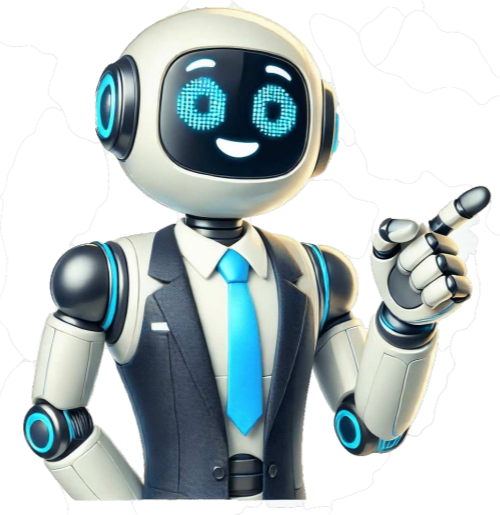


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It tells you how many times the 10 is multiplied by itself, or how many 0s there are after the 1. 1.2 103 = 1.2 10 10 10 = 1.2 1,000 So 1.2 103 represents the number given by 1.2 1000, which is 1,200. 1.2 103 = 1,200 Scientific notation is useful because it allows us to write very large or very small numbers in a shorter, standard way. Some examples of numbers written in scientific notation are shown below, along with the numbers written in full. Notice that it can save you writing lots of 0s. When numbers are very small (less than 1), we can also save writing 0s by using scientific notation. In this case, the power of 10 can have a negative exponent: Scientific notation is a useful way to write long numbers. To convert the number to scientific notation, we have to move the decimal point to the right of the first digit. Even though it isn't written, the decimal point is at the end of the number. Count how many places it has to move left so it is to the right of the first digit (1): The decimal point has to be moved 5 places to the left to make 1.23. The number is written as 1.23 105. converting numbers to scientific notation When you see a number written in scientific notation, you must know what number it represents. To convert scientific notation to a number, we have to move the decimal point right. The exponent of the power of 10 is 5 so the decimal point needs to be moved 5 places. You will need to add 0s so that the decimal point can be moved: The decimal point has to be moved 5 places to the right to make 123,000; converting scientific notation to numbers Lesson Slides The slider below gives more information about powers of 10. The number in scientific notation (that multiplies the power of 10) is between 1 and 10. It can include 1, but not 10. A power of 10 is 10 raised to an exponent. For example, 102 is a power of 10. The small 2 written beside the 10 means it is raised to an exponent of 2. This means 10 is multiplied by itself 2 times. 102 = 10 10 The answer will have 2 0s after the 1: 102 = 100 To write scientific notation on a keyboard, the ^ symbol is used for the exponent of 10 (102 = 10^2); 5.2 103 = 5.2 10^3 On a calculator, the E symbol is used to represent a power of 10 (102 = E2): 5.2 103 = 5.2E3 Engineering notation is similar to scientific notation, except the number is limited between 1 and 1,000, and the exponent of the power of 10 must be a multiple of 3. 1,200 = 1.2 103 12,000 = 12 103 120,000 = 120 103 1,200,000 = 1.2 106 1,200,000,000 = 1.2 109 Find Us Quicker! When using a search engine (e.g., Google, Bing), you will find Mathematics Monster quicker if you add #mm to your search term. Use our handy widget to create a QR code for this page...or any page. next up: understanding powers of 10 Very large and very small numbers written in standard form take up a large amount of space. 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There is only 1 digit to the left of the decimal point. Ignore the 0s after the last non-0 digit. 1.23 will appear in the answer. Count how many places the decimal point has been moved left. In our example, the decimal point has been moved 6 places to the left. The number in engineering notation will consist of the number between 1 and 1,000 found in Step 4 (1.23) multiplying the power of 10 found in Step 6 (106). We have converted the number to engineering notation: Lesson Slides The slider below gives a real example of converting a number to engineering notation. A power of 10 is 10 raised to an exponent. For example, 103 is a power of 10. The small 3 written beside the 10 means it is raised to an exponent of 3. This means 10 is multiplied by itself 3 times. 103 = 10 10 10 The answer will have 3 0s after the 1: 103 = 1,000 The exponent of the power of 10 in engineering notation must be a multiple of 3. A multiple of 3 is a number that results from multiplying 3 by a whole number. Multiples of 3 are: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21... Multiples of 3 can be negative as well: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21... Find Us Quicker! When using a search engine (e.g., Google, Bing), you will find Mathematics Monster quicker if you add #mm to your search term. Use our handy widget to create a QR code for this page...or any page. next up: understanding engineering notation Very large and very small numbers written in standard form take up a large amount of space. They are hard to read and understand and are difficult to use in mathematics. One way to write a very large or very small number is to use a different form of notation. Converting to a workable number is done using scientific or engineering notation. A number such as 0.000000003 is hard to work with in mathematical equations. It is also hard to understand with so many leading zeros. Similarly, 34,284,000,000 is easier to read with the use of commas, but hard to understand when used in mathematical equations. 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In engineering notation, you would move the decimal point six places to the left to get 13.460972 106. Once you get used to this notation, you recognize that 106 means "millions", so you would skip right away that this is around 13.5 million. Any time you see a reference to some number of millions or billions or trillions, rather than a complete enumeration of the entire number with all its digits, the writer is, in effect, using engineering notation. Is engineering notation between 1 and 1,000? Since engineering notation converts numbers to their units (millions, say, or millions), the coefficient will be between 1 and 999. If the coefficient were 1,000, then the number would not have been converted properly, since this would be, say, "a thousand million" when it should have been converted, in this example, to "one billion". In other words, in engineering notation, there should be between one and three digits to the left of (that is, before) the decimal point. And if there is just one digit before the decimal point, that digit must be an "interesting" number, so that digit cannot be zero. What are some examples of engineering notation? The following is an example of converting a "regular" number