

# Precipitation Stoichiometry

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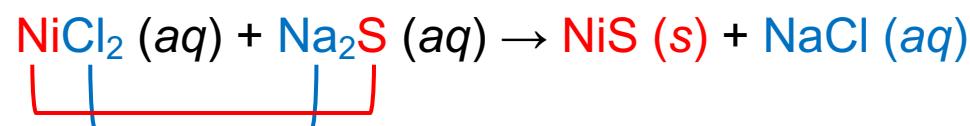
# Example

Say we mix an aqueous solution of nickel(II) chloride with an aqueous solution of sodium sulfide.

We can write the reactants of this chemical reaction:



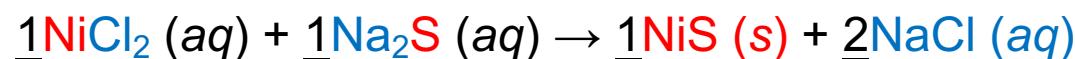
We can predict the products by exchanging the ions (we call these double exchange reactions):



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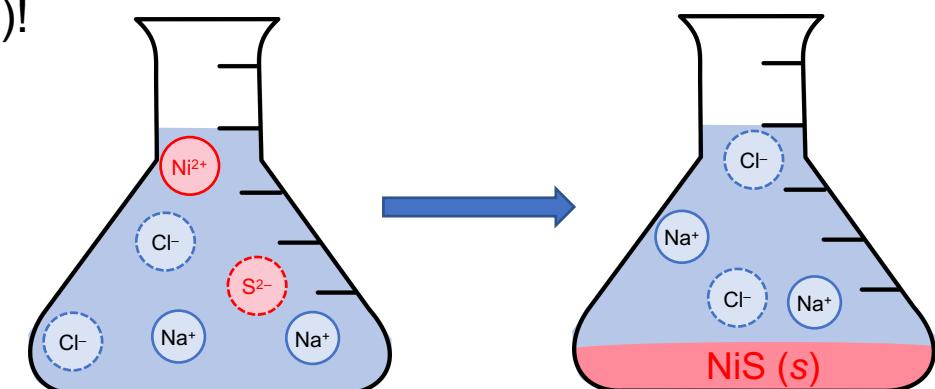
Then determine if each new product is soluble (aq) or insoluble (s)!

Don't forget to balance the chemical reaction!



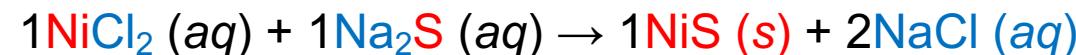
Always go back to the microscopic picture of what's happening!

→ NiS precipitate (solid) forms & other ions float in solution



# Writing Chemical Equations

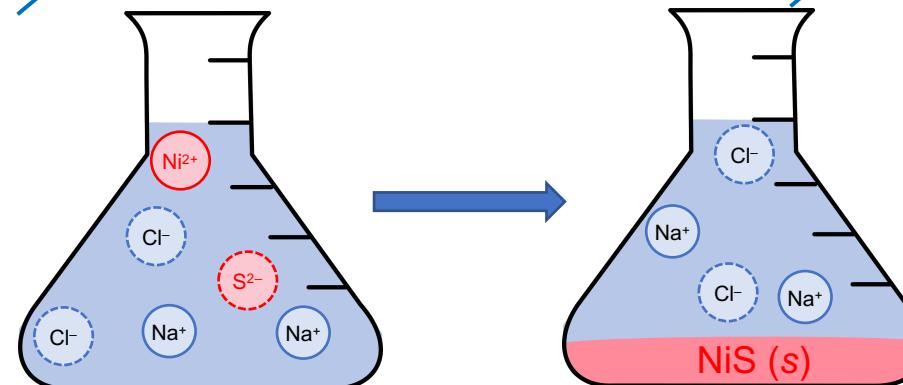
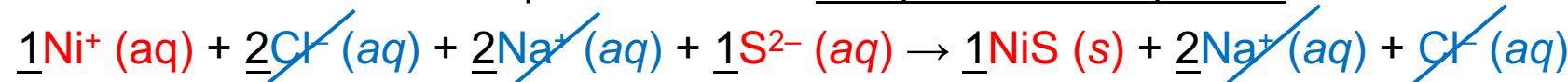
This is called a molecular equation because we keep the salt as neutral “molecules”:



But we know that soluble salts (aqueous solutions) exist as dissociated ions!

It would be more accurate to dissociate the soluble salts.

We can transform the molecular equation into an complete ionic equation:



## SPECTATOR IONS

You may notice that some of these ions ( $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$ ) don't actually chemically react.

We can ignore these!

We can write a net ionic equation by eliminating all the spectator ions:  $\underline{1\text{Ni}^+} \text{ (aq)} + \underline{1\text{S}^{2-}} \text{ (aq)} \rightarrow \underline{1\text{NiS}} \text{ (s)}$

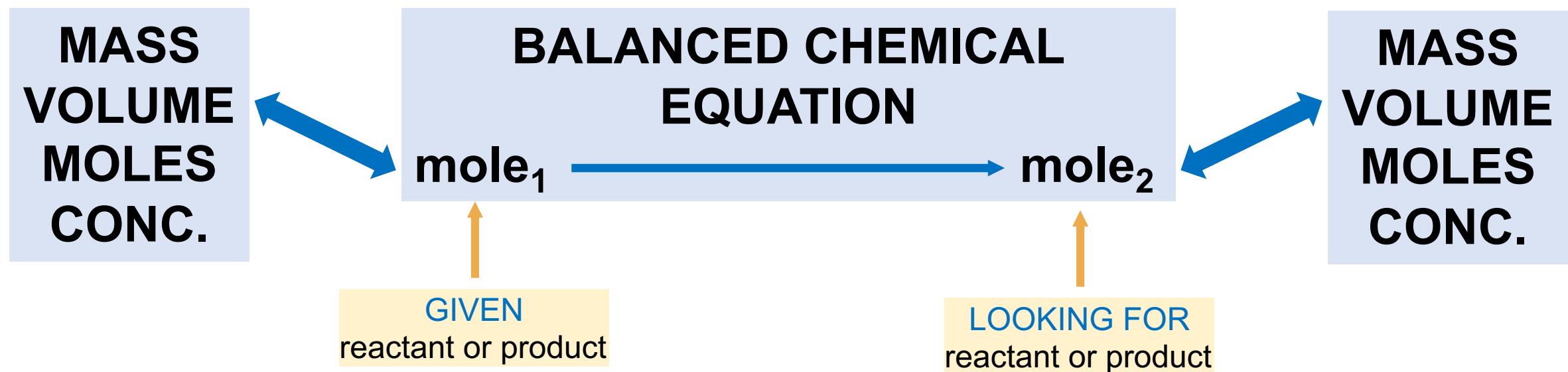
**Everything so far has been qualitative.**

