

Advanced Analysis for Pharmacy Students

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Infrared Spectroscopy

IR spectroscopy

IR spectroscopy (which is short for infrared spectroscopy) deals with the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum,

- i.e. light having a longer wavelength and a lower frequency than visible light.
- Infrared Spectroscopy generally refers to the analysis of the interaction of a molecule with infrared light.
- The IR spectroscopy concept can generally be analyzed in three ways:
- by measuring reflection, emission, and absorption.
- The major use of infrared spectroscopy is to determine
- **the** <u>**functional** groups</u> of molecules, relevant to both organic and inorganic chemistry

What is IR Spectroscopy?

- **An IR spectrum** is essentially a graph plotted with the infrared light absorbed on the Y-axis against. frequency or wavelength or wavenumber on the X-axis.
- An illustration highlighting the different regions that light can be classified into is given below.
- IR Spectroscopy detects frequencies of infrared light that are absorbed by a molecule. Molecules tend to absorb these specific frequencies of light since they correspond to the frequency of the vibration of bonds in the molecule.







Regions of the Infrared spectrum

- Most of the bands that indicate what functional group is present are found in the region from 4000 cm⁻¹ to 1300 cm⁻¹.
- Their bands can be identified and used to determine the functional group of an unknown compound.
- Bands that are unique to each molecule, similar to a fingerprint, are found in the fingerprint region, from 1300 cm⁻¹ to 400 cm⁻¹.
- These bands are only used to compare the spectra of one compound to another.

Infrared radiation

 $\lambda = 2.5$ to 17 μ m

v = 4000 to 600 cm⁻¹

These frequencies match the frequencies of covalent bond stretching and bending vibrations.

Infrared spectroscopy can be used to find out about **covalent bonds** in molecules.

IR is used to tell:

1. what type of bonds are present

2. some structural information (function group

OH, CO. NH2, COOH, SH)

Principle Of Infrared Spectroscopy

The IR spectroscopy theory utilizes the concept that molecules tend to absorb specific frequencies of light that are characteristic of the corresponding structure of the molecules.

The molecule can absorb the energy contained in the incident light and the result is a faster **rotation** or a more pronounced **vibration**.

Modes of Vibration

The interaction of infrared radiations with matter can be understood in terms of changes in molecular dipoles associated with vibrations. Vibrations can involve either changes in **bond** length (stretching) or bond angle (bending). Some bonds can **stretch in-plane** (symmetric stretching) or **out-of-plane** (asymmetric stretching). **Bending** vibrations can be either **in-plane** (as; scissoring, rocking) or **out-of-plane** (as; wagging, twisting) bending vibrations. STRETCHING

Modes of Vi

Number of vibrational modes

- In order for a vibrational mode in a sample to be "IR active", it must be associated with changes in the molecular dipole moment. A permanent dipole is not necessary, as the rule requires only a *change* in dipole moment.
- A molecule can vibrate in many ways, and each way is called a **vibrational mode**. For molecules with N number of atoms, geometrically linear molecules have 3N 5 degrees of vibrational modes, whereas nonlinear molecules have 3N 6 degrees of vibrational modes (also called vibrational degrees of freedom). As examples linear carbon dioxid (CO₂) has $3 \times 3 5 = 4$, while non-linear water (H₂O), has only $3 \times 3 6 = 3$.

Direction	Symmetry	Symmetric	Antisymmetric
	Radial	Symmetric stretching (v_s)	Antisymmetric stretching (v _{as})
	Latitudinal	Scissoring (δ)	Rocking (p)
	Longitudinal	Wagging (ω)	Twisting (τ)



- Uses and applications
- Infrared spectroscopy is a simple and reliable technique widely used in both organic and inorganic chemistry, in research and industry..
- It is used in quality control, used to analyze the insect repellent, Food and Drug Administration.
- Scientist uses portable near infrared spectroscopy device to detect potentially illegal substances.
- It is also used in forensic analysis in both criminal and civil cases, for example in identifying the blood alcohol content of a suspected drunk driver.

• Practical IR Spectroscopy

- The infrared spectrum of a sample is recorded by passing a beam of infrared light through the sample. When the frequency of the IR is the same as the vibrational frequency of a bond or collection of bonds, absorption occurs.
- Examination of the transmitted light reveals how much energy was absorbed at each frequency (or wavelength). This measurement can be achieved by scanning the wavelength range using a monochromator.
- Alternatively, the entire wavelength range is measured using a Fourier transform instrument and then a transmittance or absorbance spectrum is generated using a dedicated procedure.

Sample preparation Gas samples

• Gaseous samples require a sample cell with long pathlength . The pathlength of the sample cell depends on the concentration of the compound of interest. A simple glass tube with length of 5 to 10 cm equipped with infraredtransparent windows at both ends of the tube can be used .

Liquid samples

• Liquid samples can be sandwiched between two plates of a salt (commonly sodium chloride, or common salt, although a number of other salts such as potassium bromide or calcium fluoride are also used). The plates are transparent to the infrared light and do not introduce any lines onto the spectra.

Solid samples

- Solid samples can be prepared in a variety of ways. One common method is to crush the sample with an oily mulling agent (usually mineral oil Nujol). A thin film of the mull is applied onto salt plates and measured.
- The second method is to grind a quantity of the sample with a specially purified salt (usually potassium bromide) finely (to remove scattering effects from large crystals). This powder mixture is then pressed in a mechanical press to form a translucent pellet through which the beam of the spectrometer can pass.

IR Spectroscopy Instrumentation

- The instrumentation of infrared spectroscopy is illustrated below.
- First, a beam of IR light from the source is split into two and passed through the reference and the sample respectively.
- Now, both of these beams are reflected to pass through a splitter and then through a detector.
- Finally, the required reading is printed out after the processor deciphers the data passed through the detector.



IR source \rightarrow sample \rightarrow prism \rightarrow detector

graph of % transmission *vs*. frequency => IR spectrum



Graph of the IR spectrum

Given below is a sample of typical Infrared Absorption Frequencies.

Thus, IR spectroscopy involves the collection of absorption information and its analysis in the form of a spectrum.





Some characteristic infrared absorption frequencies

BOND	COMPOUND TYPE	FREQUENCY RANGE, cm ⁻¹
С-Н	alkanes	2850-2960 and 1350-1470
	alkenes	3020-3080 (m) and
	RCH=CH2	910-920 and 990-1000
	R2C=CH2	880-900
	cis-RCH=CHR	675-730 (v)
	trans-RCH=CHR	965-975
	aromatic rings	3000-3100 (m) and
	monosubst.	690-710 and 730-770
	ortho-disubst.	735-770
	meta-disubst.	690-710 and 750-810 (m)
	para-disubst.	810-840 (m)
	alkynes	3300
О-Н	alcohols or phenols	3200-3640 (b)
C=C	alkenes	1640-1680 (v)
	aromatic rings	1500 and 1600 (v)
C≡C	alkynes	2100-2260 (v)
C-0	primary alcohols	1050 (b)
	secondary alcohols	1100 (b)
	tertiary alcohols	1150 (b)
	phenols	1230 (b)
	alkyl ethers	1060-1150
	aryl ethers	1200-1275(b) and 1020-1075 (m)

all abs. strong unless marked: m, moderate; v, variable; b, broad

IR spectra of **ALKANES**

C—H bond "saturated"

(sp³) **2850-2960** cm⁻¹

+ 1350-1470 cm^{-1}

- -CH₂- + 1430-1470
- $-CH_3$ + " and 1375
- $-CH(CH_3)_2$ + " and 1370, 1385
- $-C(CH_3)_3$ + " and 1370(s), 1395 (m)











IR of ALKENES						
=C—H bond, "unsaturated" vinyl						
(sp ²) 3020-3080 cm⁻¹						
	+	675-1000				
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R ₂ C=CH ₂	+	880-900				
cis-RCH=CHR	+	675-730 (v)				
trans-RCH=CHR	+	965-975				

C=C bond **1640-1680 cm⁻¹ (v)**



IR spectra **BENZENE**s =C—H bond, "unsaturated" "aryl" (sp^2) **3000-3100** cm⁻¹ + 690-840mono-substituted + 690-710, 730-770 ortho-disubstituted + 735-770 meta-disubstituted + 690-710, 750-810(m) para-disubstituted + 810-840(m)

C=C bond **1500**, **1600** cm⁻¹

IR spectra ALCOHOLS & ETHERS

C—O bond	1050-12	275 (b) cm ⁻¹
1º ROI	H	1050
2º ROI	H	1100
3º ROI	H	1150
ethers		1060-1150

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O—H bond 3200-3640 (b) **★**

What is the compound?

- a) 1-bromopentane
- b) 1-pentanol
- c) 2-pentanone
- d) 2-methylpentane

2-pentanone

In a "matching" problem, do **not** try to fully analyze each spectrum. Look for differences in the possible compounds that will show up in an infrared spectrum.

