

CHEM 103

R&R 3

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1. When the following elements or compounds are present in ionic compounds, what will their charge be? Write the symbol and charge, e.g. Chlorine: Cl^-

a. Nitrogen: N^{3-}

b. Oxygen: O^{2-}

c. Bromine: Br^-

d. Magnesium: Mg^{2+}

e. Rubidium: Rb^+

f. Silver: Ag^+

g. Nitrite: NO_2^-

h. Phosphate: PO_4^{3-}

i. Ammonium: NH_4^+

2. Balance the following ionic compounds:

$\text{Na}_1 \text{NO}_2$

$\text{Be}(\text{ClO})_2$

$\text{Mg}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

$\text{Li}(\text{OH})_1$

$\text{Na}_2(\text{HPO}_4)$

3. Mercury forms a compound with chlorine that is 73.9% mercury and 26.1% chlorine by mass. What is the empirical formula?

For simplicity, consider 100. g compound. \Rightarrow 73.9 g Hg, 26.1 g Cl present.

$$73.9 \text{ g Hg} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol Hg}}{200.59 \text{ g Hg}} = 0.368 \text{ mol Hg}$$

$$26.1 \text{ g Cl} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol Cl}}{35.453 \text{ g Cl}} = 0.736 \text{ mol Cl}$$

1:2 ratio

emp. form. is HgCl_2

4. Complete combustion of a 20.10 g sample of naphthalene in oxygen yields 69.00 g CO₂ and 11.30 g H₂O. Determine the empirical formula of naphthalene.

$$C: 12.01 \frac{g}{mol} \quad H: 1.008 \frac{g}{mol} \quad O: 16.00 \frac{g}{mol}$$

$$CO_2: 44.01 \frac{g}{mol} \quad H_2O: 18.02 \frac{g}{mol}$$

$$69.00 \text{ g } CO_2 \cdot \frac{\text{mol } CO_2}{44.01 \text{ g } CO_2} \cdot \frac{\text{mol } C}{\text{mol } CO_2} = 1.568 \text{ mol } C \iff 18.83 \text{ g}$$

$$11.30 \text{ g } H_2O \cdot \frac{\text{mol } H_2O}{18.02 \text{ g } H_2O} \cdot \frac{2 \text{ mol } H}{\text{mol } H_2O} = 1.254 \text{ mol } H \iff \underline{1.264 \text{ g}}$$

the full
20.10 g!
naphthalene
contains no O.

emp. form. is C_5H_4

5. Isoprene is a compound that can be polymerized to form synthetic rubber. It is composed (by mass) of 88.17% carbon and 11.83% hydrogen. Its molar mass is 136.10 g mol⁻¹. What are the empirical and molecular formulae for isoprene?

Consider 100.0 g isoprene.

$$88.17 \text{ g } C \cdot \frac{\text{mol } C}{12.01 \text{ g } C} = 7.341 \text{ mol } C$$

$$11.83 \text{ g } H \cdot \frac{\text{mol } H}{1.008 \text{ g } H} = 11.74 \text{ mol } H$$

1:1.6 ratio

emp. form. is C_5H_8 ← $68.11 \frac{g}{mol} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ molar mass}$
 molecular formula is $C_{10}H_{16}$

6. A large family of boron-hydrogen compounds has the general formula B_xH_y . One member of this family contains 88.5% boron by mass; the remainder is hydrogen. What is its empirical formula?

Consider 100. g compound.

$$88.5 \text{ g B} \cdot \frac{\text{mol B}}{10.811 \text{ g B}} = 8.19 \text{ mol B}$$

$$11.5 \text{ g H} \cdot \frac{\text{mol H}}{1.008 \text{ g H}} = 11.4 \text{ mol H}$$

1:1.4 ratio

emp. form. is B_5H_7

7. Valproic acid, which is used to treat seizures and bipolar disorder, is composed only of C, H, and O. A 0.165 g sample is combusted, yielding 0.166 g H_2O and 0.403 g CO_2 . The molar mass of valproic acid is 144 g/mol. What are the empirical and molecular formulae?

General combustion reaction: $C_xH_yO_z + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$

We know all the C in the CO_2 comes from valproic acid.
Same logic for H in H_2O .

$$0.403 \text{ g } CO_2 \cdot \frac{\text{mol } CO_2}{44.01 \text{ g } CO_2} \cdot \frac{\text{mol C}}{\text{mol } CO_2} = 0.009157 \text{ mol C}$$

$$0.166 \text{ g } H_2O \cdot \frac{\text{mol } H_2O}{18.02 \text{ g } H_2O} \cdot \frac{2 \text{ mol H}}{\text{mol } H_2O} = 0.0184 \text{ mol H}$$

4:8:1 ratio

The C and H make up:

$$(0.009157 \text{ mol})(12.01 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}}) + (0.0184 \text{ mol})(1.008 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}})$$

$$= 0.1265 \text{ g} \Rightarrow O \text{ comprises the remaining } 0.0365 \text{ g.}$$

$$0.0365 \text{ g O} \cdot \frac{\text{mol O}}{16.00 \text{ g O}} = 0.00228 \text{ mol O}$$

emp. form. is C_4H_8O $\leftarrow 72.10 \frac{g}{mol} = \frac{1}{2}$ molar mass
molecular formula is $C_8H_{16}O_2$

CONFIRMATION:

Valproic acid structure:

