

pH = 4.5 to 8.3 → <sup>only</sup>  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  alkalinity ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-} = 0$ )

pH = 8.3 ~~to 10.3~~ →  $\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{OH}^-$

~~to 10.3~~ →  ~~$\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{OH}^-$~~

total alkalinity calculation a neglected error

$\text{CO}_3^{2-} = 2 \times \text{OH}^-$  if needed

↳ 2 mole electron eq  
x2

(5) A water sample with pH 9 had a caustic alkalinity of  $70 \text{ mg/l}$ , total alkalinity of  $230 \text{ mg/l}$  and total hardness of  $300 \text{ mg/l}$  ~~at~~ all as  $\text{CaCO}_3$ . Calculate the amounts of the various forms of alkalinity present & the amount of non-carbonate hardness.

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$\text{pH} = 9$$

$$\therefore \text{Carbonate } (\text{CO}_3^{2-}) \text{ alkalinity} = 2 \times \text{OH}^-$$

$$= 2 \times 70$$

$$= 140 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\text{Now, Total alkalinity} = \text{CO}_3^{2-} \text{ alkalinity} + \text{HCO}_3^- \text{ alkalinity}$$

$$230 = 140 + \text{HCO}_3^- \text{ alkalinity}$$

$$\therefore \text{HCO}_3^- \text{ alkalinity} = (230 - 140) = 90 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\text{Total Hardness} = 300 \text{ mg/l} > \text{Total alkalinity} = 230 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{N.C.H} &= \text{TH} - \text{CH} \\ &= \text{TH} - \text{Alkalinity} \\ &= (300 - 230) \text{ mg/l} \\ &= 70 \text{ mg/l of CaCO}_3 \end{aligned}$$

(6) The pH &  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is 7.5 & 332 mg/L respectively.  
 Find the value of carbonate alkalinity,  
 bicarbonate alkalinity, carbonate concentration  
 & bi-carbonate concentration [GTC-16]

Sol<sup>n</sup>  
 Carbonate alkalinity = 0  $\because \text{pH} < 8.3$   
 bicarbonate ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ) alkalinity = 332 mg/L as  $\text{CaCO}_3$

~~$[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] = 0$~~

~~Assume,  $[\text{HCO}_3^-] = P$~~

concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-} = 0$

Assume, concentration of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  is P mg/L

$$\therefore \text{HCO}_3^- \text{ alkalinity} = P \times \frac{50}{61}$$

332 mg/L  
 $\text{CaCO}_3$  as  
 eq wt

$$\Rightarrow 332 \text{ mg/L} = P \times \frac{50}{61}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = 332 \times \frac{61}{50} = 405.04 \text{ mg/L}$$

$$\therefore \text{concentration of } \text{HCO}_3^- = 405.04 \text{ mg/L}$$

☐ Lime calculation:

quicklime (CaO) required = use 56 instead 74

lime (Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>) required = HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> alkalinity

as  $CaCO_3 \times \frac{74}{100} + Mg^{2+} \times \frac{74}{24} + CO_2 \times \frac{74}{44}$   
 + acidity (H<sup>+</sup>)  $\times \frac{74}{1}$  + excess lime

\*\*\* assume extra 15% lime

\*\*\* Never calculate CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> alkalinity

Soda [Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>] required = Ca<sup>2+</sup> \*  $\frac{106}{40}$  +  
 $Mg^{2+} * \frac{106}{24} + H^+ * \frac{106}{1} - HCO_3^- * \frac{106}{100}$   
as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

approximate method:

Lime [Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>] required = Total Hardness, THX  $\frac{74}{100}$

Soda [Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>] required = NCHX  $\frac{106}{100}$

→ \*\*\* If ~~total~~ PH < 8.3; there's no CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>

∴ Total alkalinity means HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> alkalinity

∴ Ca<sup>2+</sup> + Mg<sup>2+</sup> - HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> = NCH

