

1.2 Exercise 6 – more complex calculations

1. Succinic acid has the formula $(\text{CH}_2)_n(\text{COOH})_2$ and reacts with dilute sodium hydroxide as follows: $(\text{CH}_2)_n(\text{COOH})_2 + 2\text{NaOH} \rightarrow (\text{CH}_2)_n(\text{COONa})_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
2.0 g of succinic acid were dissolved in water and the solution made up to 250 cm^3 . This solution was placed in a burette and 18.4 cm^3 was required to neutralise 25 cm^3 of 0.1 mol dm^{-3} NaOH. Deduce the molecular formula of the acid and hence the value of n.
2. Sodium carbonate exists in hydrated form, $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$, in the solid state. 3.5 g of a sodium carbonate sample was dissolved in water and the volume made up to 250 cm^3 . 25.0 cm^3 of this solution was titrated against 0.1 mol dm^{-3} HCl and 24.5 cm^3 of the acid were required. Calculate the value of x given the equation:
 $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow 2\text{NaCl} + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
3. 25 cm^3 of a sample of vinegar (CH_3COOH) was pipetted into a volumetric flask and the volume was made up to 250 cm^3 . This solution was placed in a burette and 13.9 cm^3 were required to neutralise 25 cm^3 of 0.1 mol dm^{-3} NaOH. Calculate the molarity of the original vinegar solution and its concentration in g dm^{-3} , given that it reacts with NaOH in a 1:1 ratio.
4. 2.5 g of a sample of impure ethanedioic acid, $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, was dissolved in water and the solution made up to 250 cm^3 . This solution was placed in a burette and 21.3 cm^3 were required to neutralise 25 cm^3 of 0.1 mol dm^{-3} NaOH. Given that ethanedioic acid reacts with NaOH in a 1:2 ratio, calculate the percentage purity of the sample.
5. A toilet cleaner containing sodium hydrogensulphate, NaHSO_4 is believed to have been contaminated. 5.678 g of the sample were dissolved in water and the solution was made up to 250 cm^3 . This solution was placed in a burette and 23.1 cm^3 of it were required to neutralise 25 cm^3 of 0.1 mol dm^{-3} sodium hydroxide. Calculate the percentage purity of the sample given that the species react in a 1:1 ratio.
6. When silicon tetrachloride is added to water, the following reaction occurs:
$$\text{SiCl}_4(\text{l}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightarrow \text{SiO}_2(\text{s}) + 4\text{HCl}(\text{aq})$$

1.2 g of impure silicon tetrachloride was dissolved in excess water, and the resulting solution was made up to 250 cm^3 . A 25 cm^3 portion of the solution was then titrated against 0.10 mol dm^{-3} sodium hydroxide, and 18.7 cm^3 of the alkali were required. What was the percentage purity of the silicon tetrachloride?
7. 13.2 g of a sample of zinc sulphate, $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$, was strongly heated until no further change in mass was recorded. On heating, all the water of crystallisation evaporated as follows: $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ZnSO}_4 + x\text{H}_2\text{O}$.
Calculate the number of moles of water of crystallisation in the zinc sulphate sample given that 7.4 g of solid remained after strong heating.