

**Anderson Serangoon Junior College**  
**JC1 H2 Chemistry**  
**THE MOLE CONCEPT, STOICHIOMETRY & REDOX REACTIONS**

**Learning Outcomes**

[the term relative formula mass or  $M_r$  will be used for ionic compounds]

Candidates should be able to:

- (a) define the terms *relative atomic*, *isotopic*, *molecular* and *formula mass*
- (b) define the term *mole* in terms of the Avogadro constant
- (c) calculate the relative atomic mass of an element given the relative abundances of its isotopes
- (d) define the terms *empirical* and *molecular formula*
- (e) calculate empirical and molecular formulae using combustion data or composition by mass
- (f) write and/or construct balanced equations
- (g) perform calculations, including use of the mole concept, involving:
  - (i) reacting masses (from formulae and equations)
  - (ii) volumes of gases (e.g. in the burning of hydrocarbons)
  - (iii) volumes and concentrations of solutions[when performing calculations, candidates' answers should reflect the number of significant figures given or asked for in the question]
- (h) deduce stoichiometric relationships from calculations such as those in (g)
- (i) describe and explain redox processes in terms of electron transfer and/or of changes in oxidation number (oxidation state)
- (j) construct redox equations using the relevant half-equations
- (k) Describe and explain the use of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{MnO}_4^-/\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}/\text{Cr}^{3+}$  and iodometric titration as examples of redox systems

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**Introduction**

Chemistry is observed all the time. The chemical reactions occurring in your brain allows you to read and understand this statement. The food you ate is now providing you with energy through chemical reactions.

In the study of Chemistry, we learn about the structure and properties of matter, its interactions and transformation. During transformation of matter, a chemical and/or physical change takes place. **Matter and energy are conserved in all of such transformations.**



In this topic, we will focus on the **stoichiometry** – study of the quantitative relationship between the amounts of reactants and products – in chemical reactions. This key concept is an important tool for chemists in the area of food, health, medicine and engineering.

**1. Relative Masses of Atoms And Molecules**

- What do the terms *relative isotopic*, *atomic*, *molecular* and *formula mass* mean?
- Can you calculate the relative atomic mass of an element given the relative abundances of its isotopes?

**1.1 Relative Masses of Atoms**

Atoms have very small masses. For example, a hydrogen atom weighs  $1.66 \times 10^{-24}$  g. Instead of using their actual masses, we measure how heavy one atom is compared with another atom. The carbon-12 isotope,  $^{12}\text{C}$  is used as the standard of reference.

$$\text{Relative isotopic mass of an isotope} = \frac{\text{mass of one atom of the isotope}}{\frac{1}{12} \times \text{mass of one atom of } ^{12}\text{C isotope}}$$

Example:      Relative isotopic mass of  $^{13}\text{C} = 13$   
                     Relative isotopic mass of  $^{37}\text{Cl} = 37$

$$\text{Relative atomic mass of an element, } A_r = \frac{\text{average mass of one atom of the element}}{\frac{1}{12} \times \text{mass of one atom of } ^{12}\text{C isotope}}$$

Most elements consist of a mixture of isotopes. The average of the relative isotopic masses of the element is equal to the relative atomic mass of the element.

*Recall: Isotopes are atoms of the same element with different number of neutrons. They have identical atomic (proton) numbers but different mass numbers.*

## 1.2 Relative Molecular Mass and Relative Formula Mass

$$\text{Relative molecular mass of a substance, } M_r = \frac{\text{average mass of one molecule of the substance}}{\frac{1}{12} \times \text{mass of one atom of } ^{12}\text{C isotope}}$$

The relative molecular mass of a compound is also the sum of the relative atomic masses of all the atoms in a molecule of a compound.

Example:  $M_r$  of  $\text{HCl} = 1 \times 1.0 + 1 \times 35.5 = 36.5$  (1 d.p.)  
 $M_r$  of  $\text{O}_2 = 2 \times 16.0 = 32.0$  (1 d.p.)

For giant ionic and giant covalent compounds, they do not consist of individual molecules. Relative formula mass, with the same symbol  $M_r$  is used for such substances.

$$\text{Relative formula mass of a substance, } M_r = \frac{\text{average mass of one formula unit of the substance}}{\frac{1}{12} \times \text{mass of one atom of } ^{12}\text{C isotope}}$$

Similarly, the relative formula mass of a compound is the sum of the relative atomic masses of all the atoms in one formula unit of a giant ionic/giant covalent compound.

Example:  $M_r$  of  $\text{NaCl} = 1 \times 23.0 + 1 \times 35.5 = 58.5$  (1 d.p.)  
 $M_r$  of  $\text{SiO}_2 = 1 \times 28.1 + 2 \times 16.0 = 60.1$  (1 d.p.)

### Note

- Since **relative** masses are the **ratio** of two masses, they have **no units**.
- Relative masses are given to **1 decimal place**.
- *You will learn more about the structures of giant ionic, giant covalent compounds in the topic of Chemical Bonding.*

### **Worked Example 1**

Natural samples of krypton consist of mixtures of isotopes in the following percentage abundances.

Relative isotopic mass	Percentage abundance (%)
80	2.6
82	11.6
83	11.5
84	56.9
86	17.4

Calculate the relative atomic mass of Kr using the data above.

$$\begin{aligned} A_r \text{ of Kr} &= \frac{(80 \times 2.6) + (82 \times 11.6) + (83 \times 11.5) + (84 \times 56.9) + (86 \times 17.4)}{(2.6 + 11.6 + 11.5 + 56.9 + 17.4)} \\ &= \underline{\underline{83.9}} \text{ (1 d.p.)} \end{aligned}$$

**Checkpoint 1**

Boron ( $A_r$  10.8) occurs naturally as two isotopes,  $^{10}_5\text{B}$  and  $^{11}_5\text{B}$ .

What is the percentage of  $^{11}_5\text{B}$  atoms in a sample of naturally-occurring boron?

Let  $x$  be the percentage of  $^{11}_5\text{B}$

$$A_r \text{ of B} =$$

$$10.8 =$$

$$x =$$

Percentage of  $^{11}_5\text{B}$  atoms in the sample =

Answer: 80.0%

## 2. The Mole, The Avogadro Constant And Molar Mass



Chemists are often interested in measuring quantities of substances. In a chemical reaction, the number of particles (atoms, ions or molecules) involved is very large; hence the 'mole' is used to describe a very large number. It is just like 'pair' refers to 2 items and 'dozen' refers to 12 items.

Questions to ponder:

- What is a mole?
- Is the phrase "the mass of one mole of oxygen" ambiguous? Why?

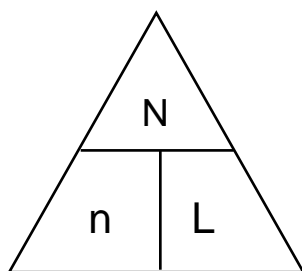
### 2.1 The Mole, The Avogadro Constant

The chemist's **unit** of amount is the mole, with symbol **mol**, is defined as such,

One **mole** contains exactly  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  (or Avogadro constant) elementary entities.

*An elementary entity may be an atom, a molecule, an ion, an electron, any other particle or specified group of particles.*

The number of particles (denoted by **N**) in one mole of any substance is a constant, known as **Avogadro constant** (denoted by **L** or **N<sub>A</sub>**), which is equal to  **$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$** .



N = number of particles

L = Avogadro's constant ( $\text{mol}^{-1}$ )

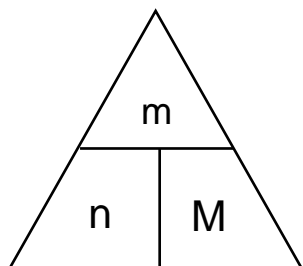
n = amount / number of moles (mol)

Example:

- 1 mole of  $^{12}\text{C}$  atoms (i.e. 12 g of  $^{12}\text{C}$ ) contains  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$   $^{12}\text{C}$  atoms.
- 1 mole of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules contains  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules which are made up of  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  O atoms and  $2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$  H atoms.
- 1 mole of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  contains  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$   $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ions and  $2 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$   $\text{Na}^+$  ions.

**2.2 Molar Mass**

- The mass of one mole of a substance is called the **molar mass** (unit:  $\text{g mol}^{-1}$ ).
- Molar mass of a substance is **numerically equal** to the relative atomic mass,  $A_r$ , relative molecular mass or relative formula mass,  $M_r$  of the substance.



$m$  = mass (g)

$M$  = molar mass ( $\text{g mol}^{-1}$ )

$n$  = amount / number of moles (mol)

**Worked Example 2**

What is the mass of 0.3 mol of  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ?

$$M_r \text{ of } \text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O} = 63.5 + 32.1 + (4 \times 16.0) + \overbrace{(5 \times 18.0)}^{5 \text{ moles of water}} = 249.6$$

$$\text{mass of 0.3 mol of } \text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O} = 0.3 \times 249.6 = \underline{\underline{74.9 \text{ g}}}$$

**Checkpoint 2**

- How many moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecules are there in 25 g of  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ?  
 $n(\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O})$  in 25 g =

$$n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) =$$

- How many copper atoms are there in 6.24 g of  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ?

$$n(\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}) \text{ in } 6.24 \text{ g} =$$

$$n(\text{Cu atoms}) = n(\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}) =$$

$$\text{number of Cu atoms} =$$

- How many oxygen atoms are there in 0.1 mol of  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ?

$$n(\text{O atoms}) =$$

$$\text{number of O atoms} =$$

Answers: Q1) 0.501 mol      Q2)  $1.51 \times 10^{22}$       Q3)  $5.42 \times 10^{23}$

### 3. Stoichiometry



**Stoichiometry** refers to the relationship (usually specified by the mole ratio) between the amounts of reactants and products involved in a chemical reaction. A reaction is stoichiometric if it proceeds exactly as in the balanced equation.

Questions to ponder:

- *What is the significance of a balanced equation?*
- *How do you determine the amount of reactants and products in a chemical reaction?*

#### 3.1 Balancing Chemical Equations (Self-directed learning)

Before understanding and applying stoichiometry, a chemical equation must be constructed. A chemical equation is a statement in formulas that expresses the identities and quantities of substances involved in a chemical or physical change.

In a chemical process, **atoms cannot be created, destroyed or changed.** Atoms can only be arranged into different combinations. Hence, **the number of atoms on left hand side of equation must equal to the number of atoms on right hand side of equation.**

#### Writing Balanced equations

**Step 1:** Translate the statement/phenomenon.

**Step 2:** Balance the atoms. Start with the most complex substance, and end with the least complex substance (i.e. an element by itself)

**Step 3:** Adjust balancing (stoichiometric) coefficients. The smallest whole-number coefficients are preferred, unless the equations need to fulfill other functions (such as describing a specific definition e.g. enthalpy change).

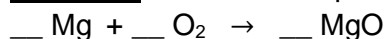
**Step 4:** Checking to ensure balancing of atoms on the left and right side of the equation (Mass Balance).

**Step 5:** Specify the states of matter. The abbreviations are solid (s), liquid (l), gas (g) and aqueous solution (aq). (Note: only if specified by the question)

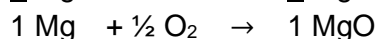
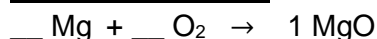
#### Worked Example 3

Magnesium burned in air to produce white magnesium oxide.

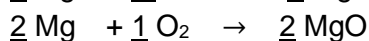
**Step 1:** Translate the statement/phenomenon.



**Step 2:** Balance the atoms.



**Step 3:** Adjust balancing (stoichiometric) coefficients.



**Step 4:** Checking (Mass Balance)

**Step 5:** Specify the states of matter (if specified by question).

**Answer:**  $\underline{2} \text{Mg (s)} + \text{O}_2 \text{ (g)} \rightarrow \underline{2} \text{MgO (s)}$

## 3.2 Stoichiometry involving Gases

### 3.2.1 Relationship between the Mole and Volume of Gases

**Avogadro's Law** states that equal volumes of all gases under the same conditions of temperature and pressure contain the same number of molecules/atoms (valid for gases that behave ideally).

This means that  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  (Avogadro number) molecules/atoms (i.e. 1 mole) of any gas will occupy the same volume under the same conditions of temperature and pressure.

Eg. Volume of **1 mol** (or 20.2 g) of neon (Ne) gas = **x cm<sup>3</sup>**  
 Volume of **1 mol** (or 2.00 g) of hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) gas = **x cm<sup>3</sup>**

In a chemical equation, the **mole ratio** of gases involved in the chemical reaction is the same as the **volume ratio** of the gases involved.

Eg.  $3\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + \text{N}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$

Volume ratio = mole ratio:  $3\text{H}_2 \equiv \text{N}_2 \equiv 2\text{NH}_3$

**3 moles** of H<sub>2</sub> reacts with **1 mole** of N<sub>2</sub> to give **2 moles** of NH<sub>3</sub>.

**3y dm<sup>3</sup>** of H<sub>2</sub> reacts with **y dm<sup>3</sup>** of N<sub>2</sub> to give **2y dm<sup>3</sup>** of NH<sub>3</sub> under the same conditions.

### 3.2.2 Molar Volumes of Gases

- From Avogadro's Law, the number of moles of gas can be determined by:

$$n = \frac{V}{V_m}$$

n = number of moles of gas

V = volume of gas (dm<sup>3</sup>)

V<sub>m</sub> = molar volume (dm<sup>3</sup>)



Scan this **QR code** to watch a video on how the knowledge of molar volume of gases is needed in everyday life.

- Molar volume is the **volume** that is occupied by **1 mole of any gas**

- At **s.t.p.**

**standard temperature and pressure of 10<sup>5</sup> Pa [1 bar] and 273 K [0 °C],**  
 molar volume is **22.7 dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>**.

- At **r.t.p**

**room temperature and pressure of 101325 Pa [1 atm] and 293 K [20 °C],**  
 molar volume is **24 dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>**.

(This information can be found in the Data Booklet.)

**Conversion of volumes:**

**1000 cm<sup>3</sup> = 1 dm<sup>3</sup> = 10<sup>-3</sup> m<sup>3</sup>**

**1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>3</sup> = 1000 dm<sup>3</sup> = 1 m<sup>3</sup>**

**Worked Example 4**

1. How many methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) molecules are there in  $5.6 \text{ dm}^3$  of the gas at s.t.p?