**But we can also understand everything quantitatively!**

**After all, these are still chemical reactions.**

# SUMMARIZING STOICHIOMETRY RELATIONSHIPS

We can add concentration now!



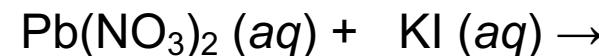
I hope now you understand why I say to convert to moles before you do anything else. It's because a balanced chemical equation gives us **mole-to-mole ratios** that we can use to convert between one reactant/product to another reactant/product.

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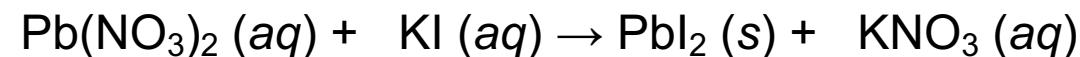
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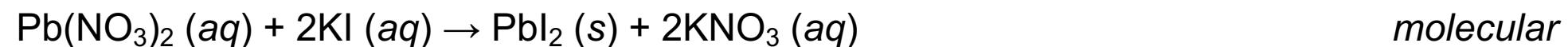
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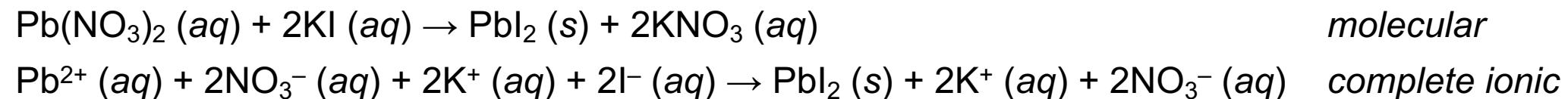
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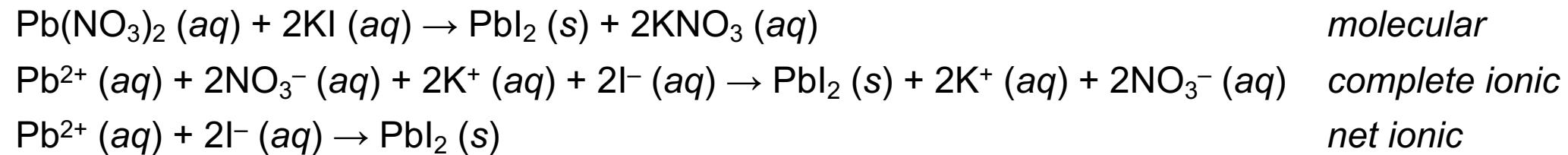
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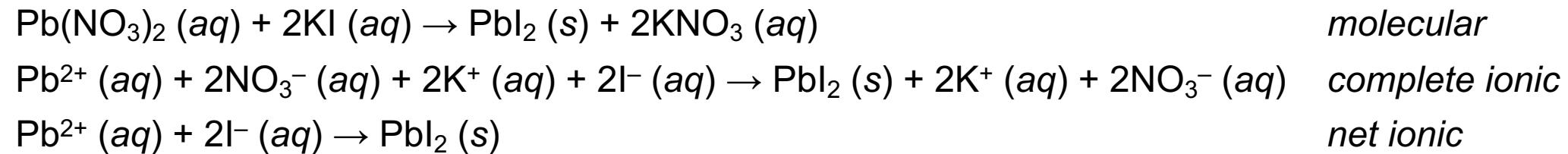
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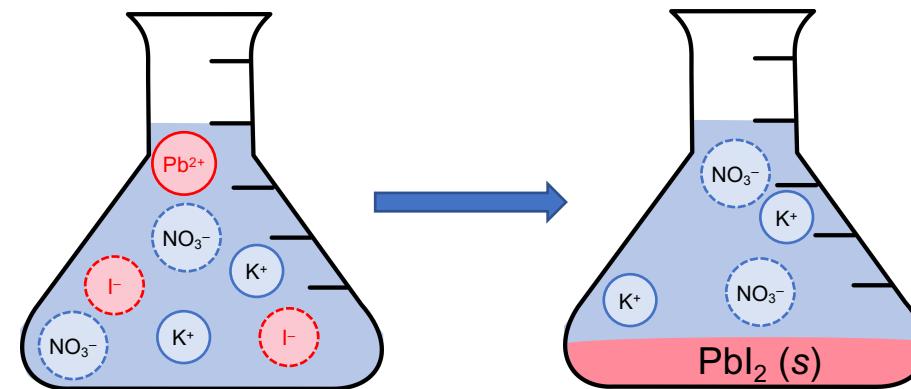


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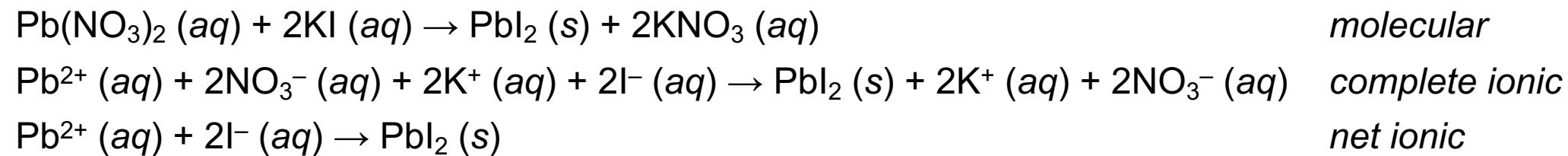


