

Water Treatment

Hard water:- water which do not form lather with soap easily

Soft water:- water which form lather with soap easily.

Hardness of water:- soap consuming capacity of water to form lather is called the Hardness of water.

→ Bicarbonates of Ca^{+2} and Mg^{+2} :- $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$, $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$

↳ Temporary hardness

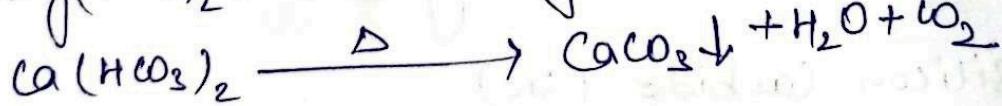
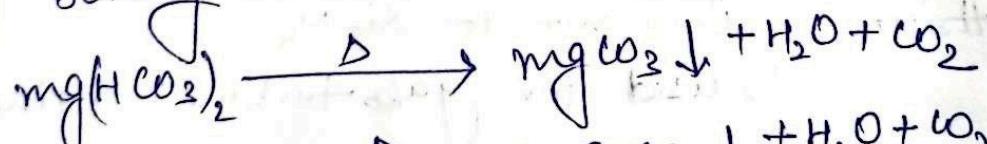
→ chlorides of Ca^{+2} & Mg^{+2} → CaCl_2 , MgCl_2

→ sulphates of Ca^{+2} and Mg^{+2} → CaSO_4 , MgSO_4

→ other salts :-

Fe^{+2} , Al^{3+} , HCl & H_2SO_4 , CO_2 , H_2S

Temporary Hardness:- which can simply be removed by boiling and filtration.



Permanent Hardness:- Hardness which cannot simply be removed by boiling,

To remove it's hardness there are following processes:-

- R.O. Process (Reverse osmosis)

- Imp
- zeolite process
 - Ion-exchange process
 - L.S. (Lime Soda process)
 - Calgon's - conditioning.

units for measuring Hardness of water:-

- 1) mg/L :- 1 mg of Hardness causing salt in 1 litre.
- 2) PPM (Parts per million) :- 1 part of Hardness causing salt in 10^6 parts of water.
- 3) 1 Degree Clark [${}^{\circ}\text{Cl}$] :- 1 Part of Hardness causing salt in 70,000 parts of water.
- 4) 1 Degree French [${}^{\circ}\text{Fr}$] :- 1 part of Hardness causing salt in 1 lakh parts of water.

Infer relationship b/w diff units of Hardness

$$[1 \text{mg/L} = 1 \text{PPM} = 0.1 {}^{\circ}\text{Fr} = 0.07 {}^{\circ}\text{Cl}]$$

Q 111 mg of CaCl_2 is present in 1 litre of water?

$$\text{Multiplication factor of } \text{CaCl}_2 = \frac{100}{111}$$

Hardness in terms of CaCO_3 = (Amount of Actual Hardness causing salt in mg/L) \times (Multiplication factor)

$$= 111 \times \frac{100}{111} = 100 \text{ mg/L}$$

Multiplication factors of Some Hardness causing salts (HCS): -

Name of HCS	Mol.wt.	Eq. wt.	Multiplication factor M.F. = Mol. mass of CaCO_3 $\frac{100}{2 \times \text{Eq. wt. of HCS}}$
1) $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$	162	81	$= \frac{100}{2 \times 81} = \frac{100}{162}$
2) mg(HCO_3) ₂	146	73	$\frac{100}{2 \times 73} = \frac{100}{146}$
3) CaCl_2	111	$\frac{111}{2}$	$\frac{100}{111}$
4) CaSO_4	136	$\frac{136}{2}$	$\frac{100}{136}$
5) mg Cl_2	95	$\frac{95}{2}$	$\frac{100}{95}$
6) mg SO_4	120	$\frac{120}{2}$	$\frac{100}{120}$

Ca^{++}	40	$\frac{40}{2}$	$\frac{100}{40}$
Mg^{++}	24	$\frac{24}{2}$	$\frac{100}{24}$
OH^-	17	17	$\frac{100}{2 \times 17} = \frac{100}{34}$
HCO_3^-	36.5	36.5	$\frac{100}{2 \times 36.5} = \frac{100}{72}$
$\text{mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$			$\frac{100}{148}$
Al_2SO_4	342	57	$\frac{100}{2 \times 57} = \frac{100}{114}$

