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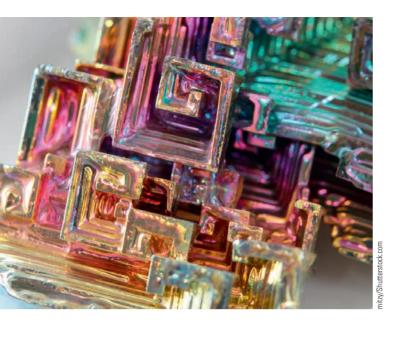
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To the Professor

Features of Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach

Conceptual learning and problem solving have been fundamental to our approach in *Chemistry* through ten successful editions, and Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach through two successful editions. Our philosophy is to help students learn to think like chemists so they can apply the process of problem solving to all aspects of their lives. In the third edition of *Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach*, we have continued with this philosophy while making some structural changes. Atoms, molecules, and bonding are still discussed early in the text, and we have included stoichiometry immediately following VSEPR and MO theory. This is to allow students to be able to perform measurement and stoichiometry experiments early in the course. In this edition, we have extended the discussion of energy in the Review chapter so that the students will have sufficient background to better understand electron energy states and the importance of distinguishing between a system and its surroundings.

We found that users of our texts strongly support our approach to general chemistry. We have always written with a student-first approach. That is, in writing every page we ask ourselves: "How can we explain the material in a way that will be most clear to the students?" We always develop concepts in accord with the scientific method. That is, we always consider the observed properties of substances first. We then look for common threads among these properties (formulate laws). Finally we help the students understand why and how the theories of chemistry developed. In describing theories we always make clear that models are works in progress. We expect to find areas where the models fail and, in fact, that this occurrence often leads to the greatest progress in our understanding of how nature operates.

One of the main goals of our treatment of chemistry is to help students learn to be effective problem solvers. We want to go beyond memorized steps to help students think their way through the problems. To do this we take a "think like a chemist" approach. In solving problems we ask students several questions to guide them through the process: Where are we going?, What do we know?, and How do we get there? Our goal is to foster creative, concept-based problem solving, which will serve the students in their lives and careers beyond the general chemistry course.

Over the years, thousands of students and instructors who have used our books have found that these approaches work. The third edition of *Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach* continues this tradition by being a text that effectively explains chemistry to the students and helps them to learn to be creative problem solvers. The most significant difference from our widely used *Chemistry* textbook is that we present atoms, bonding, and molecules at the beginning of the text and have made sure that the rest of the topics flow smoothly from this starting point, while moving stoichiometry to a position earlier in the text.

To strengthen the atoms first approach we have emphasized at every opportunity throughout the text the importance and advantages of thinking about chemistry from an atomic/molecular perspective.

What's New

Considerable effort went into making the third edition of *Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach*.

- **> Core Text**—All chapters were reviewed for clarity, enhanced understanding, and cohesive flow. Many sections were also revised as needed to help enhance the atoms first emphasis throughout the textbook.
- **Energy**—An increased discussion of energy is included in the Review chapter (Chapter R). This includes discussions of the concepts of *endothermic*, *exothermic*, *system*, *surroundings*, and *chemical energy*.
- **> Chemistry Pioneers**—A new boxed feature "Chemistry Pioneers" contains historical background on many early chemists.
- **> Bond Energy**—We have moved the bond energy discussion from the bonding chapter to the energy chapter. In this way we are able to more coherently discuss different methods for determining the enthalpy change for a reaction. We also provide a direct comparison of using bond energies and standard enthalpies of formations for determining the enthalpy of a given reaction and discuss the results.
- Liquids and Solids—Chapter 9 has been reorganized so that the discussion of vapor pressure and phase diagrams comes immediately after the discussion of liquids. This makes for a smoother transition to discussing phase changes.

ChemWork Problems—All of end of chapter problems were converted into ChemWork problems. These multiconcept problems (and additional ones) are found interactively online with the same type of assistance a student would get from an instructor.

Hallmarks of *Chemistry:* An Atoms First Approach

) Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach contains numerous discussions, illustrations, and exercises aimed at overcoming misconceptions. It has become increasingly clear from our own teaching experience that students often struggle with chemistry because they misunderstand many of the fundamental concepts. In this text, we have gone to great lengths to provide illustrations and explanations aimed at giving students a more accurate picture of the fundamental ideas of chemistry. In particular, we have attempted to represent the microscopic world of chemistry so that students have a picture in their minds of "what the atoms and molecules are doing." The art program along with the animations emphasize this goal. We have also placed a larger emphasis on the qualitative understanding of concepts before quantitative problems are considered. Because using an algorithm to correctly solve a problem often masks misunderstanding-when students assume they understand the material because they got the right "answer"—it is important to probe their understanding in other ways. In this vein, the text includes a number of Active Learning Questions at the end of each chapter that are intended for group discussion. It is our experience that students often learn the most when they teach each other. Students are forced to recognize their own lack of understanding when they try and fail to explain a concept to another student.

With a strong problem-solving orientation, this text talks to students about how to approach and solve chemical problems. We emphasize a thoughtful, logical approach rather than simply memorizing procedures. This approach is thoroughly described in Section 5.3 (Learning to Solve Problems), which promotes the importance of thoughtful, creative problem solving. This section emphasizes to students that thinking through a problem produces more long-term, meaningful learning that can be applied to "real life" than memorizing steps that apply only to a particular type of problem. To help students adopt this way of thinking we have organized the problem-solving process in terms of:

- **>** Where are we going?
- **>** What do we know?
- **)** How do we get there?
- Reality check, which prompts students to check whether their answer makes sense

As we proceed in the text, we gradually shift more responsibility to the students to think through the examples so that they do not become overly dependent on our help.

One of the characteristics of this text is an innovative method for dealing with acid—base equilibria, the material the typical student finds most difficult and frustrating. The key to this approach involves first deciding what species are present in solution, then thinking about the chemical properties of these species. This method provides a general framework for approaching all types of solution equilibria.