(Volume of 1 mol of  $\text{CH}_4$  molecules (or molar volume) at s.t.p. =  $22.7 \text{ dm}^3$ )

$$n(\text{CH}_4) \text{ in } 5.6 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ at s.t.p.} = \frac{5.6}{22.7} = 0.2467 \text{ mol}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{No. of } \text{CH}_4 \text{ molecules in } 5.6 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ at s.t.p.} &= n \times L = 0.2467 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \\ &= \underline{\underline{1.49 \times 10^{23}}} \end{aligned}$$

2. What is the volume of 6.55 g of xenon (Xe) gas at r.t.p?

$$n(\text{Xe}) \text{ in } 6.55 \text{ g} = \frac{6.55}{131.3} = 0.04989 \text{ mol}$$

(Volume of 1 mol of Xe atoms at r.t.p. =  $24 \text{ dm}^3$ )

$$\text{Volume of Xe at r.t.p.} = 0.04989 \times 24 = \underline{\underline{1.20 \text{ dm}^3}}$$

3. Determine the volume ratio of 1.70 g of ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) gas compared to  $3.01 \times 10^{23}$  helium (He) atoms at s.t.p.

$$n(\text{NH}_3) = \frac{1.70}{14.0 + 1.0 \times 3} = 0.1000 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{He}) = \frac{3.01 \times 10^{23}}{6.02 \times 10^{23}} = 0.5000 \text{ mol}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mole ratio: } \quad \text{NH}_3 &\equiv \text{He} \\ 0.1000 &\equiv 0.5000 \\ 1 &\equiv 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Volume ratio of } \text{NH}_3 \text{ to He} = \underline{\underline{1 : 5}}$$

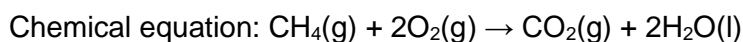
**Checkpoint 3**

1. Determine the volume (in  $\text{cm}^3$ ) occupied by  $3.80 \times 10^{23}$  bromine gas molecules ( $\text{Br}_2$ ) at r.t.p.

$$n(\text{Br}_2) =$$

$$\text{volume of } \text{Br}_2 =$$

2. What volume of oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ ) is required to react completely with 24 g of methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) at s.t.p?



Reacting mole ratio:

$$n(\text{CH}_4) \text{ in } 24 \text{ g} =$$

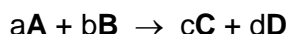
$$n(\text{O}_2) \text{ required} =$$

$$\text{volume of } \text{O}_2 \text{ at s.t.p.} =$$

**Answer:** 1)  $1.52 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^3$ ; 2)  $68.1 \text{ dm}^3$

**3.3 Calculations involving Reacting Masses**

- A balanced chemical equation gives the mole ratio between the reactants and products involved in the chemical reaction.



(reactants: **A & B**; products: **C & D**; a, b, c & d are stoichiometric coefficients)

- General steps in solving problems involving chemical reactions.

**Worked Example 5**

Barium carbonate ( $\text{BaCO}_3$ ) decomposes to form barium oxide ( $\text{BaO}$ ) and carbon dioxide gas. What mass of barium oxide would be formed from decomposing 39.4 g of barium carbonate?

**Step 1: Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction.****Step 2: Determine the mole ratio involved in the reaction.****Step 3: Work out the answer based on stoichiometry.**

Always use **mole ratio** to perform calculations and **not mass ratio**.

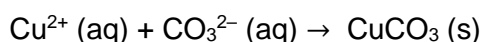
$$n(\text{BaCO}_3) \text{ in } 39.4 \text{ g} = \frac{39.4}{137.3 + 12.0 + 16.0 \times 3} = 0.2000 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{BaO}) = 0.2000 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{mass of BaO} = 0.2000 \times (137.3 + 16.0) = \underline{\underline{30.6 \text{ g}}}$$

**Checkpoint 4**

- Calculate the mass of copper carbonate that can be precipitated from a solution containing 0.002 mol of copper ions. [ $A_r$  of Cu = 63.5;  $A_r$  of O = 16.0;  $A_r$  of C = 12.0]

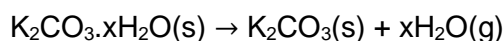


Mole ratio:

$$n(\text{CuCO}_3) =$$

$$\text{mass of CuCO}_3 =$$

- A hydrate of potassium carbonate has the formula  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . When 10.0 g of the hydrate was heated until all the water is driven off, the residue ( $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) weighed 7.93 g. Deduce the formula of the hydrate. [ $A_r$  of K = 39.1]



$$n(\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3) =$$

$$\text{mass of H}_2\text{O} =$$

$$n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) =$$

$$x =$$

$\Rightarrow$  the formula of the hydrate is \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sulfur and chlorine can react together to form  $S_2Cl_2$ . When 1.00 g of this sulfur chloride reacted with water, 0.36 g of a yellow precipitate (i.e. sulfur) was formed together with a solution containing a mixture of sulfurous acid,  $H_2SO_3$  and  $HCl$ . Use the data to deduce the equation for the reaction between  $S_2Cl_2$  and water. [ $A_r$  of S = 32.1;  $A_r$  of Cl = 35.5]


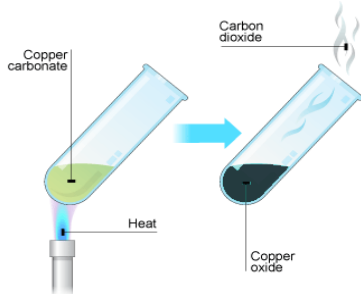
$$n(S_2Cl_2) =$$

$$n(S: \text{yellow ppt.}) =$$

$$\text{Mole ratio of } S_2Cl_2 : S =$$

Balanced equation:

Answer: 1) 0.247 g; 2)  $K_2CO_3 \cdot 2H_2O$

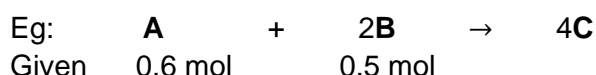
 <b><u>Link to Laboratory Experiments (Practical work):</u></b> Checkpoint 4 Question 2 is an example of <b>gravimetric analysis</b> – analysis by measuring masses.		
Types of gravimetric analysis	<b><u>Thermal decomposition</u></b>	<b><u>Precipitation</u></b>
General description	Heating a known mass of a solid sample (e.g. hydrated salts, carbonates) and <b><u>measuring the mass loss</u></b>	<b><u>weighing</u></b> the mass of precipitate formed when solutions are mixed
More details on the experimental procedures for each analysis will be covered in the laboratory.		
Examples	<p>(1) <math>CuSO_4 \cdot nH_2O \rightarrow CuSO_4(s) + nH_2O(g)</math>            The value of <math>n</math> can be determined by measuring the mass loss due to <math>H_2O</math>.</p> <p>(2) decomposition of some carbonates on heating:  <math>MCO_3(s) \rightarrow MO(s) + CO_2(g)</math></p> <p>The identity of M can be determined by measuring the mass loss due to <math>CO_2(g)</math>.</p>  <p>Bbc.co.uk,. (2016). BBC – GCSE Bitesize: Thermal decomposition. Retrieved 22 January 2016, from <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/aqa_pre_2011/rocks/limestonerev1.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/aqa_pre_2011/rocks/limestonerev1.shtml</a></p>	
	$Na_2SO_4 + BaCl_2 \rightarrow BaSO_4(s) + 2 NaCl$  The amount of $Na_2SO_4$ present in a solution can be determined by adding $BaCl_2$ solution and weighing the mass of $BaSO_4$ precipitate formed.	

### 3.4 Calculations Involving Limiting Reagents

- Most of the time, the amount of reactants added is not according to the stoichiometric ratio of the reactions. Therefore, the reactions will go on until one of the reactants is exhausted and the reactions will cease. This reactant is called the limiting reagent.
- **Definition of Limiting Reagent**  
The reactant that is completely used up in a reaction (i.e. not in excess). The amount of limiting reagent (in mole) determines the amount of product (in mole) formed.
- General steps in solving problems involving reactions with limiting reagent:

**Step 1: Write a balanced chemical equation for the reaction.**

**Step 2: Calculate the number of moles of each reactant.**



**Step 3: Assume either A (or B) is limiting, and calculate amount of B (or A) needed to react completely with A (or B). Identify the limiting reagent.**

<u><b>EITHER:</b></u>	<u><b>OR:</b></u>
<p>If all of <b>A</b> is used up,</p> <p>Mole Ratio: <b>A</b> <math>\equiv</math> <b>2B</b></p> <p><math>n(\text{B})</math> required = <math>0.6 \times 2 = 1.2 \text{ mol}</math></p> <p>Since <math>n(\text{B})</math> available &lt; <math>n(\text{B})</math> required</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(0.5 mol)                  (1.2 mol)</p> <p><math>\Rightarrow</math> <b><u>B is the limiting reagent</u></b></p>	<p>If all of <b>B</b> is used up,</p> <p>Mole Ratio: <b>A</b> <math>\equiv</math> <b>2B</b></p> <p><math>n(\text{A})</math> required = <math>0.5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 0.25 \text{ mol}</math></p> <p>Since <math>n(\text{A})</math> available &gt; <math>n(\text{A})</math> required</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(0.6 mol)                  (0.25 mol)</p> <p><math>\Rightarrow</math> <b>A is in excess</b> hence, <b><u>B is the limiting reagent</u></b></p>

**Step 4: Determine the amount of product formed (in mole) using limiting reagent.**

Based on the amount of limiting reagent,

Reacting Mole Ratio:  $\frac{2B}{(\text{limiting reagent})} \equiv \frac{4C}{(\text{product})}$

$$n(\text{C}) = 2 \times 0.5 = 1.00 \text{ mol}$$

### Worked Example 6

5.00 g of iron (Fe) and 5.00 g of sulfur (S) were heated together to form iron(II) sulfide (FeS). What is the mass of iron sulfide formed?

**Step 1:** Chemical equation:  $\text{Fe(s)} + \text{S(s)} \rightarrow \text{FeS(s)}$

**Step 2:** Mole ratio:  $\text{Fe} \equiv \text{S} \equiv \text{FeS}$

**Step 3:**  $n(\text{Fe})$  in 5.00 g =  $\frac{5.00}{55.8} = 0.08961 \text{ mol}$        $n(\text{S})$  in 5.00 g =  $\frac{5.00}{32.1} = 0.1558 \text{ mol}$

**Step 4: Determine the limiting reagent.**

If all of S is used up,  $n(\text{Fe})$  required = 0.1558 mol

$$n(\text{Fe}) \text{ available} < n(\text{Fe}) \text{ required} \Rightarrow \text{Limiting reagent: Fe}$$

**Step 5: Work out the answer based on stoichiometry with reference to the amount of the limiting reagent (in mole) available.**

Since  $\text{Fe} \equiv \text{FeS}$

$$n(\text{FeS}) = 0.08961 \text{ mol}$$
$$m(\text{FeS}) = 0.08961 \times (55.8 + 32.1) = 7.88 \text{ g}$$

**3.5 Theoretical, Experimental and Percentage Yield**

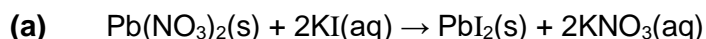
- The **theoretical yield** of a product is the maximum amount of substance that can be obtained by a chemical reaction from the given amount of reactants. It is obtained by calculations.
- The **experimental yield** of a product is the amount of substance that can be obtained by a chemical reaction from the given amount of reactants under stated conditions. It is obtained only by experiments. It should be smaller than the theoretical yield.

$$\text{Percentage Yield (\%)} = \frac{\text{Experimental Yield}}{\text{Theoretical Yield}} \times 100\%$$

**Worked Example 7**

2.00 g lead(II) nitrate,  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  is added to a solution containing 1.00 g potassium iodide (KI). A bright yellow precipitate of lead(II) iodide ( $\text{PbI}_2$ ) is formed.

- (a) Calculate the mass of lead(II) iodide formed.  
 (b) During the experiment, 1.10 g of  $\text{PbI}_2$  is formed. Calculate the percentage yield of  $\text{PbI}_2$ .



Mole ratio:  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \equiv 2\text{KI}$

$$n(\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2) \text{ in } 2.00 \text{ g} = \frac{2.00}{331.2} = 6.039 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{KI}) \text{ in } 1.00 \text{ g} = \frac{1.00}{166.0} = 6.024 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If all of KI is used up, } n(\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2) \text{ required} &= \frac{1}{2} \times 6.024 \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 3.012 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

$n(\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2) \text{ available} > n(\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2) \text{ required}$

$\Rightarrow$  Limiting reagent: KI

Since  $2\text{KI} \equiv \text{PbI}_2$

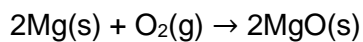
$$n(\text{PbI}_2) = \frac{6.024 \times 10^{-3}}{2} = 3.012 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{mass of } \text{PbI}_2 = 3.012 \times 10^{-3} \times 461.0 = \underline{\underline{1.39 \text{ g}}}$$

(b)  $\text{Percentage Yield (\%)} = \frac{1.10}{1.39} \times 100\% = \underline{\underline{79.2 \%}}$

**Checkpoint 5**

The mass of MgO was found to be 6.01 g when 6 g of magnesium is reacted with 3 g of oxygen. Calculate the percentage yield of MgO.



Mole ratio:

$n(\text{Mg})$  used =

$n(\text{O}_2)$  used =

If all of Mg is used up,  $n(\text{O}_2)$  required =

$n(\text{O}_2)$  available <  $n(\text{O}_2)$  required

$\Rightarrow$  Limiting reagent:

Since  $\text{O}_2 \equiv 2\text{MgO}$

$n(\text{MgO})$  formed =

mass of MgO formed =

Percentage yield =

Answer: 79.5%

**Practices of Science: Real World Applications**

Example 1:

The nutrition label found on the container of many food products uses the concept of percent composition.

Sample Label for  
Macaroni and Cheese

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>	
Serving Size 1 cup (228g) Servings Per Container 2	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 250	Calories from Fat 110
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 12g	18%
Saturated Fat 3g	15%
Trans Fat 1.5g	
Cholesterol 30mg	10%
Sodium 470mg	20%
Total Carbohydrate 31g	10%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 5g	
Protein 5g	
Vitamin A	4%
Vitamin C	2%
Calcium	20%
Iron	4%

\* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your Daily Values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories:	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

e.g. The fat content of this particular food product can be read in this way:

For 1 serving of approx. 1 cup of macaroni and cheese, the total fat content is 12 g. The % Daily Value (DV) is computed based on a 2000 calories diet.

Hence % DV of Total Fat

$$= \frac{\text{total fat content in 1 serving}}{\text{total fat content in a 2000 calories diet}} \times 100\%$$

$$= \frac{12}{65} \times 100\% \approx 18\%$$

Fda.gov,. (2016). Trans Fat Now Listed With Saturated Fat and Cholesterol. Retrieved 22 January 2016, from

<http://www.fda.gov/food/ingredientpackaginglabeling/labelingnutrition/ucm274590.htm>

Example 2:

Do you know how to tell the percentage purity of gold?