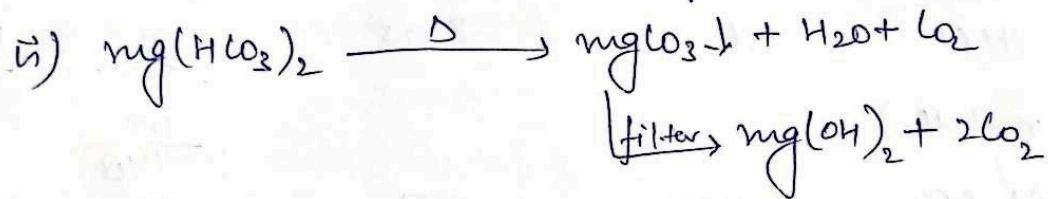
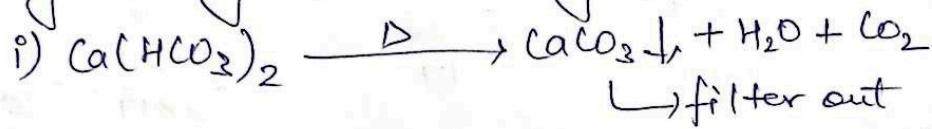
Q. A sample of water/L contains 16.2 ppm calcium bicarbonate, 14.6 mg/L of $\text{mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$, 9.5 mg/L of mgCl_2 and 10 mg/L of HCO_3^- . Calculate the temporary, permanent and Total Hardness of water.

Hardness in terms of CaCO_3 :-

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{100}{162} \times 16.2 + \frac{100}{146} \times 14.6 \\ & + \frac{100}{95} \times 9.5 + \frac{100}{72} \times 10 \\ & = 30 + 13.8 = 43.8 \text{ mg/L} \end{aligned}$$

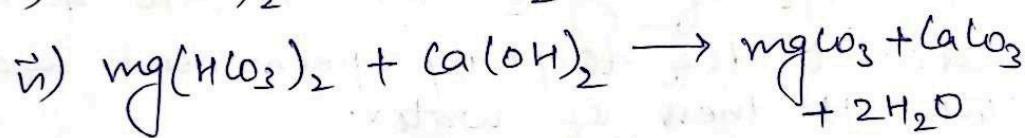
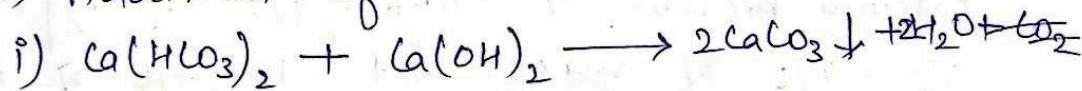
Removal methods of Temporary hardness

i) By boiling followed by filtration



2) Clark's method :-

↳ Addition of lime (Ca(OH)_2)



Q why the hardness of water is always expressed in terms of CaCO_3

There is no logical reason for that besides
the two facts.

i) CaCO_3 is supposed to be the most insoluble in water

v) In water its molecular weight is 100 so it's
make the calculation easier.

Method for Removal of permanent hardness

→ reverse osmosis (R.O.)

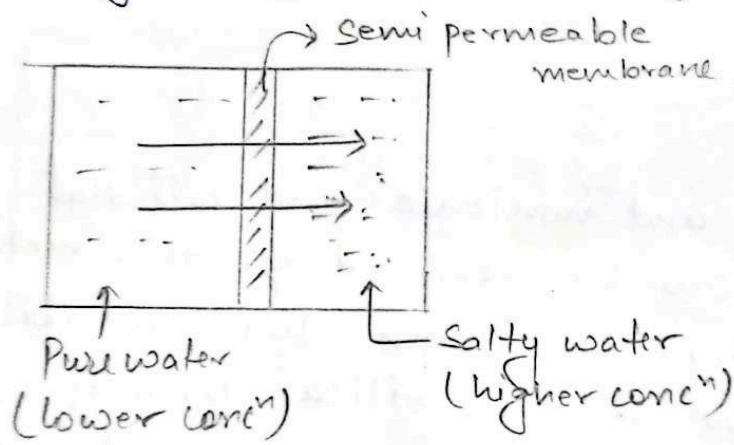
1) Reverse osmosis (R.O.)
↳ (De-salination of sea or Brackish water
or Hyper filtration or Superfiltration)

