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**Determination of ratio of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  in mixture**

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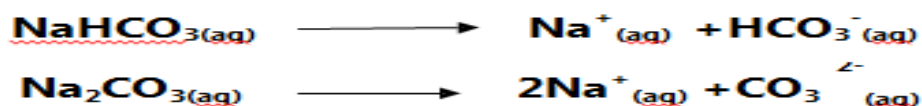
# Experiment

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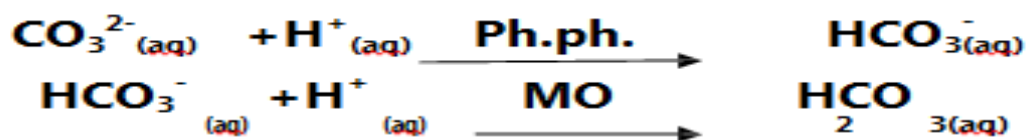
#### Theory

In this experiment, we have two analytes in our sample; Sodium Bicarbonate and Sodium Carbonate. Both of these Sodium salts are water soluble and ionize upon solvation in Water:

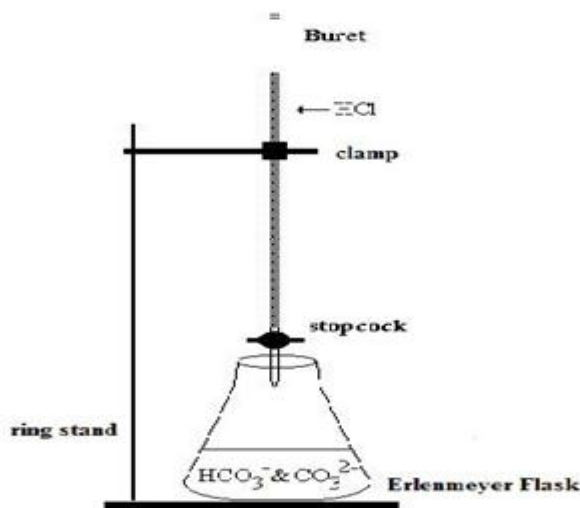


The resulting Bicarbonate ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ) and Carbonate ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) ions are both basic.

Hence, they will react with a strong acid such as hydrochloric acid (HCl), which itself ionizes into  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$  in Water.



Therefore, an acid such as HCl can serve as the titrant for our titration



Because we have two analytes,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ , we will need two different indicators, one to indicate the end point for the reaction between  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  and the other to indicate the end point for the reaction between  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ . The indicator phenolphthalein will serve as an endpoint indicator for the former reaction and methyl orange will indicate the end point for the latter.

We will add acid to a solution of our sample until the acid completely reacts with the Carbonate ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) present to form bicarbonate ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ). The number equivalent carbonate present can be determined from the volume and normality of the acid added at 1st End Pt;

$$\text{No. eq. CO}_3^{2-} = (1 \text{ eq. CO}_3^{2-} / 1 \text{ eq. H}^+) \times N_{\text{HCl}} \times V_{\text{HCl}}$$

The endpoint of this reaction can be detected because the Acid-Base Indicator phenolphthalein will change colour from pink to colourless at the pH prevailing when this reaction is complete. After this endpoint is reached, the acid will begin reacting with the Bicarbonate just generated and the bicarbonate present in the initial sample. And, again, knowing the volume and normality of the added acid, we can determine the number equivalent bicarbonate: 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> End Pt;

$$\text{No. eq HCO}_3^- \text{ Total} = (1 \text{ eq. HCO}_3^- / 1 \text{ eq. H}^+) \times N_{\text{HCl}} \times V_{\text{HCl}}$$

## Materials and Apparatus

1. Phenol phthalein indicator,
2. Methyl orange indicator
3. Standard 0.1N, a mixture of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,
4. Distilled water,
5. Small beaker, burette and pipette, standard burette clamp, conical

flask

## 6. Procedure

- 1- Fill the burette with 0.1N HCl standard solution
- 2- Pipette 10 mL of mixture ( $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) into conical flask and add one drop of ph.ph. indicator and the pink solution is obtained.
- 3- Titrate with 0.1 N HCl until the solution becomes colourless. Record the volume of HCl ( $V_1$ ).
- 4- Add one drop of methyl orange indicator and yellow solution is obtained.
- 5- Continue titration with 0.1 N HCl until the colour of the solution changes to orange colour. Record the volume of HCl ( $V_2$ ).
- 6- Repeat this procedure twice more.

## Results and Calculations

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{HCl} \equiv \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \\ N_1V_1 = N_2V_2 \\ \\ N_1 \times 2V_1 = 10 \times \frac{\text{Wt}}{53} \times \frac{1000}{V} \end{array}$$

*$V_1$ : the volume of HCl that equivalent half of carbonate*

*$V_2$ : the volume of HCl that equivalent of carbonate+bicarbonate*

*$2V_1$ : volume of acid equal to all carbonate*

*$V_2 - V_1$ : volume of acid equal to all bicarbonate*

<b>Exp . No.</b>	<b>Volume from burette (mL)</b>	<b>Intial reading</b>	<b>V1 (mL)</b>	<b>V2 (mL)</b>	<b>V2-V1</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>				
<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>				
<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>				

