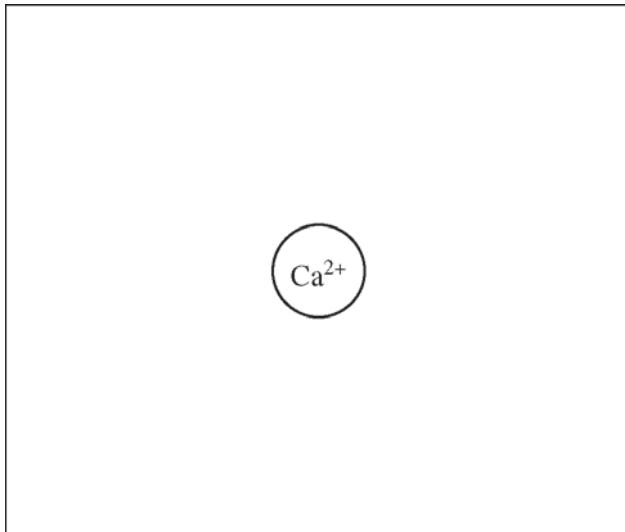


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4. Answer the following questions about the solubility of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  ( $K_{sp} = 1.3 \times 10^{-6}$ ) .
- Write a balanced chemical equation for the dissolution of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2(s)$  in pure water.
  - Calculate the molar solubility of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  in  $0.10\text{ M Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .
  - In the box below, complete a particle representation diagram that includes four water molecules with proper orientation around the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ion.

Represent water molecules as .



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**Question 4**

Answer the following questions about the solubility of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  ( $K_{sp} = 1.3 \times 10^{-6}$ ).

- (a) Write a balanced chemical equation for the dissolution of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2(s)$  in pure water.

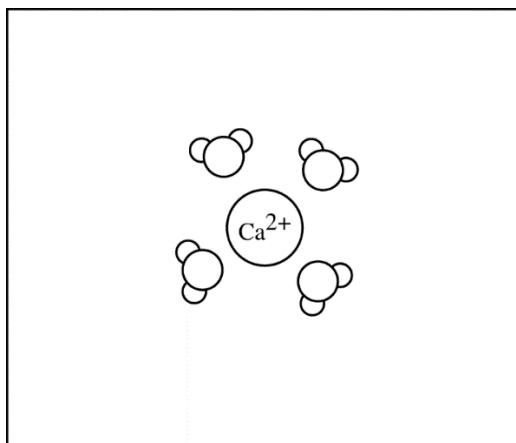


- (b) Calculate the molar solubility of  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  in  $0.10\text{ M}$   $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .

$K_{sp} = [\text{Ca}^{2+}] [\text{OH}^-]^2$ $1.3 \times 10^{-6} = (0.10 + x)(2x)^2 \approx (0.10) 4x^2$ [assuming $x \ll 0.10$ ] $1.3 \times 10^{-5} = 4x^2$ $x = 0.0018\text{ M}$ Molar solubility of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 = 0.0018\text{ M}$	1 point is earned for the correct stoichiometry and setup.  1 point is earned for the final answer.
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- (c) In the box below, complete a particle representation diagram that includes four water molecules with proper orientation around the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ion.

Represent water molecules as 



[The diagram should show the oxygen side of the water molecules oriented closer to the $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ion.]	1 point is earned for a correct diagram that shows at least three of the four water molecules oriented as described.
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