

Concentration:

Concentration represents the amount of dissolved substance (solute) per unit amount of solvent, It can be expressed by:

- 1) physical units: mass-volume
- 2) chemical units: equivalent weight- Molecular weight(mole).

Expressing concentrations By Physical units :

A. Percent concentration %

It can be expressed in several ways such as :

① Weight percent (w/w) %

$$\text{Weight percent } \left(\frac{w}{w} \right) \% = \frac{\text{weight of solute}}{\text{weight of solution}} \times 100 \%$$

e.g: Nitric acid (70%) solution, means that it contains (70 g) of HNO_3 for each (100 g) of solution.

Example:

Intravenous dextrose injections are given to restore sugar levels in patients. What is the sugar mass dissolved in 25 g of a 10 % dextrose solution?

Solution:

$$\text{Weight percent } \left(\frac{w}{w} \right) \% = \frac{\text{weight of solute}}{\text{weight of solution}} \times 100 \%$$

$$10 \% = \frac{\text{weight of solute}}{25} \times 100 \%$$

$$\text{Weight of solute (dextrose sugar)} = \frac{10 \times 25}{100} = 2.5 \text{ g}$$

Exercise:

A metal alloy contains 15.8% nickel (w/w)%. What mass of the metal alloy would contain 36.5 g of nickel?

② **volume percent (v/v)%**

$$\text{Volume percent } \left(\frac{V}{V}\right)\% = \frac{\text{volume of solute}}{\text{volume of solution}} \times 100\%$$

It is commonly used to specify the concentration of a solution prepared by diluting a pure liquid with another liquid.(e.g: perfumes) **e.g:** 5% solution of a perfume usually describes a solution prepared by diluting 5 mL of perfume with enough solvent(e.g: ethanol) to give 100 mL of solution.

Example:

What is the volume of acetic acid needed for the preparation of 500 mL of vinegar, aqueous solution of 7.5% (v/v) of acetic acid?

Solution:

$$\text{Volume percent } \left(\frac{V}{V}\right)\% = \frac{\text{volume of solute}}{\text{volume of solution}} \times 100\%$$

$$7.5\% = \frac{\text{volume of acetic acid}}{500 \text{ mL}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Volume of acetic acid} = \frac{7.5 \times 500}{100} = 37.5 \text{ mL}$$

Then the vinegar solution is prepared by dissolving 37.5 mL of acetic acid in water and completing the volume to 500 mL

③ **weight/volume percent** $\left(\frac{w}{v}\right)\%$

$$\text{weight/volume percent } \left(\frac{w}{v}\right)\% = \frac{\text{weight of solute}(gm)}{\text{volume of solution}(mL)} \times 100\%$$

It is often employed to indicate the composition of dilute aqueous solution of solid dissolved in water. **e.g :** 5% aqueous potassium nitrate refers to a solution

prepared by dissolving (5 g) of KNO_3 in sufficient amount of water to give (100 mL) of solution .

Example:

Calculate the $\left(\frac{w}{v}\right)\%$ concentration of the aqueous sodium chloride solution prepared by dissolving 5 g of NaCl in water and completing the volume to 250 mL.

Answer:

$$\left(\frac{w}{v}\right)\% = \frac{\text{weight of solute}(g)}{\text{volume of solution}(mL)} \times 100\%$$

$$\left(\frac{w}{v}\right)\% = \frac{5 \text{ gm}}{250 \text{ mL}} \times 100\% = 2 \%$$

Practice exercises :

- Calculate the (w/v)% of 0.2 L of solution containing 15 g KCl.
- Calculate the mass (in g) of sodium hydroxide required to make 2 L of a 1 % (w/v)% solution
- Calculate the volume (in mL) of a 25 % (w/v)% solution containing 10 g NaCl.

2.Expressing concentrations By chemical units :

The mole:

Is a unit for the amount of a chemical species, always associated with a chemical formula and represents Avogadro's number (6.022×10^{23}) of particles represented by that formula .

