What is stoichiometry?

- (Probably) the most important topic in chemistry!
- This is the basis for **many** subsequent chapters
- Related to the *amount* of a species or substance
- Sometimes referred to as the mathematics of chemistry

Some definitions

 Molar mass (aka molecular weight) – sum of atomic masses (weights) for all the atoms in a given molecule.

– Use the periodic table and the molecular formula to determine this

• Formula mass (formula weight) – sum of the masses for all the ions in a given formula unit

The periodic table



An Important Interpretation

- The stoichiometric coefficients that are present in a balanced chemical reaction are related to the *ratios* of reactants and products in a chemical reaction
- This ratio is only in terms of moles (or molecules), BUT NOT mass!

Example

• The final step in the production of nitric acid involves the reaction of nitrogen dioxide with water; nitrogen monoxide is also produced. How many grams of nitric acid are produced for every 100.0 g of nitrogen dioxide that reacts?

Solution

- Step 1: Write down the chemical reaction $-NO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow HNO_3 + NO$
- Step 2: Balance the chemical reaction $-3NO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow 2HNO_3 + NO$
- Step 3: Determine the moles of NO_2 that will react
 - $-100 \text{ g NO}_2 / 46.006 \text{ g/mol} = 2.174 \text{ mol NO}_2$

Solution (continued)

 Step 4: Use stoichiometry to determine the moles of HNO₃ that will be produced

$$\frac{NO_2}{HNO_3} = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{2.174 \ mol}{x}$$

Solving for x, $x = 1.449 \text{ mol HNO}_3$

• Step 5: Convert to grams of nitric acid

 $-1.449 \text{ mol HNO}_3 * 63.013 \text{ g/mol} = 91.31 \text{ g HNO}_3$

Using the periodic table, predict whether the following chlorides are ionic or covalent: KCl, NCl₃, ICl, MgCl₂,PCl₅, and CCl₄.





Limiting and Excess Reagents (Reactants)

- Equivalent a mathematically equal amount of a chemical substance (in terms of moles)
- Sometimes you don't have the "stoichiometrically correct" number of equivalents
 - -Cost
 - -Availability
 - -Reaction conditions
- Limiting gets used up entirely
- Excess remaining (left over)

More on limiting reagents

- This is based on the # of moles in a **balanced** chemical reaction
 - -You *cannot* simply look at # of moles directly, or the mass (grams) that are given.
- The limiting reagent *always* determines the outcome of a chemical reaction
 - –# of moles (or grams) of product that can be formed

Example

- Magnesium nitride can be formed by the reaction of magnesium metal with nitrogen gas.
- A) How many grams of magnesium nitride can be made in the reaction of 35.00 g of magnesium and 15.00 g of nitrogen?
- B) How many grams of the excess reactant remain after the reaction?

• Step 1: Write down (and balance) the chemical reaction

 $-3Mg + N_2 \rightarrow Mg_3N_2$

• Step 2: Find the # of moles of each reactant. This represents the moles you HAVE.

-mol Mg = 35.00 g / 24.305 g/mol = 1.440 mol Mg

 $-mol N_2 = 15.00 \text{ g} / 28.013 \text{ g/mol} = 0.5355 \text{ mol } N_2$

• Step 3: Pick *one* reactant, and find the number of moles of the *other* using stoichiometry. This represents the moles you NEED. $\frac{Mg}{N_2} = \frac{3}{1} = \frac{1.440 \text{ mol}}{x}$

Solving for x, $x = 0.4800 \text{ mol } N_2$

- Step 4: Compare the moles you HAVE with the moles you NEED. If HAVE > NEED, this is in *excess*. If you HAVE < NEED, this is *limiting*.
 - We have 0.5355 mol N₂ and need 0.4800 mol of N₂, so N₂ must be in excess. Therefore Mg is limiting.

• Step 5: Using the limiting reactant and stoichiometry, determine the number of moles of product. $\frac{Mg}{Mg_3N_2} = \frac{3}{1} = \frac{1.440 \text{ mol}}{x}$

Solving for x, $x = 0.4800 \text{ mol } Mg_3N_2$.

Step 6: Find the mass of the product

 -0.4800 mol Mg₃N₂* 100.93 g/mol = 48.45 g
 Mg₃N₂

• Step 1: Determine how much N₂ (the excess reagent) is actually used.

 $-0.4800 \text{ mol } N_2 * 28.013 \text{ g/mol} = 13.45 \text{ g} N_2$

• Step 2: Determine the amount of excess.