Do you know how to test the purity of gold?

CARAT	MILLESIMAL	% GOLD
24	999	99.9
22	916	91.6
20	833	83.3
18	750	75.0
15	625	62.5
14	585	58.5
10	417	41.7
9	375	37.5
8	333	33.3
1	42	0.42

Many countries quantify gold's purity by carat.

$$\text{Carat} = \frac{\text{mass of gold}}{\text{total mass}} \times 24$$

- 24 Carat gold has a minimum of 99 % gold
- 18 Carat gold has a minimum of 75 % gold and 25 % of other metals (e.g. copper or silver)
- FYI: The purity of gold can be determined via measurements of impurity using advanced spectroscopy methods or acid testing kits (containing acids with different strength).

The table above is obtained from:

Understanding the World Around Through Simple Mathematics, M. Kemal Atesmen, p25.

#### 4. Empirical and Molecular Formulae



- What are the definitions of empirical and molecular formula?
- Is empirical formula always the same as molecular formula?
- How do we determine empirical and molecular formula using combustion data or composition by mass?

The empirical formula is the **simplest** formula that shows the relative number of atoms of each element present in a compound.

The molecular formula shows the **actual number** of atoms of each element present in one molecule of the compound.

##### Note:

The molecular formula may be the same as the empirical formula or is an integral multiple of it.

#### 4.1 Determination of Empirical and Molecular Formulae using Composition by Mass

##### Worked Example 8

A hydrocarbon is found to contain 85.72% carbon and its relative molecular mass is 28.0. Calculate the empirical and molecular formula of the hydrocarbon.

To find an **empirical formula**, you need to work out the ratio of the amounts (in moles) of atoms of each element present.

	C	H
Mass (%) (assuming 100 g sample)	85.72	14.28
Amount (mol) (i.e. mass/ $A_r$ )	$\frac{85.72}{12.0} = 7.143$	$\frac{14.28}{1.0} = 14.28$
simplest ratio	1	2

$\therefore$  empirical formula is **CH<sub>2</sub>**.

**Molecular formula** is an integral multiple of the empirical formula.

Let the molecular formula be (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>

$$M_r = n(12.0 + 2 \times 1.0) = 28.0 \Rightarrow 14n = 28 \Rightarrow n = 2$$

$\therefore$  molecular formula is **C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>**.

##### Note:

From the formula of the compound, and the relative atomic masses of the elements in it, the percentage composition by mass of each element in the compound can be calculated.

**Worked Example 9**

20.882 g sample of an ionic compound is found to contain 6.072 g of Na, 8.474 g of S and 6.336 g of O. What is its empirical formula?

	<b>Na</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>
Mass (g)	6.072	8.474	6.336
Amount (mol) (i.e. mass/ $A_r$ )	$\frac{6.072}{23.0} = 0.2640$	$\frac{8.474}{32.1} = 0.2640$	$\frac{6.336}{16.0} = 0.3960$
Division by the smallest mol	$\frac{0.2640}{0.2640} = 1.0$	$\frac{0.2640}{0.2640} = 1.0$	$\frac{0.3960}{0.2640} = 1.5$
Simplest mol ratio	$1 \times 2 = 2$	$1 \times 2 = 2$	$1.5 \times 2 = 3$

Empirical formula of compound: **Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**

**Worked Example 10 (self-read)**

A compound has the following composition: C, 58.8%, H, 9.8%, O, 31.4%. The relative molecular mass is known to be 102.0. What is its molecular formula?

	<b>C</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>O</b>
Mass (%) (assuming 100 g sample)	58.8	9.8	31.4
Amount (mol) (i.e. % mass/ $A_r$ )	$\frac{58.8}{12.0} = 4.900$	$\frac{9.8}{1.0} = 9.800$	$\frac{31.4}{16.0} = 1.9625$
Division by the smallest mol	$\frac{4.900}{1.9625} = 2.5$	$\frac{9.800}{1.9625} = 5$	$\frac{1.9625}{1.9625} = 1$
Simplest mol ratio	$2.5 \times 2 = 5$	$5 \times 2 = 10$	$1 \times 2 = 2$

Empirical formula of compound: C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

Let the molecular formula be (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>

Therefore,  $n \times [5(12.0) + 10(1.0) + 2(16.0)] = 102.0$

$$\Rightarrow n = 1$$

Molecular formula: **C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**

**Checkpoint 6**

Calculate the empirical formula of an oxide of iron that contains 70% Fe by mass. If the molar mass of the oxide is 159.6 g mol<sup>-1</sup>, calculate the molecular formula of the oxide.

	<b>Fe</b>	<b>O</b>
% mass		
no. of moles		
division by the smallest mol		
simplest mol ratio		

$\therefore$  empirical formula is \_\_\_\_\_.

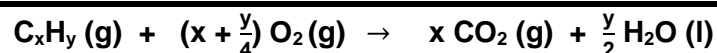
Let the molecular formula be \_\_\_\_\_

$M_r =$

$\therefore$  molecular formula is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4.2 Determination of Molecular Formula using Combustion Data

- Sometimes, the molecular formula of a gaseous hydrocarbon,  $C_xH_y$ , can also be determined if the volumes of the gases at each stage can be found. The following general chemical equation may be applied when the gaseous hydrocarbon is completely burnt in **excess** oxygen (and cooled to  $T < 100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )



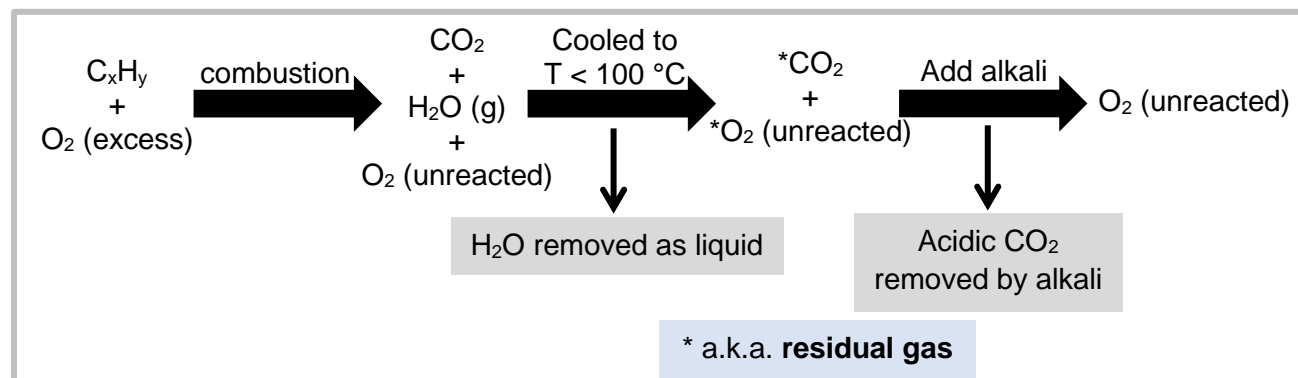
### Note:

$\left(x + \frac{y}{4}\right) O_2$  in the above equation represents the reacted oxygen.

Since excess oxygen is used for combustion, some unreacted oxygen will be left.

If the organic compound contains C, H and O,  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$  will be formed upon complete combustion.

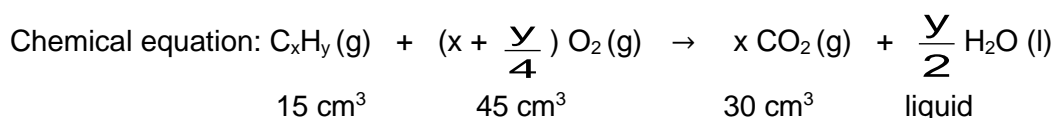
If there is incomplete combustion, other carbon containing product e.g C and CO may be formed.



### Worked Example 11

15 cm<sup>3</sup> of a gaseous hydrocarbon were mixed with 90 cm<sup>3</sup> of oxygen and exploded. After cooling to room temperature, the residual gas occupied a volume of 75 cm<sup>3</sup> and after passing through an alkali, the volume was reduced to 45 cm<sup>3</sup>. Explain the function of the alkali and determine the molecular formula of the hydrocarbon.

**Function of alkali: to absorb the acidic  $CO_2$**



$$V_{\text{residual gas (CO}_2 \text{ and unused O}_2\text{)}} = 75\text{ cm}^3$$

$$V_{CO_2 \text{ produced}} = 75 - 45 = 30\text{ cm}^3$$

$$V_{O_2 \text{ reacted}} = 90 - 45 = 45\text{ cm}^3$$

By Avogadro's Law: **volume ratio  $\equiv$  mole ratio**

$$\frac{n_{CO_2}}{n_{C_xH_y}} = \frac{V_{CO_2}}{V_{C_xH_y}}$$

$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{30}{15} \Rightarrow x = 2$$

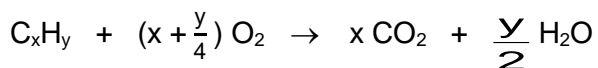
$$\frac{n_{O_2}}{n_{C_xH_y}} = \frac{V_{O_2}}{V_{C_xH_y}}$$

$$\frac{x + y/4}{1} = \frac{45}{15} \Rightarrow y = 4$$

Molecular formula of hydrocarbon:  **$C_2H_4$**

**Checkpoint 7**

10 cm<sup>3</sup> of a gaseous hydrocarbon were mixed with 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of oxygen and exploded. After cooling to room temperature, the residual gas occupied a volume of 80 cm<sup>3</sup> and after passing through aqueous potassium hydroxide, a reduction of 30 cm<sup>3</sup> in gaseous volume was noted. Determine the molecular formula of the hydrocarbon.



$V_{\text{residual gas (CO}_2 \text{ and unused O}_2\text{)}} =$

$V_{\text{CO}_2 \text{ produced}} =$

$V_{\text{unused O}_2} =$

$V_{\text{reacted O}_2} =$

By Avogadro's Law: **volume ratio**  $\equiv$  **mole ratio**

$$\frac{n_{\text{CO}_2}}{n_{\text{C}_x\text{H}_y}} = \frac{V_{\text{CO}_2}}{V_{\text{C}_x\text{H}_y}} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1} = \frac{30}{10} \Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$\frac{n_{\text{O}_2}}{n_{\text{C}_x\text{H}_y}} = \frac{V_{\text{O}_2}}{V_{\text{C}_x\text{H}_y}} \Rightarrow$$

Molecular formula of hydrocarbon: \_\_\_\_\_

- Empirical formulae can be determined from combustion data, especially for organic compounds. In the case of **complete** combustion of one mole of any hydrocarbon (i.e. an organic compound containing only carbon and hydrogen) with oxygen, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O will be formed.

**Worked Example 12 (self-read)**

A 1.500 g sample of an organic compound containing only C, H and O was burned completely. The only combustion products were 1.738 g carbon dioxide and 0.715 g water. What would be its empirical formula?

$$n(\text{CO}_2) \text{ in } 1.738 \text{ g} = \frac{1.738}{44.0} = 0.03950 \text{ mol}$$

Since CO<sub>2</sub>  $\equiv$  C

$$n(\text{C}) \text{ in } 1.738 \text{ g} = 0.03950 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{mass of C in } 1.500 \text{ g compound} = 0.03950 \times 12.0 = \mathbf{0.4740 \text{ g}}$$

$$n(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \text{ in } 0.715 \text{ g} = \frac{0.715}{18.0} = 0.03972 \text{ mol}$$

Since H<sub>2</sub>O  $\equiv$  2H

$$n(\text{H}) \text{ in } 0.715 \text{ g} = 0.03972 \times 2 = 0.07944 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{mass of H in } 1.500 \text{ g} = 0.07944 \times 1.0 = \mathbf{0.07944 \text{ g}}$$

$$\text{mass of O in } 1.500 \text{ g} = 1.500 - 0.4740 - 0.07944 = \mathbf{0.9466 \text{ g}}$$

	<b>C</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>O</b>
Mass (g)	0.4740	0.07944	0.9466
Amount (mol) (i.e. mass/ $A_r$ )	$\frac{0.4740}{12.0} = 0.03950$	$\frac{0.07944}{1.0} = 0.07944$	$\frac{0.9466}{16.0} = 0.05916$
Division by the smallest mol	$\frac{0.03950}{0.03950} = 1.0$	$\frac{0.07944}{0.03950} = 2.01$	$\frac{0.05916}{0.03950} = 1.50$
Simplest mol ratio	$1 \times 2 = 2$	$2 \times 2 = 4$	$1.5 \times 2 = 3$

The empirical formula is **C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**.



### **Link to Laboratory Experiments (Practical Work)**

Some reactions which produce a gas:

- acid + metal  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>
- acid + carbonate  $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub>
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + oxidising agent  $\rightarrow$  O<sub>2</sub>

The volume of gas evolved can be measured with a **gas syringe** or by the **displacement of water**.

Method	by displacement of water	using gas syringe
Set-up		<p><i>Note: The use of dropping funnel minimises loss of gas as the reaction is started while the set-up is enclosed.</i></p>
Apparatus required & their common capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conical flask (100 cm<sup>3</sup>, 250 cm<sup>3</sup>)</li> <li>stopper &amp; delivery tube</li> <li>burette (50 cm<sup>3</sup>) or measuring cylinder (10, 25, 50, 100 cm<sup>3</sup>)</li> <li>beaker or water trough</li> <li>retort stand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conical flask (100 cm<sup>3</sup>, 250 cm<sup>3</sup>)</li> <li>stopper &amp; delivery tube</li> <li><u>dry, well lubricated</u> gas syringe (50 cm<sup>3</sup>, 100 cm<sup>3</sup>)</li> <li>retort stand</li> </ul>
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>more difficult to set up</li> <li><b>suitable for gases that are <u>insoluble</u> in water</b></li> <li>not suitable for soluble gases like NH<sub>3</sub>, HCl, SO<sub>2</sub></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>easier to set up</li> <li>suitable for all gases</li> </ul>

**Qn:** What do you need to consider when choosing a suitable gas collection method?

**Ans:** The method used to collect and measure the volume of gas evolved depends on several factors such as the **solubility of the gas in water** and the **volume of gas expected**.

**Qn:** What other considerations do you need to take to ensure reliability of the volume measured?

**Ans:** The gas collected must be left to **equilibrate** to standard conditions (298 K and 1 bar) before recording the volume collected.

## 5. Volumetric Analysis

### 5.1 Theory of Volumetric Analysis

**Volumetric analysis** or **titration** is a method of quantitative analysis which depends on the accurate measurement of volumes of two reacting solutions.

A measured volume of one solution placed in a conical flask (also known as analyte) and a second solution (also known as titrant) added bit by bit from a burette until the reaction is complete. The two solutions (**A** and **B**) have such characteristics.

