

PHASE Equilibrium:

The Phase Rule.

The phase rule was discovered by J.W. Gibbs in 1876 is a generalisation dealing with the behaviour of heterogenous systems in Equilibrium.

$$F = C - P + 2. \quad (\text{Phase Rule})$$

F = Number of Independent Variables.
(Degrees Of freedom).

C = Number of components.

P = Number of stable phases. (For a given system)

Before discussing phase rule there needs a clear concept of understanding the terms used in phase Rule i.e. Phase, component and Degrees of Freedom.

PHASE: A phase is defined as any homogenous part of the system that is chemically & physically bounded by a distinct interface with other phases & physically separated from other phase phases.

Examples of different types of phases.

① **Pure substances:** A substance that has a fixed chemical composition throughout is a pure substance. water, $\text{Ar}, \text{N}_2, \text{O}_2, \text{Fe}, \text{Cu}$.

Water: Ice , liquid water, water vapour (They are pure substance but different physical properties & three separate phases).

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② Mixture of Gases: All gases are miscible with each other in all proportions & physically mechanically can not be separated. Hence mixture of gases always constitute a single phase.

Air: CO_2 , N_2 , O_2 , + . . . 1 phase only.

In general gases constitute a single phase.

Dear Sirs

Specimen to understand

Let us imagine a cylinder
Comprises a mixture of gases ABCDE

No. of Phases = 1.

Suppose A is a cavity signifying gas the
Vanderwall forces of attraction is very very high i.e.

Now if pressure σ inside the container is increased it will the pressure exerted by A is greater than critical pressure then in that case droplets of A will start forming i.e. A gets liquified.

So along with the gas mixture liquid drops will be seen around the crater at the wall of container.

ON THAT CASE NO 3 phone = 2

1 (Mixture of gms) & the other 13
grams.

③ Liquids:

(1) True homogeneous solutions always constitute a single phase.

e.g. (Agarose, Fettak) True homogeneous soln. (salt soln., sugar soln..).

(2) Soln can be of 3 types.

① True soln ② Colloidal soln ③ Suspension.

True soln always phase = 1.

Colloidal soln are heterogeneous (in nature phase) 1
Suspension > 1.

④ Miscible liquids: (Like dissolves like)

Completely miscible liquids always 1 phase
they form homogeneous soln.

e.g. Ethanol + water, CCl_4 , diethyl ether,

Immiscible liquids: $\boxed{\text{No. of layers} = \text{No. of phases}}$

CCl_4 , water - 2 phases. Oil - water = 2 phases

⑤ Aqueous solution: The aqueous solution of a solid solution is uniform throughout and is therefore considered a single phase system.

Agarose However Saturated solution in contact with excess of solute is not homogeneous & hence no of phases > 1.

(4)

Let us take 2 Beakers containing 250ml water each & add a salt NaCl let the concn be 5gm/lit.

In beaker 1 if let us add 1 gm of NaCl gradually with stirring.

It will form an unsaturated soln (true & homogeneous) Hence No of phase = 1.

In beaker no 1 let us add 3 gm of salt gradually with stirring beyond 1.25 gm the rest of the salt will get deposited at the bottom.

No of Phase = 2 (1 soln + 1 solid).

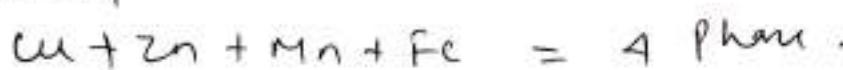
~~You can extrapolate it.~~

Hence beyond saturation no of phase > 1 , & depending on no of solute present - (If mixture of salts take)

(5) Mixture solids:

Solids always constitute a single phase.

If we take mixture of solids they will form Heterogeneous mixture Hence No of Phases = No of Solids.



