# Practical Exam



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# **General instructions**

- This practical booklet contains 27 pages.
- Before the start of the practical exam, the **Read** command is given. You will have 15 minutes to read the exam booklet. You may only **read** during this time; do **not write nor use the calculator.**
- You may begin working as soon as the **Start** announcement is given. You will then have **5** hours to complete the exam.
- You may work on the tasks in any order, but starting with problem P1 is advised.
- All results and answers must be clearly written in pen in their respective designed areas on the exam papers. Answers written outside the answer boxes will not be graded.
- If you need paper for roughwork, use the back of the exam sheets. Remember that **nothing outside the designed areas will be graded**.
- The official English version of the exam booklet is available upon request and serves for clarification only.
- If you need to leave the laboratory (to use the toilet or have a drink or snack), raise the appropriate card. A lab assistant will come to accompany you.
- Shelves above the benches are not to be used during the task for the purpose of equality.
- You must **follow the safety rules** given in the IChO regulations. If you violate the safety rules, you will receive only one warning from the lab assistant. Any safety rule violation after the first warning will result in your dismissal from the laboratory and the nullification of your practical examination.
- Chemicals and labware, unless otherwise noted, will be refilled or replaced without penalty only for the first incident. Each further incident will result in the deduction of 1 point from your 40 practical exam points.
- The lab supervisor will announce a 30 minutes warning before the **Stop** announcement.
- You must stop your work immediately when the **Stop** announcement is given. Failure to stop working or writing by one minute or longer will lead to nullification of your practical exam.
- After the **Stop** announcement has been given, the lab supervisor will come to sign your answer sheet.
- After both the supervisor and you sign, place this exam booklet in the envelope and submit it for grading together with your product and thin-layer chromatography (TLC) plates.

# Lab rules and safety

- You must wear a lab coat and keep it buttoned up. Footwear must completely cover the foot and the heel.
- Always wear safety glasses or prescription glasses when working in the lab. Do not wear contact lenses.
- Do not eat or drink in the lab. Chewing gum is not allowed.
- Work only in the designated area. Keep your work area and the common work areas tidy.
- No unauthorised experiments are allowed. No modification of the experiments is allowed.
- Do not pipette with your mouth. Always use a pipette filler bulb.
- Clean up spills and broken glassware immediately from both the bench and the floor.
- All waste must be properly discarded to prevent contamination or injury. Aqueous solutions can be disposed in the sink. Organic waste must be disposed of in the marked capped container.

# Physical constants and equations

In these tasks, we assume the activities of all aqueous species to be well approximated by their respective concentration in mol L<sup>-1</sup>. To further simplify formulae and expressions, the standard concentration  $c^{\circ} = 1 \text{ mol } L^{-1}$  is omitted.

Avogadro's constant:

Universal gas constant:

Standard pressure:

Atmospheric pressure:

Zero of the Celsius scale:

Faraday constant:

Watt:

Kilowatt hour:

Planck constant:

Speed of light in vacuum:

Elementary charge:

Electrical power:

Power efficiency:

Planck-Einstein relation:

Ideal gas equation:

Gibbs free energy:

Reaction quotient Q for a reaction

 $a \operatorname{A}(aq) + b \operatorname{B}(aq) = c \operatorname{C}(aq) + d \operatorname{D}(aq)$ :

Henderson-Hasselbalch equation:

Nernst-Peterson equation:

where Q is the reaction quotient of the

reduction half-reaction

Beer-Lambert law:

Rate laws in integrated form:

- Zero order:

- First order:

- Second order:

Half-life for a first order process:

Number average molar mass  $M_n$ :

Mass average molar mass  $M_w$ :

Polydispersity index  $I_p$ :

$$N_{\rm A} = 6.022 \cdot 10^{23} \, \text{mol}^{-1}$$

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

$$p^{\circ} = 1 \text{ bar} = 10^{5} \text{ Pa}$$
  
 $P_{\text{atm}} = 1 \text{ atm} = 1.013 \text{ bar} = 1.013 \cdot 10^{5} \text{ Pa}$ 

$$F = 9.649 \cdot 10^4 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J s}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ kWh} = 3.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$h = 6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$c = 2.998 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$e = 1.6022 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$P = \Delta E \times I$$

 $\eta = P_{\text{obtained}}/P_{\text{applied}}$ 

$$E = hc/\lambda$$

$$pV = nRT$$

$$G = H - TS$$

$$\Delta_{\rm r}G^{\circ} = -RT \ln K^{\circ}$$

$$\Delta_{\rm r}G^{\circ} = -n \ F \ E_{\rm cell}^{\circ}$$

$$\Delta_{\rm r}G = \Delta_{\rm r}G^{\rm o} + RT \ln Q$$

$$Q = \frac{[C]^{c}[D]^{d}}{[A]^{a}[B]^{b}}$$

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[AH]}$$

$$E = E^{o} - \frac{RT}{zF} \ln Q$$

at  $T = 298 \text{ K}, \frac{RT}{F} \ln 10 \approx 0.059 \text{ V}$ 

$$A = \varepsilon lc$$

 $[A] = [A]_0 - kt$ 

 $\ln[A] = \ln[A]_0 - kt$ 

$$1/[A] = 1/[A]_0 + kt$$

$$t_{1/2} = \ln 2/k$$

$$M_{\rm n} = \frac{\sum_{i} N_{i}}{\sum_{i} N_{i}}$$

$$M_{\rm n} = \frac{\sum_{\rm i} N_{\rm i} M_{\rm i}}{\sum_{\rm i} N_{\rm i}}$$

$$M_{\rm w} = \frac{\sum_{\rm i} N_{\rm i} M_{\rm i}^2}{\sum_{\rm i} N_{\rm i} M_{\rm i}}$$