Principle :-

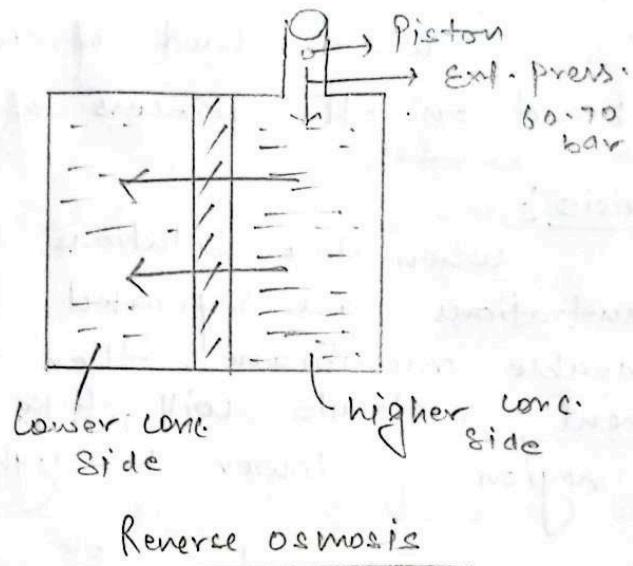
This method of water purification is based on the process of osmosis.

Osmosis :-

When two solutions of different concentrations are separated by a semi-permeable membrane, then the flow of Solvent molecule will take place from the region of lower to higher conc'.



If however, an external pressure higher than the osmotic pressure is applied on the higher conc' side then the flow of solvent is reversed i.e. now it starts flowing from higher conc' side to lower conc' side. This process is known as reverse osmosis process.



Advantages :-

- i) Both ionic and nonionic and colloidal Impurities can be removed by this method.
- ii) low operating cost with high reliability
- iii) It can also remove silica particles.
- iv) Membrane can easily be removed with in few minutes.

2) Zeolite process / Permatalit process

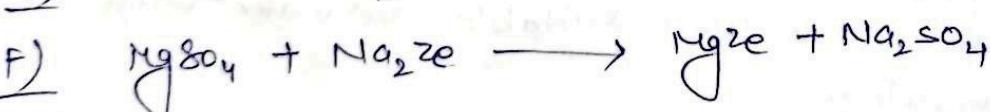
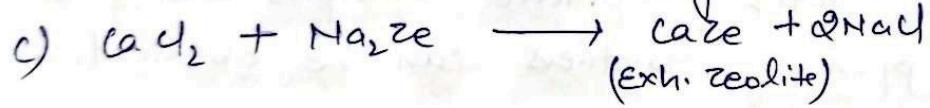
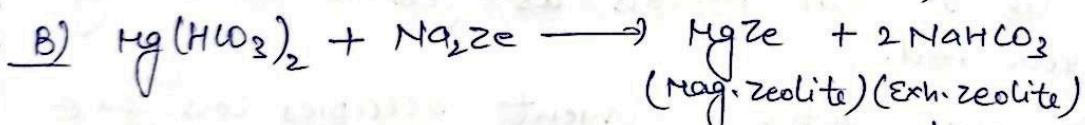
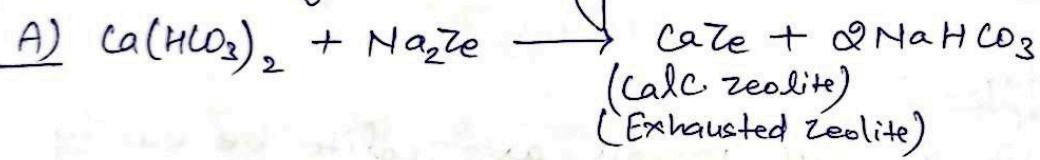
This process is used for removing both temporary and permanent hardness causing salt from water. In this process zeolite in the form of its sodium salt (sodium zeolite) is used as a water softening agent. Zeolite is chemically hydrated sodium Alumino silicate, $(Na_2O \cdot Al_2O_3 \cdot xSiO_2 \cdot yH_2O)$, (Na_2Ze)

Process of water softening :-

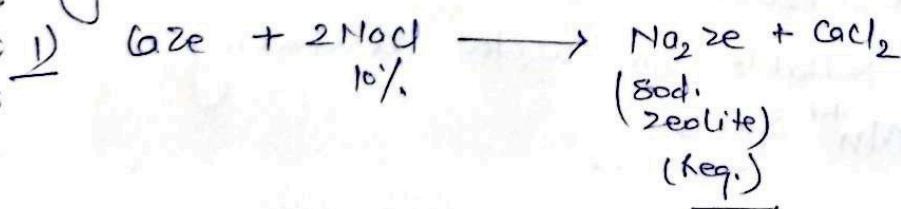
In this process the hardwater is passed over the zeolite softener. The calcium and magnesium cations present in the hard water get exchanged by the sodium ions of the zeolite forming calcium and magnesium zeolite.