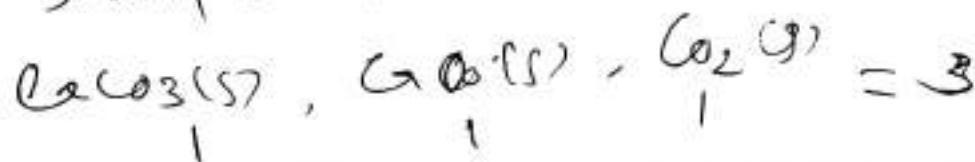
ALLOYS always constitute a single phase
Alloys are homogeneous Solid soln.

(6) Decomposition of $CaCO_3$

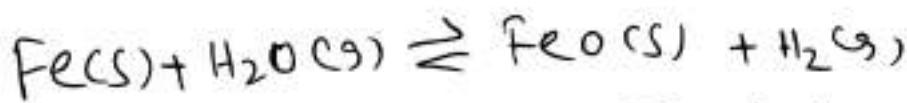


Two solids + one gas = 3 phases

Each solid constitute a single phase



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Two solids & two gases

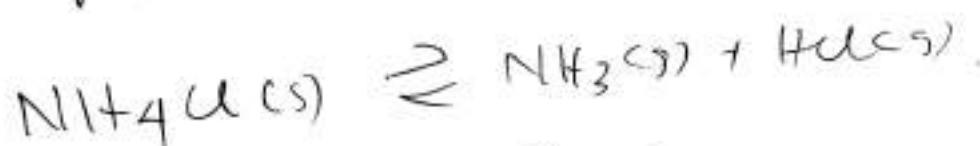
Q Mixture of gases constitute a single phase

$\text{H}_2\text{O(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{g} = \text{mixture of gas} = 1$ phase we

Can not mechanically separate gases from mixture

Two const Fe(s) , FeO(s) + Gas

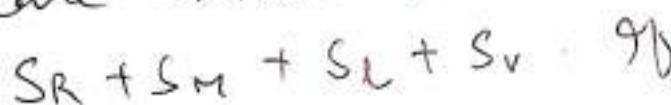
No of phases = 3



No of phases = 2

1 solid + 1 mixture of gas

Sulphur exists in various allotropes form



if we take a solid mixture of Sulphur
Rhombo and monoclinic No of phases = 2.

Hydrated Salt Contains diff plus

Hydrated Salt $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

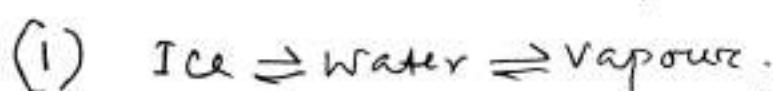
if we take $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1) & CuSO_4 (1)

No of phases = 4

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Components: The number of components of a system at equilibrium is defined as the minimum number of independent chemical constituents in terms of which the composition of each & every phase can be expressed by virtue of a chemical equation.

* **Constituents:** The substance that can be separated out.



The number of constituents taking part in equilibrium is only one i.e. H_2O [H_2 & O_2 are not considered because water exists as H_2O] ~~the oxides are not considered~~ as they combined in a definite proportion 2:1 (H_2O) to form water & hence their amounts can not be varied independently.

ONE OF THE WAY TO CALCULATE THE NO OF COMPONENT IN A GIVEN HETEROGENOUS EQUILIBRIUM = NO OF CONSTITUENTS - NO OF RELATIONS.

$$\text{In the ex. } \text{H}_2\text{O(s)}, \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}, \text{H}_2\text{O(v)} = 3.$$

$$\text{No of reln } S \geq L \geq V = 2 \quad (\text{ONE COMPONENT SYSTEM})$$

$$3 - 2 = 1, \text{ component} = 1.$$

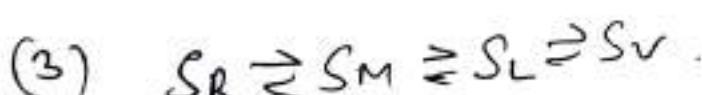
(2) Mixture of gases: No of component = $\{$

gases mixed, $\text{Air} = \text{N}_2, \text{O}_2, \text{CO}_2, \text{Ar},$

$$\text{Mean} = \text{Phase} = 1$$

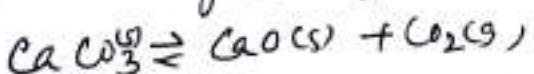
$$\text{component} = 4$$

(Sulphur System)



$$\text{Component} = 1, \text{ Phase} = 4.$$

(4) Decomposition of CaCO_3



(3 phase, 2 components)

