

# BALANCING OF REDOX REACTIONS

## BY OXIDATION NUMBER METHOD



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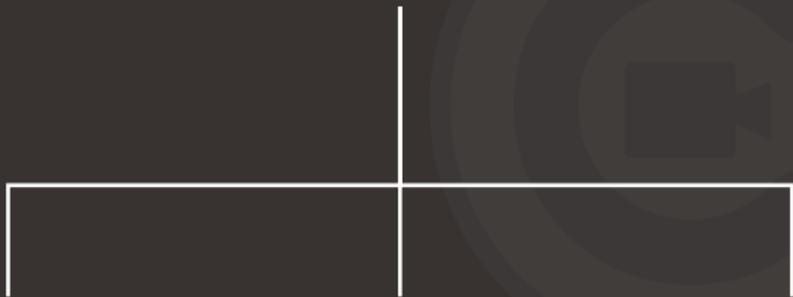
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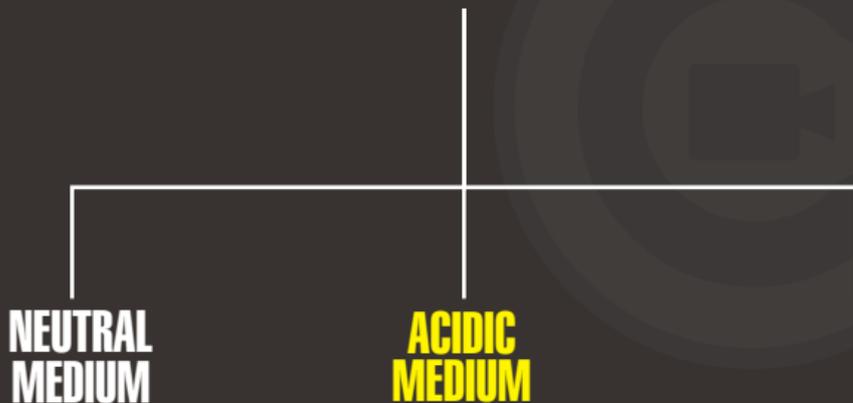


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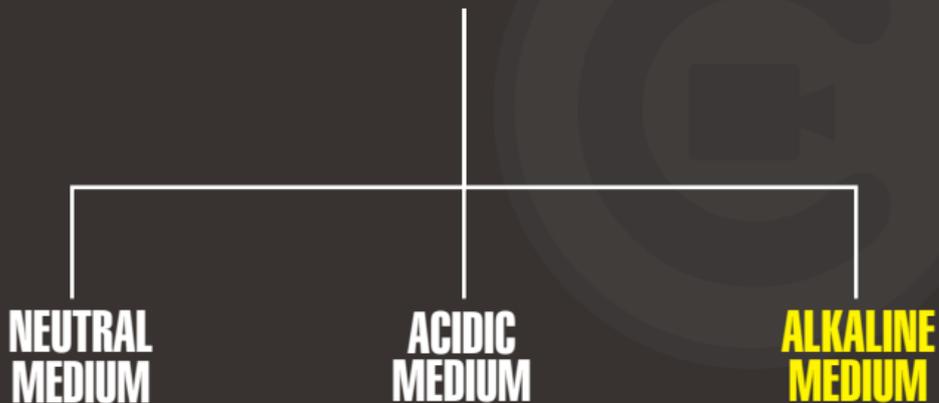
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graph TD; A[MEDIUM OF REACTION] --> B[Acidic Medium]; A --> C[...];
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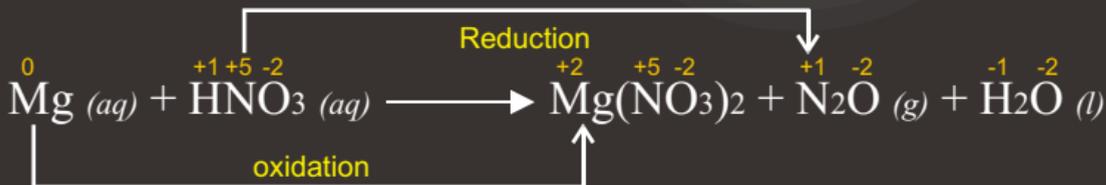
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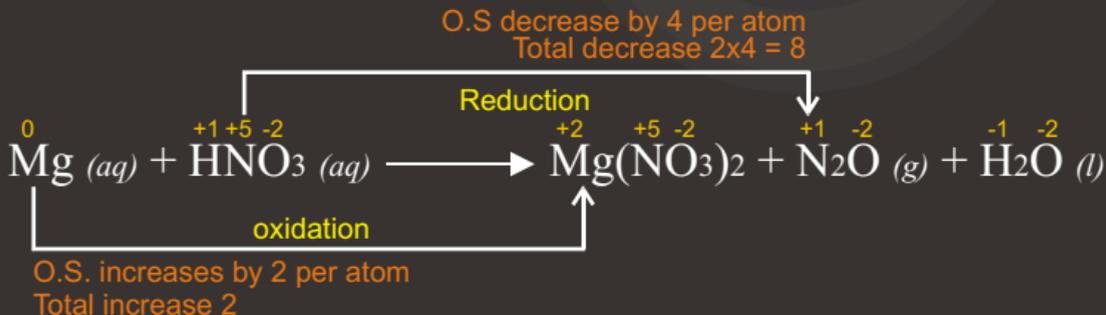
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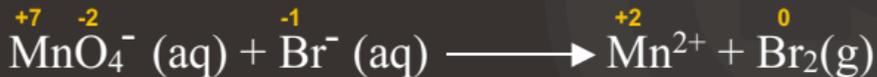


