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Conductance

- *Electrolysis*: The process of decomposition of an electrolyte by the passage of electric current through it is known as electrolysis.
- Example: NaCl
- *Faraday's law of electrolysis*:
- *1st law of electrolysis*: For the same electrolyte, the mass of a substance produced or consumed at an electrode is directly proportional to the quantity of charge passed through electrolytic cell, w is the electrochemical equivalent of the substance.

- $m \propto Q$
- $m \propto It$ ($Q=It$)
- $m = wIt \longrightarrow (1)$
- $m =$ mass of a substance
 $w =$ electrochemical equivalent of the substance
 $I =$ Current
 $t =$ time
 $I = 1$ ampere, $t = 1$ sec, equation (1) becomes
 $m = w \longrightarrow (2)$

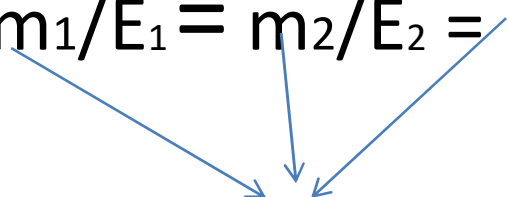
- From equation electrochemical equivalent of a substance may be defined as the mass of the substance produced or consumed when a current of 1 ampere for 1 second is passed through electrolyte.
- Example: Electrochemical equivalent of silver is 0.001118.

- 2nd law of electrolysis: When same quantity of electricity is passed through different electrolytes , the amount of product obtained are proportional to their chemical equivalent or equivalent weight.

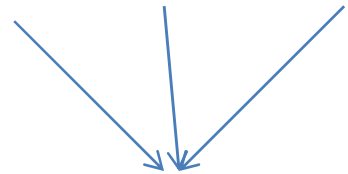
- $m \propto E$ \longrightarrow (3)

equivalent wt of the substance

- is the weight of the substance decomposed or deposited by the passage of a certain quantity of electricity
- equation (3) can be put as

- $m = \text{constant} \times E$
or, $m/E = \text{Constant}$ (4)
- when same quantity of electricity is passed through different electrolytes, equation (4) can be put as
- $m_1/E_1 = m_2/E_2 = m_3/E_3 = \text{Constant}$ (5)
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- represents the amount of various ions liberated or consumed at their electrodes

- $E_1 = E_2 = E_3$



Equivalent weight

- *Resistance or Conductance:* Metallic conductor as well as electrolytes obey Ohm's law , states that:

- “The strength of current I flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to the potential difference E applied across the conductor and inversely proportional to the resistance R of the conductor.
- Ohm’s law becomes as
- $I = E/R$
- $C = 1/R$ $C = \text{conductance}$

- Unit: mhos
- Resistance: The resistance R of a conductor is
- (i) directly proportional to its length (l cm) and
- (ii) inversely proportional to its area of a cross section.

- $R \propto l/a$ or $R = \rho l/a$ (1)



- constant depending on the nature of material of the conductor and is called “specific resistance” or “resistivity.”

- If $l=1\text{cm}$, $a = 1 \text{ sq cm}$, $\rho=R \text{ ohms}$
- *Specific Resistance*: defined as the resistance of a uniform column of the material of the conductor having a length of 1 cm and a cross section of 1sq cm.”
- $\rho = R \frac{a}{l} = \frac{\text{ohm}(\text{cm})^2}{\text{cm}} = \text{ohm.cm}$
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- *Specific conductance*: The specific conductance of a conductor is the reciprocal of specific resistance and is denoted by k . equation (2) can be written as
- $R = \frac{l}{kA}$ ohms
- $K = \frac{1}{R \frac{l}{A}}$ ohm⁻¹cm⁻¹

- *Equivalent Conductance*: “The conductance of a solution containing 1 gm equivalent of an electrolyte when placed between two sufficiently large electrodes which are 1 cm apart.”
- Represented by λ_v , v is the volume in c.c. contains 1 gm equivalent of electrolyte dissolved in it and is measured in reciprocal ohm, or mho.

- *Molecular Conductance*: “The conductance of a solution containing 1 gm mole of the electrolyte when placed between two sufficiently large electrodes placed one cm apart.”
- Represented by μ measured in mhos.