

Training Skills to Solve Some Inorganic Chemistry Exercises by Using the Graphic Method of Calculation for Teaching Chemistry in High School

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Abstract This paper introduces the way to solve some inorganic chemistry exercises by using the graphic method of calculation for teaching chemistry in high school. We have divided them into 7 types of exercise involving in the use of graphs to find the solution methods. Based on these ways, the authors have built 9 Sample Problems. On that basis, the authors compiled 15 drilling exercises for Test Yourself which are used for teaching and self-studying inorganic chemistry in High School.

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1. Introduction

Chemistry exercises play an important role, including content and chemistry teaching methods in high school. Training skills to solve problems is indispensable in chemistry teaching activities. Within the scope of this paper, we will introduce some types of inorganic chemistry exercises that use graphs to infer solution methods. Thereby, training and enhancing skills to solve chemistry exercises in general and inorganic chemistry in particular is very important for students [1,2,3].

2. Content

2.1. General Problem

In inorganic chemistry, a common problem is



(The symbol $P \downarrow$ stands for "precipitate" in solution).

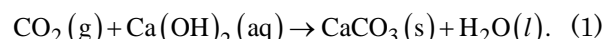
The precipitate P can be soluble in an excess reactant of A or B . At that time the same amount of precipitate can have two different values of A or B . To solve this problems, teacher can guide students to use the graph of the relationship between the number of moles of precipitate P (n_{\downarrow}) and the number of moles of A or B [4,5].

2.2. Some Common Types

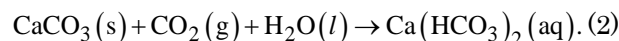
2.2.1. Type 1: Bubble Slowly the Gas of CO_2 or SO_2 through Solution of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ or $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \rightarrow P \downarrow$ $\xrightarrow{\text{CO}_2 \text{ excess}}$ Soluble

In this case CO_2 will perform 2 tasks below.

Task 1: Increase gradually the mass of precipitate up to a maximum, according to the reaction



Task 2: Dissolve the precipitate, according to the reaction



The relationship between the number of moles of CO_2 and the number of moles of precipitate is represented as the graph in Figure 1.

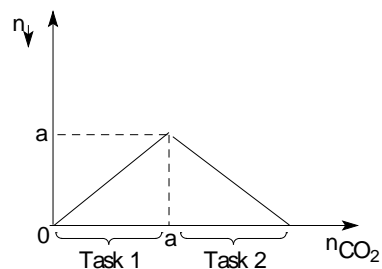
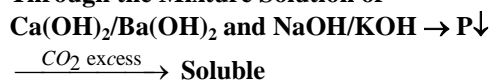


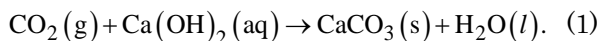
Figure 1.

2.2.2. Type 2: Bubble slowly the Gas of CO₂ or SO₂ Through the Mixture Solution of

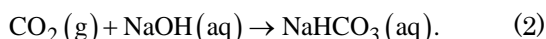


In this case CO₂ will perform 3 tasks below.

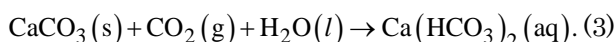
Task 1: Form the maximum mass of precipitate, according to the reaction



Task 2: React between acidic oxide with alkali to form the acidic salt (not neutral salt because of excess CO₂), according to the reaction



Task 3: Dissolve the precipitate, according to the reaction



The relationship between the number of moles of CO₂ and the number of moles of precipitate is represented by the graph in Figure 2.

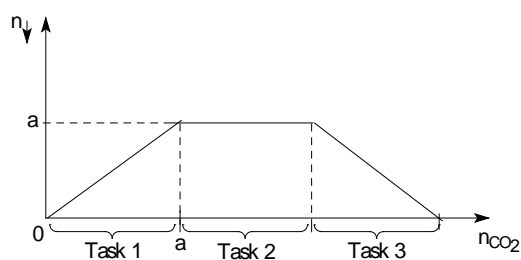
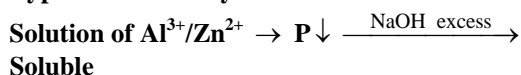


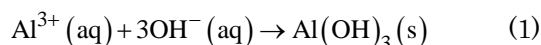
Figure 2.

