## 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:
$3 \mathrm{CuSO}_{4}+2 \mathrm{Cr}=\mathrm{Cr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)_{3}+3 \mathrm{Cu}$

The amount of Cu produced in reaction is
$\mathrm{n}(\mathrm{mol})=\mathrm{m}(\mathrm{g}) / \mathrm{MW}(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{mol})$
$n(C u)=27 / 63.5=0.425 \mathrm{~mol}$

According to the chemical equation
$n(\mathrm{Cr})=2 / 3 \cdot n(\mathrm{Cu})$
$n(C r)=2 / 3 \cdot 0.425=0.283 \mathrm{~mol}$

The mass of Cr is
$\mathrm{m}(\mathrm{g})=\mathrm{n}(\mathrm{mol}) \cdot \mathrm{MW}(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{mol})$
The molar weight of Cr is equal to its atomic weight in the periodic table of elements $(\mathrm{MW}(\mathrm{Cr})=$ $52 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mol})$
$m(C r)=0.283 \cdot 52=14.7 \mathrm{~g}$
Answer: $\mathrm{m}(\mathrm{Cr})=14.7 \mathrm{~g}$