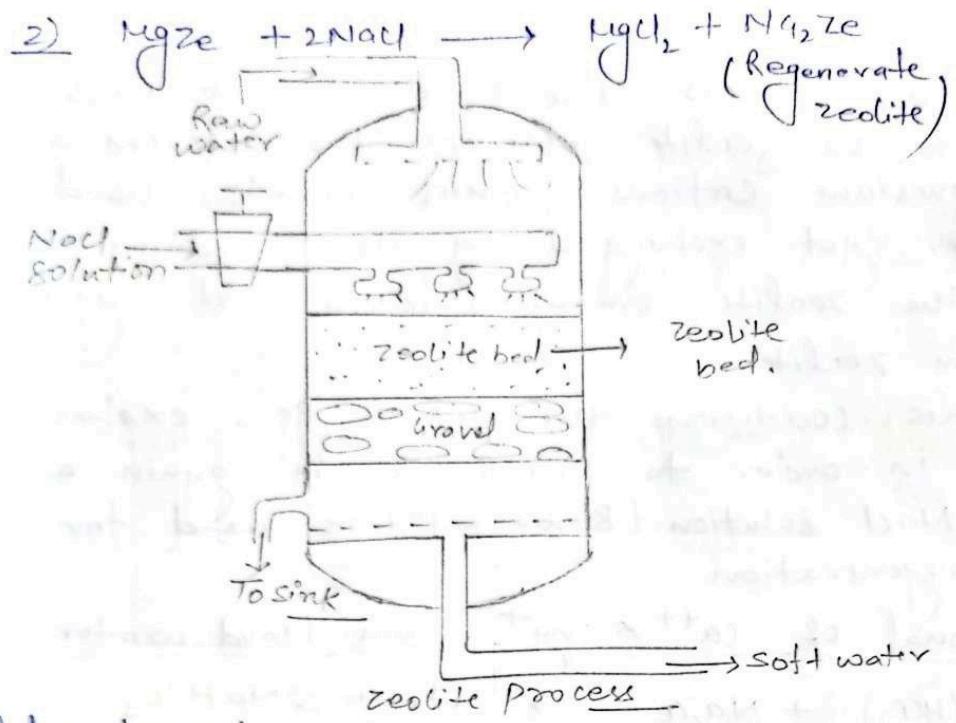
In this condition the zeolite gets exhausted and in order to regenerate, it again a 10% NaCl solution (Brine soln) is used for its regeneration.

Removal of Ca^{++} & Mg^{++} from Hard water



Regeneration of Exhausted zeolite :-





Advantages :-

- i) It is a cheap process as zeolite be easily regenerated.
- ii) The whole setup equipment occupies less small space.
- iii) upto 10 ppm of Hardness can be obtained.
- iv) No sludge formation.

Disadvantages

- i) This method is not suitable for water with high turbidity.
- ii) If mineral acid is present in water it will destroy the zeolite bed.
- iii) It is not suitable for water containing Fe^{2+} and Mn^{2+} salts.

Rules for solving the numerical problems of Zeolite :-

- i) calculate the total amount of NaCl in (mg) required to regenerate the zeolite.
- ii) convert this NaCl amount to in terms of Calcium carbonate by multiplying by its multiplication factor ($\frac{100}{117}$).
- iii) Finally divide the above amount by the total volume of Hard water in Litres. This will give you the formula for calculating the hardness of water sample in mg/L.

$$\left\{ \frac{\text{(Total Amount of NaCl in mg)} \times \frac{100}{117}}{\text{Total Vol. of Hard water in (L)}} \right\} = \text{Hardness of water in terms of } \text{CaCO}_3 \text{ in mg/L}$$

- Q The Hardness of 50,000 litres of Hard water is removed by passing it over zeolite. The zeolite required 250 litres of NaCl having conc' . (130 gm NaCl / L) for its regeneration. calculate the hardness of the water sample in zeolite.

$$\frac{(130 \times 1000 \times 250) \times \frac{100}{117}}{50,000} = 555.56 \text{ ppm}$$

Q An exhausted zeolite softener was regenerated by passing 150 litres of 5% NaCl. How many litres of Hardwater having hardness 600 ppm will be softened by this zeolite.

