The Mole Concept

A. Atomic Masses and Avogadro’s Hypothesis

1. We have learned that compounds are made up of two or more different elements and that elements are composed of atoms. Therefore, compounds must be composed of molecules made up of two or more different kinds of atoms. During a chemical reaction, the atoms that make up the starting materials rearrange to form new and different molecules.

The question that arises however, is how many atoms and molecules are involved in the reaction or how much of one element will combine with another element? In addition, since atoms are so small, how can we count them?

Early experimental work by English chemist John Dalton (1766–1844) was concerned with how much of one element could combine with a given amount of another element. He proposed the following hypotheses:

- Molecules are made up of “atoms” of various elements.
- If compound “B” contains twice the mass of element “X” as does compound “A”, then compound “B” must contain twice as many atoms of “X”.
- Simple compounds are made up of only one atom of each of the two elements making up the compound.
2. Dalton did not attempt to figure out the mass of an individual atom of any element. Instead, he assigned an **ARBITRARY MASS** to each element. He made the assumption that hydrogen was the lightest element and assigned it a mass of “1”. He then compared the masses of other elements to that of hydrogen.

Carbon was found to be 6 times heavier than hydrogen so it was assigned a mass of 6. Oxygen was found to be 16 times heavier than hydrogen so it was assigned a mass of 16.

e.g. The reaction between 2.74 g of hydrogen gas and 97.26 g of chlorine gas makes 100 g of hydrogen chloride gas. If we assume that hydrogen chloride contains one atom each of hydrogen and chlorine, the relative mass of chlorine is

\[
\frac{97.26 \text{ g}}{2.74 \text{ g}} = 35.5 \text{ times heavier than hydrogen}
\]

Since hydrogen is assigned a mass of “1”, chlorine has a mass of “35.5”.

If 46.0 g of sodium react with 71.0 g of chlorine, the relative mass of sodium is

\[
\frac{46.0 \text{ g}}{71.0 \text{ g}} = 0.648 \text{ times the mass of chlorine}
\]

Since chlorine is assigned the mass of “35.5”, the mass of sodium is

\[0.648 \times 35.5 = 23.0\]

In this way, Dalton was able to calculate the “**RELATIVE Masses**” for several elements.
3. Dalton’s atomic mass scale was partly in error because not all the molecules he studied actually contained only one atom of each element. During the time that Dalton’s mass scale was just being introduced, the French chemist Joseph Gay-Lussac began to study how gases reacted. When Gay-Lussac reacted pairs of gases at the same temperature and pressure, he found that gases combined in simple whole number ratios.

1 L of hydrogen gas reacts with 1 L of chlorine gas to make 2 L of HCl(g)

1 L of nitrogen reacts with 3 L of hydrogen gas to make 2 L of NH₃(g)

2 L of carbon monoxide gas react with 1 L of oxygen gas to make 2 L of CO₂(g)

By itself, Gay-Lussac’s findings did not seem to be related to atomic mass but then the Italian chemist Amadeo Avogadro proposed the following explanation for Gay-Lussac’s data.

**AVOGADRO’S HYPOTHESIS**

Equal volumes of different gases, at the same temperature and pressure, contain the same number of particles.

In other words, if 1 L of gas A reacts with 1 L of gas B, then there are exactly the same number of particles of A and B present. Therefore, the molecule formed by reacting A with B is AB.

Similarly, if 2 L of gas A reacts with 1 L of gas B, the molecules formed have the formula A₂B.

Assign 2-5
B. The Mole

1. Avogadro’s hypothesis allows us to predict the formula of a compound by determining the ratio of the volumes of gases needed to make the compound.

   e.g. If 1 L of nitrogen reacts with 3 L of hydrogen to form ammonia, then its formula is \( \text{NH}_3 \).

   If 2 L of hydrogen reacts with 1 L of oxygen to form water, then its formula is \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \).

   *Demo water canon.*

   So if we want to make a particular compound, all we need to do is react volumes of gases in the ratio given by their formulas **BUT** how do we determine how much of one element reacts with another element when they are not gases?

   e.g. How much iron is required to react with sulphur to produce iron (II) sulphide, \( \text{FeS} \), so that neither element is left over?

   Since the easiest way to measure solids is to measure their mass, we need to relate mass to the number of atoms.

