

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ mg/L} &= 1 \text{ mg of CaCO}_3 \text{ equivalent per } 10^6 \text{ mL of water} \\ &= 1 \text{ part of CaCO}_3 \text{ equivalent per } 10^6 \text{ parts of water} \\ &= 1 \text{ ppm} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, mathematically both the units are equal.

**3. Degree French ( $^{\circ}\text{Fr}$ ) :** It is defined as the number of parts of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent present per  $10^5$  parts of water.

$$1^{\circ}\text{Fr} = 1 \text{ part of CaCO}_3 \text{ equivalent hardness per } 10^5 \text{ parts of water}$$

**4. Degree Clark ( $^{\circ}\text{Cl}$ ) :** It is the number of grains  $\left(\frac{1}{7000} \text{ lb}\right)$   $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent present in one gallon (10 lbs or 70,000 grains) of water

Always remember that,

$$1 \text{ lb} = 7000 \text{ grains and one gallon} = 70,000 \text{ grains}$$

It is defined as the number of parts of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent hardness present per 70,000 parts of water.

$$1^{\circ}\text{Cl} = 1 \text{ part of CaCO}_3 \text{ equivalent hardness per } 70,000 \text{ parts of water.}$$

#### Relationship among various units of hardness

$$1 \text{ ppm} = 1 \text{ mg/L} = 0.1^{\circ}\text{Fr} = 0.07^{\circ}\text{Cl}$$

The above relation can be derived as follows:

We know that,  $1 \text{ ppm} = 1 \text{ part per } 10,00,000 \text{ parts of water}$

$$1^{\circ}\text{Cl} = 1 \text{ part per } 70,000 \text{ parts of water}$$

$$1^{\circ}\text{Fr} = 1 \text{ part per } 1,00,000 \text{ parts of water}$$

$$\therefore 10,00,000 \text{ ppm} = 70,000^{\circ}\text{Cl} = 1,00,000^{\circ}\text{Fr}$$

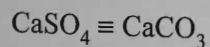
$$\text{or } 110 \text{ ppm} = 7^{\circ}\text{Cl} = 10^{\circ}\text{Fr}$$

$$\text{or } 1 \text{ ppm} = 0.07^{\circ}\text{Cl} = 0.1^{\circ}\text{Fr}$$

#### Degree of hardness

It is the parts of calcium carbonate equivalent hardness in a definite number of parts depending upon the units in which hardness is expressed.

**Example 4:** A water sample contains 204 mg of  $\text{CaSO}_4/\text{L}$ . Calculate the hardness in terms of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent.



$$136 \text{ g mol}^{-1} \equiv 100 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore 136 \text{ mg/L of CaSO}_4 = 100 \text{ mg/L of CaCO}_3 \text{ equivalent}$$

$$\text{or } 204 \text{ mg/L of CaSO}_4 = \frac{100 \times 204}{136} \text{ mg/L of CaCO}_3 \text{ equivalent} = 150 \text{ mg/L}$$

$$\therefore \text{Hardness} = 150 \text{ mg/L or } 150 \text{ ppm}$$

**Example 5:** Calculate the temporary hardness, permanent magnesium hardness, total permanent hardness and total hardness in terms of calcium carbonate equivalents in a water sample containing following dissolved salts per litre: Calcium bicarbonate (12.2 mg), magnesium bicarbonate (8.2 mg); magnesium sulphate (5.6 mg), magnesium chloride (6.2 mg), calcium sulphate (10.3 mg) and sodium sulphate (7.5 mg). Given that atomic weight of Mg = 24 amu, Ca = 40 amu, S = 32 amu, O = 16 amu, Cl = 35.5 amu and C = 12 amu.

**Solution:** The hardness of different salts in terms of calcium carbonate equivalent is:

- (a)  $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$  : 12.2 mg/l of  $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 12.2 \times \frac{100}{162} = 7.53$  mg/l of  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- (b)  $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$  : 8.2 mg/l of  $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 8.2 \times \frac{100}{146} = 5.61$  mg/l of  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- (c)  $\text{MgSO}_4$  : 5.6 mg/l of  $\text{MgSO}_4 = 5.6 \times \frac{100}{120} = 4.67$  mg/l of  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- (d)  $\text{MgCl}_2$  : 6.2 mg/l of  $\text{MgCl}_2 = 6.2 \times \frac{100}{95} = 6.52$  mg/l of  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- (e)  $\text{CaSO}_4$  : 10.3 mg/l of  $\text{CaSO}_4 = 10.3 \times \frac{100}{136} = 7.57$  mg/l of  $\text{CaCO}_3$

Sodium sulphate does not contribute to the hardness of water. Therefore, using the above values we get

- (a) Temporary hardness is caused by bicarbonates of calcium and magnesium = 7.53 + 5.61 = 13.14 mg/l.
- (b) Permanent magnesium hardness is due to magnesium chloride and magnesium sulphate = 4.67 + 6.52 = 11.19 mg/l.
- (c) Total permanent hardness is permanent magnesium hardness + permanent calcium hardness (due to  $\text{CaSO}_4$ ) = 11.19 + 7.57 = 18.76 mg/l.
- (d) Total hardness = temporary hardness + permanent hardness = 13.14 + 18.76 = 31.9 mg/l.

