

a solution is 0.1M in Cl^- , 0.01M in Br^- , 0.001M in I^- , AgNO_3 is added to the solution [v mix=0]. the concentration of Ag^+ required to start precipitation of all 3 ions is [given, K_{sp} of AgCl is 10^{-10} , K_{sp} of AgBr is 10^{-13} , K_{sp} of AgI = 10^{-7}]

Solution.

According to the assignment: $[\text{Cl}^-] = 0.1 \text{ M}$, $[\text{Br}^-] = 0.01 \text{ M}$, $[\text{I}^-] = 0.001 \text{ M}$.

$K_{sp}(\text{AgCl}) = 10^{-10}$; $K_{sp}(\text{AgBr}) = 10^{-13}$; $K_{sp}(\text{AgI}) = 10^{-7}$.

$$K_{sp}(\text{AgCl}) = [\text{Ag}^+] \times [\text{Cl}^-] = 10^{-10}; [\text{Ag}^+]_1 = \frac{K_{sp}}{[\text{Cl}^-]} = \frac{10^{-10}}{0.1} = 10^{-9} \text{ M};$$

$$K_{sp}(\text{AgBr}) = [\text{Ag}^+] \times [\text{Br}^-] = 10^{-13}; [\text{Ag}^+]_2 = \frac{K_{sp}}{[\text{Br}^-]} = \frac{10^{-13}}{0.01} = 10^{-11} \text{ M};$$

$$K_{sp}(\text{AgI}) = [\text{Ag}^+] \times [\text{I}^-] = 10^{-7}; [\text{Ag}^+]_3 = \frac{K_{sp}}{[\text{I}^-]} = \frac{10^{-7}}{0.001} = 10^{-4} \text{ M};$$

$$[\text{Ag}^+] = [\text{Ag}^+]_1 + [\text{Ag}^+]_2 + [\text{Ag}^+]_3 = 10^{-9} + 10^{-11} + 10^{-4} \approx 10^{-4} \text{ M}.$$

Answer: $\approx 10^{-4} \text{ M}$

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