*Revisit the microscopic picture!*



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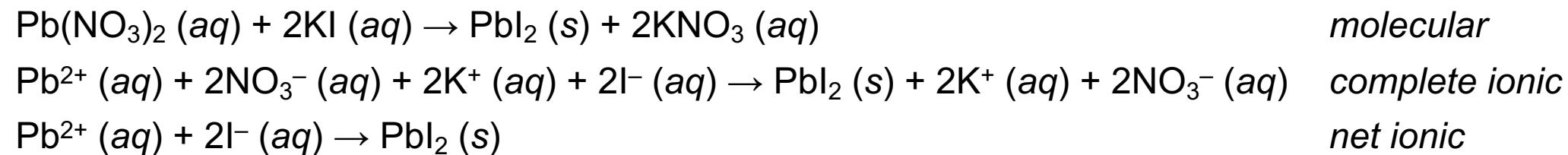


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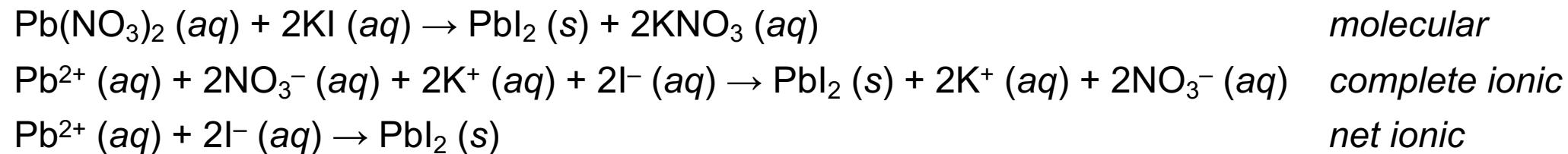


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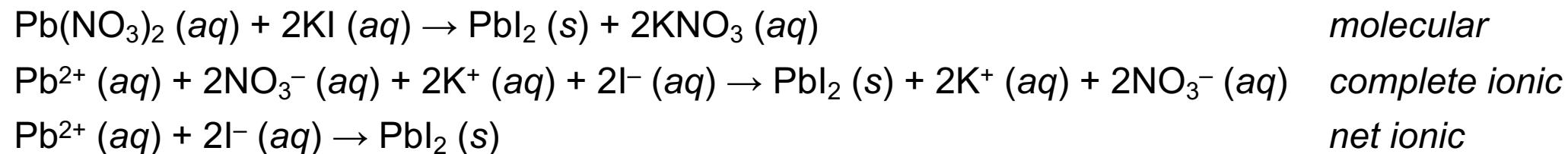
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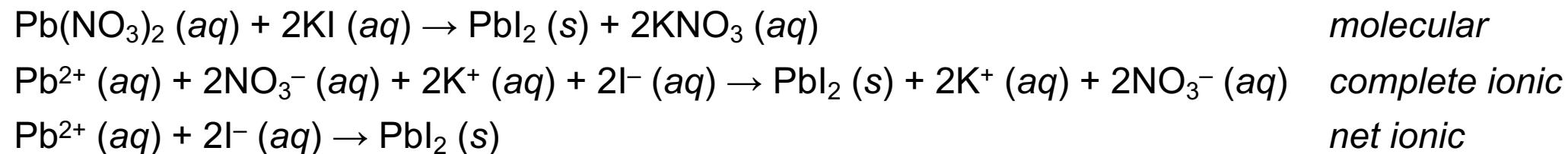
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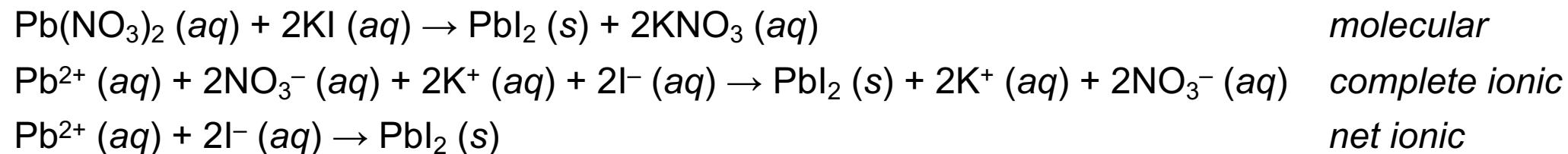
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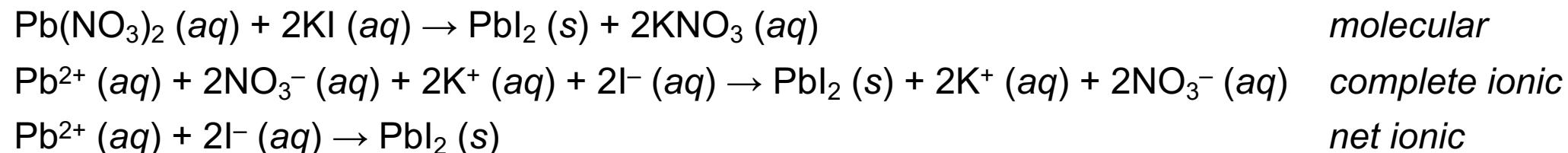
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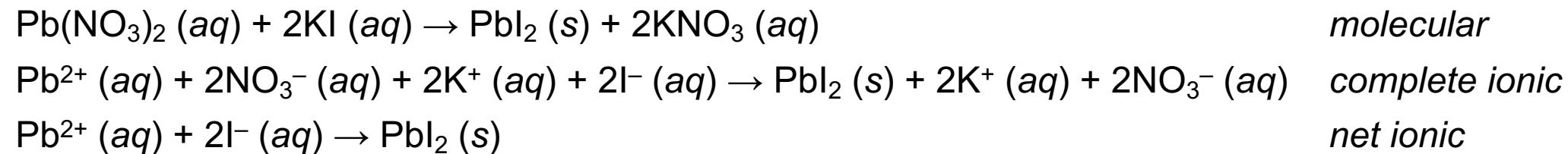
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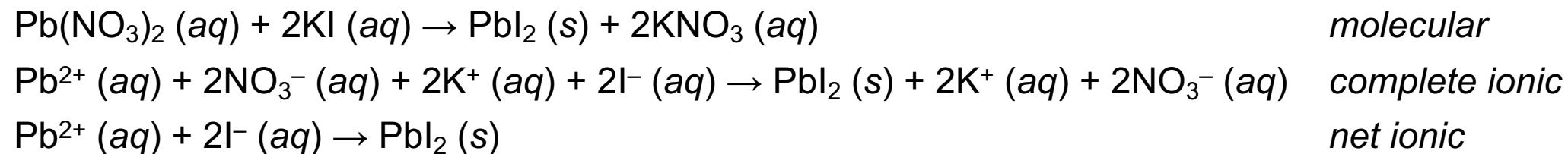


