

## **PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY II**

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## CALCULATIONS

### 1) Table.1 Contacted values for KCl

Conc. (M)	Temp (K)	Conductance (S)						
		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Mean	Sd
0,10	299,45	0,01299	0,01312	0,01308	0,01315	0,01316	0,01310	6,89202 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{\sum X_i}{N} = \frac{0,01299 + \dots + 0,01316}{5} = 0,01310$$

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \frac{\sum (x - x_i)^2}{N-1} = 6,89202 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$G = \kappa \frac{A}{l} = \frac{\kappa}{B}$$

$\kappa$ : Specific Conductance = 0,01289 S/cm  
 B: Electrode Cell Constant  
 A: Electrode area  
 l: length of column

$$B = \frac{0,01289 \text{ S/cm}}{0,01310 \text{ S}} = 0,9840 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

### 2)

**Table 2.**Conductance Values for Mg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

Conc. (M)	Temperature (K)	Conductance (S)						
		1	2	3	4	5	Mean	Sd
0,20	298,15	0,01715	0,01738	0,01741	0,01740	0,01742	0,01735	0,000114
0,1	298,75	0,01016	0,01001	0,00999	0,00998	0,00997	0,010022	7,85x10 <sup>-5</sup>
0,05	297,95	0,00625	0,00611	0,00623	0,00616	0,00612	0,006174	6,35 x10 <sup>-5</sup>
0,025	298,15	0,00363	0,00359	0,00357	0,00356	0,00356	0,003582	2,95 x10 <sup>-5</sup>
0,0125	298,55	0,00215	0,00213	0,00212	0,00211	0,00213	0,002128	1,48 x10 <sup>-5</sup>

$$\text{Kelvin} = ^\circ\text{C} + 273.15$$

$$G = \frac{\kappa}{B} \quad \kappa = G \times B$$

$$\text{molar conductivity: } \Lambda = \frac{\kappa}{C} \quad \text{C: concentration}$$

For Specific conductance for solution 1,

$$\kappa = G \times B = 0,01735 \text{ S} \times 0,9840 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 0,01707 \text{ S cm}^{-1}$$

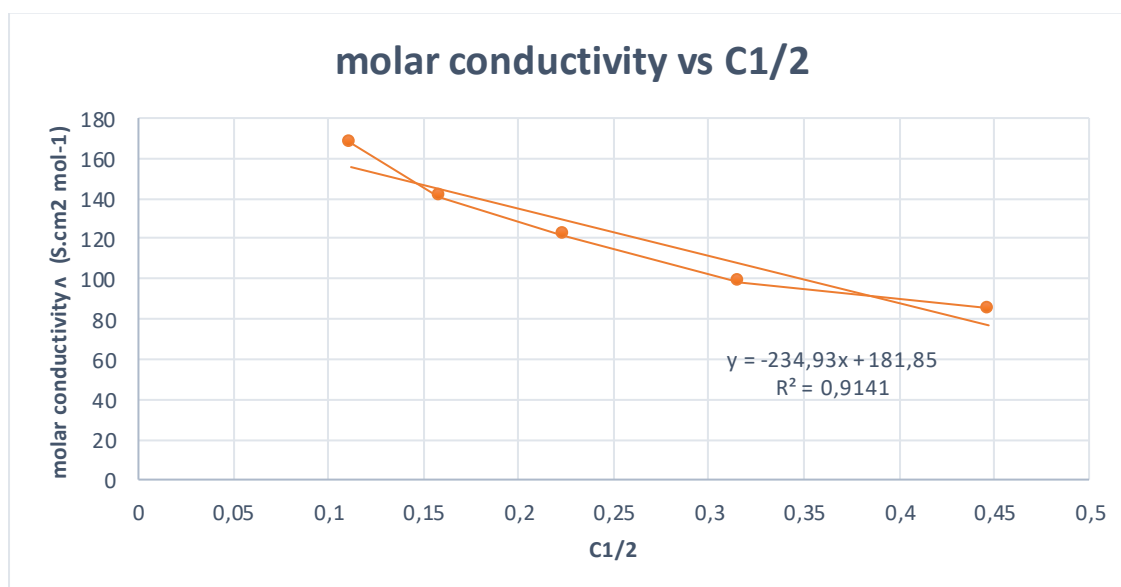
Molar conductivity for solution 1,

$$\Lambda = \frac{0,01707 \text{ S cm}^{-1}}{0,20 \text{ mol/L}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ L}} = 85,36 \text{ S.cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$$

