

1. Empirical Formula
2. Percent Composition

Empirical Formula

Molecular Formula: identifies the # of each type of atom

Ex: hexane = C_6H_{14}

Empirical Formula: the simplest whole # ratio of atoms of each element

Ex: hexane = $C_6H_{14} \rightarrow C_3H_7$

Structural Formula: shows the structure of the molecule

Ex: hexane =
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Molecular Formula	Empirical Formula
P_4O_{10}	P_2O_5
$C_{10}H_{22}$	C_5H_{11}
$C_6H_{18}O_3$	C_2H_6O
$C_5H_{12}O$	$C_5H_{12}O$
N_2O_4	NO_2

1. Vinegar is a dilute solution of acetic acid. The molar mass of acetic acid is 60.06 g/mol and it has an empirical formula of CH_2O . What is the molecular formula of acetic acid?

$CH_2O \rightarrow$ molar mass: $(1 \times 12.01) + (2 \times 1.01) + (1 \times 16.00) = 30.03 \text{ g/mol}$

$\frac{60.06 \text{ g/mol}}{30.03 \text{ g/mol}} = 2 \quad 2 \times CH_2O \Rightarrow \boxed{C_2H_4O_2}$

2. A compound has an empirical formula of C_3H_4 . Which of the following are possible molar masses of the compound? 20 g/mol, 55 g/mol, 80 g/mol, 120 g/mol.

$C_3H_4 \rightarrow$ molar mass: $(3 \times 12.01) + (4 \times 1.01) = 40.07 \text{ g/mol}$

$(40.07) \times 2 = 80.14 \text{ g/mol}$
 $= 80 \text{ g/mol} \checkmark$

$(40.07) \times 3 = 120.21 \text{ g/mol}$
 $= 120 \text{ g/mol} \checkmark$

* 80 g/mol and 120 g/mol are possible.

3. A compound has an empirical formula of CH_2 and a molar mass of 42.09 g/mol. Determine its molecular formula.

$$\text{CH}_2 = (1 \times 12.01) + (2 \times 1.01) = 14.03 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\frac{42.09}{14.03} = 3 \quad 3(\text{CH}_2) \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{C}_3\text{H}_6}$$

4. A compound is 48.65% carbon, 8.11% hydrogen and 43.24% oxygen. Determine the empirical formula.

⇒ Think about having 100.0 g of the substance rather than as a %...

$$48.65 \text{ g C} \quad 8.11 \text{ g H} \quad 43.24 \text{ g O}$$

⇒ Convert % into moles...

$$\text{C: } 48.65 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{12.01 \text{ g}} = 4.051 \text{ mol C} \quad \text{O: } 43.24 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{16.00 \text{ g}} = 2.703 \text{ mol O}$$

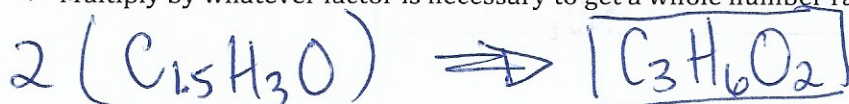
$$\text{H: } 8.11 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{1.01 \text{ g}} = 8.03 \text{ mol H}$$

* ⇒ Divide each molar quantity by the smallest one

$$\text{C: } \frac{4.051 \text{ mol C}}{2.703 \text{ mol O}} = 1.499 \quad \text{H: } \frac{8.03 \text{ mol H}}{2.703 \text{ mol O}} = 2.97$$

* For every 1 mol of O, there must be 1.5 mol C and 3.0 mol H

⇒ Multiply by whatever factor is necessary to get a whole number ratio.



5. A compound contains 9.93 g C, 58.6 g Cl, and 31.4 g F. Determine its empirical formula.

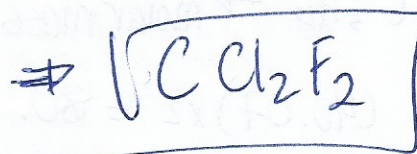
$$\text{C: } 9.93 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{12.01 \text{ g}} = 0.827 \text{ mol C}$$

$$\frac{1.65 \text{ mol Cl}}{0.827 \text{ mol C}} = 2.00$$

$$\text{Cl: } 58.6 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{35.45 \text{ g}} = 1.65 \text{ mol Cl}$$

$$\frac{1.65 \text{ mol F}}{0.827 \text{ mol C}} = 2.00$$

$$\text{F: } 31.4 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{19.00 \text{ g}} = 1.65 \text{ mol F}$$