$$I_{\rm p} = \frac{M_{\rm w}}{M_{\rm n}}$$

$$L_i N_i I$$

$$I_{\rm p} = \frac{M_{\rm W}}{M_{\rm p}}$$

#### Note

The unit of molar concentration is either "M" or "mol  $L^{-1}$ ":

$$1 M = 1 \text{ mol } I^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ M} = 1 \text{ mol } L^{-1}$$
  $1 \text{ mM} = 10^{-3} \text{ mol } L^{-1}$ 

$$1 \mu M = 10^{-6} \text{ mol } L^{-1}$$

# Periodic table

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# **Definition of GHS statements**

The GHS hazard statements (H-phrases) associated with the materials used are indicated in the problems. Their meanings are as follows:

# **Physical hazards**

- H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.
- H226 Flammable liquid and vapour.
- H228 Flammable solid.
- H271 May cause fire or explosion; strong oxidiser.
- H272 May intensify fire; oxidiser.
- H290 May be corrosive to metals.

#### **Health hazards**

- H301 Toxic if swallowed.
- H302 Harmful if swallowed.
- H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
- H311 Toxic in contact with skin.
- H312 Harmful in contact with skin.
- H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
- H315 Causes skin irritation.
- H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.
- H318 Causes serious eye damage.
- H319 Causes serious eye irritation.
- H331 Toxic if inhaled.
- H332 Harmful if inhaled.
- H333 May be harmful if inhaled.
- H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.
- H335 May cause respiratory irritation.
- H336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.
- H351 Suspected of causing cancer.
- H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
- H371 May cause damage to organs.
- H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
- H373 May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

## **Environmental hazards**

- H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.
- H402 Harmful to aquatic life.
- H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long-lasting effects.
- H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long-lasting effects.
- H412 Harmful to aquatic life with long-lasting effects.

# Chemicals

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Chemicals	Labeled as	GHS hazard statements				
Deionised water in:  - Wash bottle (bench)  - Plastic bottle (bench)  - Plastic canister (hood)	Deionised Water	Not hazardous				
Ethanol, in a wash bottle	Ethanol	H225, H319				
Sample of white wine, 300 mL in amber plastic bottle	Wine sample	H225, H319				

For problem P1

Chemicals	Labeled as	GHS hazard statements
4-nitrobenzaldehyde, 1.51 g in amber glass vial	4-nitrobenzaldehyde	H317, H319
Eluent A, 20 mL in glass vial	Eluent A	H225, H290, H304, H314, H319, H336, H410
Eluent B, 20 mL in glass vial	Eluent B	H225, H290, H304, H314, H319, H336, H410
Oxone® (potassium peroxomonosulfate salt), 7.87 g in plastic bottle	Oxone <sup>®</sup>	H314
Sample of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde for TLC	TLC standard	H317, H319

Chemicals	Labeled as	GHS hazard statements
1 M potassium thiocyanate	KSCN 1 M	H302+H312+H332, H412
solution, 20 mL in plastic bottle	KSCIVI WI	11302+11312+11332, 11412
0.00200 M potassium thiocyanate	KSCN 0.00200 M	Not hazardous
solution, 60 mL in plastic bottle	KSCN 0.00200 NI	Not Hazardous
1 M perchloric acid solution, 10	HClO <sub>4</sub>	H290, H315, H319
mL in plastic bottle	nClO4	п290, п313, п319
0.00200 M iron(III) solution, 80	E <sub>2</sub> (III) 0 00200 M	Not hazardous
mL in plastic bottle	Fe(III) 0.00200 M	Not nazardous
0.000200 M iron(III) solution, 80	E-(III) 0 000200 M	N-411
mL in plastic bottle	Fe(III) 0.000200 M	Not hazardous
0.3% hydrogen peroxide solution, 3	шо	Not homendays
mL in amber glass bottle	$H_2O_2$	Not hazardous

Chemicals	Labeled as	GHS hazard statements
0.01 M iodine solution, 200 mL in amber glass bottle	$I_2$	H372
0.03 M sodium thiosulfate solution, 200 mL in plastic bottle	$Na_2S_2O_3$	Not hazardous
1 M NaOH solution, 55 mL in plastic bottle	NaOH	H290, H314
2.5 M sulfuric acid solution, 80 mL in plastic bottle	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	H290, H315, H319
0.5 M potassium iodide solution, 25 mL in plastic bottle	KI	H372
Potassium iodate, <i>ca</i> 100 mg (exact mass written on the label), in glass vial	KIO <sub>3</sub>	H272, H315, H319, H335
Starch solution, 25 mL in plastic bottle	Starch	Not hazardous

