

Practice Questions Section 3.2

Solubility Curves & Solubility Tables

1. Use a solubility curve to determine the solubility of the following compounds at the temperatures given.

compound	temperature	solubility
NH ₃	10°C	
Ce ₂ (SO ₄) ₃	50°C	
KCl	90°C	

2. For each of the following solutions, classify the solution as unsaturated, saturated, or supersaturated.

compound	temperature	mass solute in 100 mL water	solution
NH ₃	90°C	10g	
NH ₄ Cl	80°C	70g	
NaNO ₃	30°C	80g	

3. What is the solubility of ammonium chloride, NH₄Cl, at 100°C?

Express this both as g · 100mL⁻¹ and as mol · L⁻¹

4. What mass of potassium chlorate, KClO₃ could be dissolved in 100mL of water at 70°C?
5. What would happen if a saturated solution of potassium chloride, KCl, in 100g of water was cooled from 80°C to 40°C?
6. Use a Table of Solubility of Common Compounds to predict whether or not the following compounds will be soluble in water at 25°C.

Mg(NO ₃) ₂		CaSO ₄	
CaCl ₂		K ₂ SO ₄	
Al ₂ S ₃		Ba(OH) ₂	
(NH ₄) ₃ PO ₄		Mg(OH) ₂	
SrCO ₃		BeS	
BaSO ₄		CuCl ₂	
Mg(CH ₃ COO) ₂		CuCl	
SrI ₂		H ₂ CO ₃	
PbS		Ag ₂ SO ₄	
Ra(NO ₃) ₂		PbI ₂	

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Solubility Curves & Solubility Tables**Answers**

1. Use a solubility curve to determine the solubility of the following compounds at the temperatures given.

compound	temperature	solubility
NH ₃	10°C	70g/100mL
Ce ₂ (SO ₄) ₃	50°C	5g/100mL
KCl	90°C	53g/100mL

2. For each of the following solutions, classify the solution as unsaturated, saturated, or supersaturated.

compound	temperature	mass solute in 100 mL water	solution
NH ₃	90°C	10g	saturated
NH ₄ Cl	80°C	70g	supersaturated
NaNO ₃	30°C	80g	unsaturated

3. What is the solubility of ammonium chloride, NH₄Cl, at 100°C?

Express this both as g · 100mL⁻¹ and as mol · L⁻¹

Solution:

From the Solubility Curve table we find that the solubility of NH₄Cl at 100°C is approximately 75 g · 100mL⁻¹.

To convert this to molarity (mol · L⁻¹) we will need to know the molar mass of NH₄Cl. A review:

Atom	atomic mass		No. atoms	=		
N	14.0	×	1	=	14.0	
H	1.0	×	4	=	4.0	
Cl	35.5	×	1	=	35.5	
molar mass (in g · mol ⁻¹)					=	53.5

Next, we need to convert 75 g · 100mL⁻¹ to mol · L⁻¹, the units for molarity

Begin by converting 75 g · 100mL⁻¹ to g · L⁻¹ which will simplify our conversion to molarity (mol · L⁻¹):

$$\frac{75\text{g}}{100\text{mL}} \times \frac{10}{10} = \frac{750\text{g}}{1000\text{mL}} = \frac{750\text{g}}{1\text{L}}$$

Next – use unit analysis to convert $\frac{\text{g}}{\text{L}}$ to $\frac{\text{mole}}{\text{L}}$

$$\frac{\text{mole}}{\text{L}} = \frac{750\text{g}}{1\text{L}} \times \frac{1\text{mol}}{53.5\text{g}} = \frac{14\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \text{ or } 14\text{M} \quad \text{answer}$$

4. What mass of potassium chlorate, KClO_3 could be dissolved in 100mL of water at 70°C ?

Solution

At that temperature any mass up to approximately 32g could be dissolved in 100mL of water.

5. What would happen if a saturated solution of potassium chloride, KCl , in 100g of water was cooled from 80°C to 40°C ?

Solution

At 80°C , approximately 50g of KCl will dissolve in 100g of water. At 40°C only 38g of KCl will dissolve in 100g of water. Therefore, when the solution is cooled from 80°C to 40°C , approximately 12g of potassium chloride (50g – 38 g) will come out of solution, forming a solid.

6. Use a Table of Solubility of Common Compounds to predict whether or not the following compounds will be soluble in water at 25°C .

$\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	soluble	CaSO_4	low solubility
CaCl_2	soluble	K_2SO_4	soluble
Al_2S_3	low solubility	$\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$	soluble
$(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PO}_4$	soluble	$\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$	low solubility
SrCO_3	low solubility	BeS	soluble
BaSO_4	low solubility	CuCl_2	soluble
$\text{Mg}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$	soluble	CuCl	low solubility
SrI_2	soluble	H_2CO_3	soluble
PbS	low solubility	Ag_2SO_4	low solubility
$\text{Ra}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	soluble	PbI_2	low solubility