- The text contains almost 250 Examples, with more given in the text discussions, to illustrate general problemsolving strategies. When a specific strategy is presented, it is summarized in a Problem-Solving Strategy box and the Example that follows it reinforces the use of the strategy to solve the problem. In general, we emphasize the use of conceptual understanding to solve problems rather than an algorithm-based approach. This approach is strongly reinforced by the inclusion of 204 Interactive Examples, which encourage students to thoughtfully consider the examples step-by-step.
- We have presented a thorough treatment of reactions that occur in solution, including acid-base reactions. This material appears in Chapter 6, "Types of Chemical Reactions and Solution Stoichiometry," directly after the chapter on chemical stoichiometry, to emphasize the connection between solution reactions and chemical reactions in general. Chapter 6 also includes oxidation-reduction reactions and balancing by oxidation state, because a large number of interesting and important chemical reactions involve redox processes.
- Descriptive chemistry and chemical principles are thoroughly integrated in this text. Chemical models may appear sterile and confusing without the observations that stimulated their invention. On the other hand, facts without organizing principles may seem overwhelming. A combination of observation and models can make chemistry both interesting and understandable. In the chapter on the chemistry of the elements we have used tables and charts to show how properties and models correlate. Descriptive chemistry is presented in a variety of ways—as applications of principles in separate sections, in Examples and exercises, in photographs, and in Chemical Connections.
- Throughout the book a strong emphasis on models prevails. Coverage includes how they are constructed, how they are tested, and what we learn when they inevitably fail. Models are developed naturally, with pertinent observation always presented first to show why a particular model was invented.
- Chemical Connections boxes present applications of chemistry in various fields and in our daily lives. Margin notes in the Instructor's Annotated Edition also highlight

many more *Chemical Connections* available on the student Web site.

- We offer end-of-chapter exercises for every type of student and for every kind of homework assignment: questions that promote group learning, exercises that reinforce student understanding, and problems that present the ultimate challenge with increased rigor and by integrating multiple concepts. To further encourage this approach we have included a selection of ChemWork Problems in the text. These multiconcept problems (and additional ones) are found interactively online with the same type of assistance a student would get from an instructor. We have also included biochemistry problems to make the connection for students in the course who are not chemistry majors.
- Judging from the favorable comments of instructors and students who have used our books, the text seems to work very well in a variety of courses. We are especially pleased that *readability* is cited as a key strength when students are asked to assess our textbooks.

Supporting Materials

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To the Student

As you jump into the study of chemistry we hope that you will find our text helpful and interesting. Our job is to present the concepts and ideas of chemistry in a way you can understand. We hope to encourage you in your studies and to help you learn to solve problems in ways you can apply in all areas of your professional and personal lives.

Our main goal is to help you learn to become a truly creative problem solver. Our world badly needs people who can "think outside the box." Our focus is to help you learn to think like a chemist. Why would you want to do that? Chemists are great problem solvers. They use logic, trial and error, and intuition—along with lots of patience—to work through complex problems. Chemists make mistakes, as we all do in our lives. The important thing that a chemist does is to learn from the mistakes and to try again. This "can do" attitude is useful in all careers.

In this book we develop the concepts in a natural way: The observations come first and then we develop models to explain the observed behavior. Models help us to understand and explain our world. They are central to scientific thinking. Models are very useful, but they also have limitations, which we will point out. By understanding the basic concepts in chemistry we lay the foundation for solving problems.

Our main goal is to help you learn a thoughtful method of problem solving. True learning is more than memorizing facts. Truly educated people use their factual knowledge as a starting point—a basis for creative problem solving. Our strategy for solving problems is explained in Section 5.3. To solve a problem we ask ourselves questions, which help us think through the problem. We let the problem guide us to the solution. This process can be applied to all types of problems in all areas of life.

As you study the text, use the *Examples* and the problemsolving strategies to help you. The strategies are boxed to highlight them for you, and the *Examples* show how these strategies are applied. After you have read and studied each chapter of the text you'll need to practice your problem-solving skills. To do this we have provided plenty of review questions and end-of-chapter exercises. Your instructor may assign these on paper or online; in either case, you'll want to work with your fellow students. One of the most effective ways to learn chemistry is through the exchange of ideas that comes from helping one another. The online homework assignments will give you instant feedback, and, in print, we have provided answers to some of the exercises in the back of the text. In all cases, your main goal is not just to get the correct answer, but to understand the process for getting the answer. Memorizing solutions for specific problems is not a very good way to prepare for an exam (or to solve problems in the real world!).

To become a great problem solver you'll need these skills:

- **1.** Look within the problem for the solution. (Let the problem guide you.)
- 2. Use the concepts you have learned along with a systematic, logical approach to find the solution.
- **3.** Solve the problem by asking questions and learn to trust yourself to think it out.

You will make mistakes, but the important thing is to learn from these errors. The only way to gain confidence is to practice, practice, practice and to use your mistakes to find your weaknesses. Be patient with yourself and work hard to understand rather than simply memorize.

We hope you'll have an interesting and successful year learning to think like a chemist!

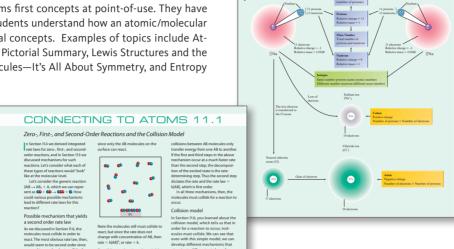
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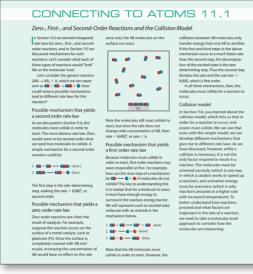
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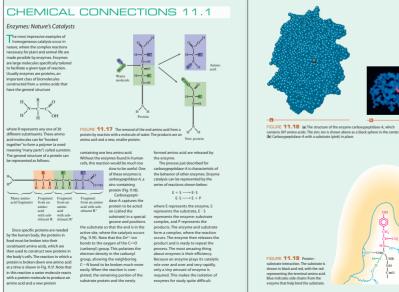


CONNECTING TO ATOMS 1.1





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Chemical Connections describe current applications of chemistry. These special-interest boxes cover such topics as the invention of Post-it Notes, farming the wind, and the use of iron metal to clean up contaminated groundwater. Additional Chemical Connections are available on the student Web site.

Conceptual Understanding Conceptual learning and problem solving are fundamental to the approach of **Chemistry**. The text gives students the tools to become critical thinkers: to ask questions, to apply rules and models, and to evaluate the outcome.

"The **first** principles of the universe are **atoms** and empty space; everything else is merely thought to exist."

—Democritus

The authors' **emphasis on modeling** (or chemical theories) throughout the text addresses the problem of rote memorization by helping students better understand and appreciate the process of scientific thinking. By stressing the limitations and uses of scientific models, the authors show students how chemists think and work.

Molecular Structure: The VSEPR Model

The structures of molecules play a very important role in determining the cal properties. As we will see later, this is particularly important for molecules; a slight change in the structure of a large biomolecule can consider the structure of the structure of

CRITICAL THINKING We now have evidence that electron energies in the atoms are quantized. Some of this evidence is discussed in this chapter. What if energies in atoms were not quantized? What are some differences we would notice?

