

Welcome to our CHEM 4 lecture

Clicker question: Review from last class

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1) Which of the following compounds has the smallest mass % of manganese? See if you can find the answer without doing any calculations.

A) manganese(III) thiosulfate

B) manganese(III) sulfide

C) manganese(III) sulfate

D) manganese(III) sulfite

Answer:

formulas:

A) $\text{Mn}_2(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_3$

B) Mn_2S_3

C) $\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$

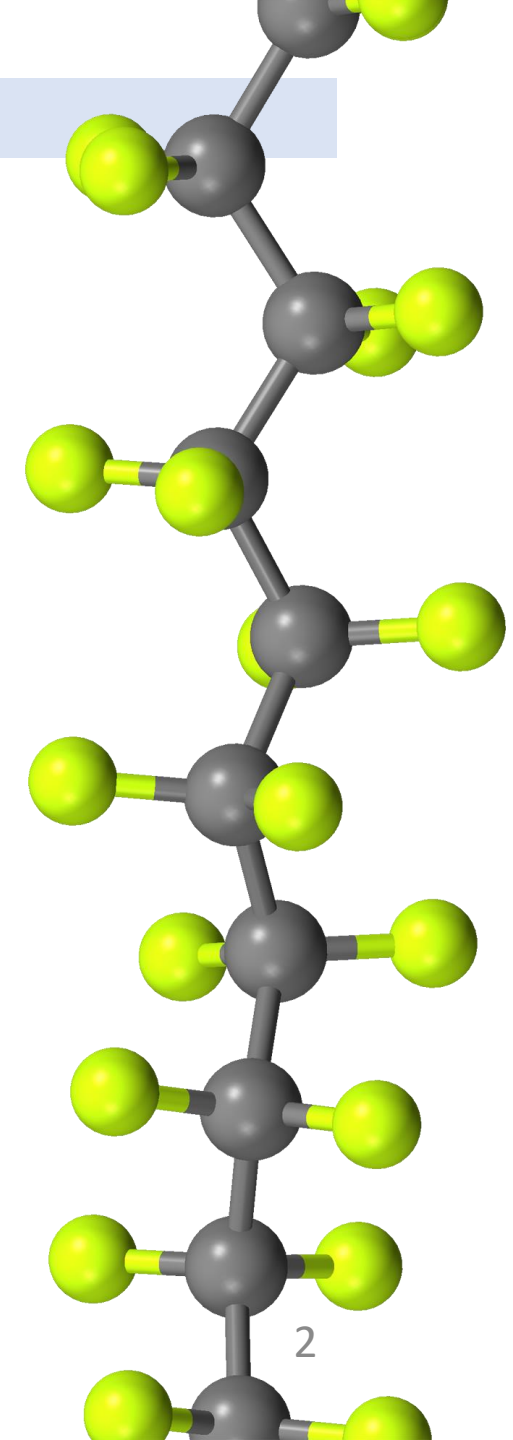
D) $\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_3)_3$

- We want the smallest mass % Mn = $\left(\frac{\text{mass of Mn in 1 mole of compound}}{\text{mass of 1 mol of compound}} \right) \times 100\%$
- For each calculation, the numerator is the same (2 x mass of Mn)
- So, to get the smallest overall mass %, we want the biggest denominator (i.e. the compound with the greatest mass).
- $\text{Mn}_2(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_3$ has the largest total mass and therefore the smallest mass % Mn.

Need to make changes in how you study for CHEM 4?