2. The periodic table shows us the **relative masses of the elements**. Its units are “\( \text{u} \)” which stands for “unified atomic mass units”. Unlike Dalton’s mass scale, the present day scale is not based on hydrogen. Instead, \( 1 \text{u} \text{ is defined as } \frac{1}{12} \text{ the mass of carbon–12} \) (carbon–12, \( ^{12}\text{C} \), is a particular isotope of carbon).

   A **MOLE** is the number of carbon atoms in exactly **12 g of carbon**.

   **MOLAR MASS** is the mass of one mole of particles.
one “C” atom has a mass of \textbf{12.0 u}

one MOLE of “C” atoms has a mass of \textbf{12.0 g}

The periodic table gives us the molar mass of each of the elements expressed in grams.

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Finding the molar mass of a compound simply involves adding together the molar masses of each of the atoms that make up the compound (remember the units of molar mass are grams).
**EXAMPLE V.1**

**CALCULATING MOLAR Masses**

**Problem:** What is the molar mass of iron (III) sulphate?

**Solution:** Iron (III) sulphate is Fe₂(SO₄)₃

To calculate the molar mass we need to add the masses of:

\[2 \text{Fe} + 3 \text{S} + 12 \text{O}\]

\[2 (55.8 \text{ g}) + 3 (32.1 \text{ g}) + 12 (16.0 \text{ g}) = 399.9 \text{ g}\]

Alternatively,

\[2 \text{Fe} + 3 (\text{SO}_4)\]

\[2 (55.8 \text{ g}) + 3 (32.1 + 4 (16.0 \text{ g}))\]

\[2 (55.8 \text{ g}) + 3 (96.1 \text{ g}) = 399.9 \text{ g}\]

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**SAMPLE PROBLEM V.1**

**CALCULATING MOLAR Masses**

**Problem:** Calculate the molar masses of

(a) Na₂Cr₂O₇  (b) Ag₂SO₄  (c) Pb₃(PO₄)₄

**Solution:**

(a) \[2 (23.0 \text{ g}) + 2 (52.0 \text{ g}) + 7 (16.0 \text{ g}) = 262.0 \text{ g}\]

(b) \[2 (107.9 \text{ g}) + 32.1 \text{ g} + 4 (16.0 \text{ g}) = 311.9 \text{ g}\]

(c) \[3 (207.2 \text{ g}) + 4 (31.0 \text{ g} + 4 (16.0 \text{ g})) = 1001.6 \text{ g}\]

Assign 6 odd, 7 all
C. Relating Moles to Mass, Volume of Gas, and Number of Particles

1. The molar mass of a compound allows us to calculate the mass of a given number of moles of a substance and the number of moles in a given mass of a substance.

Since we know that

\[ 1 \text{ mol of } \text{"X"} \text{ has a mass of } (\text{molar mass of } \text{"X"}) \text{ g} \]

we have two conversion factors:

\[ \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{(\text{molar mass of } \text{"X"}) \text{ g}} \text{ or } \frac{(\text{molar mass of } \text{"X"}) \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} \]

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<th>RELATING MASS AND MOLES</th>
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| **Problem:** | (a) What is the mass of 3.25 mol of CO\(_2\)?  
(b) What is the mass of 1.36 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of SO}_3?  
(c) How many moles of N\(_2\) are there in 50.0 g of N\(_2\)?  
(d) How many moles of CH\(_3\)OH are there in 0.250 g of CH\(_3\)OH? |
| **Solution:** | (a) 1 mol CO\(_2\) = \text{44.0 g}  
\[ \text{mass CO}_2 = 3.25 \text{ mol} \times \frac{44.0 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 143 \text{ g} \]  
(b) 1 mol SO\(_3\) = \text{80.1 g}  
\[ \text{mass SO}_3 = 1.36 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \times \frac{80.1 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 0.109 \text{ g} \] |
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<td>(b) What is the mass of 2.84 x 10⁻² mol of Na₃N?</td>
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<td>(c) How many moles of CH₄ are there in 27.5 g of CH₄?</td>
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<td>(d) How many moles of Ca(NO₃)₂ are there in 35.0 g of Ca(NO₃)₂?</td>
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<td>(a) 1 mol FeSO₄ = 151.9 g</td>
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<td>mass FeSO₄ = 0.834 mol x $\frac{151.9 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 127 \text{ g}$</td>
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<td>(b) 1 mol Na₃N = 83.0 g</td>
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<td>mass Na₃N = 2.84 x 10⁻² mol x $\frac{83.0 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 2.36 \text{ g}$</td>
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<td>(c) 1 mol CH₄ = 16.0 g</td>
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<td>mol CH₄ = 27.5 g x $\frac{1 \text{ mol}}{16.0 \text{ g}} = 1.72 \text{ mol}$</td>
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<td>(d) 1 mol Ca(NO₃)₂ = 164.1 g</td>
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<td>mol Ca(NO₃)₂ = 35.0 g x $\frac{1 \text{ mol}}{164.1 \text{ g}} = 0.213 \text{ mol}$</td>
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Assign (8, 9) odd, 10 all
2. Calculations involving gas volumes are simplified by Avogadro’s hypothesis. Recall that