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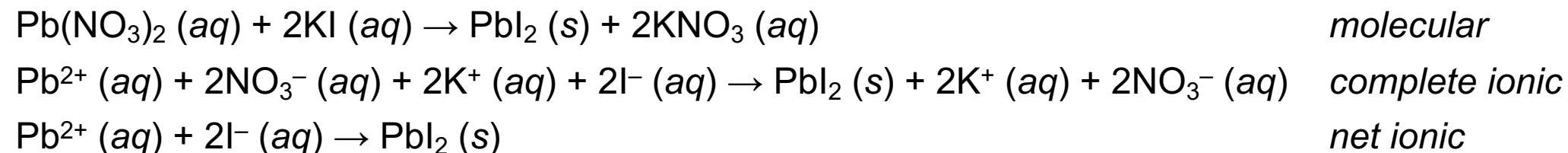
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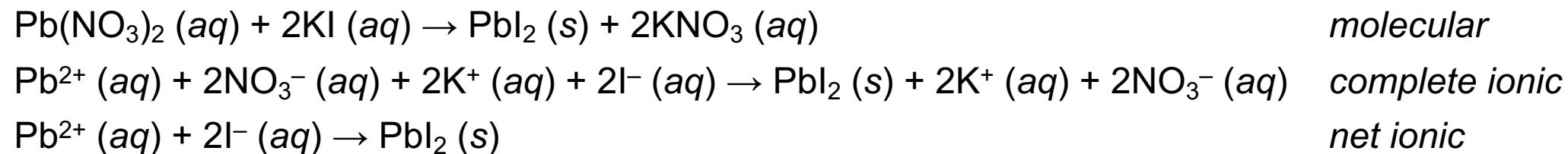
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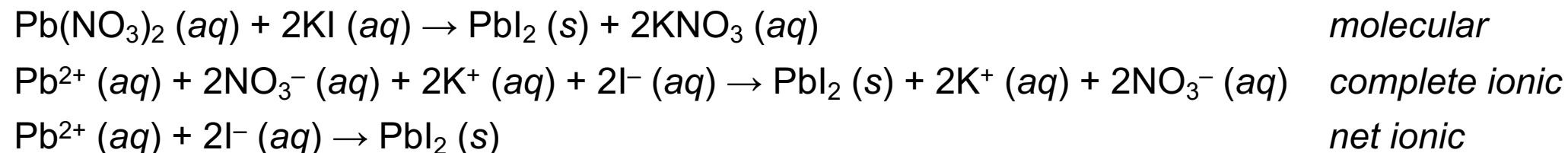
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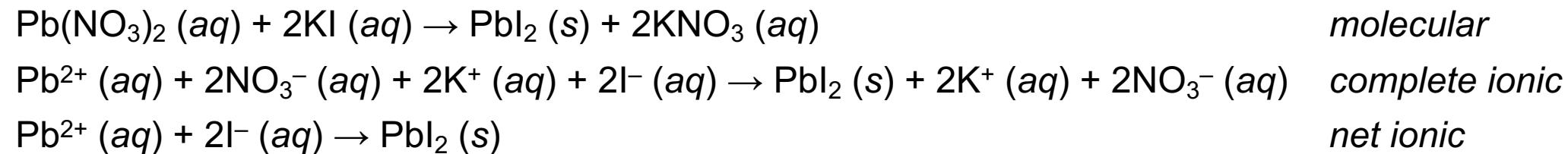
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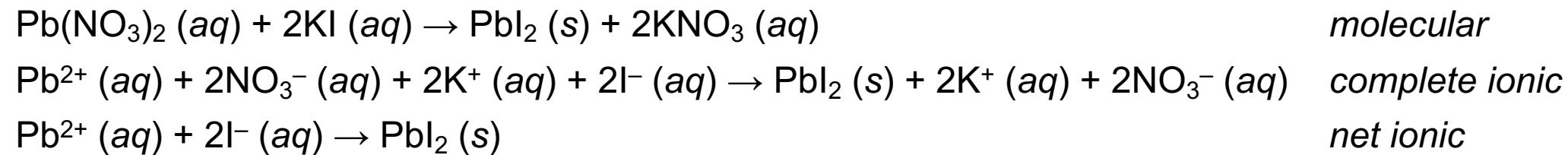
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This is the same as the previous slide but even less work! Convince yourself that you can do it!

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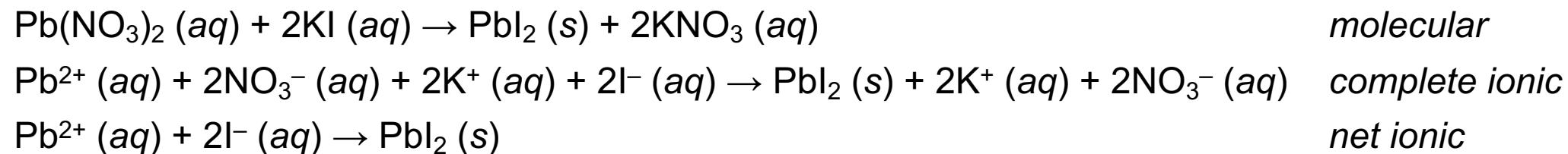