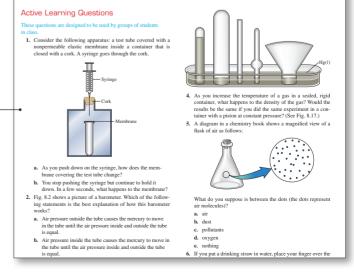
The text includes a number of open-ended **Critical Thinking** questions that emphasize the importance of conceptual learning. These questions are particularly useful for generating group discussion.

LET'S REVIEW A Summary of the Hydrogen Atom

- In the quantum (wave) mechanical model, the electron is viewed as a standing wave. This representation leads to a series of wave functions (orbitals) that describe the possible energies and spatial distributions available to the electron.
- » In agreement with the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, the model cannot specify the detailed electron motions. Instead, the square of the wave function represents the probability distribution of the electron in that orbital. This allows us to picture orbitals in terms of probability distributions, or electron density maps.
- » The size of an orbital is arbitrarily defined as the surface that contains 90% of the total electron probability.
- 37 The hydrogen atom has many types of orbitals. In the ground state, the single electron resides in the 1s orbital. The electron can be excited to higher-energy orbitals if energy is put into the atom.

Let's Review boxes help students organize their thinking about the crucial chemical concepts that they encounter.

The text includes a number of **Active Learning Questions** at the end of each chapter that are intended for group discussion, as students often learn the most when they teach each other.



Problem Solving This text talks to the student about how to approach and solve chemical problems, as one of the main goals of general chemistry is to help students become creative problem solvers. The authors emphasize a thoughtful, logical approach rather than simply memorizing procedures.

Learning to Solve Problems

Learning to Solve Problems

One of the great rewards of studying chemistry is to become a good problem-solver. Being able to solve complex problems is a takent that will serve you well in all walks of life. It is our purpose in this text to help you learn to solve problems in a flexible, leading able to solve on understanding the fundamental ideas of chemistry. We call this approach conceptual problems solving.

The ultimate goal is to be able to solve new problems that is, problems you have not seen before) on your own. In this text we will provide problems and offer solutions are important, it is perhaps even more important to understand the process—the think-you can be a passive yold. While studying the solution, it is round all they on interactively think through the problem with us. Do not skip the discussion and jump to the answer. Usually, the solution will involve asking a scries of questions. Make sure that you understand each step in the process. This active approachs should apply to problems outside of chemistry as well. For example, imagine riding with someone in a car to an unfamiliar destination. If your goal is simply to have the other person get you to that destination, you will probably not pay much attend now to get there (passive), and if you have to find this same place in the future on your own, you will probably ally not be able to to it. If, however, your goal is to item how to get there, you would pay attention to the think through the general).

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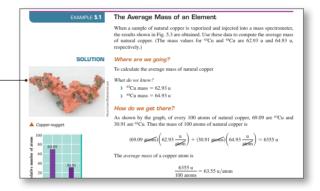
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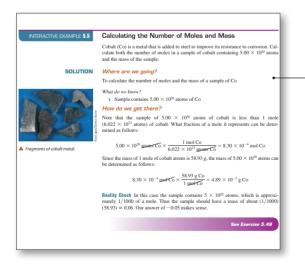
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Chapters 1-8 introduce a series of questions into the inchapter **Examples** to engage students in the process of problem solving, such as Where are we going? and How do we get there? This more active approach helps students think their way through the solution to the problem.

In Chapter 5, "Stoichiometry," the authors dedicate a section, Learning to Solve Problems, that emphasizes the importance of problem solving. This section helps students understand that thinking their way through a problem produces more long-term, meaningful learning than simply memorizing steps, which are soon forgotten.





Interactive Examples engage students in the problem-solving process by requiring them to think through the example step-by-step rather than simply scanning the written example in the text as many students do.

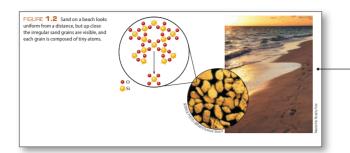
Problem-Solving Strategy boxes focus students' attention on the very important process of problem solving.

PROBLEM-SOLVING STRATEGY

Steps to Apply the VSEPR Model

- 1. Draw the Lewis structure for the molecule.
- 2. Count the electron pairs and arrange them in the way that minimizes repulsion (that is, put the pairs as far apart as possible).
- 3. Determine the positions of the atoms from the way the electron pairs are
- 4. Determine the name of the molecular structure from the positions of

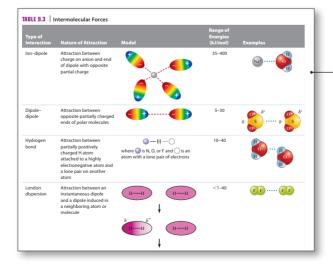
Dynamic Art Program Most of the glassware, orbitals, graphs, flowcharts, and molecules have been redrawn to better serve visual learners and enhance the textbook.



The art program emphasizes molecular-level interactions that help students visualize the "micro/macro" connection.

Realistic drawings of glassware and instrumentation found in the lab help students make real connections.

| Figure 6.10 | Steps involved in the state for period particular state of the s



Tables containing visuals help students understand and compare intramolecular and intermolecular forces between ions, atoms, and molecules.

Comprehensive End-of-Chapter Practice and Review We offer end-of-chapter exercises for every type of student and for every kind of homework assignment.

For Review

Section 14.2 buffered solution Henderson–Hasselbalch equation

Section 14.3 buffering capacity Continu 14.4 Section 14.5

phenolphthalein

Buffered Solutions

- > Contains a weak acid (HA) and its salt (NaA) or a weak base (B) and its salt (BHCI)
- > Resists a change in its pH when H+ or OH- is added
- > For a buffered solution containing HA and A
- The Henderson–Hasselbalch equation is useful

$$pH = pK_a + \log\left(\frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}\right)$$

- > The capacity of the buffered solution depends on the amounts of HA and A present
-) The most efficient buffering occurs when the $\frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$ ratio is close to 1
- > Buffering works because the amounts of HA (which reacts with added OH-) and A-(which reacts with added H^+) are large enough that the $\frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$ ratio does not change significantly when strong acids or bases are added

Acid-Base Titrations

- The progress of a titration is represented by plotting the pH of the solution versus the volume of added titrant; the resulting graph is called a pH curve or titration curve
- > Strong acid-strong base titrations show a sharp change in pH near the equivalence point
- The shape of the pH curve for a strong base-strong acid titration before the equivalence point is quite different from the shape of the pH curve for a strong base-weak acid titration
- The strong base-weak acid pH curve shows the effects of buffering before the equiva-
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 For a strong base-weak acid titration, the pH is greater than 7 at the equivalence point because of the basic properties of A⁻
- > Indicators are sometimes used to mark the equivalence point of an acid-base titration > The end point is where the indicator changes color
- The goal is to have the end point and the equivalence point be as close as possible

Review Questions Answers to the

1. What is meant by the presence of a common ion? How does the presence of a common ion affect an equilibrium such as

 $HNO_2(aq) \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + NO_2^-(aq)$

What is an acid-base solution called that contains a

Define a buffer solution. What makes up a buffer solution? How do buffers absorb added H⁺ or OH⁻ with little pH change?

