

You are provided with the following:

BA1, which is a solution containing 20.0 g/dm^3 of unknown hydrated salt, $\text{RCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

BA2, which is a 0.2 M hydrochloric acid.

You are required to determine the number of Moles of water of crystallization, x , in

$\text{RCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and the percentage of the anhydrous salt, RCO_3 .

(1 mole of hydrated salt reacts with 2 moles of hydrochloric acid)

Procedure

Pipette 25.0 cm^3 (or 20.0 cm^3) of **BA1** into a clean conical flask using a clean pipette.

Add 2-3 drops of Methyl orange indicator and titrate it with **BA2** from the burette.

Repeat the procedure above until you obtain consistent results.

Record your results in the table below.

Results;

Volume of pipette used = 25.0 (cm³) $\frac{1}{2}$ (½ mark)

	1	2	3
Final Burette reading (cm ³)	17.50 ✓	17.10 ✓	34.30 ✓
Initial Burette reading (cm ³)	0.00 ✓	0.00 ✓	17.20 ✓
Volume of BA2 used (cm ³)	17.50 ✓	17.10 ✓	17.11 ✓

(7½ marks)

Titre values of **BA2** used to calculate the average volume.

17.10 and 17.10 (cm³) $\frac{1}{2}$ (½ mark)

Average volume of **BA2** used.

$\frac{17.10 + 17.10}{2} = 17.10$ (cm³) $2\frac{1}{2}$ (2½ mark)

(a) Calculate;

(i) the number of moles of **BA2** that reacted. (03 marks)

1000 cm^3 of solution contains 0.2 moles of **BA2**
 17.10 cm^3 of solution contains $0.2 \times \frac{17.10}{1000} \text{ moles}$ of **BA2**
 $= 0.00342 \text{ moles}$ of **BA2**

- (ii) the concentration of the hydrated salt, $\text{RCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$, in Moles per dm^3 .

Since 2 moles of BA_2 reacted with 1 mole of BA_1 (03 marks)

0.00342 moles of BA_2 reacted with 1×0.00342 moles

25 cm³ of solution contains 0.00342 moles of BA_1

1000 cm³ of solution contains 1000×0.00342 moles of BA_1

- (iii) the relative formula mass of the dehydrated salt, $\text{RCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (03 marks)

0.0684 moles weighs 20 g

1 mole weighs 20×1 g

0.0684

≈ 292.4

contains 20 g of $\text{RCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$

contains 20×1000 g of $\text{RCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$= 0.59$

0.0171 moles weighs 0.59 g

1 mole weighs 0.59×1000 g ≈ 292.4

(b) Determine the;

- (i) the value of x , in $\text{RCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

(02 marks)

[R = 46, O = 16, C = 12, H = 1]

$$\text{RCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O} = 292.4$$

$$46 + 12 + 48 + 18x = 292.4$$

$$18x = 292.4 - 106$$

$$x = 186.4 / 18 \quad x \approx 10$$

- (ii) the percentage of the anhydrous salt RCO_3 .

(03 marks)

$$\text{Percentage of anhydrous salt} = \frac{106 \times 100}{292.4}$$

$$= 37.06\%$$

$$\approx 37.06\%$$

2. You are provided with substance Q which contains two cations and a common anion. Carry out the following tests on Q to identify the cations and anion present. Identify any gas(es) evolved.

Record your observations and deductions in the table below.

(23½ marks)

TEST	OBSERVATION	DEDUCTION
(a) To one spatula endful of Q in a clean test tube, add 4 cm ³ of distilled water and shake well. Filter and keep both the filtrate and residue. Divide the filtrate into three equal portions. (1 cm ³ each)	white powder / solid dissolves partially white residue colourless filtrate	Zn^{2+} , Al^{3+} , Pb^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , NH_4^+ , Ca^{2+} Pb^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Al^{3+} , Zn^{2+} NH_4^+ , Ca^{2+}

Accept white crystalline solid

mixture of white powder and crystals

(i) To the first portion add aqueous ammonia drop wise until in excess.	No observable colour change	NH_4^+ , Ca^{2+}	07
(ii) To the second portion add aqueous sodium hydroxide drop wise until in excess and warm.	No precipitate, Colourless gas that turns moist red litmus paper blue	NH_3 / NH_4^+	2 1/2
(iii) To the remaining portion of the filtrate, add 3 drops of Lead (II) nitrate solution followed by dilute nitric acid solution drop by drop until in excess.	White precipitate formed dissolves with effervescence & a colourless gas that turns moist blue litmus paper red and lime water milky	CO_2 / CO_3^{2-}	3 1/2
(b) Add dilute Nitric acid to the residue until it dissolves. Divide the resultant solution into four equal portions.	Dissolves with effervescence & a colourless gas that turns moist blue litmus paper red and lime water milky to form a colourless solution	CO_2 / CO_3^{2-}	3 1/2
(i) To the first portion add aqueous sodium hydroxide drop wise until in excess.	White precipitate dissolves forming a colourless solution	Zn^{2+} , Al^{3+} , Pb^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+}	2 1/2
(ii) To the second portion add aqueous ammonia solution drop wise until in excess.	White precipitate Insoluble	Pb^{2+} , Al^{3+}	02
(iii) To the third portion add 3 drops of dilute hydrochloric acid solution. Warm the mixture, then allow to cool under water.	A white precipitate dissolves on warming and re crystallizes on cooling	Pb^{2+}	02
(iv) Use the fourth portion to carry out a test of your own choice to confirm the cation in the residue. Add 3 drops of potassium iodide solution to the fourth portion	Yellow precipitate formed	PbI_2 / Pb^{2+}	2 1/2

(e) Identify the ions in Q;

(i) Cations: NH_4^+ and Pb^{2+} (01 mark)(ii) Anion: CO_3^{2-} (1/2 mark)

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