2.2.3. Type 3: Add Slowly Solution of NaOH to

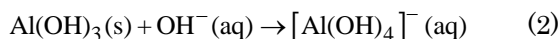


In this case OH⁻ will perform 2 tasks below.

Task 1: Form the maximum mass of precipitate, according to the reaction



Task 2: Dissolve the precipitate, according to the reaction



The relationship between the number of moles of OH⁻ and the number of moles of precipitate is represented by the graph in Figure 3.

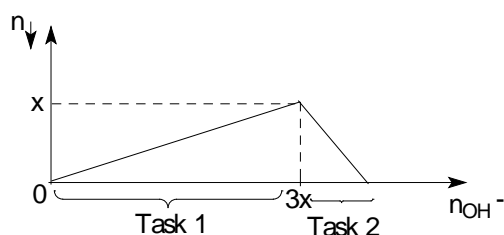
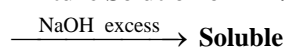


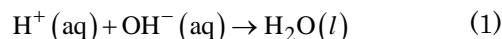
Figure 3.

2.2.4. Type 4: Add Slowly Solution of NaOH to Mixture Solution of Al³⁺/Zn²⁺ and H⁺ → P ↓

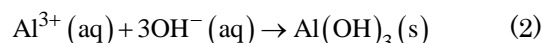


In this case OH⁻ will perform 3 tasks below.

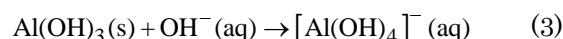
Task 1: Neutralize H⁺ ion in the solution, according to the reaction



Task 2: Form the maximum mass of precipitate, according to the reaction



Task 3: Dissolve the precipitate, according to the reaction



The relationship between the number of moles of OH⁻ and the number of moles of precipitate is represented by the graph in Figure 4.

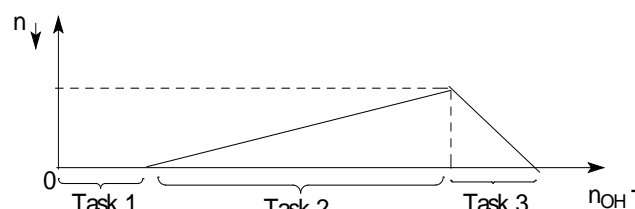
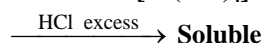


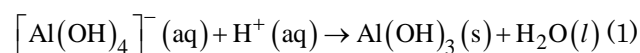
Figure 4.

2.2.5. Type 5: Add Slowly Solution of HCl to the Solution of [Al(OH)₄]⁻ / [Zn(OH)₄]²⁻ → P ↓

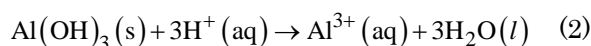


In this case H⁺ will perform 2 tasks below

Task 1: Form the maximum mass of precipitate, according to the reaction



Task 2: Dissolve the precipitate, according to the reaction



The relationship between the number of moles of H⁺ and the number of moles of precipitate is represented by the graph in Figure 5.

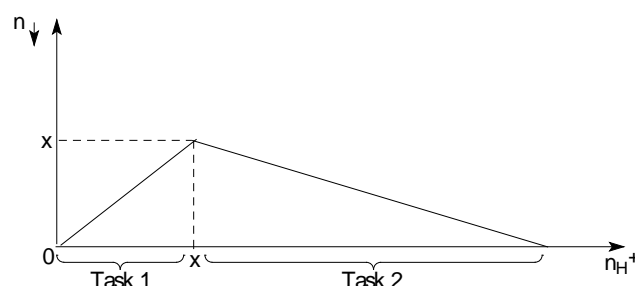


Figure 5.

Solution: From the graph, we find that

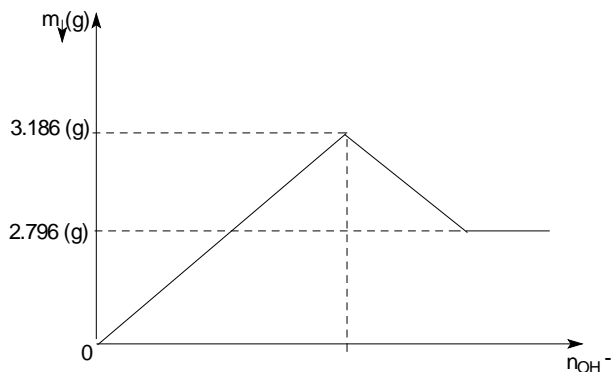
$$n_{\text{OH}^-} = 3a = 0.36 \rightarrow a = 0.12$$

At the position at which

$$n_{\text{OH}^-} = x = 3a + (a - 0.2a) = 3 \times 0.12 + 0.8 \times 0.12 = 0.456$$

→ Answer B.