Is it necessary that the concentrations of the weak acid and the weak base in a buffered solution be equal? Explain. What is the pH of a buffer when the weak acid

and conjugate base concentrations are equal?

A buffer generally contains a weak acid and its weak conjugate base, or a weak base and its weak conjugate conjugate base, or a weak base and its weak conjugate acid, in water. You can solve for the pH by setting up the equilibrium problem using the K_3 reaction of the weak acid or the K_b reaction of the conjugate base. Both reactions give the same answer for the pH of the solu-tion. Explain.

Active Learning Questions are designed to promote discussion among groups of students in class.

Each chapter has a For Review section to reinforce key concepts and includes review questions for students to practice independently.

CHAPTER 3 Bonding: General Concepts

the bonding in the substance. Why do we draw reso-

7. Define formal charge and explain how to calculate it. What is the purpose of the formal charge? Organic compounds are composed mostly of carbon and hydrogen but also may have oxygen, nitrogen, and/or halo-gens in the formula. Formal charge arguments work very well for organic compounds when drawing the best Lewis structure. How do C, H, N, O, and Cl satisfy the octet rule in organic compounds so as to have a formula

- charge of zero?

 8. The compounds AlCl₃, CrCl₃, and ICl₃ have similar formulas, yet each follows a different set of rules to name it. Name these compounds, and then compare and contrast the nomenclature rules used in each case

Active Learning Questions

- Explain the electronegativity trends across a row and down a column of the periodic table. Compare these trends with those of ionization energies and atomic radii. How are they related?
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 Na, Mg, Al, S, Cl, K, Ca, and Ga. Arrange these from largest to smallest radius, and explain why the radius varies as it does. Compare your predictions with Fig. 3.5.

 Which has the greater bond lengths: No₂ · or NO₃ ·? Explain.

 4. The following ions are best described with resonance structures. Draw the resonance structures. Draw the resonance structures, and using formal charge arguments, predict the best Lewis structure for each ion.

 NO′2.
- b. CNO-
- b. CNO⁻
 5. What is meant by a chemical bond? Why do atoms form bonds with each other? Why do some elements exist as molecules in nature instead of as free atoms?
 6. Why are some bonds ionic and some covalent?
 7. How does a bond between Na and Cl differ from a bond between C and O? What about a bond between N and N?

- 8. Does a Lewis structure tell which electrons come from which atoms? Explain. 9. Evaluate each of the following as an acceptable name for
- a. dihydrogen oxide
 b. hydroxide hydride
- c. hydrogen hydroxide
- oxygen annymate
 Why do we call Ba(NO₃)₂ barium nitrate, but we call Fe(NO₃)₂ iron(II) nitrate?

 H. Why is calcium dichloride not the correct systematic name for CaCl₂?
- The common name for NH₃ is ammonia. What would be the systematic name for NH₃? Support your answer.

- 14. The following electrostatic potential diagrams represent $\rm H_2$, $\rm HCl$, or NaCl. Label each and explain your choices.







- 15. Describe the type of bonding that exists in the Cl₂(g) molecule. How does this type of bonding differ from that found in the HCl(g) molecule? How is it similar?
- 16. Some of the important properties of ionic compounds are as follow
 - i. low electrical conductivity as solids and high conductivity in solution or when molten
 ii. relatively high melting and boiling points

 - iv. solubility in polar solvents
- No soluting in polar solvents
 How does the concept of ionic bonding discussed in this chap-ter account for these properties?

 Label the type of bonding for each of the following.



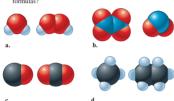


- 18. Distinguish between the following terms
- a. molecule versus ion

Comprehensive End-of-Chapter Practice and Review

Questions

- 23. Reference Section 5.2 to find the atomic masses of $^{12}\mathrm{C}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$, the relative abundance of $^{12}\mathrm{C}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ in natural carbon, and the average mass (in u) of a carbon atom. If you had a sample of natural carbon containing exactly 10,000 atoms, determine the number of $^{12}\mathrm{C}$ and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ atoms present. What would be the average mass (in u) and the total mass (in u) of the carbon atoms in this 10,000-atom sample? If you had a sample of natural carbon containing $60,2211 \times 10^{23}$ atoms, determine the number of $^{12}\mathrm{C}$ and $^{12}\mathrm{C}$ atoms present. What would be the average mass (in u) and the total mass (in u) of this 6.0221×10^{23} atom sample? Given that $1g = 6.0221 \times 10^{23}$ u, what is the total mass of 1 mole of natural carbon in units of grams?
- 24. Avogadro's number, molar mass, and the chemical formula of a compound are three useful conversion factors. What unit conversions can be accomplished using these conversion factors?
- 25. If you had a mole of U.S. dollar bills and equally distributed the money to all of the people of the world, how rich would every person be? Assume a world population of 7 billion.
- 26. Describe 1 mole of CO₂ in as many ways as you can.
- 27. Which of the following compounds have the same empirical formulas?



- 28. What is the difference between the molar mass and the empirical formula mass of a compound? When are these masses the same, and when are they different? When different, how is the molar mass related to the empirical formula mass?
- 29. How is the mass percent of elements in a compound different for a 1.0-g sample versus a 100.-g sample versus a 1-mole sample of the compound?
- 30. A balanced chemical equation contains a large amount of information. What information is given in a balanced equation?
- 31. The reaction of an element X with element Y is represented in the following diagram. Which of the equations best describes this reaction?

There are numerous **Exercises** to reinforce students' understanding of each section. These problems are paired and organized by topic so that instructors can review them in class and assign them for homework.

Questions are homework problems directed at concepts within the chapter and in general don't require calculation.