# Equipment For all problems

Personal equipment	Quantity
Pipette filler bulb	1
Safety goggles	1
1 L plastic bottle for organic waste, labeled "Organic waste"	1
Paper towels	15 sheets
Precision wipers	30 sheets
Spatula (large)	1
Spatula (small)	1
Stopwatch	1
Pencil	1
Eraser	1
Black pen	1
Felt-tip pen for glassware	1
Ruler	1

Shared equipment	Quantity
UV lamp for TLC visualisation	2 per lab
Colorimeter	5 per lab
Gloves	All sizes (S, M, L, XL) available
Gloves	upon request to a lab assistant
Ice bucket	1 per lab

Personal equipment	Quantity
Laboratory stand with:	1
- Clamp holder with small clamp	2
- Clamp holder with large clamp	1
Erlenmeyer (conical) flask with ground joint, 100 mL	1
Erlenmeyer (conical) flask with ground joint, 50 mL	1
Reflux condenser	1
Hotplate stirrer	1
Crystallising dish	1
Magnetic stirring bar	1
Suction flask	1
Büchner funnel with rubber adapter	1
Zipped bag with 3 pieces of filter paper	1
Petri dish	1
TLC elution chamber, labeled "TLC elution chamber"	1
Zipped bag with 3 TLC plates (with fluorescence	1
indicator), labeled with Student Code	1
TLC graduated spotters (in the Petri dish)	4
Plastic tweezers	1
Glass rod	1
Graduated cylinder, 25 mL	1
Beaker, 150 mL	2
Plastic powder funnel	1
Disposable plastic pipette	2

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Amber glass vial, for TLC sample, 1.5 mL, with stopper, labeled C and R	2
Pre-weighed amber glass vial, 10 mL, with stopper, labeled with <b>Student Code</b>	1
Magnetic stirring bar retriever	1

For problem P2

Personal equipment	Quantity
Volumetric pipette, 10 mL	1
Graduated pipette, 10 mL	3
Graduated pipette, 5 mL	3
Test tube stand	1
Test tube	15
Test tube stopper	7
Colorimeter cuvette, path length 1.0 cm	2
Beaker, 100 mL	2
Disposable plastic pipette	15

Personal equipment	Quantity
Laboratory stand with burette clamp	1
Burette, 25 mL	1
Glass transfer funnel	1
Erlenmeyer (conical) flask, 100 mL	3
Erlenmeyer (conical) flask, 250 mL	3
Beaker, 150 mL	1
Beaker, 100 mL	2
Volumetric flask, 100 mL, with stopper	1
Volumetric pipette, 50 mL	1
Volumetric pipette, 25 mL	1
Volumetric pipette, 20 mL	1
Graduated cylinder, 25 mL	1
Graduated cylinder, 10 mL	1
Graduated cylinder, 5 mL	1
Disposable plastic pipette	3
Parafilm	20 sheets

Problem	Question	Yield	Purity	TLC	P1.1	P1.2	Total
P1 13% of	Points	12	12	8	2	3	37
total	Score						

# Problem P1. Greening the oxidation of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde

For the last decades, chemists have tried to replace harmful reagents in oxidation processes in order to reduce hazardous waste treatment. In this problem, potassium peroxomonosulfate has been chosen as oxidising agent, because it only produces non-toxic and non-polluting sulfate salts. It is provided here as Oxone<sup>®</sup>.

Furthermore, the reaction itself is performed in a mixture of water and ethanol, which are classified as green solvents.

Your task is to perform the oxidation of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde, to recrystallise the product, to compare TLC eluents and to check the purity of the product using TLC.

Note: Ethanol waste and eluent must be disposed of in the "Organic waste" bottle.

#### **Procedure**

# I. Oxidation of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde

- 1. Mix 20 mL of water and 5 mL of ethanol.
- 2. <u>Insert</u> the magnetic bar in the 100 mL ground-joint Erlenmeyer (conical) flask.
- 3. <u>Transfer</u> the pre-weighed 1.51 g of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde into the Erlenmeyer (conical) flask. <u>Add</u> all of the water/ethanol mixture prepared previously. <u>Clamp</u> the Erlenmeyer (conical) flask to the stand. <u>Start stirring</u> the mixture, then <u>add</u> the pre-weighed 7.87 g of Oxone<sup>®</sup>.
- 4. <u>Attach</u> the reflux condenser by loosening the large clamp and adjusting the ground joints (see Figure 1). Raise your HELP card. A lab assistant will come to turn on the water and set the hotplate.
- 5. <u>Heat</u> the reaction mixture with a gentle reflux (*ca* 1 drop refluxing per second) for 45 minutes. The mark on the heater corresponds to the necessary power to get a gentle reflux.

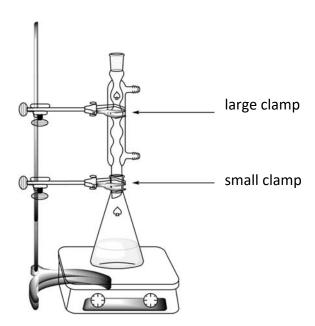


Figure 1. Setup for heating the reaction mixture under reflux

- 6. Then <u>turn off</u> the heating on the hotplate stirrer. <u>Remove</u> the hot plate and <u>let</u> the reaction mixture cool down for 10 minutes. <u>Place</u> it afterwards in the crystallising dish filled with an ice-water mixture. <u>Let</u> it stand for another 10 minutes.
- 7. <u>Set up</u> a vacuum filtration apparatus (see Figure 2) using a Büchner funnel, a filter paper and a suction flask, that is secured to the laboratory stand with a small clamp. <u>Raise</u> your HELP card. A lab assistant will come and show how to connect the suction flask to the vacuum source.

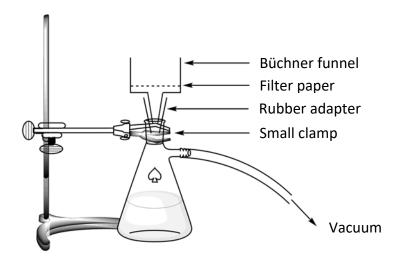


Figure 2. Setup for the vacuum filtration

- 8. Wet the filter paper with water and ensure that it covers all the holes of the Büchner funnel.
- 9. **Pour** the suspension of the crude product into the Büchner funnel and **apply** the vacuum. **Wash** the solid thoroughly with deionised water (at least 4×20 mL).
- 10. <u>Let</u> air suck through the precipitate for 5 minutes to pre-dry the product. <u>Disconnect</u> the vacuum source. <u>Use</u> the small spatula to transfer one tip of spatula of the product into the 1.5 mL amber glass vial, <u>labeled C</u>. <u>Close</u> the vial and <u>save</u> it for part III.
- 11. <u>Transfer</u> all of the remaining solid into the 50 mL ground-joint Erlenmeyer (conical) flask.
- 12. <u>Discard</u> the filtrate in the "Organic waste" bottle and <u>wash</u> both the suction flask and the Büchner funnel with ethanol and water. <u>Use</u> the "Organic waste" bottle to dispose of ethanol waste.

# II. Recrystallisation of the product

- 1. Mix 9 mL of water and 21 mL of ethanol.
- 2. <u>Perform</u> the recrystallisation of the crude product contained in the 50 mL ground-joint Erlenmeyer (conical) flask with the appropriate amount of this water/ethanol mixture, using the same setup as for the reflux heating (see Figure 1). <u>Raise</u> your HELP card. A lab assistant will come to turn on the water and set up the hotplate. <u>Add</u> the solvent through the top of the condenser.

- 3. Once the product has crystallised, <u>use</u> the same procedure as described previously (I.7 to I.10) to collect the solid. <u>Use</u> the small spatula to transfer one tip of spatula of the recrystallised product in the 1.5 mL amber glass vial, <u>labeled R</u>. <u>Close</u> the vial and <u>save</u> it for part III.
- 4. <u>Transfer</u> the purified solid into the pre-weighed vial labeled with your Student Code. <u>Close</u> the vial.
- 5. <u>Discard</u> the filtrate in the "Organic waste" bottle and <u>raise</u> your HELP card. A lab assistant will come to turn off the water of the condenser.

# III. TLC analysis

- 1. <u>Prepare the elution chamber.</u> <u>Load</u> the elution chamber with *ca* 0.5 cm in height of eluent A. Cover it with a Petri dish. <u>Wait</u> for the eluent to saturate the atmosphere in the elution chamber.
- 2. <u>Prepare your samples</u>. You are provided with a sample of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde in an amber glass vial labeled TLC **standard** (referred to as **S** on the TLC). You have also kept a small sample of your crude product (vial C) and your recrystallised product (vial R) in two other amber glass vials. <u>Add</u> *ca* 1 mL of ethanol in each of the vials in order to dissolve the samples.
- 3. <u>Prepare your TLC plate</u>. Use a pencil to <u>draw</u> carefully the start line (1 cm above the bottom of the plate) and <u>mark</u> the positions in order to spot the 3 samples. <u>Label</u> them S (Starting material), C (Crude product) and R (Recrystallised product), as described in Figure 3. On the top left of the plate, <u>write</u> your Student Code. On the top right of the plate, <u>write</u> the eluent you use (first Eluent A, then Eluent B). Spot the three samples on the plate, using capillary spotters.