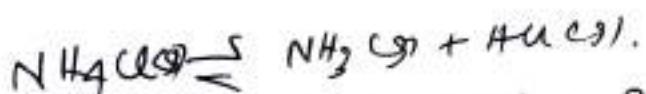
No of constituents = 3, No of reagents = 1
 $3 - 1 = 2$ components.

(5) $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + \text{HCl}(\text{g})$ (Solid form)

under vacuum pressure of NH_3 & HCl gas.

phase = 2, component.

$3 - 1 = 2$ constituents - 2 reagents = 1.



Arbitrary, $3 - 1 = 2$.

(6) $\text{Pb}_2\text{S}(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Pb}_3(\text{s}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$.

constituent 3, reagent = 1, 2

2 components, 3 phase

(7) $\text{Ag}(\text{NaCl}) \rightarrow$ No of phases = 1. (No of constituents = 2, H_2O , NaCl)
 Components = 2. (NaCl & H_2O) $\text{Rxn} = 0$

(8) $\text{CuSO}_4 \text{S} \text{H}_2\text{O}$, two input sys.

$\text{CuSO}_4 \text{S} \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{CuSO}_4 + \text{S} \text{H}_2\text{O}$. (No of phases = 3, No of constituents = 1)

$3 - 1 = 2$.

(9) In calculating no of components involving charge electroneutrality also taken into consideration.

After derivation of phase rule we will take examples & calculate no of components.

(F) Degrees of freedom or Variability or Variance of a System:

F = The number of Variable factors such as $T, P \& C$ of the component which must be ascertained (or arbitrarily fixed) in order that the condition of the system may be perfectly defined.

When $F = 0$, The system is Non-variant or Invariant or Zero-variant.

- $F = 1$, univariant or Mono variant.
- $F = 2$ The system is bivariant.

① At triple point of water T, P , both fixed System is self defined zero variant.

② Water L \rightleftharpoons Water vapor \Rightarrow At Equilibrium $T \& P$ are fixed if we know temp, pressure is automatically known. Hence $f = 1$ monovariant.

③ Glass of water (L) \rightleftharpoons Ice, as over vapour.

Both $P \& T$ have to be specified $f = 2$.

④ $\text{NaCl}(\text{s}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Na}^{+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}^{-}(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{Water vapour}(\text{g})$
We have to state either temp / pressure, Saturation solubility is fixed. $f = 1$

⑤ For gaseous mixture, = Both temp & pressure has to be both specified.
 $PV = nRT$.

Phase Rule $\boxed{F + P = C + 2}$ Gibbs' Phase Rule.

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Advantages of Phase Rule:

- (1) Phase rule is applicable to both chemical as well as physical equilibrium.
- (2) Applicable to system in bulk (Macroscopic system).
Hence no of information required regarding molecular micro structure.
- (3) The behaviour of the given system can be predicted under different conditions.
- (4) The equilibrium states can be classified in terms of phase components and degrees of freedom.
- (5) With same degree of freedom different system behaves in a similar fashion.
- (6) With the knowledge of phase rule under a given set of conditions the predictions of (i) Existence of Equilibrium among various substances.
(ii) Inter conversion of substance
(iii) Disappearance of some of the substance.

Limitations:

- (1) Applicable only to system in Equilibrium.
- (2) Equilibrium is controlled by P, V, E i.e.
- (3) Under similar condition of temperature & pressure all phases must be present.
- (4) Only number of phases is considered not the amount of substance.

Derivation of Phase Rule:

Gibb's phase rule $F + P = C + 2$ is a general rule applicable to all Heterogeneous system whether a system (Physical Heterogeneous eqm & Chemical Heterogeneous Equilibrium) system reactive or non reactive.

