

Molecular Formula

Sample Problem

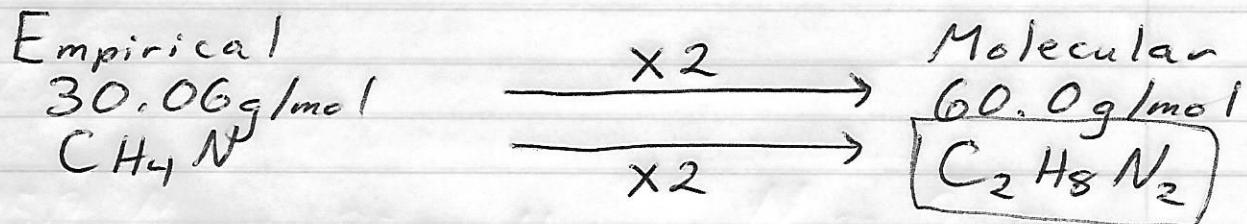
- ① Calculate the molecular formula for a compound with a molar mass of 60.0 g/mol and empirical formula of CH_4N .

- Find molar mass of empirical formula CH_4N

$$1 \times \text{C} = 1 \times 12.0 \text{ g/mol} = 12.0 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$4 \times \text{H} = 4 \times 1.0 \text{ g/mol} = 4.0 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$1 \times \text{N} = 1 \times 14.0 \text{ g/mol} = \frac{14.0 \text{ g/mol}}{30.06 \text{ g/mol}}$$



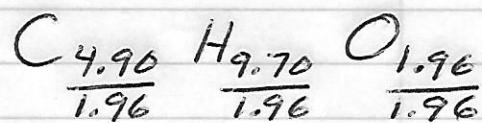
* What whole number do you multiply the molar mass of the empirical formula by to get the molar mass of the molecular formula? (In this case = 2)

Multiply the empirical formula by the same number to get the molecular formula.

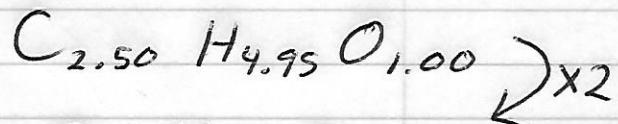
② Find the molecular formula of a substance that is 58.8% C, 9.8% H, 31.4% O and has a molar mass of 102 g/mol.

Find the empirical formula first

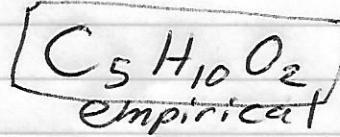
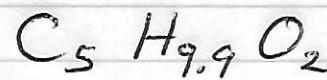
$$\frac{58.8 \text{ g C}}{12.01 \text{ g/mol}} = 4.90 \text{ mol C}$$



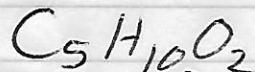
$$\frac{9.8 \text{ g H}}{1.01 \text{ g/mol}} = 9.70 \text{ mol H}$$



$$\frac{31.4 \text{ g O}}{16.00 \text{ g/mol}} = 1.96 \text{ mol O}$$



Empirical



$$5 \times C = 5 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mol} = 60.05 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$10 \times H = 10 \times 1.01 \text{ g/mol} = 10.10 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$2 \times O = 2 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mol} = \frac{32.00 \text{ g/mol}}{102.15 \text{ g/mol}}$$