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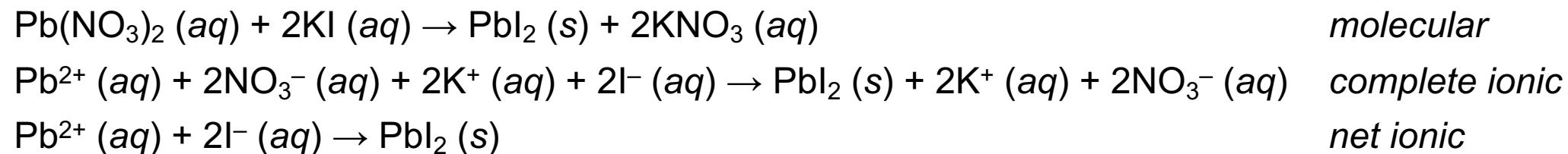
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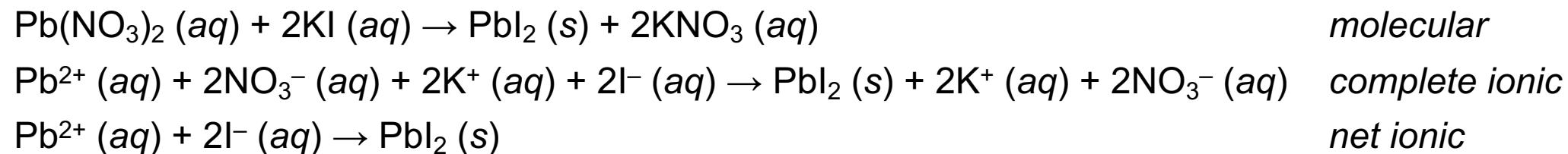
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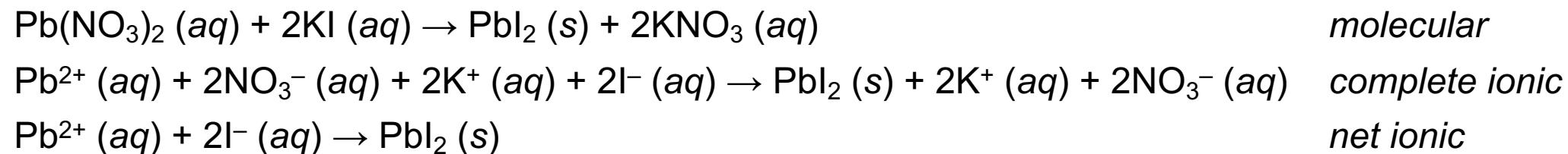
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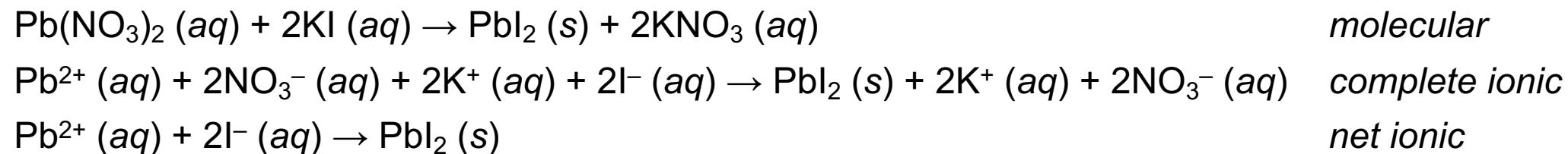
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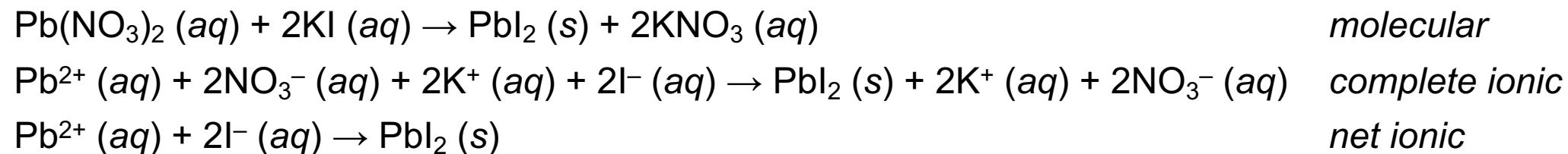
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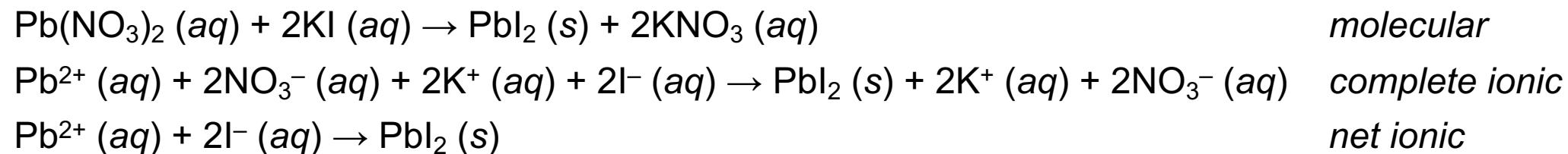
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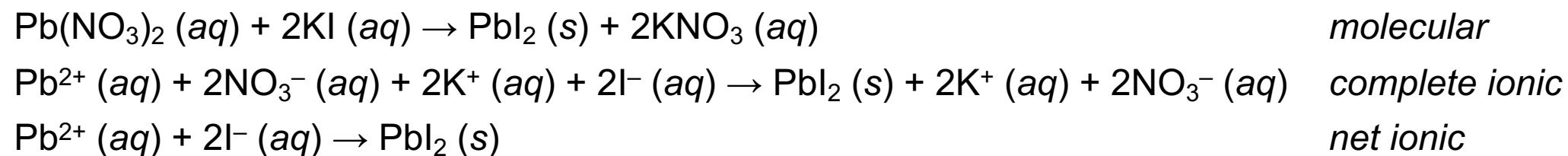
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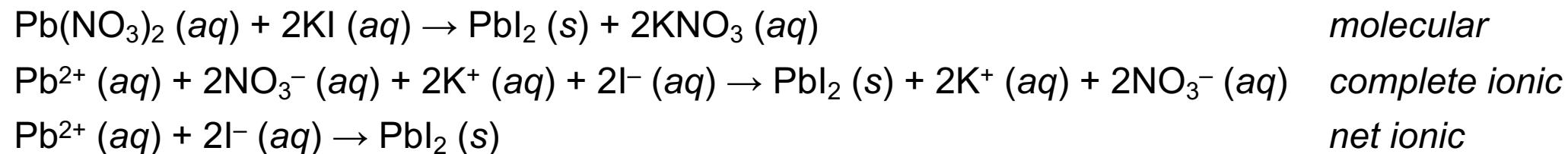
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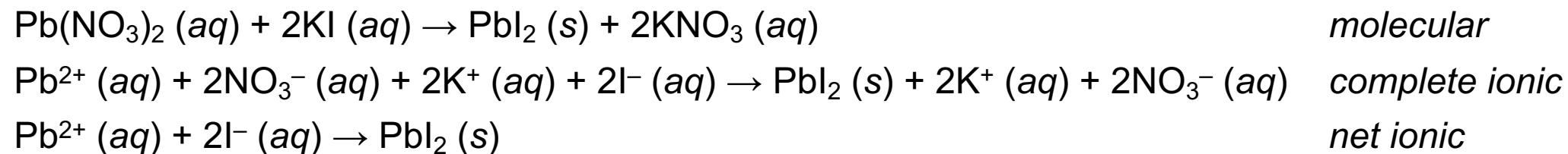
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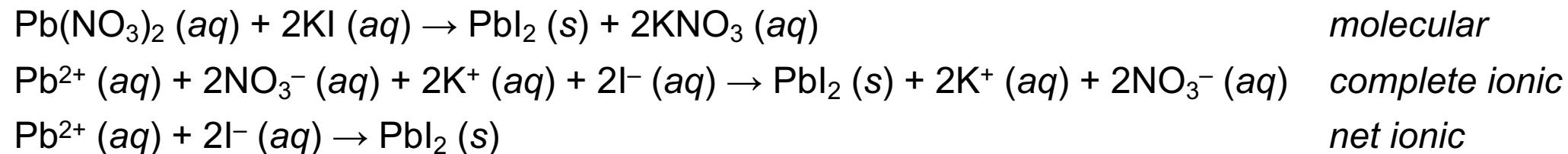
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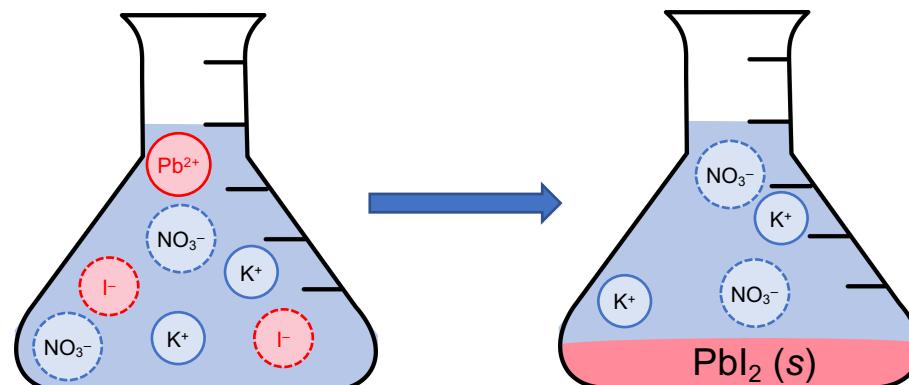


