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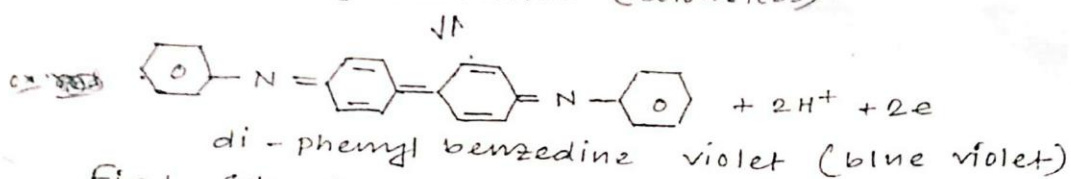
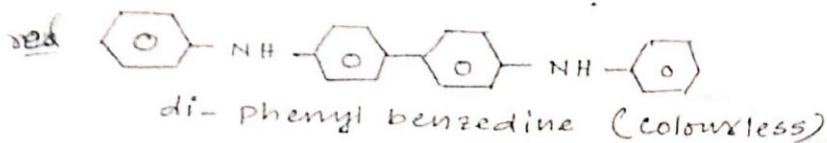
**Topic: Redox and Precipitation Reaction**

**PART 5**

**Comments:** Go through the whole lesson thoroughly.

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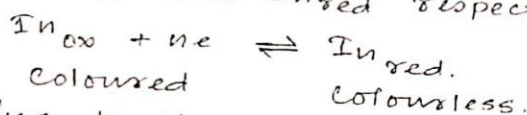




Fig; Structure of di-phenyl amine, di-phenyl benzidine, di-phenyl benzidine violet.

\* Di-phenyl amine ( $E^\circ = 0.76V$  at  $1M H^+$ ) is a good redox indicator. Establish its working potential range.

The oxidised and reduced forms of a redox indicator establish a redox system with a characteristic electrode potential. If the two forms are expressed as  $In_{ox}$  and  $In_{red}$  respectively, we may write



According to Nernst equation we can write

$$E_{In} = E^\circ_{In} + \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{[In_{ox}]}{[In_{red}]} \text{ at } 25^\circ C.$$

It may be assumed that the colour of the oxidised form predominates when its concentration is ten times that of the colourless form. So for an appreciable colour of the oxidised form we have the condition,

$$E_{In} = E^\circ_{In} + \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{10}{1}$$

$$= E^\circ_{In} + \frac{0.059}{n}$$

Again the solution may be considered colourless when the reduced form has at least ten times greater concentration than the oxidised form. we may then write,

$$E_{In} = E^\circ_{In} + \frac{0.059}{n} \log \frac{1}{10}$$

$$= E^\circ_{In} - \frac{0.059}{n}$$

Thus the range of potential values across which an indicator exhibits sharp contrast of colour will be,

$$E_{In} = E^\circ_{In} \pm \frac{0.059}{n}$$

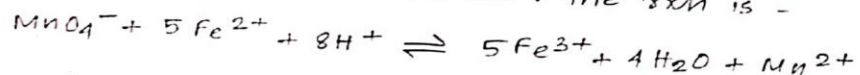
The value of  $E^\circ$  for di-phenylamine is 0.76 volt, while  $n=2$  the range therefore lies from 0.73 volt to 0.79 volt. Below 0.73 V the reduced form predominates and the soln is colourless. As the potential increases more and more indicators are oxidised and at or above 0.79 volt the indicator will assume intense blue violet colour which is the colour of the oxidised form.

### • Redox Titration and its curve in a redox system.

The EMF of a half cell depends upon the conc. of different chemical species present in the system. In any titration process, the relative amount of the two reacting species are gradually varied so that the solution being titrated acquires different potentials at different stages of the titration. This fact may be utilised to locate the equivalence points of a titration.

Except when the titrant is itself coloured, one may use a suitable indicator which would get oxidised at the potential of the equivalence point (or very close to it). This procedure is more suitable for redox titrations and the indicators used are called redox indicators.

Let us consider, the titration of  $Fe^{2+}$  ion by  $KMnO_4$  solution in 1M acid medium. The rxn is -



The rxn being reversible, the solution always contains both original ions and the ions formed in course of titration. Therefore the solution contains two redox systems  $Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}$  and  $MnO_4^-/Mn^{2+}$ . Any of them may be used to calculate the potential at any stage of titration;

$$i.e) E = 0.77 + \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{[Fe^{3+}]}{[Fe^{2+}]} \quad [H^+] = 1 \text{ at } 25^\circ C$$

$$\Rightarrow E = 1.51 + \frac{0.059}{5} \log \frac{[MnO_4^-]}{[Mn^{2+}]}$$

Suppose 100 cc (N/10)  $FeSO_4$  solution is titrated against (N/10)  $KMnO_4$  solution.

