

## Transuranic Elementary Equations

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In the November 2015 edition of Word Ways, Susan Thorpe offered her Elementary Equations article. The letter values A=1, B=2, ... Z=26 were assigned to the letters in each element's name, and the values in order were then mathematically manipulated (using just the + - X / and  $\sqrt{\quad}$  functions) such that the calculated result was equal to the element's atomic number. Susan gave examples for the elements with atomic numbers 1-92, with six gaps for TIN, LEAD, GOLD, RADON, XENON and ZINC. A solution for ZINC (atomic number 30) was given in Colloquy in February 2016 – thus,  $\sqrt{(-26+(9 \times 14))} \times 3$

My good friend Chris Hawkins and his mathematical colleagues Holly Adams and Diane Kendrick (all from Cambridgeshire, England) have now managed to find solutions for all the transuranic elements, those with atomic numbers 93 to 118. Here are their solutions:

93	NEPTUNIUM	$14+5+16-20+21+14+9+21+13$
94	PLUTONIUM	$16+12-21+20+15 \times (14-9)-21+13$
95	AMERICIUM	$-1+13-5+18+(9 \times 3)+9+21+13$
96	CURIUM	$3+21+(18-9) \times (21-13)$
97	BERKELIUM	$2+5+18+11+(5 \times 12)+9-21+13$
98	CALIFORNIUM	$3-1+12+(9 \times 6)+15+18+14-9-21+13$
99	EINSTEINIUM	$(5 \times 9)+14+19+20+5+9-14+9-21+13$
100	FERMIUM	$6+(5 \times 18)-13+9+21-13$
101	MENDELEVIUM	$13+5+(14 \times 4)+5+12+5+22-9-21+13$
102	NOBELIUM	$-14+15-2+(5 \times 12)+9+21+13$
103	LAWRENCIUM	$12+1+23+18-5+14-3+9+21+13$
104	RUTHERFORDIUM	$18-21+20+8+5+18+6-15+18+4+9+21+13$
105	DUBNIUM	$(4 \times 21)-(2 \times 14 \times 9)+(21 \times 13)$
106	SEABORGIUM	$19+5+1-2+15+18+7+9+21+13$
107	BOHRIUM	$2-15-8+(18 \times 9)-21-13$
108	HASSIUM	$(8 \times 1 \times 19)-19+9-21-13$

109	MEITNERIUM	$13+5-9+20+14+5+18+9+21+13$
110	DARMSTADIUM	$(4 \times 1 \times 18)+13+19-20-1+4-20+9+21+13$
111	ROENTGENIUM	$18-15+5+14+20+7+5+14+9+21+13$
112	COPERNICIUM	$-3+(15 \times 16)-5-18-14-((9-3) \times 9)-21-13$
113	NIHONIUM	$((14 \times 9)+8-15+14) \times 9-21-13$
114	FLEROVIUM	$6+12+(5 \times 18)-15-22+9+21+13$
115	MOSCOVIUM	$13+15+19+3+15-22+9 \times (21-13)$
116	LIVERMORIUM	$(12 \times 9)-22-5-18+13+15-18+9+21+13$
117	TENNESSINE	$-20+5+14+(14 \times 5)+19+19-9+14+5$
118	OGANESSON	$15-7+1+(14 \times 5)+19+19+15-14$

Can Word Ways readers find alternatives for any of these? And, of course, it would be nice to conquer the five missing elements TIN, LEAD, GOLD, RADON and XENON.

