

## AIM OF THE EXPERIMENT-

Determination of the hardness of water from a water sample by EDTA method.

## APPARATUS REQUIRED-

Burette, pipette, conical flask, test tube, measuring flask.

## CHEMICAL REQUIRED-

Eriochrome Black-T Indicator (EBT), standard disodium EDTA solution  
Buffer solution.

## THEORY-

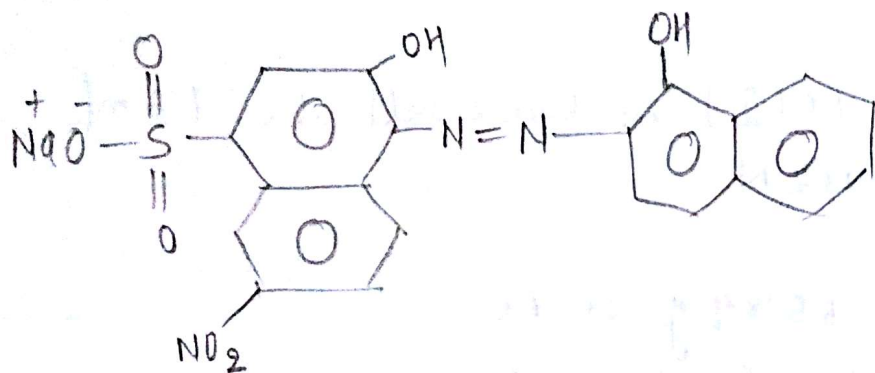
Hardness is the property of water which prevent the lathering of soap. Originally it was defined as soap consuming capacity of water sample. The hardness of water is generally due to the presence of water of certain salts of  $\text{Ca}$ ,  $\text{Mg}$  and other heavy ions like  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  &  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  dissolved in it. A sample of hard water when treated with soap (sodium or potassium salt of higher fatty acid like oleic acid, palmitic acid or stearic acid) does not produce lather but on the other hand forms insoluble. white scum or precipitate which do not possess any detergent action. This is due to the formation of insoluble soaps of calcium & magnesium. Hardness is of two types- a) Temporary hardness.  
b) permanent hardness.

Temporary hardness- It is caused by the presence of dissolved bicarbonates of  $\text{Ca}$ ,  $\text{Mg}$  & other heavy metals & the carbonates of iron. Temporary hardness can be removed by boiling of water when bicarbonates are decomposed producing insoluble carbonates

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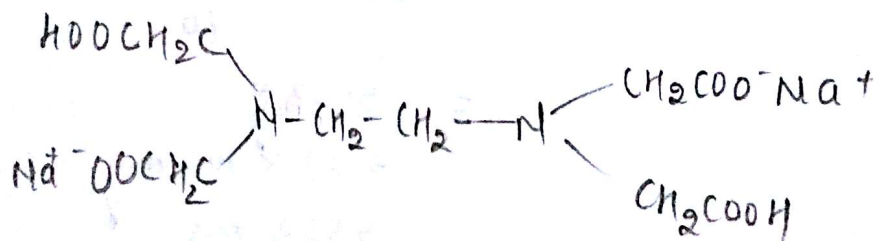


## Eriochrome Black - T



(sodium-1-(1-hydroxy, 2-naphthyl)-6-nitro-2-naphthol-4-sulphonate.)

## EDTA -



(disodium salt of EDTA)



Or hydroxides which are deposited as a crust at the bottom of the vessel.

**Permanent Hardness** - It is due to the presence of dissolved chlorides & sulphates of calcium, magnesium, iron and heavy metals. Hence the salts responsible for permanent hardness are  $\text{CaCl}_2$ ,  $\text{MgCl}_2$  etc.

