

Math operations

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Adding

$$\begin{array}{r} 350\text{M} \\ +650\text{k} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Subtracting

$$\begin{array}{r} 2\text{G} \\ - 999\text{M} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Multiplying

Rule: Change the metric prefixes to powers of ten. Then add the powers of ten together and multiply the coefficients.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5\text{k} \\ \times 2\text{m} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 25\text{m} \\ \times 5\mu \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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Dividing

Rule: Change the metric prefixes to powers of ten. Then subtract the powers of ten and multiply the coefficients.

$$\frac{5\text{M}}{1\text{k}}$$

$$\frac{20}{2\text{m}}$$