Derivation of Phase rule for NON REACTIVE SYSTEM:

Let us consider a heterogeneous system comprising of P phases in equilibrium with each other.

Let us consider all P phases comprise of C no of components.

In order to describe the system. We must describe the variables & number of relationships.

THE VALUE OF VARIABLES THAT MUST BE SPECIFIED IN ORDER TO DEFINE A GIVEN SYSTEM COMPLETELY.

VARIABLES	NUMBER
1. Temperature of the system (For a given system at eqm there can be only one temperature.)	1
② PRESSURE OF THE SYSTEM	1
③ Concentrations of each and every phases. As each phase contains C concentrations terms. So all the P phases contains ' C ' concentrations terms each. (Total C^P)	$P C$

In order to define the given system the number of variables need to be specified. : $P C + 2$

Values of these variables can be obtained through solving the equations which are applicable when the system is at equilibrium.

In this type heterogeneous equilibrium two types of Equilibrium Equations available.

TYPES & NUMBER OF EQUATIONS AVAILABLE

Equations

Number

(1) Sum of mol Mol fraction in any phase = 1. (Each phase contains of C components)

$$x_{1(1)} + x_{2(1)} + \dots + x_{C(p)} = 1$$

$$x_{1(2)} + x_{2(2)} + \dots + x_{C(p)} = 1$$

$$x_{1(p)} + x_{2(p)} + \dots + x_{C(p)} = 1$$

No of equations = No of phases.

(Total number of phases = p hence no of equations = p.)

(2) Thermodynamic conditions of

Phase Equilibria - The Species will distribute itself in such a manner that the value of Gibbs free energy at equilibrium is minimum. The condition for this the chemical potential μ of any component will have the same value in all p phases

$C(p-1)$

$$\mu_1(1) = \mu_1(2) = \dots = \mu_1(p)$$

$$\mu_2(1) = \mu_2(2) = \dots = \mu_2(p)$$

$$\mu_C(1) = \mu_C(2) = \dots = \mu_C(p)$$

For each component $(p-1)$ law
for p C components

Total No eqn = $p + C(p-1)$

From our basic knowledge of mathematics we know
the number of variables that can be obtained from
from a set of equations = Number of equations

To find x & y we need two eqns
to get the value of x & y

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{e.g. } 4x + 3y = 11 \\ \quad \quad \quad 7y + 4x = 18 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2-1 \\ \Rightarrow y = 7 \\ \text{and } y = 7/4 \end{array}$$

If no. of eqn = no. of variables then all the variables
can be solved.

If one variable is not solved (Monovariant)

if two = Bi-variant & so on

Variance = No. of variables that need to be specified
— No. of equations that are available.

$$F = (PC + 2) - \{P + C(P-1)\}$$

$$= PC + 2 - P - PC + 1 + C$$

$$F + P = C + 2 \quad \text{Phase rule.}$$

For 1 phase $P = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} F + N &= C + 2 \\ &= F + 1 = C + 2 \end{aligned}$$

for 1 component sys

If there = 1	$F = 2$
If " = 2	$F = 1$
If " = 3	$F = 0$

For 1 Phase 1 Component system

$$P \frac{1}{\alpha} F \text{ avarc}$$

$$F + P = C + 2 \Leftrightarrow F + 1 = 1 + 2$$

$F = 2$ (Bi-varient)

2 phase 1 component

$$F + P = C + 2 = F + 2 = 1 + 2$$

$\Leftrightarrow F = 1$ (Monovariant)

3 phases in sys

$$F + P = C + 2 \quad F + 3 = 1 + 2 = 0$$

Non variant.

Phase Rule when one of the component is missing from one phase [ONE OF THE COMPONENT IS PRESENT ONLY IN (P-1) phases]

Let us consider a system in heterogeneous equilibrium.
Let the system comprises of P no of phases containing C number of components in equilibrium at a constant temperature and pressure.

Let Component 1 is missing from Phase no 1.
VALUES OF VARIABLES TO BE KNOWN TO DEFING THE SYSTEM
Variables Number

Temperature	1
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Pressure	1
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Concentration of component in different phase.