* * 5% NaCl \rightarrow 5 gm/100 ml

$$= 50 \text{ gm/L}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{(50 \times 150 \times 1000 \text{ mg NaCl}) \times \frac{100}{117}}{x} = 600$$
$$= 10683.76 \text{ Litre.}$$

Q Calculate the amt of NaCl required in gms to regenerate 60,000 litres of Hard water having hardness 600 ppm

$$\frac{x \times \frac{100}{117}}{60,000} = 600$$

$$x = 42120 \text{ gm}$$

Ion-Exchange Method

(or)

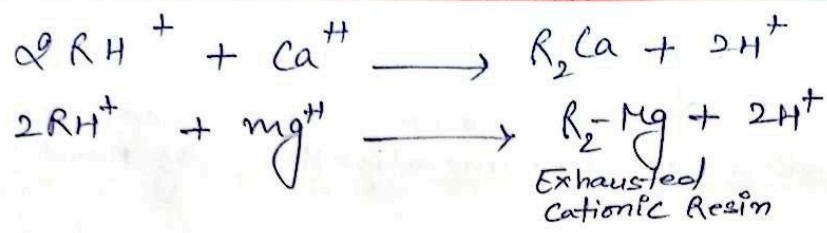
Deionization or Demineralization of Hard water

This process is most commonly used for the purification/^{softening} of both temporary and permanent hardness. In this process the hard water is softened by using ion-exchange Resins (both Cationic & Anionic).

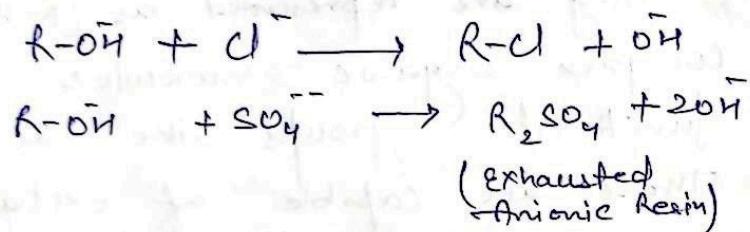
→ Cationic Resin :- They are represented as $[R-H^+]$ ^{*} there are complex organic molecules with acidic functional groups like -COOH, -SO₃H etc. These are capable of exchanging their (H⁺) ions with the cations present in Hard water

→ Anionic Resin :- They are represented as $[R-OH^-]$ they are complex organic molecules with basic functional group. They are capable of exchanging the (OH⁻) ions with the anions present in the Hard water.

→ Process :- The Hard water is first passed through Cationic Resin where all the cations of Calcium and magnesium (Ca⁺⁺ and Mg⁺⁺) are taken by the Resin and equivalent amount of H⁺ ion are released from the resin to the water.



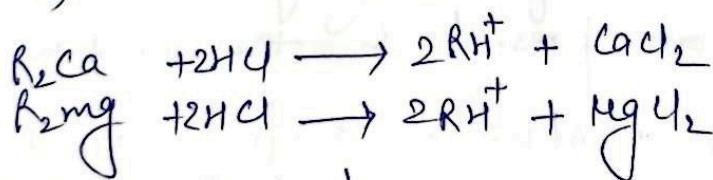
Now, the water (cation free) is passed through anionic resin where all the anions present in Hard water by chloride, sulphate and absorbed by the resin and eq. ~~an~~ amount of OH^- ions gets released into water



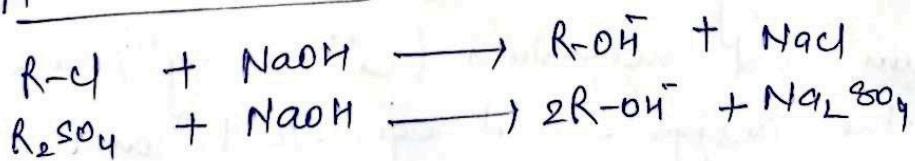
Regeneration of cationic and Anionic Resins

For the regeneration of cationic resin (HCl) and H_2SO_4 is needed and for regeneration of Anionic Resin we need $NaOH$.