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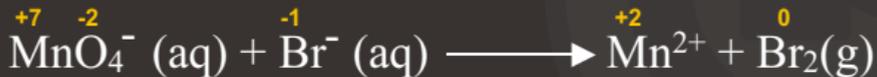


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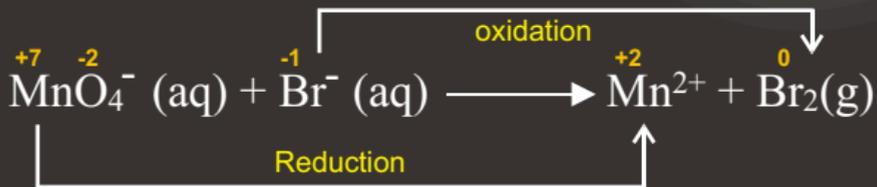
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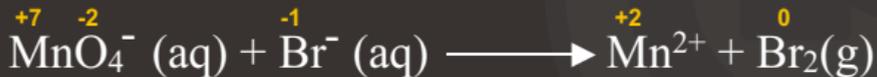


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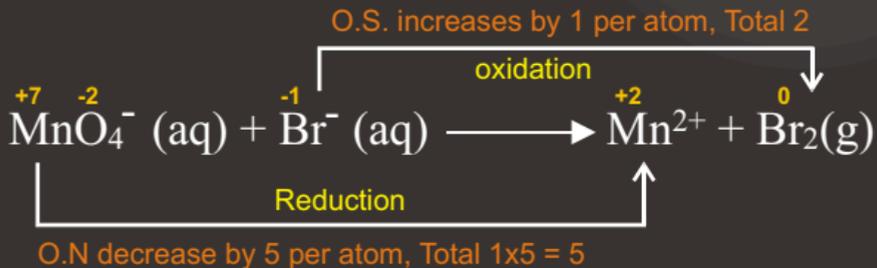
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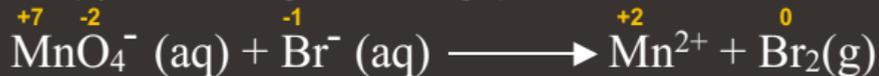
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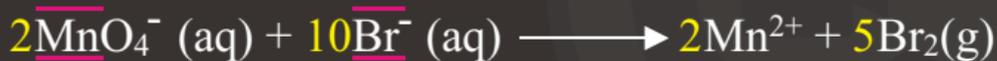
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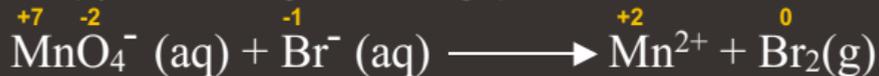
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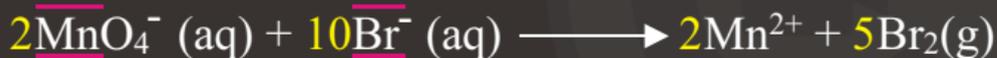
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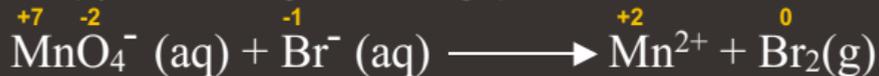
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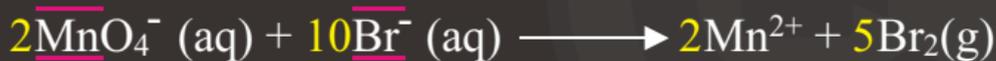
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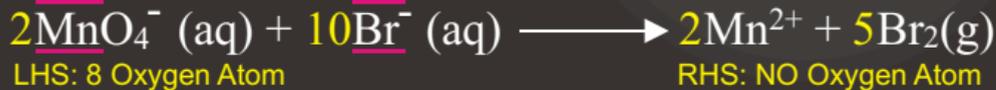
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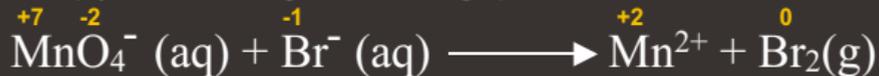