**AVOGADRO’S HYPOTHESIS**

Equal volumes of different gases, at the same temperature and pressure, contain the same number of particles.

The **MOLAR VOLUME** of a gas is the volume occupied by one mole of the gas.

Since the volume of a gas is drastically affected by the **temperature** and **pressure** we need to define **STANDARD** conditions.

**STANDARD TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE (STP) = 0 °C and 101.3 kPa**

Avogadro’s hypothesis can be interpreted to mean that all gas samples with the same temperature, pressure, and numbers of particles occupy the same volume. This can be re-stated as **equal numbers of moles of any gas at STP occupy the same volume**.

Experimentally, it is determined that

1 mol of any gas at STP has a volume of **22.4 L**

In other words, the **MOLAR VOLUME of any gas at STP is 22.4 L**. We can obtain two conversion factors:

\[
\frac{1 \text{ mol}}{22.4 \text{ L}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}}
\]
**EXAMPLE V.3**

**RELATING VOLUME OF A GAS AND MOLES**

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<td>(a) How many moles of gas are contained in a balloon with a volume of 10.0 L at STP?</td>
<td>(a) mol of gas = ( \frac{10.0 \text{ L} \times 1 \text{ mol}}{22.4 \text{ L}} = 0.446 \text{ mol} )</td>
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<td>(b) What volume will 0.250 mol of CO(_2) occupy at STP?</td>
<td>(b) volume of CO(_2) = ( \frac{0.250 \text{ mol} \times 22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 5.60 \text{ L} )</td>
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**Assign 11-12**

3. The mole is the fundamental unit in chemistry for measuring the amount of substance or the “number of particles of a substance”. In a sense, the mole is simply a counting number. Just as a dozen = 12

experimentally,

\[
1 \text{ mol} = 6.02 \times 10^{23}
\]

This value, \( 6.02 \times 10^{23} \), is called **Avogadro’s number**. Notice that there are no units in the same way a “dozen” stands for “12”.

Conversion factors:

\[
\frac{1 \text{ mol particles}}{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ particles}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ particles}}{1 \text{ mol particles}}
\]

**Assign 13**
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<th><strong>EXAMPLE V.4</strong></th>
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| **Problem:**    | (a) How many molecules are there in 0.125 mol of molecules?  
                 | (b) How many moles of N are there in $5.00 \times 10^{17}$ N atoms?  
                 | (c) How many atoms are in 5 molecules of CuSO₄•5H₂O? |
| **Solution:**   | (a) $\text{molecules} = 0.125 \text{ mol} \times \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules}}{1 \text{ mol molecules}}$  
                 | $= 7.53 \times 10^{22} \text{ molecules}$  
                 | (b) $\text{moles N}_2 = 5.00 \times 10^{17} \text{ atoms} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol atoms}}{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}}$  
                 | $= 8.31 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol}$  
<pre><code>             | (c) $\text{atoms} = 5 \text{ molecules} \times 21 \frac{\text{atoms}}{\text{molecule}} = 105 \text{ atoms}$ |
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<td>with a volume of 17.5 L at STP?</td>
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<td>(b) What volume of gas will 0.074 mol of gas occupy at</td>
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<td>(c) How many atoms are there in 0.0185 mol of atoms?</td>
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<td>(d) How many moles of Fe$_2$O$_3$ are there in $8.75 \times 10^{20}$ Fe$_2$O$_3$ molecules?</td>
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<td>(e) How many atoms of H are in 30 molecules of Ca(H$_2$PO$_4$)$_2$?</td>
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<td><strong>Solution:</strong></td>
<td>(a) $\text{mol of gas} = \frac{17.5 \text{ L}}{22.4 \text{ L}} \times 1 \text{ mol} = 0.781 \text{ mol}$</td>
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<td>(b) $\text{volume of gas} = \frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}} \times 0.074 \text{ mol} = 1.7 \text{ L}$</td>
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<td>(c) $\text{atoms} = \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}}{1 \text{ mol}} \times 0.0185 \text{ mol} = 1.11 \times 10^{22} \text{ atoms}$</td>
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<td>(d) $\text{moles Fe}_2\text{O}_3 = \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{6.02 \times 10^{23}} \times 8.75 \times 10^{20} = 1.45 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$</td>
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<td>(e) $\text{H atoms} = \frac{4 \text{ atoms}}{1 \text{ molecule}} \times 30 \text{ molecules} = 120 \text{ atoms}$</td>
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4. All of the previous problems have involved single–step conversions between moles, mass, volume, or number of particles. The following is a summary of the conversion factors needed:

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<td>MOLES ↔ MASS</td>
<td>$\frac{(\text{molar mass}) \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}}$ or $\frac{1 \text{ mol}}{(\text{molar mass})}$</td>
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<td>MOLES ↔ VOLUME (gases @ STP)</td>
<td>$\frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}}$ or $\frac{1 \text{ mol}}{22.4 \text{ L}}$</td>
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<td>MOLECULES ↔ ATOMS</td>
<td>$\frac{\text{(atomcount)} \text{ atoms}}{1 \text{ molecule}}$ or $\frac{1 \text{ molecule}}{(\text{atomcount}) \text{ atoms}}$</td>
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The following flow chart will help to simply calculations that involve multiple conversions.

PARTICLES
(atoms/molecules)

MOLES

MASS
(in grams)

VOLUME
(at STP)
## EXAMPLE V.5

### MOLE CALCULATIONS INVOLVING MULTIPLE CONVERSIONS

| Problem: | (a) What is the volume occupied by 50.0 g of NH₃(g) at STP?  
|          | (b) What is the mass of 1.00 x 10¹² atoms of Cl?  
|          | (c) How many oxygen atoms are contained in 75.0 L of SO₃(g) at STP? |
| Solution: | (a) **MASS → MOLES → VOLUME**  
|          | \[ ? \text{ L} = 50.0 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{17.0 \text{ g}} \times \frac{22.4 \text{ L}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 65.9 \text{ L} \]  
|          | (b) **ATOMS → MOLES → MASS**  
|          | \[ ? \text{ g} = 1.00 \times 10^{12} \text{ atoms Cl} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}} \times \frac{35.5 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 5.90 \times 10^{-11} \text{ g} \]  
|          | (c) **VOLUME → MOLES → MOLECULES → ATOMS of O**  
|          | \[ ? \text{ O’s} = 75.0 \text{ L} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{22.4 \text{ L}} \times \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ SO}_3}{1 \text{ mol}} \times \frac{3 \text{ O’s}}{\text{ SO}_3} = 6.05 \times 10^{24} \text{ O’s} \]  

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Assign 22-24 odd
4. So far, all the volumes have been of gases at STP. If DENSITY is mentioned at any point in a problem, recall that \( d = \frac{m}{V} \).

- **If the volume of a solid or liquid is the unknown**, calculate the volume from \( V = \frac{m}{d} \). (Note you cannot use the molar volume of a gas, 22.4 L, when calculating the volume of a solid or liquid.)

- **If the density is unknown**, you will need both mass and volume to calculate density from \( d = \frac{m}{V} \).

- **If the number of moles is unknown**, use the density and volume to calculate mass from \( m = d \cdot V \) and then convert mass to moles.

- **If the density of gas is unknown**, it can be calculated by the equation:

\[
d = \frac{\text{(molar mass)}}{\text{(molar volume)}}
\]

### EXAMPLE V.6 DENSITY AND MOLE CALCULATIONS

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<td>(a) What is the volume occupied by 3.00 mol of ethanol, ( \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} )? ( (d = 0.790 \text{ g/mL}) )</td>
<td>(a) We want volume of liquid so ( V = \frac{m}{d} ), and mass can be related to moles, so ( \text{? mL} = 3.00 \text{ mol} \times \frac{46.0 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mL}}{0.790 \text{ g}} = 175 \text{ mL} )</td>
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<td>(b) How many moles of ( \text{Hg(l)} ) are contained in 100 mL of ( \text{Hg(l)} )? ( (d = 13.6 \text{ g/mL}) )</td>
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<td>(c) What is the density of ( \text{O}_2(g) ) at STP?</td>
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**EXAMPLE V.7**  
**MORE DENSITY CALCULATIONS**

