

practical chemistry

- Qualitative analysis deals with the identification of various constituents present in a given material. This analysis involves preliminary tests, wet tests for anions and cations, test for functional groups, etc.

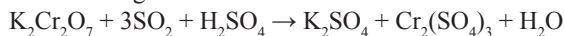
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Preliminary tests:

- Colour : Blue (Cu^{2+}), green (Ni^{2+} or Cu^{2+}), deep green (Cr^{3+}), yellow or brown (Fe^{3+}), light pink (Mn^{2+}), pinkish violet (Co^{2+}).
- Smell : A pinch of mixture on rubbing with water gives characteristic smell. *e.g.* rotten eggs smell (sulphide), burning sulphur smell (some sulphites).

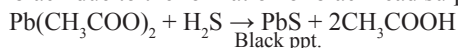
Analysis for acid radicals or anions

- Sulphite** : Sulphite reacts with dilute H_2SO_4 producing SO_2 gas which turns acidified potassium dichromate solution green due to the reduction of dichromate to chromium sulphate which is green.

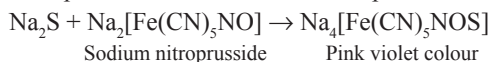


Sulphite reacts with barium chloride solution to produce barium sulphite (white ppt.) which is soluble in dilute HCl.

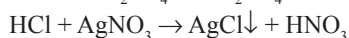
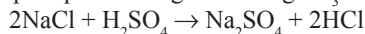
- Sulphide** : Sulphide reacts with dilute H_2SO_4 liberating H_2S gas which turns lead acetate paper black due to the formation of black lead sulphide.



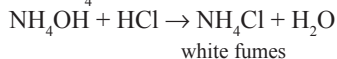
- Soluble sulphide reacts with sodium nitroprusside to produce pink violet colour.



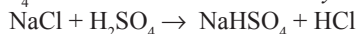
- Chloride** : Chloride on heating with concentrated H_2SO_4 produces HCl gas which gives white precipitate of AgCl with AgNO_3 solution.

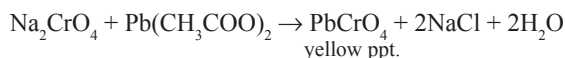
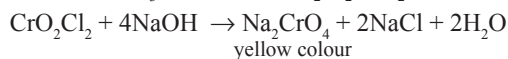
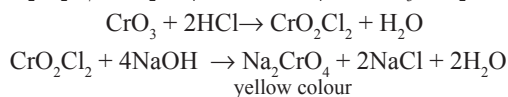


- The gas evolved by heating chloride with H_2SO_4 forms white fumes of ammonium chloride with NH_4OH .

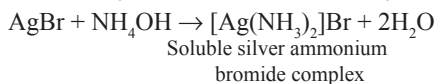


- On heating chloride with $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ and concentrated H_2SO_4 a reddish chromyl chloride (CrO_2Cl_2) gas is produced which gives yellow solution with NaOH due to sodium chromate and on adding acetic acid, lead acetate solution produces a yellow precipitate of PbCrO_4 . This test is known as *chromyl chloride test*.





- $$\text{AgNO}_3 + \text{HBr} \rightarrow \text{AgBr} \downarrow + \text{HNO}_3$$

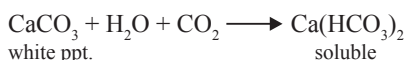
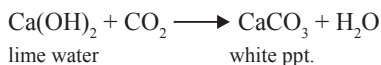


- $$\text{AgNO}_3 + \text{HI} \rightarrow \text{AgI} \downarrow + \text{HNO}_3$$

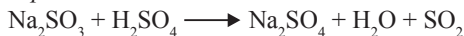
- **Group I :** This group consists of radicals which are detected by dilute H_2SO_4 or dil. HCl .
These are

- (i) carbonate (ii) sulphite (iii) sulphide (iv) nitrite (v) acetate.

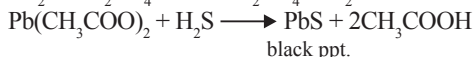
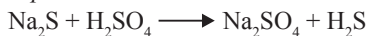
- *Carbonate*



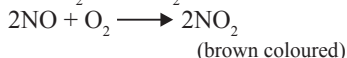
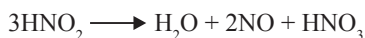
- *Sulphite*



- *Sulphide*



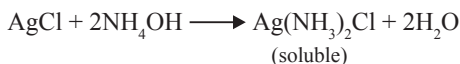
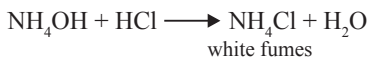
- *Nitrite*



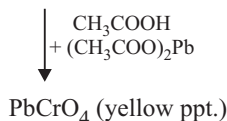
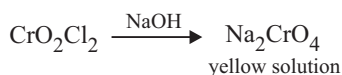
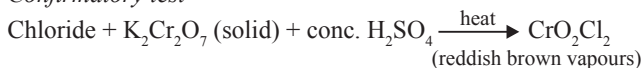
- **Group II :** This group consists of radicals which are detected by concentrated H_2SO_4 . These are

(i) chloride (ii) bromide (iii) iodide (iv) nitrate (v) oxalate

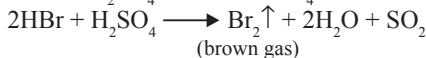
- *Chloride*



Confirmatory test



- *Bromide*

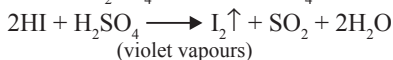


Confirmatory test

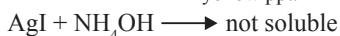
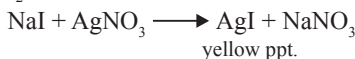


AgBr is sparingly soluble in NH_4OH solution.