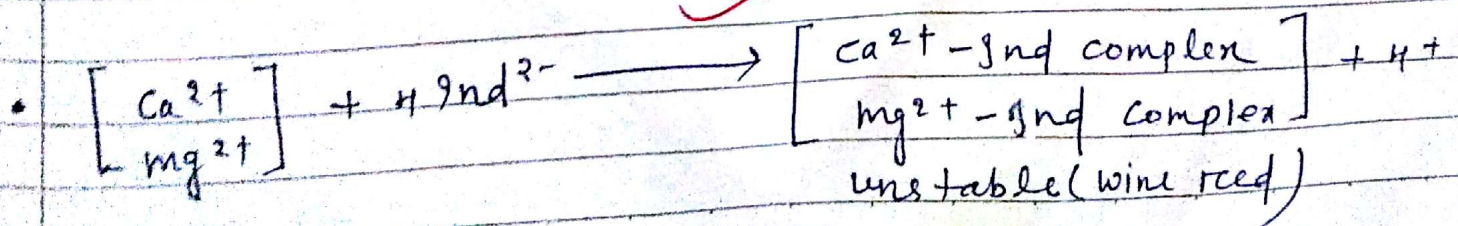
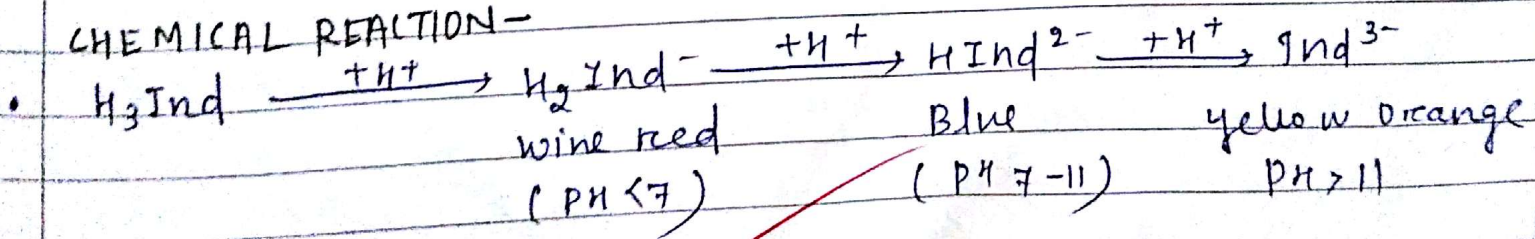
Hardness of water is generally expressed in term of equivalent amount of  $\text{CaCO}_3$ . The reason for choosing  $\text{CaCO}_3$  as the standard for reporting hardness of water is the ease in the calculation as its molecular weight is 100 and it is the most insoluble salt that can be precipitated in the water treatment.

#### UNITS OF HARDNESS-

**Parts per million (ppm)** - It is defined as the number parts by weight  $\text{CaCO}_3$  present per million ( $10^6$ ) parts by weight of water i.e.  $1 \text{ ppm} = 1$  part of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent hardness in  $10^6$  part of water.

**Milligramme per litre (mg/lit)** - It is defined as the no. of milligrams of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  in 1L of water.  $1 \text{ mg/lit} = 1 \text{ ppm}$  of water.