- Solution **A: Standard** solution whose concentration is **accurately known** (usually known as the titrant).
- Solution **B: Unknown** concentration (usually known as the analyte).
- Once the two solutions have reacted in **stoichiometric amounts**, the solution undergoes a **colour change**. (In some reactions, the change in colour can be detected using a suitable indicator)

There are essentially four types of reactions that can be analysed using titrations:

- **Acid–base reaction:** involves the neutralisation of a base with an acid.

#### Arrhenius theory of acids and bases

An **Arrhenius acid** is a substance that **releases  $H^+$  ions** and an **Arrhenius base** is a substance that **releases  $OH^-$**  when they are dissolved in water.

- **Redox reaction:** involves the transfer of electrons from a reducing agent to an oxidising agent.
- **Precipitation:** involves the formation of an insoluble salt.
- **Complexation reaction:** involves the reaction between a metal ion and ligand to form a complex.

#### Note:

##### **For acid–base titrations,**

- In cases where both solutions are colourless, a suitable indicator is used to detect the end–point. Do not use too much indicator. 2 – 3 drops of indicator is usually sufficient for an acid–base titration.

##### **For redox titrations (to be discussed later),**

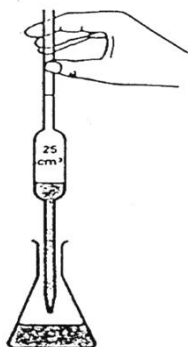
- For all manganate(VII) titrations, an acid is added in excess. No indicator is required. (refer to pg 44)
- For iodometric titrations,  $I_2(aq)$  is titrated against  $Na_2S_2O_3(aq)$  until the solution changes from brown to pale yellow. 1 cm<sup>3</sup> of starch solution (the indicator) is then added which gives an intense dark blue–black colour. After which, the titration is continued until the blue–black colouration disappears. (refer to pg 47)



### Link to Laboratory Experiments (Practical Work)

#### Steps in performing a titration (to be covered in laboratory exercise)

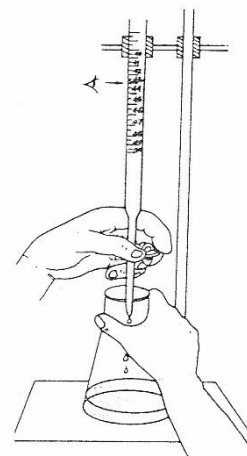
**Step 1:** Measure 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of solution with a *pipette*.



#### Step 2:

Titrate the solution with another solution from a *burette*.

The titration is repeated until **consistent** titre values (difference  $\leq 0.10$  cm<sup>3</sup>) are obtained.



*Note: A good titration is one with a titre of less than 50.00 cm<sup>3</sup>, preferably close to the volume of the pipette used (usually 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup>).*

## 5.2 Solutions and Standard solutions

- A **standard solution** is a solution of **known** concentration. It can be prepared from
  - a **solid** (of known mass) or
  - a **solution** (of known concentration).
- A **standard flask** (also called volumetric flask or graduated flask) is used to prepare a standard solution.
- The **concentration** of a solution is measured in terms of the amount of solute (in g or mol) contained in a given volume of solution.

$$\text{Concentration (g dm}^{-3}\text{)} = \frac{\text{mass of solute (g)}}{\text{volume of solution (dm}^3\text{)}}$$

$$\text{Concentration (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)} = \frac{\text{amount of solute (mol)}}{\text{volume of solution (dm}^3\text{)}}$$

#### Conversion of volumes:

$$1000 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ dm}^3 = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

$$1 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^3 = 1000 \text{ dm}^3 = 1 \text{ m}^3$$

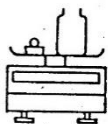
- Relationship between concentrations in mol dm<sup>-3</sup> and g dm<sup>-3</sup>:

$$\text{Concentration in g dm}^{-3} = \text{Concentration (mol dm}^{-3}\text{)} \times \text{molar mass (g mol}^{-1}\text{)}$$



**Link to Laboratory Experiments (Practical Work)**

**Steps in preparing a standard solution from a solid (to be covered in laboratory exercise)**



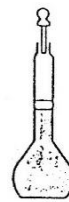
Weigh the solid in a **dry** weighing bottle.



Dissolve the solid in a **small** amount of distilled water.



Transfer the solution, **including washings**, using glass rod (and funnel) into a *volumetric flask*.



Top up to the mark with a dropper and **shake solution thoroughly** to obtain a homogeneous solution

**Worked Example 13**

What is the concentration of a solution in  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$  containing 1.26 g of nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ) in  $500 \text{ cm}^3$ ?

$$n_{\text{HNO}_3} \text{ in } 500 \text{ cm}^3 = \frac{1.26}{63.0} = 0.02000 \text{ mol}$$

$$[\text{HNO}_3] = \frac{0.0200}{\frac{500}{1000}} = \underline{\underline{0.0400}} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

Note: The square bracket [ ] stands for the concentration of a substance in  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ .

### 5.3 Dilution and Sampling

- Dilution** is the process of adding solvent (e.g. water) to a known volume of the solution.
- Concentration of solute decreases** but **amount of solute (mol) is unchanged**.

$$\text{Amount of solute in original solution} = \text{Amount of solute in diluted solution}$$

$$C_o V_o = C_d V_d$$

where  $C_o$ : original concentration

$V_o$ : original volume

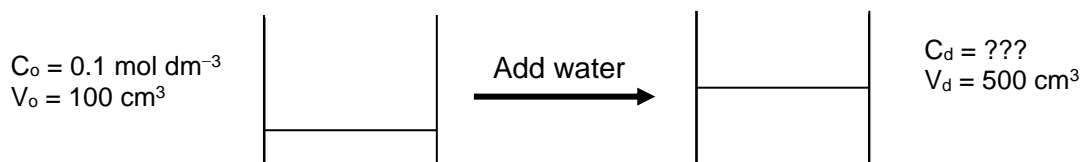
$C_d$ : diluted concentration

$V_d$ : diluted volume

Note:  $V_d$  **is the diluted volume or final volume**, NOT the volume of water to be added to the original solution.

Example:

Determine the concentration of the diluted solution as prepared below.



$$\text{Applying } C_o V_o = C_d V_d \Rightarrow 0.1 \times (100/1000) = C_d \times (500/1000)$$

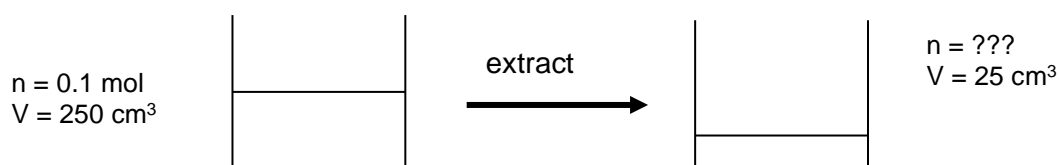
Concentration of diluted solution,  $C_d = \underline{\underline{0.0200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}}}$

- Sampling** is the process of extraction a small portion of the solution for analysis. This portion that is sampled will have the **same concentration** but containing a different **amount of solute**.

$$\text{Sampled amount (mol)} = \frac{\text{Volume of portion sampled}}{\text{Original Volume}} \times \text{Original Amount (mol)}$$

Example:

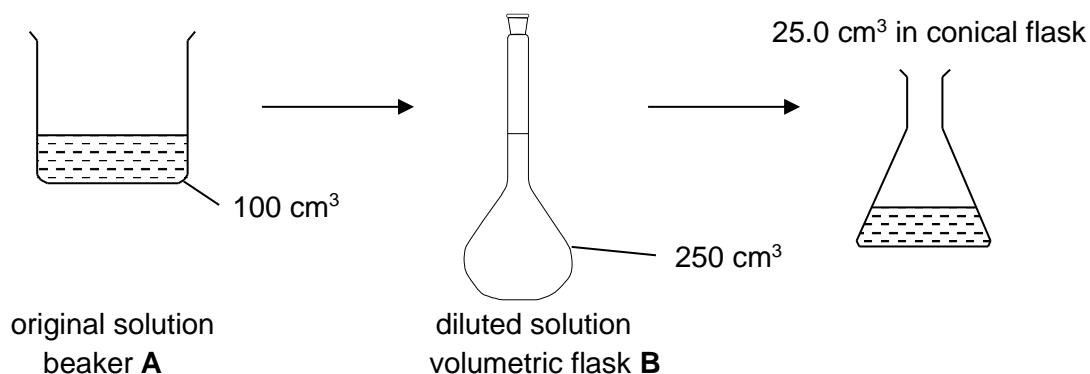
Given a  $250 \text{ cm}^3$  solution containing  $0.10 \text{ mol}$  of hydrochloric acid, calculate the amount of hydrochloric acid present when  $25 \text{ cm}^3$  is extracted from the beaker?




$$n(\text{HCl}) \text{ in } 25 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ extracted sample} = (25/250) \times 0.10 = \underline{\underline{0.0100 \text{ mol}}}$$

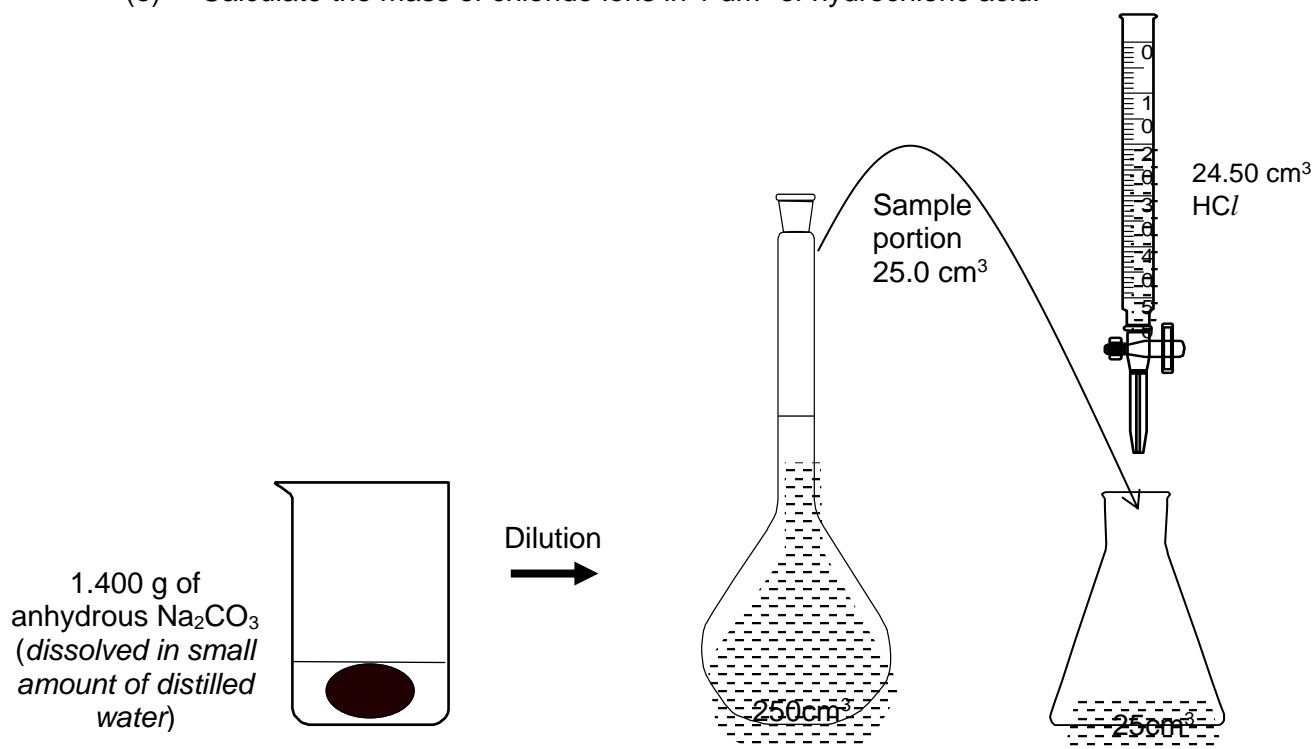
**Worked Example 14 (dilution and finding the amount in a portion)**

1. 29.64 g of calcium hydroxide,  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  is dissolved in water to make  $100 \text{ cm}^3$  solution in beaker **A**. The solution is then diluted to  $250 \text{ cm}^3$  in volumetric flask **B**. A  $25.0 \text{ cm}^3$  aliquot (portion) is then pipetted out into a conical flask for titration.
- What is the amount of calcium hydroxide (in mole) in beaker **A**?
  - What is the initial concentration, in  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ , of the original solution in beaker **A**?
  - What is the amount of calcium hydroxide (in mole) in volumetric flask **B**?
  - Calculate the amount of calcium hydroxide (in mole) pipetted into the conical flask.



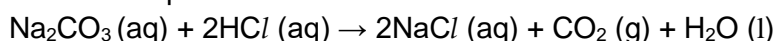
- $n(\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2)$  in 29.64 g in beaker **A** =  $\frac{29.64}{74.1} = \underline{\underline{0.400 \text{ mol}}}$
- $[\text{original solution in beaker A}] = \frac{0.400}{100/1000} = \underline{\underline{4.00 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}}}$
- $n(\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2)$  after dilution in volumetric flask **B** = **0.400 mol**  
( the amount (in moles) does not change after dilution)
- $n(\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2)$  in  $25.0 \text{ cm}^3 = (25.0/250) \times 0.400 = \underline{\underline{0.0400 \text{ mol}}}$

2. 1.400 g of anhydrous sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) was made up to  $250 \text{ cm}^3$  of solution.  $25.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of this solution required  $24.50 \text{ cm}^3$  hydrochloric acid ( $\text{HCl}$ ) for neutralisation.
- Write the balanced equation for the acid–base reaction.
  - Calculate the amount of sodium carbonate (in mole) used in the titration.
  - Calculate the concentration, in  $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ , of hydrochloric acid.
  - Calculate the concentration, in  $\text{g dm}^{-3}$ , of hydrochloric acid.
  - Calculate the mass of chloride ions in  $1 \text{ dm}^3$  of hydrochloric acid.