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| (a) A 2.50 L bulb contains 4.91 g of a gas at STP. What is the **density** of the gas?  
(b) Al₂O₃(s) has a density of 3.97 g/mL. How many atoms of Al are in 100 mL of Al₂O₃?  
| (a) Density can be found from \(d = \frac{m}{V}\), so  
\[d = \frac{4.91 \text{ g}}{2.50 \text{ L}} = 1.96 \text{ g/L}\]  
(b) Change volume to mass, then to moles, then to molecules, and finally atoms.  
\[? \text{ Al} = 100 \text{ mL} \times \frac{3.97 \text{ g}}{\text{ml}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{102.0 \text{ g}} \times \frac{2 \text{ atoms Al}}{1 \text{ mol Al}_2\text{O}_3} \times \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ Al}_2\text{O}_3}{1 \text{ mol}}\]  
\[= 4.69 \times 10^{24} \text{ atoms Al}\]  

Assign 25-34 all and 35-43 a, c, e, g.
C. Percentage Composition

1. The **PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION** is the percentage (by mass) of each element or species in a chemical formula.

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| **Problem:** | (a) What is the percentage composition of H₂SO₄?  
(b) What is the percentage composition of water in CuSO₄ • 5H₂O? |
| **Solution:** | (a) Assume that there is 1 mole of the compound.  
Molar mass = 98.1 g  
Total mass of H = 2 x 1.0 g = 2.0 g  
Total mass of S = 1 x 32.1 g = 32.1 g  
Total mass of O = 4 x 16.0 g = 64.0 g  
% H = \( \frac{2.0 \text{ g}}{98.1 \text{ g}} \times 100\% = 2.0\% \)  
% S = \( \frac{32.1 \text{ g}}{98.1 \text{ g}} \times 100\% = 32.7\% \)  
% O = \( \frac{64.0 \text{ g}}{98.1 \text{ g}} \times 100\% = 65.2\% \) |
| (b) Assume that there is 1 mole of the compound.  
Molar mass = 249.6 g  
Total mass of H₂O = 5 x 18.0 g = 90.0 g  
% H₂O = \( \frac{90.0 \text{ g}}{249.6 \text{ g}} \times 100\% = 36.1\% \) |

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Assign 44-45 odd
D. Empirical and Molecular Formulas

1. The empirical formula is called the simplest formula and is the smallest whole-number ratio of atoms which represents the molecular composition of a species.

CH₂, C₂H₄, C₃H₆, C₄H₈, and C₅H₁₀ all contain twice as many H’s as there are C’s. The empirical formula (simplest formula) for all of these molecules is CH₂.

Finding empirical formula is essentially the opposite of determining percentage composition.

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<th>EXAMPLE V.9</th>
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| **Problem:** | (a) What is the empirical formula of a compound consisting of 80.0% C and 20.0% H?  
(b) A compound contains 58.5% C, 7.3% H, and 34.1% N. What is the empirical formula of the compound? |
| **Solution:** | (a) Assume 100.0 g of the compound  
mass of C = \(80.0\% \times 100.0 \text{ g} = 80.0 \text{ g}\)  
mass of H = \(20.0\% \times 100.0 \text{ g} = 20.0 \text{ g}\)  
Use the mass to determine the moles of each element  
mole C = \(80.0 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{12.0 \text{ g}} = 6.67 \text{ mol}\)  
mole H = \(20.0 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{1.0 \text{ g}} = 20 \text{ mol}\) |
### Determine smallest ratio by dividing by smallest number of moles (÷ 6.67)

\[
\begin{align*}
C &= \frac{6.67 \text{ mol}}{6.67 \text{ mol}} = 1 \text{ C} \\
H &= \frac{20 \text{ mol}}{6.67 \text{ mol}} = 3 \text{ H}
\end{align*}
\]

Empirical Formula is **CH₃**

### (b) Assume 100.0 g of the compound

mass of C = 58.5 g, mass of H = 7.3 g, mass of N = 34.1 g

Use the mass to determine the moles of each element

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{mole C} &= \frac{58.5 \text{ g}}{12.0 \text{ g/mol}} = 4.88 \text{ mol} \\
\text{mole H} &= \frac{7.3 \text{ g}}{1.0 \text{ g/mol}} = 7.3 \text{ mol} \\
\text{mole N} &= \frac{34.1 \text{ g}}{14.0 \text{ g/mol}} = 2.44 \text{ mol}
\end{align*}
\]