Example 3: Add slowly 0.2 M Ba(OH)₂ solution to a test tube containing V (L) of c (mol/l) Al₂(SO₄)₃ solution. Experimental results are shown in the following graph



When the mass of precipitate is a constant, the minimum volume of Ba(OH)₂ solution is required to be

- A. 30 mL B. 60 mL
C. 45 mL D. 75 mL

Solution: From the graph, we find that OH⁻ ion performed 2 tasks below

Task 1: Increase gradually the mass of precipitate up to a maximum.

Task 2: Dissolve the precipitate.

In which parallel segment to the axis n_{OH^-} shown that

BaSO₄ precipitate is insoluble in base.

We find that :

$$m_{\text{BaSO}_4} = 2.796 \text{ (g)}$$

$$\text{and } m_{\text{Al(OH)}_3} = 3.186 - 2.796 = 0.39 \text{ (g)}$$

$$n_{\text{Ba}^{2+}} = n_{\text{BaSO}_4} = \frac{2.796}{233} = 0.012;$$

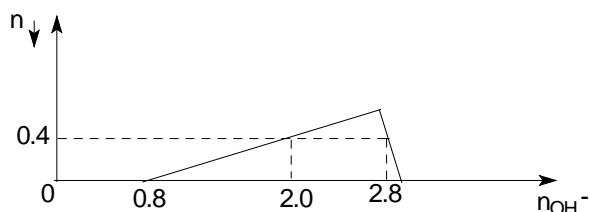
$$n_{\text{OH}^-} = 3 \times n_{\text{Al(OH)}_3}$$

$$= 3 \times \frac{0.39}{78} = 0.015$$

$$n_{\text{Ba(OH)}_2 \text{ min}} = 0.012 \rightarrow V_{\text{Ba(OH)}_2 \text{ min}} = \frac{0.012}{0.2} = 0.06 \text{ (L)}$$

= 60 (mL) → Answer B.

Example 4: Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to the mixture of solution containing a mol HCl and b mol AlCl₃. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

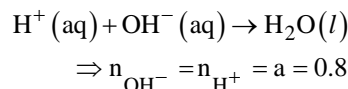


The ratio of $\frac{a}{b}$ is

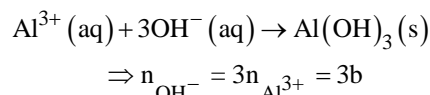
- A. 4/3 B. 2/3
C. 1/1 D. 2/1

Solution: From the graph, we find that OH⁻ ion performed 3 tasks below.

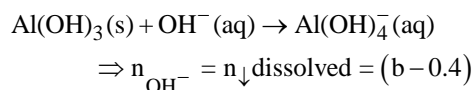
Task 1: Neutralize the acid in that solution



Task 2: Increase gradually the mass of precipitate up to a maximum



Task 3 : Dissolve the precipitate

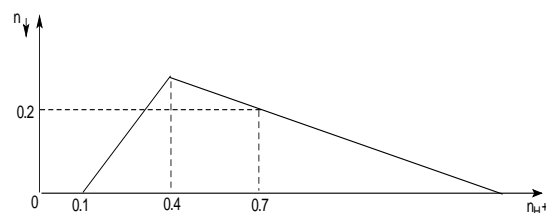


At the position at which

$$n_{\text{OH}^-} = 2.8 = \underbrace{0.8}_{\text{Task 1}} + \underbrace{3b}_{\text{Task 2}} + \underbrace{(b-0.4)}_{\text{Task 3}} \rightarrow b = 0.6 \rightarrow \text{The}$$

$$\text{ratio } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{4}{3} \rightarrow \text{Answer A.}$$

Example 5: Add slowly an excess of HCl solution to the mixture of solution containing x mol Ba(OH)₂ and y mol Ba[Al(OH)₄]₂. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles).

