

## Question

Calculate  $\Lambda_m^\circ$  for  $\text{CaCl}_2$  and  $\text{MgSO}_4$  from the given data

$\rho_m$	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$
$\rho$ ( $\text{Scm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ )	119	106	76.3	160.0

## Answer

By Kohlrausch law:

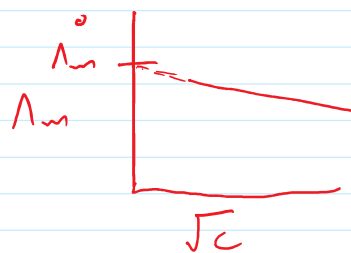
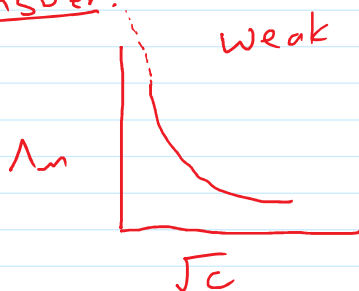
$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_m^\circ(\text{CaCl}_2) &= \lambda_{\text{Ca}^{2+}}^\circ + 2\lambda_{\text{Cl}^-}^\circ \\ &= 119 + 2 \times 76.3 \\ &= 271.6 \text{ Scm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_m^\circ(\text{MgSO}_4) &= \lambda_{\text{Mg}^{2+}}^\circ + \lambda_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}^\circ \\ &= 106 + 160 \\ &= 266 \text{ Scm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

## Question

$\Lambda_m^\circ$  for  $\text{NaCl}$ ,  $\text{HCl}$  and  $\text{NaAc}$  are 126.4, 425.9 and 91.0  $\text{Scm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$  respectively. Calculate  $\Lambda_m^\circ$  for  $\text{HAc}$ .

## Answer:



By Kohlrausch law:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda_m^\circ(\text{HAc}) &= \lambda_{\text{H}^+}^\circ + \lambda_{\text{Ac}^-}^\circ \\
&= (\lambda_{\text{H}^+}^\circ + \lambda_{\text{Cl}^-}^\circ) + (\lambda_{\text{Ac}^-}^\circ + \lambda_{\text{Na}^+}^\circ) - \lambda_{\text{Cl}^-}^\circ - \lambda_{\text{Na}^+}^\circ \\
&= \Lambda_m^\circ(\text{HCl}) + \Lambda_m^\circ(\text{NaAc}) - \Lambda_m^\circ(\text{NaCl}) \\
&= 425.9 + 91.0 - 126.4 \\
&= 390.5 \text{ Scm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Question

Suggest a way to determine  $\Lambda_m^\circ$  value of water.

Answer:

By Kohlrausch law:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda_m^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O}) &= \lambda_{\text{H}^+}^\circ + \lambda_{\text{OH}^-}^\circ \\
&= (\lambda_{\text{H}^+}^\circ + \lambda_{\text{Cl}^-}^\circ) + (\lambda_{\text{OH}^-}^\circ + \lambda_{\text{Na}^+}^\circ) - (\lambda_{\text{Na}^+}^\circ + \lambda_{\text{Cl}^-}^\circ) \\
&= \Lambda_m^\circ(\text{HCl}) + \Lambda_m^\circ(\text{NaOH}) - \Lambda_m^\circ(\text{NaCl})
\end{aligned}$$

HCl, NaOH, NaCl are strong electrolytes, hence their molar conductivity at infinite dilution can be experimentally determined. By knowing these values,  $\Lambda_m^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  can be calculated.

Question

The molar conductivity of  $0.025 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  methanoic acid is  $46.1 \text{ Scm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . Calculate its degree of dissociation and dissociation constant. Given  $\lambda^\circ(\text{H}^+) = 349.6 \text{ Scm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  and  $\lambda^\circ(\text{HCOO}^-) = 54.6 \text{ Scm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ .

Answer:

By Kohlrausch law:

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_m^\circ(\text{HCOOH}) &= \Lambda_m^\circ(\text{H}^+) + \Lambda_m^\circ(\text{HCOO}^-) \\ &= 349.6 + 54.6 \\ &= 404.2 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\Lambda_m}{\Lambda_m^\circ} = \frac{46.1}{404.2} = 0.114$$

$$K_a = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} = \frac{0.025 \times (0.114)^2}{(1-0.114)} = 3.67 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$$