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Lesson Starter ▼

- CCl_4 MgCl_2 ▼
- Guess the name of each of the above compounds based on the formulas written. ▼
- What kind of information can you discern from the formulas? ▼
- Guess which of the compounds represented is molecular and which is ionic. ▼
- Chemical formulas form the basis of the language of chemistry and reveal much information about the substances they represent.



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Section 1 Chemical Names and Formulas

Objectives ▼

- **Explain** the significance of a chemical formula. ▼
- **Determine** the formula of an ionic compound formed between two given ions. ▼
- **Name** an ionic compound given its formula. ▼
- Using prefixes, **name** a binary molecular compound from its formula. ▼
- **Write** the formula of a binary molecular compound given its name.



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Significance of a Chemical Formula ▼

- A chemical formula indicates the relative number of atoms of each kind in a chemical compound. ▼
- For a molecular compound, the chemical formula reveals the number of atoms of each element contained in a single molecule of the compound. ▼

• **example:** octane — C_8H_{18} ▼

The subscript after the C indicates that there are 8 carbon atoms in the molecule. ▼

The subscript after the H indicates that there are 18 hydrogen atoms in the molecule.



Significance of a Chemical Formula, *continued* ▼

- The chemical formula for an ionic compound represents one formula unit—the simplest ratio of the compound's positive ions (cations) and its negative ions (anions). ▼
 - **example:** aluminum sulfate — $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ ▼
 - Parentheses surround the polyatomic ion SO_4^{2-} to identify it as a unit. The subscript 3 refers to the unit. ▼
 - Note also that there is no subscript for sulfur: when there is no subscript next to an atom, the subscript is understood to be 1.



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Reading Chemical Formulas

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Monatomic Ions ▼

- Many main-group elements can lose or gain electrons to form ions. ▼
- Ions formed from a single atom are known as monatomic ions. ▼
 - **example:** To gain a noble-gas electron configuration, nitrogen gains three electrons to form N^{3-} ions. ▼
- Some main-group elements tend to form covalent bonds instead of forming ions. ▼
 - **examples:** carbon and silicon



Monatomic Ions, *continued*

Naming Monatomic Ions ▼

- Monatomic cations are identified simply by the element's name. ▼
 - **examples:** ▼
 - K^+ is called the potassium cation ▼
 - Mg^{2+} is called the magnesium cation ▼
 - For monatomic anions, the ending of the element's name is dropped, and the ending -ide is added to the root name. ▼
 - **examples:** ▼
 - F^- is called the fluoride anion ▼
 - N^{3-} is called the nitride anion



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Common Monatomic Ions

| Main-group elements | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1+ | | 2+ | | 3+ | |
| lithium | Li ⁺ | beryllium | Be ²⁺ | | |
| sodium | Na ⁺ | magnesium | Mg ²⁺ | aluminum | Al ³⁺ |
| potassium | K ⁺ | calcium | Ca ²⁺ | | |
| rubidium | Rb ⁺ | strontium | Sr ²⁺ | | |
| cesium | Cs ⁺ | barium | Ba ²⁺ | | |
| 1- | | 2- | | 3- | |
| fluoride | F ⁻ | oxide | O ²⁻ | nitride | N ³⁻ |
| chloride | Cl ⁻ | sulfide | S ²⁻ | phosphide | P ³⁻ |
| bromide | Br ⁻ | | | | |
| iodide | I ⁻ | | | | |

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Common Monatomic Ions

| <i>d</i> -Block elements | | | | 3+ | | 4+ | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1+ | | 2+ | | | | | |
| copper(I) | Cu ⁺ | vanadium(II) | V ²⁺ | vanadium(III) | V ³⁺ | vanadium(IV) | V ⁴⁺ |
| silver | Ag ⁺ | chromium(II) | Cr ²⁺ | chromium(III) | Cr ³⁺ | tin(IV) | Sn ⁴⁺ |
| | | manganese(II) | Mn ²⁺ | iron(III) | Fe ³⁺ | lead(IV) | Pb ⁴⁺ |
| | | iron(II) | Fe ²⁺ | cobalt(III) | Co ³⁺ | | |
| | | cobalt(II) | Co ²⁺ | | | | |
| | | nickel(II) | Ni ²⁺ | | | | |
| | | copper(II) | Cu ²⁺ | | | | |
| | | zinc | Zn ²⁺ | | | | |
| | | cadmium | Cd ²⁺ | | | | |
| | | tin(II) | Sn ²⁺ | | | | |
| | | mercury(II) | Hg ²⁺ | | | | |
| | | lead(II) | Pb ²⁺ | | | | |

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Naming Monatomic Ions

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Binary Ionic Compounds ▼

- Compounds composed of two elements are known as **binary compounds**. ▼
- In a binary ionic compound, the total numbers of positive charges and negative charges must be equal. ▼
- The formula for a binary ionic compound can be written given the identities of the compound's ions. ▼
 - **example:** magnesium bromide ▼
 - **ions combined:** Mg^{2+} , Br^- , Br^- ▼
 - **Chemical formula:** MgBr_2



Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued* ▼

- A general rule to use when determining the formula for a binary ionic compound is “crossing over” to balance charges between ions. ▼

- **example:** aluminum oxide ▼

- 1) Write the symbols for the ions. ▼



- 2) Cross over the charges by using the absolute value of Al_2^{3+} O_3^{2-} each ion's charge as the subscript for the other ion.



Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued* ▼

- **example:** aluminum oxide, *continued* ▼



- 3) Check the combined positive and negative charges to see if they are equal. ▼

$$(2 \times 3+) + (3 \times 2-) = 0 \quad \blacktriangledown$$

The correct formula is Al_2O_3



Writing the Formula of an Ionic Compound

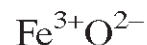
Follow the following steps when writing the formula of a binary ionic compound, such as iron(III) oxide.

- Write the symbol and charges for the cation and anion.

The roman numeral indicates which cation iron forms.

symbol for iron(III): Fe^{3+} symbol for oxide: O^{2-}

- Write the symbols for the ions side by side, beginning with the cation.



- To determine how to get a neutral compound, look for the lowest common multiple of the charges on the ions. The lowest common multiple of 3 and 2 is 6. Therefore, the formula should indicate six positive charges and six negative charges.

For six positive charges, you need two Fe^{3+} ions because $2 \times 3+ = 6+$.

For six negative charges, you need three O^{2-} ions because $3 \times 2- = 6-$.

Therefore the ratio of Fe^{3+} to O^{2-} is 2Fe:3O. The formula is written as follows.



Naming Binary Ionic Compounds ▼

- The **nomenclature**, or naming system, for binary ionic compounds involves combining the names of the compound's positive and negative ions. ▼
- The name of the cation is given first, followed by the name of the anion: ▼
 - **example:** Al_2O_3 — aluminum oxide ▼
- For most simple ionic compounds, the ratio of the ions is not given in the compound's name, because it is understood based on the relative charges of the compound's ions.



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Naming Ionic Compounds

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Naming Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued*

Sample Problem A ▼

Write the formulas for the binary ionic compounds formed between the following elements: ▼

- zinc and iodine
- zinc and sulfur



Naming Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued*

Sample Problem A Solution ▼

Write the symbols for the ions side by side. Write the cation first. ▼



Cross over the charges to give subscripts. ▼



Naming Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued*

Sample Problem A Solution, *continued* ▼

Check the subscripts and divide them by their largest common factor to give the smallest possible whole-number ratio of ions. ▼

- a. The subscripts give equal total charges of $1 \times 2+ = 2+$ and $2 \times 1- = 2-$. ▼

The largest common factor of the subscripts is 1. ▼

The smallest possible whole-number ratio of ions in the compound is 1:2. ▼

The formula is ZnI_2 .



Naming Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued*

Sample Problem A Solution, *continued* ▼

b. The subscripts give equal total charges of $2 \times 2+ = 4+$ and $2 \times 2- = 4-$. ▼

The largest common factor of the subscripts is 2. ▼

The smallest whole-number ratio of ions in the compound is 1:1. ▼

The formula is **ZnS.**



Naming Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued*

The Stock System of Nomenclature ▼

- Some elements such as iron, form two or more cations with different charges. ▼
- To distinguish the ions formed by such elements, scientists use the Stock system of nomenclature. ▼
- The system uses a Roman numeral to indicate an ion's charge. ▼

- **examples:**

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|---|
| Fe^{2+} | iron(II) | ▼ |
| Fe^{3+} | iron(III) | |



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Sample Problem B ▼

Write the formula and give the name for the compound formed by the ions Cr^{3+} and F^{-} .



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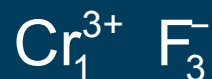
Naming Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued* The Stock System of Nomenclature, *continued*

Sample Problem B Solution ▼

Write the symbols for the ions side by side. Write the cation first. ▼



Cross over the charges to give subscripts. ▼



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Sample Problem B Solution, *continued* ▼

The subscripts give charges of $1 \times 3+ = 3+$ and $3 \times 1- = 3-$. ▼

The largest common factor of the subscripts is 1, so the smallest whole number ratio of the ions is 1:3. ▼

The formula is CrF_3 .



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Sample Problem B Solution, *continued* ▼

Chromium forms more than one ion, so the name of the 3+ chromium ion must be followed by a Roman numeral indicating its charge. ▼

The compound's name is chromium(III) fluoride.



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Naming Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued* Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions ▼

- Many common polyatomic ions are **oxyanions**—polyatomic ions that contain oxygen. ▼
- Some elements can combine with oxygen to form more than one type of oxyanion. ▼
 - **example:** nitrogen can form NO_3^- or NO_2^- . ▼
 - The name of the ion with the greater number of oxygen atoms ends in **-ate**. The name of the ion with the smaller number of oxygen atoms ends in **-ite**. ▼



nitrate



nitrite



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Naming Binary Ionic Compounds, *continued* Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions, *continued* ▼

- Some elements can form more than two types of oxyanions. ▼
 - **example:** chlorine can form ClO^- , ClO_2^- , ClO_3^- or ClO_4^- . ▼
 - In this case, an anion that has one fewer oxygen atom than the *-ite* anion has is given the prefix *hypo-*. ▼
 - An anion that has one more oxygen atom than the *-ate* anion has is given the prefix *per-*. ▼

ClO^-
hypochlorite

ClO_2^-
chlorite

ClO_3^-
chlorate

ClO_4^-
perchlorate



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Polyatomic Ions

| 1+ | | 2+ | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| ammonium | NH_4^+ | dimercury* | Hg_2^{2+} | | |
| 1- | | 2- | | 3- | |
| acetate | CH_3COO^- | carbonate | CO_3^{2-} | arsenate | AsO_4^{3-} |
| bromate | BrO_3^- | chromate | CrO_4^{2-} | phosphate | PO_4^{3-} |
| chlorate | ClO_3^- | dichromate | $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ | | |
| chlorite | ClO_2^- | hydrogen phosphate | HPO_4^{2-} | | |
| cyanide | CN^- | oxalate | $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ | | |
| dihydrogen phosphate | H_2PO_4^- | peroxide | O_2^{2-} | | |
| hydrogen carbonate (bicarbonate) | HCO_3^- | sulfate | SO_4^{2-} | | |
| hydrogen sulfate | HSO_4^- | sulfite | SO_3^{2-} | | |
| hydroxide | OH^- | | | | |
| hypochlorite | ClO^- | | | | |
| nitrate | NO_3^- | | | | |
| nitrite | NO_2^- | | | | |
| perchlorate | ClO_4^- | | | | |
| permanganate | MnO_4^- | | | | |

*The mercury(I) cation exists as two Hg^+ ions joined together by a covalent bond and is written as Hg_2^{2+} .

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Naming Compounds with Polyatomic Ions

Follow these steps when naming an ionic compound that contains one or more polyatomic ions, such as K_2CO_3 .

- Name the cation. Recall that a cation is simply the name of the element. In this formula, K is potassium that forms a singly charged cation, K^+ , of the same name.
- Name the anion. Recall that salts are electrically neutral. Because there are two K^+ cations present in this salt, these two positive charges must be balanced by two negative charges. Therefore, the polyatomic anion in this salt must be CO_3^{2-} . You may find it helpful to think of the formula as follows, although it is not written this way.



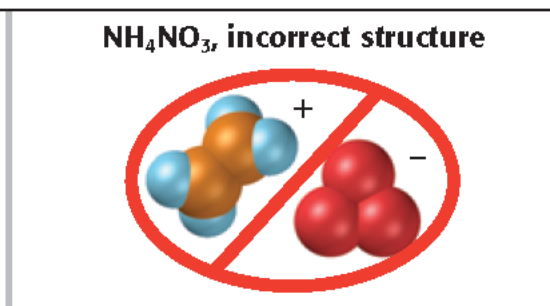
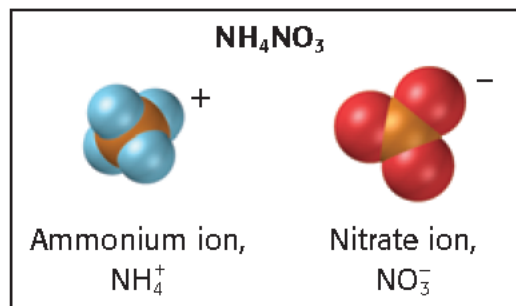
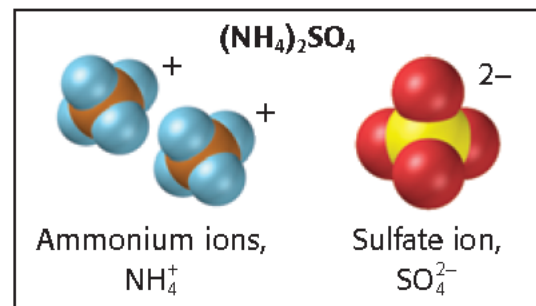
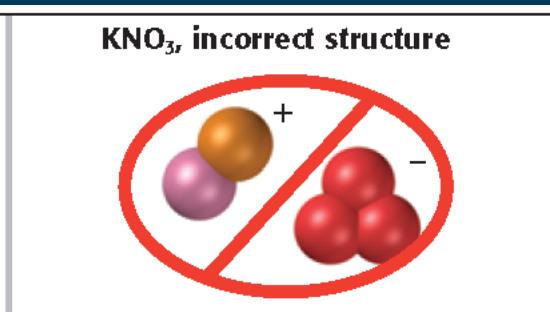
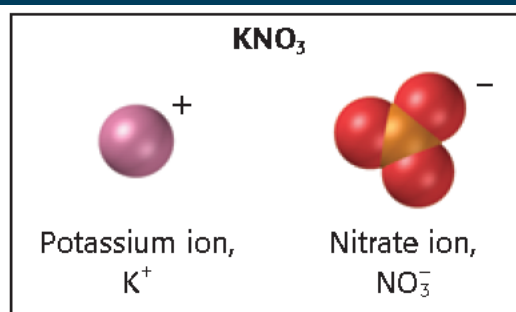
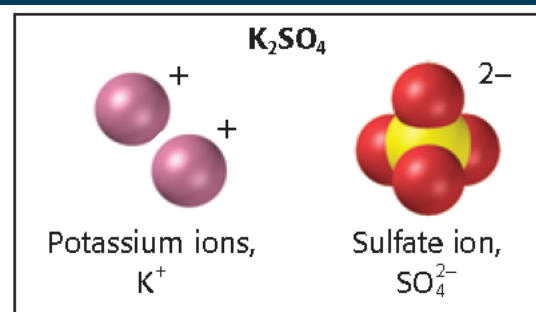
The CO_3^{2-} polyatomic ion is called carbonate.