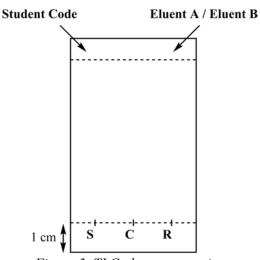
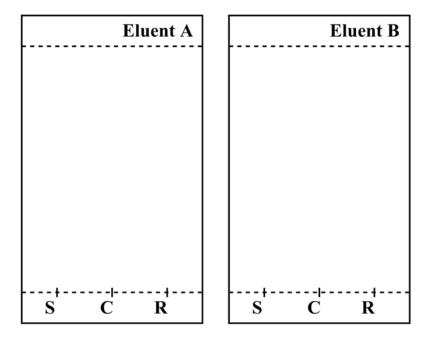


Figure 3. TLC plate preparation

- 4. **Perform the TLC analysis.** Using tweezers, **insert** the TLC plate into the elution chamber and **cover** it with the Petri dish. **Let** the eluent **reach** approximately 1 cm below the top of the plate. Using tweezers, **remove** the plate, mark the eluent front with a pencil and let the plate air-dry.
- 5. <u>Visualise the TLC plate.</u> Place the TLC plate under the UV lamp kept on the common bench. With a pencil, <u>circle</u> all the visible spots.
- 6. <u>Discard the eluent into the "Organic waste" bottle.</u>
- 7. **Repeat** steps 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 with eluent B.
- 8. **Place** your plates in the zipped bag with your Student Code.

Results of your TLC analysis (<u>complete</u> the schemes with your results). You may use these drawings to make a scheme of your TLC plates that may help you answer the following questions. The scheme will not be graded.



At the end of the examination, your lab supervisor will pick up the following items:

- Glass vial labeled with your **Student Code** containing your recrystallised product;
- TLC plates A and B in zipped bag labeled with your **Student Code**.

Submitted items				
Recrystallised product				
TLC plate A				
TLC plate B				
Signatures	Student	_	Lab Supervisor	_

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# Questions

1. Oxon	<b>Propose</b> a structure for the final organic product from the reaction of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde and e <sup>®</sup> .
2.	Based on your results on the TLC analysis, <u>answer</u> the following questions.
•	Which eluent is better to follow the reaction progress?
$\Box \mathbf{A}$	□ <b>B</b>
•	The crude product (C) contains traces of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde.
□ Tr	ue     False
•	The recrystallised product (R) contains traces of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde.
□ Tr	ue 🗆 False

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Problem P2	Question	Calibration	Iron determination	P2.1	P2.2	P2.3	Stoichiometry determination	P2.4	P2.5	Total
14% of	Points	10	6	3	4	3	9	3	2	40
total	Score									

# Problem P2. The iron age of wine

Iron is an element which can naturally be found in wine. When its concentration exceeds 10 to 15 mg per litre, iron(II) oxidation into iron(III) may lead to quality loss, through the formation of precipitates. It is therefore necessary to assess the iron content of the wine during its production.

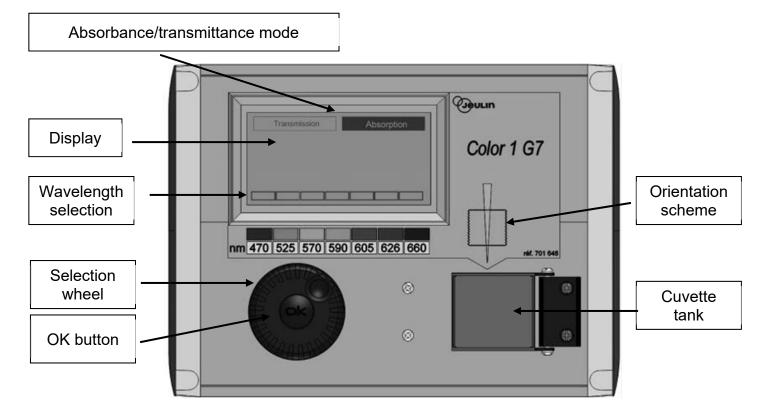
Given the very low concentration of iron species, a coloured complex of iron(III) with thiocyanate SCN<sup>-</sup> as a ligand is used to quantify the iron amount, through spectrophotometric measurements.

Your task is to determine the total iron concentration of the white wine provided, using spectrophotometry, and to determine the stoichiometry of the thiocyanate – iron(III) complex.

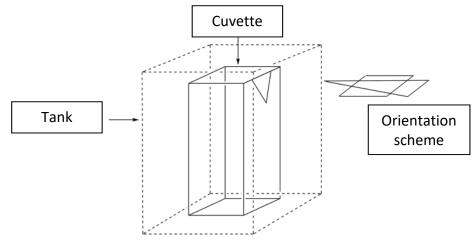
#### WARNING

- In this task, you are provided with two iron(III) solutions and two potassium thiocyanate solutions of different concentrations. Be very careful not to confuse them.
- Once the solutions are ready for spectrophotometric measurements, record the absorbance no later than one hour after the addition of thiocyanate.
- When you need a colorimeter, raise your HELP card. A lab assistant will give you a colorimeter labeled. You will have the exclusive use of this colorimeter for up to 15 minutes. The lab assistant will take it back as soon as you have finished or when the 15 minutes are over. If no colorimeter is available at the precise moment, you will be added to a waiting-list.
- Instructions for the colorimeter are presented on the following page.
- You can call for the colorimeter only three times for this problem.