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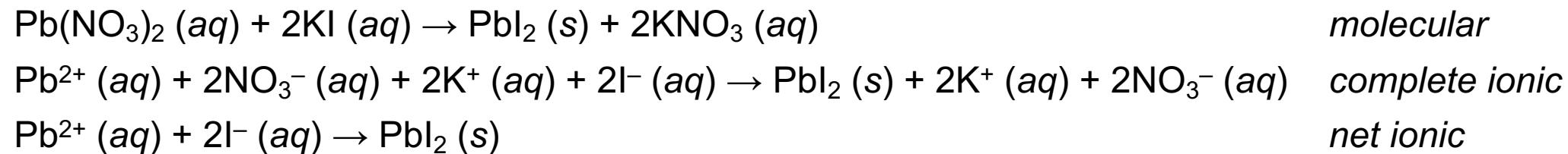
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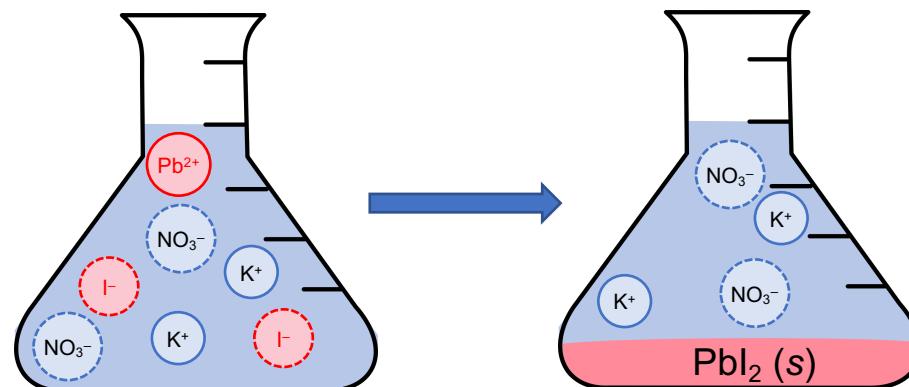
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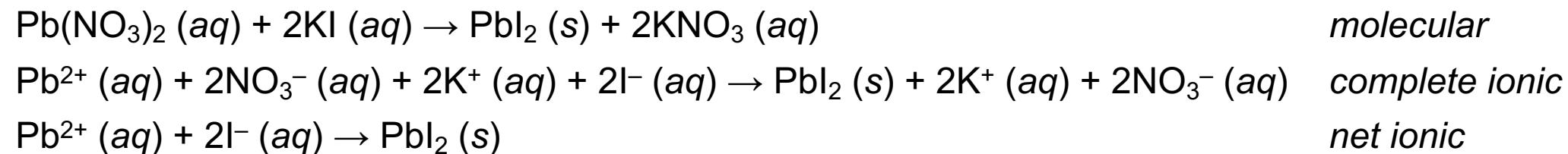
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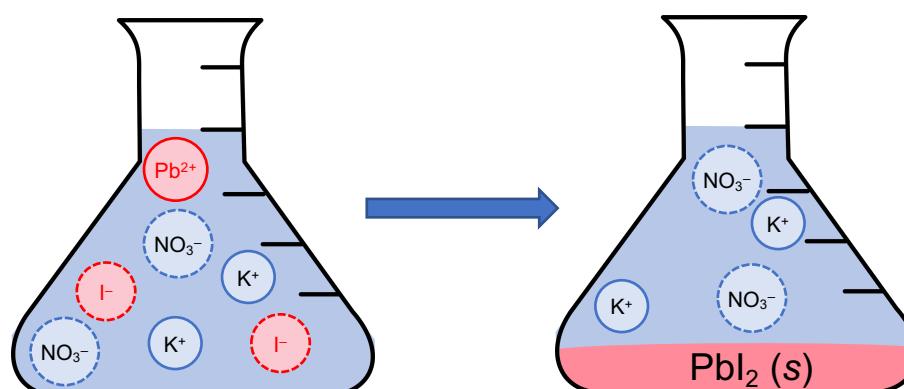
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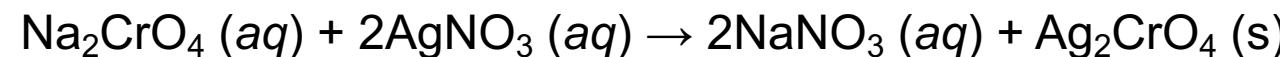
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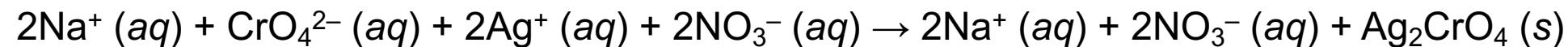
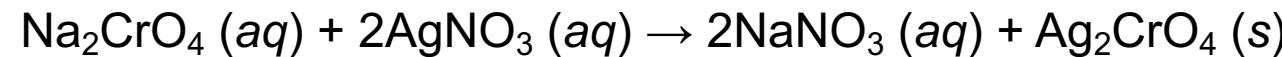
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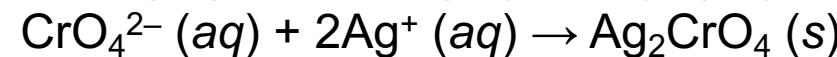
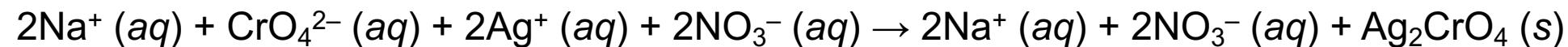
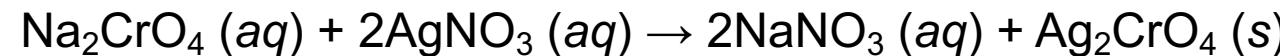
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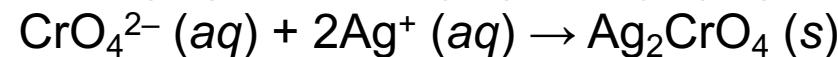
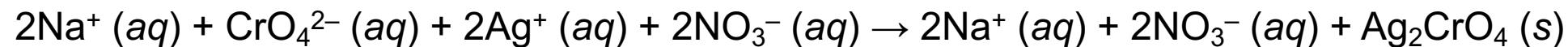
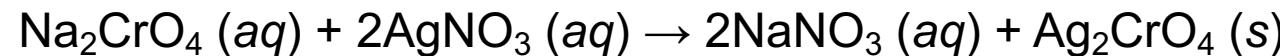
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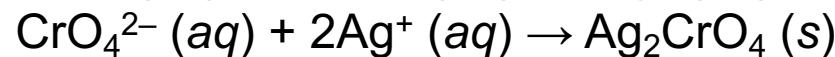
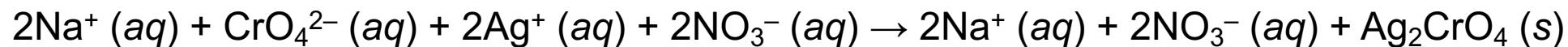
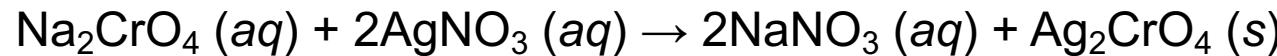