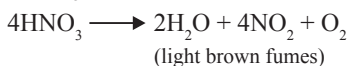
- *Iodide*

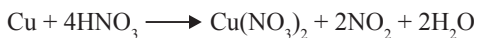


Violet vapours with starch produce blue colour.

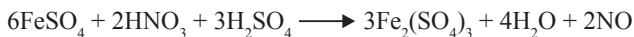


- *Nitrate*



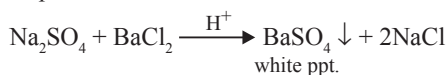


Confirmatory test



Ring test is not reliable in presence of nitrite, bromide and iodide.

- **Group III :** The radicals which do not give any characteristic gas with dilute acid and concentrated H_2SO_4 . These are
(i) sulphate (ii) phosphate (iii) borate (iv) fluoride
- *Sulphate*



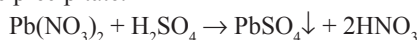
Identification of basic radicals

- Analysis of basic radicals includes the following steps.
 - Preparation of the original solution of the salt or mixture.
 - Separation of basic radicals into different groups.
 - Analysis of the precipitates obtained in different groups.
- *Separation of basic radicals into groups*

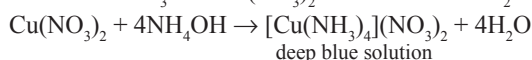
Group	Group reagent	Basic radical	Composition and colour of the precipitate	
I	Dilute HCl	Ag^+ Pb^{2+} Hg_2^{2+}	AgCl : white PbCl_2 : white Hg_2Cl_2 : white	Chloride insoluble in cold dilute HCl
II	H_2S in presence of dilute HCl	Hg^{2+} Pb^{2+} Bi^{3+} Cu^{2+} Cd^{2+} As^{3+} Sb^{3+} Sn^{2+} Sn^{4+}	HgS : black PbS : black Bi_2S_3 : black CuS : black CdS : yellow As_2S_3 : yellow Sb_2S_3 : orange SnS : brown SnS_2 : yellow	Sulphides insoluble in dilute HCl
III	NH_4OH in presence of NH_4Cl	Fe^{3+} Cr^{3+} Al^{3+}	$\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$: reddish brown $\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_3$: green $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$: white	Hydroxides are insoluble in NH_4OH
IV	H_2S in presence of NH_4OH	Zn^{2+} Mn^{2+} Co^{2+} Ni^{2+}	ZnS : greenish white MnS : buff CoS : black NiS : black	Sulphides are insoluble in NH_4OH

V	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ in presence of NH_4OH	Ba^{2+} Sr^{2+} Ca^{2+}	BaCO_3 : white SrCO_3 : white CaCO_3 : white	Carbonates are insoluble
VI	Na_2HPO_4	Mg^{2+}	$\text{Mg}(\text{NH}_4)\text{PO}_4$: white	
Zero	NaOH	NH_4^+	Ammonia gas is evolved	

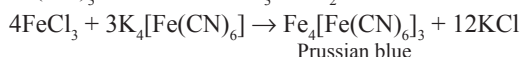
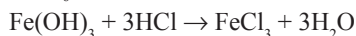
- **Pb^{2+} (lead)** : The sulphide is dissolved in dilute HNO_3 , solution with dilute H_2SO_4 gives a white precipitate.



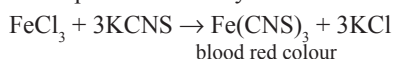
- Lead sulphate is dissolved in concentrated ammonium acetate solution which gives a yellow precipitate of PbCrO_4 with K_2CrO_4 solution.
- **Cu^{2+} (copper)** : Sulphide on treatment with dilute HNO_3 and excess of NH_4OH , forms a deep blue coloured solution.



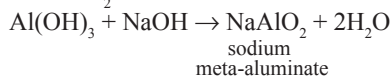
- On acidifying with acetic acid and adding potassium ferrocyanide, blue solution gives a chocolate coloured precipitate of $\text{Cu}_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$.
- Fe^{3+} , Cr^{3+} and Al^{3+} comprise III group and the reagent is NH_4OH in presence of NH_4Cl .
- These radicals are precipitated as their hydroxides.
- **Fe^{3+} (iron)** : The brownish red precipitate of $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ on treatment with dilute HCl and $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ solution, gives deep blue solution or precipitate.



