

## Volumetric calculations

1. A sample of cloudy ammonia is suspected of having been diluted by a unscrupulous supplier. 100.0 mL of the cloudy ammonia is carefully and quickly transferred to a 500.0 mL volumetric flask and made up to 500 mL with de-ionised water. A 20.00 mL aliquot of this diluted ammonia solution was placed in a conical flask with several drops of methyl orange. The ammonia solution was titrated to the methyl orange end point with 0.0500 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCl and the average of three concordant titres was 18.42 mL.

**a** Determine the concentration, in mol L<sup>-1</sup>, of ammonia in the undiluted cloudy ammonia sample.

**b** When the label on the cloudy ammonia bottle was checked, it claimed that the concentration of ammonia was 10 g of ammonia per 100 g of solution. Was the sample diluted? The density of the cloudy ammonia is 0.9 g/mL.

2. Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) is a weak monoprotic acid. A 300 mg aspirin tablet was crushed and placed in a conical flask together with 25.00 mL of 0.1000 mol L<sup>-1</sup> sodium hydroxide and the mixture allowed to react completely until the tablet had dissolved. Three drops of phenolphthalein were added to the solution and a pink colour was produced indicating that sodium hydroxide was in excess.

The excess sodium hydroxide in the flask was titrated with 0.0500 mol L<sup>-1</sup> HCl and the titre required to reach the phenolphthalein end point was 16.90 mL. Calculate the percentage purity of the aspirin tablet if the formula of acetylsalicylic acid is C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

3. Some photographic developing agents contain a base that provides hydroxide ions. A 10.00 mL

sample of developer was diluted to 100.0 mL in a volumetric flask. 20.00 mL of this diluted solution was titrated with 0.0900 mol L<sup>-1</sup> sulfuric acid and required 21.40 mL to reach a methylorange end point. Calculate the concentration, in mol L<sup>-1</sup>, of the hydroxide ions in the original developer. (Hint: Sulfuric acid is diprotic.)

4. A patient suffering from indigestion provides a sample of gastric juices for analysis. A 40.00 mL sample of gastric juice was titrated with 0.1050 mol L<sup>-1</sup> sodium hydroxide to a phenolphthalein end point. The volume of sodium hydroxide solution required was 17.25 mL. Calculate the pH of the gastric juice in the patient.

5A 4.674 g sample of limestone (impure CaCO<sub>3</sub>) was treated with 375 mL of 0.261 mol L<sup>-1</sup> hydrochloric acid. After the reaction was over, the mixture was filtered and a 25.0 mL sample of the filtrate was titrated with 0.0517 mol L<sup>-1</sup> Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> to the phenolphthalein end point. The volume of the barium hydroxide solution required was 17.62 mL.

Calculate the percentage, by mass, of CaCO<sub>3</sub> in the limestone sample.

### Volumetric Practice questions

1. White wine contains a number of weak acids that contribute to the overall character of the wine. However, if too much acid is present, the wine may become 'undrinkable'. In the analysis of one batch of white wine, a chemist titrates the wine with standard sodium hydroxide solution using phenolphthalein as the indicator.

The results of this experiment are summarised below.

Concentration of standard sodium hydroxide = 0.1030 mol L<sup>-1</sup>

Aliquot of white wine used = 25.00 mL

Average of three concordant titres = 14.78 mL

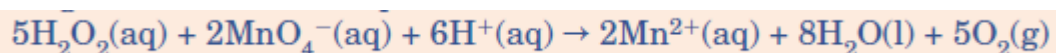
Determine the amount, in mole, of H<sup>+</sup>(aq) available for reaction with a base in a 100 mL sample of this wine.

2. A particular brand of vinegar was analysed to determine the acetic acid content. A 22.17 g sample of the vinegar was diluted (with distilled water) to 250.0 mL in a volumetric flask. A 20.00 mL aliquot of 0.1146 mol L<sup>-1</sup> sodium hydroxide was placed in a conical flask and titrated with the diluted vinegar solution to a phenolphthalein end point. The average of three concordant titres of diluted vinegar was 33.45 mL. Calculate the percentage by mass of acetic acid in the vinegar

3. Hydrogen peroxide is used as a mild bleaching agent. Analysis of a sample of hydrogen peroxide can be carried out by using potassium permanganate in a redox reaction. While checking a sample of commercial peroxide bleach, a chemist transfers 10.00 mL of the peroxide solution to a 250.0 mL volumetric flask and makes it up to the calibrated mark with de-ionised water. A 25.00 mL aliquot of the diluted peroxide solution, mixed with acid, is titrated with a standardised solution of potassium permanganate of concentration 0.018 94 mol L<sup>-1</sup>. The average of three concordant titres of permanganate is 28.68 mL.