For First phase (C-1) concn term. $(C-1) + e(P-1)$

for (P-1) phases C concentration

$T \text{ and } CP + 1$

Type no 3 equations
Types of Sns available

Eqns	No.
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(1) Condition of Mo fraction

For phase 1.

$$x_{1(1)} + x_{2(1)} + \dots + x_{c(1)} = 1 \quad P$$

For rest N_p phase $x_{1(2)} + x_{2(2)} + x_{3(2)} + \dots + x_{c(p)} = 1$

$$x_{1(p)} + x_{2(p)} + x_{3(p)} + \dots + x_{c(p)} = 1$$

(2) Condition for thermodynamic Sns

For Component - 1

$$\mu_1(2) = \mu_1(3) = \dots = \mu_1(1) \quad (P-2)$$

For other components

$$\mu_2(1) = \mu_2(2) = \dots = \mu_2(c) \quad C(P-1)$$

$$\mu_c(1) = \mu_c(2) = \dots = \mu_c(p)$$

To compute the number of components in a system
General formula.

$$\text{Component } C' = \text{No of constituents} - \text{No of relationships}$$

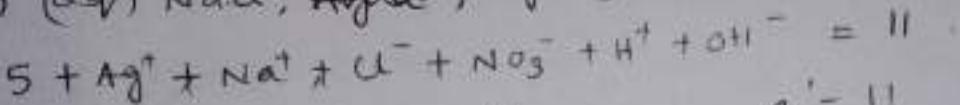
In case of electrolyte

$$\text{Component } C' = \text{No of constituents } C - \text{No of cations } \gamma - \text{No of electrovalency bonds } Z$$

example.

- ① A solution containing Na^+ , Cl^- , Ag^+ , NO_3^- , AgCl(s) and H_2O

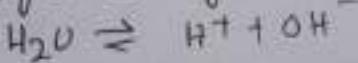
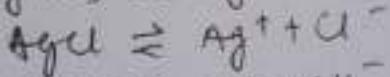
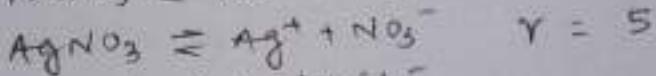
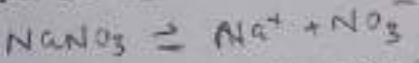
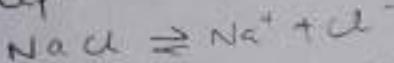
Applying (aq) NaCl , AgNO_3 & solid AgCl & H_2O , ~~Na^{+3}~~ , ~~Ag^{+3}~~ .



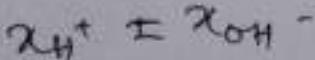
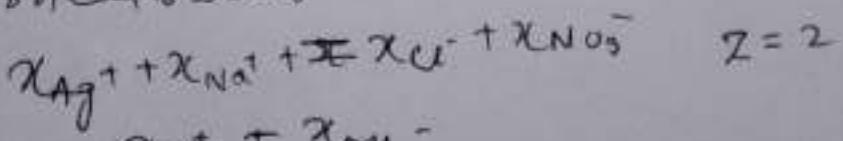
No. of constituents = 11.

$$C' = 11$$

No. of Relationship:



Electrovalency



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Component } C' &= C' - \gamma - Z \\ &= 11 - 5 - 2 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

It is a four component system.

