CHAPTER - 05

REDOX REACTIONS

EARLIER CONCEPT OF OXIDATION

Oxidation is the process of addition of oxygen or any electronegative element or group or removal of hydrogen or any electropositive element of group.

Eg:
$$2Mg + O_2 \longrightarrow 2MgO$$

 $2FeCl_2 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2FeCl_3$
 $H_2S + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2HCl + S$
 $K_2MnO_4 + O_3 + H_2O \longrightarrow KMnO_4 + KOH$

Reduction is the process of addition of hydrogen or any electropositive element or group or removal of oxygen or any electronegative element or group.

Eg:
$$H_2 + Cl_2 \longrightarrow 2HCl$$

 $2HgCl_2 + SnCl_2 \longrightarrow Hg_2Cl_2 + SnCl_4$
 $ZnO + C \longrightarrow Zn + CO$
 $2FeCl_3 + H_2S \longrightarrow FeCl_2 + 2HCl + S$

ELECTRONIC CONCEPT

According to the electronic concept, oxidation involves loss of electrons or removal of electrons.

Eg:
$$MnO_4^{2-} \longrightarrow MnO_4^{-} + 1e^{-}$$

 $Fe^{2+} \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + 1e^{-}$
 $Mg \longrightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2e^{-}$

Here MnO_4^{2-} , Fe^{2+} and Mg are donating electrons (electron donor) and are called Reducing agents.

 \therefore Reducing agent is electron donor or we can say that reducing agents are getting oxidised. Similarly reduction involves gain of electrons or addition of electrons.

Eg:
$$Cl_2 + 2e^- \longrightarrow 2Cl^-$$

 $Cu^{2^+} + 1e^- \longrightarrow Cu^+$
 $Sn^{4^+} + 2e^- \longrightarrow Sn^{2^+}$

 $\text{\rm Cl}_{\scriptscriptstyle 2},\,\text{\rm Sn}^{\scriptscriptstyle 4+}\,$ and $\,\text{\rm Cu}^{\scriptscriptstyle 2+}\,$ are accepting electrons and are called oxidising agents.

.. Oxidising agent is electron acceptor. Hence oxidising agents are getting reduced. We have another concept for oxidation and reduction, called oxidation number concept.

Oxidation Number concept

Oxidation number is the number of electrons lost or gained when an atom in the free state changes to the combined state.

OR

It is the positive or negative charge allotted to each atom in a compound assuming all the bonds are ionic bonds.

In FeCl₃, the oxidation number of iron is +3 and that of chlorine is –1.

Eg :
$$FeCl_3$$
, HNO_3 , Na_2CO_3 etc

It is also called oxidation state.

Rules for oxidation number

1. The oxidation number of all elements in free state is zero

Eg : O.N of H atom in
$$H_2 = 0$$

O.N of O atom in $O_3 = 0$
O.N of P atom in $P_4 = 0$
O.N of S atom in $S_8 = 0$

2. The oxidation number of hydrogen is +1 in usual compounds and -1 in metallic hydrides (ionic hydrides)

Eg:
$$NH_3^{+1}$$
, CH_4^{+1} , H_2^{+1} O, H_2^{-1} SO₄, NaH^{-1} , CaH_2^{-1}

3. The oxidation number of oxygen is -2 is usual compounds, $\left(SO_3^{-2}, P_2O_5^{-2}, Cl_2O_7^{-2}, HClO_4^{-2}\right)$

–1 in peroxides,
$$\left(H_2O_2^{-1},\ BaO_2^{-1}\right)$$
 and $-\frac{1}{2}$ in superoxides $\left(KO_2^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$

Oxygen has positive oxidation in oxyfluorides.

$$\left(\stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle{+1}}{\mathrm{O}}_{2}^{\scriptscriptstyle{+1}}\mathrm{F}_{2},\stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle{+2}}{\mathrm{O}}\mathrm{F}_{2}^{\scriptscriptstyle{2}}\right)$$

- 4. Fluorine is the most electronegative element with –1 oxidation state.
- 5. In compounds, the O.N. of Group I metals is +1 and that of Group-II metals is +2.

- 6. The O.N. of a compound is zero and that of an ion is equal to the charge on the ion
- 7. 1) The algebraic sum of O.N. of all atoms in a neutral compound is zero
 - 2) The algebraic sum of O.N. of all atoms in an ion is equal to the charge on the ion
- 8. O.N. of covalent bond
 - 1) Each covalent bond contributes one unit for O.N
 - 2) Covalently bonded atoms with less electronegativity acquire positive O.N. While other atom with more electronegativity acquire negative O.N.
- 9. O.N. of co-ordinate bond

Brilliant STUDY CENTRE

- 1) Give +2 value of O.N. to the atom from which coordinate bond is directed to a more electronegative atom. +2 to donor atom and –2 to acceptor atom.
- 2) If co-ordinate bond is directed from a more electronegative atom to a less electronegative atom, contribution of coordinate bond is neglected.