- Name the salt. Recall that the name of a salt is just the names of the cation and anion. The salt K_2CO_3 is potassium carbonate.

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Understanding Formulas for Polyatomic Ionic Compounds



a Elements in polyatomic ions are bound together in a group and carry a characteristic charge.

b The formula for a compound with polyatomic ions shows how the atoms in each ion are bonded together.

c You cannot move atoms from one polyatomic ion to the next.

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Sample Problem C ▼

Write the formula for tin(IV) sulfate.



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Cross over the charges to give subscripts. Add parentheses around the polyatomic ion if necessary. ▼



Cross over the charges to give subscripts. Add parentheses around the polyatomic ion if necessary. ▼



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Sample Problem C Solution, *continued* ▼

The total positive charge is $2 \times 4+ = 8+$. ▼

The total negative charge is $4 \times 2- = 8-$. ▼

The largest common factor of the subscripts is 2, so the smallest whole-number ratio of ions in the compound is 1:2. ▼

The correct formula is therefore $\text{Sn}(\text{SO}_4)_2$.



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Naming Binary Molecular Compounds ▼

- Unlike ionic compounds, molecular compounds are composed of individual covalently bonded units, or molecules. ▼
- As with ionic compounds, there is also a Stock system for naming molecular compounds. ▼
- The old system of naming molecular compounds is based on the use of prefixes. ▼
 - **examples:** CCl_4 — carbon *tetrachloride* (*tetra-* = 4)
 CO — carbon *monoxide* (*mon-* = 1)
 CO_2 — carbon *dioxide* (*di-* = 2)



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Prefixes for Naming Covalent Compounds

| Prefix | Number of Atoms | Example | Name |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| <i>mono-</i> | 1 | CO | carbon monoxide |
| <i>di-</i> | 2 | SiO ₂ | silicon dioxide |
| <i>tri-</i> | 3 | SO ₃ | sulfur trioxide |
| <i>tetra-</i> | 4 | SCl ₄ | sulfur tetrachloride |
| <i>penta-</i> | 5 | SbCl ₅ | antimony pentachloride |

| Prefix | Number of Atoms | Example | Name |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>hexa-</i> | 6 | CeB ₆ | cerium hexaboride |
| <i>hepta-</i> | 7 | IF ₇ | iodine heptafluoride |
| <i>octa-</i> | 8 | Np ₃ O ₈ | trineptunium octoxide |
| <i>nona-</i> | 9 | I ₄ O ₉ | tetraiodine nonoxide |
| <i>deca-</i> | 10 | S ₂ F ₁₀ | disulfur decafluoride |

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Naming Binary Molecular Compounds, *continued*

Sample Problem D ▼

- Give the name for As_2O_5 .
- Write the formula for oxygen difluoride.



Naming Binary Molecular Compounds, *continued*

Sample Problem D Solution ▼

- a. A molecule of the compound contains two arsenic atoms, so the first word in the name is **diarsenic**. ▼

The five oxygen atoms are indicated by adding the prefix **pent-** to the word **oxide**. ▼

The complete name is **diarsenic pentoxide**.



Naming Binary Molecular Compounds, *continued*

Sample Problem D Solution, *continued* ▼

- b. Oxygen is first in the name because it is less electronegative than fluorine. ▼

Because there is no prefix, there must be only one oxygen atom. ▼

The prefix **di-** in **difluoride** shows that there are two fluorine atoms in the molecule. ▼

The formula is OF_2 .



Covalent-Network Compounds ▼

- Some covalent compounds do not consist of individual molecules. ▼
- Instead, each atom is joined to all its neighbors in a covalently bonded, three-dimensional network. ▼
- Subscripts in a formula for covalent-network compound indicate smallest whole-number ratios of the atoms in the compound. ▼
 - **examples:** SiC, silicon carbide
SiO₂, silicon dioxide
Si₃N₄, trisilicon tetranitride.



Acids and Salts ▼

- An *acid* is a certain type of molecular compound. Most acids used in the laboratory are either binary acids or oxyacids. ▼
 - *Binary acids* are acids that consist of two elements, usually hydrogen and a halogen. ▼
 - *Oxyacids* are acids that contain hydrogen, oxygen, and a third element (usually a nonmetal). ▼



Acids and Salts, *continued* ▼

- In the laboratory, the term *acid* usually refers to a solution in water of an acid compound rather than the acid itself. ▼
 - **example:** *hydrochloric acid* refers to a water solution of the molecular compound hydrogen chloride, HCl ▼
- Many polyatomic ions are produced by the loss of hydrogen ions from oxyacids. ▼
 - **examples:** ▼

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| sulfuric acid | H_2SO_4 | sulfate | SO_4^{2-} ▼ |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|
| nitric acid | HNO_3 | nitrate | NO_3^- ▼ |
|-------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| phosphoric acid | H_3PO_4 | phosphate | PO_4^{3-} |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|



Acids and Salts, *continued* ▼

- An ionic compound composed of a cation and the anion from an acid is often referred to as a **salt**. ▼
 - **examples:** ▼
 - Table salt, NaCl, contains the anion from hydrochloric acid, HCl. ▼
 - Calcium sulfate, CaSO₄, is a salt containing the anion from sulfuric acid, H₂SO₄. ▼
 - The bicarbonate ion, HCO₃⁻, comes from carbonic acid, H₂CO₃.



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Lesson Starter ▼

- It is possible to determine the charge of an ion in an ionic compound given the charges of the other ions present in the compound. ▼
- Determine the charge on the bromide ion in the compound NaBr given that Na^+ has a 1+ charge. ▼
- **Answer:** The total charge is 0, so Br^- must have a charge of 1– in order to balance the 1+ charge of Na^+ .



Lesson Starter, *continued* ▾

- Numbers called oxidation numbers can be assigned to atoms in order to keep track of electron distributions in molecular as well as ionic compounds.



Objectives ▼

- **List** the rules for assigning oxidation numbers. ▼
- **Give** the oxidation number for each element in the formula of a chemical compound. ▼
- **Name** binary molecular compounds using oxidation numbers and the Stock system.



Oxidation Numbers ▼

- The charges on the ions in an ionic compound reflect the electron distribution of the compound. ▼
- In order to indicate the general distribution of electrons among the bonded atoms in a molecular compound or a polyatomic ion, **oxidation numbers** are assigned to the atoms composing the compound or ion. ▼
- Unlike ionic charges, oxidation numbers do not have an exact physical meaning: rather, they serve as useful “bookkeeping” devices to help keep track of electrons.



Assigning Oxidation Numbers ▼

- In general when assigning oxidation numbers, shared electrons are assumed to “belong” to the more electronegative atom in each bond. ▼
- More-specific rules are provided by the following guidelines. ▼
 1. The atoms in a pure element have an oxidation number of zero. ▼

examples: all atoms in sodium, Na, oxygen, O₂, phosphorus, P₄, and sulfur, S₈, have oxidation numbers of zero.



Assigning Oxidation Numbers, *continued* ▼

2. The more-electronegative element in a binary compound is assigned a negative number equal to the charge it would have as an anion. Likewise for the less-electronegative element. ▼
3. Fluorine has an oxidation number of -1 in all of its compounds because it is the most electronegative element.