Here's our checklist of key behaviors that lead to success in CHEM 4:

- ✓ Study efficiently with a focus on the homework:
 - ✓ (1) do the assigned reading, then (2) attend lecture, then (3) review the lecture slides or video. You should then be ready to do the homework.
 - ✓ If you do (1) - (3) and start the required homework and have trouble, then put aside the homework and redo (1) and (3). Then try the optional homework.
 - ✓ If you still have trouble, put the homework aside and come to my office hours.
 - ✓ Remember is it okay if the homework is late, the most important thing is that you are really understanding the homework.
- ✓ Get help when needed:
 - ✓ Put together a weekly study group.
 - ✓ Jeff's office hours: MWF 9 – 9:30 am and 11 – 11:30 am; and by appointment.
 - ✓ PAL office hours: link is on our CHEM 4 website.
- ✓ Complete all of the practice exams.
- ✓ Visit our CHEM 4 website regularly: tinyurl.com/SacStateChem4



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Monday, November 16, 2020

Sec 6.8 – 6.9

Molecular and empirical formulas

Reading clicker question: Molecular and empirical formulas (Sec 6.8 - 6.9)

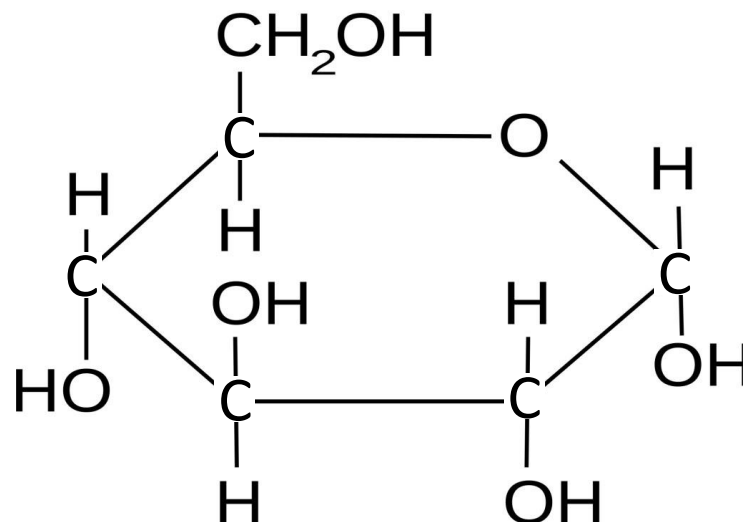
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- 2) Which of the following statements about *empirical* and *molecular formulas* is true?
- A) *Molecular formulas* are for covalent compounds and *empirical formulas* are for ionic compounds.
 - B) Different compounds can have the same *empirical formula*.
 - C) The *empirical formula* gives the specific number of each type of atom in a compound.
 - D) The *molecular formula* gives the smallest whole-number ratio of each atom in the compound.
 - E) The *molecular formula* is never identical to the *empirical formula*.

The definitions in C and D are switched

Sample problem: Determining molecular and empirical formulas

Ex: Determine molecular and empirical formula for glucose:



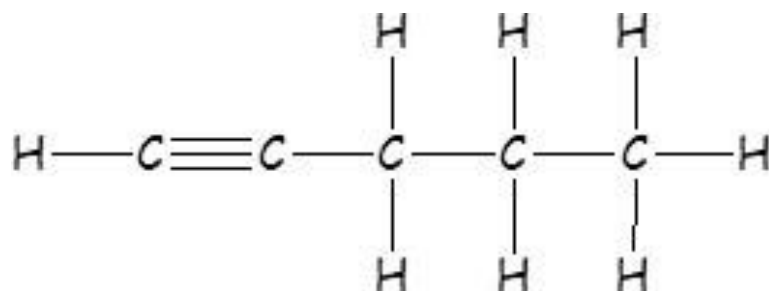
Molecular formula = $C_6H_{12}O_6$ (matches the actual molecule)

Empirical formula = CH_2O (doesn't necessarily match the actual molecule)

Clicker question: Determining molecular and empirical formulas

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3) What are the molecular and empirical formulas for 1-pentyne?



