

CE 326 Principles of Environmental Engineering
Water Chemistry Calculations

A water sample was analyzed and was found to have the following constituents:

Ca ⁺² , mg/L	135	HCO ₃ ⁻ , mg/L	340
Mg ⁺² , mg/L	36	SO ₄ ⁻² , mg/L	122
Na ⁺ , mg/L	11.6	Cl ⁻ , mg/L	56
K ⁺ , mg/L	4.2	CO ₃ ⁻² , mg/L	1.8
Fe ⁺² , mg/L	9.6		
Mn ⁺² , mg/L	0.8	Temperature	25°C

1. Calculate each of the concentrations as mg/L as CaCO₃.
2. Calculate the hydrogen ion concentration:
 - a. as moles/L.
 - b. as mg/L.
 - c. as mg/L as CaCO₃.
 - d. as pH.
3. Calculate the hydroxide ion concentration:
 - a. as moles/L.
 - b. as mg/L.
 - c. as mg/L as CaCO₃.
 - d. as pOH.
4. Calculate the concentration of CO₂ as mg/L as CaCO₃ (use the equilibrium equations for the carbonate system and assume that H₂CO₃ concentration is equal to the CO₂ concentration).
5. Calculate the alkalinity (exactly).
6. Calculate the total, carbonate, and non-carbonate hardness of the water (include contributions made by iron and manganese).
7. How many mL of 0.02N H₂SO₄ would be required to neutralize the bicarbonate alkalinity in a 50 mL sample?
8. Draw a bar chart for the water (see pages 238-239 for an example).
9. Based on the solubility product for calcium carbonate, how much calcium (mg/L as CaCO₃) should be soluble in this water? Is the water under-saturated or over-saturated with respect to calcium?
10. Based on the solubility product for magnesium hydroxide, how much magnesium (mg/L as CaCO₃) should be soluble in this water? Is the water under-saturated or over-saturated with respect to magnesium?