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Empirical Formula

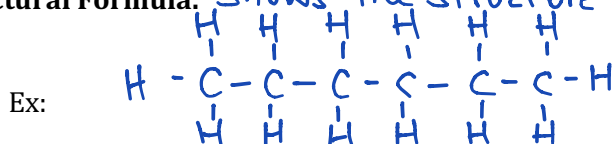
Molecular Formula: Identifies the # of each type of atom

Ex: hexane C_6H_{14}

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

Ex: hexane C_3H_7

Structural Formula: Shows the structure of the molecule



Molecular Formula	Empirical Formula
$P_4O_{10} \div 2$	P_2O_5
$C_{10}H_{22} \div 2$	C_5H_{11}
$C_6H_{18}O_3 \div 3$	C_2H_6O
$C_5H_{12}O$	$C_5H_{12}O$
$N_2O_4 \div 2$	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?

$C : 12.01 \text{ g/mol}$
 $H : 1.01 \text{ g/mol}$
 $O : 16.00 \text{ g/mol}$

$$\frac{60.06 \text{ g/mol}}{30.03 \text{ g/mol}} = 2$$

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

$$2 \times CH_2O = C_2H_4O_2$$

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.

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

$$\frac{80 \text{ g/mol}}{40.07 \text{ g/mol}} = 2 \checkmark$$

C_6H_8

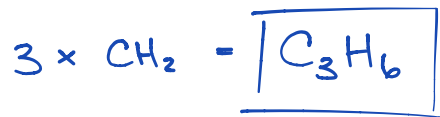
$$\frac{120 \text{ g/mol}}{40.07 \text{ g/mol}} = 3 \checkmark$$

C_9H_{12}

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

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

$$\frac{42.09 \text{ g/mol}}{14.03 \text{ g/mol}} = 3$$



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...

$$C: 48.65 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{12.01 \text{ g}} = 4.05 \text{ mol}_C$$

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

$$O: 43.24 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{16.00 \text{ g}} = 2.70 \text{ mol}_O \quad \leftarrow \text{smallest}$$

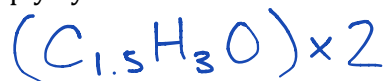
⇒ Divide each molar quantity by the smallest one

$$C: \frac{4.05 \text{ mol}_C}{2.70 \text{ mol}_O} = \sim 1.5$$

$$H: \frac{8.03 \text{ mol}_H}{2.70 \text{ mol}_O} = \sim 3$$

* For every 1 mol of oxygen, there must be 1.5 mol of carbon and 3 mol of hydrogen

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

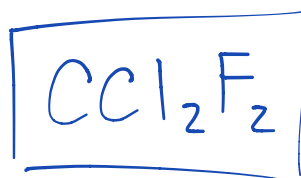


5. A compound contains 9.93 g C, 58.6 g Cl, and 31.4 g F. Determine its empirical formula.

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

$$\text{Cl}: 58.6 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{35.45 \text{ g}} = 1.65 \text{ mol}_{\text{Cl}} \rightarrow \frac{1.65 \text{ mol}_{\text{Cl}}}{0.827 \text{ mol}_C} = \sim 2 \text{ Cl}$$

$$F: 31.4 \text{ g} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{19.00 \text{ g}} = 1.65 \text{ mol}_F \rightarrow \frac{1.65 \text{ mol}_F}{0.827 \text{ mol}_C} = \sim 2 \text{ F}$$



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?

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

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

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

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

Empirical CH_3O

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molar Mass } \text{CH}_3\text{O}: \\ (12.01) + (3 \times 1.01) + (16.00) \\ = 31.04 \text{ g/mol} \end{aligned}$$

$$2 \times (\text{CH}_3\text{O}) = \boxed{\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}_2} \leftarrow \frac{62.0 \text{ g/mol}}{31.04 \text{ g/mol}} = 2$$

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?

