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SESSION 2 : Conductometric Titrations

CONDUCTOMETRIC TITRATIONS

- Conductometric titration is quantitative analysis used to estimate the concentration of a given analyte solution.
- Conductometric titration involves the continuous addition of a titrant to an analyte solution and measuring the conductance of the solution.
- The conductance of the solution depends on the number of free ions and the mobility of ions.
- The conductance of a solution can be measured with the help of a conductivity meter and conductivity cell.
- The end point in a conductometric titration is obtained by plotting a conductance vs volume of titrant graph.

STRONG ACID Vs STRONG BASE TITRATION

AIM:

To determine the strength of a given solution of HCl by conductometric titration with the given standard NaOH solution.

PRINCIPLE

Reaction between NaOH and HCI:

$H^+ + CI^- + Na^+ + OH^- \rightarrow Na^+ + CI^- + H_2O$

Conductance of acid soln – Prominently due to H^+ ions

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Addition of alkali – Removes H^+ ions as undisscociated H_2O

Conductance decreases

After equivalence point

Conductance increases due to free OH-ions

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

1. Conductivity Meter and Conductivity Cell



- 2. 0.1 M NaOH
- 3. Unknown HCl
- 4. Beaker -250 mL
- 5. Burette
- 6. Pipette -10 mL
- 7. Standard Flasks 100 mL (2 Nos)

PROCEDURE:

□ The titrant (Standard NaOH solution) is filled in the burette.

□ Pipette out 10 mL of unknown HCl solution into a 250 mL beaker and dilute to 50 mL.

Dip the conductivity cell in the solution and note the conductance of the solution.

Add 1 mL of standard NaOH solution from the burette, stir the solution and note the conductance.

□ The addition of titrant is repeated in amounts of 1 mL and the conductance is measured each time.

GRAPH

Conductance (*y*-axis) and Volume of titrant added (*x*-axis).



CALCULATION

Volume of unknown HCl (V1) = 10 mL

Molarity of NaOH (M2) = 0.1 M

Volume of NaOH (V2) = -----mL (determined from graph)

Molarity of HCl (M₁) = $\frac{M_2 \times V_2}{V_1} = \frac{0.1 \times V_2}{10}$