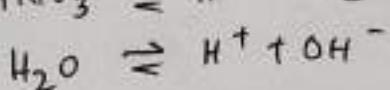
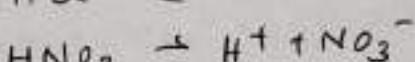
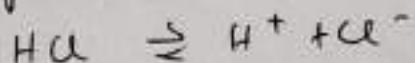
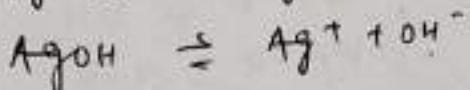
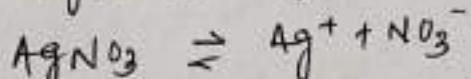
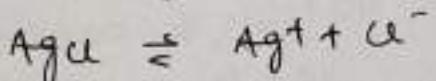
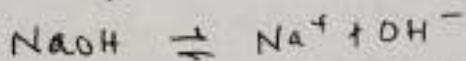
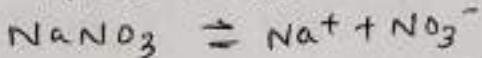
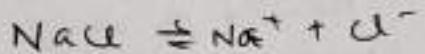
(2) A solution containing H^+ , OH^- , Na^+ , Cl^- , Ag^+ , NNO_3^- , $AgCl(s)$, H_2O .

In this case no of constituent = 15

$NaCl$, $NaNO_3$, $NaOH$, $AgCl$, $AgNO_3$, $AgOH$, H_2O , HNO_3 , H_2O

 $+ H^+ + OH^- + Na^+ + Cl^- + Ag^+ + NO_3^- = 15.$

No of relationship = 9



Elementarity = 1

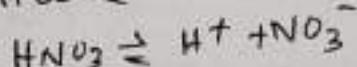
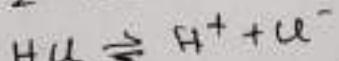
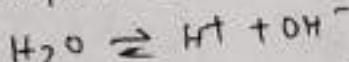
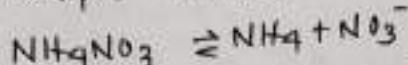
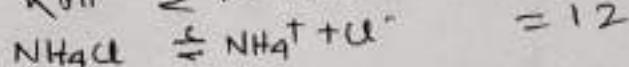
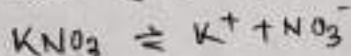
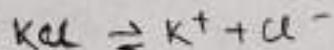
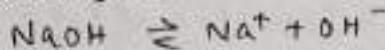
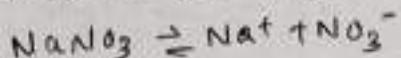
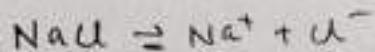
$$x_{Na^+} + x_{Ag^+} + x_{H^+} + x_{Cl^-} = x_{Cl^-} + x_{OH^-} + x_{NO_3^-}$$

$$C = C' - r^0 - Z = 15 - 9 - 1 = 5$$

$$C = 5$$

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③ A solution containing
 $\text{H}_2\text{O}, \text{Na}^+, \text{Cl}^-, \text{K}^+, \text{NO}_3^-, \text{NH}_4^+, \cancel{\text{HS}}, \text{H}^+, \text{OH}^-$



$$\chi_{\text{NH}_4^+} + \chi_{\text{K}^+} + \chi_{\text{Na}^+} + \chi_{\text{H}^+} = \chi_{\text{OH}^-} + \chi_{\text{NO}_3^-} + \chi_{\text{Cl}^-}$$

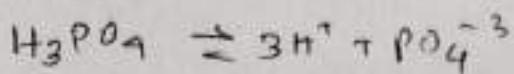
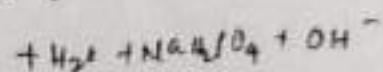
$$z = 1$$

$$C = C' - r - z = 19 - 12 - 1 = 6$$

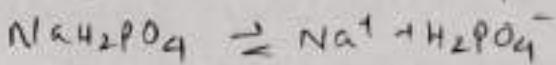
$$C = 6$$

(A)