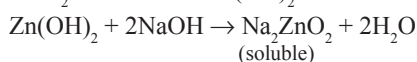
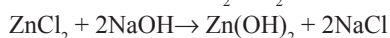
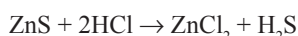
- Addition of potassium thiocyanate solution gives a blood red colouration.



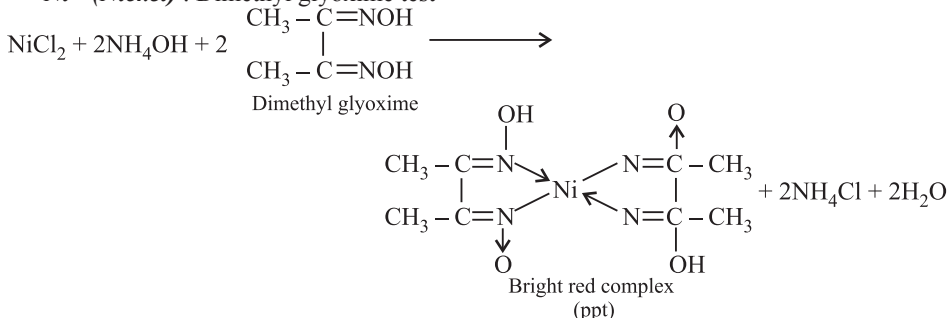
- **Al^{3+} (aluminium)** : The gelatinous precipitate of $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ on treatment with NaOH forms soluble NaAlO_2 .



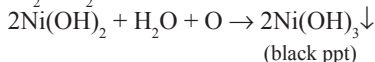
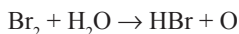
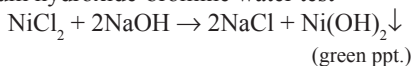
- Sodium meta aluminate on boiling with ammonium chloride gives $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ ppt.
- Zn^{2+} and Mn^{2+} are present in group IV and the reagent is H_2S in presence of NH_4OH .
- The radicals are obtained as their sulphides.
- **Zn^{2+} (zinc)** : The sulphide on treatment with HCl gives chloride, which gives a white precipitate with NaOH , which dissolves in excess of NaOH .



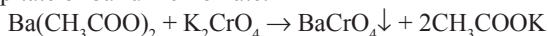
- **Ni²⁺ (Nickel)** : Dimethyl glyoxime test



- Sodium hydroxide-bromine water test

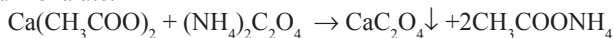


- **Ba²⁺ (barium)** : The acetate on treatment with potassium chromate solution gives yellow precipitate of barium chromate.



- The yellow ppt. of BaCrO₄ is dissolved in concentrated HCl.

- **Ca²⁺ (calcium)** : The acetate on treatment with ammonium oxalate gives a white ppt. of calcium oxalate.



- The white ppt. is dissolved in dilute H₂SO₄ and a drop of KMnO₄ solution is added which immediately decolorises.

- **Mg²⁺ (magnesium)** : This is a member of group VI and the reagent is disodium hydrogen phosphate.

- The salts give a white precipitate of magnesium ammonium phosphate when disodium hydrogen phosphate is added to ammoniacal solution of Mg²⁺.

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Colour		ODOUR	
(A) Solids	Compounds	Mousy	acetamide, acetonitrile
	iodoform, nitro compounds and quinones	Fruity	esters
		Penetrating smell	HCHO, CH ₃ CHO and HCOOH
	<i>o</i> -nitroaniline	Pleasant	ketones (aliphatic and aromatic)
	azo compounds, diamines, aromatic amines, amino-phenol	Smell of bitter almonds	C ₆ H ₅ CHO, nitrobenzene, nitrotoluene
Orange			
Brown-red			
Pink	naphthols	Vinegar smell	CH ₃ COOH
Colourless	simple phenols, carbohydrates	Garlic smell	thiophenol, thioalcohol
		Wine like	alcohol

(B) Liquids			
Brown-red	amines	Fishy smell	aliphatic and aromatic amines
Yellow - orange	nitrocompounds, diketones	Carbolic smell	phenols, cresols, naphthols
Colourless	alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, lower aliphatic acid and their anhydrides	Ammonical smell	tertiary amines
		Sweet smell	chloroform
		Oil of winter green	methyl salicylate
		Characteristic aromatic smell	benzene, toluene

- **Detection of nitrogen, sulphur and halogens**

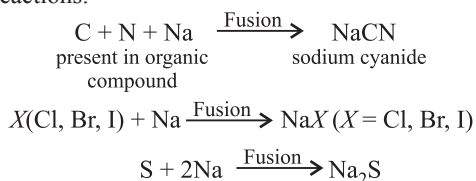
- Nitrogen, sulphur and halogens in any organic compounds are detected by 'Lassaigne's test'.

