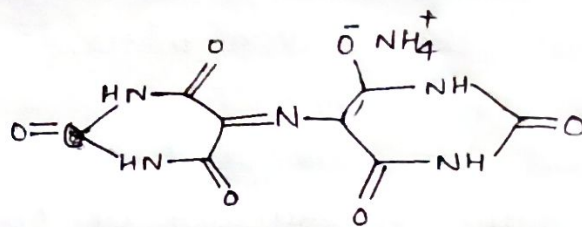
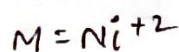
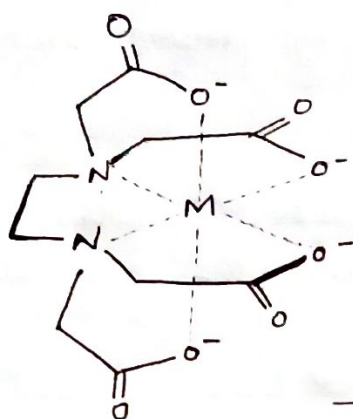


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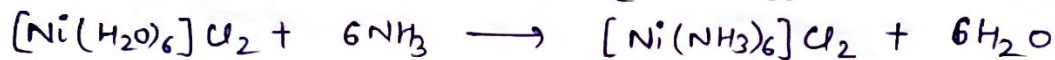
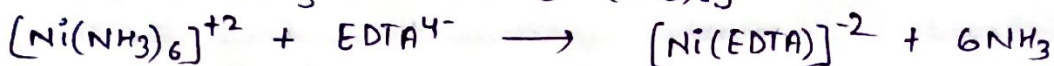
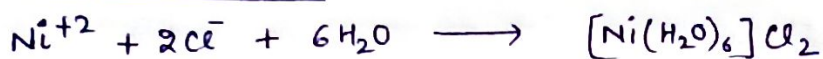


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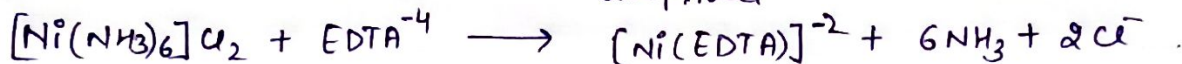


Structure of Ni-EDTA complex

Chemical Reactions :



blue/violet



**Aim:** Preparation of Nickel-hexammine complex and its estimation by complexometry and spectrophotometry.

**Materials Required:** Ice bath, UV vis-spectrophotometer, beaker, measuring cylinder, hand pipette, volumetric flask, burette, watch glass.

**Chemicals Required:**  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$  solution, 0.05M EDTA, murexide indicator, 1N  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 0.5M  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution, distilled water.

**Principle:** An arrangement of ligands according to their increasing ability to split the d-orbitals is termed as the spectrochemical series. This splitting is quantified using the crystal field splitting parameter ( $\Delta$ ). Ligands arranged according to increasing strength:  $\text{I}^- < \text{Br}^- < \text{S}^{2-} < \text{SCN}^- < \text{Cl}^- < \text{NO}_2^- < \text{F}^- < \text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-} < \text{H}_2\text{O} < \text{NCS}^- < \text{CH}_3\text{CN} < \text{NH}_3 < \text{en} < \text{bipy} < \text{phen} < \text{NO}_2^- < \text{PPh}_3 < \text{CN}^- < \text{CO}$ .

Splitting parameter ( $\Delta$ ) is related to colour of complex. A stronger ligand can remove a weaker ligand from a complex. So,  $\text{NH}_3$  replaces  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  from metal centre and en (ethylene diamine) replaces  $\text{NH}_3$ . The additional stability due to chelation also drives the reaction forward. The  $\Delta H$ ,  $\Delta S$  of complex formation, starting with  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{+2}$ , indicates that contribution from entropy is the deciding factor for chelate effect.

**Procedure:**

(A) Preparation of Hexamminonickel(II) chloride.