Assigning Oxidation Numbers, *continued* ▼

4. Oxygen usually has an oxidation number of -2 . ▼

Exceptions: ▼

- In peroxides, such as H_2O_2 , oxygen's oxidation number is -1 . ▼
- In compounds with fluorine, such as OF_2 , oxygen's oxidation number is $+2$. ▼

5. Hydrogen has an oxidation number of $+1$ in all compounds containing elements that are more electronegative than it; it has an oxidation number of -1 with metals.



Assigning Oxidation Numbers, *continued* ▼

6. The algebraic sum of the oxidation numbers of all atoms in an neutral compound is equal to zero. ▼
7. The algebraic sum of the oxidation numbers of all atoms in a polyatomic ion is equal to the charge of the ion. ▼
8. Although rules 1 through 7 apply to covalently bonded atoms, oxidation numbers can also be applied to atoms in ionic compounds similarly.



Rules for Assigning Oxidation Numbers

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Assigning Oxidation Numbers, *continued*

Sample Problem E ▼

Assign oxidation numbers to each atom in the following compounds or ions: ▼



Assigning Oxidation Numbers, *continued*

Sample Problem E Solution ▼

- a. Place known oxidation numbers above the appropriate elements. ▼



Multiply known oxidation numbers by the appropriate number of atoms and place the totals underneath the corresponding elements. ▼

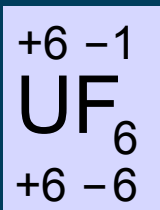


Assigning Oxidation Numbers, *continued* ▼

The compound UF_6 is molecular. The sum of the oxidation numbers must equal zero; therefore, the total of positive oxidation numbers is +6. ▼



Divide the total calculated oxidation number by the appropriate number of atoms. There is only one uranium atom in the molecule, so it must have an oxidation number of +6. ▼



Assigning Oxidation Numbers, *continued*

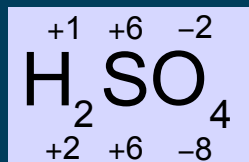
Sample Problem E Solution, *continued* ▼

b. Hydrogen has an oxidation number of +1. ▼

Oxygen has an oxidation number of -2. ▼

The sum of the oxidation numbers must equal zero, and there is only one sulfur atom in each molecule of H_2SO_4 . ▼

Because $(+2) + (-8) = -6$, the oxidation number of each sulfur atom must be +6. ▼



Assigning Oxidation Numbers, *continued*

Sample Problem E Solution, *continued* ▼

- c. The total of the oxidation numbers should equal the overall charge of the anion, 1^- . ▼

The oxidation number of a single oxygen atom in the ion is -2 . ▼

The total oxidation number due to the three oxygen atoms is -6 . ▼

For the chlorate ion to have a 1^- charge, chlorine must be assigned an oxidation number of $+5$. ▼

+5 -2

ClO_3^-

+5 -6



Using Oxidation Numbers for Formulas and Names ▼

- As shown in the table in the next slide, many nonmetals can have more than one oxidation number. ▼
- These numbers can sometimes be used in the same manner as ionic charges to determine formulas. ▼
 - **example:** What is the formula of a binary compound formed between sulfur and oxygen? ▼

From the common +4 and +6 oxidation states of sulfur, you could predict that sulfur might form SO_2 or SO_3 . ▼

Both are known compounds.



Common Oxidation States of Nonmetals

| | | |
|----------|------------|------------------------|
| Group 14 | carbon | -4, +2, +4 |
| Group 15 | nitrogen | -3, +1, +2, +3, +4, +5 |
| | phosphorus | -3, +3, +5 |
| Group 16 | sulfur | -2, +4, +6 |
| Group 17 | chlorine | -1, +1, +3, +5, +7 |
| | bromine | -1, +1, +3, +5, +7 |
| | iodine | -1, +1, +3, +5, +7 |

In addition to the values shown, atoms of each element in its pure state are assigned an oxidation number of zero.

Using Oxidation Numbers for Formulas and Names, *continued* ▼

- Using oxidation numbers, the Stock system, introduced in the previous section for naming ionic compounds, can be used as an alternative to the prefix system for naming binary molecular compounds. ▼

| | Prefix system | Stock system |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| PCl_3 | phosphorus trichloride | phosphorus(III) chloride |
| PCl_5 | phosphorus pentachloride | phosphorus(V) chloride |
| N_2O | dinitrogen monoxide | nitrogen(I) oxide |
| NO | nitrogen monoxide | nitrogen(II) oxide |
| Mo_2O_3 | dimolybdenum trioxide | molybdenum(III) oxide |



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Lesson Starter ▼

- The chemical formula for water is H_2O . ▼
- How many atoms of hydrogen and oxygen are there in one water molecule? ▼
- How might you calculate the mass of a water molecule, given the atomic masses of hydrogen and oxygen? ▼
- In this section, you will learn how to carry out these and other calculations for any compound.



Objectives ▼

- **Calculate** the formula mass or molar mass of any given compound. ▼
- **Use** molar mass to convert between mass in grams and amount in moles of a chemical compound. ▼
- **Calculate** the number of molecules, formula units, or ions in a given molar amount of a chemical compound. ▼
- **Calculate** the percentage composition of a given chemical compound.



Chapter 7

Section 3 Using Chemical Formulas

- A chemical formula indicates: ▼
 - the elements present in a compound ▼
 - the relative number of atoms or ions of each element present in a compound ▼
- Chemical formulas also allow chemists to calculate a number of other characteristic values for a compound: ▼
 - *formula mass* ▼
 - *molar mass* ▼
 - *percentage composition*



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Formula Masses ▾

- The **formula mass** of any molecule, formula unit, or ion is the sum of the average atomic masses of all atoms represented in its formula. ▾
 - **example:** formula mass of water, H_2O ▾
 - average atomic mass of H: 1.01 amu ▾
 - average atomic mass of O: 16.00 amu ▾

$$2 \text{ H atoms} \times \frac{1.01 \text{ amu}}{\text{H atom}} = 2.02 \text{ amu} \quad \nabla$$

$$1 \text{ O atom} \times \frac{16.00 \text{ amu}}{\text{O atom}} = 16.00 \text{ amu} \quad \nabla$$

average mass of H_2O molecule: **18.02 amu**



Formula Masses ▼

- The mass of a water molecule can be referred to as a *molecular mass*. ▼
- The mass of one formula unit of an ionic compound, such as NaCl, is not a molecular mass. ▼
- The mass of any unit represented by a chemical formula (H_2O , NaCl) can be referred to as the formula mass.



Formula Mass

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Formula Masses, *continued*

Sample Problem F ▼

Find the formula mass of potassium chlorate, KClO_3 .



Formula Masses, *continued*

Sample Problem F Solution ▼

The mass of a formula unit of KClO_3 is found by adding the masses of one K atom, one Cl atom, and three O atoms. ▼

Atomic masses can be found in the periodic table in the back of your book. ▼

In your calculations, round each atomic mass to two decimal places.



Formula Masses, *continued*

Sample Problem F Solution, *continued* ▼

$$1 \cancel{\text{K atom}} \times \frac{39.10 \text{ amu}}{\cancel{\text{K atom}}} = 39.10 \text{ amu} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$1 \cancel{\text{Cl atom}} \times \frac{35.45 \text{ amu}}{\cancel{\text{Cl atom}}} = 35.45 \text{ amu} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$3 \cancel{\text{O atoms}} \times \frac{16.00 \text{ amu}}{\cancel{\text{O atom}}} = 48.00 \text{ amu} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$\text{formula mass of } \text{KClO}_3 = 122.55 \text{ amu}$$



The Mole

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Molar Masses ▼

- The molar mass of a substance is equal to the mass in grams of one mole, or approximately 6.022×10^{23} particles, of the substance. ▼
 - **example:** the molar mass of pure calcium, Ca, is 40.08 g/mol because one mole of calcium atoms has a mass of 40.08 g. ▼
- The molar mass of a compound is calculated by adding the masses of the elements present in a mole of the molecules or formula units that make up the compound.