- **Preparation of Lassaigne's Extract (or Sodium Extract)**

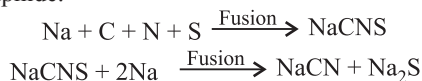
- A small piece of sodium is heated gently in an ignition tube till the sodium melts. About 50 - 60 mg of the organic compound is added to this and the tube heated strongly for 2-3 minutes to fuse the material inside it. After cooling, the tube is carefully broken in a china dish containing about 20 to 30 mL of distilled water. The fused material along with the pieces of ignition tube is crushed with the help of a glass rod and the contents of the china dish are boiled for a few minutes. The sodium salts formed in the above reactions (*i.e.* NaCN, Na₂S, NaX or NaSCN) dissolve. Excess of sodium reacts with water to give sodium hydroxide. This alkaline solution is called Lassaigne's extract or sodium extract. The solution is then filtered to remove the insoluble materials and the filtrate is used for making the tests for nitrogen, sulphur and halogens.

- **Reactions**

- An organic compound containing C, H, N, S and halogens when fused with sodium metal gives the following reactions.



(NaSCN) is formed during fusion, which in the presence of excess sodium forms sodium cyanide and sodium sulphide.



Element	Sodium extract	Confirmatory test
Nitrogen	$\text{Na} + \text{C} + \text{N} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{NaCN}$	$(\text{NaCN} + \text{FeSO}_4 + \text{NaOH}) + \text{FeCl}_3 + \text{conc. HCl}$ boil and cool \longrightarrow Blue or green colour.
Sulphur	$2\text{Na} + \text{S} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{Na}_2\text{S}$	(i) $\text{Na}_2\text{S} + \text{sodium nitroprusside}$ \longrightarrow A deep violet colour. (ii) $\text{Na}_2\text{S} + \text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + (\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Pb}$ \longrightarrow A black ppt.

Halogen	$\text{Na} + \text{X} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{NaX}$	$\text{NaX} + \text{HNO}_3 + \text{AgNO}_3$ (i) White ppt. soluble in aq. NH_3 confirms Cl. (ii) Yellow ppt. partially soluble in aq. NH_3 confirms Br. (iii) Yellow ppt. insoluble in aq. NH_3 confirms I.
Nitrogen and sulphur together	$\text{Na} + \text{C} + \text{N} + \text{S} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{NaCNS}$	As in test for nitrogen ; instead of green or blue colour, blood red colouration confirms presence of N and S both.

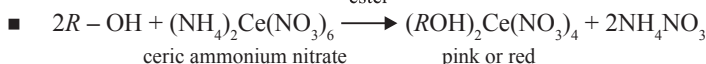
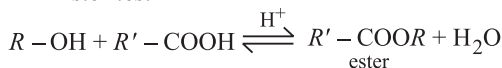
Detection of organic functional groups

• Alcoholic group (– OH) (linked to aliphatic carbon chain)

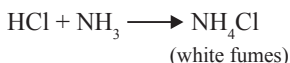
■ Sodium metal test



■ Ester test

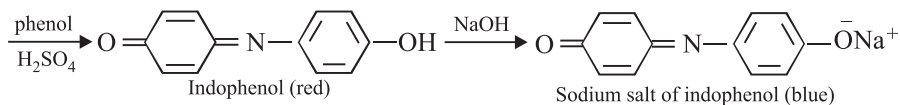
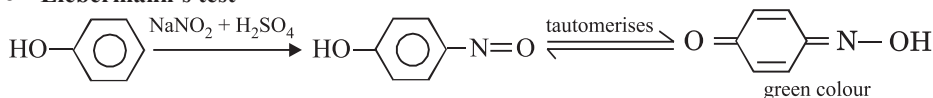


■ Acetyl chloride test

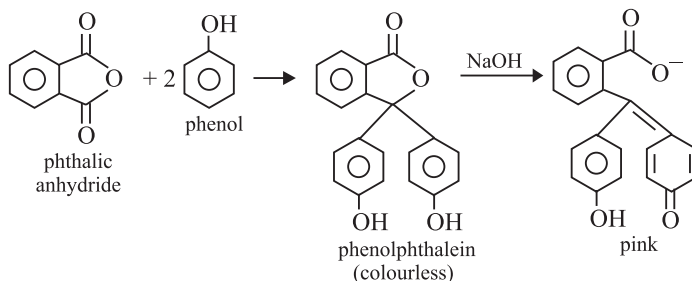


Test for phenolic (– OH) group

• Liebermann's test



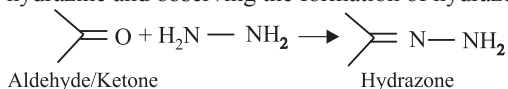
• Phthalein test



This test is also called fluorescein test.

- **Tests for aldehyde group**

The presence of a carbonyl group can be confirmed by treating the organic compound with hydrazine and observing the formation of hydrazones.



To identify aldehydic group, the following tests are performed:

- *Tollen's test* : To about 5-10 ml of Tollen's reagent (ammoniacal AgNO_3), a small quantity of organic compound is added and it is heated on a water bath. A shining silver mirror or grey deposit on the inner wall of the test tube indicates the presence of $-\text{CHO}$ group.