Case - 1

When 50 cc permanganate has been added, then overall potential of the system is given by





$$E = 0.77 + \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{50}{50}$$

$$= 0.77 \text{ volt}$$

Case-2 When 91 c.c  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  is added, Then the overall potential of The system is given below,

$$E = 0.77 + \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{91}{9}$$

$$= 0.829 \text{ volt}$$

Case-3

When 99 c.c  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  has been added, Then

$$E = 0.77 + \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{99}{1}$$

$$= 0.887 \text{ volt}$$

Case-4

When 99.9 c.c  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  has been added, Then

$$E = 0.77 + \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{99.9}{0.1}$$

$$= 0.947 \text{ volt}$$

Case-5

When 100.1 c.c  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  is added, The endpoint of titration is already attained and amount of excess  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  added is 0.1 c.c. Therefore the overall potential of The system is given by

$$E = 1.51 + \frac{0.059}{5} \log \frac{0.1}{100}$$

$$= 1.475 \text{ volt}$$

Case-6

When 101 c.c  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  is added, Then The overall potential of The system is given by

$$E = 1.51 + \frac{0.059}{5} \log \frac{1}{100}$$

$$= 1.487 \text{ volt.}$$

Case-7

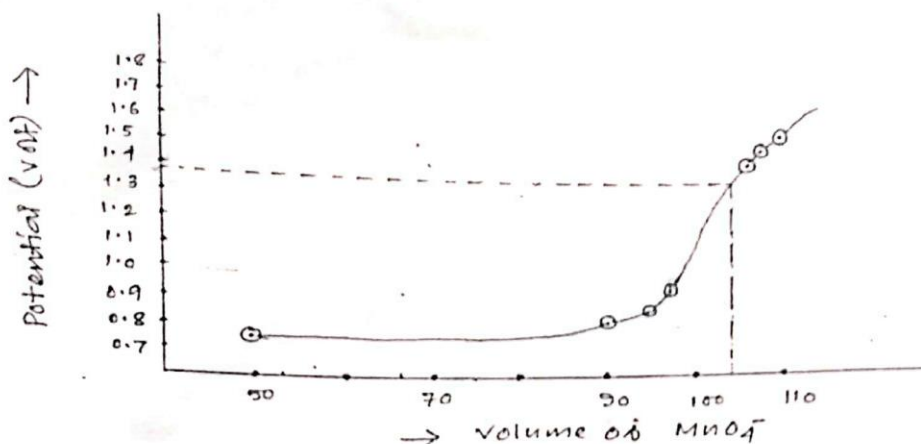
When 110 c.c  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  is added, Then The overall potential of The system is given by

$$E = 1.51 + \frac{0.059}{5} \log \frac{10}{100}$$

$$= 1.498 \text{ volt}$$

From The above values we get The following curve by plotting potential versus volume of  $\text{MnO}_4^-$  solution.





- Calculate the potential of the solution at the equivalence point.

Let  $E$  is the potential at the equivalence point. Now from  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$  couple we can write.

$$E = 0.77 + 0.059 \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{3+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

In case of  $\text{MnO}_4^-/\text{Mn}^{2+}$  couple we can write

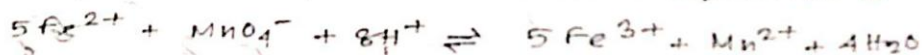
$$E = 1.51 + \frac{0.059}{5} \log \frac{[\text{MnO}_4^-]}{[\text{Mn}^{2+}]} \quad [\text{H}^+ = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow 5E = 5 \times 1.51 + 0.059 \log \frac{[\text{MnO}_4^-]}{[\text{Mn}^{2+}]} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Adding equation (1) and (2) we get,

$$6E = (0.77 + 5 \times 1.51) + 0.059 \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{MnO}_4^-]}{[\text{Fe}^{2+}][\text{Mn}^{2+}]} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now at the equivalence point the overall equation is



At the equivalence point, we can write

$$[\text{Fe}^{2+}] = 5[\text{MnO}_4^-] \text{ and } [\text{Fe}^{3+}] = 5[\text{Mn}^{2+}]$$