(1) Take 10 ml solution of nickel chloride hexahydrate (contains 6g  $\text{NiCl}_2$ ) in 250 ml beaker.

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### Observations and calculations

Conc. of EDTA solution = 0.05 M

S.No.	Volume of EDTA used from burette
1.	9.6 ml
2.	9.7 ml
3.	9.7 ml

1 mole Ni reacts with 1 mole of EDTA to form Ni-EDTA complex.

Moles of Ni = Moles of EDTA

Molarity  $\times$  Volume (Ni) = Molarity  $\times$  Volume (EDTA)

$$\Rightarrow \text{Molarity of Ni} \times 10 = 0.05 \times 9.7$$

$$\text{Molarity of Ni} = 0.0485 \text{ mol/L}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Grams per liter of Ni} &= 0.0485 \times 58.69 \text{ (Atomic weight of Ni)} \\ &= 2.846 \text{ g/L} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, in 100 ml, 0.284 g of Ni is present.

We started with 1.15 g of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{Cl}_2$ ; 0.246 g of Ni is present per gram of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{Cl}_2$ .

S.No.	Conc. of solution (M)	conc. in mg/ml = conc. in M $\times$ 58.69	Absorbance
1.	0.01	0.5869	0.039
2.	0.02	2.3476	0.177
3.	0.05	2.9345	0.213
4.	0.06	3.5214	0.269
5.	unknown	unknown	0.082

- (2) Take 12 ml solution of aqueous ammonia in measuring cylinder.
- (3) Add the ammonia solution drop wise to the solution of nickel chloride with constant stirring till the colour of solution has changed from pale green to intense violet.
- (4) Allow the solution to stand at room temperature for 5 minutes; cover with watch glass. Then cool it in ice bath for about 15 minutes.
- (5) Filter the solution and wash the crystals with 3-5 ml ammonia solution.
- (6) Dry the crystals using filter paper.
- (7) Report the weight of dried complex.

(B) Estimation of Nickel by EDTA.

- (1) Take 80 ml 0.05 M EDTA in 250/500 ml plastic beaker and fill it in clean burette upto the mark.
- (2) Weigh accurately 1.15 g of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{Cl}_2$  complex and transfer to a 100 ml volumetric flask. Now add 50 ml of 1 N  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to dissolve it and make up the solution to the mark with distilled water.
- (3) Pipette out 10 ml complex solution in 20 ml conical flask and dilute with 15 ml distilled water.
- (4) Add 2-3 drops murexide indicator and 5 ml  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution to conical flask. Now add 7-10 drops  $\text{NH}_3$  solution to maintain a pH 7 (light green color).
- (5) Titrate it with EDTA solution till the endpoint is near, add 3 ml  $\text{NH}_3$  solution and continue titration till the endpoint.
- (6) Repeat the titration and get concordant values.
- (7) Calculate the amount of Ni present in complex.



using Beer Lambert's law,

$$A = \epsilon \cdot c \cdot l \quad \text{where } \epsilon \text{ and } l \text{ are constants and } c \text{ is concentration.}$$