Rxn:- a) Cationic Resin :-



b) Anionic Resin :-



Advantages :-

- i) water upto a very low Hardness of 2ppm can be obtained.
- ii) Highly Acidic and Highly Alkaline water can also be softened.

Disadvantages

- i) The equipments are costly
- ii) The chemical req. for regeneration is expensive
- iii) Highly turbid water decrease/decline the efficiency of this process.

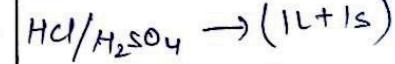
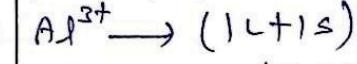
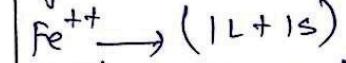
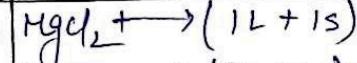
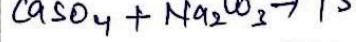
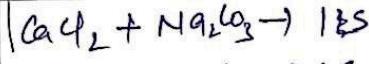
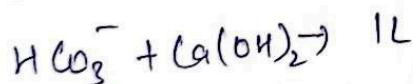
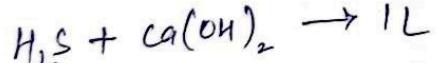
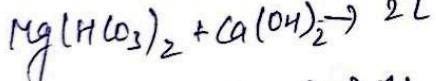
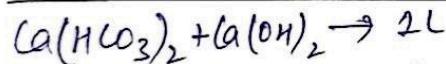
Lime Soda process

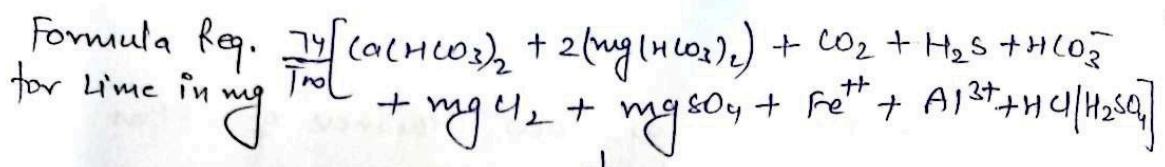
↳ only for Numerical problems:

Salts Resins Lime only
 $\{Ca(OH)_2\}$

Salts Resins Soda
 Na_2CO_3

Salts need both
lime soda,





All are concⁿ of salts in mg/L
 but in terms of CaCO_3 .