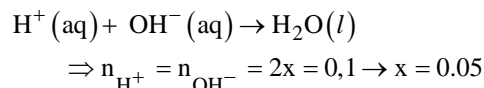


The value of x and y are

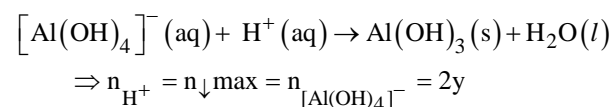
- A. 0.05 and 0.15 B. 0.10 and 0.30
C. 0.10 and 0.15 D. 0.05 and 0.30

Solution: From the graph, we find that H⁺ ion performed 3 tasks below.

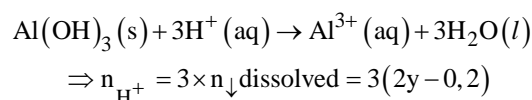
Task 1: Neutralize the base in that solution



Task 2: Increase gradually the mass of precipitate up to a maximum



Task 3 : Dissolve the precipitate

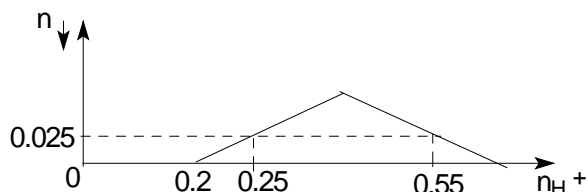


At the position at which

$$n_{\text{H}^+} = 0.7 = \underbrace{0.1}_{\text{Task 1}} + \underbrace{2y}_{\text{Task 2}} + \underbrace{3(2y-0.2)}_{\text{Task 3}} \rightarrow y = 0.15$$

→ Answer A.

Example 6: Add slowly an excess of HCl solution to the mixture of solution containing a mol KOH and b mol $\text{K}_2[\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_4]$. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles).

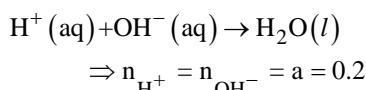


The ratio of $\frac{a}{b}$ is

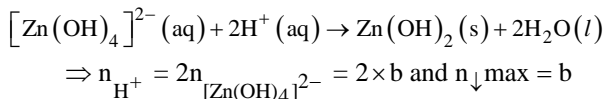
- A. 1.5 B. 1.0
C. 2.0 D. 2.5

Solution: From the graph, we find that H^+ ion performed 3 tasks below.

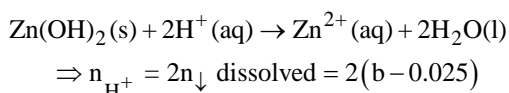
Task 1: Neutralize the base in that solution



Task 2: Increase gradually the mass of precipitate up to a maximum



Task 3: Dissolve the precipitate

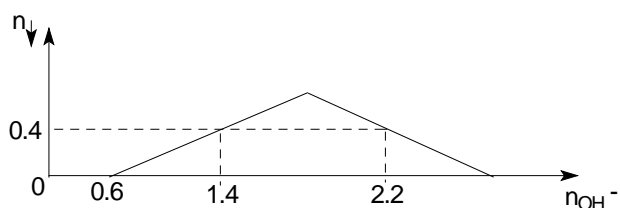


At the position at which

$$n_{\text{H}^+} = 0.55 = \underbrace{0.2}_{\text{Task 1}} + \underbrace{2b}_{\text{Task 2}} + \underbrace{2(b-0.025)}_{\text{Task 3}} \rightarrow b = 0.1 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b}$$

$$= \frac{0.2}{0.1} = 2 \rightarrow \text{Answer C.}$$

Example 7: Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to the mixture of solution containing a mol HCl and b mol ZnCl_2 . Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

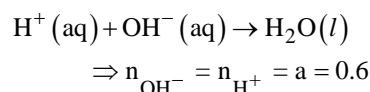


The total value of (a + b) is

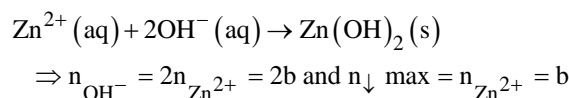
- A. 1.4 B. 1.6
C. 1.2 D. 1.3

Solution: From the graph, we find that OH^- ion performed 3 tasks below.