# Instructions for the use of the colorimeter



- Plug in the colorimeter.
- Check that "Absorbance" is highlighted. If not, turn the selection wheel until a dashed line appears around "Absorption" and then press the OK button.
- Turn the selection wheel until a dashed line appears around the desired wavelength (470 nm). Press the OK button.
- Place the cuvette with ca 3 cm in height of the blank solution in the tank. Be careful to choose the correct orientation (look at the orientation scheme on the colorimeter; the beam is in the direction of the yellow arrow, see figure below), and ensure to push the cuvette fully down to its final position. Close the lid.
- Turn the selection wheel until a dashed line appears around "Absorbance" and then press the OK button. Using the selection wheel, highlight "Calibration" and press the OK button.
- Wait until the display reads 0.00 (or -0.00).
- Place the cuvette with ca 3 cm in height of the analysed solution in the tank. Close the lid.
- Read the absorbance value.



# I. Determination of the iron content in the wine

In this part, you will need the 0.000200 M iron(III) solution and the 1 M potassium thiocyanate solution.

# **Procedure**

3. **Prepare** 6 tubes by adding to each tube the required volumes of the provided solutions, as described in the table below.

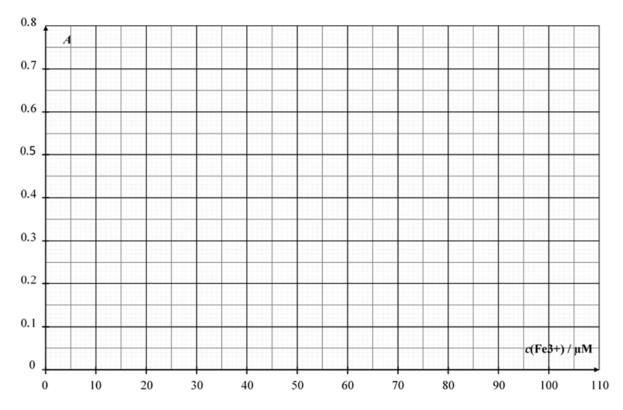
Tube #	1	2	3	4	5	6
0.000200 M iron(III) solution	1.0 mL	2.0 mL	4.0 mL	6.0 mL		
1 M perchloric acid solution	1.0 mL	1.0 mL				
Wine					10.0 mL	10.0 mL
Hydrogen peroxide solution					0.5 mL	0.5 mL
Deionised water	9.5 mL	8.5 mL	6.5 mL	4.5 mL		1.0 mL

- 4. **Stopper** the tubes and **homogenise**.
- 5. <u>Add</u> 1.0 mL of 1 M potassium thiocyanate solution into tubes 1, 2 3, 4 and 5. Do **not** add this reagent into tube 6. <u>Stopper</u> and <u>homogenise</u>.
- 6. When all the tubes are ready, <u>raise</u> your HELP card to get a colorimeter from a lab assistant.
- 7. <u>Prepare</u> the colorimeter using the procedure described previously (see page 16). <u>Set</u> the wavelength at 470 nm. <u>Use</u> deionised water for the blank.
- 8. <u>Record</u> the absorbance of each tube (1 to 6) at this wavelength. <u>Report</u> the results in the following table. <u>Raise</u> your HELP card to return the colorimeter.

Tube #	1	2	3	4	5	6
Absorbance (at 470 nm)						
Analytical concentration of Fe <sup>3+</sup> in the tube $c(\text{Fe}^{3+}) / \mu\text{M}$	16	32	64	96		
Colorimeter code						

# **Questions**

**Plot** the absorbance A of tubes 1 to 4 as a function of the analytical concentration c of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in the tube.



• In the following table, enter the data you will use for your calibration curve.

Tube #	1	2	3	4
Absorbance values used for the calibration curve				

Using the previous plot and the data you have chosen, <u>draw</u> the calibration straight line on 2. the previous plot and <u>determine</u> the analytical concentration c (in  $\mu$ mol L<sup>-1</sup>) of Fe<sup>3+</sup> in tube 5.

 $c(Fe^{3+})_{TUBE\ 5} = \underline{\mu mol\ L^{-1}}$ If you could not calculate  $c(Fe^{3+})$ , the value  $\overline{c(Fe^{3+})} = 50\ \mu mol\ L^{-1}$  can be used in the rest of the problem.

3.	<u>Calculate</u> the mass concentration $c_m$ , in mg per litre, of iron in the studied white wine.
	$c_{\rm m}({\rm iron}) = \underline{\qquad \qquad} {\rm mg} \ {\rm L}^{-1}$

# II. Determination of the complex stoichiometry

In this part, you will need the 0.00200 M iron(III) solution and the 0.00200 M potassium thiocyanate solution.

### **Procedure**

In part I of this problem, we use the colour of the iron(III)-thiocyanate complex to determine the concentration of iron in the sample of wine. Part II of this problem aims at investigating the stoichiometry of the  $[Fe_a(SCN)_b]^{(3a-b)+}$  complex (coordination of water is not shown), where a and b are integers not greater than 3.