6. A small sample of antifreeze was analyzed. It contained 4.51 g C, 1.13 g H and 6.01 g O. It was determined that the molar mass is 62.0 g/mol. What is the molecular formula of antifreeze?

$$C: 4.51g \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{12.01g} = 0.376 \text{ mol C}$$

$$H: 1.13g \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{1.01g} = 1.12 \text{ mol H}$$

$$O: 6.01g \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{16.00g} = 0.376 \text{ mol O}$$

$$\frac{1.12 \text{ mol H}}{0.376 \text{ mol (C and O)}} = 2.98 \sim 3$$

Empirical: CH_3O

$$\text{molar mass: } (1 \times 12.01) + (3 \times 1.01) + (1 \times 16.00) = 31.04 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\frac{62.0 \text{ g/mol}}{31.04 \text{ g/mol}} = 2 \quad 2 \times (CH_3O) = \boxed{C_2H_6O_2}$$

7. A hydrocarbon is a compound containing only carbon and hydrogen. One particular hydrocarbon is 92.29% carbon by mass. If the compound's molar mass is 78.0 g/mol then what is its molecular formula?

$$C: 92.29g \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{12.01g} = 7.684 \text{ mol C}$$

$$H: 7.71g \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{1.01g} = 7.63 \text{ mol H}$$

$$\frac{7.684 \text{ mol C}}{7.63 \text{ mol H}} = 1.007 \sim 1$$

Empirical: CH

$$\text{molar mass } (12.01 + 1.01) = 13.02 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\frac{78.0 \text{ g/mol}}{13.02 \text{ g/mol}} = 5.99 = 6$$

$$6(CH) \Rightarrow \boxed{C_6H_6} \leftarrow \text{molecular formula}$$

↑ molecular formula

Percent Composition

Percent Composition:

- The percent of a compound's **mass** contributed by each type of atom in the compound.
- Determined from the formula.

8a. Find the percent of carbon by mass in ethane, C_2H_6 .

$$\text{molar mass } C_2H_6 = (2 \times 12.01) + (6 \times 1.01) = 30.08 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\text{C only: } (2 \times 12.01) = 24.02 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\frac{C}{\text{total}} = \frac{24.02}{30.08} \times 100\% = 79.85\% \text{ C}$$

8b. Find the percent of hydrogen by mass in ethane, C_2H_6 .

$$\text{molar mass } C_2H_6 = 30.08 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$H \text{ only: } (6 \times 1.01) = 6.06 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\frac{H}{\text{total}} = \frac{6.06}{30.08} \times 100\% = 20.15\% \text{ H} = 20.2\% \text{ H}$$

9. What is the percent composition of each type of a sugar with the formula $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$?

$$C_{12}H_{22}O_{11} = (12 \times 12.01) + (22 \times 1.01) + (11 \times 16.00) = 342.34 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$C \text{ only} = 12 \times 12.01 = 144.1 \text{ g/mol C}$$

$$H \text{ only} = 22 \times 1.01 = 22.2 \text{ g/mol H}$$

$$O \text{ only} = 11 \times 16.00 = 176.0 \text{ g/mol O}$$

$$C: \frac{144.1}{342.34} = 42.09\% \text{ C} \quad H = \frac{22.2}{342.34} = 6.48\% \text{ H} \quad O = \frac{176.0}{342.34} = 51.41\% \text{ O}$$

Practice:

10. Calculate the % composition of the following compounds:

- $FeCl_2$
- $C_2H_4O_2$
- $CaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$
- $(NH_4)_3PO_4$
- $NaOH$
- $Ag(NH_3)_2Cl$
- $K_3Fe(CN)_6$
- $CaCO_3$

11. Calculate the % of the bold species in the following compounds:

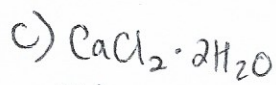
- $CaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$
- $Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 18H_2O$
- $Cr(NH_3)_6Cl_3 \cdot H_2O$
- $Fe_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 9H_2O$
- $Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2 \cdot 2NH_3$
- $NiSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$