**Table 3. Specific conductance and molar conductivity of  $\text{Mg}_2\text{SO}_4$**

Conc. (M)	Specific Conductance $\kappa$ ( $\text{S.cm}^{-1}$ )	molar conductivity $\Lambda$ ( $\text{S.cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ )
0,20	0,017074	85,3692
0,1	0,009861	98,6134
0,05	0,006075	121,501
0,025	0,003525	140,983
0,0125	0,002094	167,511

**Graph 1.** Molar conductivity vs  $\sqrt{c}$  graph for  $\text{MgSO}_4$



From Graph  $y = -234,93x + 181,85$  then

$$\Lambda = \Lambda_0 - \kappa\sqrt{c} \quad y = \Lambda \quad 234,93 = \kappa \quad \Lambda_0 = 181,85 \text{ S.cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$$

Conc. (M)	Temp (K)	Conductance (S)						
		1	2	3	4	5	Mean	Sd
0,10	298,35	0,00512	0,00511	0,00511	0,00510	0,00510	0,00511	$8,37 \times 10^{-6}$
0,05	298,55	0,00297	0,00297	0,00296	0,00297	0,00297	0,002968	$4,47 \times 10^{-6}$
0,03	298,65	0,001897	0,001891	0,001888	0,001892	0,001892	0,001892	$3,24 \times 10^{-6}$
0,02	298,85	0,00138	0,001373	0,001365	0,001365	0,001362	0,001369	$7,38 \times 10^{-6}$
0,01	298,95	0,000781	0,000778	0,000778	0,000777	0,000773	0,000777	$2,88 \times 10^{-6}$
0,005	298,15	0,000503	0,000495	0,000493	0,000491	0,000495	0,000495	$4,56 \times 10^{-6}$

**Table 4.** Measured conductance values of Monochloroacetic acid with varying concentrations.

Specific conductance for solution 1

$$\kappa = G \times B = 0,00511 \text{ S} \times 0,9840 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 0,005026 \text{ S cm}^{-1}$$

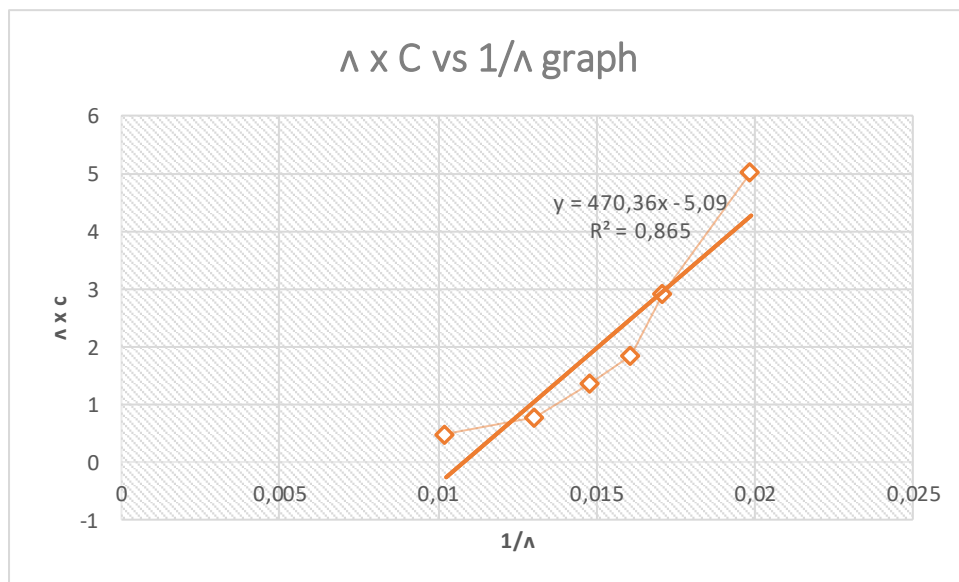
Molar conductivity for solution 1

$$\Lambda = \frac{0,00511 \text{ S cm}^{-1}}{0,10 \text{ mol/L}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ L}} = 50,26116 \text{ S.cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$$

