

Title

Standardisation of sulphuric acid

Aim

To determine the concentration of a sulphuric acid by titration against a standard solution of sodium carbonate just prepared

Result

	Trial	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Final Burette Readings/cm ³	10.20	14.80	19.50	24.10
Initial Burette Readings/cm ³	5.00	10.20	14.80	19.50
Volume used/ cm ³	5.20	4.60	4.70	4.60
Mean volume used/ cm ³	4.63			

Calculation

Since Na_2CO_3 : H_2SO_4 = 1:1

No of mol in H_2SO_4 = $0.1 \times (25/1000)$

$$= 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

Then the concentration of H_2SO_4 = $(2.5 \times 10^{-3}) / (4.63/1000) = 0.5399\text{M}$

Discussion

During the experiment, there may be some possible error and some of them can be minimized. First, the water inside the burette may affect the concentration of sulphuric acid. To prevent this, we need to rinse the burette with sulphuric acid. Also, we need to make sure the top of the burette is filled with sulphuric acid.

Similarly, the pipette should be rinsed with the sodium carbonate solution before.

Also, our eye level should be horizontal to that of the water level so that the data recorded will be more accurate.

And there are also a precaution during the experiment. Gloves and safety goggles should be worn to prevent the acid contact with our bodies.

After doing the experiment, I think some improvements can be made. During titration, I find that the sodium carbonate solution contains some white solid. And they are probably the undissolved sodium carbonate. In order to solve this problem, next time before the titration begins, stirring the sodium carbonate solution is necessary.

Conclusion

The concentration of the sulphuric acid is 0.539M.