1. $C_2H_4O_2$ 2. 80g/mol and 120g/mol 3. C_3H_6 4. $C_3H_6O_2$ 5. CCl_2F_2 6. $C_2H_6O_2$ 7. C_6H_6 8a. 79.85% b. 20.15%
 9. 42.098% C, 6.491% H, 51.411% O 10a. Fe: 44.06% Cl: 55.94% b. C: 39.99% H: 6.73% O: 53.28%
 c. Ca: 27.26% Cl: 48.22% H: 2.75% O: 21.77% d. N: 28.19% H: 8.13% P: 20.77% O: 42.92%
 e. Na: 57.48% O: 40.00% H: 2.53% f. Ag: 60.81% N: 15.79% H: 3.42% Cl: 19.98%
 g. K: 35.62% Fe: 16.96% C: 21.88% N: 25.53% h. Ca: 40.04% C: 12.00% O: 47.96%
 11a. 24.51% b. 48.66% c. 36.70% d. 51.27% e. 54.74% f. 8.37%

a) FeCl_2
 molar mass = $(1 \times 55.85) + (2 \times 35.45)$
 $= 126.75 \text{ g/mol}$

Fe: $\frac{55.85}{126.75} = 44.06\%$

Cl: $\frac{(2 \times 35.45)}{126.75} = 55.94\%$



molar mass: $(1 \times 40.08) + (2 \times 35.45) + (4 \times 1.01) + (2 \times 16.00)$
 $= 147.02 \text{ g/mol}$

Ca: $\frac{40.08}{147.02} = 27.26\%$

H: $\frac{(4 \times 1.01)}{147.02} = 2.75\%$

Cl: $\frac{(2 \times 35.45)}{147.02} = 48.22\%$

O: $\frac{(2 \times 16.00)}{147.02} = 21.77\%$

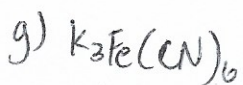


molar mass: $(22.99 + 16.00 + 1.01) = 40.00 \text{ g/mol}$

Na: $\frac{22.99}{40.00} = 57.48\%$

H: $\frac{1.01}{40.00} = 2.53\%$

O: $\frac{16.00}{40.00} = 40.00\%$



molar mass: $(3 \times 39.10) + (55.85) + (6 \times 12.01) + (6 \times 14.01)$
 $= 329.27 \text{ g/mol}$

K: $\frac{(3 \times 39.10)}{329.27} = 35.62\%$

Fe: $\frac{55.85}{329.27} = 16.96\%$

C: $\frac{(6 \times 12.01)}{329.27} = 21.88\%$

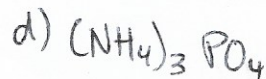
N: $\frac{(6 \times 14.01)}{329.27} = 25.53\%$

b) $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$
 molar mass: $(2 \times 12.01) + (4 \times 1.01) + (2 \times 16.00)$
 $= 60.06 \text{ g/mol}$

C: $\frac{(2 \times 12.01)}{60.06} = 39.99\%$

H: $\frac{(4 \times 1.01)}{60.06} = 6.73\%$

O: $\frac{(2 \times 16.00)}{60.06} = 53.28\%$



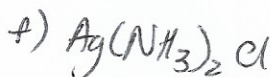
molar mass: $(3 \times 14.01) + (12 \times 1.01) + (1 \times 30.97) + (4 \times 16.00)$
 $= 149.12 \text{ g/mol}$

N: $\frac{(3 \times 14.01)}{149.12} = 28.19\%$

P: $\frac{30.97}{149.12} = 20.77\%$

H: $\frac{(12 \times 1.01)}{149.12} = 8.13\%$

O: $\frac{4 \times 16.00}{149.12} = 42.92\%$



molar mass: $(1 \times 107.87) + (2 \times 14.01) + (6 \times 1.01) + (35.45)$
 $= 177.40 \text{ g/mol}$