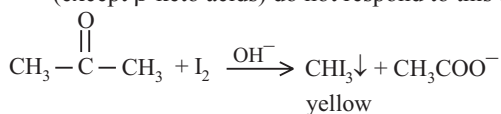
Formic acid and α -hydroxy ketones also give the test.

- *Fehling's test* : A small amount of the organic compound is boiled with some Fehling solution (alkaline solution of cupric ions complexed with sodium potassium tartarate), it gives red precipitate of Cu_2O .
Salicylaldehyde does not reduce Fehling's solution.
- *Benedict's test* : To 4-5 ml of Benedict's reagent (cupric ion complexed with citrate ion) a small quantity of the organic compound is added and the solution is heated to boiling. Formation of red precipitate indicates the presence of $-\text{CHO}$ group.
- *Schiff's test* : 5 ml of Schiff's reagent is taken in a test tube and shaken with organic compound (without heating). A pink colour is formed within two minutes.

- **Tests for ketones**

Ketones do not respond to Fehling's, Tollen's and Benedict's tests. However, the following tests can be used to confirm the presence of a keto group:

- *Iodoform test* : Ketones with $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$ group react with I_2 in alkali to give yellow precipitate of CHI_3 . Carboxylic acid, its derivatives and active methylene compounds (except β -keto acids) do not respond to this test.



- *Nitroprusside test* : 1 ml of the organic compound is treated with 1 ml of freshly prepared solution of sodium nitroprusside followed by addition of excess of NaOH solution. A wine-red colour is obtained.

- **Tests for carboxylic group**

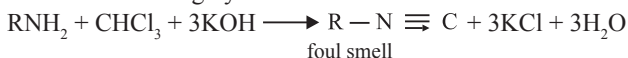
Aliphatic acids are soluble in cold water and aromatic acids are soluble in hot water. Dicarboxylic acids, phenolic acids are more soluble than simple carboxylic acids.

- *Litmus test* : A small amount of organic compound or its aqueous solution is added to a blue litmus paper. If the paper turns red, the acidic carboxylic group may present.
- *Sodium bicarbonate test* : A small quantity of the organic compound is added to an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate solution. CO_2 effervescence confirms the presence of $-\text{COOH}$ (picric acid, 2,4,6-trinitrophenol also gives a positive test).

- **Tests for primary amines**

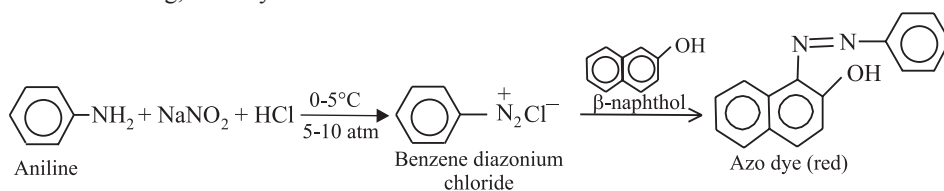
Amines are basic in nature, soluble in water and dilute HCl but insoluble in NaOH or Na_2CO_3 .

- **Carbylamine test** : The organic compound is heated with alc. KOH and CHCl_3 in a test tube. A highly offensive smell is evolved due to the formation of isocyanides.

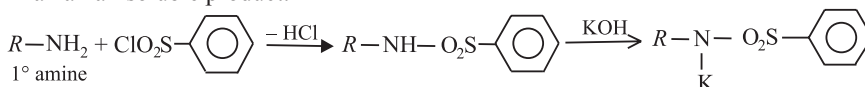


Aromatic amines like $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\text{NH}_2$ also give this test.

- **Azo dye test** : This test is applicable for aromatic amines. The test involves the addition of a small amount of the organic compound in dil. HCl and NaNO_2 (at $0-5^\circ\text{C}$) and alkaline β -naphthol (at $0-5^\circ\text{C}$) with constant shaking, a red dye is obtained.



- **Hinsberg test** : With benzene sulphonyl chloride in alkaline medium, 1° amines give an alkali soluble product.



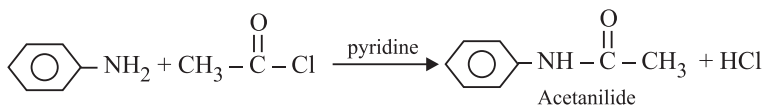
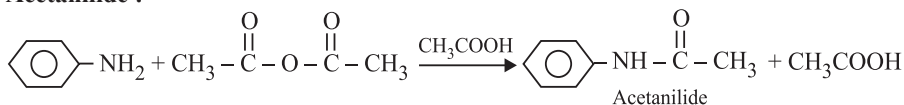
Test for Functional Groups