**Step 1:** Write the balanced chemical equation for the reaction.

- (a) Chemical equation:



- (b)  $n(\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3) \text{ in } 250 \text{ cm}^3 = \frac{1.400}{106.0} = 0.01321 \text{ mol}$

$$n(\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3) \text{ in } 25.0 \text{ cm}^3 = \frac{25.0}{250} \times 0.01321 = \underline{\underline{1.32 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}}}$$

**Step 2:** Determine the mole ratio involved.

- (c) Mole ratio:  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \equiv 2\text{HCl}$

$$n(\text{HCl}) \text{ in } 24.50 \text{ cm}^3 = 2 \times 1.3208 \times 10^{-3} = 2.6416 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$[\text{HCl}] = \frac{2.6416 \times 10^{-3}}{\frac{24.50}{1000}} = \underline{\underline{0.108 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}}}$$

**Step 3:** Work out the answer based on stoichiometry.

- (d)  $[\text{HCl}] \text{ in g dm}^{-3} = \text{conc in mol dm}^{-3} \times \text{molar mass}$   
 $= 0.1078 \times 36.5 = \underline{\underline{3.94 \text{ g dm}^{-3}}}$

- (e)  $\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$

Since  $\text{HCl} \equiv \text{Cl}^-$

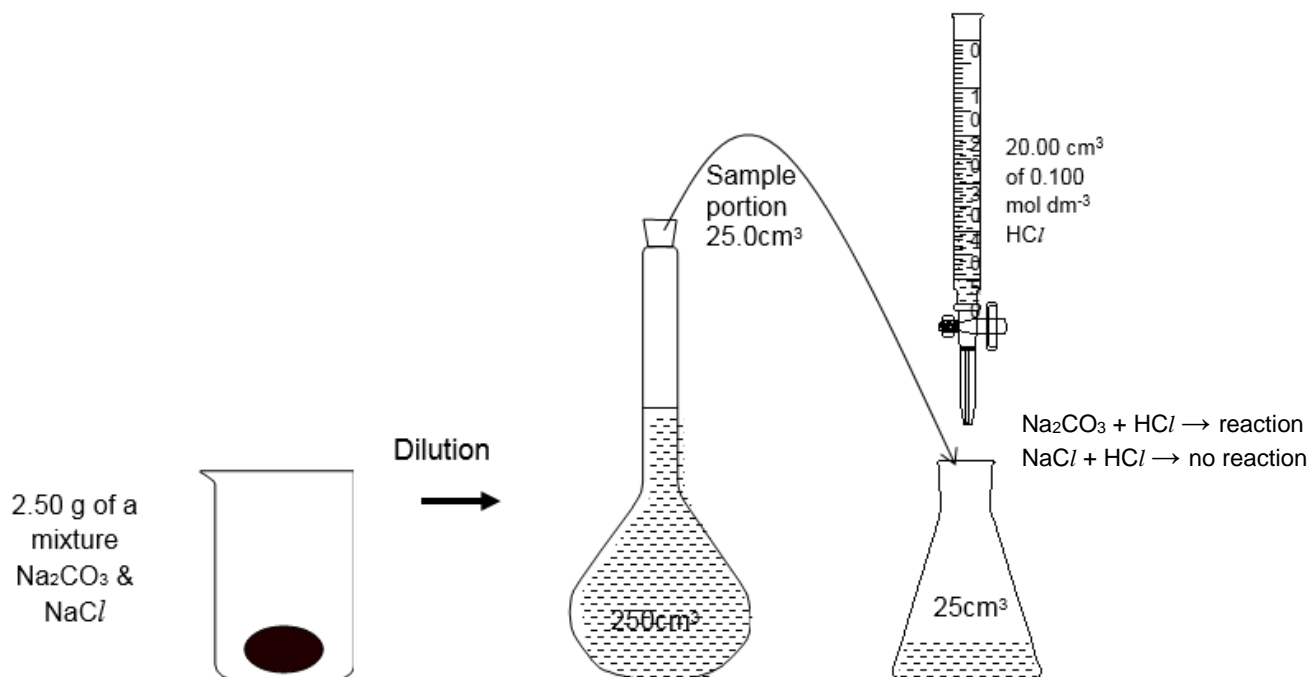
$$n(\text{HCl}) \text{ in } 1 \text{ dm}^3 = 0.1078 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{Cl}^-) \text{ in } 1 \text{ dm}^3 = 0.1078 \text{ mol}$$

$$\therefore \text{mass of } \text{Cl}^- \text{ ions in } 1 \text{ dm}^3 = 0.1078 \times 35.5 = \underline{\underline{3.83 \text{ g}}}$$

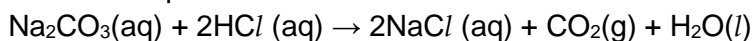
**Checkpoint 8**

1. 2.50 g of a mixture of anhydrous sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) and sodium chloride ( $\text{NaCl}$ ) were made up to  $250\text{ cm}^3$  with distilled water.  $25.0\text{ cm}^3$  of this solution required  $20.00\text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.100\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  hydrochloric acid ( $\text{HCl}$ ) for titration. Calculate the percentage by mass of sodium chloride in the anhydrous mixture.



**Step 1:** Write the balanced chemical equation for the reaction.

Chemical equation:



**Step 2:** Determine the mole ratio involved.

Mole ratio: \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \equiv$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{HCl}$

**Step 3:** Work out the answer based on stoichiometry.

$n(\text{HCl})$  in  $20.00\text{ cm}^3 =$

$n(\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3)$  in  $25.0\text{ cm}^3 =$

$n(\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3)$  in  $250\text{ cm}^3 =$

mass of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  in  $2.50\text{ g}$  mixture =

mass of  $\text{NaCl}$  in  $2.50\text{ g}$  mixture =

Percentage by mass of  $\text{NaCl}$  in mixture =

**Answer: 57.6%**

2. 1.250 g of concentrated sulfuric acid were made up to 250 cm<sup>3</sup>. 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of this solution were neutralised by 24.85 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.10 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> sodium hydroxide. Calculate the percentage purity of the concentrated sulfuric acid.

Chemical Equation: \_\_\_\_\_ NaOH + \_\_\_\_\_ H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> →

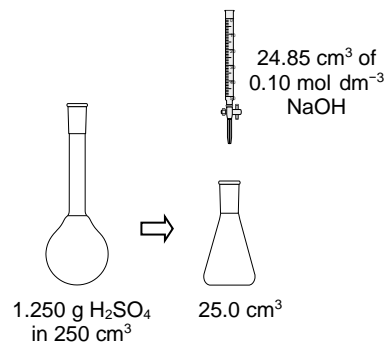
$$\begin{aligned} n(\text{NaOH}) \text{ used} &= 0.10 \times \frac{24.85}{1000} \\ &= 2.485 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4) \text{ in } 25 \text{ cm}^3 &= \text{_____} \times n(\text{NaOH}) \\ &= 1.243 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4) \text{ in } 250 \text{ cm}^3 &= \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mass of H}_2\text{SO}_4 \text{ in } 250 \text{ cm}^3 &= \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ purity of H}_2\text{SO}_4 &= \\ &= \underline{\underline{97.5 \%}} \end{aligned}$$



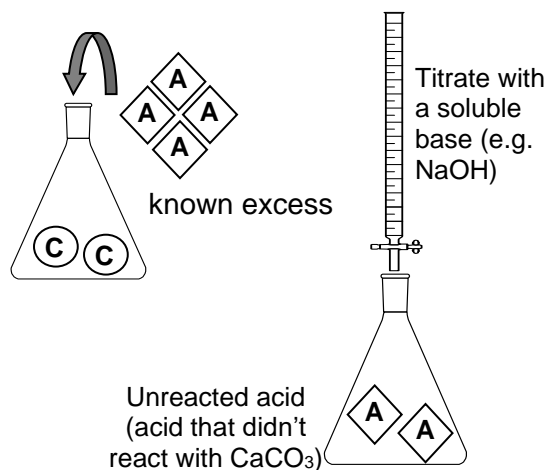
## 5.4 Back titration

Back titrations are used in cases where a direct titration is **not** possible, due to one of the reactants being an **insoluble solid**, **slow reaction between reactants**, **end-point is not distinct and sharp**, or a **lack of a suitable indicator** for the titration.

For example, calcium carbonate, being insoluble in water, reacts slowly with acid. As a result, there is no sharp end-point if titrated with an acid directly.

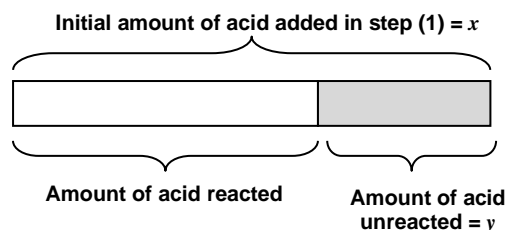
This problem is overcome by **back titration** via the following steps:

- 1) Add **known amount of acid (added in excess)** to dissolve calcium carbonate,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ .



- 2) The amount of **unreacted acid** (acid that did not react with  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) can be found by titrating it with a soluble base such as sodium hydroxide.

- 3) The amount of acid that reacted with  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is the **amount of acid added in (1) minus the amount of unreacted acid**



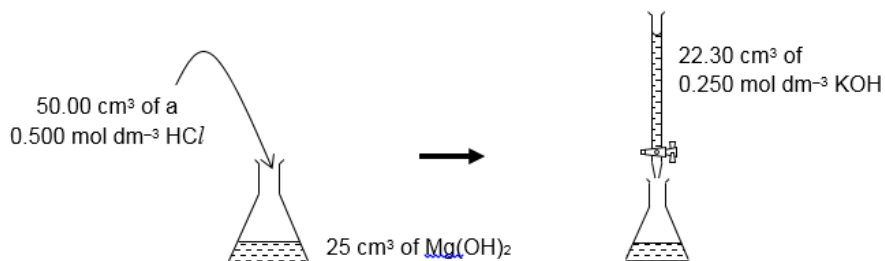
amount (in mol) of acid reacted with  $\text{CaCO}_3 = x - y$

(This amt. can be determined by titration with NaOH in step (2))

- 4) The amount of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  present can then be calculated based on stoichiometry for the reaction between  $\text{CaCO}_3$  and acid.

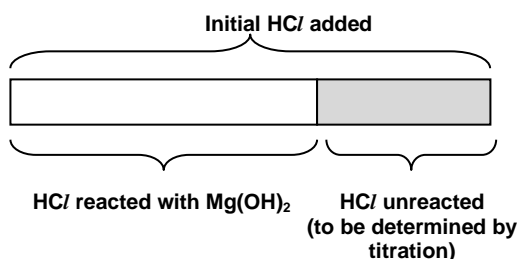
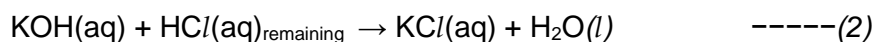
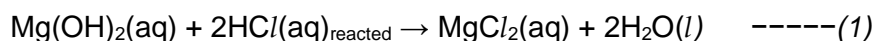
**Worked Example 15 (self-read)**

1. To 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of a solution of magnesium hydroxide Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>, 50.00 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.500 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> hydrochloric acid were added. The resulting solution required 22.30 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.250 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> potassium hydroxide for neutralisation. Calculate the concentration of magnesium hydroxide solution in mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

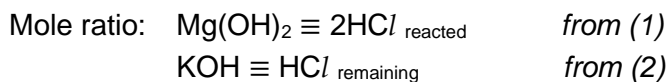


**Step 1:** Write the balanced chemical equations for the reactions.

Chemical equations:



**Step 2:** Determine the mole ratio involved.



**Step 3:** Determine the amount of the reactant remaining after reaction by titration with the standard reagent.

$$n(\text{KOH}) \text{ in } 22.30 \text{ cm}^3 = (22.30 / 1000) \times 0.250 = 0.005575 \text{ mol}$$

**remaining  $n(\text{HCl})$**  for titration with KOH = 0.005575 mol

**initial  $n(\text{HCl})$**  in 50.00 cm<sup>3</sup> = (50/1000) × 0.500 = 0.02500 mol

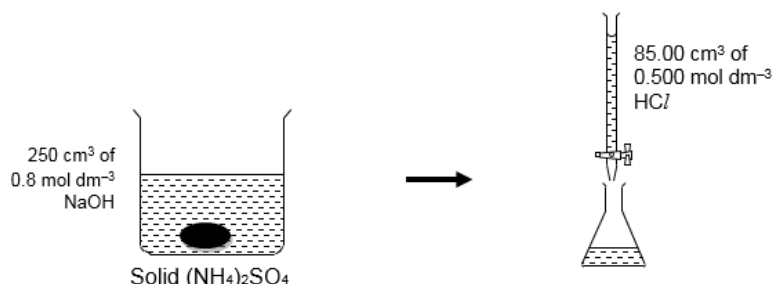
$$\begin{aligned} n(\text{HCl}) \text{ reacted with Mg(OH)}_2 &= \text{initial } n(\text{HCl}) - \text{remaining } n(\text{HCl}) \\ &= 0.02500 - 0.005575 \\ &= 0.019425 \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 4:** Work out the answer based on stoichiometry.

$$n(\text{Mg(OH)}_2) \text{ in } 25.0 \text{ cm}^3 = 0.019425 \div 2 = 0.0097125 \text{ mol}$$

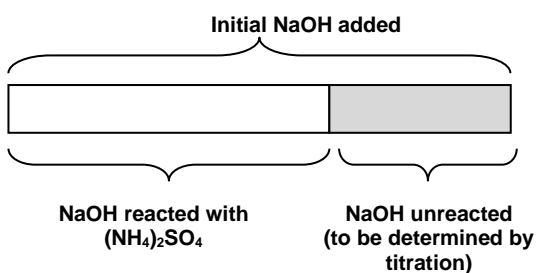
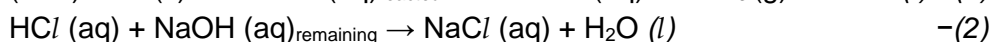
$$[\text{Mg(OH)}_2] = \frac{0.0097125}{\frac{25.0}{1000}} = \underline{\underline{0.389 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}}}$$

2. A sample containing acidic ammonium sulfate,  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  was warmed with  $250 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.800 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  sodium hydroxide (NaOH). After the evolution of ammonia has ceased, the remaining sodium hydroxide solution was neutralised by  $85.00 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.500 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  hydrochloric acid (HCl). What mass of ammonium sulfate did the sample contain?