$$\therefore A = mc \quad \text{where } m \text{ is the slope of the graph.}$$

Now, from graph, ~~max~~

$$A = 0.082$$

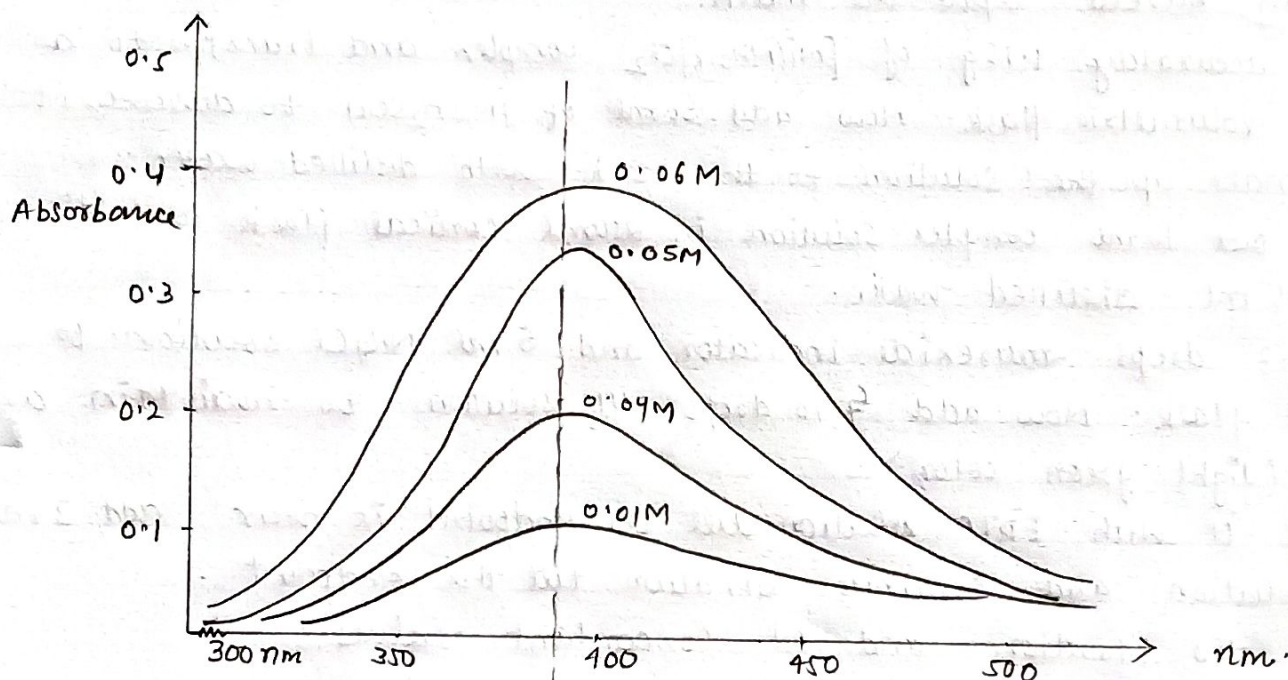
So, unknown  $c = \frac{A}{m} = \frac{0.082}{1.15 \text{ g/ml}}$  on the X axis

Also verified from graph; 0.082 corresponds to 1.15 g/ml.  
concentration of unknown solution in mol/l =  $\frac{c}{58.69} = 0.019 \text{ M}$

Weight of Ni in 100 ml = 0.115 g.

