Task:

how many grams of chromium are needed to react with an excess of CuSO4 to produce 27 g Cu

Solution:

The chemical equation for this reaction is: $3CuSO_4 + 2Cr = Cr_2(SO_4)_3 + 3Cu$

The amount of Cu produced in reaction is n(mol) = m(g) / MW(g/mol)n(Cu) = 27 / 63.5 = 0.425 mol

According to the chemical equation $n(Cr) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot n(Cu)$ $n(Cr) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 0.425 = 0.283$ mol

The mass of Cr is $m(g) = n(mol) \cdot MW(g/mol)$ The molar weight of Cr is equal to its atomic weight in the periodic table of elements (MW(Cr) = 52 g/mol)

m(Cr) = 0.283 · 52 = 14.7 g

Answer: m(Cr) = 14.7 g