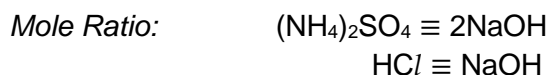


**Step 1:** Write the balanced chemical equations for the reactions.

Chemical equations:



**Step 2:** Determine the mole ratio involved.



**Step 3:** Determine the amount of the reactant remaining after reaction by titration with the standard reagent.

$$n(\text{HCl}) \text{ in } 85.00 \text{ cm}^3 = (85.00/1000) \times 0.500 = 0.04250 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{NaOH}) \text{ remaining for titration with HCl} = 0.04250 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Initial } n(\text{NaOH}) \text{ in } 250 \text{ cm}^3 = (250/1000) \times 0.800 = 0.2000 \text{ mol}$$

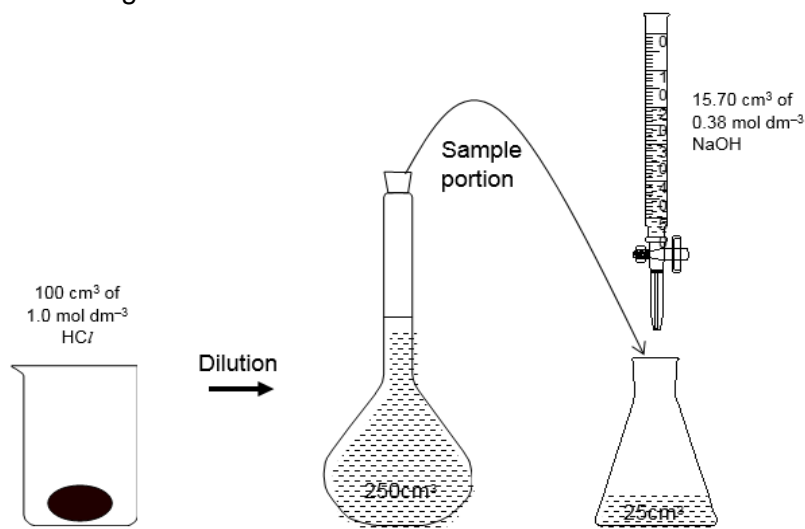
$$\begin{aligned} n(\text{NaOH}) \text{ reacted with } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 &= \text{initial } n(\text{NaOH}) - \text{remaining } n(\text{NaOH}) \\ &= 0.2000 - 0.04250 \\ &= 0.1575 \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 4:** Work out the answer based on stoichiometry.

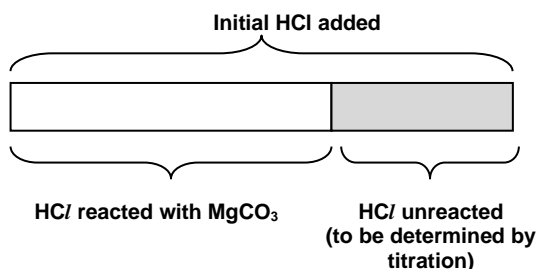
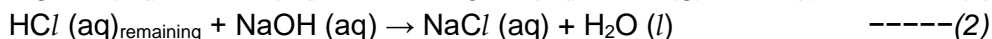
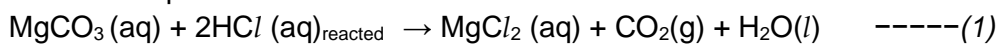
$$\begin{aligned} n((\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4) &= \frac{1}{2} \times 0.1575 = 0.07875 \text{ mol} \\ \text{mass of } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 &= 0.07875 \times 132.1 = \mathbf{10.4 \text{ g}} \end{aligned}$$

**Checkpoint 9**

A sample of magnesium carbonate was dissolved in  $100\text{ cm}^3$  of  $1.0\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  hydrochloric acid. The resulting solution was made up to  $250\text{ cm}^3$  with distilled water.  $25.0\text{ cm}^3$  of the solution required  $15.70\text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.38\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  aqueous sodium hydroxide for neutralisation. Determine the mass of magnesium carbonate used.



Chemical equations:



Mole ratio:  $\text{MgCO}_3 \equiv 2\text{HCl}$   
 $\text{HCl} \equiv \text{NaOH}$

$n(\text{NaOH})$  in  $15.70\text{ cm}^3 =$

$n(\text{HCl})$  **remaining** in  $25.0\text{ cm}^3$  for titration with  $\text{NaOH} =$

$n(\text{HCl})$  **remaining** in  $250\text{ cm}^3 =$

**Initial**  $n(\text{HCl}) = \frac{100}{1000} \times 1 = 0.1000\text{ mol}$

$n(\text{HCl})$  **reacted with  $\text{MgCO}_3$**  = **initial  $n_{\text{HCl}}$  – remaining  $n_{\text{HCl}}$**   
 =

$n(\text{MgCO}_3) =$

mass of  $\text{MgCO}_3$  used =

**Answer: 1.70 g**

## 6. Redox Processes



It is important to first understand redox processes before performing calculations for redox titrations.

- What happens in a redox reaction?
- How to construct a balanced redox equation using oxidation number method and half-equation method?

### 6.1 Definition of Oxidation and Reduction

Oxidation	Reduction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Gain</u> of <u>oxygen</u></li> <li>• <u>Loss</u> of <u>hydrogen</u></li> <li>• <u>Loss</u> of <u>electrons</u></li> <li>• <u>Increase</u> in <u>oxidation number</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Loss</u> of <u>oxygen</u></li> <li>• <u>Gain</u> of <u>hydrogen</u></li> <li>• <u>Gain</u> of <u>electrons</u></li> <li>• <u>Decrease</u> in <u>oxidation number</u></li> </ul>

### 6.2 Oxidation Number

#### 6.2.1 Definition of Oxidation Number

Each atom in a molecule (or ionic compound) is assigned an **oxidation number** or **oxidation state**, which is the charge the atom would have *if* electrons were not shared but were transferred completely. Note that an oxidation number contains both the sign and the number. The '+' and '-' signs must be indicated before the number.

All atoms in elements, ions/compounds can be assigned an oxidation number according to a set of rules as shown in 6.2.2.

#### 6.2.2 Rules for Assigning Oxidation Number (O.N.)

- The oxidation number of an atom in its elemental state is zero.  
e.g.     0 in Fe             0 in O<sub>2</sub>             0 in P<sub>4</sub>
- The oxidation number of any monoatomic ion is equal to the charge on the ion.  
e.g.     -2 in O<sup>2-</sup>             -1 in F<sup>-</sup>             +3 in Al<sup>3+</sup>             +2 in Fe<sup>2+</sup>
- The algebraic sum of the oxidation numbers of all atoms in a neutral (uncharged) compound must be zero.

Substance	Sum of O.N.
FeCl <sub>2</sub>	(+2) + 2(-1) = 0
NH <sub>3</sub>	-3 + 3(+1) = 0
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	2(+1) + (+6) + 4(-2) = 0

- The **algebraic sum** of the oxidation numbers of all atoms in a **polyatomic ion** (ion containing more than one atom) is equal to the **charge on the ion**.

Substance	Sum of O.N.
$\text{MnO}_4^-$	$(+7) + 4(-2) = -1$
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$	$2(+6) + 7(-2) = -2$
$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	$(+4) + 3(-2) = -2$

- Standard (fixed) oxidation numbers** for some elements in their compounds.

Elements	O.N.	Examples	Exceptions
Group 1	<b>+1</b>	$\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{LiCl}$	Nil
Group 2	<b>+2</b>	$\text{MgCl}_2$ , $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$	Nil
Group 13	<b>+3</b>	$\text{AlF}_3$	Nil
Hydrogen	<b>+1</b>	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$ , $\text{OH}^-$	Metal hydride e.g. $\text{NaH}$ (O.N. of <u>H</u> is <b>-1</b> )
Oxygen	<b>-2</b>	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{CaO}$	a) peroxides e.g. $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , $\text{Na}_2\text{O}_2$ (O.N. of <u>O</u> is <b>-1</b> ) b) when oxygen is bonded to fluorine (e.g. $\text{OF}_2$ ) (O.N. of <u>O</u> is <b>+2</b> )
Fluorine	<b>-1</b>	$\text{HF}$ , $\text{MgF}_2$	Nil
Other halogens (Cl, Br, I...)	<b>-1</b>	$\text{FeCl}_3$ , $\text{HBr}$	When bonded to more electronegative element e.g. $\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ (O.N. of <u>Cl</u> is <b>+1</b> ) $\text{BrO}_3^-$ (O.N. of <u>Br</u> is <b>+5</b> )

- The **most electronegative atom** is assigned the same O.N. in all their compounds. Electronegativity is the ability of an atom in a molecule to attract shared electrons in a covalent bond.

Electronegativity trends: **increases across the period,**

**decreases down the group ( $\text{F} > \text{Cl} > \text{Br} > \text{I}$ )**

Very electronegative elements retain the same O.N. in their compounds. They are used as reference in assigning O.N. to other elements.

In general, electronegativity:  **$\text{F} > \text{O} > \text{N} \approx \text{Cl} > \text{Br}$**

O.N. of	Fluorine	Oxygen	Nitrogen
Fluorine	$\text{F}_2$ (0)	$\text{F}_2\text{O}$ (+2)	$\text{NF}_3$ (+3)
Oxygen	$\text{F}_2\text{O}$ (-1)	$\text{O}_2$ (0)	$\text{NO}_2$ (+4), $\text{NO}$ (+2)
Nitrogen	$\text{NF}_3$ (-1)	$\text{NO}$ (-2), $\text{NO}_2$ (-2)	$\text{N}_2$ (0)
Hydrogen	$\text{HF}$ (-1)	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (-2)	$\text{NH}_3$ (-3)

For interhalogen compounds: The more electronegative atom retains its O.N.

Substance	More electronegative atom	O.N.
$\text{IBr}$	Br	Br (-1), I (+1)
$\text{BrCl}_3$	Cl	Cl (-1), Br (+3)

- **Roman numerals** are used to state the oxidation state of the element within a compound  
E.g. CuO is named **copper(II) oxide** NOT copper(2) oxide  
(Oxidation number of Cu is +2).

Compound	Name	O.N. of iron
FeSO <sub>4</sub>	Iron(II) sulfate	+2
Fe <sub>2</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Iron(III) sulfate	+3

**Checkpoint 10**

1. Calculate the oxidation number of the underlined element.

(a) O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (b) NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (c) HCHO

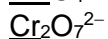
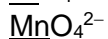
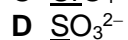
Let x be the oxidation number of the element to be calculated.

(a)  $2(x) + 2(-1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x =$

(b)  $x + 4(+1) = +1 \quad \Rightarrow x =$

(c)

2. Which one of the following pairs of ions contains two underlined elements having the same oxidation number?



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6.3 Oxidising and Reducing Agents

#### 6.3.1 Oxidising Agents

- An oxidising agent **oxidises** another substance. In the process, it **gains or accepts electrons** from other substances and undergoes **reduction**.
- Oxidation number of an oxidising agent **decreases**.

Oxidising Agents	Products*
$\text{MnO}_4^- / \text{H}^+$ , (purple) manganate(VII) in acidic medium	$\text{Mn}^{2+}$ (colourless)
$\text{MnO}_4^- / \text{OH}^-$ , (purple) manganate(VII) in basic medium	$\text{MnO}_2$ (Brown ppt)
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} / \text{H}^+$ , (orange) dichromate(VI) in acidic medium	$\text{Cr}^{3+}$ (green)
$\text{Fe}^{3+}$ (yellow) iron(III)	$\text{Fe}^{2+}$ (pale green)
aqueous $\text{I}_2$ (brown)	$\text{I}^-$ (colourless)
$\text{Br}_2$ (reddish brown gas / liquid)	$\text{Br}^-$ (colourless)
$\text{Cl}_2$ (greenish yellow gas) aqueous $\text{Cl}_2$ (pale yellow)	$\text{Cl}^-$ (colourless)
$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ (colourless) sulfate(VI)	$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$ (colourless) sulfite
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ (colourless) hydrogen peroxide**	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$

\* may be obtained from the Data Booklet

### 6.3.2 Reducing Agents

- A reducing agent **reduces** another substance. In the process, it **loses or donates electrons** to other substances and undergoes **oxidation**.
- Oxidation number of a reducing agent **increases**.

Reducing Agents	Products*
$\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ (colourless) thiosulfate	$\text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-}$ (colourless) tetrathionate
$\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ (colourless) ethanedioate	$\text{CO}_2$
$\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , iron(II)	$\text{Fe}^{3+}$
$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{Br}_2$
$\text{I}^-$	$\text{I}_2$
$\text{S}^{2-}$ (colourless) sulfide	S (yellow solid)
$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$
Metals, M	$\text{M}^{n+}$
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ hydrogen peroxide**	$\text{O}_2$

\* may be obtained from the Data Booklet

### 6.3.3 Application of Oxidising and Reducing Agents

E.g.: Hydrogen Peroxide\*\*

As a reducing agent	As an oxidising agent
In the <b>presence</b> of a <b>stronger</b> oxidising agent e.g. $\text{MnO}_4^- / \text{H}^+$	In the <b>absence</b> of a <b>stronger</b> oxidising agent.
Acts as <b>electron donor</b> and is <b>oxidised</b> : $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$	Acts as <b>electron acceptor</b> and is <b>reduced</b> : $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 2\text{e}^- + 2\text{H}^+ \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**6.4 Redox reactions**

A **redox reaction** is a process in which oxidation and reduction **occur simultaneously**.

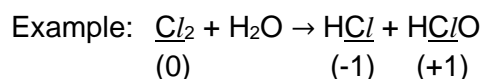
It involves **electron transfer** from the reducing agent to oxidising agent. The transfer of electrons results in a **change in oxidation number** of the atoms involved.

**No. of e<sup>-</sup> lost from oxidation = no. of e<sup>-</sup> gained for reduction**

Hence, redox reaction can be recognised by a change in the oxidation number of any atom in the reaction.

**Special Cases:**

- 1) Disproportionation** is redox reaction in which the **same substance** is oxidised and reduced at the same time.



$\text{Cl}_2$  disproportionates to  $\text{ClO}^-$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  as  $\text{Cl}_2$  is reduced to  $\text{Cl}^-$  and oxidized to  $\text{ClO}^-$ .

- 2) Comproportionation** is a redox reaction in which two reactants, each containing the same element of a different oxidation number, form a product in which the element involved reaches the same oxidation number.

It is the reverse reaction of a disproportionation reaction.

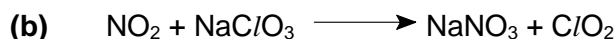
**Checkpoint 11**

By calculating relevant oxidation numbers, determine which species undergo oxidation, and which undergo reduction, during the following reactions.



$\text{HNO}_2$  undergoes \_\_\_\_\_ as the oxidation state of N decreases from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

$\text{HI}$  undergoes \_\_\_\_\_ as the oxidation state of I increases from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.



$\text{NaClO}_3$  undergoes \_\_\_\_\_ as the oxidation state of Cl decreases from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

$\text{NO}_2$  undergoes \_\_\_\_\_ as the oxidation state of N increases from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

## 6.5 Balancing Redox Equations

**Three** rules that must be observed when writing balanced redox equations:

1. Mass balance: The **number of atoms on left hand side of equation must equal to the number of atoms on right hand side of equation.**
2. Charge balance: The **sum of the charges on left hand side of equation must equal to the sum of the charges on right hand side of equation.**
3. **Number of electrons lost = number of electrons gained**

Two methods used to balance redox equations are the oxidation number method and the *half-equation* method.