52 CHAPTER 1 Chemical Foundations

- 17. The vitamin niacin (nicotinic acid, C₆H₅NO₂) can be isolated from a variety of natural sources such as liver, yeast, milk, and whole grain. It also can be synthesized from commercially available materials. From a nutritional point of view, which source of nicotinic acid is best for use in a multivitamin tablet? Why?
- 18. Section 1.4 describes the postulates of Dalton's atomic theory. With some modifications, these postulates hold up very well regarding how we view elements, compounds, and chemical reactions today. Answer the following questions concerning Dalton's atomic theory and the modifications made today.
 - a. The atom can be broken down into smaller parts. What are the smaller parts?
 - b. How are atoms of hydrogen identical to each other and how can they be different from each other?
 - c. How are atoms of hydrogen different from atoms of helium? How can H atoms be similar to He atoms?
 - d. How is water different from hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) even though both compounds are composed of only hydrogen and oxygen?
 - e. What happens in a chemical reaction and why is mass conserved in a chemical reaction?
- 19. The contributions of J. J. Thomson and Ernest Rutherford led the way to today's understanding of the structure of the atom. What were their contributions?
- 0. What is the modern view of the structure of the atom?
- 21. The number of protons in an atom determines the identity of the atom. What do the number and arrangement of the electrons in an atom determine? What does the number of neutrons in an atom determine?
- 22. If the volume of a proton is similar to the volume of an electron, how will the densities of these two particles compare to each other?
- 23. For lighter, stable isotopes, the ratio of the mass number to the atomic number is close to a certain value. What is the value? What happens to the value of the mass number to atomic number ratio as stable isotopes become heavier?
- 24. What refinements had to be made in Dalton's atomic theory to account for Gay-Lussac's results on the combining volumes of gases?

Exercises

In this section, similar exercises are paire

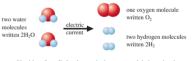
Development of the Atomic Theory

- 25. When mixtures of gaseous H₂ and gaseous Cl₂ react, a product forms that has the same properties regardless of the relative amounts of H₂ and Cl₂ used.
 - a. How is this result interpreted in terms of the law of definite proportion?
 - b. When a volume of H₂ reacts with an equal volume of Clat the same temperature and pressure, what volume of product having the formula HCl is formed?

26. Observations of the reaction between nitrogen gas and hydrogen gas show us that 1 volume of nitrogen reacts with 3 volumes of hydrogen to make 2 volumes of gaseous product, as shown below:



- Determine the formula of the product and justify your answer.
- 27. A sample of chloroform is found to contain 12.0 g of carbon, 106.4 g of chlorine, and 1.01 g of hydrogen. If a second sample of chloroform is found to contain 30.0 g of carbon, what is the total mass of chloroform in the second sample?
- 28. A sample of H₂SO₄ contains 2.02 g of hydrogen, 32.07 g of sulfur, and 64.00 g of oxygen. How many grams of sulfur and grams of oxygen are present in a second sample of H₂SO₄ containing 7.27 g of hydrogen?
- 29. In Section 1.1 of the text, the concept of a chemical reaction was introduced with the example of the decomposition of water, represented as follows:



- Use ideas from Dalton's atomic theory to explain how the above representation illustrates the law of conservation of mass.
- 30. In a combustion reaction, 46.0 g of ethanol reacts with 96.0 g of oxygen to produce water and carbon dioxide. If 54.0 g of water is produced, what mass of carbon dioxide is produced?
- 31. Early tables of atomic weights (masses) were generated by measuring the mass of a substance that reacts with 1.00 g of oxygen. Given the following data and taking the atomic mass of hydrogen as 1.00, generate a table of relative atomic masses for oxygen, sodium, and magnesium.

Element	Mass That Combines with 1.00 g Oxygen	Assumed Formula
Hydrogen	0.126 g	НО
Sodium	2.875 g	NaO
Magnesium	1.500 g	MgO

32. Indium oxide contains 4.784 g of indium for every 1.000 g of oxygen. In 1869, when Mendeleev first presented his version of the periodic table, he proposed the formula In₂O, for indium oxide. Before that time it was thought that the formula was InO. What values for the atomic mass of indium are obtained using these two formulas? Assume that oxygen has an atomic

Wealth of End-of-Chapter Problems The text offers an unparalleled variety of end-of-chapter content with problems that increase in rigor and integrate multiple concepts.

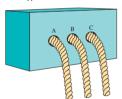
New **ChemWork** end-of-chapter multiconcept problems, with many additional problems, are found interactively online with the same type of assistance a student would get from an instructor. These problems are available to assign online for more practice.

ChemWork Problems These multiconcept problems (and additional ones) are found interactively online with the same type of assistance a student would get from an instructor. 49. Complete the following table, including the mass number and the atomic number with the symbol for the isotope. Number of Number of Protons Symbol 9 10 13 14 53 74 34 45 16 16

- 57. In a reaction, 34.0 g of chromium(III) oxide reacts with 12.1 g of aluminum to produce chromium and aluminum oxide. If 23.3 g of chromium is produced, what mass of aluminum oxide is produced?
- 58. Using the information in Table 1.1, answer the following questions. In an ion with an unknown charge, the total mass of all the electrons was determined to be 2.55 \times 10 $^{-26}$ g, while the total mass of its protons was 5.34 \times 10 $^{-23}$ g. What is the identity and charge of this ion? What is the symbol and mass number of a neutral atom whose total mass of its electrons is 3.92 \times 10 $^{-26}$ g, while its neutrons have a mass of 9.35 \times 10 $^{-21}$ g?
- 59. A single molecule has a mass of 7.31 × 10⁻²³ g. Provide an example of a real molecule that can have this mass. Assume the elements that make up the molecule are made of light isotopes where the number of protons equals the number of neutrons in the nucleus of each element.

Challenge Problems

60. Confronted with the box shown in the diagram, you wish to discover something about its internal workings. You have no tools and cannot open the box. You pull on rope B, and it moves rather freely. When you pull on rope A, rope C appears to be pulled slightly into the box. When you pull on rope C, rope A almost disappears into the box.



- a. Based on these observations, construct a model for the interior mechanism of the box.
- b. What further experiments could you do to refine your model?

Challenge Problems take students one step further and challenge them more rigorously than the Additional Exercises.

Marathon Problems also combine concepts from multiple chapters; they are the most challenging problems in the end-of-chapter material.

This problem is designed to incorporate several concepts and techniques into one situation. 66. You have gone back in time and are working with Dalton on a table of relative masses. Following are his data. 0.602 g gas A reacts with 0.292 g gas B 0.172 g gas B reacts with 0.401 g gas C 0.320 g gas A reacts with 0.474 g gas C a. Assuming simplest formulas (AB, BC, and AC), construct a table of relative masses for Dalton. b. Knowing some history of chemistry, you tell Dalton that if he determines the volumes of the gases reacted at constant temperature and pressure, he need not assume simplest formulas. You collect the following data:

Marathon Problem

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Glassware used to measure volumes of liquids. (Alexander Raths/Shutterstock.com)

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aking observations is fundamental to all science. These observations can be qualitative or quantitative. A quantitative observation is called a **measurement**, which always has two parts: a **number** and a scale (called a **unit**). Both parts must be present for a measurement to be meaningful. A qualitative observation does not involve a number. Examples of qualitative observations are "the substance is blue" and "the sun is very hot."