You are provided with the following aqueous solutions for this part:

- 0.00200 M iron(III) solution (already acidified) (80 mL)
- 0.00200 M potassium thiocyanate solution (80 mL)

You also have test tubes (with stoppers that you can wash and dry), graduated pipettes, a spectrophotometer cuvette, a colorimeter (upon request), and any other labware on your bench that you think useful.

1. <u>Fill</u> the rows of the following table with volume values that will allow you to determine the stoichiometry of the complex, by spectrophotometric measurements. *You don't have to fill all the columns*. <u>Calculate</u> the molar fraction of iron(III) in each tube, using the following formula and enter your data in the table.

$$x(Fe^{3+}) = \frac{V_{Fe(III)}}{V_{Fe(III)} + V_{SCN^{-}}}$$

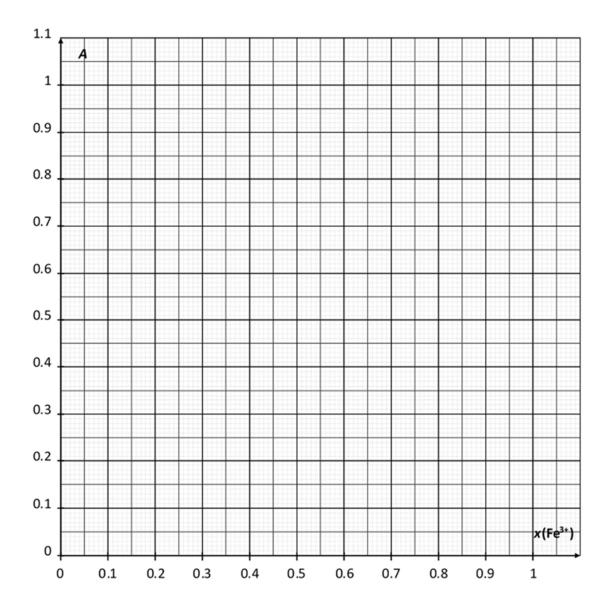
Tube #	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Volume of 0.00200 M iron(III) solution V <sub>Fe(III)</sub> / mL									
Volume of 0.00200 M potassium thiocyanate solution $V_{\rm SCN-}$ / mL									
Molar fraction in iron(III) $x(Fe^{3+})$									
Absorbance (at 470 nm)									
Colorimeter code									

- 2. <u>Prepare</u> the tubes. When all the tubes are ready, <u>raise</u> your HELP card to get a colorimeter from a lab assistant.
- 3. <u>Prepare</u> the colorimeter using the procedure described previously (see page 16). <u>Set</u> the wavelength at 470 nm. <u>Use</u> deionised water for the blank.

4. **Record** the absorbance of each tube at this wavelength. **Report** the results in the previous table.

# **Questions**

4. **Plot** the absorbance A of the tubes as a function of the molar fraction of iron(III)  $x(Fe^{3+})$ .



5. Based on the results of the experiments you carried out, <u>determine</u> the stoichiometry of the complex  $[Fe_a(SCN)_b]^{(3a-b)+}$ .

*a* = \_\_\_\_\_\_ *b* = \_\_\_\_\_

Problem P3	Question	Titration I	Titration II	Titration III	P3.1	P3.2	P3.3	P3.4	P3.5	Total
13% of	Points	10	10	8	4	4	2	2	2	42
total	Score									

# Problem P3. Wine for keeping

Sulfur dioxide,  $SO_2$ , is used as a preservative in wine. When  $SO_2$  is added to wine, it can react with water leading to bisulfite ions,  $HSO_3^-$ , and protons,  $H^+$ . Bisulfite can also be converted to sulfite,  $SO_3^{2-}$ , by the loss of a second proton.

$$SO_2 + H_2O = H^+ + HSO_3^-$$
  
 $HSO_3^- = H^+ + SO_3^{2-}$ 

These three different forms of sulfur dioxide in water can react with chemicals in wine such as acetaldehyde, pigments, sugars, etc. forming products P. The total concentration of sulfur dioxide is the sum of the concentration of the "free" forms (SO<sub>2</sub>, HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>) and P.

The preservative concentration is regulated because sulfites and sulfur dioxide can be harmful to some people. In the EU, the maximum total sulfur dioxide content is set at  $100 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$  for red wine and  $150 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$  for white or rosé wine.

Your task is to determine the total sulfur dioxide concentration of the white wine provided by iodometric titration.

#### **Procedure**

### I. Standardisation of the sodium thiosulfate solution

- 1. You are given a sample of *ca* 100 mg of pure potassium iodate KIO<sub>3</sub>. The exact mass is written on the label of the vial. **Report** it in the table below.
- 2. <u>Prepare</u> 100 mL of potassium iodate solution in the 100 mL volumetric flask, using the whole sample of solid potassium iodate and deionised water. This solution is called **S**.
- 3. In a 100 mL Erlenmeyer (conical) flask, add:
- 20 mL of solution S with a volumetric pipette;
- 5 mL of the potassium iodide solution (0.5 M), using a 5 mL graduated cylinder;
- 10 mL of the sulfuric acid solution (2.5 M) with a 10 mL graduated cylinder.
- 4. **Swirl** the Erlenmeyer (conical) flask, **cover** it with Parafilm and **keep** it in the cupboard for at least five minutes.
- 5. <u>Fill</u> the burette with the provided thiosulfate solution using a beaker. <u>Titrate</u> the content of the Erlenmeyer (conical) flask with constant swirling. When the liquid turns pale yellow, <u>add</u> ten drops of the starch solution and <u>keep titrating</u> until the solution becomes colourless. <u>Record</u> the titration volume  $V_1$ .
- 6. **Repeat** the procedure (steps 3-5) as needed.