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

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

Empirical CH

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Molar mass } (12.01 \times 1) + (1.01 \times 1) \\ = 13.02 \text{ g/mol} \end{aligned}$$

$$6 \times (\text{CH}) = \boxed{\text{C}_6\text{H}_6} \leftarrow \frac{78.0 \text{ g/mol}}{13.02 \text{ g/mol}} = \sim 6$$

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 .

$$\text{Molar mass } \text{C}_2\text{H}_6 = (2 \times 12.01) + (6 \times 1.01) = 30.08 \text{ g/mol}$$

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

$$\frac{\text{molar mass of C}}{\text{total}} = \frac{24.02 \text{ g/mol}}{30.08 \text{ g/mol}} \times 100\% = \boxed{79.85\%}$$

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

$$100\% - 79.85\% = 20.15\%$$

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

$$\frac{\text{molar mass of H}}{\text{total}} = \frac{6.06 \text{ g/mol}}{30.08 \text{ g/mol}} \times 100\% = \boxed{20.15\%}$$

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

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

$$C : \frac{12 \times 12.01 \text{ g/mol}}{342.34 \text{ g/mol}} \times 100\% = \boxed{42.10\% \text{ C}}$$

$$H : \frac{22 \times 1.01 \text{ g/mol}}{342.34 \text{ g/mol}} \times 100\% = \boxed{6.49\% \text{ H}}$$

$$O : \frac{11 \times 16.00 \text{ g/mol}}{342.34 \text{ g/mol}} \times 100\% = \boxed{51.41\% \text{ O}}$$

*2 decimal places

Practice:

10. Calculate the % composition of the following compounds:

- a. $FeCl_2$
- ~~b. $C_2H_4O_2$~~
- c. $CaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$
- ~~d. $(NH_4)_3PO_4$~~
- e. $NaOH$
- ~~f. $Ag(NH_3)_2Cl$~~
- g. $K_3Fe(CN)_6$
- ~~h. $CaCO_3$~~

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

- a. $CaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$
- ~~b. $Al_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 18H_2O$~~
- c. $Cr(NH_3)_6Cl_3 \cdot H_2O$
- ~~d. $Fe_2(SO_4)_3 \cdot 9H_2O$~~
- e. $Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2 \cdot 2NH_3$
- ~~f. $NiSO_4 \cdot 7H_2$~~

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%

10. a) $\text{FeCl}_2 = 126.75 \text{ g/mol}$

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

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

c) $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} = 147.02 \text{ g/mol}$

$$\text{Ca} : \frac{(40.08)}{147.02} = \boxed{27.26\% \text{ Ca}}$$

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

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

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

e) $\text{NaOH} = 40.00 \text{ g/mol}$

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

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

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

g) $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6 = 329.27 \text{ g/mol}$

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

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

$$\text{C} : \frac{6 \times 12.01}{329.27} = \boxed{21.88\% \text{ C}}$$

$$\text{N} : \frac{6 \times 14.01}{329.27} = \boxed{25.53\% \text{ N}}$$

b) $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2 = 60.06 \text{ g/mol}$

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

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

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

d) $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4 = 149.12 \text{ g/mol}$

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

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

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

$$\text{O} : \frac{(4 \times 16.00)}{149.12} = \boxed{42.92\% \text{ O}}$$

f) $\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl} = 177.40 \text{ g/mol}$

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

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

$$\text{H} : \frac{6 \times 1.01}{177.40} = \boxed{3.42\% \text{ H}}$$

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

h) $\text{CaCO}_3 = 100.09 \text{ g/mol}$

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

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

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

11. a) $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} = 147.02 \text{ g/mol}$

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

b) $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 18\text{H}_2\text{O} = 666.53 \text{ g/mol}$

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

c) $\text{Cr}(\text{NH}_3)_6\text{Cl}_3 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O} = 278.61 \text{ g/mol}$

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

d) $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O} = 562.09 \text{ g/mol}$

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

e) $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{NH}_3 = 215.73 \text{ g/mol}$

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

f) $\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O} = 168.90 \text{ g/mol}$

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