Determine smallest ratio by dividing by smallest number of moles (÷ 2.44)

\[
\begin{align*}
C &= \frac{4.88 \text{ mol}}{2.44 \text{ mol}} = 2 \text{ C} \\
H &= \frac{7.3 \text{ mol}}{2.44 \text{ mol}} = 2.99 \approx 3 \text{ H} \\
N &= \frac{2.44 \text{ mol}}{2.44 \text{ mol}} = 1 \text{ N}
\end{align*}
\]

Empirical Formula is **C₂H₃N**
**EXAMPLE V.10**

MORE EMPIRICAL FORMULAS

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<th><strong>Problem:</strong></th>
<th>What is the empirical formula of a compound consisting of 81.8% C and 18.2% H?</th>
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<td><strong>Solution:</strong></td>
<td>Assume 100.0 g of the compound&lt;br&gt;mass of C = 81.8 g, mass of H = 18.2 g&lt;br&gt;Use the mass to determine the moles of each element&lt;br&gt;mole C = ( \frac{81.8 \text{ g}}{12.0 \text{ g}} \times 1 \text{ mol} = 6.82 \text{ mol} )&lt;br&gt;mole H = ( \frac{18.2 \text{ g}}{1.0 \text{ g}} \times 1 \text{ mol} = 18.2 \text{ mol} )&lt;br&gt;Determine smallest ratio by dividing by smallest number of moles (÷ 6.82)&lt;br&gt;C = ( \frac{6.82 \text{ mol}}{6.82 \text{ mol}} = 1 \text{ C} )&lt;br&gt;H = ( \frac{18.2 \text{ mol}}{6.82 \text{ mol}} = 2.67 \text{ H} )&lt;br&gt;<strong>DO NOT</strong> just round off ratio, you must multiply both number by 2, 3, 4, or 5 until both are whole numbers&lt;br&gt;Multiplying both numbers by 3 gives whole numbers&lt;br&gt;3C : 8H&lt;br&gt;Empirical Formula is ( \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 )</td>
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**ALWAYS** carry out calculations to **3 or 4 digits** and **NEVER** round off intermediate values. Improper round-off calculations will cause you to multiply by the wrong number when trying to obtain whole numbers.

**Assign 46 odd**
2. The **molecular formula** can be found by using the molar mass of the empirical formula; that is, the **EMPIRICAL MASS**.

The molecular formula is made up of whole number multiples of the empirical formula.

CH\(_2\), C\(_2\)H\(_4\), C\(_3\)H\(_6\), C\(_4\)H\(_8\), and C\(_5\)H\(_{10}\) all have the same empirical formula CH\(_2\).

The whole number multiple (N) is given by the formula

\[
\text{Multiple} = N = \frac{\text{molar mass}}{\text{empirical mass}}
\]

**molecular formula = N x (empirical formula)**

3. It may be necessary to calculate the molar mass from information that is given in the question.

(a) **Finding molar mass from density of a gas at STP**

If: density of gas “X” = 1.43 \(\text{g/L}\) (at STP)

Then: molar mass of “X” = 1.43 \(\text{g/L}\) x 22.4 \(\text{L/mol}\) = \(32.0 \text{ g/mol}\)

(b) **Finding molar mass from mass and volume of a gas at STP**

If you are told: “0.0425 L of gas ‘X’ at STP has a mass of 0.135 g”

Then: density of gas “X” = \(\frac{0.135 \text{ g}}{0.0425 \text{ L}}\) = 3.176 \(\text{g/L}\)

And: molar mass of “X” = 3.176 \(\text{g/L}\) x 22.4 \(\text{L/mol}\) = \(71.2 \text{ g/mol}\)

(c) **Finding molar mass from mass and a given number of moles**

If you are told: “0.0250 mol of ‘X’ has a mass of 1.775 g”
Then: molar mass = \( \frac{1.775 \text{ g}}{0.0250 \text{ mol}} = 71.0 \text{ g/mol} \)

(d) Finding molar mass from of the molar mass if given as a multiple of a known molar mass

If you are told: “X” has a molar mass which is 1.64 times that of CO\(_2\)

Then: molar mass of CO\(_2\) = 44.0 \(\text{g/mol}\)

And: molar mass of “X” = 1.64 \times 44.0 \(\text{g/mol}\) = 72.2 \(\text{g/mol}\)