Molar Mass : Is the mass in grams of 1 mole of the substance , it is calculated by summing the atomic masses of all the atoms appearing in a chemical formula .

$\text{Molar mass} = \sum \text{atomic mass}$

Example :- Molar mass of glucose $C_6H_{12}O_6$:

$$M_{C_6H_{12}O_6} = \sum (6 \text{ mole carbon} + 12 \text{ mole hydrogen} + 6 \text{ mole oxygen}) \text{ atom}$$

$$M_{C_6H_{12}O_6} = 6 \times 12.0 + 12 \times 1.0 + 6 \times 16.0 = 180 \text{ g/mole}$$

Important Relations:-

Molar mass(M.wt) units are g/mole or mg/mmole

$$\text{No. of moles} = \frac{\text{wt(g)}}{\text{M. wt(g)}}$$

$$\text{Wt (g)} = \text{No. of moles} \times \text{M.wt}$$

$$\text{Mole} = 10^3 \text{ mmole}, \quad \text{mmole} = 10^{-3} \text{ mole}$$

Example:

How many grams of Na^+ (M.wt = 22.99 g/mole) are contained in (25 g) of Na_2SO_4 (M.wt = 142 g/mole)?

Solution:



$$\text{moles of } Na_2SO_4 (n_{Na_2SO_4}) = \frac{\text{Wt}_{(g)} Na_2SO_4}{\text{M. Wt}_{(g)} Na_2SO_4} = \frac{25}{142} = 0.176$$

$$\text{No. of moles of } Na^+ (n_{Na^+}) = \text{Number of moles } Na_2SO_4 \times 2$$

$$\text{No. of moles of } Na^+ (n_{Na^+}) = 0.176 \times 2 = 0.352 \text{ moles } Na^+$$

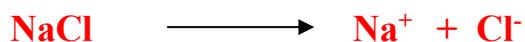
$$\text{Wt (g)} = \text{No. of moles} \times \text{M.wt}$$

$$\text{Weight of } Na^+ \text{ (g)} = \text{moles } Na^+ \times 22.99 \text{ (g) } Na^+$$

$$\text{Weight of } Na^+ \text{ (g)} = 0.352 \times 22.99 = 8.10 \text{ (g) } Na^+$$

Hints

-No. of moles of Na^+ (n_{Na^+}) in NaCl is = 1 x No. of moles of NaCl as



1 mole

1 mole

No. of moles of Na^+ (n_{Na^+}) in Na_3PO_4 is = 3 x No. of moles of Na_3PO_4 as



Exercise:

How many grams of Na^+ (22.99 g /mole) are contained in 25 g of Na_3PO_4 (164 g /mole)?

Exercise :

1. No. of moles of K^+ (n_{K^+}) in $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4 = ?$
2. No. of moles of K^+ (n_{K^+}) in $\text{KNO}_3 = ?$
3. No. of moles of Mg^{2+} ($n_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}$) in $\text{MgSO}_4 = ?$
4. No. of moles of Fe^{3+} ($n_{\text{Fe}^{3+}}$) in $\text{FeCl}_3 = ?$
5. No. of moles of Cl^- (n_{Cl^-}) in $\text{FeCl}_3 = ?$

Molar concentration (M):

Molarity: Number of moles of solute per liter of solution

Or Number of m moles of solute per milliliter of solution.

$$M = \frac{\text{number of moles of solute}}{\text{volume of solution(liter)}}$$

Molarity calculations:

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{No. of moles}}{\text{volume (L)}} = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)}}{\text{M.wt} \times V_L}$$

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)}}{\text{M.wt} \times V_L} \qquad V_L = \frac{V_{mL}}{1000}$$

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)}}{\text{M.wt} \times \frac{V_{mL}}{1000}}$$

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)} \times 1000}{\text{M.wt} \times V_{mL}}$$

Example: calculate the molar concentration of KNO_3 aqueous solution that contains (2.02 g) of KNO_3 (101 g/mole) in (2 L) of solution?