A) C_5H_8 , C_5H_8

B) C_4H_8 , C_2H_4

C) C_4H_{10} , C_2H_5

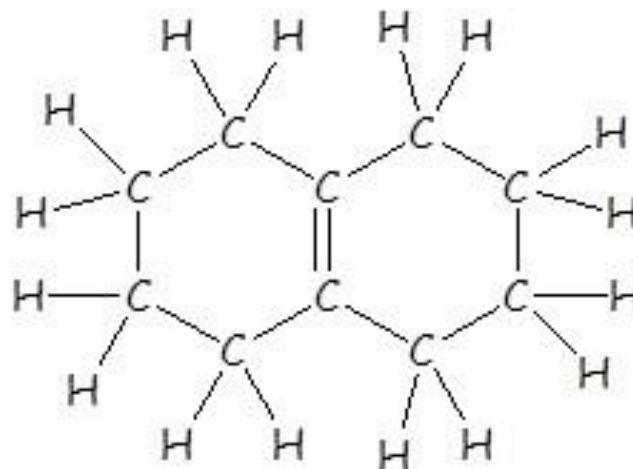
D) C_4H_7 , C_4H_7

Here we see a molecular and empirical formula that are the same.

Clicker question: Determining molecular and empirical formulas

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4) What are the molecular and empirical formulas for the following compound?



A) $C_{10}H_{14}$, C_5H_7

B) C_9H_{16} , C_9H_{16}

C) $C_{10}H_{16}$, C_5H_8

D) $C_{12}H_{14}$, C_6H_7

Notice that this empirical formula is the same as the one from the last clicker question even though the molecules are very different.

Sample calculation: Determining a compound's molecular formula

Ex: You make a new blood pressure drug in lab and send it off for analysis. The test results show the following:

(1) percentage composition = 40.00% C, 6.71% H, and 53.29% O

(2) molar mass = 240.2 g/mol

What is the molecular formula of the drug?

Answer: Assume 100.00 g sample, gives: 40.00 g C, 6.71 g H, and 53.29 g O. Convert all of these masses to moles:

- $(40.00 \text{ g C}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}}{12.01 \text{ g C}} \right) = 3.331 \text{ mol C} / 3.331 = 1 \text{ C}$
- $(6.71 \text{ g H}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}}{1.008 \text{ g H}} \right) = 6.657 \text{ mol H} / 3.331 = 1.998 \approx 2 \text{ H}$ (can round to 10ths place)
- $(53.29 \text{ g O}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol O}}{16.00 \text{ g O}} \right) = 3.331 \text{ mol O} / 3.331 = 1 \text{ O}$

Divide each by the smallest value (in this case, 3.331)

• This gives the **empirical formula = CH₂O**.

• Sometimes this is the end of the question, but in this case we need to keep going...

Sample calculation continued... Determining a compound's molecular formula

Answer continued... We can now compare the empirical formula that we just found CH_2O to the molar mass that the lab determined.

- Notice that the molar mass for the empirical formula $\text{CH}_2\text{O} = 30.026 \text{ g/mol}$.
- Since this does not match the molar mass provided by the lab (240.2 g/mol), we know that this empirical formula is not the molecular formula.
- So we have to figure out what to multiply the empirical formula by. This can be found by:

$$\frac{\text{Molar mass from molecular formula}}{\text{Molar mass from empirical formula}} = \frac{240.2}{30.026} = 7.9997 \approx 8 \text{ (can round to 10}^{\text{th}}\text{s place)}$$

- So the molecular formula must be $8 \times$ empirical formula = $8 \times \text{CH}_2\text{O}$
- **Final answer:** the **molecular formula** = $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_8$
- Note that this compound has the mass % and the molar mass that the lab reported.

Clicker question: Determining a compound's molecular formula

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5) A fuel contains 92.24% C by mass (the remainder is H). If the molar mass of the fuel is 78.29 g/mol, what is the molecular formula of the fuel?



Answer: Assume 100.00 g sample: 92.24 g C and 7.76 g H. Convert these masses to moles:

- $(92.24 \text{ g C}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}}{12.01 \text{ g C}} \right) = 7.680 \text{ mol C} / 7.680 = 1 = 1C$
- $(7.76 \text{ g H}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}}{1.008 \text{ g H}} \right) = 7.698 \text{ mol H} / 7.680 = 1.002 \approx 1 \text{ H}$ (can round to 10ths place)
- This gives the **empirical formula = CH** which has a molar mass = 13.018 g/mol.
- Comparing this to the reported molar mass gives: $\frac{78.29}{13.018} = 6.01 \approx 6$
- So the **molecular formula = 6 x empirical formula = 6 x CH = C₆H₆**

Sample calculation: Harder example of determining a molecular formula

Sometimes when you divide by the smallest number of moles, you don't get all whole numbers in the 10ths place. In that case you need to determine what to multiply everything by to get a whole number.

