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## Colourimetric Estimation of copper

**PRINCIPLE:** When a monochromatic light of intensity  $I_0$  is incident on a transparent medium, a part  $I_a$  of it is absorbed, a part  $I_r$  of it is reflected and the remaining part  $I_t$  is transmitted. This is given as  $I_0 = I_a + I_r + I_t$ .

For a glass air interface  $I_r$  is negligible, therefore  $I_0 = I_a + I_t$ .  $I_t / I_0 = T$  is called the transmittance,  $\log 1 / T = \log I_0 / I_t$  is called the absorbance or optical density.

The relation between absorbance  $A$ , concentration  $c$  (expressed in  $\text{mol} / \text{dm}^3$ ) and path length  $t$  (expressed in  $\text{cm}$ ) is given by Beer - Lambert's law  $A = \log I_0 / I_t = \epsilon ct$

where  $\epsilon$  is the molar extinction co-efficient,  $t$  is the path length  $c$  is concentration and  $A$  is absorbance of a substance at a given wavelength. *If  $t$ , the path length is kept constant, then  $A \propto c$ . Hence a plot of absorbance against concentration gives a straight line.*

A series of standard solutions of copper salt is treated with ammonia to get blue cuprammonium complex and is diluted to a definite volume. The absorbance of each of these solutions is measured at 620nm since the complex shows maximum absorbance at this wavelength. The absorbance values are plotted against concentration to get a calibration curve.

An unknown volume of the test solution is treated with strong ammonia and diluted to the same volume as above. The absorbance of this solution at 620nm is measured and its concentration is determined from the calibration curve.

### PROCEDURE:

Transfer the given copper sulphate solution (stock solution) to a burette and draw out 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25  $\text{cm}^3$  of solution into 50  $\text{cm}^3$  volumetric flasks. Add 5  $\text{cm}^3$  of ammonia solution (**using 50  $\text{cm}^3$  burette, don't use pipette**) to each of them and dilute upto the mark with ion exchange water. Stopper the flasks and mix the solution well. To the test solution given in a 50  $\text{cm}^3$  measuring flask, add 5  $\text{cm}^3$  of ammonia solution, then dilute upto the mark with ion exchange water and mix well. Prepare a blank solution by diluting 5  $\text{cm}^3$  of ammonia solution in 50  $\text{cm}^3$  volumetric flask and dilute up to the mark with ion exchange water and mixing well. **After 10 minutes**, measure the absorbance of the solutions against blank at 620nm using a photo electric colorimeter. Tabulate the readings as shown. Draw a calibration curve, find out the volume of copper sulphate given i.e. the volume of test solution and calculate the amount of copper in the given test solution.

**REPORT:** Amount of copper present in the given unknown solution is =                      g

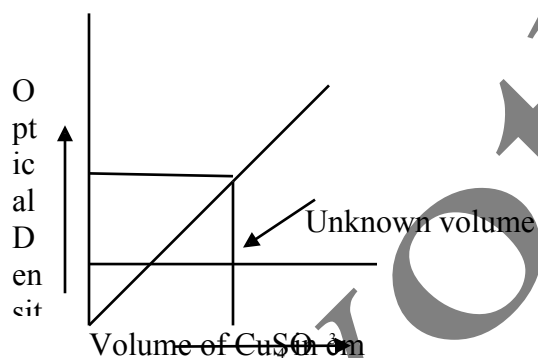
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### Observation and Calculations

Weight of copper sulphate pentahydrate present in 100cm<sup>3</sup> of its solution = (W) g  
Weight of copper sulphate pentahydrate present in 1cm<sup>3</sup> = W/100 g  
249.54 g of copper sulphate pentahydrate contains 63.54 g of Copper  
Weight of copper present in 1cm<sup>3</sup> of the solution =  $\frac{W \times 63.54}{100 \times 249.54} = \dots\dots\dots(X)g$

Serial number	Volume of copper sulphate solution	Weight of copper	Optical density
1	5 cm <sup>3</sup>		
2	10 cm <sup>3</sup>		
3	15cm <sup>3</sup>		
4	20m <sup>3</sup>		
5	25cm <sup>3</sup>		
6	Test solution		
7	Blank Solution		



From the graph unknown volume of test solution is =                      cm<sup>3</sup>

**Result:** Amount of copper in unknown volume of test solution is=      g

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