Determine the concentration of hydrogen peroxide in the commercial bleach solution and the percentage by mass. Assume the density of the original peroxide bleach is 1.00 g mL<sup>-1</sup>.

The ionic equation for the reaction is

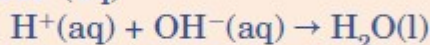


## Anskey

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### → Solution

$$\begin{aligned}n(\text{NaOH}) &= c(\text{NaOH}) \times V(\text{NaOH}) \\&= 0.1030 \times 0.01478 = 1.5223 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of NaOH} \\&= \text{mol of OH}^{-}(\text{aq})\end{aligned}$$



1 mol of  $\text{OH}^{-}(\text{aq})$  reacts with 1 mol of  $\text{H}^{+}(\text{aq})$ .

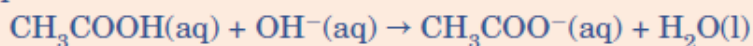
Amount of  $\text{H}^{+}(\text{aq})$  in 25.00 mL aliquot =  $1.522 \times 10^{-3}$  mol

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Amount of H}^{+}(\text{aq}) \text{ in 100 mL of wine} &= 1.522 \times 10^{-3} \times 4 \\&= \mathbf{6.09 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}}\end{aligned}$$

2.

### → Solution

The ionic equation for the reaction is:



$$\begin{aligned}n(\text{NaOH reacting}) &= c(\text{NaOH}) \times V(\text{NaOH}) \\&= 0.1146 \times 0.02000 = 2.2920 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}\end{aligned}$$

$$n(\text{OH}^{-} \text{ reacting}) = 2.2920 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

1 mol of  $\text{OH}^{-}$  reacts with 1 mol of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$

Amount of acetic acid in 33.45 mL titre =  $2.2920 \times 10^{-3}$  mol

$$\text{Amount of acetic acid in 250 mL} = 2.2920 \times 10^{-3} \times \frac{250.0}{33.45} = 1.7130 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol}$$

$$m(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH in 250 mL solution}) = n(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) \times M(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH})$$

$$M(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 60.052 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

$$m(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH in 250 mL solution}) = 1.7130 \times 10^{-2} \times 60.052 = 1.0287 \text{ g}$$

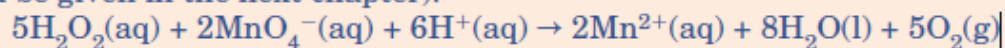
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Percentage of acetic acid in vinegar} &= \frac{m(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH})}{m(\text{vinegar})} \cdot 100 = \frac{1.0287}{22.17} \cdot 100 \\&= \mathbf{4.640\%}\end{aligned}$$



3.

→ Solution

The ionic equation for the reaction is (procedures for balancing these equations will be given in the next chapter):



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Amount of KMnO}_4 \text{ reacting} &= c(\text{KMnO}_4) \times V(\text{KMnO}_4) \\ &= 0.01894 \times 0.02868 = 5.432 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \\ &= n(\text{MnO}_4^-) \text{ reacted with H}_2\text{O}_2\end{aligned}$$

From the ionic equation,

2 mol of  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  reacts with 5 mol of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{so } 5.432 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol of } \text{MnO}_4^- \text{ reacts with } 5.432 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{5}{2} \\ = 1.358 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of H}_2\text{O}_2 = \text{mol of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ in 25 mL aliquot}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Amount of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ in 250.0 mL} &= 1.358 \times 10^{-3} \times 10 = 0.01358 \text{ mol} \\ &= \text{mol of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ in 10.00 mL of commercial bleach solution}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2) \text{ in commercial bleach} &= \frac{n(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)}{V(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)} = \frac{0.01358}{0.01000} \\ &= 1.358 \text{ mol L}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mass of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ in 10.00 mL of bleach} = n(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2) \times M(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)$$

$$M(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2) = 34.016 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Mass (H}_2\text{O}_2) = 0.01358 \times 34.016 = 0.4619 \text{ g}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Percentage of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ in bleach} &= \frac{m(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2)}{m(\text{bleach})} \cdot 100 = \frac{0.4619}{10.00} \cdot 100 \\ &= 4.62\%\end{aligned}$$