

Preface

The second edition of *Atoms First* by Burdge and Overby builds on the innovative approach established in the first edition—focusing on helping students construct the “story of chemistry,” beginning with the atom. Changes are intended to make the story flow even better, while maintaining and expanding the student-centered pedagogical features that have made this book so popular with professors and students alike.

Worked Examples

Each Worked Example is now followed by three Practice Problems: Attempt, Build, and Conceptualize.

Practice Problem A (now called “Attempt”) asks the student to apply the same Strategy to solve a problem very similar to the Worked Example. In general, the same Setup and series of steps in the Solution to the Worked Example can be used to solve Practice Problem A.

Practice Problem B (now called “Build”) assesses mastery of the same skills as those required for the Worked Example and Practice Problem A, but everywhere possible, Practice Problem B employs a slightly different perspective and cannot be solved using the same Strategy used for the Worked Example and for Practice Problem A. This provides the student an opportunity to develop a strategy independently, and combats the tendency that some students have to want to apply a “template” approach to solving chemistry problems.

Practice Problem C (called “Conceptualize”) provides an exercise that probes the student’s conceptual understanding of the material. Practice Problems C are new to this edition and most employ concept and molecular art. Some Practice Problems Attempt and Build have been incorporated into the problems available in McGraw-Hill Connect and can be used in online homework and/or quizzing.

Worked Example 1.8

An average adult has 5.2 L of blood. What is the volume of blood in cubic meters?

Strategy There are several ways to solve a problem such as this. One way is to convert liters to cubic centimeters and then cubic centimeters to cubic meters.

Setup $1 \text{ L} = 1000 \text{ cm}^3$ and $1 \text{ cm} = 1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$. When a unit is raised to a power, the corresponding conversion factor must also be raised to that power in order for the units to cancel appropriately.

Solution

$$5.2 \text{ L} \times \frac{1000 \text{ cm}^3}{1 \text{ L}} \times \left(\frac{1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}}{1 \text{ cm}} \right)^3 = 5.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

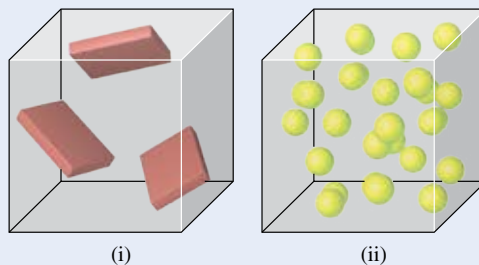
Think About It

Based on the preceding conversion factors, $1 \text{ L} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$. Therefore, 5 L of blood would be equal to $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$, which is close to the calculated answer.

Practice Problem A **TEMPT** The density of silver is 10.5 g/cm^3 . What is its density in kg/m^3 ?

Practice Problem B **UILD** The density of mercury is 13.6 g/cm^3 . What is its density in pounds per cubic foot (lb/ft^3)? ($1 \text{ lb} = 453.6 \text{ g}$, $1 \text{ in} = 2.54 \text{ cm}$)

Practice Problem C **ONCEPTUALIZE**
Each diagram [(i) or (ii)] shows the objects contained within a cubical space. In each case, determine to the appropriate number of significant figures the number of objects that would be contained within a cubical space in which the length of the cube’s edge is exactly five times that of the cube shown in the diagram.



New Pedagogy

A description of each Key Equation helps students identify and understand the purpose of each equation, including how to apply it, and when it is appropriate to do so.

Key Equations

$$1.1 \text{ K} = ^\circ\text{C} + 273.15$$

Temperature in kelvins is determined by adding 273.15 to the temperature in Celsius. Often we simply add 273, depending on the precision with which the Celsius temperature is known.

$$1.2 \text{ temperature in } ^\circ\text{F} = \frac{9^\circ\text{F}}{5^\circ\text{C}} \times (\text{temperature in } ^\circ\text{C}) + 32^\circ\text{F}$$

Temperature in Celsius is used to determine temperature in Fahrenheit.

$$1.3 \text{ } d = \frac{m}{V}$$

Density is the ratio of mass to volume. For liquids and solids, densities are typically expressed in g/cm^3 .

All of the end-of-chapter problems outside of the Additional Problems are clearly categorized and grouped under the heading of Conceptual Problems or Computational Problems.

Questions and Problems

SECTION 1.1: THE STUDY OF CHEMISTRY

Review Questions

- Define the terms *chemistry* and *matter*.
- Explain what is meant by the scientific method.
- What is the difference between a hypothesis and a theory?

Computational Problems

- Classify each of the following statements as a hypothesis, law, or theory. (a) Beethoven's contribution to music would have been much greater if he had married. (b) An autumn leaf gravitates toward the ground because there is an attractive force between the leaf and Earth. (c) All matter is composed of very small particles.
- Classify each of the following statements as a hypothesis, law, or theory. (a) The force acting on an object is equal to its mass times its acceleration. (b) The universe as we know it started with a big bang. (c) There are many civilizations more advanced than ours on other planets.