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<td><strong>Problem:</strong></td>
<td>The empirical formula of a compound is SiH(_3). If 0.0275 mol of the compound has a mass of 1.71 g, what is the compound’s molecular formula?</td>
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<td><strong>Solution:</strong></td>
<td>Empirical mass</td>
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<td>Molar mass of SiH(_3) = 28.1 g + 3 (1.0 g) = 31.1 g/mol</td>
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<td>Molar mass of compound</td>
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<td>Molar mass = ( \frac{1.71 \text{ g}}{0.0275 \text{ mol}} = 62.2 \text{ g/mol} )</td>
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<td>Molecular formula</td>
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<td>( N = \frac{62.2 \text{ g}}{31.1 \text{ g}} = 2 )</td>
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<td>2 x (SiH(_3)) = Si(_2)H(_6)</td>
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Assign 47-55 odd + worksheet
E. Molar Concentrations

1. **SOLUTIONS** are homogeneous mixtures in which the substances are so thoroughly mixed that they cannot be distinguished from one another. Most solutions contain a solid (*solute*) dissolved in a liquid (*solvent*); however, there are solutions of gases as well.

The **CONCENTRATION** of a substance in solution provides a way to find how much of the substance exists in a given volume of the solution. Chemists use the “mole” to describe the amount of substance in a solution.

**MOLAR CONCENTRATION** or **MOLARITY** of a substance is the number of moles of the substance contained in **1 L of solution**.

e.g. If 2.0 L of solution contain 5.0 mol of NaCl, what is the molarity of the NaCl?

\[
molar \text{ concentration} = \frac{5.0 \text{ mol}}{2.0 \text{ L}} = 2.5 \text{ mol/L}
\]

The unit symbol for \[\text{mol/L}\] is “M”.

When expressed in words, the unit symbol “M” is written as “molar”.

The short-hand symbol for “**molar concentration of ...**” is a set of brackets: [...] , so [NaCl] means the “**molar concentration of NaCl**.”

Look at volumetric flasks

Assign 56-58
2. The definition of molar concentration leads to the following equation:

\[
\text{molar concentration} = \frac{\text{moles}}{\text{volume}} \quad \text{or} \quad M = \frac{n}{V} \quad \text{or} \quad c = \frac{n}{V}
\]

\(M\) = molar concentration, in mol/L, \(n\) = number of moles, \(V\) = volume, in litres

**EXAMPLE V.12 CALCULATING CONCENTRATION**

**Problem:** What is the [NaCl] in a solution containing 5.12 g of NaCl in 250.0 mL of solution?

**Solution:** In order to find molarity (c), the moles (n), and volume are needed. The volume is given and the mass must be converted to moles.

\[
\text{moles of NaCl} = \frac{5.12 \text{ g}}{58.5 \text{ g/mol}} = 0.0875 \text{ mol}
\]

\[
[\text{NaCl}] = M = \frac{n}{V} = \frac{0.0875 \text{ mol}}{0.2500 \text{ L}} = 0.350 \text{ M}
\]
EXAMPLE V.13  CALCULATING MASS CONTAINED IN SOLUTIONS

Problem: What mass of NaOH is contained in 3.50 L of 0.200 M NaOH?

Solution: The molarity (M) and volume (V) are given so moles can be found. Moles can then be converted to mass.

\[ M = \frac{n}{V} \]
for \( n = M \cdot V \)

moles of NaOH = \( 0.200 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \times 3.50 \text{ L} = 0.700 \text{ mol} \)

mass of NaOH = \( 0.700 \text{ mol} \times 40.0 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} = 28.0 \text{ g} \)

EXAMPLE V.14  CALCULATING CONCENTRATION FROM DENSITY

Problem: What is the molarity of pure sulphuric acid, H\(_2\)SO\(_4\), having a density of 1.839 g/mL?