 $-15.00 \text{ g} - 13.45 \text{ g} = 1.55 \text{ g} \text{ N}_2$

An alternate solution to part b

- Conservation of mass
 - The total mass *before* the chemical reaction must be the same as the total mass *after* the chemical reaction
 - mass Mg + mass N₂ = 35.00 g + 15.00 g = 50.00 g
 - $-Mass of Mg_3N_2 = 48.45 g$
 - Therefore mass of excess N₂ must be 50.00 48.45 g = 1.55 g

Yield

- Actual refers to an experimental quantity
- Theoretical refers to the amount calculated using stoichiometry
- The amounts used can be mass or moles, as long as you are consistent (and both #'s refer to the product)
- Engineers usually also are concerned with *selectivity* and *conversion*.

In an accident, a solution containing 2.5 kg of nitric acid was spilled. Two kilograms of Na₂CO₃ was quickly spread on the area and CO₂ was released by the reaction. Was sufficient Na₂CO₃ used to neutralize all of the acid?





Balancing Chemical Reactions

The # of each type of atom must balance (conservation of mass)

- Can use coefficients in front to make things work.

- Good rule of thumb try to balance the atoms that show up in the least # of spots (# of compounds) 1st
- It's OK to use fractions
 - If whole #'s are wanted/needed just multiply by LCD

Example: Combustion of Ethane

- Step 1: Write down the reaction $-C_2H_6 + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$
- Step 2: Balance the C's $-C_2H_6 + O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + H_2O$
- Step 3: Balance the H's $-C_2H_6 + O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 3H_2O$
- Step 4: Balance the O's $-C_2H_6 + 7/2 O_2 \rightarrow 2CO_2 + 3H_2O$
- Step 5: Use whole number coefficients (optional)
 2C₂H₆ + 7O₂ → 4CO₂ + 6H₂O

Balancing redox reactions

- <u>Key</u>: The number of electrons "lost" (in an oxidation) must be the same as the number of electrons "gained" (in a reduction)
- 1) Determine oxidation numbers and write down the half-reactions.
- 2) Balance the atoms in each half-reaction (except O and H)
- 3) Balance the charge in each half-reaction by adding electrons.
- 4) Balance the total number of electrons for both half-reactions and add the two reactions.
- 5) Add H_2O to balance the O's (and H's).
- 6) If acidic, add H⁺ to balance the H's.
- 7) If basic, add H⁺ to balance the H's, then add an equal number of OH⁻ to both sides (H⁺ + OH⁻ \rightarrow H₂O), and simplify.
- Check: The total charge on the left side must be equal to the total charge on the right side of the overall reaction.

Example

- In basic solution, Br₂ disproportionates to bromide ions and bromate ions. Use the half-reaction method to balance the equation for this reaction:
- $Br_2(I) \rightarrow Br(aq) + BrO_3^-$

Solution

- First assign oxidation numbers to the Br's: Br₂ = 0, Br⁻ = -1, Br in BrO₃⁻ = +5 (since O has an oxidation number of -2)
- So the half-reactions are $Br_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Br^-$ and $Br_2 \rightarrow 2BrO_3^- + 10e^-$
- Balance the number of electrons by multiplying the reduction reaction by 5, and add the two reactions: 6Br₂ + 10e⁻ → 10Br⁻ + 2BrO₃⁻ + 10e⁻
- Simplify: $3Br_2 \rightarrow 5Br^- + BrO_3^-$
- Add H₂O to balance the O's: $3Br_2 + 3H_2O \rightarrow 5Br^- + BrO_3^-$
- Add H⁺ and OH⁻ (since the solution is basic) to balance the H's: $3Br_2 + 3H_2O + 6OH^- \rightarrow 5Br^- + BrO_3^- + 6H^+ + 6OH^-$
- Simplify: $3Br_2 + 6OH^- \rightarrow 5Br^- + BrO_3^- + 3H_2O$
- <u>Check</u>: Total charge on the left = 3(0) + 6(-1) = -6, and the total charge on the right is 5(-1) + -1 +3(0) = -6

Balance the following equation according to the half-reaction method: $Zn(s) + NO_3^{-}(aq) \rightarrow$ $Zn^{2+}(aq) + NH_3(aq)$ (in base)

Arrhenius Theory of Dissociation

- Dissociation happens spontaneously when ionic (soluble) compounds dissolve in H₂O.
- The more ions are present (i.e. the better it dissociates), the more electricity is conducted.



http://antoine.frostburg.edu/chem/senese/101/reactions/slides/sld006.htm

Classification of electrolytes

- Strong soluble ionic substances (salts), mineral acids, bases
 - Acids: HCl, HBr, HI, HNO₃, H₂SO₄, HClO₄
 - Bases: LiOH, NaOH, KOH, RbOH, CsOH, Ca(OH)₂, Sr(OH)₂, Ba(OH)₂
- Weak carboxylic acids, amines
- Non-electrolytes most organic compounds
- The words "strong" and "weak" refer only to how well something dissociates and forms ions, NOT if it is dangerous, reactive, etc.

Determining concentrations of ionic solutions

• For the [] of ions, we need to consider **both** the formula and whether or not it dissociates completely (strong electrolyte)