to engineering notation. Express 472,690,128,340 in engineering notation. This is a twelve-digit number. I need to move the decimal point from the end of the number toward the beginning of the number, but I must move it in steps of three decimal places. In this case, I must move the decimal point to between the 2 and the 6 (that is, to the location in the original number of the first comma), because this will leave nine digits (and nine is a multiple of 3) after the decimal point, and no more than three digits before the decimal point. (Yes, 12 is a multiple of 3, but if I move the decimal point twelve places to the left, I'll have no non-zero digits to the left of the decimal point. This would be wrong; it would be like saying "about 0.4 quadrillion", which is just silly. I have to have non-zero stuff to the left of the dot so, in this case, I have to stop at nine decimal places.) This is a large number and I moved the decimal point nine places, so the power on 10 will be a positive 9. Then the answer is...or about 472.7 billion. It may be simpler to think in terms of commas when converting larger numbers to engineering notation, because those commas are placed specifically in "regular" numbers in order to demarcate hundreds from thousands, thousands from millions, millions from billions, and so forth. So just look for the comma furthest to the left and move the decimal point to that location. Express 83,201 in engineering notation. I need to move the decimal point over to the left in sets of three digits (that is, in comma-delimited groups of digits). I can't move the decimal point any further than to the left of the 2, which is three places, so the answer is: ...or 83,201 thousand. When working with small numbers (that is, with numbers whose interesting digits are all the right of the decimal point), we don't have commas, but we can still think in terms of sets of three. Express 0.000 063 8 in engineering notation. I need to move the decimal point over in sets of three. If I move the decimal point to the right three places, I'll be left with "0.0638", which won't do because it'll leave me with just zero to the left of the decimal point. If I move the decimal point to the right nine places, I'll get "63800", which is too many digits to the left of the decimal point. So I need to move the decimal point six places. Since this started out as a small number, the power on 10 will be negative; since I moved the decimal point six places, the power will be a negative 6. Then the answer is: ...or 63.8 millionths. Express 0.397 53 in engineering notation. I need to move the decimal point to the right three places. Since this started as a small number, the power on 10 will be negative: ...or 397.53 thousandths. You should notice that, in engineering notation, it is perfectly okay to have more than one digit to the left of the decimal point; in fact, you should expect to have something other than always only one digit. Just make sure that the power on 10 is a multiple of three. URL: Page 1Page 2Page 3Page 5 homesitemapccccpowers of 10 A power of 10 is 10 raised to an exponent. For example, 102 is a power of 10. The small 2 written beside the 10 means it is raised to an exponent of 2. This means 10 is multiplied by itself 2 times. A power is the product of multiplying a number by itself. A power of 10 is 10 multiplied by itself. The exponent written beside the 10 tells you how many times 10 is multiplied by itself. 102 = 10 10 = 100 103 = 10 10 10 = 1,000 104 = 10 10 10 10 = 10,000 When the exponent is 2, 10 is multiplied by itself 2 times. The product is 100. There are 2 0s after the 1. When the exponent is 3, 10 is multiplied by itself 3 times. The product is 1,000. There are 3 0s after the 1. Powers of 10 are useful because they allow us to write very large (or very small) numbers in an easy way. If we wanted to write one million in full, we would have to write a lot of numbers down: 1,000,000 Using powers of 10, we can write it much more easily as a power of 10. There are 6 0s after the 1, so the exponent is 6: 106 This is useful for scientists and engineers when they write large quantities down. For example, the speed of light is approximately 300 million metres per second: 300,000,000 m/s A scientist or engineer would write this using powers of 10: 3 108 m/s There are 8 0s. The 0s come after a 3, so we need to multiply the power of 10 by 3. This way of writing numbers is called scientific notation. Learn more about scientific notation A power of 10 has the same parts as any power. It consists of a base and an exponent. The base is the number that is multiplying itself. In a power of 10, the base is always 10. The exponent tells you how many times the base is multiplying by itself. It is any whole number (any integer). It can be positive or negative. All the examples of powers of 10 we have seen so far have positive exponents. This power of 10 has an exponent of positive 2. If you start with 1 and move the decimal point 2 places to the right, you get 100. This is why there are 2 0s after the 1. A power of 10 can also have a negative exponent. This power of 10 has an exponent of negative 2. If you start with 1 and move the decimal point 2 places to the left, you get 0.02. This is why there are 2 0s before the 1. 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The 65,000 will be 65103 (65 times 10 to the 3rd power, which is times a thousand).Substitute a multiple of three for the exponent using the appropriate engineering notation prefix. Look at the engineering notation chart below:Thus, 65,000 volts will be simply 65 kilovolts. Similarly, the 0.000073 farads could be written as 7310-6 farads or 73 F (microfarads) using the engineering notation prefix "micro" ( ) for 10-6.Using the Omni's engineering notation calculator to convert to engineering notation is extremely easy and convenient; you just have to:Enter your number in decimal form or with an exponent (e), e.g., 3e-7 meters.You can also use scientific notation with multiples of 10, for example, 310-3 and you can modify significant numbers. This is the number of digits in a value that is reliable and necessary to indicate the quantity of something. The default value is set to 10. 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