Molar Masses, *continued* ▼

- One mole of water molecules contains exactly two moles of H atoms and one mole of O atoms. The molar mass of water is calculated as follows. ▼

$$\cancel{2 \text{ mol H}} \times \frac{1.01 \text{ g H}}{\cancel{\text{mol H}}} = 2.02 \text{ g H} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$\cancel{1 \text{ mol O}} \times \frac{16.00 \text{ g O}}{\cancel{\text{mol O}}} = 16.00 \text{ g O} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

molar mass of H₂O molecule: **18.02 g/mol** ▼

- A compound's molar mass is numerically equal to its formula mass.

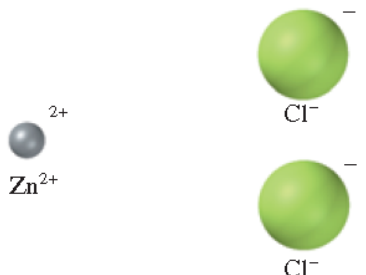

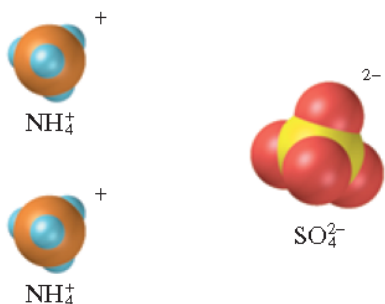


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Calculating Molar Masses for Ionic Compounds

| Formula | Formula unit | Calculation of molar mass |
|---|---|--|
| ZnCl ₂ |  | $ \begin{aligned} 1 \text{ Zn} &= 1 \times 65.39 \text{ g/mol} = 65.39 \text{ g/mol} \\ + 2 \text{ Cl} &= 2 \times 35.45 \text{ g/mol} = 70.90 \text{ g/mol} \\ \hline \text{ZnCl}_2 &= 136.29 \text{ g/mol} \end{aligned} $ |
| ZnSO ₄ |  | $ \begin{aligned} 1 \text{ Zn} &= 1 \times 65.39 \text{ g/mol} = 65.39 \text{ g/mol} \\ 1 \text{ S} &= 1 \times 32.07 \text{ g/mol} = 32.07 \text{ g/mol} \\ + 4 \text{ O} &= 4 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mol} = 64.00 \text{ g/mol} \\ \hline \text{ZnSO}_4 &= 161.46 \text{ g/mol} \end{aligned} $ |
| (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ |  | $ \begin{aligned} 2 \text{ N} &= 2 \times 14.01 \text{ g/mol} = 28.02 \text{ g/mol} \\ 8 \text{ H} &= 8 \times 1.01 \text{ g/mol} = 8.08 \text{ g/mol} \\ 1 \text{ S} &= 1 \times 32.07 \text{ g/mol} = 32.07 \text{ g/mol} \\ + 4 \text{ O} &= 4 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mol} = 64.00 \text{ g/mol} \\ \hline (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 &= 132.17 \text{ g/mol} \end{aligned} $ |

Molar Masses, *continued*

Sample Problem G ▼

What is the molar mass of barium nitrate, $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$?



Molar Masses, *continued*

Sample Problem G Solution ▼

One mole of barium nitrate, contains one mole of Ba, two moles of N (1×2), and six moles of O (3×2). ▼

$$\cancel{1 \text{ mol Ba}} \times \frac{137.33 \text{ g Ba}}{\cancel{\text{mol Ba}}} = 137.33 \text{ g Ba} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$\cancel{2 \text{ mol N}} \times \frac{14.01 \text{ g N}}{\cancel{\text{mol N}}} = 28.02 \text{ g N} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$\cancel{6 \text{ mol O}} \times \frac{16.00 \text{ g O}}{\cancel{\text{mol O}}} = 96.00 \text{ g O} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$\text{molar mass of Ba(NO}_3)_2 = 261.35 \text{ g/mol}$$



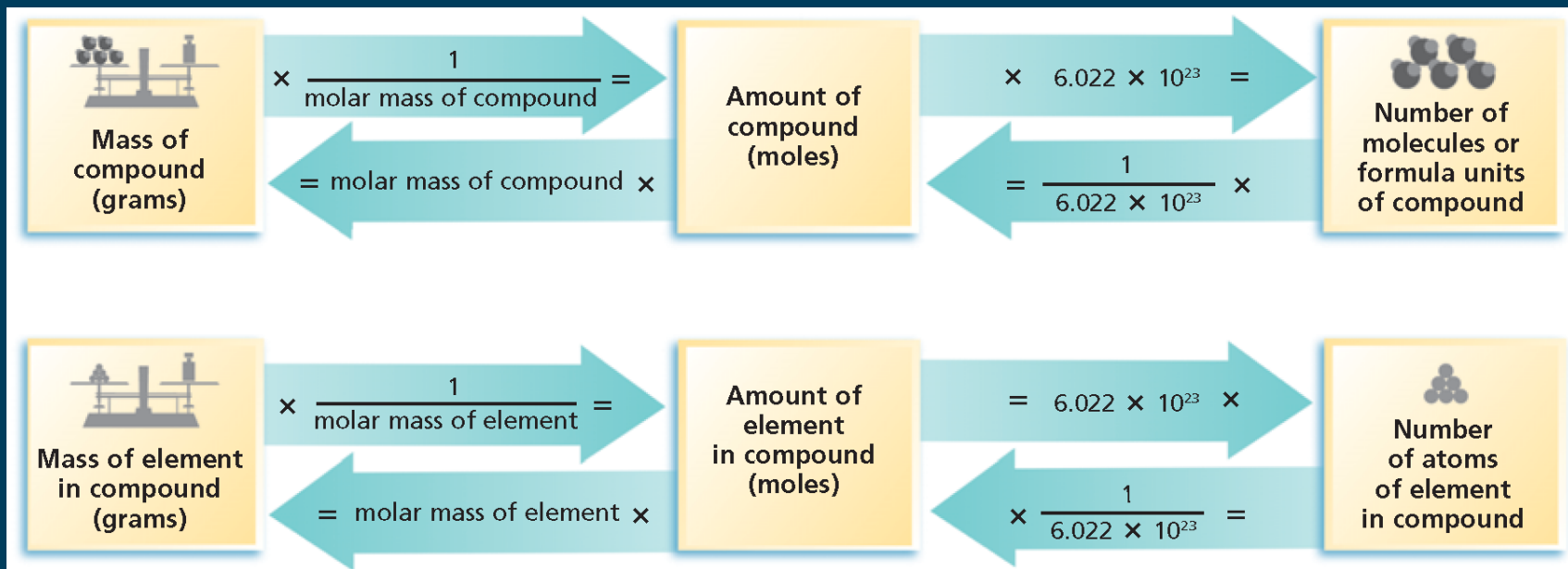
Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor ▼

- The molar mass of a compound can be used as a conversion factor to relate an amount in moles to a mass in grams for a given substance. ▼
- To convert moles to grams, multiply the amount in moles by the molar mass: ▼

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount in moles} \times \text{molar mass (g/mol)} \\ = \text{mass in grams} \end{aligned}$$



Mole-Mass Calculations



Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor

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Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor, *continued*

Sample Problem H ▼

What is the mass in grams of 2.50 mol of oxygen gas?



Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor, *continued*

Sample Problem H Solution ▼

Given: 2.50 mol O₂ ▼

Unknown: mass of O₂ in grams ▼

Solution: ▼

moles O₂ → grams O₂ ▼

$$\text{amount of O}_2 \text{ (mol)} \times \text{molar mass of O}_2 \text{ (g/mol)} = \text{mass of O}_2 \text{ (g)}$$



Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor, *continued*

Sample Problem H Solution, *continued* ▼

Calculate the molar mass of O₂. ▼

$$2 \text{ mol O} \times \frac{16.00 \text{ g O}}{\text{mol O}} = 32.00 \text{ g} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

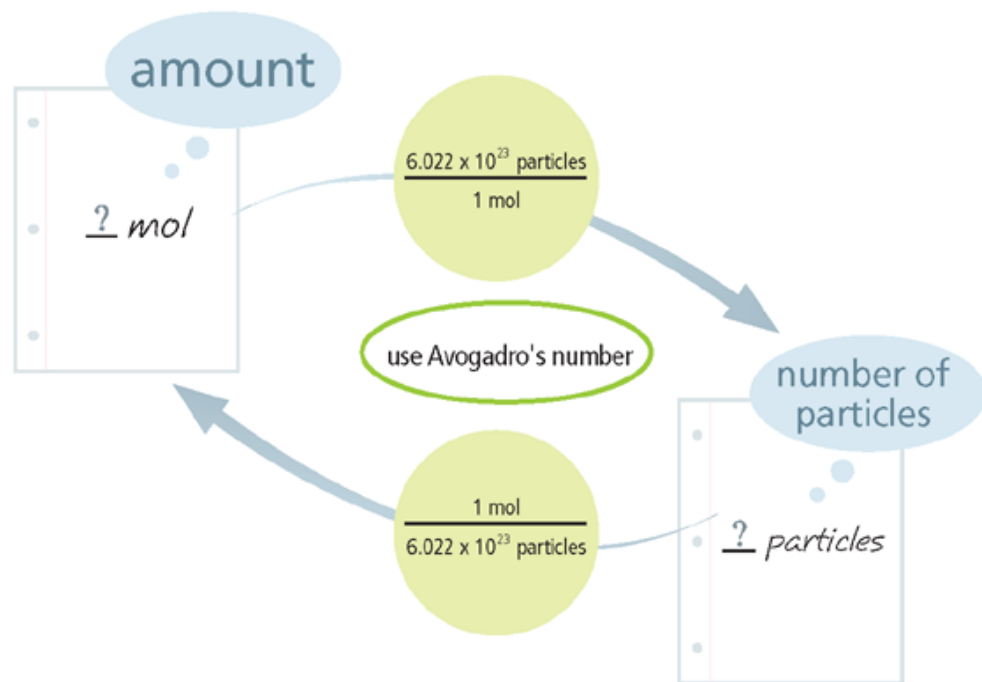
Use the molar mass of O₂ to convert moles to mass. ▼

$$2.50 \text{ mol O}_2 \times \frac{32.00 \text{ g O}_2}{\text{mol O}_2} = 80.0 \text{ g O}_2$$



Converting Between Amount in Moles and Number of Particles

1. Decide which quantity you are given: amount (in moles) or number of particles (in atoms, molecules, formula units, or ions).
2. If you are converting from amount to number of particles (going left to right), use the top conversion factor.
3. If you are converting from number of particles to amount (going right to left), use the bottom conversion factor.



Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor, *continued*

Sample Problem I ▼

Ibuprofen, $C_{13}H_{18}O_2$, is the active ingredient in many nonprescription pain relievers. Its molar mass is 206.31 g/mol. ▼

- If the tablets in a bottle contain a total of 33 g of ibuprofen, how many moles of ibuprofen are in the bottle? ▼
- How many molecules of ibuprofen are in the bottle? ▼
- What is the total mass in grams of carbon in 33 g of ibuprofen?



Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor, *continued*

Sample Problem I Solution ▼

Given: 33 g of $C_{13}H_{18}O_2$ ▼

molar mass 206.31 g/mol ▼

Unknown: a. moles $C_{13}H_{18}O_2$ ▼

b. molecules $C_{13}H_{18}O_2$ ▼

c. total mass of C ▼

Solution: a. grams \longrightarrow moles ▼

$$\text{g } C_{13}H_{18}O_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol } C_{13}H_{18}O_2}{206.31 \text{ g } C_{13}H_{18}O_2} = \text{mol } C_{13}H_{18}O_2$$



Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor, *continued***Sample Problem I Solution, *continued*** ▼**b. moles → molecules** ▼

$$\text{mol C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2 \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules}}{\text{mol}} = \text{molecules C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$$
 ▼

c. moles C₁₃H₁₈O₂ → moles C → grams C ▼

$$\text{mol C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2 \times \frac{13 \text{ mol C}}{\text{mol C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2} \times \frac{12.01 \text{ g C}}{\text{mol C}} = \text{g C}$$



Molar Mass as a Conversion Factor, *continued*Sample Problem I Solution, *continued*

$$\text{a. } 33 \text{ g C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2}{206.31 \text{ g C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2} = 0.16 \text{ mol C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$$

$$\text{b. } 0.16 \text{ mol C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2 \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules}}{\text{mol}} =$$

$$9.6 \times 10^{22} \text{ molecules C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2$$

$$\text{c. } 0.16 \text{ mol C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2 \times \frac{13 \text{ mol C}}{\text{mol C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2} \times \frac{12.01 \text{ g C}}{\text{mol C}} = 25 \text{ g C}$$



Percentage Composition ▼

- It is often useful to know the percentage by mass of a particular element in a chemical compound. ▼
- To find the mass percentage of an element in a compound, the following equation can be used. ▼

$$\frac{\text{mass of element in sample of compound}}{\text{mass of sample of compound}} \times 100 =$$

% element in compound ▼

- The mass percentage of an element in a compound is the same regardless of the sample's size.



Percentage Composition, *continued* ▼

- The percentage of an element in a compound can be calculated by determining how many grams of the element are present in one mole of the compound. ▼

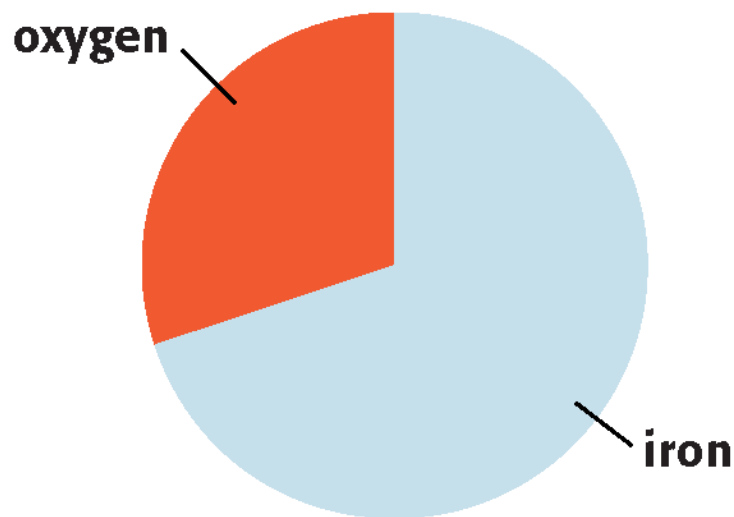
$$\frac{\text{mass of element in 1 mol of compound}}{\text{molar mass of compound}} \times 100 =$$

% element in compound ▼

- The percentage by mass of each element in a compound is known as the **percentage composition** of the compound.

