

**Experiment 8: Water Purification: Hardness Estimation by  
EDTA Method and its Removal using  
Ion-exchange Resin**

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## Titration-I: Standardization of EDTA

Table:

S. No.	Volume of standard hard water (mL)	Burette reading (mL)		Volume of EDTA (V <sub>1</sub> , mL)
		Initial	Final	
1	20	0	20.4	20.4
2	20	0	20.4	20.4
3	—	—	—	—
Concordant titer value				20.4

### Calculation:

20 mL of given hard water consumes V<sub>1</sub> mL of EDTA

20 mg of CaCO<sub>3</sub> requires V<sub>1</sub> mL of EDTA for complexation

∴ 1 mL of EDTA requires =  $\frac{20}{V_1}$  mg = 0.98 mg CaCO<sub>3</sub> for complexation

<u>Titration-I Calculation :</u>
20mL of given hard water consumes 20.4mL of EDTA
20mg of CaCO <sub>3</sub> requires 20.4mg of EDTA for complexation
∴ 1mL of EDTA requires = $\frac{20}{20.4}$ = 0.98mg CaCO <sub>3</sub> for complexation

## Titration-II: Estimation of total hardness of hard water sample

**Table:**

S. No.	Volume of sample hard water (mL)	Burette reading (mL)		Volume of EDTA (V <sub>2</sub> , mL)
		Initial	Final	
1	20	0	8.2	8.2
2	20	0	8.2	8.2
3	—	—	—	
Concordant titer value				8.2

### **Calculation:**

From Titration 1, we have the following relation:

∴ 1 mL of EDTA requires = 0.98 mg CaCO<sub>3</sub> for complexation

From Titration 2,

20 mL of sample hard water consumes = V<sub>2</sub> mL of EDTA.

$$= V_2 \times 20/V_1 \text{ mg of CaCO}_3 \text{ eq.}$$

∴ 1000 mL of hard water sample consumes =  $V_2 \times 20/V_1 \times 1000/20$

$$= V_2/V_1 \times 1000 \text{ ppm}$$

∴ Total hardness of the water sample = **X ppm = 401.96 ppm**

Titration - II Calculation:

From Titration - I,  
1 mL of EDTA requires = 0.98 mg CaCO<sub>3</sub> for complexation

From Titration - II,  
20 mL of sample hard water consumes = 8.2 mL of EDTA = V<sub>2</sub>  
$$\text{ppm} = \frac{V_2 \times 20}{V_1} \text{ mg of CaCO}_3 \text{ eq.}$$

∴ 1000 mL of hard water sample consumes =  $\frac{V_2}{V_1} \times \frac{20}{20} \times 1000$   
$$= \frac{V_2}{V_1} \times 1000 \text{ ppm}$$
  
$$= \frac{8.2}{20.4} \times 1000 = 401.96 \text{ ppm}$$

∴ Total hardness of water sample = X ppm = 401.96 ppm

### Titration-3: Removal of hardness using ion exchange method

**Table:**

S. No.	Volume of sample hard water (mL)	Burette reading (mL)		Volume of EDTA (V <sub>3</sub> , mL)
		Initial	Final	
1	20	0	2.6	2.6
2	20	0	2.6	2.6
3	—	—	—	—
Concordant titer value				2.6

**Calculation:**

From Titration 1, we have the following relation:

∴ 1 mL of EDTA requires =  $20/V_1$  mg CaCO<sub>3</sub> for complexation

From this relation, it can be seen that

20 mL of water sample after softening through the column consumes = V<sub>3</sub> mL of EDTA.

$$= V_3 \times 20/V_1 \text{ mg of CaCO}_3 \text{ eq.}$$

∴ 1000 mL of water sample after softening through the column consumes

$$= V_3 \times \frac{20}{V_1} \times \frac{1000}{20}$$

$$= V_3/V_1 \times 1000 \text{ ppm}$$

∴ Residual hardness of the water sample = **Y ppm = 127.45 ppm**

Titration - III Calculation:

From Titration - I,  
1 mL of EDTA requires = 0.98 mg CaCO<sub>3</sub> for complexation

From Titration - III,  
20 mL of water sample after softening through the column  
Consumes = V<sub>3</sub> mL of EDTA =  $V_3 \times \frac{20}{V_1} \times \frac{1000}{20}$

$$= \frac{V_3}{V_1} \times 1000 \text{ ppm}$$
$$= \frac{2.6}{20.4} \times 1000 = \boxed{127.45 \text{ ppm}}$$

∴ Residual hardness of water sample = Y ppm = 127.45 ppm

## **Result:**

- 1) Total hardness of the water sample = **X ppm = 401.96 ppm**
- 2) Residual hardness in the water sample = **Y ppm = 127.45 ppm**
- 3) Hardness removed through the column = **(X-Y) ppm = 274.51 ppm**