Fractional subscript	Equivalent fraction	Multiply by this to get a whole number
__.10	$\frac{1}{10}$	10
__.20	$\frac{1}{5}$	5
__.25	$\frac{1}{4}$	4
__.33	$\frac{1}{3}$	3
__.40	$\frac{2}{5}$	5
__.50	$\frac{1}{2}$	2
__.60	$\frac{3}{5}$	5
__.66	$\frac{2}{3}$	3
__.75	$\frac{3}{4}$	4
__.80	$\frac{4}{5}$	5

Sample calculation: Harder example of determining a molecular formula

Ex: A laboratory analysis of vanillin, the flavoring agent in vanilla, determined the following:

(1) Mass % composition = 63.15% C, 5.30% H, and 31.55% O

(2) molar mass = approximately 152 g/mol

What is the molecular formula of vanillin?

Answer:

$$(63.15 \text{ g C}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}}{12.01 \text{ g C}} \right) = 5.258 \text{ mol C} / 1.972 = \underline{2.666} \times 3 = \underline{7.999} \approx 8 \text{ C}$$

$$(5.30 \text{ g H}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}}{1.008 \text{ g H}} \right) = 5.258 \text{ mol H} / 1.972 = \underline{2.666} \times 3 = \underline{7.999} \approx 8 \text{ H}$$

$$(31.55 \text{ g O}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol O}}{16.00 \text{ g O}} \right) = 1.972 \text{ mol O} / 1.972 = 1.0 \times 3 = 3 \text{ O}$$

Because we don't have all whole numbers when we round to the 10ths place, we multiply everything by 3.

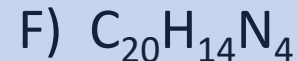
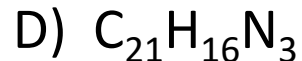
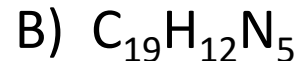
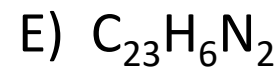
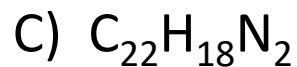
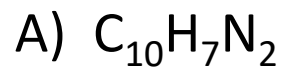
Here we are dividing by the smallest (1.972)

- Empirical formula = $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$, which has a molar mass = 152 g/mol.
- Because this matches the reported molar mass, $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$ is also the molecular formula.

Clicker question: Harder example of determining a molecular formula

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6) Elemental analysis of a new compound shows that the crystals are 77.38% C, 4.56% H and 18.06% N by mass. The molar mass of the compound is about 310 g/mol. What is the molecular formula of the compound?



Answer: $(77.38 \text{ g C}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol C}}{12.01 \text{ g C}} \right) = 6.443 \text{ mol C} / 1.289 = 4.998 \times 2 = 9.996 \approx 10 \text{ C}$

$$(4.56 \text{ g H}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol H}}{1.008 \text{ g H}} \right) = 4.524 \text{ mol H} / 1.289 = 3.510 \times 2 = 7.02 \approx 7 \text{ H}$$

$$(18.06 \text{ g N}) \left(\frac{1 \text{ mol N}}{14.01 \text{ g N}} \right) = 1.289 \text{ mol N} / 1.289 = 1.0 \times 2 = 2 \text{ N}$$

Because we don't have all whole numbers when we round to the 10ths place, we multiply everything by 2.

• Empirical formula = $C_{10}H_7N_2$, which has a molar mass = 155.18 g/mol.

• Compare this to the reported molar mass: $\frac{310}{155.18} = 1.997 \approx 2$

• So molecular formula = $2 \times C_{10}H_7N_2 = C_{20}H_{14}N_4$

Here we are dividing by the smallest (1.289)