In this chapter we will discuss measurements in detail and explain the various properties of the numbers and units associated with measurements. This material should be familiar to you from previous science courses, but we include it here to provide a review of these topics that are critical to the operations of chemistry.

R.1

Units of Measurement



Soda is commonly sold in 2-liter bottles—an example of the use of SI units in everyday life.

A unit such as volume that is based on a fundamental unit is called a "derived unit."

In our study of chemistry we will use measurements of mass, length, time, temperature, electric current, and the amount of a substance, among others. Scientists recognized long ago that standard systems of units had to be adopted if measurements were to be useful. If every scientist had a different set of units, complete chaos would result. Unfortunately, different standards were adopted in different parts of the world. The two major systems are the *English system* used in the United States and the *metric system* used by most of the rest of the industrialized world. This duality causes a good deal of trouble; for example, parts as simple as bolts are not interchangeable between machines built according to the two systems. As a result, the United States has begun to adopt the metric system.

Most scientists in all countries have for many years used the metric system. In 1960, an international agreement set up a system of units called the *International System* (*le Système International* in French), or the **SI system**. This system is based on the metric system and units derived from the metric system. The fundamental SI units are listed in Table R.1. We will discuss how to manipulate these units later in this chapter.

Because the fundamental units are not always convenient (expressing the mass of a pin in kilograms is awkward), prefixes are used to change the size of the unit. These are listed in Table R.2. Some common objects and their measurements in SI units are listed in Table R.3.

One physical quantity that is very important in chemistry is *volume*, which is not a fundamental SI unit but is derived from length. A cube that measures 1 meter (m) on each edge is represented in Fig. R.1. This cube has a volume of $(1 \text{ m})^3 = 1 \text{ m}^3$. Because there are 10 decimeters (dm) in a meter, the volume of this cube is $(1 \text{ m})^3 = (10 \text{ dm})^3 = 1000 \text{ dm}^3$. A cubic decimeter, that is $(1 \text{ dm})^3$, is commonly called a *liter (L)*, which is a unit of volume slightly larger than a quart. As shown in Fig. R.1, 1000 liters are contained in a cube with a volume of 1 cubic meter. Similarly, since 1 decimeter equals

TABLE R.1 The Fundamental SI Units

Physical Quantity	Name of Unit	Abbreviation
Mass	kilogram	kg
Length	meter	m
Time	second	S
Temperature	kelvin	K
Electric current	ampere	Α
Amount of substance	mole	mol
Luminous intensity	candela	cd

TABLE R.2 | The Prefixes Used in the SI System (Those most commonly encountered are shown in blue.)

Prefix	Symbol	Meaning	Exponential Notation*
exa	Е	1,000,000,000,000,000	10 ¹⁸
peta	Р	1,000,000,000,000,000	10 ¹⁵
tera	T	1,000,000,000,000	10 ¹²
giga	G	1,000,000,000	10 ⁹
mega	M	1,000,000	10 ⁶
kilo	k	1000	10 ³
hecto	h	100	10 ²
deka	da	10	10 ¹
_	_	1	10 ⁰
deci	d	0.1	10 ⁻¹
centi	C	0.01	10-2
milli	m	0.001	10^{-3}
micro	μ	0.00001	10^{-6}
nano	n	0.00000001	10 ⁻⁹
pico	р	0.00000000001	10^{-12}
femto	f	0.000000000000	10^{-15}
atto	a	0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	0000001 10 ⁻¹⁸

TABLE R.3 | Some Examples of Commonly Used Units

Unit	Example
Length	A dime is 1 mm thick. A quarter is 2.5 cm in diameter. The average height of an adult man is 1.8 m.
Mass	A nickel has a mass of about 5 g. A 120-lb person has a mass of about 55 kg.
Volume	A 12-oz can of soda has a volume of about 360 mL.

10 centimeters (cm), the liter can be divided into 1000 cubes each with a volume of 1 cubic centimeter:

1 liter =
$$(1 \text{ dm})^3 = (10 \text{ cm})^3 = 1000 \text{ cm}^3$$

Also, since $1 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ milliliter (mL)}$,

1 liter =
$$1000 \text{ cm}^3 = 1000 \text{ mL}$$

Thus 1 liter contains 1000 cubic centimeters, or 1000 milliliters.

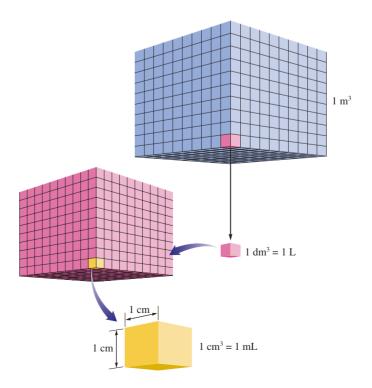
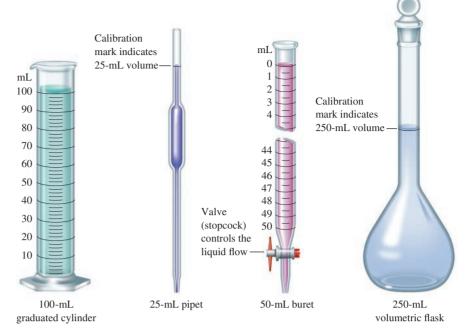


FIGURE **R.1** The largest cube has sides 1 m in length and a volume of 1 m³. The middle-sized cube has sides 1 dm in length and a volume of 1 dm³, or 1 L. The smallest cube has sides 1 cm in length and a volume of 1 cm³, or 1 mL.

^{*}See Appendix 1.1 if you need a review of exponential notation.

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FIGURE **R.2** Common types of laboratory equipment used to measure liquid volume.



Chemical laboratory work frequently requires measurement of the volumes of liquids. Several devices for the accurate determination of liquid volume are shown in Fig. R.2.

An important point concerning measurements is the relationship between mass and weight. Although these terms are sometimes used interchangeably, they are *not* the same. *Mass is a measure of the resistance of an object to a change in its state of motion*. Mass is measured by the force necessary to give an object a certain acceleration. On the earth we use the force that gravity exerts on an object to measure its mass. We call this force the object's **weight**. Since weight is the response of mass to gravity, it varies with the strength of the gravitational field. Therefore, your body mass is the same on the earth or on the moon, but your weight would be much less on the moon than on the earth because of the moon's smaller gravitational field.

Because weighing something on a chemical balance involves comparing the mass of that object to a standard mass, the terms *weight* and *mass* are sometimes used interchangeably, although this is incorrect.