Putting the values of  $[\text{Fe}^{2+}]$  and  $[\text{Fe}^{3+}]$  in equ<sup>n</sup> (3), we get,

$$6E = (0.77 + 5 \times 1.51) + 0.059 \log \frac{5[\text{Mn}^{2+}][\text{MnO}_4^-]}{5[\text{MnO}_4^-][\text{Mn}^{2+}]}$$

$$= (0.77 + 5 \times 1.51) + 0.059 \log 1$$

$$E = \frac{(0.77 \times 1 + 5 \times 1.51)}{1 + 5}$$

$$= 1.39 \text{ Volt.}$$

In general for a rxn  $a_{ox_1} + b_{red_2} \rightleftharpoons a_{red_1} + b_{ox_2}$   
The potential at equivalence point is given by

$$E = \frac{bE_1^\circ + aE_2^\circ}{b+a}$$

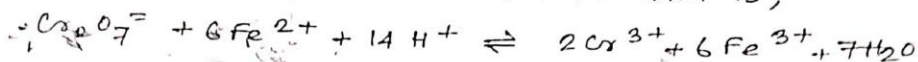
where  $E_1^\circ$  and  $E_2^\circ$  are the potentials of the oxidising and reducing agent, 'a' and 'b' are their stoichiometric coefficients.

• Calculate the potential at the equivalence point of the redox titration between Mohr's salt and  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  solution. Mohr's salt =  $FeSO_4 \cdot (NH_4)_2SO_4 \cdot 6H_2O$ .

Given  $E^\circ_{Cr_2O_7^{2-}/Cr^{3+}} = 1.33 \text{ volt}$

$$E^\circ_{Fe^{3+}/Fe^{2+}} = 0.77 \text{ volt}$$

At the equivalence point the overall rxn is,



$$E = \frac{6 \times 1.33 + 0.77 \times 1}{6+1}$$

$$= \frac{8.75}{7} = 1.25 \text{ volt.}$$

### • Choice of Redox Indicator

A redox indicator undergoes a detectable colour change in the vicinity of its standard redox potential. For every redox indicator there is a narrow potential range at which it changes colour. The choice of redox indicator should be such that its range of  $E$  (Potential) for colour change falls within the limits of sharp change of potential at the equivalence point of a redox titration.

Thus in the titration of  $Fe^{2+}$  ion by permanganate, the change of potential extends from 0.947 volt to 1.475 volt at the equivalence point. Therefore di-phenyl amine is unsuitable as an indicator. In fact if used its colour will change when only about 80%  $Fe^{2+}$  is oxidised, since the potential then becomes 0.80 volts.

In presence of  $PO_4^{3-}$  or  $F^-$  ions, its potential range for colour change (0.73 volt to 0.79 volt) falls within the potential break of the titration curve (0.65 volt to 1.475 volt). Therefore di-phenyl amine is then quite suitable as an indicator.





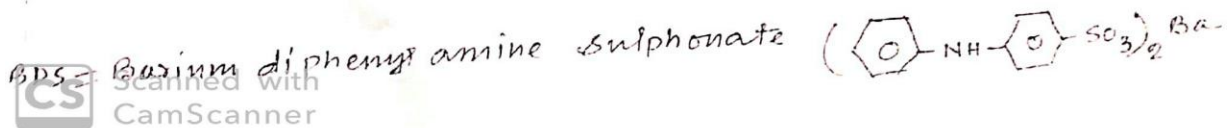
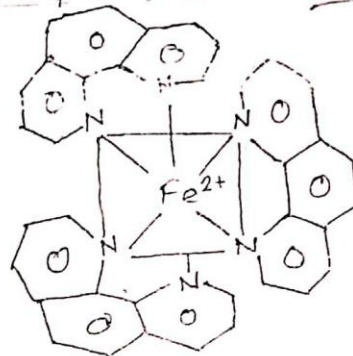
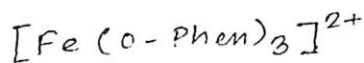
of break in the titration curve is from 0.947 volt to 1.30 volt. Hence the titration to be carried out in presence of  $H_3PO_4$  or  $F^-$  ions, using di-phenyl amine indicator, in order to extend the break in the titration curve from 0.75 volt to 1.30 volt. In this case the potential range of the indicator (0.73 volt to 0.79 volt) for colour change may fall within the limits of potential change at the equivalence point.

