

QUESTION:

Calculate the molar concentration of each ion (Na⁺ and PO₄³⁻) in a aqueous Na₃PO₄ solution when 2.0 g of Na₃PO₄ is dissolved in water so that the final volume of the solution is 150 ml.

SOLUTION:

$$n_{Na_3PO_4} = \frac{m_{Na_3PO_4}}{M_{Na_3PO_4}} = \frac{2.0 \text{ g}}{164 \text{ g/mol}} = 0.012 \text{ mol}$$

$$V_{\text{solution}} = 0.15 \text{ L}$$

$$C_{Na_3PO_4} = \frac{n_{Na_3PO_4}}{V_{\text{solution}}} = \frac{0.012 \text{ mol}}{0.15 \text{ L}} = 0.081 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$$

Assume that Na₃PO₄ is completely dissociated.

$$C_{Na^+} = 3C_{Na_3PO_4} = 0.244 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$$

$$C_{PO_4^{3-}} = C_{Na_3PO_4} = 0.081 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$$