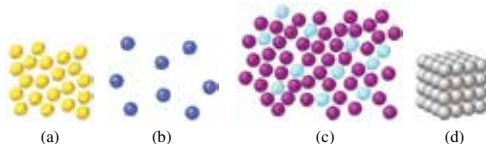
SECTION 1.2: CLASSIFICATION OF MATTER

Review Questions

- Give an example for each of the following terms: (a) matter, (b) substance, (c) mixture.
- Give an example of a homogeneous mixture and an example of a heterogeneous mixture.

Conceptual Problem

- Identify each of the diagrams shown here as a solid, liquid, gas, or mixture of two substances.



- Determine which of the following properties are intensive and which are extensive: (a) length, (b) volume, (c) temperature, (d) mass.

Computational Problems

- Determine whether the following statements describe chemical or physical properties: (a) Oxygen gas supports combustion. (b) Ingredients in antacids reduce acid reflux. (c) Water boils above 100°C in a pressure cooker. (d) Carbon dioxide is denser than air. (e) Uranium combines with fluorine to form a gas.
- Classify the following as qualitative or quantitative statements, giving your reasons. (a) The sun is approximately 93 million miles from Earth. (b) Leonardo da Vinci was a better painter than Michelangelo. (c) Ice is less dense than water. (d) Butter tastes better than margarine. (e) A stitch in time saves nine.
- Determine whether each of the following describes a physical change or a chemical change: (a) A soda loses its fizz and goes flat. (b) A bruise develops on a football player's arm and gradually changes color. (c) A pile of leaves is burned. (d) Frost forms on a windshield after a cold night. (e) Wet clothes are hung out to dry in the sun.
- Determine whether each of the following describes a physical change or a chemical change: (a) The helium gas inside a balloon tends to leak out after a few hours. (b) A flashlight beam slowly gets dimmer and finally goes out. (c) Frozen orange juice is reconstituted by adding water to it. (d) The growth of plants depends on the sun's energy in a process called photosynthesis. (e) A spoonful of sugar dissolves in a cup of coffee.

SECTION 1.4: SCIENTIFIC MEASUREMENT

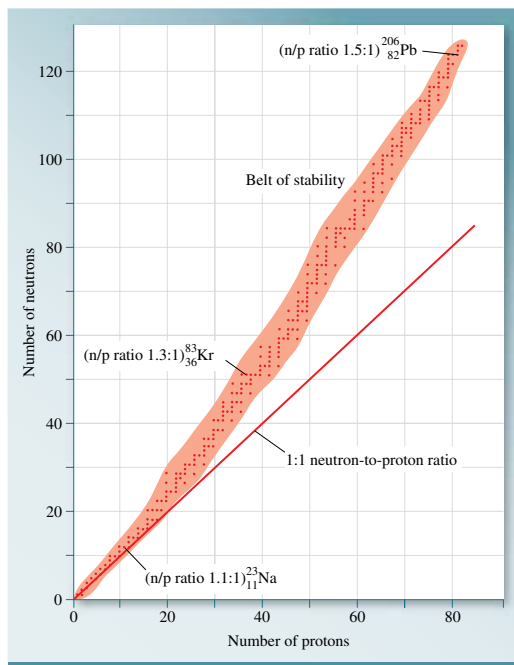
Review Questions

- Name the SI base units that are important in chemistry, and give the SI units for expressing the following: (a) length, (b) volume, (c) mass, (d) time, (e) temperature.
- Write the numbers represented by the following prefixes:

New and Updated Chapter Content

Chapter 2—A new section (2.4) has been added to introduce the concept of nuclear stability and provide students insight into why some nuclei are stable, and others are not.

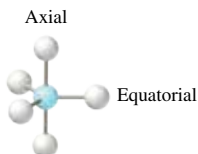
Figure 2.9 Plot of neutrons versus protons for various stable isotopes, represented by dots. The straight line represents the points at which the neutron-to-proton ratio is 1. The shaded area represents the belt of stability.



Chapter 6—A small section on Lewis acids and bases has been added in conjunction with Lewis structures. The importance of the Lewis concept of acids and bases—and the importance of molecular structure in determining acid-base properties are critical to a student’s understanding of chemical reactivity; and we believe it is beneficial to introduce it early in this context. (More comprehensive coverage of Lewis acids and bases also remains in Chapter 16.)

Chapter 7—We have added a graphic to illustrate more clearly the axial and equatorial positions in trigonal bipyramidal structures.