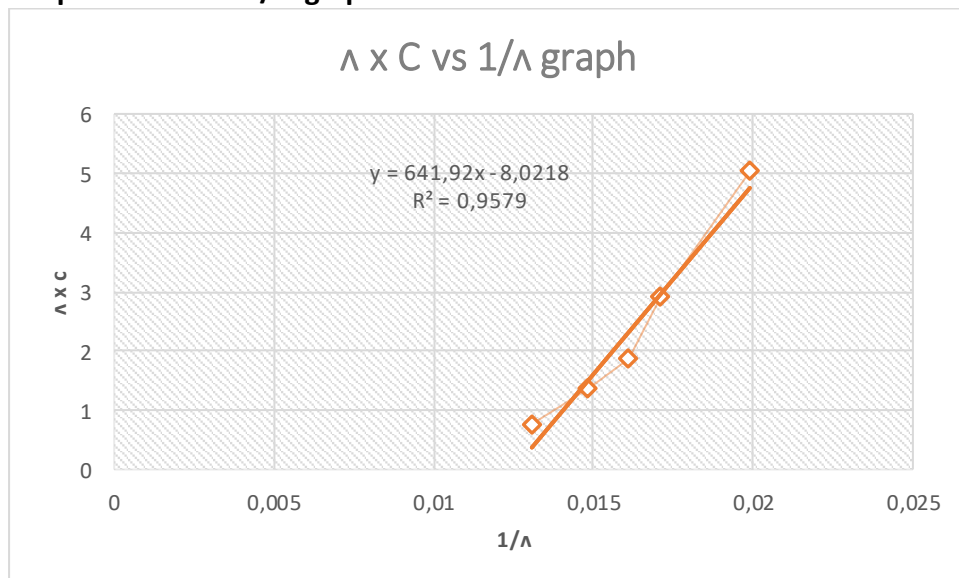
**Table 5.** Specific conductance, Molar conductivity,  $\Lambda \times C$ ,  $1/\Lambda$  values calculated for  $\text{MgSO}_4$

Conc. (M)	Specific Conductance $\kappa$ (S.cm <sup>-1</sup> )	molar conductivity $\Lambda$ (S.cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Lambda \times C$	$1/\Lambda$
0,10	0,005026	50,2612	5,026116	0,019896
0,05	0,002920	58,4084	2,920421	0,017121
0,03	0,001862	62,0557	1,86167	0,016115
0,02	0,001347	67,3527	1,347054	0,014847
0,01	0,000765	76,4938	0,764938	0,013073
0,005	0,000487	97,4917	0,487458	0,010257

**Graph 2.  $\Lambda \times c$  vs  $1/\Lambda$  graph of monochloroacetic acid**



**Graph 3.  $\Lambda \times c$  vs  $1/\Lambda$  graph of monochloroacetic acid**



$$\Lambda C = K_d \left( \frac{\Lambda_0^2}{\Lambda} - \Lambda_0 \right)$$

$\Lambda$  = Molar Conductivity

$\Lambda_0$  = Molar Conductivity at Infinite Dilution

$C$  = Concentration

$K_d$  = Dissociation constant then

$$y = 236,47x - 0,438$$

$$y = \Lambda C$$

$$x = 1 / \Lambda$$

$$K_d \Lambda_0^2 = 641,92$$

$$K_d \Lambda_0 = 8,0218$$

Thus,

$$K_d = 0,100245$$

$$\Lambda_0 = 80,0294 \text{ S.cm}^2.\text{mol}^{-1}$$

For 0.1 M Monochloroacetic acid

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda_0}$$

$$\Lambda = 50,2612 \text{ S.cm}^2.\text{mol}^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda_0 = 80,0218 \text{ S.cm}^2.\text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{50,2612}{80,02194} = 0,628092$$

$$K_d = \frac{\Lambda C}{\left(\frac{\Lambda_0^2}{\Lambda} - \Lambda_0\right)}$$

$$K_d = \frac{5,026116}{\left(\frac{80,02194021^2}{50,2612} - 80,02194021\right)} = 0,106075$$

Table 6.  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda_0$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\Lambda C$  and  $K_d$  values for  $\text{MgSO}_4$