Oxidation/Reduction in terms of O.N

Oxidation is the process in which O.N. increases. Reduction is the process in which O.N. decreases.

Consider the reaction:
$$P_{b+}^{0} + P_{b}^{+4} + O_{2}^{-2} + 2H_{2}^{+1} + O_{4}^{+6} + O_{2}^{-2} + 2H_{2}^{+6} + O_{4}^{-2} + 2H_{2}^{-2} + O_{4}^{-2} + O_{$$

The O.N. of Pb increases from 0 to +2 ∴ Pb is oxidised to PbSO₄.

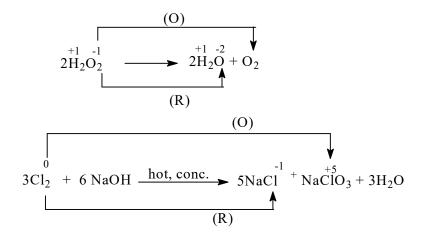
The O.N. of Pb in PbO₂ decreases from +4 to +2. \therefore PbO₂ is reduced to PbSO₄. Such reactions in which oxidation and reduction occur simultaneously is called a Redox reaction.

Here Pb is the reducing agent and PbO₂ is the oxidising agent.

Neutralisation reactions and precipitation reactions are not redox reactions because there is no change in oxidation number.

3. Disproportionation reaction

The same element in the same oxidation state is simultaneously oxidised and reduced.



Reducing agent and oxidising agent

Reducing agent is an electron donor. Hence after oxidation, the O.N. of the reducing agent increases. Oxidising agent is electron acceptor. Hence after reduction, the oxidation number of oxidising agent decreases.

$$\operatorname{SnCl}_2 + 2\operatorname{FeCl}_3 \longrightarrow \operatorname{SnCl}_4 + 2\operatorname{FeCl}_2$$

Here SnCl₂ is the reducing agent and FeCl₃ is the oxidising agent.

Exercise:

Determine the oxidation number of

1) P in NaH₂PO₂
Let O.N. of P = x
$$\therefore$$
 1 + 2 + x - 4 = 0; \therefore x = +1

2) Cr in
$$Cr_2O_7^{2-}$$

 $2x - 14 = -2$
 $2x = 12$
 $x = +6$

RANGE FOR OXIDATION NUMBER

There is a range for oxidation number

Element	Oxidation number	Range
S	-2, 0, +1, +4, +6	-2 to +6
N	-3, -2, -1, -1/3, 0, +1, +2, +3, +4, +5	-3 to +5
CI	-1, 0, +1, +3, +4, +5, +7	-1 to +7
Н	-1, +1	-
Р	-3, 0, +1, +3, +5	-3 to +5
0	-2, -1, -1/2, 0, +1, +2	-2 to +2
С	-4, -3, -2, -1, 0, +2, +3, +4	-4 to +4
Cr	+3, +6	-
Mn	+2, +8/3, +3, +4, +6, +7	+2 to +7
Si	-4, +4	-
Fe	+8/3, +2, +3	-
Os	+8	-
Xe	+6	-

Exceptional cases of evaluation of oxidation numbers

The oxidation number is evaluated based on the structure using the concept of chemical bonding.

1. CrO₅ (chromium pentoxide or blue per chromate)

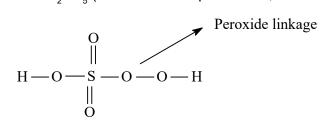
By usual method, the oxidation of Cr is +10. But the maximum oxidation of Cr is +6 only. (Cr has only 5e- in 3d orbitals and 1e- in 4s orbital). This is because 4, oxygen atoms are in peroxide linkage.

O Cr
$$x+1\times(-2)+4\times(-1)x=+6=0$$

O $x-2-4=6$: $x=+6$

Brilliant STUDY CENTRE

2. S in H_2SO_5 (Peroxomonosulphuric acid, Caro's acid)



$$2 \times (+1) + x + 3 \times (-2) + 2 \times (-1) = 0$$
; $x = +6$

3. S in H₂S₂O₈ (Peroxi disulphuric acid, Marshall's acid). It is also has a peroxide linkage

$$2\times \left(+1\right) + 2\times \left(+x\right) + 6\times \left(-2\right) + 2\times \left(-1\right) = 0$$

$$(\text{for B}) \quad (\text{for O}) \quad (\text{for O}) - 0$$

$$\therefore 2x = +12 \text{ or } x = +6$$

4. S in Na₂S₄O₆ (Sodium tetra thionate)

$$2+4x-12=0$$
 : $4x=10$; $x=\frac{+10}{4}=2.5$

Fraction: average O.N

5. S in Na₂S₂O₃ (Sodium thiosulphate)

The donor S atom is in +6 and acceptor S atom in -2

6. C in C_3O_2

$$O = C = C = C = O$$

7. Cl in CaOCl₂ (Bleaching powder)

$$\begin{array}{c} -2 \\ O \\ -C I^{+1} \end{array}$$
 one CI in +1 state and other in –1 state