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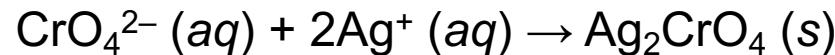
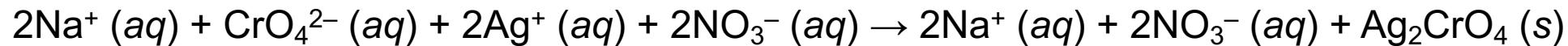
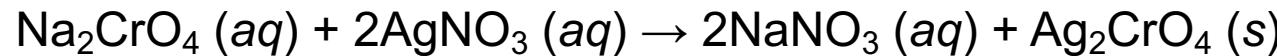
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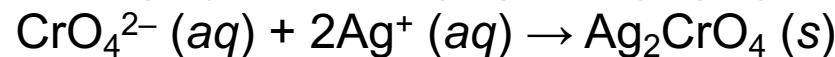
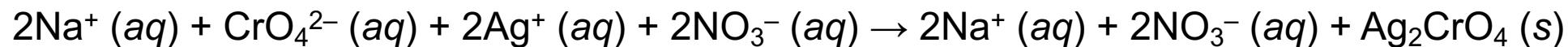
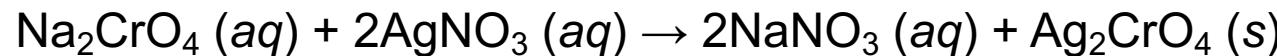
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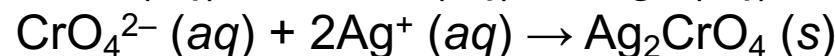
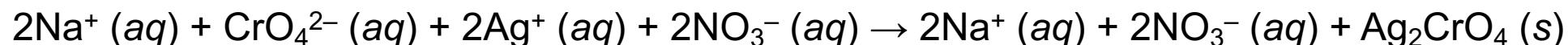
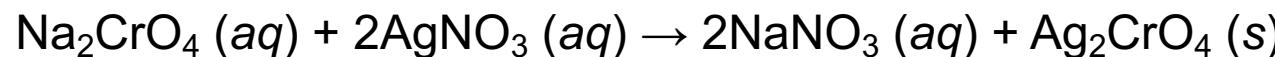
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$$0.015 \text{ mol } \text{AgNO}_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol } \text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4}{2 \text{ mol } \text{AgNO}_3} \times \frac{331.8 \text{ g } \text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4}{1 \text{ mol } \text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4} = 2.5 \text{ g } \text{Ag}_2\text{CrO}_4$$

