

# Scientific Notation

## Warm Up

Order each set of numbers from least to greatest.

1.  $10^4, 10^{-2}, 10^0, 10^{-1}$   
 $10^{-2}, 10^{-1}, 10^0, 10^4$

2.  $8^2, 8^{-2}, 8^3, 8^0$   
 $8^{-2}, 8^0, 8^2, 8^3$

3.  $2^3, 2^{-6}, 2^{-4}, 2^1$   
 $2^{-6}, 2^{-4}, 2^1, 2^3$

4.  $5.2^2, 5.2^9, 5.2^{-1}, 5.2^{-2}$   
 $5.2^{-2}, 5.2^{-1}, 5.2^2, 5.2^9$

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Essential Question:

How can you use properties of exponents to simplify expressions?

Standards:

MGSE8.EE.1

Know and apply the properties of integer exponents to generate equivalent numerical expressions.

## Vocabulary

scientific notation

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An ordinary quarter contains about 97,700,000,000,000,000,000,000 atoms. The average size of an atom is about 0.00000003 centimeter across.

The length of these numbers in standard notation makes them awkward to work with.

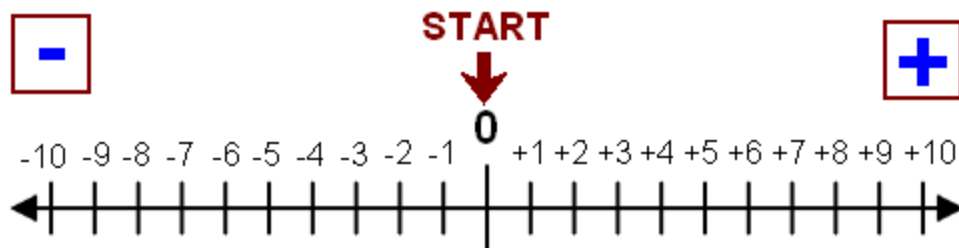
Scientific notation is a shorthand way of writing such numbers. Other Power Point

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Numbers written in **scientific notation** are written as two factors. One factor is a number greater than or equal to 1 and less than 10. The other factor is a power of 10.

Think of a number line as a reference tool.  
Positive exponents mean move right.  
Negative exponents mean move left.



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## Topic 2- Scientific Notation

Scientific notation: a shorthand method to express very large or very small numbers.

Ex:  $3\,400\,000\,000 = 3.4 \times 10^9$

$0.0000000576 = 5.76 \times 10^{-8}$

General Structure:

(decimal number between 1 and 10)  $\times$  (power of 10)

$$3.56 \times 10^7$$

To convert a number from standard form to scientific notation:

1. Move the decimal point as much as needed to obtain a decimal number between 1 and 10.  
Eg.  $3562 = 3562.0 \rightarrow 3.562$
2. The amount of places the decimal was moved becomes the exponent on the 10  
Eg. Moved the decimal 3 places  $\rightarrow 10^3$
3.  $3562 = 3.562 \times 10^3$  in scientific notation.

*\*NOTE:*

If the decimal point moves left, the exponent on the 10 is **positive**; if it moves right the exponent is **negative**.

*Example:* Convert 250 883 to scientific notation.

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1. 8546              $\times 10$
2. 23 000              $\times 10$
3. 572.9              $\times 10$
4. 2 990 000              $\times 10$
5. 3418.06              $\times 10$
6. 0.0003              $\times 10$



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7. 0.65743               × 10

8. 0.0224               × 10

**To convert a number from scientific notation to standard form**

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1)  $2 \times 10^3 =$                                  

2)  $2.331 \times 10^5 =$                                  

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

4)  $7.627 \times 10^{-5} =$                                  

5)  $3.004 \times 10^3 =$                                  

6)  $5.23 \times 10^4 =$                                  

7)  $5.062 \times 10^2 =$

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## Writing Math

To write scientific notation for numbers already between 1 and 10, use a 0 exponent.  $5.63 = 5.63 \times 10^0$ .



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## Additional Example 1A: Translating Scientific Notation to Standard Notation

Write the number in standard notation.

$$1.35 \times 10^5$$

$$1.35 \times 10^5 \qquad 10^5 = 100,000$$

$$1.35 \times 100,000$$

$$135,000$$


*Think: Move the decimal right 5 places.*

### Helpful Hint

A **positive** exponent means move the decimal to the **right**, and a **negative** exponent means move the decimal to the **left**.