R.2 Uncertainty in Measurement

The number associated with a measurement is obtained using some measuring device. For example, consider the measurement of the volume of a liquid using a buret (shown in Fig. R.3 with the scale greatly magnified). Notice that the meniscus of the liquid occurs at about 19.85 milliliters. This means that about 19.85 mL of liquid has been delivered from the buret (if the initial position of the liquid meniscus was 0.00 mL). Note that we must estimate the last number of the volume reading by interpolating between the 0.1-mL marks. Since the last number is estimated, its value may be different if another person makes the same measurement. If five different people read the same volume, the results might be as follows:

Person	Results of Measurement
1	19.85 mL
2	19.84 mL
3	19.86 mL
4	19.87 mL
5	19.86 mL

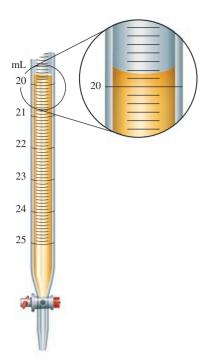


FIGURE **R.3** Measurement of volume using a buret. The volume is read at the bottom of the liquid curve (called the meniscus).

A measurement always has some degree of uncertainty.

Uncertainty in measurement is discussed in more detail in Appendix 1.5.

These results show that the first three numbers (19.8) remain the same regardless of who makes the measurement; these are called *certain* digits. However, the digit to the right of the 1 must be estimated and therefore varies; it is called an *uncertain* digit. We customarily report a measurement by recording all the certain digits plus the *first* uncertain digit. In our example it would not make any sense to try to record the volume of thousandths of a milliliter, because the value for hundredths of a milliliter must be estimated when using the buret.

It is very important to realize that a *measurement always has some degree of uncertainty*. The uncertainty of a measurement depends on the precision of the measuring device. For example, using a bathroom scale, you might estimate the mass of a grape-fruit to be approximately 1.5 pounds. Weighing the same grapefruit on a highly precise balance might produce a result of 1.476 pounds. In the first case, the uncertainty occurs in the tenths of a pound place; in the second case, the uncertainty occurs in the thousandths of a pound place. Suppose we weigh two similar grapefruits on the two devices and obtain the following results:

	Bathroom Scale	Balance
Grapefruit 1	1.5 lb	1.476 lb
Grapefruit 2	1.5 lb	1.518 lb

Do the two grapefruits have the same mass? The answer depends on which set of results you consider. Thus a conclusion based on a series of measurements depends on the certainty of those measurements. For this reason, it is important to indicate the uncertainty in any measurement. This is done by always recording the certain digits and the first uncertain digit (the estimated number). These numbers are called the **significant figures** of a measurement.

The convention of significant figures automatically indicates something about the uncertainty in a measurement. The uncertainty in the last number (the estimated number) is usually assumed to be ± 1 unless otherwise indicated. For example, the measurement 1.86 kilograms can be taken to mean 1.86 \pm 0.01 kilograms.

INTERACTIVE EXAMPLE R.1

Uncertainty in Measurement

In analyzing a sample of polluted water, a chemist measured out a 25.00-mL water sample with a pipet (see Fig. R.2). At another point in the analysis, the chemist used a graduated cylinder (see Fig. R.2) to measure 25 mL of a solution. What is the difference between the measurements 25.00 mL and 25 mL?

SOLUTION

Even though the two volume measurements appear to be equal, they really convey different information. The quantity 25 mL means that the volume is between 24 mL and 26 mL, whereas the quantity 25.00 mL means that the volume is between 24.99 mL and 25.01 mL. The pipet measures volume with much greater precision than does the graduated cylinder.

See Question R.21

When making a measurement, it is important to record the results to the appropriate number of significant figures. For example, if a certain burset can be read to ± 0.01 mL, you should record a reading of twenty-five milliliters as 25.00 mL, not 25 mL. This way, at some later time when you are using your results to do calculations, the uncertainty in the measurement will be known to you.



FIGURE **R.4** The results of several dart throws show the difference between precise and accurate. **(a)** Neither accurate nor precise (large random errors). **(b)** Precise but not accurate (small random errors, large systematic error). **(c)** Bull's-eye! Both precise and accurate (small random errors, no systematic error).

Precision and Accuracy

Two terms often used to describe the reliability of measurements are *precision* and *accuracy*. Although these words are frequently used interchangeably in everyday life, they have different meanings in the scientific context. **Accuracy** refers to the agreement of a particular value with the true value. **Precision** refers to the degree of agreement among several measurements of the same quantity. Precision reflects the *reproducibility* of a given type of measurement. The difference between these terms is illustrated by the results of three different dart throws shown in Fig. R.4.

Two different types of errors are illustrated in Fig. R.4. A **random error** (also called an *indeterminate error*) means that a measurement has an equal probability of being high or low. This type of error occurs in estimating the value of the last digit of a measurement. The second type of error is called **systematic error** (or *determinate error*). This type of error occurs in the same direction each time; it is either always high or always low. Fig. R.4(a) indicates large random errors (poor technique). Fig. R.4(b) indicates small random errors but a large systematic error, and Fig. R.4(c) indicates small random errors and no systematic error.

In quantitative work, precision is often used as an indication of accuracy; we assume that the *average* of a series of precise measurements (which should "average out" the random errors because of their equal probability of being high or low) is accurate, or close to the "true" value. However, this assumption is valid only if systematic errors are absent. Suppose we weigh a piece of brass five times on a very precise balance and obtain the following results:

Weighing	Result
1	2.486 g
2	2.487 g
3	2.485 g
4	2.484 g
5	2.488 g

Normally, we would assume that the true mass of the piece of brass is very close to 2.486 grams, which is the average of the five results:

$$\frac{2.486 \text{ g} + 2.487 \text{ g} + 2.485 \text{ g} + 2.484 \text{ g} + 2.488 \text{ g}}{5} = 2.486 \text{ g}$$

However, if the balance has a defect causing it to give a result that is consistently 1.000 gram too high (a systematic error of +1.000 gram), then the measured value of

2.486 grams would be seriously in error. The point here is that high precision among several measurements is an indication of accuracy *only* if systematic errors are absent.

EXAMPLE R.2

Precision and Accuracy

To check the accuracy of a graduated cylinder, a student filled the cylinder to the 25-mL mark using water delivered from a buret (see Fig. R.2) and then read the volume delivered. Following are the results of five trials:

Trial	Volume Shown by Graduated Cylinder	Volume Shown by the Buret
1	25 mL	26.54 mL
2	25 mL	26.51 mL
3	25 mL	26.60 mL
4	25 mL	26.49 mL
5	25 mL	26.57 mL
Average	25 mL	26.54 mL
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Is the graduated cylinder accurate?

