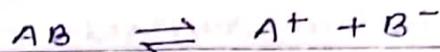


Electro-Chemistry

* Arenius theory of electrolytic dissociation:-

Let us consider a reaction -



According to Arrhenius there exists an equilibrium between undissociated salt AB and its ions.

$A^+ + B^-$ so law of mass action may be applied over this equilibrium.

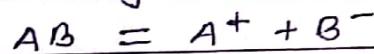


$$K = \frac{[A^+][B^-]}{[AB]}$$

where, K = Dissociation constant of AB.

* Ostwald dilution law:-

Let us consider the dissociation of an electrolyte AB. Let C mole/litre be its initial concentration and α is its degree of dissociation.



Initial	$C M$	0	0
	$C - \alpha$	α	α

Degree of dissociation is defined as the fraction of electrolyte which dissociates from 1 mole of an electrolyte.

Then

$$K = \frac{[A^+][B^-]}{[AB]}$$

$$K = \frac{c\alpha \times c\alpha}{c - c\alpha} = \frac{c^2 \alpha^2}{c(1-\alpha)}$$

$$K = \frac{c\alpha^2}{1-\alpha}$$

This is mathematical

Formulation of Ostwald dilution law.

where,

K = dissociation constant of an electrolyte AB.

for very weak electrolyte —

$$\alpha \ll 1, 1 - \alpha = 1$$

$$\text{So, } K = c\alpha^2$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \sqrt{K/c}$$

This law applicable in the case of weak electrolyte only. ~~in which~~ Molecule complete dissociates ~~is to~~ complete its constituents ions & thus equilibrium does not exists.

In the case of strong electrolyte another theory is applied known as Debye and Hückel Theory of strong electrolyte.

* Conductance :-

The flow of electricity through solutions of electrolytes is due to the migration of ions when potential difference is applied between the two electrodes. The cations which are +ve charged move towards the -ve charged electrode known as Cathode while the anions which are -ve charged move towards the +ve charged electrode called Anode.

The ease with which electricity flows through a solution is called conductance.

Thus, Conductance is defined as the reciprocal of the resistance.

$$\text{i.e. } G \propto \frac{1}{R}$$

Unit -

Ohm⁻¹ or ohm⁻¹. (S.I.).

In SI system, the unit of Conductance is siemen. 'S'.

Types -

- (1) Specific Conductance.
- (2) Molar Conductance.
- (3) Equivalent Conductance.

* Specific Conductance -

The resistance of any conductor varies directly as its length and inversely proportional to its cross sectional area (a)

$$\text{i.e. } R \propto \frac{l}{a}$$
$$\text{or } R = \rho \frac{l}{a} \quad \therefore \quad \rho = \frac{\rho}{l} \cdot R$$

where, ρ is constant called specific resistance & R is the resistance.

where, l = length

a = cross sectional area.

if $l = 1 \text{ cm}$ & $a = 1 \text{ cm}^2$

then,

$$R = \rho$$

ρ depends on the nature of material of the conductor.

Specific Conductance may be defined as the reciprocal of specific resistance.

It is denoted by κ (Greek word kappa).

$$\text{Thus } \kappa = \frac{1}{\rho} \quad \text{or} \quad \kappa = \frac{1}{a} \times \frac{l}{R}$$

or $k = \frac{1}{a} \times \text{Conductance}$.

Unit -

Since,

$$k = \frac{1}{a} \times \frac{1}{R}$$

$$k = \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{cm}^2} \times \text{ohm}^{-1}$$

$$k = \text{ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

* Molar Conductance -

The conducting power of all the ions produced by one mole of the electrolyte in a given solution is called Molar Conductance.

It is denoted by ' Λ_m '.

Unit -

$$\text{ohm}^{-1} \text{ ohm} \text{ mho.}$$

Λ_m increases by increasing dilution.

* Relationship between k and Λ_m -

Molar Conductance is related to Specific Conductance by the relation -

$$\Lambda_m = k/c$$

where Λ_m = Molar Conductance.

k = Specific conductance

c = Concentration of the solution

in mole per cubic metre.