

# Chemistry ia enthalpy change of neutralisation assignment



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To calculate the enthalpy change of neutralization of the given pairs of acid and base. Theory: When alkali neutralizes an acid, a salt and water are formed. Aqueous hydrogen ions,  $H^+(aq)$  from the acid react with the hydroxide ions,  $OH^-(aq)$  from the alkali, forming water. Ionic equation:  $H^+(aq) + OH^-(aq) \rightarrow H_2O(l)$  The Identity of the salt will depend on the nature of the acid and alkali used. The combination of  $H^+$  and  $OH^-$  ions in this way releases energy. In this practical, the enthalpy changes accompanying different neutralization reactions will be measured.

It is because the number of moles of water formed varies according to the acid and alkali used, it is the convention to measure enthalpy change of neutralization in  $kJ\ mol^{-1}$  when 1 mole of water is formed. We will use a simple calorimeter to determine the enthalpy change of neutralization for the pairs of acid and base given. Apparatus and Materials: 1.0 mol  $dm^{-3}$  sodium hydroxide solution, 1.0 mol  $dm^{-3}$  hydrochloric acid, 1.0 mol  $dm^{-3}$  ethanoic acid, polystyrene cup with lid, thermometer, two 50.00  $cm^3$  measuring cylinders, stopwatch, three 80  $cm^3$  beakers, dropper Variables: Manipulated variable: Type of acids used

In this experiment, type of acids used would be manipulating variable. Different acids such as HCl or  $CH_3COOH$  are added to NaOH respectively and measure the increase in temperature respectively. Responding variable: Temperature, T Responding variable will be the temperature. First, we have to measure and record the initial temperature of the sodium hydroxide solution. After acid has been added, Controlled variable: Concentration of sodium hydroxide In this experiment, variables that have to be kept constant will be the factors that will affect the exothermic neutralization reaction.

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Thus, concentration of sodium hydroxide has to be kept constant. This is to make sure the number of moles of hydroxide ions  $\text{OH}^-$  reacts with  $\text{H}^+$  remains constant, so as to determine the concentration of the acids.

Diagram: Thermometer Cover Polystyrene cup 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> HCl Diagram 1:

Set-up of the apparatus Safety and Precaution Steps: 1. Always wear an apron and goggles in the lab. 2. Acids are corrosive; make sure that gloves are worn throughout the experiment. Procedure: 1. Measure 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of the hydrochloric acid using a 50.0 cm<sup>3</sup> measuring cylinder into a polystyrene cup. Record its temperature for 3 minutes at 1 minute intervals.

This is the initial temperature. 2. Put 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of sodium hydroxide solution in a 50.0 cm<sup>3</sup> measuring cylinder. (Ensure that the temperature of the sodium hydroxide solution is the same as the acid). Now pour this into the acid, stir and take the temperature. 3. Record the temperature of the solution at every 1 minute interval, until there is at least 20°C temperature change after the maximum temperature has been attained. 4. Tabulate the results appropriately. 5. Repeat the experiment (steps 1-4) with ethanoic acid.

Results: Raw Data: t/ min???? 0.002 min | | T/ °C???? 0.50c 0.000 1.000 2.000 3.000 .00 5.000 6.000 7.000 8.000 9.000 10.000 | 29.0 | 36.0 | 35.5 | 35.0 | 34.5 | 34.0 | 33.5 HCl is used | Ethanoic acid is used | | T/°C???? 0.50C | | 28.0 | 33.0 | 32.5 Concentration of NaOH used = 1.00 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> Volume of NaOH used = 25.0???? 0.5 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> Concentration of HCl = 2.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> Volume of HCl used = 25.0???? 0.5 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>

Concentration of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  = 2.0 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> volume of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  used = 25.0???? 0.5 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> Observation: 1. The solution remains colorless before and after the reaction. 2. The polystyrene cup becomes warmer when acid is

added to the sodium hydroxide solution. For the reaction between HCl and NaOH, the maximum temperature is reached at  $t = 3 \text{ min } 25\text{s}$ . 4. For the reaction between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH, the maximum temperature is reached at  $t = 3 \text{ min } 30\text{s}$ . \*Uncertainty of time = 0.1s, which includes the uncertainty of the stopwatch itself (0.01 s) and human reaction time.