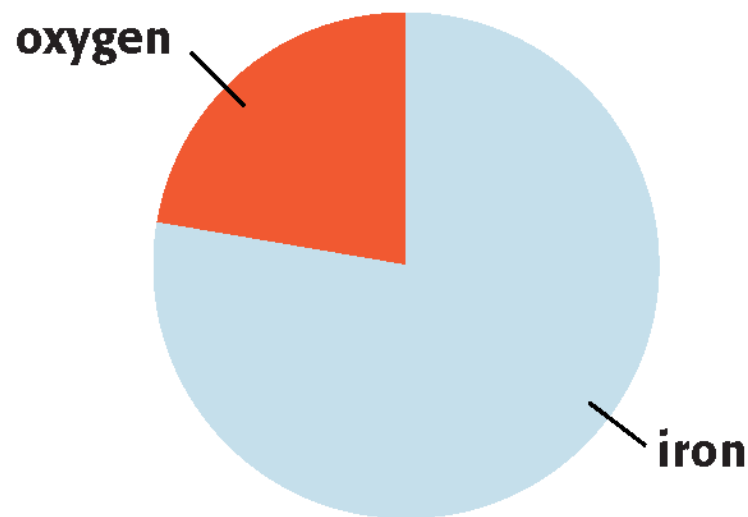


Percentage Composition of Iron Oxides



iron(III) oxide, Fe_2O_3

| | |
|--------|-------|
| iron | 69.9% |
| oxygen | 30.1% |



iron(II) oxide, FeO

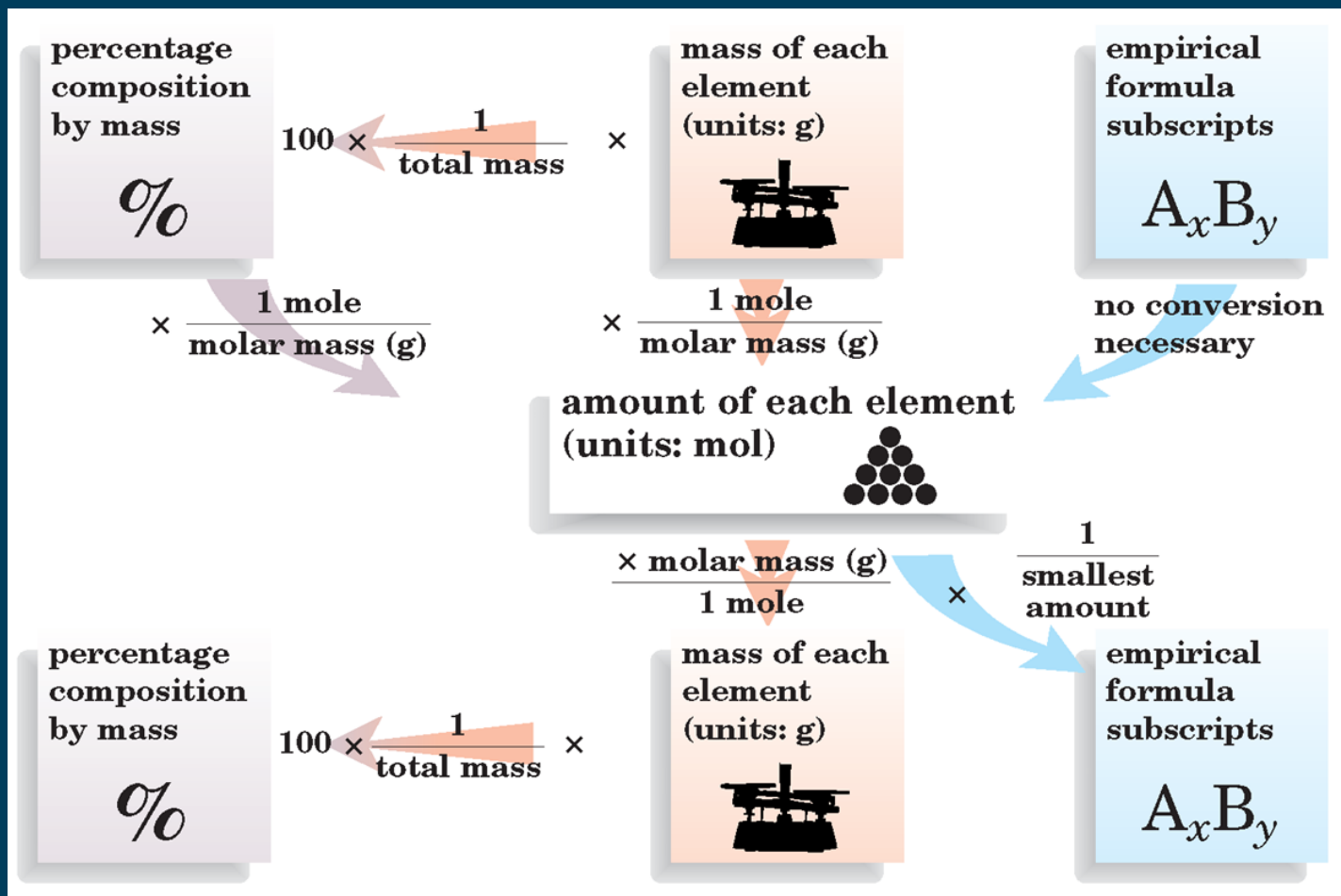
| | |
|--------|-------|
| iron | 77.7% |
| oxygen | 22.3% |

Percentage Composition

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Percentage Composition Calculations



Percentage Composition, *continued*

Sample Problem J ▼

Find the percentage composition of copper(I) sulfide, Cu_2S .



Percentage Composition, *continued*

Sample Problem J Solution ▾

Given: formula, Cu_2S ▾

Unknown: percentage composition of Cu_2S ▾

Solution: ▾

formula \longrightarrow molar mass \longrightarrow mass percentage
of each element



Percentage Composition, *continued*

Sample Problem J Solution, *continued* ▼

$$2 \text{ mol Cu} \times \frac{63.55 \text{ g Cu}}{\text{mol Cu}} = 127.1 \text{ g Cu} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$1 \text{ mol S} \times \frac{32.07 \text{ g S}}{\text{mol S}} = 32.07 \text{ g S} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$\text{Molar mass of Cu}_2\text{S} = 159.2 \text{ g}$$



Percentage Composition, *continued*

Sample Problem J Solution, *continued* ▼

$$\frac{127.1 \text{ g Cu}}{159.2 \text{ g Cu}_2\text{S}} \times 100 = 79.85\% \text{ Cu} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$\frac{32.07 \text{ g S}}{159.2 \text{ g Cu}_2\text{S}} \times 100 = 20.15\% \text{ S}$$



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Lesson Starter ▼

- Compare and contrast models of the molecules NO_2 and N_2O_4 . ▼
- The numbers of atoms in the molecules differ, but the ratio of N atoms to O atoms for each molecule is the same.



Objectives ▼

- **Define** *empirical formula*, and explain how the term applies to ionic and molecular compounds. ▼
- **Determine** an empirical formula from either a percentage or a mass composition. ▼
- **Explain** the relationship between the empirical formula and the molecular formula of a given compound. ▼
- **Determine** a molecular formula from an empirical formula.

