

Concentration units

Concentration: → amount of solute present in a given amount of solution.

Types of concentration-unit

Mole fraction (X): → $A = X_A$

$$X_A = \frac{\text{moles of A}}{\text{sum of moles of all component}}$$

- Mole fraction → unit less

Molarity (M) → number of moles of solute in 1 liter of solution.

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{liter of solution}}$$

Unit of molarity → mole / liter.

Molality (m): → number of moles of solute dissolved in 1 Kg of solvent.

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{mass of solvent (Kg)}}$$

Unit of molality → mole / Kg

Percent by mass: → the ratio of the mass of a Solute to the mass of solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Percent by mass} &= \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of solute} + \text{mass of solvent}} * 100 \\ &= \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of solution}} * 100 \end{aligned}$$

Percent by mass: → unit less because it is the ratio between two similar quantities.

Example

A Sample 0.892 gm of (KCl) is dissolved in 54.6 gm of H₂O , what is the percent by mass of KCl in solution?!

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Percent by mass} &= \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of solution}} * 100 \\ &= \frac{0.892}{54.6+0.892} * 100 = 1.61\%\end{aligned}$$

Example

Calculate the molality of sulfuric acid solution containing 24.4 gm. of sulfuric acid in 198 gm. of water (the molar mass of sulfuric acid is 98.09 gm.)

Solution

$$m = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{mass of solvent (Kg)}}$$

$$\text{Number of moles of H}_2\text{SO}_4 = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}}$$

$$= \frac{24.4}{98.09} = 0.249 \text{ mole}$$

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{0.249}{0.198} = 1.26 \text{ mole / Kg}$$

☒ Comparison of concentration unit

It is desirable to convert one concentration unit of solution to another.

Examples

The density of 2.45 molar of aqueous solution of methanol (CH_3OH) is 0.979 gm/L. what the molality of the solution is?!
(The molar mass of methanol is 32.04 gm.)

Solution

$$1) \text{ Molarity} = \frac{\text{number of moles}}{\text{volume per litre}}$$

Suppose volume of solution = 1 liter

$$2.45 = \frac{\text{no. of moles}}{1}$$

Number of moles = 2.45 mole.

$$2) \text{ Density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$

$$0.976 = \frac{\text{mass}}{1000 \text{ ml}}$$

Mass of solution = 976 gm.

3) Mass of solvent = mass of solution – mass of solute

Mass of solute = number of moles * molar mass

$$\therefore \text{mass of solute} = (2.45 * 32.04)$$

$$\therefore \text{mass of solvent} = 976 - (2.45 * 32.04) = 898 \text{ gm} \\ = 0.898 \text{ Kg.}$$

$$\therefore \text{molality} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{mass of solvent Kg}} = \frac{2.45}{0.898} = 2.73 \frac{\text{mole}}{\text{Kg}}$$

Calculate the molality of a 35.4 percent by mass aqueous solution of H_3PO_4 , (the molar mass 97.99 gm.).

Solution

$$1) \text{ Percent by mass} = \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of solution}} * 100$$

Assume mass of aqueous = 100 gm.

$$\therefore \text{mass of solute} = 35.4 \text{ gm}$$

$$\text{Mass of solvent} = 100 - 35.4 = 64.6 \text{ gm.}$$

$$2) \text{ Number of moles of } \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} = \frac{35.4}{97.99} = 0.361 \text{ mol}$$

$$3) \text{ Molality} = \frac{0.361}{0.0646} = 5.59\text{m}$$

Choose

1) The unit of molality..... , While the unit of mole fraction..... .

- A) unit less , mole/L
 B) mole/Kg , mole
 C) unit less , unit less
 D) mole/Kg , unit less

2) The unit of molarity.....

- A) mole
 B) mole/Kg
 C) mole/L
 D) mole/cm

3) What is the molarity of a solution of 10% by mass cadmium sulfate (CdSO_4) (molar mass = 208.46 g/mol) by mass? The density = 1.10 gm/ml

- A) 0.528 M
 B) 0.479 M
 C) 0.436 M
 D) 0.048 M

Solution

$$\text{density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{\text{mass}}{1000} = 1.1$$

$$\therefore \text{mass} = 1100 \text{ gm}$$

$$\text{Percent by mass} = 100 * \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of solution}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{10}{100} = \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{1100} = 110 \text{ gm}$$

$$\text{Number of moles} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} = \frac{110}{208.46} = 0.528 \text{ mole}$$

$$\frac{0.527}{1} = 0.528 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{Molarity} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{volume per litre}} =$$

4) What is the molarity of a solution that is 26% by mass phosphoric acid (H_3PO_4) and that has a density of 1.155 g/ml?

- A) $2.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ C) 0.3 M
 B) 2.3 M D) 3.06 M

Solution

- $\text{density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{\text{mass}}{1000} = 1.155$
- Mass = 1155 gm.
- Percent by mass = $100 * \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{\text{mass of solution}}$

$$\therefore \frac{26}{100} = \frac{\text{mass of solute}}{1155}$$
- Mass of solute = 300.3 gm.
- Number of moles = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} = \frac{300.3}{97.99} = 3.06 \text{ mole}$
- Molarity = $\frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{volume per litre}} = \frac{3.06}{1} = 3.06 \text{ Molar}$

7) Calculate the percent by mass of potassium nitrate in a solution made from 45 gm. (KNO_3) and 295 ml of water, the density of water is 0.997 g/ml.

- A) 1.51% C) 13.3%
B) 7.57% D) none of them

8) Which of the following has the greater molal concentration (molality) ?!

- A) 1 m KNO_3 C) both have the same molality
B) 1 M KNO_3 D) None of them

9) calculate the molality of a solution containing 14.3 gm. of (NaCl) in 42.2 gm. of water.

- A) 2.45×10^{-4} m C) 5.80 m
B) 5.8×10^{-4} m D) 103 m

Solution

- Number of moles = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{molar mass}} = \frac{14.3}{58.5} = 0.24$ mole
- Molality = $\frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{mass of solvent (Kg)}}$
 $= \frac{0.24}{0.0422} = 5.79$