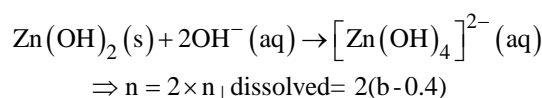
Task 1: Neutralize the acid in that solution



Task 2: Increase gradually the mass of precipitate up to a maximum



Task 3: Dissolve the precipitate

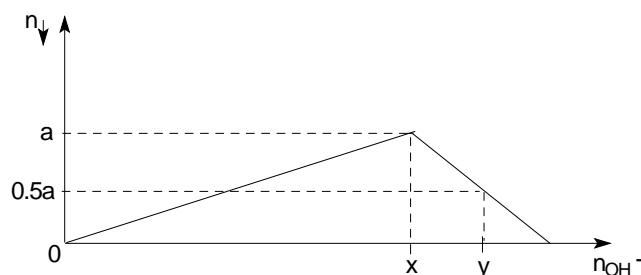


At the position at which

$$n_{\text{OH}^-} = 2.2 \rightarrow 2.2 = \underbrace{0.6}_{\text{Task 1}} + \underbrace{2b}_{\text{Task 2}} + \underbrace{2(b-0.4)}_{\text{Task 3}} \rightarrow b = 0.6$$

→ Answer C.

Example 8: Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to AlCl_3 solution, experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

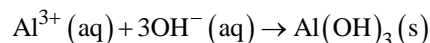


The ratio of $\frac{x}{y}$ is

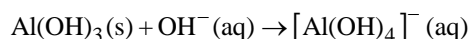
- A. 7/8 B. 6/7
C. 5/4 D. 4/5

Solution: From the graph, we find that OH^- ion performed 2 tasks below.

Task 1: Increase gradually the mass of precipitate up to a maximum



Task 2: Dissolve the precipitate

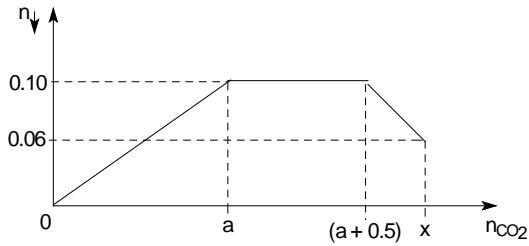


From the graph, we find that

$$\begin{cases} x = 3a \\ y = \underbrace{3a}_{\text{Task 1}} + \underbrace{(a-0.5a)}_{\text{Task 2}} \rightarrow y = 3.5a \rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{6}{7} \end{cases}$$

→ Answer B.

Example 9: Bubble slowly the gas of CO_2 through mixture solution of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ and NaOH. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)



The value of x is

- A. 0.64 B. 0.58
C. 0.68 D. 0.62

Solution: From the graph, we find that CO_2 performed 3 tasks below.

Task 1: Increase gradually the mass of precipitate up to a maximum

$$n_{\text{CO}_2} = n_{\downarrow \text{max}} = a = 0.1$$

Task 2: Keep the constant mass of precipitate

$$n_{\text{CO}_2} = (a + 0.5) - a = 0.5$$

Task 3: Dissolve the precipitate

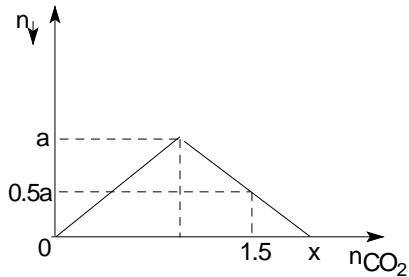
$$n_{\text{CO}_2} = n_{\downarrow \text{dissolved}} = 0.10 - 0.06 = 0.04$$

We have: $\sum n_{\text{CO}_2} = x = a + 0.5 + 0.04 = 0.64$

→ Answer A.

2.4. Test Yourself

1. Bubble slowly the gas of CO_2 through solution of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$. Observed the phenomena happening according to the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

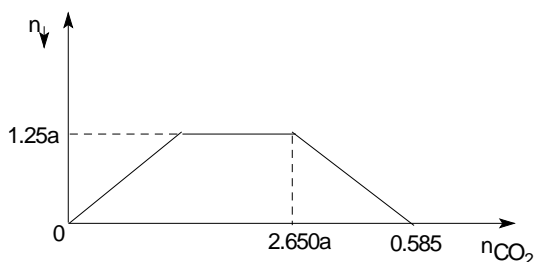


The value of x is

- A. 1.8 B. 2.0
C. 2.2 D. 2.4

Answer B

2. Bubble slowly V (L) at s.t.p. of the gas of CO_2 through the mixture of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ and KOH solution. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles). *Hint:* 1 mole of gas at s.t.p. occupies 22.4 dm^3 .

