# Conductometric estimation of acid mixture using Standard NaOH solution

**PRINCIPLE:** Conductance of any solution is the capacity of all the ions in it to carry current. It is represented as G and it is reciprocal of the resistance R. G=1/R. Conductance of any solution depends on the number of ions, charges on ions and mobility of ions. The principle underlying conductometric titrations is the substitution of ions of one mobility by ions of another mobility. During the titration conductance changes, and the equivalence point is indicated by a break in the conductance-volume curve. When acid mixture is titrated against sodium hydroxide, hydrochloric acid reacts first and the conductance is decreased. Hydrochloric acid in Free State is completely dissociated in to ions in solution. When sodium hydroxide is added conductance is decreases due to the replacement of highly mobile hydrogen ions by less mobile sodium ions.

$$H^+ + Cl^- + Na^+ + OH^- \rightarrow Na^+ + Cl^- + H_2O$$

This trend will continue till all the available hydrogen ions are replaced by sodium ions. If the addition of sodium hydroxide is continued the conductance increases slightly due to reaction with acetic acid, which dissociates slowly in solution and sodium acetate is formed.

$$CH3COO + H + Na + OH \longrightarrow CH_3COONa + H_2O$$

If sodium hydroxide addition is continued conductance increases steeply due to the accumulation of more number of hydroxyl ions whose mobility is more. If a graph of conductance value versus volume of sodium hydroxide is plotted a typical curve as shown in the previous page is obtained. Two equivalence points are obtained; first one for hydrochloric acid and second one for acetic acid from that value the concentration and the weight of hydrochloric acid and acetic acid can be calculated using the concentration and volume of sodium hydroxide.

**PROCEDURE:** Pipette out 50cm³ of the given acid mixture in to a clean 100cm³ beaker. Dip the conductivity cell connected to a conductivity bridge such that the platinum electrodes are completely immersed in the solution. Note down the conductance. Fill a burette with the given standard sodium hydroxides solution and run down 0.5cm³ of the same. Mix well and note down the conductance value. Continue the procedure, initially the conductance decreases till all the HCl is neutralized, then conductance value gradually increases and later increases sharply. Take another 8-10 readings. Plot a graph of conductance versus volume of sodium hydroxide added. Find out the equivalence points. Calculate the normality and amount of hydrochloric acid and acetic acid.

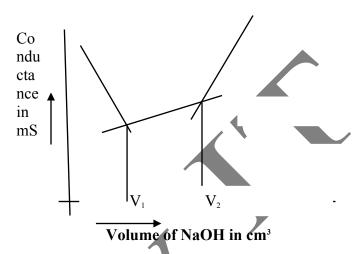
REPORT: The amount of hydrochloric acid present in the given mixture: g
The amount of acetic acid present in the given mixture: g

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## **Experiment no:**

### **Observation and Calculations**

Volume of	Conductance
NaOH in cm <sup>3</sup>	in mS



#### **Estimation of HCl**

Volume of NaOH required to neutraliseHCl =  $V_1$ cm<sup>3</sup>= Normality of HCl = Normality x Volume of NaOH

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Therefore, the weight of  $HCl/dm^3 = N$  of  $HCl \times Eq.wt$ . of HCl

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#### Estimation of CH<sub>3</sub>COOH

Volume of NaOH required to neutraliseCH<sub>3</sub>COOH =  $(V2-V_1)cm^3$ =

Normality of  $CH_3COOH = (Normality \times Volume of NaOH)/50$ 

Therefore, the weight of  $CH_3COOH/dm^3$  = Normality of  $CH_3COOH$  x Eq.wt. of  $CH_3COOH$  =

RESULT: The amount of hydrochloric acid present in the given mixture:

The amount of acetic acid present in the given mixture:

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