

## CONCEPT: SIGNIFICANT FIGURES: IN CALCULATIONS

### Multiplication and Division

- When either multiplying or dividing different numbers the final answer will contain the least \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE:** Perform the following calculation to the right number of sig figs:

$$(3.16) \times (0.003027) \times (5.7 \times 10^{-3})$$

### Addition and Subtraction

- When either adding or subtracting different numbers the final answer will contain the least \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE:** Perform the following calculation to the right number of sig figs:

$$402.09 - 212.2 + 2.671$$

### Mixed Operations

- When dealing with a mixture multiplication, division, addition and subtraction we must follow the order of operations.
  - **PEMDAS** stands for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE:** Perform the following calculation to the right number of sig figs:

$$\frac{[(1.89 \times 10^6) \cdot (3.005)] \cdot (5.21^3)}{(8.829 - 6.5) + (2.920)}$$

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**PRACTICE:** Perform the following calculation to the right number of sig figs:

$$[(1.7 \times 10^6) \div (2.63 \times 10^5)] + 6.96$$

**PRACTICE:** Perform the following mathematical operations and express the result to the correct number of significant figures.

$$\frac{(6.404 \times 2.91)}{(18.7 - 17.1)}$$

**PRACTICE:** What answer should be reported, with the correct number of significant figures, for the following calculation?

$$\frac{(42.00 - 40.914) \cdot (25.739 - 25.729)}{(11.50 \cdot 1.001) + (0.00710 \cdot 700.)}$$