Conc. (M)	$\Lambda$	$\Lambda_0$	$\alpha$	$\Lambda C$	$K_d$
0,10	50,2612	80,02194021	0,628092	5,026116	0,106075
0,05	58,4084	80,02194021	0,729905	2,920421	0,098625
0,03	62,0557	80,02194021	0,775483	1,86167	0,080356
0,02	67,3527	80,02194021	0,841678	1,347054	0,089491
0,01	76,4938	80,02194021	0,95591	0,764938	0,207251
0,005	97,4917	80,02194021	1,218312	0,487458	-0,03399

## QUESTIONS

- 1) This law is valid for weak electrolytes. Ostwald's rule of dilution says that the degree of dissociation of weak electrodes is inversely proportional to the square root of the concentration in molar. It can also be used for a weak electrolyte as it is directly proportional to the square root of the volume that can hold one mole of solute. [5]
- 2) Conductivity is done by ions in solutions, so the increase or decrease in conductivity may vary according to some properties of the ions. The type of ions and their concentration affect the conductivity. In addition, the solution's temperature also affects the conductivity. As a result, the conductivity of the solutions decreases. [6]
- 3) Due to measure the conductivity of solutions, it is necessary to calibrate the two probes of the conductivity meter. The solution used for this purpose is 0.1 M KCl. The reason for using KCl is that because of the high diffusion coefficient of potassium and chloride ions in the structure of KCl, the transmission of ions becomes easier, and it has an easily soluble structure. In this experiment, KCl was used as the reference solution. Alternatively, NaCl or KNO<sub>3</sub> can be used. [7]
- 4) The electrode potential will vary depending on the activity and concentration of the salts used in the experiment. Molar conductivity ( $\Lambda_0$ ) and specific conductivity ( $k$ ) depend on the concentration of salts, and they are terms associated with concentration. Concentration-dependent values are required in calculating the electric potential. Therefore, molar conductivity and specific conductivity are used instead of conductivity ( $G$ ) because the specific conductivity varies depending on the electrolyte concentration. On the other hand, conductivity depends on the physical properties of the electrodes, such as their length. [7]
- 5)

$$\frac{\text{Experimental Value} - \text{Theoretical Value}}{\text{Theoretical Value}} \times 100 = \text{Percent Error}$$

Theoretical conductance value of 0.1 M of KCl at 25 °C = 12.88 mS [1]

Then,

$$\frac{(0,013105 - 0,01288)}{0,01288} \times 100 = 1,7\%$$

Theoretical  $K_d$  for Monochloroacetic acid equal to  $1,3 \times 10^{-3}$  M [2]

Theoretical  $\Lambda_0$  for Monochloroacetic acid equal to 362 S.cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup> [3]

Theoretical  $\Lambda_0$  for MgSO<sub>4</sub>  $1,3 \times 10^{-3}$  186,9 S.cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup> [4]

Same calculations for other solutions then,  
Percent error for  
 $K_a$  percent error for Monochloroacetic acid equal to -15,38%

$\Lambda_0$  percent error for Monochloroacetic acid equal to -31,6%  
 $\Lambda_0$  percent error for Monochloroacetic acid equal to -85,1%

## DISCUSSION

This experiment aims to measure the conductivity, molar conductivity, and cell constant of strong and weak electrolytes. The conductivity of the strong reference electrolyte KCl, the strong electrolyte  $MgSO_4$ , and the weak electrolyte mono-chloroacetic acid were measured with a conductometer. It was observed that the dilution process changed the conductivity of temperature and ion types. Ions provide conduction in solutions. This experiment aims to measure the conductivity, molar conductivity, and cell constant of strong and weak electrolytes. The conductivity of the strong reference electrolyte KCl, the strong electrolyte  $MgSO_4$ , and the weak electrolyte mono-chloroacetic acid were measured with a conductometer. It was observed that the dilution process changed the conductivity of temperature and ion types. Ions provide conduction in solutions. As a result of the calculations in the experiment, it is seen that errors have been obtained. If the errors have a negative value, this indicates that an experimental value less than the theoretical value is obtained. If the errors are positive, the practical value is accepted due to data higher than the theoretical value. It may not be at the desired temperature for the experiment, or the water bath may not have reached the thermal balance. On the other hand, during the measurement with the conductometers, the points touching the glass may not be kept at the optimum level, or errors may have been obtained due to incorrect readings. Finally, the dilution process may not have been performed as desired.



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