Ag: $\frac{107.87}{177.40} = 60.81\%$

H: $\frac{(6 \times 1.01)}{177.40} = 3.42\%$

N: $\frac{2 \times 14.01}{177.40} = 15.79\%$

Cl: $\frac{35.45}{177.40} = 19.98\%$

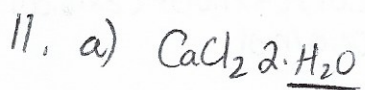


molar mass = $(40.08) + (12.01) + (3 \times 16.00)$
 $= 100.09 \text{ g/mol}$

Ca: $\frac{40.08}{100.09} = 40.04\%$

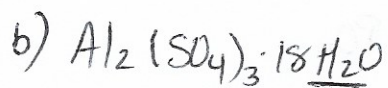
C: $\frac{12.01}{100.09} = 12.00\%$

O: $\frac{3 \times 16.00}{100.09} = 47.96\%$



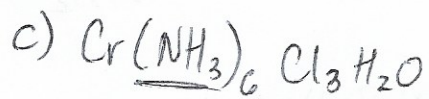
$$\text{molar mass: } (40.08) + (2 \times 35.45) + (4 \times 1.01) + (2 \times 16.00) \\ = 147.02 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\text{H}_2\text{O} = \frac{(4 \times 1.01) + (2 \times 16.00)}{147.02} = 24.51\%$$



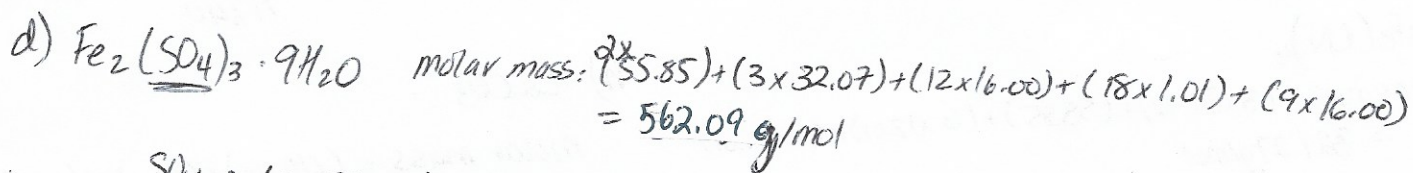
$$\text{molar mass: } (2 \times 26.98) + (3 \times 32.07) + (12 \times 16.00) + (36 \times 1.01) + (18 \times 16.00) \\ = 666.53 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$\text{H}_2\text{O} = \frac{(36 \times 1.01) + (18 \times 16.00)}{666.53} = 48.66\%$$

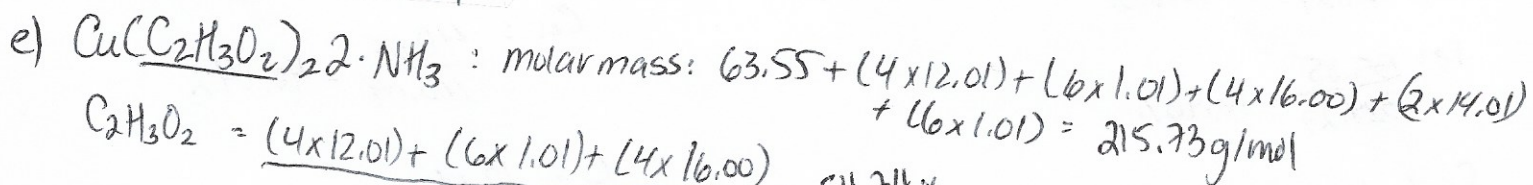


$$\text{molar mass: } (52.00) + (6 \times 14.01) + (18 \times 1.01) + (3 \times 35.45) + (2 \times 1.01) + (16.00) \\ = 278.61 \text{ g/mol}$$

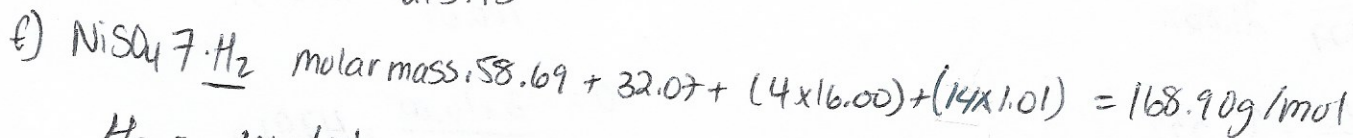
$$\text{NH}_3 = \frac{(6 \times 14.01) + (18 \times 1.01)}{278.61} = 36.70\%$$



$$\text{SO}_4 = \frac{(3 \times 32.07) + (12 \times 16.00)}{562.09} = 51.27\%$$



$$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2 = \frac{(4 \times 12.01) + (6 \times 1.01) + (4 \times 16.00)}{215.73} = 54.74\%$$



$$\text{H}_2 = \frac{14 \times 1.01}{168.90} = 8.37\%$$