

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE CHEM-DSE -4: Acids & Bases and Aqueous Chemistry of Metal Ions

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Chem-DSE-4: Acids & Bases and Aqueous Chemistry of Metal Ions	04	02	-	02	Class XII with Science	

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To provide basic understanding of the various concepts of acids and bases and Buffers to students and the factors responsible for variable acid and bases strength. This will help the learner to understand the importance of pH maintenance for a large number of biological processes especially enzyme systems.
- The unit of Aqueous Chemistry of metal ions provides an insight into the types of reactions a metal ion undergoes in aqueous medium- hydration, hydrolysis, redox, complexation, precipitation. The knowledge of these let a learner ascertain the feasibility of a proposed reaction and also to predict the possible outcomes of a new reaction. This additionally equips a biology student to understand different biological processes involving metal ions in a better way.

Learning outcomes

By studying this course, students will be able to:

- Define the Arrhenius, Bronsted Lowry, Lewis and Hard & soft acids and bases.
- Distinguish one class of acids and bases from the other and will be able to classify different types of available acids (synthetic and natural) under these classes.
- Understand the parameters affecting the relative strength of acids and bases and the effect of solvent on them.
- Explain the effect of mixing a strong/weak acid with a weak/strong base and will be able to calculate the pH of buffers.
- Correlate the concepts of acids and bases to the biological processes, the importance of pH and the buffers in sustaining specific metabolic activities.
- Explain the behavior of metal ions in aqueous solutions in presence of other reagents

- Differentiate between solvation and solvolysis and explain the formation of oxo ions as a result of hydrolysis.
- Write the redox reactions involving metal ions, use the Nernst equation to calculate redox potentials and correlate them with the relative oxidizing/reducing strength of metal ions
- Explain the successive reduction or oxidation of a metal ion capable of displaying more than two oxidation states and hence predict the spontaneity of a redox reaction
- Explain the disproportionation of an oxidation state and the stability of an oxidation state in aqueous medium by comparing the redox potentials with that of water at different pH.
- Explain the chemistry involved in the quantitative chemical analysis involving redox reactions like redox titrations.
- Explain the formation of metal complexes based on two different modes of ligand metal interaction.
- Understand the importance of complexation process in stabilizing some oxidation states more than the other.
- Write the reactions involving the precipitation of metal ions, and predict the relative precipitations based on solubility products.
- Explain the identification and separation of metal ions in a mixture based on difference in precipitation behavior of metal ions.
- Correlate the redox, complexation and precipitation behavior of metal ions in aqueous medium to the role of metal ions and metalloproteins in biological systems.

Syllabus

Unit 1: Acids & Bases

(Hours: 10)

Concepts: Arrhenius, Bronsted-Lowry (aqua, hydroxo, oxo), Lewis acids and bases, Hard and Soft acids and bases.

Strength of Acids and Bases: factors affecting relative strength of acids and bases, solvent levelling, superacids and superbases.

Buffers ($\text{NH}_4\text{OH}/\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$, NaOAc/HOAc , boric acid and borate, Phosphate buffers, Universal Buffer), buffer capacity, calculation of pH of buffer solutions, pH calculation using Handerson-Hasselbalch equation, Applications of Acids & Bases and buffers in biological processes

Unit 2: Aqueous Chemistry of Metal ions

(Hours: 20)

Solvation effects on metal ions, oxocations and oxoanions

Redox reactions: Half reactions, balancing of redox reactions, Nernst equation, standard potentials and spontaneity, trends in standard potentials, electrochemical series

Redox stability of species in aqueous solutions (influence of pH, effect of solvation, redox reaction with water, disproportionation)

Diagrammatic presentation of potential data: Latimer diagrams, Frost diagrams and Pourbaix diagrams their significance

Applications of redox reactions in quantitative analysis: permanganate, dichromate & iodine titrations

Examples of Redox reactions in biological processes

Complexation behaviour of metal ions: Lewis acid – base type (d block), electrostatic interactions based (s block elements with crown ethers and cryptates), stabilisation of oxidation states by complexation (Cu(I), Mn(III)),

Applications of complexes in biological systems with special mention of metalloenzymes.

Precipitation: Insoluble salts with anions like S^{2-} , SO_4^{2-} , PO_4^{3-} , halides, OH^- , $C_2O_4^{2-}$, CO_3^{2-} and their application in metal ions analysis.

Practical Component:

Credits:02

(Laboratory periods: 60)

1. Preparation of Potassium trioxalatochromate(III).
2. Preparation of Potassium trisoxalatomanganate(III).
3. Preparation of acetylacetonato complexes of
 - a). Cu(II)
 - b). Fe(III)
4. Determination of strength of oxalate ions and oxalic acid in a mixture titrimetrically.
5. Determination of available chlorine in bleaching powder iodometrically.
6. Preparation of a phosphate buffer solution and measurement of its pH using pHmeter.
7. Determination of buffer capacity of phosphate buffer.
8. Determination of strength of chloride ions argentometrically
 - a). Volhard's Method
 - b). Fajan's Method
 - c). Mohr's Method
9. pHmetric titration of a strong acid with a strong base.
10. Any suitable experiment other than the listed ones.

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Theory:

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Practicals:

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Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.