∴ Soda required = NCH \*  $\frac{106}{100} + H^+ * \frac{106}{1}$

(ii) Analysis of hard water gave the following results: Total hardness = 5 meq/L; Ca-hardness = 2.6 meq/L; alkalinity = 4 meq/L; acidity = 0.2 meq/L. Calculate the required doses of lime  $\{Ca(OH)_2\}$  & soda  $(Na_2CO_3)$  for softening. Assume excess lime equivalent to 1.0 meq/L. [40th BCS]

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Mg-hardness =  $(5 - 2.6)$  meq/L  
 $= 2.4$  meq/L

Lime required

$$= \frac{74}{100} [\text{alkalinity} + Mg^{2+} + \text{acidity}] + \text{excess lime; all as } CaCO_3$$

$$= \frac{74}{100} [4 \times 50 + 2.4 \times 50 + 0.2 \times 50 + 1 \times 50]$$

$$= 281.2 \text{ mg/L}$$

Soda required

$$= \frac{106}{100} [Ca^{2+} + Mg^{2+} + \text{acidity} - HCO_3^-]; \text{ all as } CaCO_3$$

$$= \frac{106}{100} [2.6 \times 50 + 2.4 \times 50 + 0.2 \times 50 - 4 \times 50]$$

$$= 63.6 \text{ mg/L}$$

OTC,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NCH} &= \text{TH} - \text{TA} \\ &= 5 - 4 \\ &= 1 \text{ meq/L} \end{aligned}$$

∴ Soda ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) require

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{106}{100} [\text{NCH} + \text{acidity}] \\ &= \frac{106}{100} [1 \times 50 + 0.2 \times 50] \\ &= \underline{57.6 \text{ mg/L}} \end{aligned}$$

### \*\*\* Solved Problems:

- (1) Laboratory analysis of water sample with pH = 7.8. All concentration are "as substance".  $Ca^{2+} = 74 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $Mg^{2+} = 18.3 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $Na^+ = 27.6 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $K^+ = 39.1 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $HCO_3^- = 274.5 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $SO_4^{2-} = 72 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $Cl^- = 49.7 \text{ mg/l}$ . Determine,
- Hardness of water in mg/l of  $CaCO_3$
  - Amount of lime needed to remove hardness by  $CaCO_3$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) Total hardness} &= Ca^{2+} * \frac{50}{20} + Mg^{2+} * \frac{50}{12} \\ &= 74 * \frac{50}{20} + 18.3 * \frac{50}{12} \\ &= 261.25 \text{ mg/L as } CaCO_3 \end{aligned}$$

~~(i) Lime dose required~~

(ii) Total alkalinity ~~as  $CaCO_3$~~

$$= HCO_3^- * \frac{50}{61}$$

$$= 274.5 * \frac{50}{61}$$

$$= 225 \text{ mg/L as } CaCO_3$$

$$\text{lime dose required} = \text{HCO}_3^- \text{ alkalinity} * \frac{74}{100}$$

$$+ \text{Mg}^{2+} * \frac{74}{24}$$

$$= 225 * \frac{74}{100} + 18.3 * \frac{74}{24}$$

$$= 222.925 \text{ mg/L}$$

assume 15% extra lime

$$\therefore \text{Amount of lime needed} = 222.925 * 1.15$$

$$= 256.36 \text{ mg/L}$$

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(iii) Soda ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) required

$$= \text{Ca}^{2+} * \frac{106}{40} + \text{Mg}^{2+} * \frac{106}{24} - \text{HCO}_3^- \text{ alkalinity} * \frac{106}{100}$$

$$= 74 * \frac{106}{40} + 18.3 * \frac{106}{24} - 225 * \frac{106}{100}$$

$$= 38.425 \text{ mg/L}$$

Alternative

Non carbonate hardness =  $\text{TH} - \text{TA}$

$$\text{NCH} = 261.25 - 225$$

$$= 36.25 \text{ mg/L}$$

as  $\text{CaCO}_3$

$\therefore$  Soda required

$$= \text{NCH} * \frac{106}{100}$$

$$= 36.25 * \frac{106}{100}$$

$$= 38.425 \text{ mg/L}$$