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## Additional Example 1B: Translating Scientific Notation to Standard Notation Continued

Write the number in standard notation.

$$2.7 \times 10^{-3}$$

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$$2.7 \times \frac{1}{1000}$$

$$2.7 \div 1000$$

$$0.0027$$

$$10^{-3} = \frac{1}{1000}$$

*Divide by the reciprocal.*

*Think: Move the decimal left 3 places.*

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## Additional Example 1C: Translating Scientific Notation to Standard Notation Continued

Write the number in standard notation.

$$2.01 \times 10^4$$

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$$10^4 = 10,000$$

$$2.01 \times 10,000$$

$$20,100$$

*Think: Move the decimal right 4 places.*

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## Check It Out: Example 1A

**Write the number in standard notation.**

$$2.87 \times 10^9$$

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$$10^9 = 1,000,000,000$$

$$2.87 \times 1,000,000,000$$

$$2,870,000,000$$

*Think: Move the decimal  
right 9 places.*

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## Check It Out: Example 1B

**Write the number in standard notation.**

$$1.9 \times 10^{-5}$$

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$$1.9 \times \frac{1}{100,000}$$

$$1.9 \div 100,000$$

$$0.000019$$

$$10^{-5} = \frac{1}{100,000}$$

*Divide by the reciprocal.*

*Think: Move the decimal left 5 places.*



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## Check It Out: Example 1C

**Write the number in standard notation.**

$$5.09 \times 10^8$$

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$$10^8 = 100,000,000$$

$$5.09 \times 100,000,000$$

$$509,000,000$$

*Think: Move the decimal  
right 8 places.*

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## WRITING NUMBERS IN SCIENTIFIC NOTATION

For numbers greater than or equal to 10, use a positive exponent.

$15,237 = 1.5237 \times 10^4$  *The decimal moves 4 places.*

For numbers less than 1, use a negative exponent.

$0.00396 = 3.96 \times 10^{-3}$  *The decimal moves 3 places.*

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## Additional Example 2: Translating Standard Notation to Scientific Notation

**Write 0.00709 in scientific notation.**

0.00709

*Think: The decimal needs to move 3 places to get a number between 1 and 10.*

7.09

7.09 × 10

*Set up scientific notation.*

*Think: The decimal needs to move left to change 7.09 to 0.00709, so the exponent will be negative.*

So 0.00709 written in scientific notation is  $7.09 \times 10^{-3}$ .

**Check**  $7.09 \times 10^{-3} = 7.09 \times 0.001 = 0.00709$

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## Check It Out: Example 2

Write **0.000811** in scientific notation.

0.000811  


*Think: The decimal needs to move 4 places to get a number between 1 and 10.*

8.11

8.11  $\times 10$  

*Set up scientific notation.*

*Think: The decimal needs to move left to change 8.11 to 0.000811, so the exponent will be negative.*

So 0.000811 written in scientific notation is  $8.11 \times 10^{-4}$ .

**Check**  $8.11 \times 10^{-4} = 8.11 \times 0.0001 = 0.000811$

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## Additional Example 3: *Application*

**A pencil is 18.7 cm long. If you were to lay 10,000 pencils end-to-end, how many millimeters long would they be?**

**Write the answer in scientific notation.**

1 centimeter = 10 millimeters

18.7 centimeters = 187 millimeters     *Multiply by 10.*

187 mm  $\times$  10,000     *Find the total length.*

1,870,000 mm     *Multiply.*

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## Additional Example 3 Continued

$$1.87 \times 10 \quad \blacksquare$$

*Set up scientific notation.*

*Think: The decimal needs to move right to change 1.87 to 1,870,000, so the exponent will be positive.*

*Think: The decimal needs to move 6 places.*

In scientific notation the 10,000 pencils would be  $1.87 \times 10^6$  mm long, laid end-to-end.

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## Check It Out: Example 3

**An oil rig can hoist 2,400,000 pounds with its main derrick. It distributes the weight evenly between 8 wire cables. What is the weight that each wire cable can hold? Write the answer in scientific notation.**

*Find the weight each cable is expected to hold by dividing the total weight by the number of cables.*

$$2,400,000 \text{ pounds} \div 8 \text{ cables} = 300,000 \text{ pounds per cable}$$

Each cable can hold 300,000 pounds.

Now write 300,000 pounds in scientific notation.

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## Check It Out: Example 3 Continued

$$3.0 \times 10^{\quad}$$

*Set up scientific notation.*

*Think: The decimal needs to move right to change 3.0 to 300,000, so the exponent will be positive.*

*Think: The decimal needs to move 5 places.*

In scientific notation, each cable can hold  $3.0 \times 10^5$  pounds.



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## Additional Example 4: Life Science *Application*

A certain cell has a diameter of approximately  $4.11 \times 10^{-5}$  meters. A second cell has a diameter of  $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$  meters. Which cell has a greater diameter?

$$4.11 \times 10^{-5} \qquad 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$10^{-5} = 10^{-5}$$

*Compare powers of 10.*

$$4.11 > 1.5$$

*Compare the values between 1 and 10.*

$$4.11 \times 10^{-5} > 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

The first cell has a greater diameter.

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## Check It Out: Example 4

**A certain cell has a diameter of approximately  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  meters. A second cell has a diameter of  $5.11 \times 10^{-3}$  meters. Which cell has a greater diameter?**

$$5 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$5.11 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$10^{-3} = 10^{-3}$$

*Compare powers of 10.*

$$5 < 5.11$$

*Compare the values between 1 and 10.*

$$5 \times 10^{-3} < 5.11 \times 10^{-3}$$

The second cell has a greater diameter.