SOLUTION

Precision is an indication of accuracy only if there are no systematic errors.

The results of the trials show very good precision (for a graduated cylinder). The student has good technique. However, note that the average value measured using the buret is significantly different from 25 mL. Thus this graduated cylinder is not very accurate. It produces a systematic error (in this case, the indicated result is low for each measurement).

See Question R.2

R.3 Significant Figures and Calculations

Calculating the final result for an experiment usually involves adding, subtracting, multiplying, or dividing the results of various types of measurements. Since it is very important that the uncertainty in the final result is known correctly, we have developed rules for counting the significant figures in each number and for determining the correct number of significant figures in the final result.

Rules for Counting Significant Figures

- 1. Nonzero integers. Nonzero integers always count as significant figures.
- **2.** Zeros. There are three classes of zeros:
 - a. Leading zeros are zeros that precede all the nonzero digits. These do not count as significant figures. In the number 0.0025, the three zeros simply indicate the position of the decimal point. This number has only two significant figures.
 - b. Captive zeros are zeros between nonzero digits. These always count as significant figures. The number 1.008 has four significant figures.
 - **c.** Trailing zeros are zeros at the right end of the number. They are significant only if the number contains a decimal point. The number 100 has only one significant figure, whereas the number 1.00×10^2 has three significant figures. The number one hundred written as 100. also has three significant figures.

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Leading zeros are never significant figures.

Captive zeros are always significant figures.

Trailing zeros are sometimes significant figures.

Exact numbers never limit the number of significant figures in a calculation.

Exponential notation is reviewed in Appendix 1.1.

3. Exact numbers. Many times calculations involve numbers that were not obtained using measuring devices but were determined by counting: 10 experiments, 3 apples, 8 molecules. Such numbers are called exact numbers. They can be assumed to have an infinite number of significant figures. Other examples of exact numbers are the 2 in $2\pi r$ (the circumference of a circle) and the 4 and the 3 in $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ (the volume of a sphere). Exact numbers also can arise from definitions. For example, one inch is defined as exactly 2.54 centimeters. Thus, in the statement 1 in = 2.54 cm, neither the 2.54 nor the 1 limits the number of significant figures when used in a calculation.

Note that the number 1.00×102 above is written in **exponential notation**. This type of notation has at least two advantages: the number of significant figures can be easily indicated, and fewer zeros are needed to write a very large or very small number. For example, the number 0.000060 is much more conveniently represented as $6.0 \times 10-5$. (The number has two significant figures.)

INTERACTIVE EXAMPLE R.3

Significant Figures

Give the number of significant figures for each of the following results.

- **a.** A student's extraction procedure on tea yields 0.0105 g of caffeine.
- **b.** A chemist records a mass of 0.050080 g in an analysis.
- c. In an experiment a span of time is determined to be 8.050×10^{-3} s.

SOLUTION

- **a.** The number contains three significant figures. The zeros to the left of the 1 are leading zeros and are not significant, but the remaining zero (a captive zero) is significant.
- **b.** The number contains five significant figures. The leading zeros (to the left of the 5) are not significant. The captive zeros between the 5 and the 8 are significant, and the trailing zero to the right of the 8 is significant because the number contains a decimal point.
- c. This number has four significant figures. Both zeros are significant.

See Exercises R.15 through R.18

To this point we have learned to count the significant figures in a given number. Next, we must consider how uncertainty accumulates as calculations are carried out. The detailed analysis of the accumulation of uncertainties depends on the type of calculation involved and can be complex. However, in this textbook we will employ the following simple rules that have been developed for determining the appropriate number of significant figures in the result of a calculation.

Rules for Significant Figures in Mathematical Operations

1. For multiplication or division, the number of significant figures in the result is the same as the number in the least precise measurement used in the calculation. For example, consider the calculation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 4.56 \times 1.4 = 6.38 & \xrightarrow{Corrected} & 6.4 \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{Limiting term has} & \text{Two significant} \\ \text{two significant} & \text{figures} \end{array}$$

The product should have only two significant figures, since 1.4 has two significant figures.

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2. For addition or subtraction, the result has the same number of decimal places as the least precise measurement used in the calculation. For example, consider the sum

12.11
18.0
$$\leftarrow$$
 Limiting term has one decimal place
$$\frac{1.013}{31.123} \xrightarrow{\text{Corrected}} 31.1$$

$$\uparrow$$
One decimal place

The correct result is 31.1, since 18.0 has only one decimal place.

For multiplication and division: significant figures are counted.

For addition and subtraction: decimal places are counted.

Rule 2 is consistent with the operation of electronic calculators.

Do not round sequentially. The number 6.8347 rounded to three significant figures is 6.83, not 6.84.

Note that for multiplication and division, significant figures are counted. For addition and subtraction, the decimal places are counted.

In most calculations you will need to round numbers to obtain the correct number of significant figures. The following rules should be applied when rounding.

Rules for Rounding

- 1. In a series of calculations, carry the extra digits through to the final result, then round.
- 2. If the digit to be removed
 - **a.** is less than 5, the preceding digit stays the same. For example, 1.33 rounds to 1.3.
 - **b.** is equal to or greater than 5, the preceding digit is increased by 1. For example, 1.36 rounds to 1.4.

Although rounding is generally straightforward, one point requires special emphasis. As an illustration, suppose that the number 4.348 needs to be rounded to two significant figures. In doing this, we look *only* at the *first number* to the right of the 3:

The number is rounded to 4.3 because 4 is less than 5. It is incorrect to round sequentially. For example, do *not* round the 4 to 5 to give 4.35 and then round the 3 to 4 to give 4.4.

When rounding, use only the first number to the right of the last significant figure. It is important to note that Rule 1 above usually will not be followed in the Examples in this text because we want to show the correct number of significant figures in each step of a problem. This same practice is followed for the detailed solutions given in the Solutions Guide. However, when you are doing problems, you should carry extra digits throughout a series of calculations and round to the correct number of significant figures only at the end. This is the practice you should follow. The fact that your rounding procedures are different from those used in this text must be taken into account when you check your answer with the one given at the end of the book or in the Solutions Guide. Your answer (based on rounding only at the end of a calculation) may differ in the last place from that given here as the "correct" answer because we have rounded after each step. To help you understand the difference between these rounding procedures, we will consider them further in Example R.4.

INTERACTIVE EXAMPLE R.4

Significant Figures in Mathematical Operations

Carry out the following mathematical operations, and give each result with the correct number of significant figures.

a.
$$1.05 \times 10^{-3} \div 6.135$$

b.
$$21 - 13.8$$