No.	Experiment	Observation	Inference
1.	O.C. + 3 cc saturated soln. of NaHCO_3	effervescences of CO_2 which changes lime water milky	$-\text{COOH}$ (carboxylic)
2.	5 cc O.C. + 2 – 3 drops of ceric ammonium nitrate	a red colour	$-\text{OH}$ (alcoholic)
3.	2 cc aq. or alc. soln. of O.C. + 1 – 2 drops neutral FeCl_3 soln	blue violet, red or deep green colour	$-\text{OH}$ (phenolic)
4.	1 cc Schiff's reagent + 2 – 3 drops O.C. and shake	violet or red colour	$-\text{CHO}$ (aldehydic)
5.	1 – 2 cc of sodium nitroprusside + 1 – 2 drops O.C. + NaOH	red or violet colour	$> \text{C} = \text{O}$ (ketonic)
6.	2 cc aq. soln. of O.C. + 2 drops Molisch reagent + pour it in another test tube containing 1 – 2 c.c. conc. H_2SO_4	formation of red ring at the junction	Carbohydrate
7.	O.C. + 2 cc conc. H_2SO_4 & shake	insoluble or immiscible	Hydrocarbon
8.	0.5 g O.C. in 2 cc alcohol + 1 drop NaOH + 1 drop phenolphthalein	disappearance of pink colour	$-\text{COOR}$ (ester)

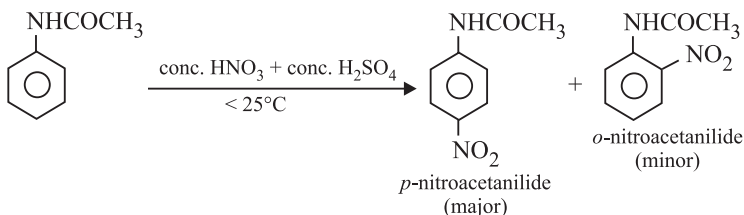
9.	0.3 g O.C. + 5 cc H ₂ O + 1 cc acetone + few drops sodium nitroprusside	formation of violet red colour	-NH ₂ (amino)
10.	0.2 g O.C. + 1 c.c. NaOH + heat	smell of NH ₃ , red litmus changes to blue	-CONH ₂ (amide)
11.	O.C. + 2 c.c alcoholic AgNO ₃ + heat	(a) ppt. formed (b) no ppt.	aliphatic halogen aromatic halogen (means halogen attached to benzene nucleus)
12.	O.C. + caustic alkali (1 : 1) + dilute HCl	penetrating smell of SO ₂ which on passing into acidic K ₂ Cr ₂ O ₇ soln. produces green colour	-SO ₃ H (sulphonic acid)

Chemistry involved in the preparation of some organic compounds

- Acetanilide :**

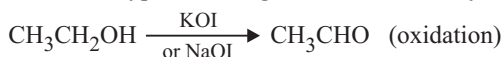


- p*-Nitroacetanilide :**

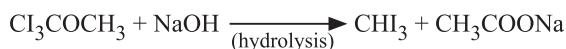
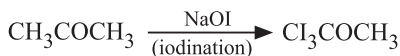


- Iodoform :**

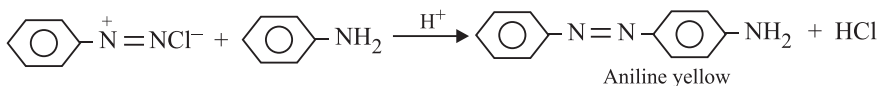
Compounds containing $\text{CH}_3 - \overset{\text{OH}}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}$ group or $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}-$ group can form iodoform on reaction with sodium hypoiodide. *e.g.* ethanol, acetaldehyde, acetone, etc.



With acetone no initial oxidation takes place.



● **Aniline yellow :**



PHYSICAL

Volumetric analysis

- Volumetric analysis is a process by which the concentration or strength of a chemical substance is measured by measuring the volume of its solution taking part in a given chemical reaction. The main process of this analysis is called titration.

Titration

- Determination of strength of one solution using another solution of known strength under volumetric conditions is known as titration.

Some important terms

- (i) **Analyte** : The substance being analyzed is known as analyte or titre.
- (ii) **Titrant** : The substance added to the analyte in a titration is known as titrant.
- (iii) **Equivalence point** : It is the point where reaction between two solutions is just complete or the point in a titration at which the quantity of titrant is exactly sufficient for stoichiometric reaction to be complete with the analyte.
At this point there is a sudden change in a physical property, such as indicator colour, pH, conductivity, or absorbance. It is also known as end point.
- (iv) **Indicator** : A compound having a physical property (usually colour) that changes abruptly near the equivalence point of a chemical reaction is known as indicator. It indicates the attainment of end point.
- (v) **Standard solution** : A solution whose concentration is known is called standard solution.
- (vi) **Standardization** : It is the process in which concentration of a reagent is determined by reaction with a known quantity of second reagent whose concentration is known.
- (vii) **Primary standard substance** : A reagent that is pure enough so that its standard solution can be prepared directly by dissolving a definite weight of it in a definite volume of solvent is known as primary standard, e.g., crystalline oxalic acid, anhydrous Na_2CO_3 , Mohr's salt, etc.
- (viii) **Secondary standard substance** : The substance or reagent whose standard solution can not be prepared directly is called secondary standard, e.g. KMnO_4 , NaOH , KOH , etc.