Mass of potassium iodate (report the value on the label)	

Analysis n°	$V_1$ / $\mathrm{mL}$
1	
2	
3	
Reported value V <sub>1</sub> / mL	

# II. Standardisation of the iodine solution

- 1. With a volumetric pipette,  $\underline{transfer}$  25 mL of the iodine solution labeled  $I_2$  into a 100 mL Erlenmeyer (conical) flask.
- 2. <u>Titrate</u> the content of the Erlenmeyer (conical) flask with the sodium thiosulfate solution. When the liquid turns pale yellow, <u>add</u> ten drops of the starch solution and <u>keep titrating</u> until the solution becomes colourless. <u>Record</u> the titration volume  $V_2$ .
- 3. **Repeat** the procedure (steps 1-2) as needed.

Analysis n°	$V_2$ / $\mathrm{mL}$
1	
2	
3	
Reported value V <sub>2</sub> / mL	

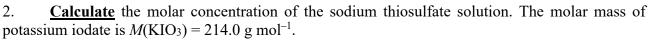
# III. Determination of total sulfur dioxide

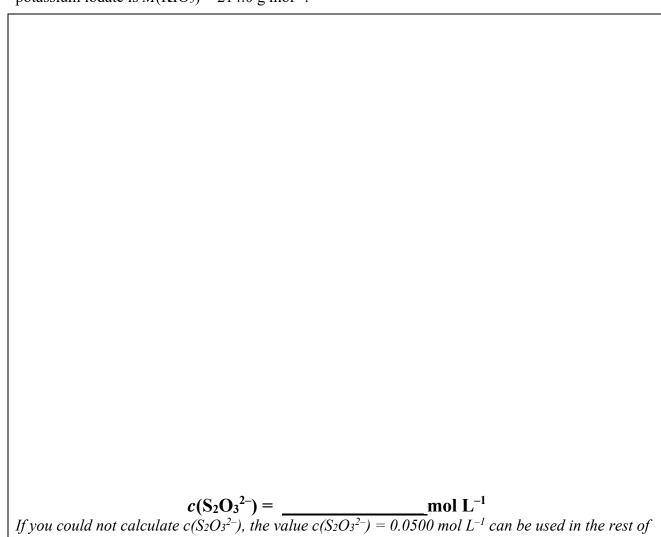
- 1. With a volumetric pipette, <u>transfer</u> 50 mL of wine into a 250 mL Erlenmeyer (conical) flask.
- 2. <u>Add</u> 12 mL of the sodium hydroxide solution (1 M), with a 25 mL graduated cylinder. <u>Cover</u> the flask with Parafilm, <u>swirl</u> the contents then let it stand for at least 20 minutes.
- 3. <u>Add</u> 5 mL of the sulfuric acid solution (2.5 M), and ca 2 mL of starch solution using a graduated disposable plastic pipette.
- 4. <u>Titrate</u> the content of the Erlenmeyer (conical) flask with the iodine solution in the burette, until a dark colour appears and persists for at least 15 seconds. <u>Record</u> the titration volume  $V_3$ .
- 5. **Repeat** the procedure (steps 1-4) as needed.

Analysis n°	V <sub>3</sub> / mL
1	
2	
3	
Reported value V <sub>3</sub> / mL	

# Questions

Write down the balanced equations of all the reactions occurring during the standardisation of the sodium thiosulfate solution.		





the problem.

3. <u>Calculate</u> the molar concentration of the iodine solution.		
$c(I_2) = \underline{\qquad} \text{mol } L^{-1}$ If you could not calculate $c(I_2)$ , the value $c(I_2) = 0.00700$ mol $L^{-1}$ can be used in the rest of the		
If you could not calculate $c(I_2)$ , the value $c(I_2) = 0.00700$ mol $L^{-I}$ can be used in the rest of the problem.		
4. <u>Write down</u> the balanced equation of the reaction between iodine I <sub>2</sub> and sulfur dioxide SO <sub>2</sub> assuming that sulfur dioxide is oxidised into sulfate ions SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> .		
5. <u>Calculate</u> the mass concentration, in mg per litre, of total sulfur dioxide in the wine. The molar mass of sulfur dioxide is $M(SO_2) = 64.1 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ .		
$c_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathrm{SO}_{2}) = \underline{\qquad } \mathrm{mg} \ \mathrm{L}^{-1}$		

# **PENALTIES**

Incident #	Student signature	Lab supervisor signature
1 (no penalty)		
2		
3		
4		
5		