

Preparation of oxalic acid:

$$n(\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}) = n = \frac{m}{M}$$

$$n = \frac{1.61\text{g}}{126.1\text{g mol}^{-1}}$$

$$n = 0.01276764473$$

$$n = 0.0128\text{ mol (3 sig fig)}$$

$$c(\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4) = c = \frac{n}{V}$$

$$c = \frac{0.0128\text{ mol}}{0.25\text{ L}}$$

$$c = 0.05107692$$

$$c = 0.0511\text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ (3 sig fig)}$$

Standardisation of sodium hydroxide solution:

Titration	1	2	3	4	5
Final Reading / mL	24.35	47.95	23.75	46.95	24.85
Initial Reading / mL	0.40	24.35	0.00	23.75	1.25
Titre / mL	23.95	23.60	23.75	23.20	23.60

$$V(\text{NaOH}) = \frac{23.60 + 23.75 + 23.60}{3} = 23.65$$

$$= 0.02365\text{ L}$$

$$n(\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4) = n = c \times V$$

$$n = 0.05107692\text{ mol L}^{-1} \times 0.025\text{ L}$$

$$n = 0.0127676425$$

$$n = 0.0128\text{ mol (3 sig fig)}$$

$$n(\text{NaOH}) = 1:2$$

$$2 \times 0.0127676425\text{ mol}$$

$$n = 0.025535285$$

$$n = 0.0255\text{ mol (3 sig fig)}$$

$$c(\text{NaOH}) = c = \frac{n}{V}$$

$$c = \frac{0.025535285\text{ mol}}{0.02365\text{ L}}$$

$$c = 0.1079716068$$

$$c = 0.108\text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ (3 sig fig)}$$

Analysis of white vinegar:

$$V(\text{NaOH}) = \frac{20.70 + 21.00 + 21.00}{3} = 20.9$$

$$= 0.0209\text{ L}$$

$$n(\text{NaOH}) = n = c \times V$$

$$n = 0.108\text{ mol L}^{-1} \times 0.0209\text{ L}$$

$$n = 0.022572$$

$$n = 0.0226\text{ mol (3 sig fig)}$$

$$n(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 1:1$$

$$= 1 \times 0.022572\text{ mol}$$

$$= 0.022572\text{ mol}$$

$$= 0.0226\text{ mol (3 sig fig)}$$

$$c(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = c = \frac{n}{V}$$

$$c = \frac{0.022572\text{ mol}}{0.025\text{ L}}$$

$$c = 0.90288$$

$$c = 0.903\text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ (3 sig fig)}$$

From Q10 in Part C $c(\text{diluted CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 0.0903 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ (3 sig fig)

From dilution information above dilution factor = 10

Combining the above two original concentration = $0.90288 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$
 0.903 mol L^{-1} (3 sig fig)

12. The molar mass of ethanoic acid is $M(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 60.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ and $M = m/n$
 Use this information and your final value in Q11 above to calculate the concentration of ethanoic acid present in the original Homebrand vinegar in units of g L^{-1} .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{concentration} &= \text{molar mass} \\ 0.903 \text{ mol L}^{-1} &\times 60.0 \text{ g mol}^{-1} \\ &= 54.1728 \\ &= 54.173 \text{ g L}^{-1} \text{ (3 sig fig)} \end{aligned}$$

Summary Report:

Some control variables used in this investigation was the volume. By using the equipment of the burette, conical flasks and pipette that ensured that the volume of ethanoic acid and the original homebrand vinegar were all kept at the exact and same volumes needed.

Another controlled variable was the concentration. This was controlled due to the repeating of the experiment 4 times. By repeating the experiment multiple times, that ensured that the results would be fairly accurate and kept at a titre value of between 0.30ml. From there, by taking the most concordant titre measurements, an average can be found to show a high accuracy. Other control of variables were through ensuring that the burette was free of any air bubbles. By freeing

the air bubbles that ensured the final result of the reading would be more accurate. This is due to the fact that the air bubbles stuck in the burette give an inaccurate showing of the amount and also make it harder to release ^{the acid} into the conical flask. Overall the concentration found was 54.173 g L^{-1} , which was 5.827 g L^{-1} less than the 60.0 g L^{-1} found by the manufacturer. Although they are close, the concentration found was

lesser, ^{this} ~~because~~ could be because of a slight inaccuracy when using the burette to pour into the conical flask and accidentally going slight over the exact needed amount. Overall though, the concentration was found very close and somewhat accurate when compared to the concentration claimed by the manufacturer.