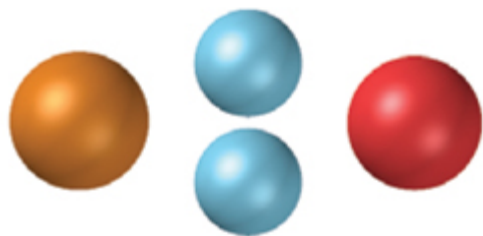


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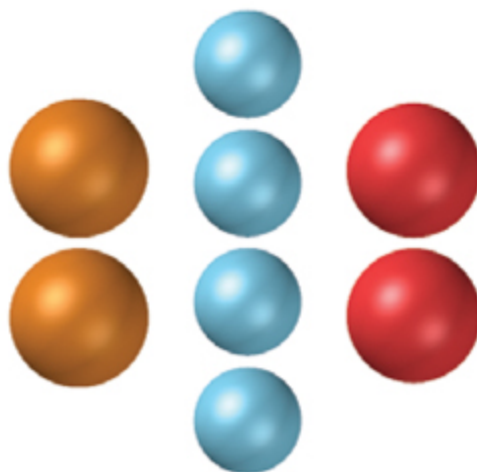
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Empirical and Actual Formulas

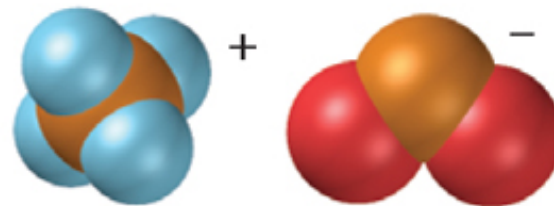
Empirical formula NH_2O



Actual formula NH_4NO_2



Space-filling model



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Section 4 Determining Chemical Formulas

- An **empirical formula** consists of the symbols for the elements combined in a compound, with subscripts showing the smallest whole-number mole ratio of the different atoms in the compound. ▼
- For an ionic compound, the formula unit is usually the compound's empirical formula. ▼
- For a molecular compound, however, the empirical formula does not necessarily indicate the actual numbers of atoms present in each molecule. ▼
 - **example:** the empirical formula of the gas diborane is BH_3 , but the molecular formula is B_2H_6 .



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Calculation of Empirical Formulas ▼

- To determine a compound's empirical formula from its percentage composition, begin by converting percentage composition to a mass composition. ▼
 - Assume that you have a 100.0 g sample of the compound. ▼
 - Then calculate the amount of each element in the sample. ▼
 - **example:** diborane ▼
 - The percentage composition is 78.1% B and 21.9% H. ▼
 - Therefore, 100.0 g of diborane contains 78.1 g of B and 21.9 g of H.



Calculation of Empirical Formulas, *continued* ▼

- Next, the mass composition of each element is converted to a composition in moles by dividing by the appropriate molar mass. ▼

$$78.1 \text{ g B} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol B}}{10.81 \text{ g B}} = 7.22 \text{ mol B} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$21.9 \text{ g H} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol H}}{1.01 \text{ g H}} = 21.7 \text{ mol H} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

- These values give a mole ratio of 7.22 mol B to 21.7 mol H.



Calculation of Empirical Formulas, *continued* ▼

- To find the smallest whole number ratio, divide each number of moles by the smallest number in the existing ratio. ▼

$$\frac{7.22 \text{ mol B}}{7.22} : \frac{21.7 \text{ mol H}}{7.22} = 1 \text{ mol B} : 3.01 \text{ mol H} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

- Because of rounding or experimental error, a compound's mole ratio sometimes consists of numbers close to whole numbers instead of exact whole numbers. ▼
 - In this case, the differences from whole numbers may be ignored and the nearest whole number taken.



Calculation of Empirical Formulas, *continued*

Sample Problem L ▼

Quantitative analysis shows that a compound contains 32.38% sodium, 22.65% sulfur, and 44.99% oxygen. Find the empirical formula of this compound.



Calculation of Empirical Formulas, *continued*

Sample Problem L Solution ▼

Given: percentage composition: 32.38% Na, 22.65% S, and 44.99% O ▼

Unknown: empirical formula ▼

Solution: ▼

percentage composition → mass composition → ▼
composition in moles → smallest whole-number mole ratio of atoms



Calculation of Empirical Formulas, *continued*

Sample Problem L Solution, *continued* ▼

$$32.38 \text{ g Na} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Na}}{22.99 \text{ g Na}} = 1.408 \text{ mol Na} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$22.65 \text{ g S} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol S}}{32.07 \text{ g S}} = 0.7063 \text{ mol S} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

$$44.99 \text{ g O} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol O}}{16.00 \text{ g O}} = 2.812 \text{ mol O}$$



Calculation of Empirical Formulas, *continued*

Sample Problem L Solution, *continued* ▼

Smallest whole-number mole ratio of atoms: The compound contains atoms in the ratio 1.408 mol Na:0.7063 mol S:2.812 mol O.

$$\frac{1.408 \text{ mol Na}}{0.7063} \cdot \frac{0.7063 \text{ mol S}}{0.7063} \cdot \frac{2.812 \text{ mol O}}{0.7063} =$$

$$1.993 \text{ mol Na} : 1 \text{ mol S} : 3.981 \text{ mol O} \quad \blacktriangledown$$

Rounding yields a mole ratio of 2 mol Na:1 mol S:4 mol O. ▼

The empirical formula of the compound is Na_2SO_4 .



Calculation of Molecular Formulas ▼

- The *empirical formula* contains the smallest possible whole numbers that describe the atomic ratio. ▼
- The *molecular formula* is the actual formula of a molecular compound. ▼
- An empirical formula may or may not be a correct molecular formula. ▼
- The relationship between a compound's empirical formula and its molecular formula can be written as follows. ▼

$$x(\text{empirical formula}) = \text{molecular formula}$$


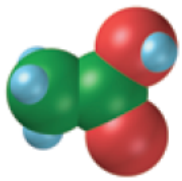


Calculation of Molecular Formulas, *continued* ▼

- The formula masses have a similar relationship. ▼
 $x(\text{empirical formula mass}) = \text{molecular formula mass}$ ▼
- To determine the molecular formula of a compound, you must know the compound's formula mass.
 - Dividing the experimental formula mass by the empirical formula mass gives the value of x . ▼
- A compound's molecular formula mass is numerically equal to its molar mass, so a compound's molecular formula can also be found given the compound's empirical formula and its molar mass.



Comparing Empirical and Molecular Formulas

| Compound | Empirical formula | Molecular formula | Molar mass (g) | Space-filling model |
|--------------|-------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Formaldehyde | CH ₂ O | CH ₂ O <ul style="list-style-type: none">• same as empirical formula• $n = 1$ | 30.03 |  |
| Acetic acid | CH ₂ O | C ₂ H ₄ O ₂ (HC ₂ H ₃ O ₂) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 × empirical formula• $n = 2$ | 60.06 |  |
| Glucose | CH ₂ O | C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 × empirical formula• $n = 6$ | 180.18 | |

Comparing Molecular and Empirical Formulas

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Calculation of Molecular Formulas, *continued*

Sample Problem N ▼

In Sample Problem M, the empirical formula of a compound of phosphorus and oxygen was found to be P_2O_5 . Experimentation shows that the molar mass of this compound is 283.89 g/mol. What is the compound's molecular formula?



Calculation of Molecular Formulas, *continued*

Sample Problem N Solution ▼

Given: empirical formula ▼

Unknown: molecular formula ▼

Solution: ▼

$x(\text{empirical formula}) = \text{molecular formula}$ ▼

$$x = \frac{\text{molecular formula mass}}{\text{empirical formula mass}}$$



Calculation of Molecular Formulas, *continued*

Sample Problem N Solution, *continued* ▼

Molecular formula mass is numerically equal to molar mass. ▼

molecular molar mass = 283.89 g/mol ▼

molecular formula mass = 283.89 amu ▼

empirical formula mass ▼

mass of phosphorus atom = 30.97 amu ▼

mass of oxygen atom = 16.00 amu ▼

empirical formula mass of P_2O_5 = ▼

$2 \times 30.97 \text{ amu} + 5 \times 16.00 \text{ amu} = 141.94 \text{ amu}$

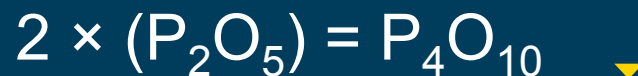


Calculation of Molecular Formulas, *continued*

Sample Problem N Solution, *continued* ▼

Dividing the experimental formula mass by the empirical formula mass gives the value of x . ▼

$$x = \frac{283.89 \text{ amu}}{141.94 \text{ amu}} = 2.0001 \quad \blacktriangledown$$



The compound's molecular formula is therefore P_4O_{10}



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