

8.4 Scientific Notation

A number is written in Scientific notation if:

$$C \times 10^n$$

where c is a number between 1 and 10 and n is an exponent

Ex-1 Rewrite in decimal form.

$$a) \underline{2834} \times 10^2 = 283.4$$

$$b) \underline{376} \times 10^1 = 37.6$$

$$c) \underline{4.683} \times 10^{-3} = .004683$$

$$d) \underline{2.76} \times 10^0 = 2.76$$

Ex-2 Rewrite in S. N.

$$a. \underline{34690} = 3.469 \times 10^4$$

$$b. 1.78 = 1.78 \times 10^0$$

$$c. \underline{.039} = 3.9 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$d. \underline{.00700700} = 7.007 \times 10^{-3}$$

Ex. 3 Evaluate.

a. $(1.4 \times 10^4)(7.6 \times 10^3)$

$$(1.4)(7.6) = 10.64$$

$$10^4 \cdot 10^3 = 10^7$$

$$1.064 \times 10^8$$

b. $(1.2 \times 10^{-1}) \div (4.8 \times 10^{-4})$

$$1.2 \div 4.8 = 0.25 = 2.5 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$\frac{10^{-1}}{10^{-4}} = -1 - (-4) = 3 = 10^3$$

$$2.5 \times 10^2$$

c. $(4.0 \times 10^{-2})^{-3}$

$$4^{-3} \times 10^6$$

$$0.15625 \times 10^6$$

$$1.5625 \times 10^{-2} \times 10^6$$

$$1.5625 \times 10^4$$