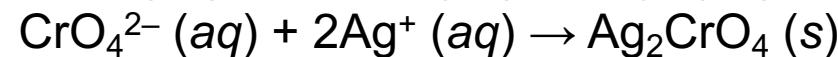
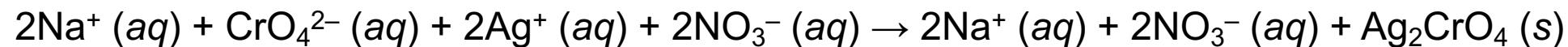
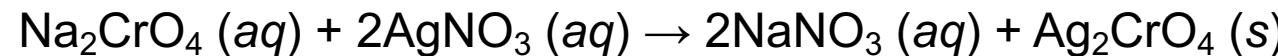
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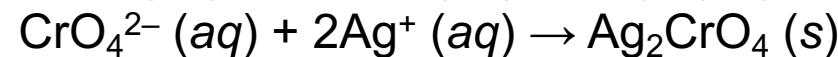
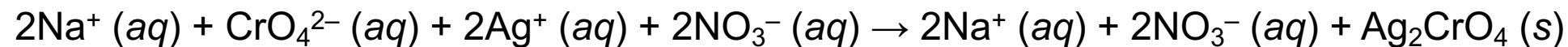
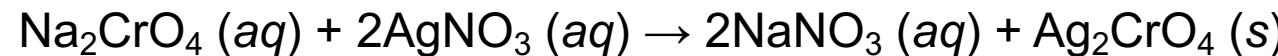
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Now find the amount of  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$  needed to react with the  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions to form the precipitate:

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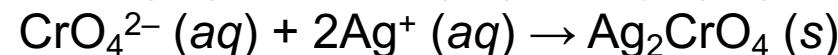
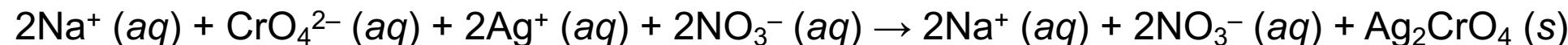
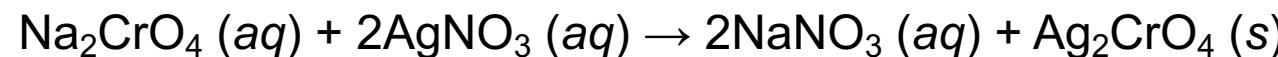
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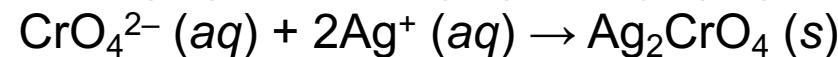
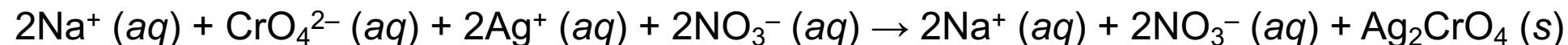
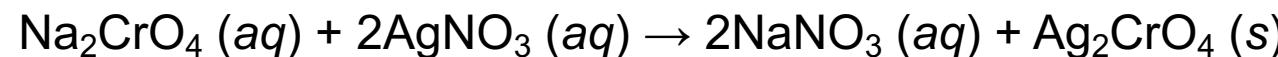
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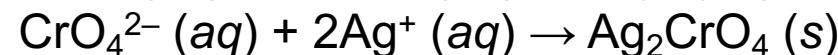
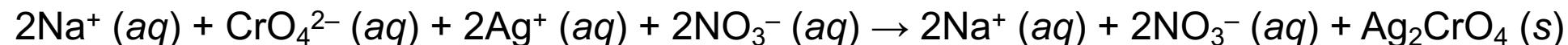
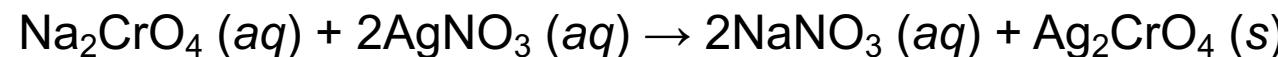
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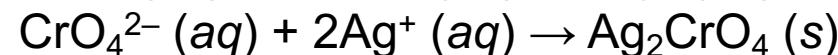
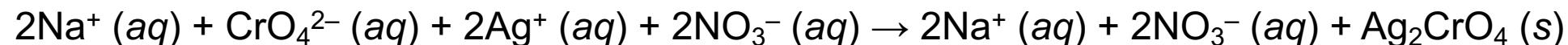
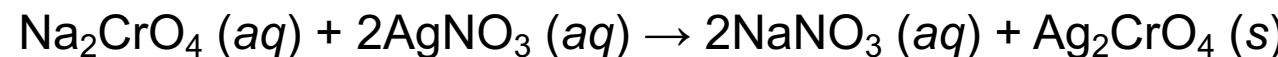
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Finally, find the final concentration:  $[\text{CrO}_4^{2-}] = \frac{0.020 \text{ mol CrO}_4^{2-} - 0.0075 \text{ mol CrO}_4^{2-}}{0.2000 \text{ L} + 0.1500 \text{ L}} = 0.036 \text{ M CrO}_4^{2-}$