A redox indicator having a higher value of  $E^0$  (e.g; N-phenyl anthranilic acid,  $E^0 = 1.08$  volt),  $Fe^{2+}$  ion can be titrated with di-chromate even without the presence of  $H_3PO_4$  or  $F^-$  ions, as 1.08 volt is already within potential break (0.947 volt to 1.30 volt) in the titration curve.

• A few common redox indicators.

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Colour in Reduced form</u>	<u>Colour in Oxidising form</u>	<u><math>E^0</math> (volt) at pH=0</u>
a) Methylene blue	a) Colourless	a) Blue	a) 0.52
b) Di-phenyl amine	b) Colourless	b) Blue violet	b) 0.76
c) Di-phenyl amine sulphonic acid	c) Colourless	c) Red violet	c) 0.85 0.83
d) N-phenyl anthranilic acid	d) Colourless	d) Red violet	d) 1.08
e) Ferroin	e) Red	e) Pale blue	e) 1.14

\* Ferroin: A complex of ortho phenanthroline with  $Fe^{2+}$





Q3) Reduction potential of an aqueous sol<sup>n</sup> containing  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  is 0.70 volt. Calculate the ratio of  $[\text{Fe}^{2+}]/[\text{Fe}^{3+}]$  in the sol<sup>n</sup>. Given  $E^\circ_{\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}} = 0.77\text{V}$ .

The Nernst equation for cell emf is

$$E = E^\circ + \frac{0.059}{1} \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{3+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.70 = 0.77 + 0.059 \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{3+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]}$$

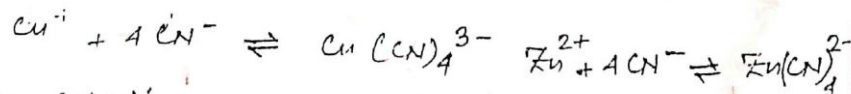
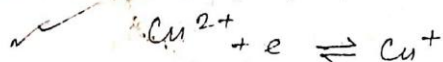
$$\Rightarrow \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{3+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]} = -0.07 / 0.059$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{[\text{Fe}^{3+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]} = \frac{13}{200}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\text{Fe}^{2+}] : [\text{Fe}^{3+}] = 200 : 13$$

\* Brass can be electrodeposited in presence of KCN sol<sup>n</sup> - explain.

The standard reduction potential of the system  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}$  is much higher (0.34 volt) than that of the system  $\text{Zn}^{2+}/\text{Zn}$  (-0.763 volt) both in aqueous solution. So, when an aqueous solution containing Zn and Cu salts is electrolysed, Cu deposits earlier. In presence of excess KCN or NaCN both  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  form complexes,  $\text{Zn}(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{CN})_4^{3-}$  respectively. The later ion has a much higher formation constant and hence the concentration of free  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion in sol<sup>n</sup> is reduced to much greater extent than for the  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  ion. Therefore the potentials of the two couples are brought close to one another. Thus the simultaneous deposition of both Cu and Zn can be achieved. Thus Brass can be electrodeposited in presence of KCN sol<sup>n</sup>.



• 1(N)  $\text{KMnO}_4$  solution may mean 0.33 (M) or 0.20 (M)  $\text{KMnO}_4$  solution - comment

The equivalent weight of an oxidant can be calculated from the change in oxidation no. of the reduced element in a reaction. In the reduction of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  to a manganous salt in an acid medium ( $\text{MnO}_4^- \rightarrow \text{Mn}^{2+}$ ) the change in oxidation number of

$+7 - 2 = 5$ .  
 therefore the equivalent weight of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  is  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the molecular weight in acid medium i.e.  $1(N) \text{KMnO}_4 = \frac{1(M) \text{KMnO}_4}{5} = 0.20 \text{ molar KMnO}_4$ .

In ~~slightly or neutral~~ alkaline medium  $\text{KMnO}_4$  is reduced to  $\text{MnO}_2$ . The change of oxidation no of Mn =  $+7 - 4 = +3$  i.e. in alkaline medium, The equivalent weight of  $\text{KMnO}_4$  is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the molecular weight. therefore  $1(N) \text{KMnO}_4 = \frac{1(M) \text{KMnO}_4}{3} = 0.33 \text{ molar KMnO}_4$ .

### • Frost Diagram.

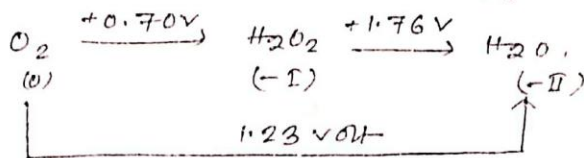
Let us consider an element 'x' capable of forming a number of species with varying oxidation number 'N'. For each species we have a couple  $x(N)/x(O)$  with a characteristic potential  $E^\circ$ .