Solution:

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)}}{\text{M.wt} \times V_L} = \frac{2.02_{(g)}}{101 \times 2 \text{ L}} = 0.1 \text{ M}$$

Or

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)} \times 1000}{\text{M.wt} \times V_{mL}} = \frac{2.02_{(g)} \times 1000}{101 \times 2000 \text{ mL}} = 0.1 \text{ M}$$

Example:

How many millilitres of 12 M hydrochloric acid contain 7.30 g of HCl solute (36.5 g/mole)?

Solution:

$$\text{Molarity(M)} = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)} \times 1000}{\text{M. wt} \times V_{\text{mL}}}$$

$$V(\text{mL}) = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)} \times 1000}{\text{M. wt} \times \text{Molarity(M)}} = \frac{7.3 \times 1000}{36.5 \times 12} = 16.7 \text{ mL}$$

Preparation of molar solutions

Molarity represents the number of moles of solute in one liter of solution or number of mmole in one milliliter .

For example, a sulfuric acid(98 g/mole) solution with an analytical concentration of (1 M) can be prepared by dissolving (1 mole) or (98 g) of H₂SO₄ in water and diluting to exactly (1 L).

$$\{ \text{Molarity(M)} = \frac{\text{No. of moles}}{\text{Vol.(L)}} = \frac{1 \text{ mole}}{1 \text{ L}} = 1\text{M} \}$$

$$\text{No. of moles} = \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{\text{M.wt}} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{Molarity(M)} = \frac{\text{No. of moles}}{\text{volume(L)}}$$

$$\text{No. of moles} = \text{molarity M} \times \text{volume (L)} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

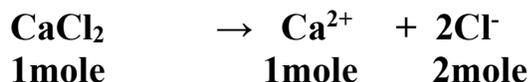
$$\frac{\text{weight (g)}}{\text{M.wt}} = \text{molarity M} \times \text{volume(L)}$$

$$\text{Weight (g)} = \text{molarity M} \times \text{volume(L)} \times \text{M.wt}$$

Example:

Describe the preparation of (2 liter) of (0.18 M) Ca^{2+} from CaCl_2 (111 g/mol).

Solution:



Weight (g) = molarity M x volume(L) x M.wt

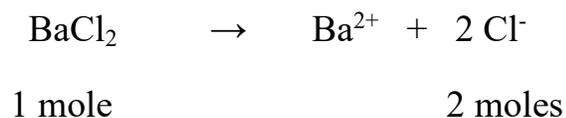
Weight of CaCl_2 (g) = $0.18 \times 2 \times 111 = 39.96 \text{ g } \text{CaCl}_2$

The solution is prepared by dissolving 39.96gm CaCl_2 in water and complete the volume to 2 L

Example:

Describe the preparation of 500 mL of 0.0740 M Cl^- solution from solid BaCl_2 (208 g/mole).

Solution:



No of moles = Molarity (mole / liter) x Volume (Liters)

moles Cl^- = $0.0740 \times 0.5 = 0.037$ moles Cl^-

No. of moles BaCl_2 needed = $\frac{1}{2}$ (No. of moles of Cl^-)

No .moles BaCl_2 needed = $\frac{0.037}{2} = 0.0185$ mole

weight of BaCl_2 = No. of moles BaCl_2 x M.wt

weight of BaCl_2 = $0.0185 \times 208 = 3.85$ grams

Then the required solution is prepared by dissolving 3.85 g of BaCl_2 in water and diluting it to 0.5 L (500 mL).