To predict whether the compound is oxidising agent or reducing agent

1. If the central atom of the compound is in the highest oxidation state, it will act only as oxidising agent.

2. If the central atom is in the lowest oxidation state, it will act only as reducing agent.

3. If the central atom is in an intermediate oxidation state, it will act as both oxidising agent and reducing agent

EQUIVALENT WEIGHT

Equivalent weight of a substance (oxidant or reductant) is equal to molecular weight divided by number of electrons lost or gained by one molecule of a substance in a redox reaction.

Eq. wt. of O.A. =
$$\frac{\text{Molecular weight}}{\text{No.ofe}^{-} \text{ gained by one molecule (n - factor or valence factor)}}$$

Eq.wt.of. R.A. =
$$\frac{\text{Molecular weight}}{\text{No.ofe}^{-} \text{ lost by one molecule (n - factor or valence factor)}}$$

BALANCING OF REDOX REACTIONS

I. Ion-electron method (half reaction method)

- i. Write down the reaction in ionic form.
- ii. Split it into 2 half reactions (oxidation and reduction)

iii. To balance each half reaction

- a. Balance the other atom except H and O
- b. Balance the O.N. by adding e-
- c. Balance the charge by adding H⁺ for reactions in acidic medium and OH⁻ for reactions in basic medium
- d. Balance H and O by adding H₂O molecules.
- iv. Make the no.of electrons equal in both half reactions.
- v. Add the 2 balanced half reactions and cancel the common term if any

II. Oxidation number method

- i. Write down the reaction in ionic form, and mark the oxidation and reduction
- ii. Make the number of atoms equal other than H and O
- iii. Find the increase in O.N. and decrease in O.N.
- iv. Make the increase and decrease equal. (by multiplication with suitable integer)
- v. Balance charge by adding H⁺ for reactions in acid medium and OH⁻ for reactions in basic medium.
- vi. Balance H and O by adding H₂O molecules.

REDOX TITRATIONS

Titrations between oxidising agent and reducing agent

I. Permanganometry

 $KMnO_4$ is used as O.A. (in acidic medium) $H_2C_2O_4$ (oxalic acid) or Mohr's salt is the R.A. $KMnO_4$ itself acts as a self indicator. End point is the appearance of a permanent pale pink colour.

II. Dichrometry

K₂Cr₂O₇ is used as O.A. (in acidic medium) FeSO₄ in the R.A.

External indicator: Potassium ferricyanide. At the end point the prussian blue colour changes.

III. lodimetry

Estimation of a R.A. using standard I₂ solution is called iodimetry.

$$I_2 + 2Na_2S_2O_3 \longrightarrow 2NaI + Na_2S_4O_6$$

Starch is used as indicator. At the end point the blue colour disappears.

IV. lodometry

Here I_2 is produced by a reaction between O.A. and KI solution. The I_2 liberated is titrated against Na₂S₂O₃ solution using starch as indicator.

$$2CuSO_4 + 4KI \longrightarrow 2CuI_2 + 2K_2SO_4 + I_2$$

$$I_2 + 2Na_2S_2O_3 \longrightarrow 2NaI + Na_2S_4O_6$$

By this method, the O.A. can be estimated.

CHAPTER - 06 CHEMICAL THERMODYNAMICS

The branch of chemistry which deals with the study of different forms of energy and their interconversions is called thermodynamics.

BASICS OF THERMODYNAMICS

System and surroundings

The part of the universe under our experimental observation is called the system. The remaiing part which exchange energy and matter with the system is called the surrounding.

Thus system + surroundings \rightarrow universe

The system is separated from surroundings by real or imaginary boundaries.

If the physical properties and chemical compositions are same throughout the system, the system is called as homogenous. Otherwise the system is heterogenous.

Different types of systems

1. Open system: A system which can exchange energy and matter with the surroundings is called an open system.

Eg: Hot water placed in an open beaker

Closed system: A system which can exchange only energy but not matter with the surroundings is called a closed system.

Eg: Hot water placed in a closed beaker.

3. Isolated system: A system which can exchange neither energy nor matter with the surroundings is called an isolated system.

Eg: Hot water placed in a thermoflask

MACROSCOPIC PROPERTIES OF A SYSTEM

The properties which arise due to the bulk behaviour of matter in the system are called macroscopic properties.

Eg: Mass, Volume, Energy etc.

- **1. Extensive properties**: The properties which depends upon the amount of substance present in the system are called extensive properties. Eg: Mass, Volume, Energy etc.
- 2. **Intensive properties**: The properties which are independent of the amount of substance present in the system and depends only on the nature of the substance is called intensive property.