

Calculate with Scientific Notation

EXPA

Add and Subtract Steps:

- 1) Write the numbers in standard notation
- 2) Line up by place value
- 3) Add or Subtract
- 4) Write the sum or difference in scientific notation

EX: $3.4 \times 10^8 - 9.7 \times 10^6$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 340,000,000 \\
 - 9,700,000 \\
 \hline
 330,300,000
 \end{array}$$

$$3.303 \times 10^8$$

If the powers of ten are the same, you can just add or subtract the constants and keep the same power of ten.

EX: $5.2 \times 10^{12} + 3.8 \times 10^{12}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5.2 \times 10^{12} \\
 + 3.8 \times 10^{12} \\
 \hline
 9.0 \times 10^{12}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5,200,000,000,000 \\
 + 3,800,000,000,000 \\
 \hline
 9,000,000,000,000
 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow 9 \times 10^{12}$$

Multiply and Divide Steps:

- 1) Multiply or divide the constants
- 2) If multiplying, add the exponents on the powers of 10
If dividing, subtract the exponents on the powers of 10
- 4) Write the product or quotient in scientific notation

EX: $2 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 6 \cdot 10^8$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 12 \cdot 10^{14} \\
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 1.2 \cdot 10^{15}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 .2 \\
 6 \overline{) 1.2}
 \end{array}$$

EX:

$$\frac{1.2 \cdot 10^7}{6 \cdot 10^{13}} \rightarrow .2 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot 10^{-7}}{10^1} = 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{3.6 \times 10^{12}}{3 \times 10^7}$$

$$1.2 \times 10^5$$

$$\textcircled{2} 3.2 \times 10^8 \times 2 \times 10^5$$

$$6.24 \times 10^{13}$$

$$\textcircled{3} 3 \times 10^{-6} + 3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} .000003 \\ + .0003 \\ \hline .000303 \end{array}$$

$$3.03 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\textcircled{4} 9.6 \times 10^5 - 5 \times 10^4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 960000 \\ - 50000 \\ \hline 910000 \end{array}$$

$$9.1 \times 10^5$$

$$\textcircled{5} 6.402 \times 10^{47} - 2.6 \times 10^{47}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6.402 \\ - 2.600 \\ \hline 3.802 \end{array}$$

$$3.802 \times 10^{47}$$