Therefore, converting uncertainty of time from s to min, Uncertainty of time = 0.160 min = 0.00167 min  
 Analysis of Data Graph 1: Graph of T against t when HCl is used to neutralize NaOH solution  
 Graph 2: Graph of T against t when CH<sub>3</sub>COOH is used to neutralize NaOH solution

A. Calculation of the Enthalpy change of neutralization Heat released,  $H = mc\Delta T$ , Where  $m$  = mass of the solution In this experiment, a few assumptions are made, that is \* Density of the solution,  $1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  \* Specific heat capacity of the solution =  $4.18 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$  \* The maximum temperature is reached at 3rd minute \* By extrapolating the graph to  $t = 3\text{min}$ , heat lost to the surrounding and slow response time of thermometer are compensated. Heat released during the neutralization between HCl and NaOH From the equation in Graph 1 when  $t = 3\text{min}$ , the temperature obtained is  $T = (-0.3929t + 37.4) \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$   $T = (-0.3929(3) + 37.464) \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$   $T = 36.2853 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  Therefore, we assume that the maximum  $T$  is  $36.3 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  of the reaction, Hence,  $H = \rho(V_{\text{HCl}} + V_{\text{NaOH}}) \times c \times \Delta T = 1 \times 4.18 \times [(36.3 - 29.0)] (7.3 + 1.0) = 1526 \text{ J} = 1.526 \text{ kJ}$  Enthalpy change during the neutralization between HCl and NaOH From the chemical reaction,  $\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{NaOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$  1 mole of HCl + 1 mole of NaOH to form 1 mole of H<sub>2</sub>O \*

Mole of HCl =  $1.0 \times 25.0 \times 0.51000 = 0.0250 \times 0.0005 \text{ mol}$  \* Mole NaOH =  $1.0 \times 25.0 \times 0.51000$  Therefore if HCl and NaOH is completely reacted, Mole of H<sub>2</sub>O =  $0.0250 \times 0.0005 \text{ mol}$  Enthalpy change is the heat released when 1 mol of H<sub>2</sub>O molecule is formed. Thus, Enthalpy change,  $\Delta H = -\frac{\text{Heat released}}{\text{mole of H}_2\text{O}} = -\frac{61040 \times 2371.526 + 0.00050.0250 \times 100\%}{0.0250 \times 0.0005} = -61040 \times 17.53\% = -61040 \times 10701 = -61000 \times 10800 = -61.0$

10.8 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> Heat released during the neutralization between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH From the equation in Graph 2, when t = 3min, the temperature obtained is  $T = (-0.3036t + 35.554)$   $T = (-0.3036(3) + 35.554)$   $T = 34.6432$   $T = 34.6$  OC

Therefore, we assume that the maximum T is 34.6 OC of the reaction,  $H = P(V_{\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}} + V_{\text{NaOH}}) \times c \times \Delta T = 1 \times 4.18 \times [(34.6 - 28.0) \times 6.6 + 1.0] = 1379 \times 1.050.0 + 1.06.6 \times 100\% = 1379 \times 237.1380 \times 240 \times 1.38 \times 0.24 \text{ kJ}$  Enthalpy change during the neutralization between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH (aq)} + \text{NaOH (aq)} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COONa (aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O (l)}$  1 mole of CH<sub>3</sub>COOH + 1 mole of NaOH to form 1 mole of H<sub>2</sub>O \* Mole of CH<sub>3</sub>COOH =  $1.0 \times 25.0 \times 0.51000$  Therefore if CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH is completely reacted,  $0.0250 \times 0.0005 \text{ mol}$  CH<sub>3</sub>COOH +  $0.0250 \times 0.0005 \text{ mol}$  NaOH to form  $0.0250 \times 0.0005 \text{ mol}$  of H<sub>2</sub>O  $-55160 \times 19.9\% = -55160 \times 10583 - 55200 \times 10600 = -55.2$

10.6 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> B. Calculation of the percentage error Percentage error of the enthalpy change of neutralization between HCl and NaOH The theoretical value of the enthalpy change of neutralization between HCl and NaOH = -57.9 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> The experimental value of the enthalpy change of neutralization between HCl and NaOH = -61.0  $\times 10.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  Percentage error of the

enthalpy change of neutralization = Theoretical value-Experimental value  
Theoretical value $\times 100\%$  = 5.35% Percentage error of the enthalpy change of neutralization between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and

NaOH The theoretical value of the enthalpy change of neutralization between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH = -56.1 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> The experimental value of the enthalpy change of neutralization between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH = -55.2????

10.6 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> Conclusion From the graph 1 and 2, we can see that the data points scattered slightly away from the best fit-line, showing that the data collection is quite precise. However, in the calculation the percentage uncertainties of enthalpy change for both neutralizations are significantly large (HCl = 17.53%; CH<sub>3</sub>COOH = 19.19%). This might due to the high values of uncertainties of the thermometer and the measuring cylinder.

