#### **AS Level Organic Chemistry**

# Balancing Redox Equations using oxidation states

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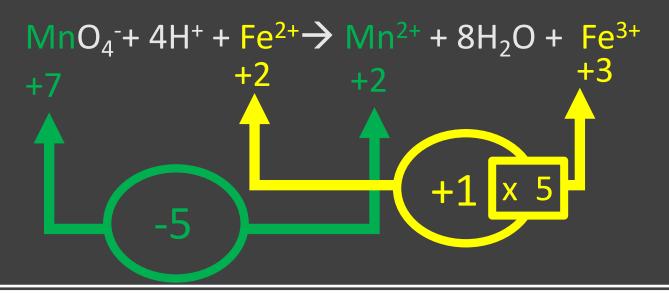
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Example 1 – Answer:

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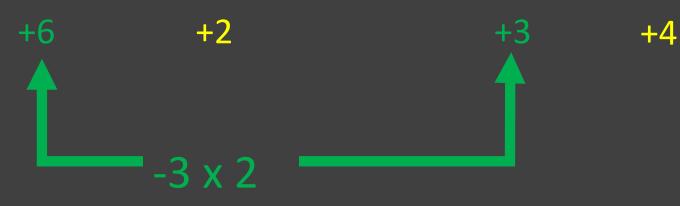
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 $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + Sn^{2+}(aq) + 14H^+(aq) \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + Sn^{4+}(aq) + 7H_2O(I)$ 

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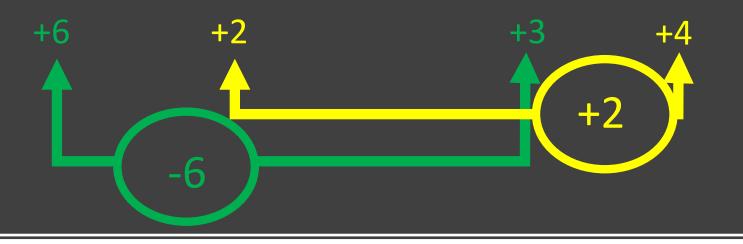
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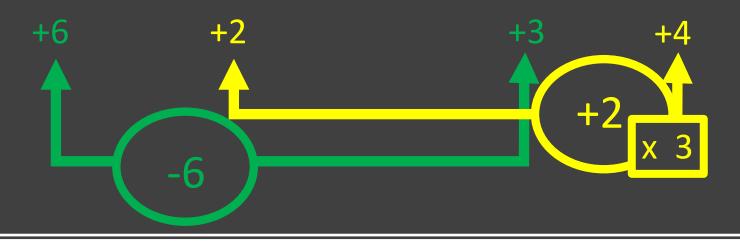
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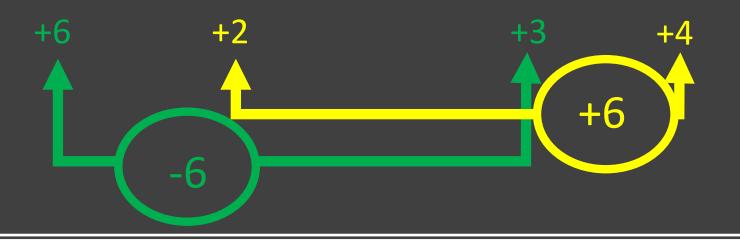
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