$$\times \left(\text{Total vol. of Hard water (L)} \right)$$

$$\times \frac{100}{\% \text{ purity of Lime}}$$

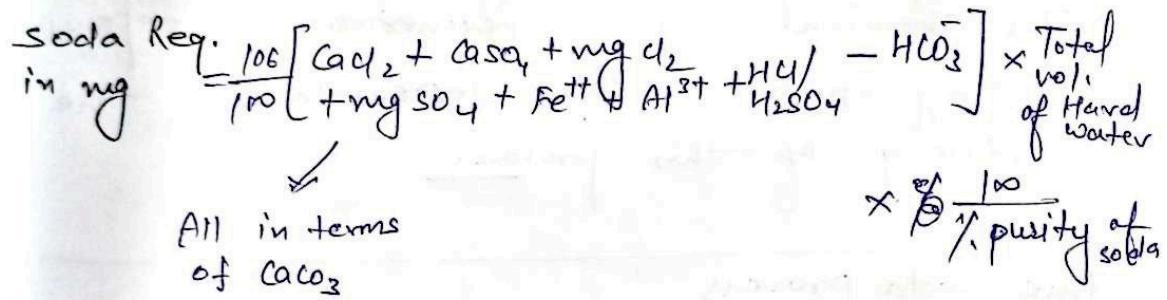
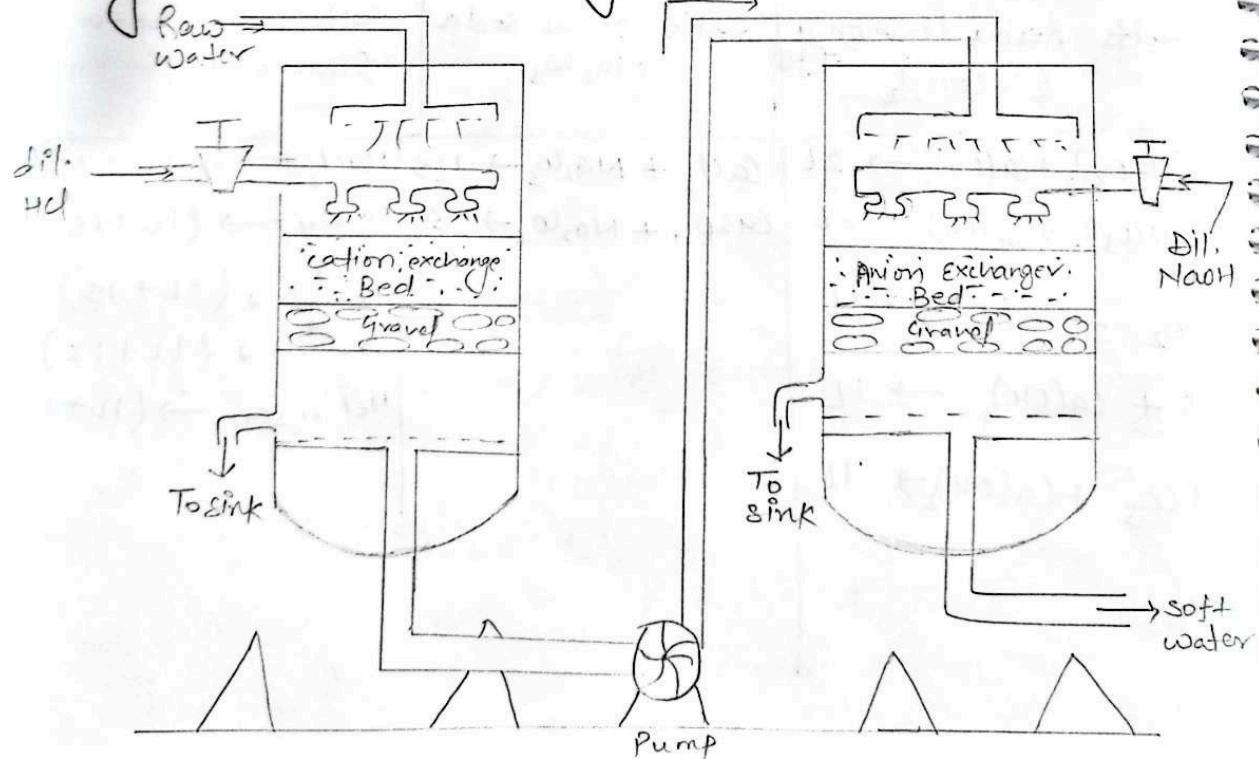


Diagram of Ion-Exchange process :-



Ion Exchange Process

(B) Q calculate the amount of lime^{90% pure} and soda^{90% pure} required for treatment of 10^6 Litres of Hard water containing following salts

$$\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 8.1 \text{ ppm}, \text{HCO}_3^- = 91.5 \text{ ppm}, \text{mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 14.6 \text{ ppm}$$

$$\text{CaCl}_2 = 50 \text{ ppm}, \text{mg Cl}_2 = 40 \text{ ppm}, \text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 = 20 \text{ mg/L}$$

concentration in terms of CaCO_3 :-

$$\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 8.1 \times \frac{100}{162}$$

$$\text{CaCl}_2 = 50 \times \frac{100}{111}$$

$$\text{HCO}_3^- = 91.5 \times \frac{100}{}$$

$$\text{mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 14.6 \times \frac{100}{146}$$

$$\text{mg Cl}_2 = 40 \times \frac{100}{95}$$

$$\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 = 20 \times \frac{100}{114}$$

Lime Needed in mg :-

Boiler problems

As water (Hard water) in the boiler is boiled to generate steam, The concⁿ. of salts present in the water increases and it get precipitated out to cause certain problem in the efficiency of the boiler such problems are known as Boiler problem.