Therefore, the experiment is said to have significant level of random error. Besides, the percentage uncertainty of enthalpy change is 5.35% for the neutralization between HCl and NaOH while the percentage uncertainty of enthalpy change is 1.60% for the neutralization between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH. This shows that the experiment carried out for the neutralization between HCl and NaOH contains higher systematic error than that of the neutralization between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and NaOH. However, for both experiments, the theoretical values of enthalpy change of eutralization lie within the range of uncertainties respectively (HCl: - (50. -71.8) kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>; CH<sub>3</sub>COOH: - (44.6-65.8) kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>). All these show that the experiment is quite accurate consisting insignificant level of systematic error. In conclusion, since the percentage uncertainties of the enthalpy change for both neutralizations are greater than their percentage error respectively, the experiments are said to

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have more random error than systematic error. Evaluation In order to improve this experiment, I have evaluated the list of limitations and suggestions for improvement in the table below.

Table 2: List of limitations and suggestions for improvement

Limitations	Suggestions for improvement
1. The solutions might have evaporated in the beaker. When evaporation occurs, the concentration of the solutions increases. Then we measure 25.0 cm <sup>3</sup> of each solution into a measuring cylinder. In fact, the number of moles of NaOH and CH <sub>3</sub> COOH has increased but we might not be aware of it. With higher number of moles of both solutions, the number of moles of H <sub>2</sub> O produced increases therefore the heat released will be higher. However in our calculation, we still assume that the number of moles of H <sub>2</sub> O produced is 1.25(0.00)1000 and uses the higher change in temperature, which causes the magnitude of enthalpy change calculated to be higher. This might be the cause for the higher value of ΔH between CH <sub>3</sub> COOH and NaOH.	1. Cover the beaker containing the solutions when the solutions are not needed. Turn off the fan while carrying out the experiment to reduce the wind movement, which will increase the rate of evaporation.
2. Carbon dioxide might sodium hydroxide solution, the concentration of the sodium hydroxide decreases, reducing number of moles of NaOH with the same volume used; yet we might not be aware of it.	

With lower numbers of moles of NaOH, it becomes a limiting reagent, causing the number of moles of H<sub>2</sub>O produced to be lower, and the heat released to be lower. However in our calculation, we still assume that the number of moles of H<sub>2</sub>O produced is 1.0(25.00)1000 and uses the lower change in temperature, which causes the magnitude of enthalpy to be lower.

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This might be the cause for the lower value of  $\Delta H$  between HCl and NaOH. |  
Cover the beaker containing the NaOH solution when the solution is not needed. This helps to reduce the rate of atmosphere carbon dioxide dissolves in the NaOH solution. | 3.

The scale of the apparatus is calibrated at 200C Since the experiment is carried at room temperature, the scale of the apparatus might have expanded. This will lead to the inaccurate reading of the volume of the solution taken. | Carry out the experiment in an air-conditioned room fixed at 200C. | 4. The assumptions made are not valid Specific heat capacity of the apparatus is not taken into consideration of the calculation The calculation doesn't involve the heat capacity of the apparatus as we assume that heat capacity of the apparatus = 0. However, in fact the apparatus involved have heat capacity.

Therefore the calculation will be inaccurate. The specific heat capacity of the solution is assumed to be 4. 18 J g<sup>-1</sup> OC<sup>-1</sup> In the calculation, the specific heat capacity of the solution is assumed to be 4. 18 J g<sup>-1</sup> OC<sup>-1</sup> . However, in actual case, the specific heat capacity of the solution is not known and might differ from 4. 18 J g<sup>-1</sup> OC<sup>-1</sup> . The assumption made is not valid. The density of the solution is assumed to be 1 g cm<sup>-3</sup>. In actual case, the density of the solution might not be 1g cm<sup>-3</sup>. The assumption made the enthalpy change calculated to be inaccurate.

Extrapolating the graph would compensate the heat lost to the surrounding and slow response time of the thermometer. The assumption is doubtful that it would compensate the heat lost and slow response time of thermometer.



This is because this assumption itself, assume that the neutralization occurs and completes instantaneously at, in this case, 3rd minute and reaches the maximum temperature. This assumption is doubtful as neutralization takes time to complete to release heat. Temperature is uniform throughout the solution. The temperature might not be uniform throughout the solution.

This might affect the temperature reading obtained be higher or lower, causing the experimental result inaccurate and imprecise. | Determine the heat capacity of the apparatus before carrying out the experiment. Then, include the heat capacity of the apparatus into the calculation of heat released. Determine the specific heat capacity of the solution before carrying out the experiment. Weigh the mass of the cup and its solution and use the value obtained deducts by the mass of the cup alone, as in to find out the value of the mass of the solution, to calculate the enthalpy change.

Stir the solution to make sure that the solution has uniform temperature before taking the thermometer reading. | 5. There are not enough trials. Due to the time constraint, we have only carry out the experiment once and the result obtained might contain high level of random error. | If time permits, carry out more trials to obtain an average value. This can reduce the random error of the | 6. Thermometer used has to be more precise. The uncertainty of experiment. vary relatively large, causing the random error of the experiment to be high. | Use a more precise thermometer with smaller value of uncertainty.