### 6.5.1 The oxidation number method

- This method consists of five steps that use the changes in oxidation numbers to generate balancing coefficients.

Steps	Example
	<p>Use the oxidation number method to balance the following equation:</p> $\text{Cu} + \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
1. Assign oxidation numbers to all elements in the reaction	$\overset{0}{\text{Cu}} + \overset{+1}{\text{H}}\overset{-2}{\text{N}}\overset{-2}{\text{O}_3} \rightarrow \overset{+2}{\text{Cu}}(\overset{+5}{\text{N}}\overset{-2}{\text{O}_3})_2 + \overset{-2}{\text{N}}\overset{+1}{\text{O}_2} + \overset{-2}{\text{H}_2}\overset{+1}{\text{O}}$
2. From the changes in oxidation numbers, identify the species being oxidised and reduced respectively	<p>Cu was oxidised: the O.N. of Cu increased from 0 (in Cu metal) to +2 (in Cu<sup>2+</sup>)</p> <p>HNO<sub>3</sub> was reduced: the O.N. of N decreased from +5 (in HNO<sub>3</sub>) to +4 (in NO<sub>2</sub>)</p>
3. Compute the number of electrons lost in the oxidation and gained in the reduction from the oxidation number changes	$\text{Cu} + \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="color: red;">loses 2e<sup>-</sup></span>  <span style="color: blue;">gains 1e<sup>-</sup></span> </p>
4. Multiply one or both of these numbers by appropriate factors to make the <b>number of electrons lost equal the number of electrons gained</b> , and use the factors as balancing coefficients	<p>Cu lost 2e<sup>-</sup>, so the 1e<sup>-</sup> gained by N should be multiplied by 2. We put the coefficient <b>2</b> before NO<sub>2</sub> and HNO<sub>3</sub>:</p> $\text{Cu} + 2\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
5. Complete the balancing by inspection, if necessary	<p>Balancing N atoms requires a <b>4</b> in front of HNO<sub>3</sub> because two additional N atoms are in the NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> ions in Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>:</p> $\text{Cu} + 4\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ <p>Then, balancing H atoms requires a <b>2</b> in front of H<sub>2</sub>O:</p> $\text{Cu} + 4\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{NO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Checkpoint 12**

Use the oxidation number method to balance the following equations:



[Answer: 8:1:3:2:3:1:4]



[Answer: 2:2:5:3]

**6.5.2 The half-equation method**

The half-equation method divides the overall redox equation into oxidation and reduction half-equations.

- The steps to write a balanced half-equation are as follows:

Steps	Example
1. Write the skeletal equation showing only the oxidised and reduced forms of a species  <i>If the oxidised form of a species is on the left side of the equation, the reduced form of that species is on the right, and vice versa.</i>	$\overset{+7}{\text{MnO}_4^-} \longrightarrow \overset{+4}{\text{MnO}_2}$ <p style="text-align: center;"><i>oxidised form                      reduced form</i></p>
2. Balance All <b>E</b> lements other than O or H	Not applicable in this case
3. Balance <b>O</b> with $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{MnO}_4^- \longrightarrow \text{MnO}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
4. Balance <b>H</b> with $\text{H}^+$	$\text{MnO}_4^- + 4\text{H}^+ \longrightarrow \text{MnO}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
5. Balance charges with electrons ( $\text{e}^-$ )	$\text{MnO}_4^- + 4\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{MnO}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ This is a <u>reduction</u> half-equation ( $\text{e}^-$ are <u>added</u> on <u>left</u> side of equation) in <u>acidic</u> medium.
6. For <b><u>basic medium only</u></b>  $\text{H}^+$ ions are removed by adding $\text{OH}^-$ on <u>both sides</u> of the equation to form $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  Check to <u>cancel</u> $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ on both sides of the overall equation.	$\text{MnO}_4^- + 4\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{MnO}_2 + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ <div style="text-align: center;"> <math>+ 4 \text{OH}^-</math>  <math>= 4 \text{H}_2\text{O}</math> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <math>+ 4 \text{OH}^-</math> </div> Simplify to obtain the reduction half-equation in <u>basic/alkaline</u> medium: $\text{MnO}_4^- + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 3\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{MnO}_2 + 4\text{OH}^-$

**Checkpoint 13**

Write balanced half-equations for the following changes:

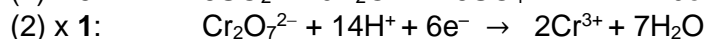
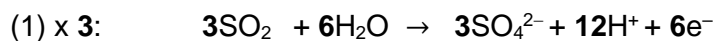
- (a) the oxidation of  $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$  to  $\text{CO}_2$  in acid solution  
 (b) the reduction of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  to water in acid solution  
 (c) the oxidation of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  to oxygen in alkaline solution

(a)	$\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{CO}_2$
(b)	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$
(c)	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	$\rightarrow$	$\text{O}_2$

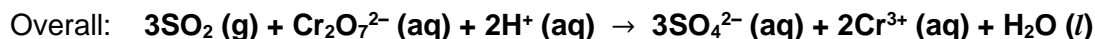
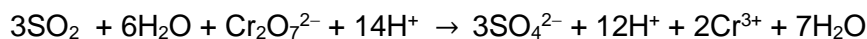
**6.5.3 Writing Overall Redox Equation****Step 1:** Write separate balanced half-equations for the oxidation and reduction reactions**Step 2:** If necessary, multiply one or both half-equations by an integer to make the **number of electrons lost** in the oxidation **equals** the **number of electrons gained** in the reduction**Step 3:** Combine (add) the balanced half-equations to obtain the overall equation and cancel out the common terms. Include state symbols when necessary**Worked Example 16**Sulfur dioxide gas,  $\text{SO}_2$ , was bubbled into an acidified solution of potassium dichromate(VI),  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ . The  $\text{SO}_2$  gas was oxidised to  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ . Construct the redox equation for this reaction with state symbols.**Step 1:** Write separate balanced half-equations for oxidation and reduction

	Oxidation	Reduction
1. Write the skeletal equation showing only the oxidised and reduced forms of a species	$\text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-}$	can be obtained from the <i>Data Booklet</i>  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-} + 14\text{H}^+ + 6\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Cr}^{3+} + 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ----- (2)
2. Balance Elements other than O or H	N.A	
3. Balance O with $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-}$	
4. Balance H with $\text{H}^+$	$\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}^+$	
5. Balance charges with electrons ( $\text{e}^-$ )	$\underbrace{\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}}_0 \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{SO}_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}^+}_{-2 + 4 = +2}$ $\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{SO}_4^{2-} + 4\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$ ----- (1)	

**Step 2:** Multiply one or both half-equations by an integer (no. of  $e^-$  lost = no. of  $e^-$  gained)



**Step 3:** Combine (add) the balanced half-equations and cancel out the common terms (include state symbols if question specifies)



The overall redox equation **must not** contain the electron term.

#### Checkpoint 14

Hydrogen peroxide,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  was reduced to water when it was added to an aqueous solution of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in acidic medium.  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  was oxidised to  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ . Construct the redox equation for this reaction.

Oxidation:

----- (1) (From *Data Booklet*)

Since  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  was oxidised,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  will be reduced. Product is  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Reduction:


----- (2) (can be obtained from *Data Booklet*)

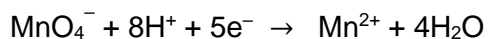
Overall redox equation:

## 7. Redox titrations

- A **redox titration** involves the **stoichiometric reaction** based on a **redox** reaction between the two solutions involved.
- Some redox titrations involving manganate(VII) and dichromate(VI) do not require the addition of an indicator to detect the end-point.

### 7.1 Manganate(VII) ( $\text{MnO}_4^-$ ) Titration

- $\text{MnO}_4^-$  is a very strong oxidising agent and is usually placed in the burette and added into the conical flask containing the reducing agent.
- Typical reducing agents that can react with  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  are  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{I}^-$ .
- $\text{MnO}_4^-$  titrations are usually carried out in **acidic** conditions.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is suitable to acidify it.
-   *$\text{HCl}(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$  are not used to acidify  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  as both will interfere with the experiment.  $\text{HCl}$  will be oxidised by  $\text{KMnO}_4$  to give chlorine and  $\text{HNO}_3$  is an oxidising agent.*
- Acidified  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  is used in the titration process. Alkaline or neutral  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  is seldom used as incomplete reduction of  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  occurs, causing precipitation of brown  $\text{MnO}_2$ .
- In **acidic medium**, the half-equation is

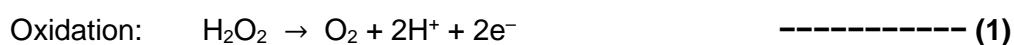
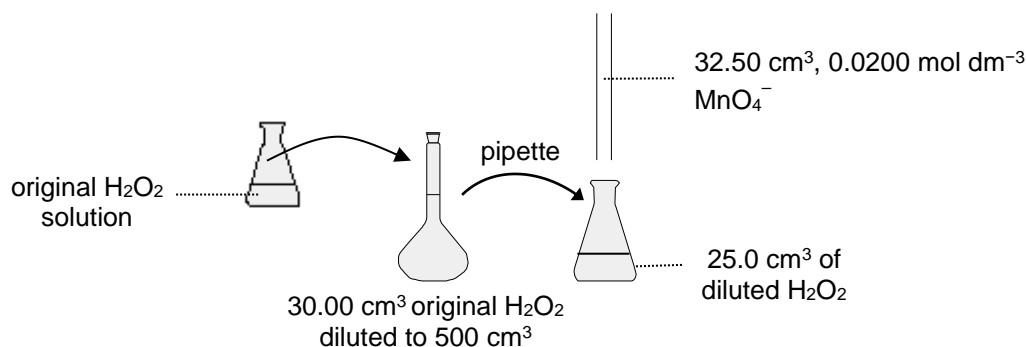


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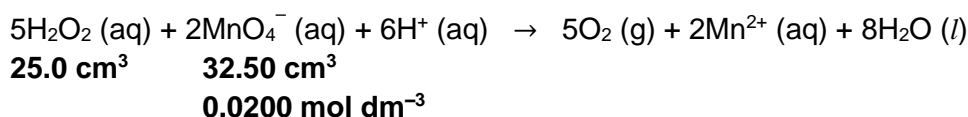
- No indicator is required for this titration because  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  itself acts as the indicator.
- During the titration, the purple  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  turns colourless as it is reduced to  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ions (colourless / pale pink)
- When all the reducing agent is used up, the first extra drop of  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  causes the solution in the conical flask to turn permanent pink (due to a slight excess of purple  $\text{MnO}_4^-$ ). This sharp colour change indicates that the end-point is attained.

**Worked Example 17**

30.00 cm<sup>3</sup> of a given solution of hydrogen peroxide was diluted to 500 cm<sup>3</sup> with distilled water. 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of this diluted solution then required 32.50 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.0200 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> potassium manganate(VII) for titration in acidic conditions. Calculate the concentration of the original hydrogen peroxide solution in g dm<sup>-3</sup>.



Overall:  $\{(1) \times 5\} + \{(2) \times 2\}$



Mole ratio:  $5\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \equiv 2\text{MnO}_4^-$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(\text{MnO}_4^-) \text{ in } 32.50 \text{ cm}^3 &= \frac{32.50}{1000} \times 0.0200 \\
 &= 6.500 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2) \text{ in } 25.0 \text{ cm}^3 &= \frac{5}{2} \times 6.500 \times 10^{-4} \\
 &= 1.625 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2) \text{ in } 500 \text{ cm}^3 &= \frac{500}{25} \times 1.625 \times 10^{-3} \\
 &= 0.03250 \text{ mol}
 \end{aligned}$$

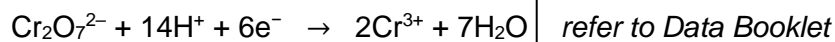
$$n(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2) \text{ in } 30.00 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ of original solution} = 0.03250 \text{ mol}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\text{H}_2\text{O}_2] \text{ of original solution} &= \frac{0.03250}{\frac{30.00}{1000}} \\
 &= 1.083 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Conc. of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ in g dm}^{-3} = 1.083 \times 34.0 = 36.82 \approx \mathbf{36.8 \text{ g dm}^{-3}}$$

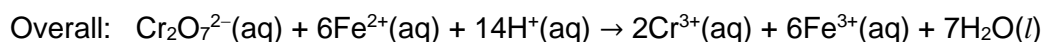
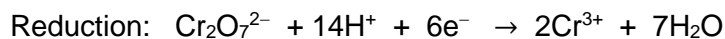
## 7.2 Dichromate(VI) ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ ) Titration

- Acidified  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  (usually  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ ) is a strong oxidising agent but not as strong as  $\text{MnO}_4^-$ .
- $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is a suitable acid to acidify  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ .
- In **acidic medium**, the half-equation is



### Worked Example 18

A 0.1576 g piece of iron wire was converted into  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  ions and then titrated against acidified potassium dichromate(VI) solution of concentration  $1.64 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . If  $27.30 \text{ cm}^3$  of the oxidising agent was required, calculate the percentage purity of the iron wire.



$$\begin{aligned} n(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}) \text{ reacted} &= \frac{27.30}{1000} \times 1.64 \times 10^{-2} \\ &= 4.447 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n(\text{Fe}^{2+}) \text{ reacted} &= 6 \times 4.477 \times 10^{-4} \\ &= 2.686 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

$$n(\text{Fe}) = n(\text{Fe}^{2+}) \text{ reacted} = 2.686 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

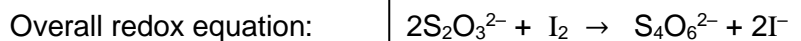
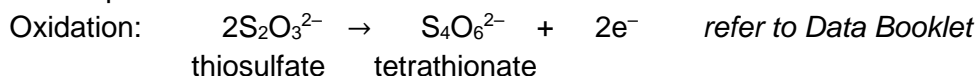
$$\begin{aligned} \text{mass of pure Fe} &= 2.686 \times 10^{-3} \times 55.8 \\ &= 0.1499 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ purity of wire} &= (0.1499 / 0.1576) \times 100 \% \\ &= \underline{\underline{95.1 \%}} \end{aligned}$$

**7.3 Iodometric Titration using Thiosulfate ( $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ )**

- This titration is used to determine the concentration of iodine or substances which liberate iodine from potassium iodide, KI, or potassium iodate(V),  $\text{KIO}_3$ .