- i) Sludge and scale formation
- ii) Boiler corrosion.
- iii) Priming and foaming formation
- iv) Caustic embrittlement

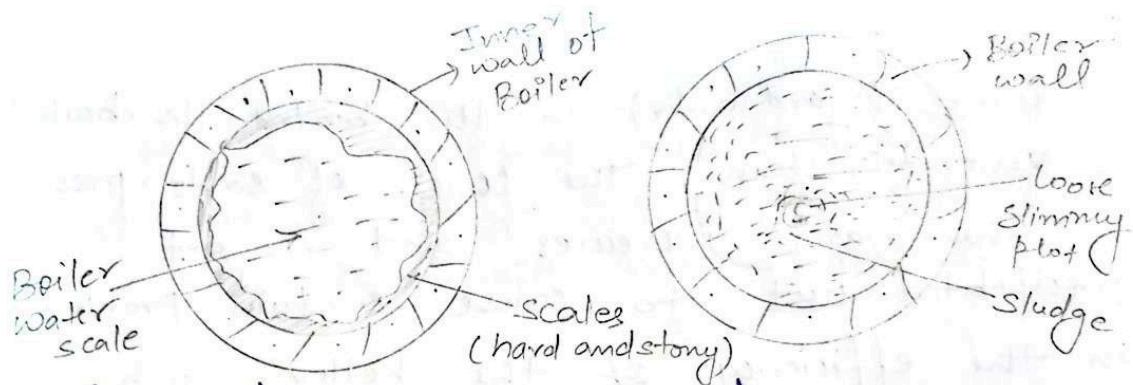
i) Sludge and Scale Formation :-

Sludge :- Sludge is a loose, soft and slimy precipitate formed with in the boiler and is not adhere to the walls of the boiler.

Salt responsible:- $MgCl_2$, $MgSO_4$, $CaCl_2$

Scale :- Scales are hard and stony precipitate which firmly adhere to the forms of the boiler.

Salt :- $CaSO_4$, $CaCO_3$, $CaSiO_3$, $MgSiO_3$



Removal of sludge and scale

Sludge :- Removed by wire brush

scale :- Removed by chisel & hammer
and shovels to boiler

Disadvantages

- i) chocking of boiler pipes
- ii) wastage of fuel.



scale :-

- i) wastage of fuel.
- ii) lowering of Boiler safety.

Boiler corrosion

The destruction of Boiler material by chemical or electrochemical interaction with its environment called Boiler corrosion.

Causes :-

- i) Presence of dissolved gases such as CO_2 , H_2S , SO_2 , SO_3 , dissolved O_2 etc.

Disadvantages

- i) The life of boiler gets decreased.
- ii) The joints and rivets of boiler starts leaking.
- iii) The maintenance and repairing costs of boiler gets increased.

Prevention of boiler corrosion

- i) By adding certain chemicals like sodium-sulphide (Na_2S), sodium sulphite (Na_2SO_3), Hydrazine (NH_2-NH_2)

Priming \rightarrow foaming

Priming: The formation of wet steam in a boiler is called priming.

foaming: The continuous formation of bubbles or foam on the surface of boiler water and which do not break easily.

Causes of Priming:

- i) Presence of suspended impurities in water.
- ii) sudden rapid boiling.
- iii) Due to high steam velocity.

Causes of foaming

Due to the presence of oil and alkali in the boiler water.

Disadvantages of Priming & foaming

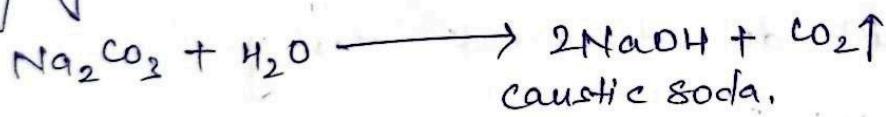
- i) It reduces the steam pressure in the boiler, thus the wastage of fuel.
- ii) The actual height of water column in the boiler cannot be adjusted properly.
- iii) The water droplets enters the machinery part and decreases the life of boiler.

Prevention of Priming & foaming

- i) use of chemicals like castor oil in water
- ii) use of chemicals like sodium Aluminate and FeSO_4 .
- iii)

Caustic Embrittlement

Caustic Embrittlement is the corrosion of boiler material which is caused by using highly inclined in water.



Prevention of caustic Embrittlement

- i) By using sodium phosphate and sodium Sulphate as softening reagent
- ii) By Adding Tanin & lignin to the boiler water.

Cafgen Process :-

Calgon is the commercial name of a chemical compound p called sodium hexameta phosphate $[Na_2(Na_4(PO_3)_6)]$.

The salt present in the hard water reacts with the Calgon to form meta phosphate of other calcium and magnesium which are not harmful for water and the calcium and magnesium hardness causing salts gets converted to their sodium salts.