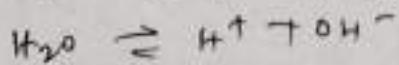
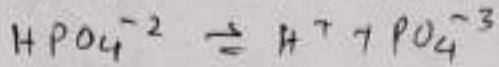
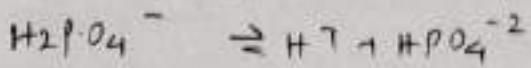
An (aq) solution containing H_3PO_4 , $H_2PO_4^-$, HPO_4^{2-} , PO_4^{3-} , Na^+ + H^+ .
at 1 atm pressure



$$c' = 9$$



$$n = 5$$



$$\chi_{Na^+} = \chi_{PO_4^{3-}} + \chi_{HPO_4^{2-}} + \chi_{H_2PO_4^-}$$

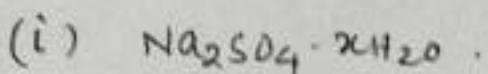
$$\chi_{H^+} = 2\chi_{PO_4^{3-}} + \chi_{HPO_4^{2-}} + \chi_{H_2PO_4^-}$$

$$\gamma = 2$$

$$C = C' - n - 2 = 9 - 5 - 2 = 2.$$

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Calculation of no. of components of some simple system.

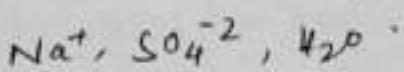


(a) Neglecting all dissociation.

No. of chemical constituents 2 i.e., Na_2SO_4 & H_2O
No. of res. = 0, Residual condn. = 0

$$C' = C - r - z = 2 - 0 - 0 = 0$$

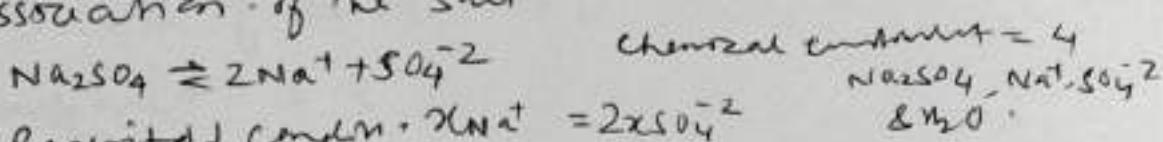
compute dissociation of the salt



$$\text{res. condn. } x_{\text{Na}^+} = 2x_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}$$

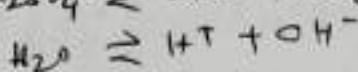
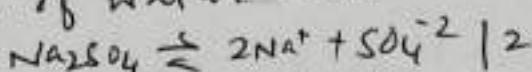
$$C' = C - r - z = 3 - 0 - 1 = 2$$

Partial dissociation of the salt.

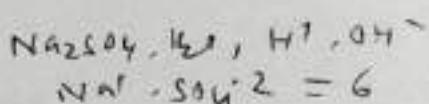


$$4 - 1 - 1 = 2$$

Dissociation of water also.

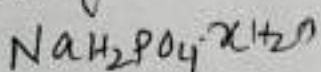


$$x_{\text{Na}^+} = 2x_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}, \quad x_{\text{H}^+} = x_{\text{OH}^-}$$



$$6 - 2 - 2 = 2$$

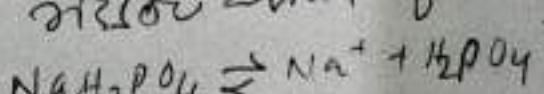
Sodium Dihydrogen phosphate-water system.



(i) Neglecting all dissociation (2)

$$C' = C - r - z = 2 - 0 - 0 = 2$$

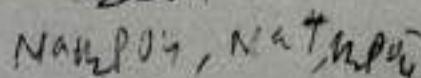
(2) Single dissociation of salt.



$$4 - 1 - 1 = 2$$

$$x_{\text{Na}^+} = x_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-}$$

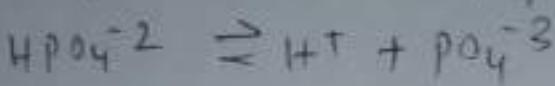
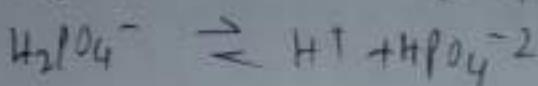
$R = 2$
2 res.



$$m_e = 4$$

$$\frac{\text{eqn.}}{2} - 1 - 2 = 1$$

Multiple dissociation:



Components. NaH_2PO_4 , Na^+ , H_2PO_4^- , HPO_4^{2-} , PO_4^{3-} & H_2O
 $= 7$

Charge sum = 3

Resonating forms:

$$\chi_{\text{Na}^+} = \chi_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}} + \chi_{\text{HPO}_4^{2-}} + \chi_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-}$$

$$\chi_{\text{H}^+} = 2\chi_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}} + \chi_{\text{HPO}_4^{2-}}$$

$$C' = C - V - 2 = 7 - 3 - 2 = 2$$

Dissociation of water ≈ 0

Components = 8

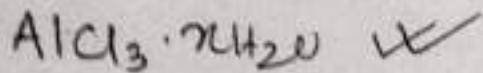
Charge sum = 4 add H⁺



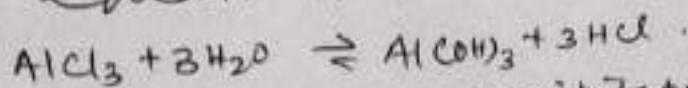
$$\chi_{\text{Na}^+} = \chi_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}} + \chi_{\text{HPO}_4^{2-}} + \chi_{\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-}$$

$$\chi_{\text{H}^+} = 2\chi_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}} + \chi_{\text{HPO}_4^{2-}} + \chi_{\text{OH}^-}$$

$$= 8 - 4 - 2 = 2$$

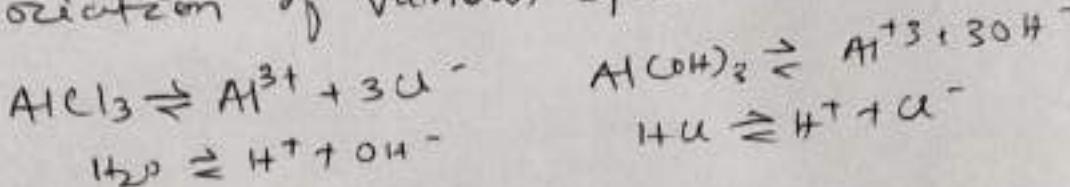


In this AlCl_3 combines with water according to the equation.

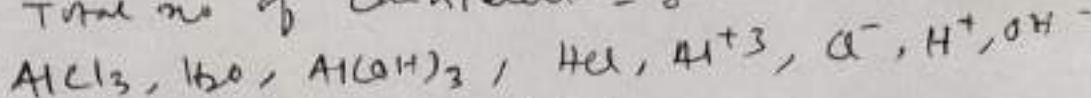


Some of the Al(OH)_3 is precipitated out.

Dissociation of various species

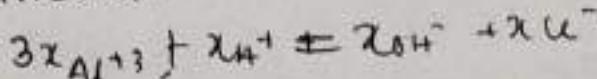


$$\text{Total no. of constituents} = 8$$



$$\text{No. of chemical species} = 4$$

Restriction:



$$8 - 1 - 4 = 3$$

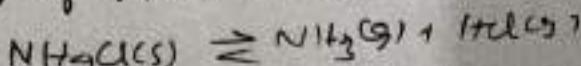
If we assume complete dissociation of AlCl_3 & HCl .

$$C = 6, r = 2, x = 1$$

$$C' = C - r - 2 = 6 - 1 - 2 = 3$$

Show that $\overline{\overline{\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(\text{s})}}, \overline{\overline{\text{NH}_3(\text{g}) + \text{HCl}(\text{g})}}$ are in which $p_{\text{NH}_3} = p_{\text{HCl}}$ is a 1 component system where 2

$$\text{Number of reactants} = 1$$



$$\text{No. of constituents} = 3, \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(\text{s}), \text{NH}_3(\text{g}), \text{HCl}(\text{g})$$

Number of reactants constituents

$$p_{\text{NH}_3} = p_{\text{HCl}}$$

$$C: C - r - 2 = 3 - 1 - 1 = 1$$

If $p_{\text{NH}_3} \neq p_{\text{HCl}}$ $\neq 0$

$$C' = 3 - 1 - 0 = 2$$