Example:

Calculate the number of molecules (particles) of NaCl (58.5 g/mole) present in 1 litre of 0.1 M solution.

solution:

Each 1 mole contains Avogadro's number (6.022×10^{23}) of molecules then

No. of moles = Molarity(M) x V(liter) = $0.1 \times 1 = 0.1$ mole

$$\text{No. of moles} = \frac{\text{No. of molecules}}{6.02 \times 10^{23}}$$

No. of molecules = No. of moles x $6.02 \times 10^{23} = 0.1 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23}$

No. of molecules = 6.02×10^{22} molecules

Conversion to molarity:

$$\text{Molarity (M)} = \frac{\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% \times 10}{\text{M.wt}}$$

Example:

Calculate the Molarity of the solution that is 20(w/v)% of KCl (74.5 g /mol)?

solution:

$$\text{Molarity(M)} = \frac{\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% \times 10}{\text{M. wt}}$$

$$\text{Molarity(M)} = \frac{20 \times 10}{74.5} = 2.68 \text{ M}$$

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Checking by using $\text{Molarity(M)} = \frac{\text{wt}_{(g)} \times 1000}{\text{M.wt} \times V_{\text{mL}}}$

$$\text{Molarity(M)} = \frac{20_{(g)} \times 1000}{74.5 \times 100_{\text{mL}}} = 2.68 \text{ M}$$

Conversions:

1. Molarity to m mole/ L

$$\text{Molarity(M)} \times 1000 = \text{m mol/L}$$

2. Molarity to mg/dL

$$\text{mg/dL} = \text{m mol/L} \times \left(\frac{\text{Mwt}}{10}\right)$$

$$\text{Then C (mg/dL)} = \frac{\text{Molarity(M)} \times 1000 \times \text{M.wt}}{10}$$

$$\text{C(mg/dL)} = \text{Molarity(M)} \times \text{M.wt} \times 100$$

3. $\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\%$ to mg/dL

$$\text{as Molarity(M)} = \frac{\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% \times 10}{\text{M.wt}}$$

$$\text{Then C(mg/dL)} = \frac{\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% \times 10}{\text{M.wt}} \times \text{M.wt} \times 100$$

$$\text{C (mg/dL)} = \left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% \times 1000$$

$$1\text{Liter} = 10 \text{ dL}$$

$$1 \text{ dL} = 100 \text{ mL}$$

Example

A solution of heparin sodium, an anticoagulant for blood, contains 1.8 g of heparin sodium dissolved to make a final volume of 15 mL of solution. What is the concentration of this solution in $\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\%$ and in mg/dL ?

SOLUTION

$$\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% = \frac{\text{weight of solute}(g)}{\text{volume of solution}(mL)} \times 100\%$$

$$\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% = \frac{\text{weight of heparin}(g)}{\text{volume of solution}(mL)} \times 100\%$$

$$\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% = \frac{1.8(g)}{15(mL)} \times 100\% = 12\%$$

$$\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% \times 1000 = \text{mg /dL}$$

$$12 \times 1000 = 12000 \text{ mg / dL}$$

Example:

How many grams of NaCl are needed to prepare 250 mL of a 1.5% (w/v) saline solution?

SOLUTION

$$\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\% = \frac{\text{weight of solute}(g)}{\text{volume of solution}(mL)} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Weight of solute (g)} = \frac{(\text{volume of solution})ml \times \left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\%}{100}$$

$$\text{Weight of solute (g)} = \frac{(250)ml \times (1.5)\%}{100} = 3.75 \text{ g NaCl}$$

Exercises:

1. What mass of glucose is needed to prepare 125 mL of 16% (w/v) glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_6$) solution?
2. What is the Volume of aqueous solution needed to prepare a 2 % (w/v) KCl solution from 1.20 g KCl.?
3. Calculate the concentration in $\left(\frac{w}{V}\right)\%$ of the solution of 8.6 mg/dl of Ca^{2+}
4. Which of the following contains the largest number of molecules :
 - a) 66g of CO_2 (44 g/mole)
 - b) 80 g of NaOH (40 g/mole)
 - c) 32 g of CH_3OH (32 g/mole)
5. Describe the preparation of 500 mL of 0.0740 M Cl^- aqueous solution from solid $CaCl_2$ (111 g/mole).
6. Calculate the weight in grams of solid K_2SO_4 (174.26 g/mole) required to prepare 500 mL of 0.04 M aqueous solution of K^+ .