- Half-equations:

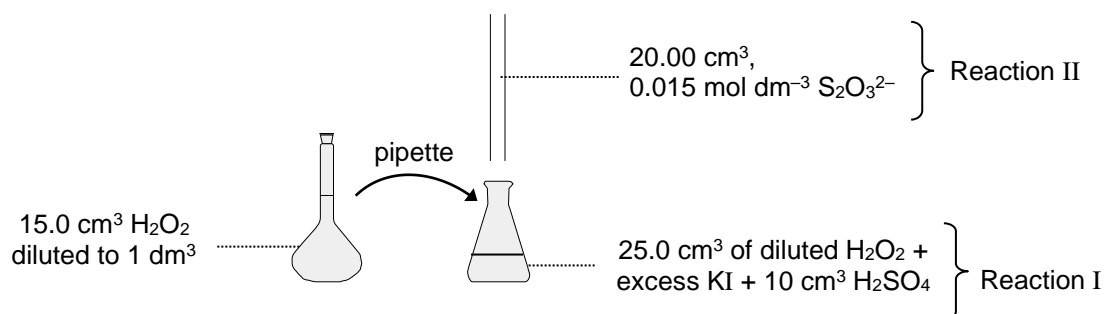
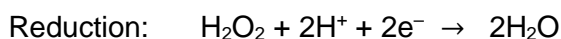
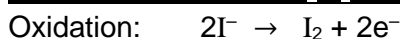


- The thiosulfate solution is usually placed in the burette and the brown iodine solution in the conical flask.
- During the titration, the thiosulfate added from the burette into the flask reduces the brown iodine ( $\text{I}_2$ ) solution into colourless iodide ( $\text{I}^-$ ) ions. The solution gradually fades to pale yellow.
- At this point, starch indicator is added into the flask. The solution turns blue-black as starch forms an intense blue-black complex with the remaining iodine.
- Titration then continues until all the iodine is used up and the colour changes from **blue-black** to **colourless**.
- Note :**
  - Iodine is volatile and will vaporise easily at room temperature hence titration must be conducted immediately. Otherwise, cover all flasks containing iodine.
  - Starch forms a blue-black water soluble complex with iodine where iodine is trapped within the starch molecules. Hence, it is important to only add starch at the end of the titration when there is a low concentration of iodine since some iodine may remain trapped in the starch even at the end-point.
  - Sometimes, the blue-black colour slowly reappears after the titration as some  $\text{I}^-$  ions are oxidised back to  $\text{I}_2$ .

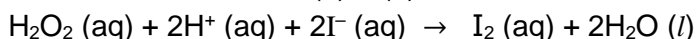
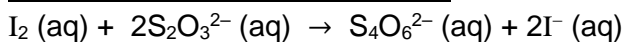
**Worked Example 19**

A  $15.0 \text{ cm}^3$  solution of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  was diluted to  $1 \text{ dm}^3$ .  $25.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of this solution was added to excess potassium iodide and  $10 \text{ cm}^3$  of dilute sulfuric acid were added to the flask. The iodine liberated was titrated using sodium thiosulfate with starch as the indicator. The end-point was reached when  $20.00 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.015 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  thiosulfate had been added.

What was the concentration of the original hydrogen peroxide solution?

**Reaction I between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and excess  $\text{I}^-$** 

Overall redox reaction: (1) + (2)

**Reaction II between  $\text{I}_2$  and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$** 

mole ratio:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \equiv \text{I}_2 \equiv 2 \text{ S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$

$$n(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}) \text{ in } 20.00 \text{ cm}^3 = \frac{20.00}{1000} \times 0.015 = 3.000 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

$$n(\text{diluted H}_2\text{O}_2) \text{ in } 25.0 \text{ cm}^3 = \frac{3.000 \times 10^{-4}}{2} = 1.500 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n(\text{diluted H}_2\text{O}_2) \text{ in } 1 \text{ dm}^3 (1000 \text{ cm}^3) &= \frac{1000}{25} \times 1.500 \times 10^{-4} \\ &= 6.000 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \end{aligned}$$

$$n(\text{original H}_2\text{O}_2) \text{ in } 15 \text{ cm}^3 = 6.000 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{H}_2\text{O}_2] \text{ in original solution} &= \frac{6.000 \times 10^{-3}}{\frac{15.0}{1000}} \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.400 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}}} \end{aligned}$$

## 7.4 Determination of unknown oxidation number

At times, the initial or final oxidation number of one of the species is unknown. The unknown initial or final oxidation number of **B** can be determined when a known amount of **A** (whose final and initial O.N. are known) reacts in stoichiometric amount with **B** in a redox reaction.

**Concept applied:**

$$\text{amount of electrons lost} = \text{amount of electrons gained}$$

### Worked Example 20

Thallium(III) ion,  $Tl^{3+}$  can oxidise iodide ions to  $I_2$ . In an experiment,  $3.00 \times 10^{-3}$  mol of aqueous  $Tl^{3+}$  was found to react with  $30.00 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  aqueous potassium iodide, KI. What is the oxidation number of thallium at end-point?

( $I^-$  is oxidised to  $I_2$  while  $Tl^{3+}$  is reduced; final O.N. of  $Tl$  is unknown)

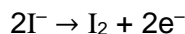
#### Step 1: Calculate the amount (in moles) of each reactant

$$n(Tl^{3+}) = 3.000 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol (given)}$$

$$n(I^-) \text{ in } 30.00 \text{ cm}^3 = \frac{30.00}{1000} \times 0.200 = 0.006000 \text{ mol}$$

#### METHOD 1 (PREFERRED METHOD)

##### Step 2: Calculate the amount (in moles) of $e^-$ lost from oxidation

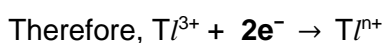


$$n(e^-) \text{ lost from oxidation} = n(I^-) = 0.006000 \text{ mol}$$

$$n(e^-) \text{ gained in reduction} = n(e^-) \text{ lost from oxidation} = 0.006000 \text{ mol}$$

##### Step 3: Derive mole ratio between $e^-$ gained (or lost) and oxidising (or reducing) agent

$$\text{mole ratio: } \frac{n(e^- \text{ gained})}{n(Tl^{3+})} = \frac{0.00600}{0.00300} = \frac{2}{1}$$



$n = 1$ , i.e. the final O.N. of  $Tl$  is **+1**.

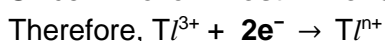
#### METHOD 2

##### Step 2: Derive mole ratio between oxidising and reducing agents

$$\text{mole ratio: } \frac{n(I^-)}{n(Tl^{3+})} = \frac{0.00600}{0.00300} = \frac{2}{1}$$

$$\text{Mole ratio: } Tl^{3+} \equiv 2I^-$$

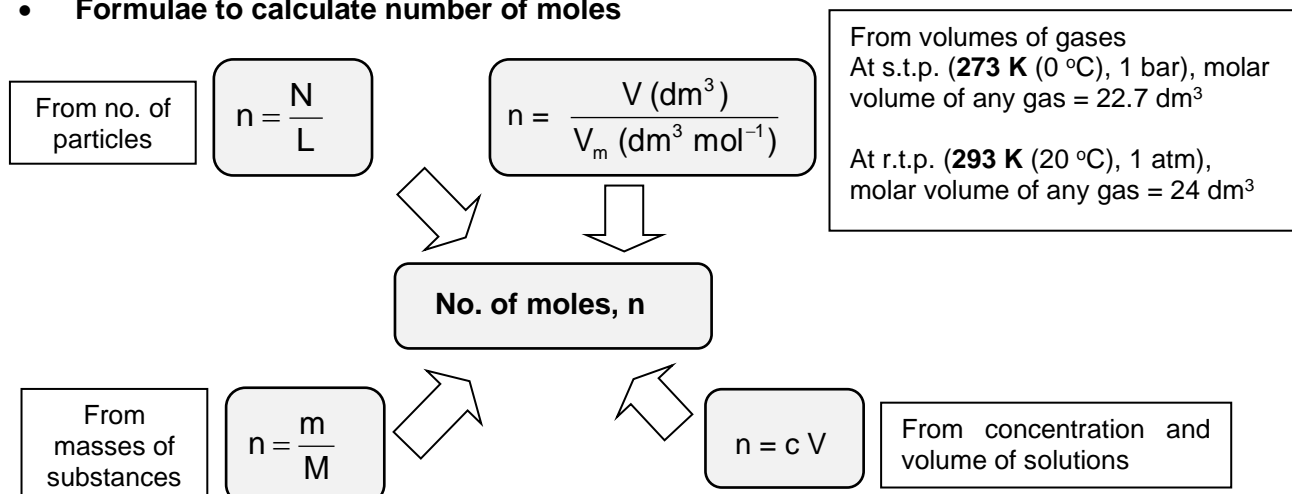
Since **2 mol** of  $I^-$  **lost 2 mol of  $e^-$**  ( $2I^- \rightarrow I_2 + 2e^-$ ), **1 mol** of  $Tl^{3+}$  **gained 2 mol of  $e^-$** .



$n = 1$ , i.e. the final O.N. of  $Tl$  is **+1**.

**Summary**

- Formulae to calculate number of moles**



- General strategy in performing mole concept calculations**

Steps in problem solving	Concepts
Analyse the question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>acid–base titration; back titration; redox titration; gases</li> <li>writing appropriate balance chemical equation</li> </ul>
Find amount (in moles) of reactant or product A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>n = \frac{m}{M}</math>; <math>n = \frac{V}{V_m}</math> (<b>Avogadro's Law</b>); <math>n = \frac{N}{L}</math>; <math>n = cV</math></li> </ul>
<b>Ratio</b> from balanced equation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applying to gases under same conditions <b>Avogadro's Hypothesis:</b> mole ratio = volume ratio</li> <li><b>Balancing equations:</b> Combustion equation, half-equations and overall equation</li> <li><b>Electron Transfer</b> in redox reactions <b>no. of electrons lost (oxidation) = no. of electrons gained (reduction)</b></li> </ul>
Find amount (in moles) of reactant or product B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of ratio from balanced equation</li> </ul>
Mass, volume of gas or volume (or concentration) of solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>n = \frac{m}{M}</math>; <math>n = \frac{V}{V_m}</math> (<b>Avogadro's Law</b>); <math>n = \frac{N}{L}</math>; <math>n = cV</math></li> <li><b>dilution:</b> <math>(C_1 \times V_1)_{\text{before dilution}} = (C_2 \times V_2)_{\text{after dilution}}</math></li> <li><b>percentage yield, percentage purity:</b> percentage yield = <math>\frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100\%</math></li> <li><b>unit conversion, limiting reagent</b></li> <li><b>scaling</b></li> <li><b>units and decimal places/significant figures</b> Ar: no units, 1 d.p. Mr: no units, 1 d.p. Water of crystallisation: whole number</li> <li><b>calculations:</b> intermediate answers in working: 4 s.f. final answer: 3 s.f.</li> </ul>



### Personal Checklist

S/N	Learning Outcomes  I am able to ...	If you are able to solve the question, put a tick (✓) in the box	Questions I wish to clarify												
1.	<b>calculate the relative atomic mass</b>  In a sample of naturally occurring silicon analysed, a mixture of three isotopes, $^{28}\text{Si}$ , $^{29}\text{Si}$ and $^{30}\text{Si}$ , with relative abundance of 92.2%, 4.7% and 3.1% respectively was obtained. What is the relative atomic mass of silicon in this sample?  [Ans: 28.109]														
2.	<b>calculate empirical formulae (using combustion data)</b>  When a hydrocarbon is burned in excess oxygen, 0.44 g of $\text{CO}_2$ and 0.27 g of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is formed. Calculate the empirical formula of the hydrocarbon.  [Ans: $\text{CH}_3$ ]														
3.	<b>calculate molecular formulae (using composition by mass)</b>  A compound, with molecular mass of 98.1, was found to contain 32.65% sulfur, 65.3% oxygen and 2.05% hydrogen. What is the molecular formula of the compound?  [Ans: $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ]														
4.	<b>understand concept of limiting reagent</b>  $\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{NaOH} \longrightarrow \text{NaClO} + \text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  Identify the limiting reagent in an experiment where $30\text{ cm}^3$ of $0.100\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ NaOH was reacted with 0.350 g of $\text{Cl}_2$ .  [Ans: NaOH]														
5.	<b>recognise the molar volumes at different conditions</b>  Complete the table. <table><tr><td></td><td>room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.) conditions</td><td>standard temperature and pressure (s.t.p.) conditions</td></tr><tr><td>temperature / K</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>pressure / Pa</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>molar volume / <math>\text{dm}^3</math></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		room temperature and pressure (r.t.p.) conditions	standard temperature and pressure (s.t.p.) conditions	temperature / K			pressure / Pa			molar volume / $\text{dm}^3$				
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6.	<p><b>understand the Arrhenius theory of acids and bases</b></p> <p>Identify the Arrhenius acid and base in the following equation.</p> $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H} + \text{NaOH} \longrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Na} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$											
7.	<p><b>describe and explain redox processes</b></p> <p>Define oxidation and reduction in terms of</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>oxidation</td><td>reduction</td></tr><tr><td>(a) electron transfer</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>(b) change in oxidation number</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		oxidation	reduction	(a) electron transfer			(b) change in oxidation number				
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8.	<p><b>determine the oxidation number</b></p> <p>Determine the oxidation number of the element underlined in each of the following compounds.</p> <p>(a) <math>\underline{\text{N}}\text{O}_2^+</math> (b) <math>\underline{\text{Cl}}\text{O}_4^-</math> (c) <math>\underline{\text{Mn}}\text{O}_4^-</math> (d) <math>\underline{\text{Ni}}\text{O}(\text{OH})</math></p>											
9.	<p><b>construct half-equations</b></p> <p>Construct half-equation for each of the following reactions.</p> <p>(a) <math>\text{FeO}_4^{2-}</math> to <math>\text{Fe}^{2+}</math> in acidic medium (b) <math>\text{HNO}_3</math> to <math>\text{N}_2\text{O}_3</math> in acidic medium (c) <math>\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3</math> to <math>\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_2</math> in basic medium (d) <math>\text{MnO}_2</math> to <math>\text{MnO}(\text{OH})</math> in basic medium</p>											
10.	<p><b>construct balanced redox equations</b></p> <p>Given the following half-equations,</p> <p>(a) <math>\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^- \longrightarrow 2\text{Cl}^-</math> <math>\text{Cl}_2 + 4\text{OH}^- \longrightarrow 2\text{ClO}^- + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^-</math></p> <p>(b) <math>\text{MnO}_4^- + 8\text{H}^+ + 5\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}</math> <math>\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-} \longrightarrow 2\text{CO}_2 + 2\text{e}^-</math></p> <p>(c) <math>\text{H}_2\text{S} \longrightarrow \text{S} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-</math> <math>2\text{BrO}_3^- + 12\text{H}^+ + 10\text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{Br}_2 + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}</math></p> <p>Write a balanced equation for each of the reactions.</p>											