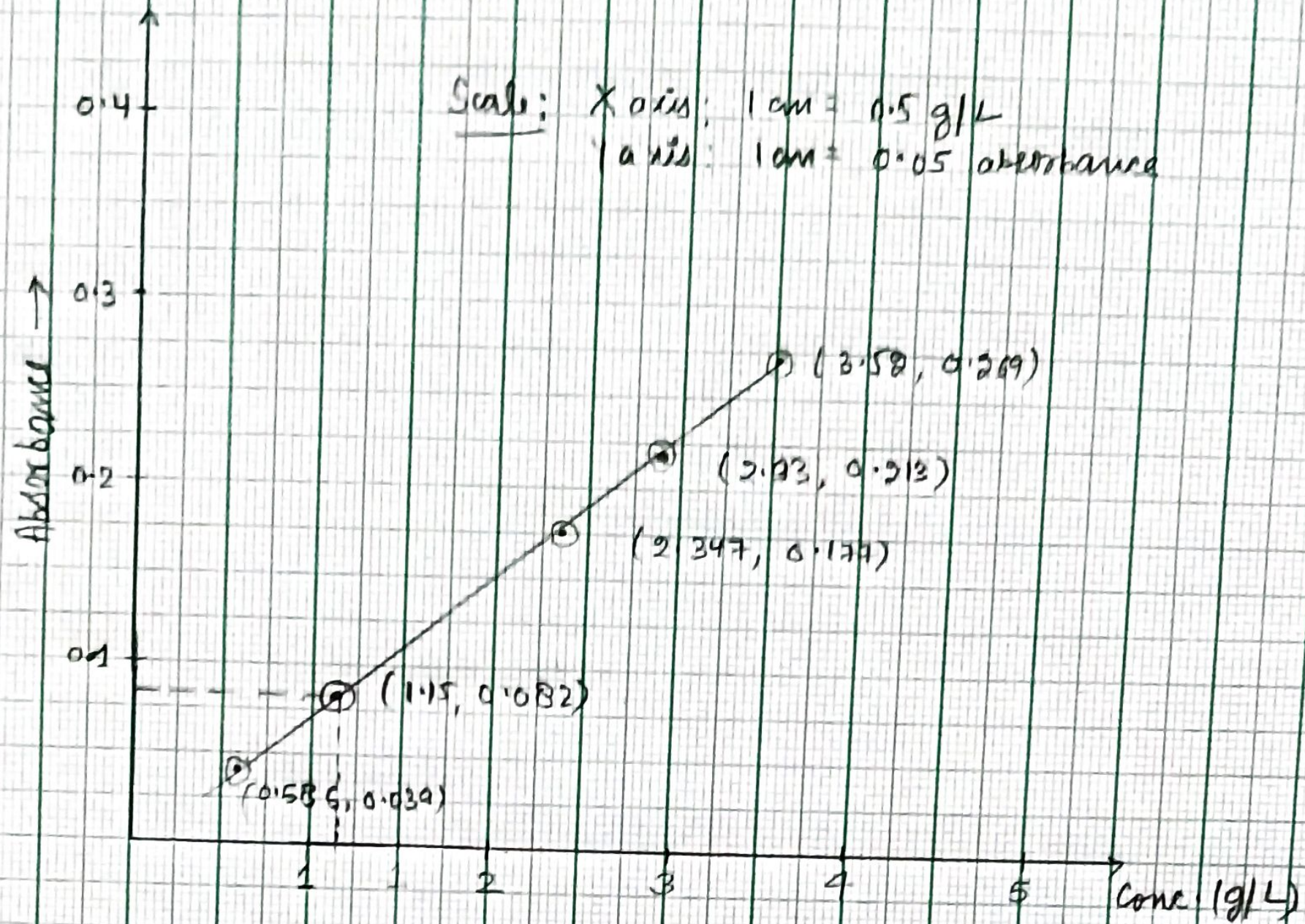
$$\text{Weight of Ni used} = \frac{1.15}{237.5} \times 58.69 = 0.284 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{So, \% yield} = \frac{0.115}{0.284} \times 100 \approx 41\%$$



Rough-overlay of Absorbance vs. Wavelength curve.







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- (1) Estimation of Nickel by Spectrophotometry.
- (2) Several solutions of known conc. and one of unknown conc. will be provided.
- (3) Measure absorbance of all the solutions at 395 nm using UV-Visible spectrophotometer.
- (4) Plot absorbance vs mg/mL of Nickel. Determine conc. of Nickel present in unknown solution in g/L.

### Results

- (1)  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{Cl}_2$  was synthesised from  $[\text{Ni}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{Cl}_2$ .
- (2) obtained amount was then used to estimate the amount of Nickel present.
- (3) Amount of Nickel present; 0.246 g of Nickel present per gram of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{Cl}_2$ .
- (4) Concentration of given solution was determined using solutions of known concentration with help of UV-Visible spectroscopy.
- (5) Concentration of unknown solution = 0.019 M.
- (6) Percentage yield = 41%.

### Precautions:

- (1) Acids must be handled carefully.
- (2) Read lower meniscus while taking readings.
- (3) solution of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{Cl}_2$  must be frozen for long time.
- (4) use ammonia with care.

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