Frost diagram of an element is a plot of  $nE^\circ$  against 'N'. For different couples  $x(N)/x(O)$ , since n electrons are involved in the reduction we have  $-4G^\circ = nFE^\circ$  i.e.  $nE^\circ = \frac{-4G^\circ}{F}$ , where  $4G^\circ$  is the Gibbs free energy change for the half rxn. So Frost diagram is a plot of Gibbs free energy change against oxidation number. The species representing the most stable oxidation state of an element will have the lowest  $-4G^\circ$  i.e. the lowest  $nE^\circ$ . therefore the most stable oxidation state of an element will lie lowest in its Frost diagram. All Frost diagrams will have an  $nE^\circ = 0$  and  $N = 0$  plot for the elementary state.

The slope of the line joining any two points in a Frost diagram is equal to the standard reduction potential of the couple represented by the two points.

Let us consider the following Latimer diagram

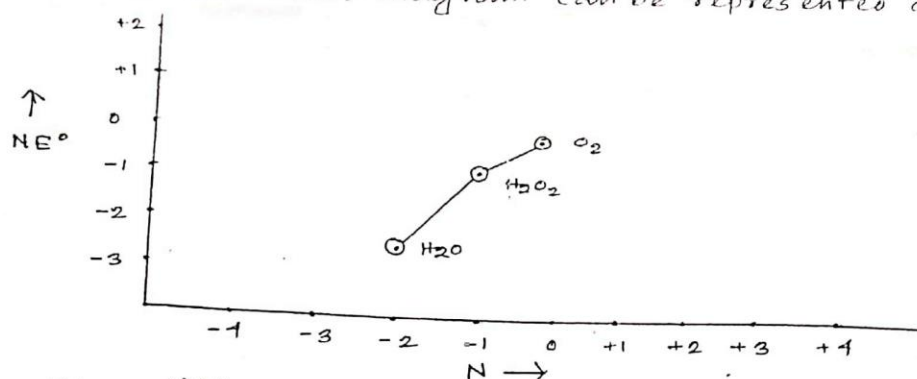


In case of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , oxidation number of oxygen =  $-1$   
 $\therefore nE^\circ = -1 \times 0.70 = -0.70 \text{ volt}$

In case of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , oxidation number of oxygen =  $-2$   
 $\therefore nE^\circ = -2 \times 1.23 = -2.4 \text{ volt}$



Hence the Frost diagram can be represented as

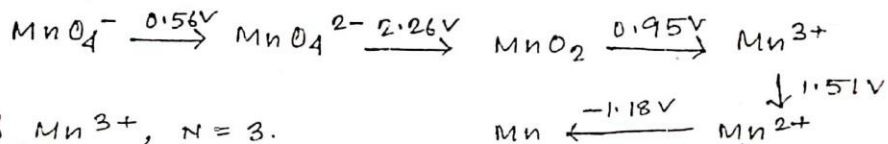


The difference between two  $NE^\circ$  values is  $\{-0.70 - (-2.46)\} = 1.76$  volt. The change in oxidation number of oxygen =  $-1 - (-2) = +1$ . Hence,

$$\text{slop} = \frac{\text{change in } NE^\circ \text{ values}}{\text{change in oxidation no.}} = \frac{1.76}{1} = 1.76 \text{ volt}$$

Therefore standard reduction potential can be calculated from the Frost diagram.

• Construct the Frost diagram from the following Latimer diagram,



In case of  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$ ,  $N = 3$ .

$$NE^\circ = 1 \times (+1.5) + 2 \times (-1.18) = -0.85 \text{ V}$$

oxidation number of Mn in  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  is 2

$$NE^\circ = 2 \times (-1.18) = -2.36 \text{ V} \quad N = 2$$

In case of  $\text{MnO}_2$ , oxidation no. of Mn = +4

$$NE^\circ = (1 \times 0.95) - 0.85 = 0.10 \text{ V} \quad N = 4$$

In case of  $\text{MnO}_4^{2-}$ , oxidation no. of Mn = +6

$$NE^\circ = 2 \times 2.26 + 0.1 = 4.62 \text{ V} \quad N = 6$$

In case of  $\text{MnO}_4^-$ , oxidation no. of Mn = +7

$$NE^\circ = 0.56 + 4.62 = 5.18 \text{ V} \quad N = 7$$