Number of equivalents = Normality \times Volume (L)

Number of equivalents of titre = Number of equivalents of titrant

$$\boxed{N_1V_1 = N_2V_2}$$

Where N_1 = Normality of titre, V_1 = Volume of titre

N_2 = Normality of titrant, V_2 = Volume of titrant

If volume is taken in ml

Then, Number of milliequivalents (m.eq.)

$$= \text{Normality} \times \text{Volume (in ml)}$$

then also, $N_1V_1 = N_2V_2$

The above equation is known as normality equation.

Similarly molarity equation is also given but it is usually applicable for dilution of a solution.

$$M_1V_1 = M_2V_2$$

Normality = Molarity $\times n$, where n = valency factor

Thus $N_1V_1 = N_2V_2$ can be written as

$$\text{or } M_1V_1n_1 = M_2V_2n_2$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\frac{M_1V_1}{M_2V_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}}$$

Redox titrations

- Redox titrations involving KMnO_4 as oxidising agent are called *permanganometric titrations*. In these titrations reducing agents like Mohr's salt, $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, FeSO_4 , H_2O_2 , oxalic acid and oxalates are directly titrated against KMnO_4 as oxidising agent in acidic medium.

Indicator

- In these titrations, KMnO_4 acts as self indicator. In acidic medium, KMnO_4 reacts with reducing agent (like oxalic acid or Mohr's salt), when whole of the reducing agent has been oxidised the remaining KMnO_4 is not decomposed and imparts pink colour to the solution and thus acts as an indicator.

End point

- In KMnO_4 titration end point is from colourless to permanent light pink colour.

Titration of oxalic acid vs KMnO_4

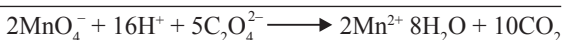
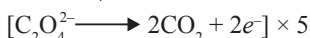
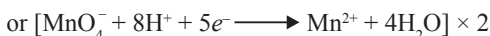
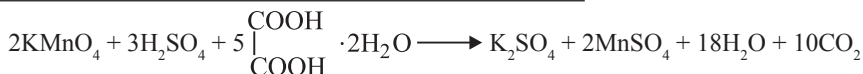
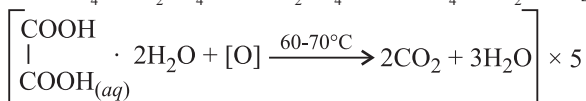
Indicator

KMnO_4 is a self indicator.

End point

Colourless to permanent pink colour (KMnO_4 in burette).

Chemistry of experiment



It is clear from the above reactions that two moles of KMnO_4 react with five moles of oxalic acid.

- KMnO_4 accepts five electrons and gets reduced from MnO_4^- to Mn^{2+} whereas oxalic acid releases two electrons and gets oxidised from $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ to CO_2 .
- Oxalic acid solution is heated to $60-70^\circ\text{C}$ before titrating with KMnO_4 because in cold, reaction is very slow due to slow formation of Mn^{2+} . When the solution is heated, liberation of Mn^{2+} speeds up which autocatalyses the reaction and therefore reaction proceeds rapidly. Heating of oxalic acid solution also expels the CO_2 evolved during the reaction which otherwise does not allow the reaction to go to completion.

- **Autocatalysis**

It is the process in which one of the reaction product catalyses the further reaction of the reactants.

- **Calculations**

We can apply normality equation to this titration as

$$\frac{N_1 V_1}{(\text{Oxalic acid})} = \frac{N_2 V_2}{(\text{KMnO}_4)}$$

Volume of both the solutions are known in the experiment. By knowing normality of one solution, normality of other solution can be calculated.

We can also apply molarity equation to this titration. Since two moles of KMnO_4 react with 5 moles of oxalic acid

$$\frac{M_{\text{KMnO}_4} \times V_{\text{KMnO}_4}}{M_{\text{Oxalic acid}} \times V_{\text{Oxalic acid}}} = \frac{2}{5}$$

By knowing the molarity of one solution that of the other solution can be calculated.

Normality and molarity of a solution are related as

Normality = Molarity \times number of electrons gained or lost

- Strength of any solution can be calculated as

Strength = Normality \times Equivalent mass

or Strength(g/L) = Molarity \times Molecular mass

Equivalent mass of oxalic acid

$$= \frac{\text{Molecular mass}}{2} = \frac{126}{2} = 63$$

Equivalent mass of KMnO_4

$$= \frac{\text{Molecular mass}}{5} = \frac{158}{5} = 31.6$$

- Percentage purity of a given salt can also be calculated

$$\text{Percentage purity} = \frac{\text{Strength of pure sample}}{\text{Strength of given sample}} \times 100$$

Titration of Mohr's salt vs KMnO_4

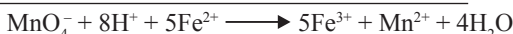
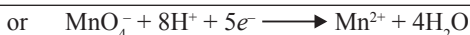
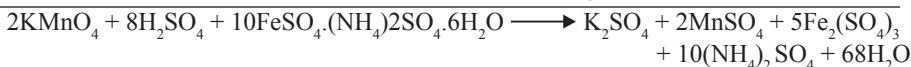
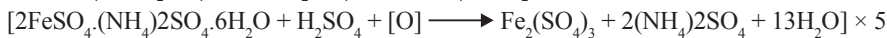
- **Indicator**

KMnO_4 is a self indicator.

