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**Chemistry 11**  
**SOLUTION CHEMISTRY + STOICHIOMETRY**  
**CALCULATING THE CONCENTRATION OF IONS IN SOLUTIONS**

**Recall:**

1. STOICHIOMETRY- all stoich problems require a BALANCED EQTN.  
 last lesson we learned how to write out DISSOCIATION/IONIZATION equations.

2. MOLARITY  $\Rightarrow$  mol/L  
 where  $M = \frac{\text{mol}}{L}$        $L = \frac{\text{mol}}{M}$        $\text{mol} = M \times L$



3. Dilution  $\Rightarrow$

$$M_i \times V_i = M_f \times V_f$$

where  $M_i = \text{initial } [ ]$        $M_f = \text{final } [ ]$   
 $V_i = \text{initial volume (L)}$        $V_f = \text{total volume (L)}$

**Example 1.** What is the molar concentration of the chloride ion in 0.25 M  $\text{AlCl}_3$  ?

Step 1. Write out the balanced equation:



Step 2. Use the balanced equation to get your mole bridge and solve:

$$\frac{0.25 \text{ mol AlCl}_3}{L} \times \frac{3 \text{ mol Cl}^-}{1 \text{ mol AlCl}_3} = \frac{0.75 \text{ mol Cl}^-}{L} \rightarrow \boxed{0.75 \text{ M Cl}^-}$$

**Example 2.** What is the molar concentration of each ion that is made by mixing 50.0 mL of 0.500 M  $\text{AlCl}_3$  with 75.0 mL of 0.200 M  $\text{NiF}_2$  ?

Step 1. Write out the individual balanced equations:



Step 2. Use the dilution formula to calculate the diluted concentrations for each compound:

$$[\text{AlCl}_3]_f = \frac{0.500 \text{ M} \times 0.0500 \text{ L}}{0.1250 \text{ L}} = 0.200 \text{ M} \quad \quad [\text{NiF}_2]_f = \frac{0.200 \text{ M} \times 0.0750 \text{ L}}{0.125 \text{ L}} = 0.120 \text{ M}$$

Step 3. Use the balanced equations to get your mole bridge and solve for the individual ion concentrations:

$$[\text{Al}^{3+}] \Rightarrow \frac{0.200 \text{ mol AlCl}_3}{1 \text{ L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Al}^{3+}}{1 \text{ mol AlCl}_3} = \boxed{0.200 \text{ M Al}^{3+}}$$

$$[\text{Cl}^-] \Rightarrow \frac{0.200 \text{ mol AlCl}_3}{1 \text{ L}} \times \frac{3 \text{ mol Cl}^-}{1 \text{ mol AlCl}_3} = \boxed{0.600 \text{ M Cl}^-}$$

$$[\text{Ni}^{2+}] = \boxed{0.120 \text{ M Ni}^{2+}} \quad [\text{F}^-] = \frac{0.120 \text{ mol NiF}_2}{1 \text{ L}} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol F}^-}{1 \text{ mol NiF}_2} = \boxed{0.240 \text{ M F}^-}$$

Example 3. What is the molar concentration of each ion that is made by mixing 50.0 mL of 0.240 M  $\text{AlBr}_3$  with 25.0 mL of 0.300 M  $\text{CaBr}_2$ ?

Step 1. Write out the individual balanced equations:



Step 2. Use the dilution formula to calculate the diluted concentrations for each compound:

$$[\text{AlBr}_3]_F = \frac{0.240 \text{ M} \times 0.0500 \text{ L}}{0.0750 \text{ L}} = 0.160 \text{ M} \quad [\text{CaBr}_2]_F = \frac{0.300 \text{ M} \times 0.0250 \text{ L}}{0.0750 \text{ L}} = 0.100 \text{ M}$$

Step 3. Use the balanced equations to get your mole bridge and solve for the individual ion concentrations:

$$[\text{Al}^{3+}] = 0.160 \text{ M Al}^{3+}$$

$$[\text{Ca}^{2+}] = 0.100 \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{Br}^-] = \frac{0.160 \text{ mol AlBr}_3}{1 \text{ L}} \times \frac{3 \text{ mol Br}^-}{1 \text{ mol AlBr}_3} = 0.480 \text{ M Br}^- \quad [\text{Br}^-] = \frac{0.100 \text{ mol CaBr}_2}{1 \text{ L}} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 0.200 \text{ M Br}^-$$

Step 4: Because both compounds have a common ion ADD the two concentrations together to determine its Final concentration.

$$[\text{Br}^-] = 0.480 \text{ M} + 0.200 \text{ M} = 0.680 \text{ M Br}^-$$