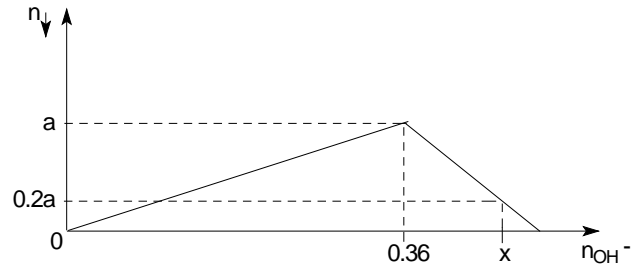


In order to obtain the maximum precipitate, the value of V is

- A. $4.480 \leq V \leq 8.960$ B. $2.240 \leq V \leq 6.720$
C. $3.654 \leq V \leq 6.585$ D. $4.200 \leq V \leq 8.904$

Answer D

3. Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to AlCl_3 solution. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

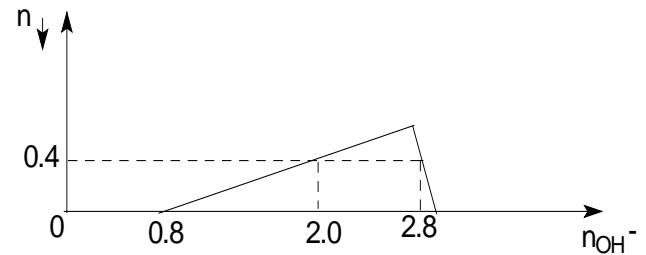


The value of x is

- A. 0.412 B. 0.456
C. 0.515 D. 0.546

Answer B

4. Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to the mixture of solution containing a mol HCl and b mol AlCl_3 . Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

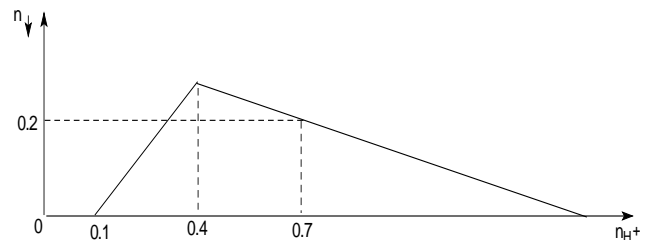


The ratio of $\frac{a}{b}$ is

- A. 4/3 B. 2/3
C. 1/1 D. 2/1

Answer A

5. Add slowly an excess of HCl solution to the mixture of solution containing x mol $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ and y mol $\text{Ba}[\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4]_2$. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

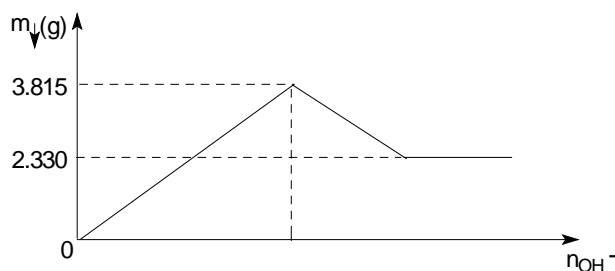


The value of x and y are

- A. 0.05 và 0.15 B. 0.10 và 0.30
C. 0.10 và 0.15 D. 0.05 và 0.30

Answer A

6. Add slowly 0.2 M $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ solution to a test tube containing V (L) of c (mol/l) ZnSO_4 solution. Experimental results are shown in the following graph

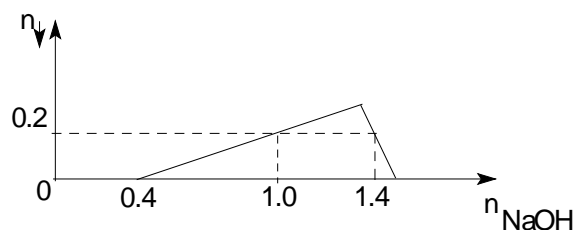


In order to constant precipitate, the volume of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ solution is the minimum needed