**Example 6:** Calculate temporary hardness and permanent hardness of a sample of water which analysis is found to contain the following data:

- $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 16.2$  mg/L
- $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 7.3$  mg/L
- $\text{MgCl}_2 = 9.5$  mg/L
- $\text{CaSO}_4 = 13.6$  mg/L

**Solution:**

- (i) Calculation for  $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$   
 Given mass of  $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 16.2$  mg/L  
 Molecular mass of  $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2 = 162$

$$\text{Hardness in terms of } \text{CaCO}_3 \text{ equivalent} = \frac{16.2 \times 100}{162} = 10 \text{ mg/L}$$

(ii) Calculation for  $Mg(HCO_3)_2$

Given mass of  $Mg(HCO_3)_2 = 7.3 \text{ mg/L}$

Molecular mass of  $Mg(HCO_3)_2 = 126$

$$\text{Hardness in terms of } CaCO_3 \text{ equivalent} = \frac{7.3 \times 100}{126} = 5.0 \text{ mg/L}$$

(iii) Calculation for  $MgCl_2$

Given mass of  $MgCl_2 = 95 \text{ mg/L}$

Molecular weight of  $MgCl_2 = 95$

$$\text{Hardness in terms of } CaCO_3 \text{ equivalent} = \frac{9.5 \times 100}{95} = 10 \text{ mg/L}$$

(iv) Calculation of  $CaSO_4$

Given mass of  $CaSO_4 = 13.6 \text{ mg/L}$

Equivalent weight of  $CaSO_4 = 68$

Hardness in terms of  $CaCO_3$  equivalent = 10 mg/L

Temporary hardness in terms of  $CaCO_3$  equivalent

$$= \text{Hardness due to the carbonate ions} = 15 \text{ mg/L} = 15 \text{ ppm}$$

Permanent hardness in terms of  $CaCO_3$  equivalent

$$= \text{Hardness due to } Cl, SO_4^2- = 20 \text{ mg/L} = 20 \text{ ppm}$$

## ALKALINITY AND ITS DETERMINATION

The alkalinity of natural water is ordinarily due to presence of carbonates, bicarbonates and hydroxides. While the softened water may contain calcium hydroxide and sodium carbonate, during the process of softening. Thus alkalinity of water can be considered mainly due to the presence of hydroxide, carbonate and bicarbonate ions.

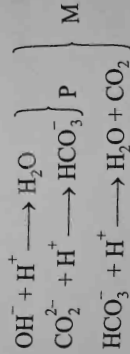
Hydroxide

(ii) Carbonates

Bicarbonates

The alkalinity of water can be estimated separately by titration against standard acids. The indicators used for detecting end points are phenolphthalein and methyl orange.

The reactions can be represented by the following equations:



Phenolphthalein is used as indicator, reaction (i) and (ii) takes place. Methyl orange is used as indicator for the neutralization of  $HCO_3^-$ . The end point corresponds to the neutralization of  $HCO_3^-$  to  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$ . It means that at phenolphthalein end point, the  $OH^-$  ions are completely neutralized, i.e., from  $CO_3^{2-}$  to  $HCO_3^-$  stage. When methyl orange is used as indicator, the end point corresponds to the neutralization of  $HCO_3^-$  to  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$ .

5. When  $P < \frac{1}{2} M$ , then alkalinity of the solution is due to  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  ions.

$$\text{Alkalinity due to } \text{CO}_3^{2-} = 2P$$

$$\therefore \text{Alkalinity due to } \text{HCO}_3^- = (M - 2P)$$

**Example 7:** 100 mL of a water sample consumed 20 mL of 0.01 N HCl in the absence of phenolphthalein indicator. The resulting solution consumed another 10 mL of the same acid in the presence of orange indicator. Calculate the various types of alkalinities present in the above alkaline water in ppm as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent.

**Solution:** Volume of acid consumed in case of phenolphthalein indicator = 20 mL

Volume of acid consumed in case of methyl orange indicator = 30 mL

Here,  $P = 20$  mL and  $M = 30$  mL

Therefore,  $P > \frac{1}{2} M$

Hence, alkalinity is due to presence of  $\text{OH}^-$  and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ .

**Calculation of alkalinity due to  $\text{OH}^-$  in terms of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent**

Volume of acid used =  $2P - M = (2 \times 20) - 30$  mL = 10 mL

Applying normality equation

$$N_1 V_1 = N_2 V_2$$

(Water)                      (Acid)

$$N_1 \times 100 = \frac{1}{100} \times 10 \quad \text{or} \quad N_1 = \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{10}{100}$$

Therefore, alkalinity due to  $\text{OH}^- = \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{1}{100} \times 50 \times 1000$  mg/L ( $\because$  Eq. wt. of  $\text{CaCO}_3 = 50$  ppm)

**Calculation of alkalinity due to  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  in terms of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent**

Volume of acid used =  $2(M - P) = 2(30 - 20)$  mL = 20 mL

Applying normality equation,

$$N_1 V_1 = N_2 V_2$$

(Water)                      (Acid)

$$N_1 \times 100 = \frac{1}{100} \times 20 \quad \text{or} \quad N_1 = \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{20}{100}$$

Therefore, alkalinity due to  $\text{CO}_3^{2-} = \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{20}{100} \times 50 \times 1000$  mg/L ( $\because$  Eq. wt. of  $\text{CaCO}_3 = 50$  ppm)

**Example 8:** A water sample responds to both phenolphthalein and methyl orange indicators. This water sample consumes 15.7 mL of N/20 HCl solution upto phenolphthalein indicator. The resulting solution is titrated in the presence of methyl orange and consumes another 2.3 mL of the same acid. Calculate the various types of alkalinities present in the alkaline water in ppm as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent.

**Solution:** Volume of acid consumed in case of phenolphthalein indicator = 15.7 mL

Volume of acid consumed in case of methyl orange indicator =  $15.7 + 2.3 = 18$  mL

$$P = 15.7 \text{ ml}$$

$$M = 18.0 \text{ ml}$$

Here,

$$P > \frac{1}{2} M$$

Since  $\frac{1}{2} M$  alkalinity is due to presence of  $\text{OH}^-$  and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ .

**Calculation of alkalinity due to  $\text{OH}^-$  in terms of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent**

Volume of acid used =  $2P - M = (2 \times 15.7) - 18.0 \text{ ml} = 13.4 \text{ ml}$

Applying normality equation,

$$\frac{N_1 V_1}{(\text{Water})} = \frac{N_2 V_2}{(\text{Acid})}$$

$$N_1 \times 100 = \frac{1}{20} \times 13.4 \quad \text{or} \quad N_1 = \frac{1}{20} \times \frac{13.4}{100}$$

Therefore, alkalinity due to  $\text{OH}^-$

$$= \frac{1}{20} \times \frac{13.4}{100} \times 50 \times 1000 \text{ mg/L} \quad (\because \text{Eq. wt of CaCO}_3 = 50)$$

$$= 335 \text{ ppm.}$$

**Calculation of alkalinity due to  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  in terms of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  equivalent**

Volume of acid used =  $2(M - P) = 2(18 - 15.7) \text{ ml} = 2 \times 2.3 \text{ ml} = 4.6 \text{ ml}$

Applying normality equation,

$$\frac{N_1 V_1}{(\text{Water})} = \frac{N_2 V_2}{(\text{Acid})}$$

$$N_1 \times 100 = \frac{1}{20} \times 4.6 \quad \text{or} \quad N_1 = \frac{1}{20} \times \frac{4.6}{100}$$

$$\text{Therefore, alkalinity due to } \text{CO}_3^{2-} = \frac{1}{20} \times \frac{4.6}{100} \times 50 \times 1000 \text{ mg/L} \quad (\because \text{Eq. wt. of CaCO}_3 = 50)$$

$$= 115 \text{ ppm}$$

**Example 9:** 100 ml of water sample required 4 ml of  $\frac{1}{50} \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  for neutralization to phenolphthalein endpoint. Another 1.6 ml of same acid was needed for further titration to methyl orange endpoint. Determine the type and amount of alkalinity.

Solution:

$$P = 4 \text{ ml, and } M = 4 + 16 = 20 \text{ ml}$$

Here,

$$P < \frac{1}{2} M,$$

$\therefore$  Alkalinity is due to the presence of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$

The volume of acid in  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  type =  $2P$  and volume of acid  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  type =  $M - 2P$

For  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  alkalinity,

$$\frac{N_1 V_1}{(\text{Water})} = \frac{N_2 V_2}{(\text{Acid})}$$