10.08 g of ethane dioic acid (oxalic acid) crystals $H_2C_2O_4 \times xH_2O$ made up of 1 dm³ of solution. 25 cm³ of this solution completely neutralized by 20 cm³ of 0.2 M sodium hydroxide solution. Calculate the

a) molarity of acid

b) number of moles of water of crystallization in 1 mole of the acid

Solution:

$$\begin{split} H_2C_2O_4 + 2NaOH &\to Na_2C_2O_4 + 2H2O \\ n(NaOH) &= M \times V = 0.2 \times (20/1000) = 0.004 \text{ mole} \\ 1 \text{ mole } H_2C_2O_4 - 2 \text{ mole } NaOH \\ x \text{ mole } H_2C_2O_4 - 0.004 \text{ mole } NaOH \\ x &= 0.002 \text{ mole } H_2C_2O_4 \\ a) C_M(H_2C_2O_4) &= n(H_2C_2O_4)/V(\text{solution}) = 0.002/0.025 = 0.08 \text{ M} \\ b) M(H_2C_2O_4) &= 90 \text{ g/mole} \\ n(H_2C_2O_4) &= m(H_2C_2O_4)/M(H_2C_2O_4) = (10.08 - y)/90 = 0.08 \text{ mole} \\ y &= 2.88 \text{ g } H_2O \\ (90 + x \times 18) \text{ g } H_2C_2O_4 \times H_2O - (x \times 18) \text{ g } H_2O \\ 10.08 \text{ g } H_2C_2O_4 \times xH_2O - 2.88 \text{ g } H_2O \\ 181.44x &= 259.2 + 51.84x \\ 129.6x &= 259.2 \\ x &= 2 \\ H_2C_2O_4 \times 2H_2O \end{split}$$

Answer: a) $C_M(H_2C_2O_4) = 0.08 \text{ M}$ b) $H_2C_2O_4 \times 2H_2O$

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