

Objective 48-49

Multiply or divide numbers written in scientific notation

PROBLEM

Express the answer in scientific notation.

$$(6 \times 10^{-3})(5 \times 10^8) =$$

STEP 1

Rewrite the expression so that the integers and the powers of ten are grouped together.

$$(6 \times 10^{-3})(5 \times 10^8) = (6 \times 5) \times (10^{-3} \times 10^8)$$

STEP 2

Find the product of the integers.

$$(6 \times 5) \times (10^{-3} \times 10^8) = 30 \times (10^{-3} \times 10^8)$$

STEP 3

Multiply the powers. Recall that when multiplying powers with the same base, the exponents are added.

$$\begin{aligned} 30 \times (10^{-3} \times 10^8) &= 30 \times (10^{-3+8}) \\ &= 30 \times 10^5 \end{aligned}$$

STEP 4

Write the product in scientific notation and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} 30 \times 10^5 &= (3.0 \times 10^1) \times 10^5 \\ &= 3.0 \times (10^1 \times 10^5) \\ &= 3.0 \times 10^{1+5} \\ &= 3 \times 10^6 \end{aligned}$$

ANSWER

$$3 \times 10^6$$

Guided Practice: solve and express your answer in scientific notation.

$$(2.2 \times 10^7)(1.1 \times 10^2) =$$

$$(3.6 \times 10^6) \div (6 \times 10^3) =$$

$$(3.2 \times 10^4)(4 \times 10^5) =$$

PROBLEM

Express the answer in scientific notation.

$$(4.2 \times 10^8) \div 0.3 =$$

STEP 1

Rewrite 0.3 in scientific notation.

$$0.3 = 3 \times 10^{-1}$$

STEP 2

Rewrite the expression with both numbers written in scientific notation.

$$(4.2 \times 10^8) \div 3 = (4.2 \times 10^8) \div (3 \times 10^{-1})$$

STEP 3

Rewrite the expression as a fraction.

$$(4.2 \times 10^8) \div (3 \times 10^{-1}) = \frac{4.2 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^{-1}}$$

STEP 4

Rewrite the expression using two fractions.

$$\frac{4.2 \times 10^8}{3 \times 10^{-1}} = \frac{4.2}{3} \times \frac{10^8}{10^{-1}}$$

STEP 5

Divide to find the quotient of 4.2 and 3.

$$\frac{4.2}{3} \times \frac{10^8}{10^{-1}} = 1.4 \times \frac{10^8}{10^{-1}}$$

STEP 6

Apply the quotient of powers property. Subtract the exponents of the powers of 10 and simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} 1.4 \times \frac{10^8}{10^{-1}} &= 1.4 \times 10^{8-(-1)} \\ &= 1.4 \times 10^{8+1} \\ &= 1.4 \times 10^9 \end{aligned}$$

ANSWER

$$1.4 \times 10^9$$

Practice: Multiply or divide the following quantities. Express your answer in scientific notation. *Show your work.*

1. $(5 \times 10^4)(6 \times 10^7) =$

2. $\frac{5.6 \times 10^{18}}{7 \times 10^6} =$

3. $(6 \times 10^{-5})(5 \times 10^{11}) =$

4. $\frac{6.3 \times 10^4}{7 \times 10^{11}} =$

5. $(1.7 \times 10^7) \times 40 =$

6. $(9.5 \times 10^9) \div 50$

7. $(3.3 \times 10^8) \times 0.3 =$

8. $(4.2 \times 10^7) \div 0.003 =$

Additional Help:

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