Solution: Since both density and molarity both have units of amount/volume,

\[ \text{density} = \frac{\text{amount (as mass)}}{\text{volume}} \]
and

\[ \text{molarity} = \frac{\text{amount (as moles)}}{\text{volume}} \]

therefore all we need to do is convert from mass to moles using molar mass.

\[ [\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = \frac{1.839 \text{ g}}{0.001 \text{ L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{98.1 \text{ g}} = 18.7 \text{ M} \]

Assign 59-71 ace
F. Dilution Calculations

1. Assign 72-77

When two solutions are mixed, the resulting mixture has a volume and total number of moles equal to the sum of the individual volumes and individual number of moles of chemical found in the separate solutions.

\[
\text{molarity of mixture} = \frac{\text{(total moles of chemical)}}{\text{(total volume of mixture)}}
\]

Consider the following dilution,

since the number of moles of solute in the initial solution are equal to the number of moles of solute in the diluted solution,

\[
M_1 \cdot V_1 = M_2 \cdot V_2
\]

this equation can be rearranged to give the following dilution equation

\[
M_2 = \frac{M_1 V_1}{V_2}
\]
### EXAMPLE V.15  SIMPLE DILUTION CALCULATIONS

**Problem:** If 200.0 mL of 0.500 M NaCl is added to 300.0 mL of water, what is the resulting [NaCl] in the mixture.

**Solution:**

\[
M_2 = \frac{M_1 \cdot V_1}{V_2}
\]

\[
[\text{NaCl}] = \frac{(0.500 \text{ M})(200.0 \text{ mL})}{(200.0 + 300.0) \text{ mL}} = 0.200 \text{ M}
\]

### EXAMPLE V.16  MAKING DILUTE SOLUTIONS FROM CONCENTRATED SOLUTIONS

**Problem:** What volume of 6.00 M HCl is needed to make 2.00 L of 0.125 M HCl?

**Solution:** Since

\[
M_1 \cdot V_1 = M_2 \cdot V_2
\]

then,

\[
V_1 = \frac{M_2 \cdot V_2}{M_1}
\]

\[
V_{\text{HCl}} = \frac{0.125 \text{ M} \times 2.00 \text{ L}}{6.00 \text{ M}} = 0.0417 \text{ L}
\]

2. When two solutions having different concentrations of the same chemical are mixed, treat the mixtures of solutions as two separate “single dilutions” and then add the results of the individual single dilutions to get the overall concentration of the mixture.
### EXAMPLE V.17

**MIXING SOLUTIONS OF DIFFERENT CONCENTRATION**

**Problem:** If 300.0 mL of 0.250 M NaCl is added to 500.0 mL of 0.100 M NaCl, what is the resulting [NaCl] in the mixture?

**Solution:** For each solution, the diluted concentration is given by

\[
M_2 = \frac{M_1 V_1}{V_2}
\]

\[
[\text{NaCl}]_1 = \frac{(0.250 \text{ M}) (300.0 \text{ mL})}{(300.0 + 500.0) \text{ mL}} = 0.09375 \text{ M}
\]

\[
[\text{NaCl}]_2 = \frac{(0.100 \text{ M}) (500.0 \text{ mL})}{(300.0 + 500.0) \text{ mL}} = 0.06250 \text{ M}
\]

\[
[\text{NaCl}]_{\text{total}} = [\text{NaCl}]_1 + [\text{NaCl}]_2
\]

\[
[\text{NaCl}]_{\text{total}} = 0.09375 \text{ M} + 0.06250 \text{ M} = 0.156 \text{ M}
\]
### SAMPLE PROBLEM

**DILUTION CALCULATIONS**

**Problem:**

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<td>What volume of 17.5 M HCl is needed to make 100.0 mL of 0.250M HCl?</td>
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<td>c)</td>
<td>When 250.0 mL of 0.750 M NaCl is added to 400.0 mL of 0.500 M NaCl, what is the ([\text{NaCl}]) in the mixture?</td>
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**Solution:**

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<td>a) ([\text{NaF}]) = (\frac{(0.750 \text{ M})(250.0 \text{ mL})}{(250.0 + 500.0) \text{ mL}} = 0.250 \text{ M})</td>
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<td>b) Volume HCl = (\frac{(0.250 \text{ M})(100.0 \text{ mL})}{17.5 \text{ M}} = 1.43 \text{ mL})</td>
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<td>c) ([\text{NaCl}]_1 = \frac{(0.750 \text{ M})(250.0 \text{ mL})}{(250.0 + 400.0) \text{ mL}} = 0.289 \text{ M})</td>
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<td>([\text{NaCl}]_2 = \frac{(0.500 \text{ M})(400.0 \text{ mL})}{(250.0 + 400.0) \text{ mL}} = 0.308 \text{ M})</td>
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<td>([\text{NaCl}]_{\text{total}} = 0.289 + 0.308 = 0.597 \text{ M})</td>
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Assign 78-94 even, 95-102a