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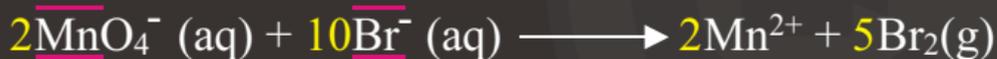
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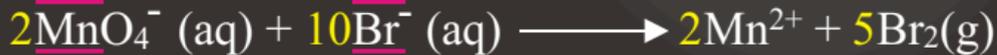
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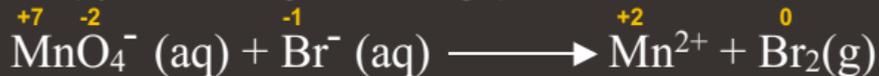
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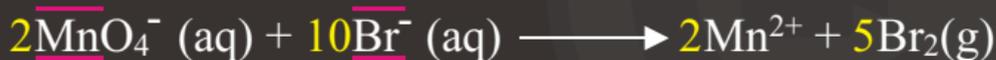
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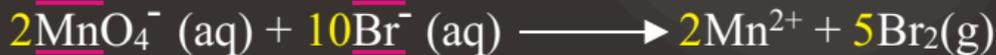
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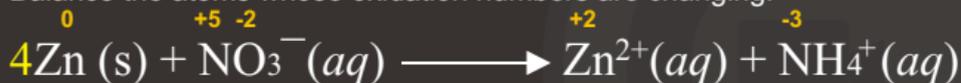
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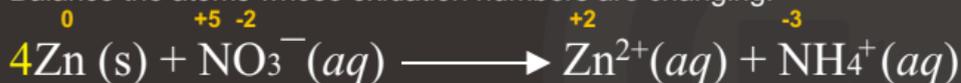
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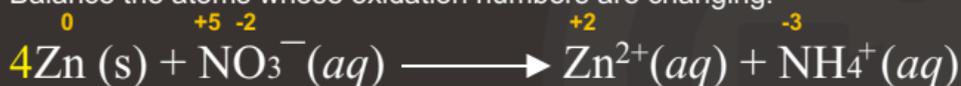
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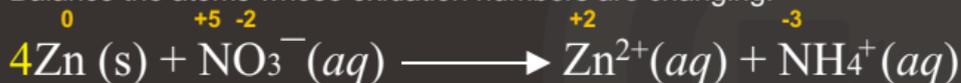
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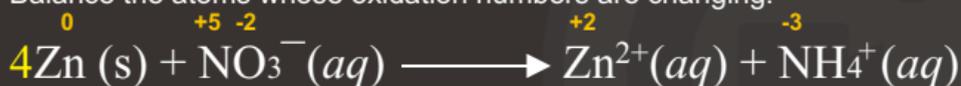
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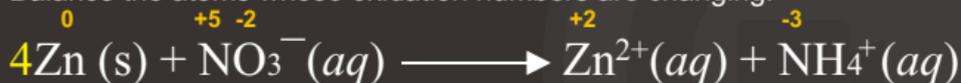
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