- **End point**

Colourless to permanent light pink (KMnO_4 in burette).

- **Chemistry of experiment**



It is clear from the above reactions that one mole of KMnO_4 reacts with five moles of Mohr's salt.

KMnO_4 accepts five electrons and reduces from MnO_4^- to Mn^{2+} whereas in Mohr's salt one electron is released so that Fe^{2+} is oxidised to Fe^{3+} .

- **Calculations**

According to normality equation

$$\frac{N_1 V_1}{(\text{Mohr's salt})} = \frac{N_2 V_2}{(\text{KMnO}_4)}$$

Volume of both solutions are known in the experiment. By knowing normality of one solution, that of other solution can be calculated.

Molarity equation can also be applied to this titration. Since one mole of KMnO_4 reacts

$$\text{with five moles of Mohr's salt, } \frac{M_{\text{KMnO}_4} \times V_{\text{KMnO}_4}}{M_{\text{Mohr's salt}} \times V_{\text{Mohr's salt}}} = \frac{1}{5}$$

where M_{KMnO_4} = Molarity of KMnO_4 solution, V_{KMnO_4} = Volume of KMnO_4 solution

$M_{\text{Mohr's salt}}$ = Molarity of Mohr's salt, $V_{\text{Mohr's salt}}$ = Volume of Mohr's salt

By knowing the normality of one solution, that of other solution can be calculated.

- Strength of a solution can be calculated as

$$\text{Strength(g/L)} = \text{Normality} \times \text{Equivalent mass}$$

$$\text{or } \text{Strength(g/L)} = \text{Molarity} \times \text{Molecular mass}$$

$$\text{Eq. mass of Mohr's salt} = \frac{\text{Molecular mass}}{1} = 392$$

$$\text{Eq. mass of } \text{KMnO}_4 = \frac{158}{5} = 31.6$$

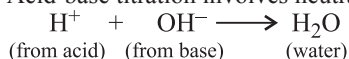
- Percentage purity of a given salt can also be calculated

$$\text{Percentage purity} = \frac{\text{Strength of pure sample}}{\text{Strength of given sample}} \times 100$$

Acid-Base titrations

In acid-base titration the amount of an acid or base is determined by titrating it against a standard solution of base or acid respectively.

Acid-base titration involves neutralization reaction.

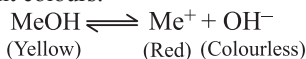
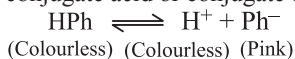


In acid base titration there is a sudden change in pH at the end point.

The point at which there is sudden change in pH with addition of very small amount of the titrant to the titrate (titre) is called point of inflection.

Indicator

Acid-base indicators are generally complex organic molecules which are either weak acids or weak bases, *e.g.* phenolphthalein is a weak organic acid (represented as HPh) and methyl orange is a weak organic base (represented as MeOH). These indicators dissociate in aqueous solution such that the unionised indicator and its conjugate part (*i.e.* either conjugate acid or conjugate base) have different colours.



The choice of an indicator for a particular acid-base titration should be made in such a way that indicator used shows change in colour in the same pH range as developed around the equivalence point.

To show the colour change by an indicator, $\boxed{\text{p}K_{\text{indicator}} = \text{pH at equivalence point}}$

- For strong acid and strong base titration, methyl orange, thymol blue or phenolphthalein can be used.
- For strong acid and weak base titration, methyl orange or methyl red can be used as an indicator.
- For weak acid and strong base titration, phenolphthalein is best suited indicator.

Some common acid-base indicators			
Indicator colour change, from acidic to alkaline medium	pK(ind)	pH range	Example of titration
Methyl orange (red \Rightarrow yellow)	3.7	3.1 – 4.4	Weak base vs strong acid titration <i>e.g.</i> Ammonia titrated with hydrochloric acid
Bromocresol green (yellow \Rightarrow blue)	4.0	3.8 – 4.6	Weak base vs strong acid titration
Methyl red (red \Rightarrow yellow)	5.1	4.2 – 6.3	Weak base vs strong acid titration
Bromothymol blue (yellow \Rightarrow blue)	7.0	6.0 – 7.6	Strong acid vs strong base titration <i>e.g.</i> Hydrochloric acid with sodium hydroxide
Phenol red (yellow \Rightarrow red)	7.9	6.4 – 8.2	Strong acid vs strong base titration <i>e.g.</i> Hydrochloric acid with sodium hydroxide
Thymol blue (basic form), (yellow \Rightarrow blue)	8.9	8.0 – 9.6	Weak/strong acid vs strong base titration
Phenolphthalein (colourless \Rightarrow pink)	9.3	8.3 – 10.0	Weak acid vs strong base titration <i>e.g.</i> Ethanoic acid titrated with sodium hydroxide
Alizarin yellow (yellow \Rightarrow violet)	–	10.1 – 12.0	Weak acid vs strong base titration

End