#### CHEMICAL REACTION-



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### Tabulation-1

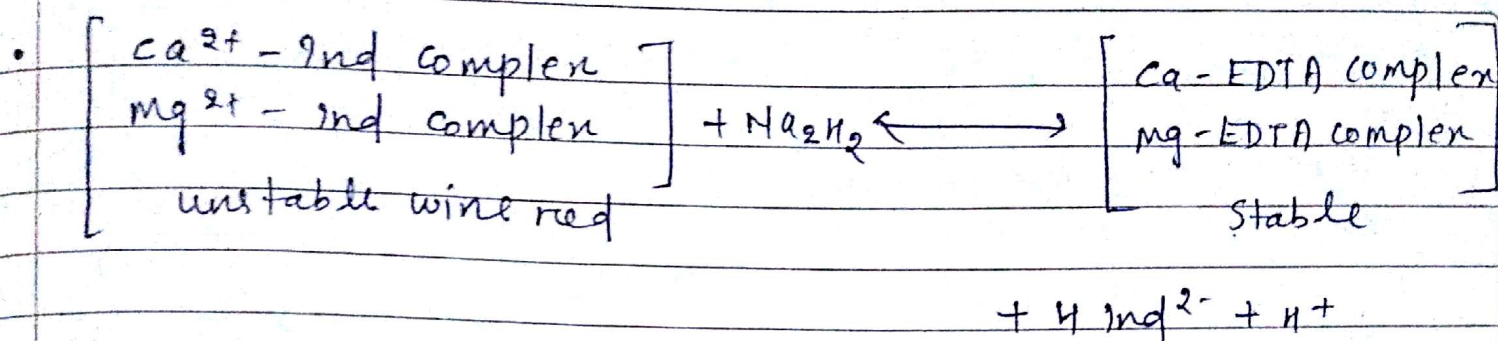
for total hardness -

Sl. No.	Vol. of water Sample (in ml)	Vol. of EDTA (in ml)			Remark
		IBR <sub>(a)</sub>	FBR <sub>(b)</sub>	diff <sub>(b-a)</sub>	
1	50	0	5.8	5.8	} Rough
2	50	5.8	12.0	6.2	
3	50	12.0	17.0	5	} Concordant Reading
4	50	17.0	22.0	5	
5	50	22.0	27.0	5	

$V_1 = 5 \text{ ml}$







### PROCEDURE -

#### Determination of total hardness -

50 ml of Hardwater sample was pipette out into a 250 ml conical flask. 10 ml of buffer solution was added & 2-3 drops of Eriochrome black-T indicator was added. The solution was titrated with M/100 EDTA solution from the burette until colour changes from wine red to blue.

#### Determination of Temporary & permanent hardness -

250 ml of hard water sample was taken in a large beaker and gently boiled for about 1 hour (It was then cooled filtered into a 250 ml for measuring flask and the volume was made upto the mark. 50 ml of solution was taken and was proceeds as above way.

Temporary hardness is calculated by subtracting permanent hardness from total hardness.

### CALCULATION -

$$1000 \text{ ml } 1(\text{M}) \text{ EDTA} \cong 100 \text{ g of CaCO}_3$$

$$5 \text{ ml } 0.2(\text{M}) \text{ EDTA} \cong \frac{100 \times 5 \times 0.02}{1000} \text{ g of CaCO}_3$$

$$\cong 0.01 \text{ g of CaCO}_3$$

$$50 \text{ ml solution contains } 0.01 \text{ g of CaCO}_3$$

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for permanent hardness -

Sl. No.	Vol. of water Sample (in ml)	Vol. of EDTA (in ml)			Remark
		IBR a	PBR b	diff. (b-a)	
1	50	0	4.8	4.8	- Rough Reading
2	50	4.8	9.0	4.2	
3	50	9.0	13.2	4.2	
4	50	13.2	17.4	4.2	

$$V_2 = 4.2 \text{ ml}$$





$$\begin{aligned} 1000 \text{ ml solution contains} &= \frac{0.01 \times 1000}{50} \text{ g of } \text{CaCO}_3 \\ &= 0.2 \times 1000 \text{ mg of } \text{CaCO}_3 \\ &= 200 \text{ mg of } \text{CaCO}_3 \end{aligned}$$

hence total hardness = 200 ppm ✓

$$\begin{aligned} 1000 \text{ ml } 1 \text{ (M) EDTA} &\cong 100 \text{ g } \text{CaCO}_3 \\ 4.2 \text{ ml of } 0.02 \text{ M} &\cong \frac{100 \times 4.2 \times 0.02}{1000} \text{ g of } \text{CaCO}_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cong 0.0084 \text{ g of } \text{CaCO}_3$$

$$50 \text{ ml solution contains} = 0.0084 \text{ g of } \text{CaCO}_3$$

$$1000 \text{ ml solution contains} = \frac{0.0084 \times 1000}{50} \text{ g of } \text{CaCO}_3$$

$$= 0.168 \text{ g of } \text{CaCO}_3$$

$$= 168 \text{ mg of } \text{CaCO}_3$$

∴ permanent hardness = 168 ppm ✓

$$\text{Temporary hardness} = \text{Total hardness} - \text{permanent hardness}$$

$$= 200 - 168$$

$$= 32 \text{ ppm.} \quad \checkmark$$

#### CONCLUSION -

The total hardness, permanent hardness & temporary hardness was found to be 200 ppm, 168 ppm & 32 ppm respectively.

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