3) \quad (2.80 \times 10^{-2}) - (1.0 \times 10^{-3}) =$$

$$\frac{10^2}{10^3} = 10^2 \cdot \frac{10^3}{10^3} = 10^{2+3} = 10^5$$

$$\frac{10^2}{10^{-3}} = 10^{(2-(-3))} = 10^{(2+3)} = 10^5$$

$$10^{-3} = \frac{1}{10^3}$$

$$= 10^{(-3-(-8))} \cdot 10^5 = 10^{(-3+8)} \cdot 10^5 = 10^5 \cdot 10^5 = 10^{5+5} = \boxed{10^{10}}$$

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Algebra:

Solve for x .

Hint: Sometimes it may be helpful to express quantities in scientific notation and then simplify.

$$1) \quad \frac{50x}{50} = \frac{5000}{50} = x = \frac{5000}{50} = \boxed{100}$$

$$2) \quad \begin{aligned} 3x + 25 &= 55 \\ 3x &= 55 - 25 \end{aligned} \quad \frac{3x}{3} = \frac{30}{3} \quad x = \frac{30}{3} = \boxed{10}$$

$$3) \quad \frac{3 \times (2x)}{3} = \frac{30}{3} = \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{10}{2} \quad x = \boxed{5}$$

$$4) \quad \frac{4 \times (2x - 100)}{4} = \frac{800}{4} \quad \begin{aligned} 2x - 100 &= 200 \\ +100 & \quad +100 \\ \hline 2x &= 300 \end{aligned} \quad \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{300}{2} \quad x = \boxed{150}$$

$$5) \quad \frac{x}{5} = \frac{2500}{25} \quad \begin{aligned} \nearrow 5 \times \frac{x}{5} &= 100 \times 5 \\ x &= \boxed{500} \end{aligned}$$

$$6) \quad x \cdot 200 = \frac{10}{x} \quad \begin{aligned} \nearrow 200 \times x &= \frac{10}{200} \\ x &= \boxed{\frac{1}{20}} \end{aligned}$$

$$7) \quad \frac{400}{20} = \frac{80}{x} \quad \begin{aligned} 20 &= \frac{80}{x} \\ \nearrow 20 \times x &= \frac{80}{20} \\ x &= \boxed{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$8) \quad \begin{aligned} (x+10) \cdot 10 &= \frac{200}{(x+10)} \cdot (x+10) \\ \frac{10(x+10)}{10} &= \frac{200}{10} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} x+10 &= 20 \\ -10 & \quad -10 \\ \hline x &= \boxed{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$9) \quad 400 = x^2 \quad \begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{400} \\ x &= \boxed{\pm 20} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} x &= \boxed{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$10) \quad 1003 = x^3 + 3 \quad \begin{aligned} 1000 &= x^3 \\ x &= \sqrt[3]{1000} \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$11) \quad \frac{(x+3)}{5} = \frac{30}{0.15} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{(x+3)}{5} &= 200 \\ x+3 &= 1000 \\ x &= \boxed{997} \end{aligned}$$

$$12) \quad \frac{600}{(2x+16)} = \frac{200}{10} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{600}{2x+16} &= 20 \\ \frac{600}{20} &= \frac{20(2x+16)}{20} \\ 30 &= 2x + 16 \\ 14 &= 2x \\ x &= \boxed{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$A^x \cdot A^y = A^{(x+y)}$$

$$A^x \div A^y = \frac{A^x}{A^y} = A^{(x-y)}$$

$$(A^x)^y = A^{(x \cdot y)}$$

$$(A^x)^{\frac{1}{y}} = A^{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)}$$

$$\frac{10^9}{10^{-2} \cdot 10^5} \cdot \frac{10^{-7}}{(100)^3} =$$

↑
problem \Rightarrow needs to be power of 10
? How do I convert this to 10^x ?

$$(100)^3 = (10^x)^3$$

$$(10^1)^3 = (10)^3$$

$$(10^2)^3 = (100)^3$$

$$(10^3)^3 = (1000)^3$$

Scientific Notation - Used for very large & very small numbers to make the number more manageable

Decimal form

1,067,000 sec

 6 place values

Scientific notation

$y.yyy \times 10^z$
 ↑
 must be between 1 & 9
 Cannot be zero and
 Cannot be larger than 9
 1.067×10^6 ← positive = greater than 1

1,067,000 = 1.067×10^6
 decimal Scientific notation

0.00000937

 6 place values
 to right

9.37×10^{-6} ← negative = less than 1

Scientific Notation:

1) $(5.7 \times 10^{-25}) - (1.3 \times 10^{-25}) =$

$$\frac{5.7 \times 10^{-25} - 1.3 \times 10^{-25}}{4.4 \times 10^{-25}} = \boxed{4.4 \times 10^{-25}}$$

2) $(4.0 \times 10^2) + (3.00 \times 10^3) =$

3) $(2.80 \times 10^{-2}) - (1.0 \times 10^{-3}) =$

Addition & Subtraction

$$1032.7 + 1.63 = \begin{array}{r} 1032.7 \\ + 1.63 \\ \hline 1034.33 \end{array}$$

Addition took place
by place value

$$4.0 \times 10^2 + 3.00 \times 10^3 =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 400. \\ 3000. \\ + \\ \hline 3400. \\ \hline 3.4 \times 10^3 \end{array}$$

Plan

move to decimal form

Align decimal

perform operation

Convert back to scientific notation

$$2.80 \times 10^{-2} - 0.010 \times 10^{-3} =$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.0280 \\ - 0.0010 \\ \hline 0.0270 \end{array}$$

$$2.70 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$0.0270 = 2.70 \times 10^{-2}$$