- A. 50 mL B. 60 mL
C. 45 mL D. 75 mL

Answer D

7. Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to X solution containing x mol H_2SO_4 and y mol $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

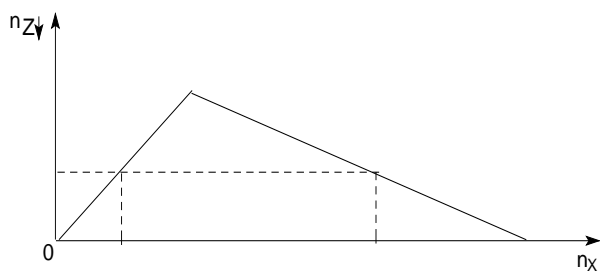


If add slowly a solution containing 0.7 mol $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ to solution X until the reaction occurs completely, we obtain m grams of precipitate. Value of m is **closest to which of the following value?**

- A. 170 B. 150
C. 180 D. 120

Answer A

8. Add slowly an excess of X solution to Y solution to form Z precipitate. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

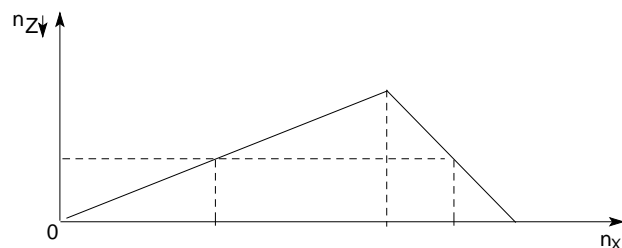


Which result of the following experiment is shown as the above graph?

- A. Add slowly an excess of HCl solution to $\text{Na}[\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4]$ solution
B. Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to AlCl_3 solution
C. Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to ZnCl_2 solution
D. Bubble slowly the gas of CO_2 through solution of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$

Answer A

9. When add slowly a substance X to a substance Y to form a precipitate Z. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

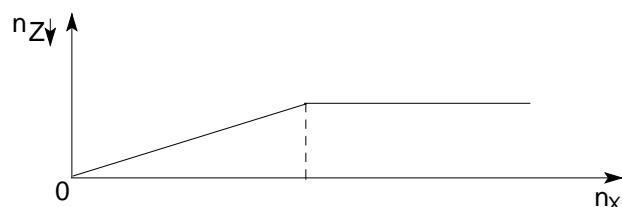


Which result of the following experiment is shown as the graph above?

- A. Add slowly an excess of HCl solution to $\text{Na}[\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4]$ solution
B. Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to AlCl_3 solution
C. Add slowly an excess of HCl solution to $\text{Na}_2[\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_4]$ solution
D. Bubble slowly the gas of CO_2 through solution of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$

Answer B

10. Add slowly a substance X to a substance Y to form a precipitate Z. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

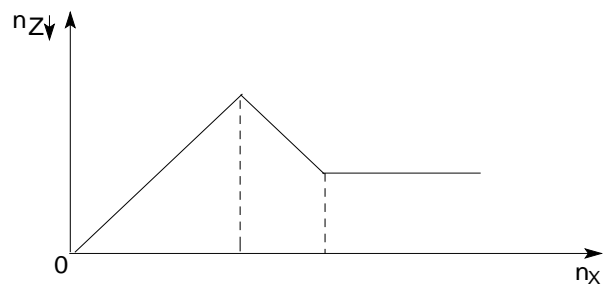


Which result of the following experiment is shown as the above graph?

- A. Add slowly an excess of KOH solution to ZnCl_2 solution
B. Bubble slowly the gas of CO_2 through solution of $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$
C. Bubble slowly the gas of NH_3 through solution of AlCl_3
D. Bubble slowly the gas of NH_3 through solution of ZnCl_2

Answer C

11. Add slowly an excess of X solution to Y solution to form Z precipitate. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)



Which result of the following experiment is shown as the graph above?

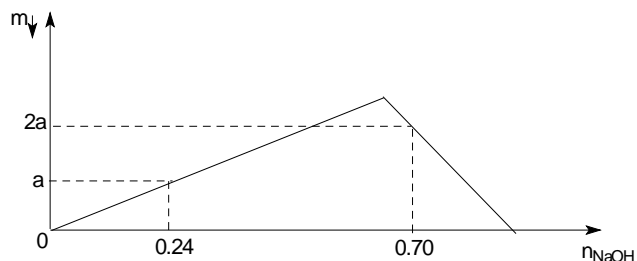
- A. Add slowly an excess of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ solution to AlCl_3 solution
B. Add slowly an excess of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ solution to $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ solution

C. Add slowly an excess of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ solution to mixture solution of HCl and AlCl_3

D. Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ solution

Answer B

12. Dissolve AlCl_3 in water to form a solution X. Add slowly an excess of NaOH solution to X solution. Experimental results are shown in the following graph.



Based on the above graph, the maximum mass of the precipitate obtained in above experiment is

- A. 12.48 grams B. 14.04 grams
C. 16.77 grams D. 23.40 grams

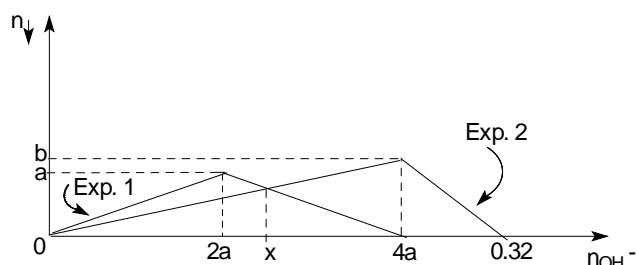
Answer C

13. A solution X contains a mol of ZnSO_4 , a solution Y contains b mol of AlCl_3 and a solution Z contains c mol of KOH . Perform 2 following experiments:

Experiment 1: Add slowly to the end of an excess of the solution Z to the solution X.

Experiment 2: Add slowly to the end of an excess of the solution Z to the solution Y.

The precipitate of two experiments changed according to the following graph

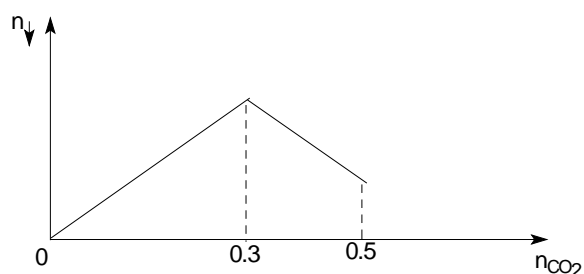


If each experiment used x mol KOH , the total mass (grams) precipitate obtained in two experiments will be closest to which of the following value?

- A. 8.0 B. 8.5
C. 9.0 D. 9.5

Answer B

14. Bubble slowly the gas of CO_2 through 11 % (by mass) $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ solution. The reaction occurs completely to form a solution X. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles)

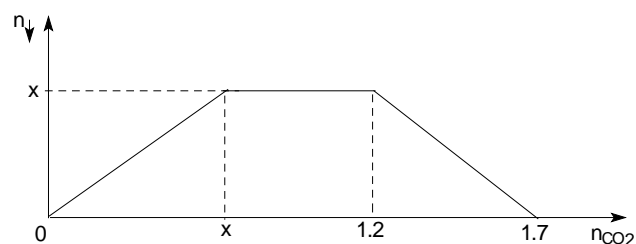


Defining concentration of solution X in terms of mass percent?

- A. 16.20 % B. 14.59 %
C. 15.28 % D. 16.87 %

Answer C

15. Dissolve a mixture X containing a mol K and b mol Ca in 200 mL 0.1 M $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ solution to form the solution Y and V (L) the gas of H_2 (at s.t.p.). Bubble slowly an excess of CO_2 gas through Y solution. Experimental results are shown in the following graph (data are calculated in units of moles). Hint: 1 mol of gas at s.t.p. occupies 22.4 dm^3 .



The value of V is

- A. 14.56 B. 19.04
C. 22.40 D. 26.88

Answer A

3. Conclusions

The paper proposed identification signs of 7 types of inorganic chemistry exercises can use the graphic method to solve easily. Based on the experimental results are shown in the graph, easily infer the relationship between the number of moles of precipitate and the number of moles of reactants. Thereby, teacher will practice skills to solve chemical exercises for students based on the experimental results are illustrated by the graph. They are exciting forms of exercise for students in high school.

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