AB_5 molecules contain two different bond angles between adjacent bonds. The reason for this is that, unlike those in the other AB_x molecules, the positions occupied by bonds in a trigonal bipyramid are not all equivalent. The three bonds that are arranged in a trigonal plane are referred to as *equatorial*. The bond angle between any two of the three equatorial bonds is 120° . The two bonds that form an axis perpendicular to the trigonal plane are referred to as *axial*.



The bond angle between either of the axial bonds and any one of the equatorial bonds is 90° . (As in the case of the AB_6 molecule, the angle between any two A–B bonds that point in opposite

And, because we believe it is important to illustrate at every opportunity the importance of structure in determining function, intermolecular forces are now presented in Section 7.3, immediately following the material on molecular polarity. We view the early inclusion of this material in the context of structure as a logical extension of a true atoms-first approach. Further, introducing intermolecular forces earlier in the first half of the textbook allows more thorough development of this crucially important topic throughout the remaining chapters.

7.3 INTERMOLECULAR FORCES

An important consequence of molecular polarity is the existence of attractive forces between neighboring molecules, which we refer to as *intermolecular forces*. We have already encountered an example of “intermolecular” forces in the form of ionic bonding [Section 5.3], where the mag-

Chapter 9—In Section 9.5, we now introduce the concept of pH in the context of acid-base chemistry and have students learn to perform relatively simple pH calculations for strong acids and bases. The benefits of introducing pH early are twofold: It requires students to become reacquainted with the logarithmic functions on their calculators in a relatively simple context, with straightforward conversions between hydronium ion concentration and pH. Later, in the context of equilibrium, proper use of these calculations should be a ready tool—rather than another layer of complication amid a chapter with a large volume of new material. A second benefit of introducing the pH scale and pH calculations early is that it facilitates the inclusion of more experiments in the laboratory portion of the course—a perennial concern for the atoms-first curriculum.

The pH Scale

The acidity of an aqueous solution depends on the concentration of hydronium ions $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$. This concentration can range over many orders of magnitude, which can make reporting the numbers cumbersome. To describe the acidity of a solution, rather than report the molar concentration of hydronium ions, we typically use the more convenient pH scale. The **pH** of a solution is defined as the negative base-10 logarithm of the hydronium ion concentration (in mol/L).

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \text{ or } \text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

Equation 9.5

Student Annotation: Equation 9.5 converts numbers that can span an enormous range ($\sim 10^{-1}$ to 10^{-14}) to numbers generally ranging from ~ 1 to 14.

Chapter 12—With the movement of intermolecular forces to an earlier position in the textbook, this chapter is now more tightly focused on the nature of liquids and solids. We have rearranged the sections for what we believe is a more logical flow, and we have included a new section on the vapor pressure of solids. As before, the chapter culminates with phase changes and phase diagrams.

Chapter 14—In the first edition of *Chemistry: Atoms First*, Chapter 14 was Chemical Kinetics. However, in our vision of a true atoms-first approach, and as the result of discussion with users of our text, we reasoned that it would be advantageous to introduce thermodynamics as the predecessor of chemical equilibrium. Thus, thermodynamics is now presented earlier in the second half of the text. We believe that the earlier coverage of entropy and Gibbs free energy will enable students to develop a more robust understanding of the origins of chemical equilibrium.

TABLE 14.4

Predicting the Sign of ΔG Using Equation 14.10 and the Signs of ΔH and ΔS

When ΔH is	And ΔS is	ΔG will be	And the process is	Example
Negative	Positive	Negative	Always spontaneous	$2\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(aq) \longrightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(l) + \text{O}_2(g)$
Positive	Negative	Positive	Always nonspontaneous	$3\text{O}_2(g) \longrightarrow 2\text{O}_3(g)$
Negative	Negative	Negative when $T\Delta S < \Delta H$ Positive when $T\Delta S > \Delta H$	Spontaneous at low T Nonspontaneous at high T	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \longrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(s)$ (freezing of water)
Positive	Positive	Negative when $T\Delta S > \Delta H$ Positive when $T\Delta S < \Delta H$	Spontaneous at high T Nonspontaneous at low T	$2\text{HgO}(s) \longrightarrow 2\text{Hg}(l) + \text{O}_2(g)$

Chapter 15—This chapter remains focused solely on equilibrium as with the previous edition, but now we are able to present equilibrium from the standpoint of its thermodynamic underpinnings. In this way, we are able to provide an introduction to equilibrium and the development of the equilibrium constant along with the reaction quotient. Then we explore the intimate relationship between Gibbs free energy and the reaction quotient, and how Gibbs free energy ultimately is related to the equilibrium constant under standard-state conditions.

Chapter 18—With the movement of thermodynamics to an earlier chapter, the coverage of electrochemistry (Formerly Chapter 19) is now moved up. Because electrochemistry is also related to Gibbs free energy and ultimately the equilibrium constant, this provides logical continuity of the atoms-first approach with respect to equilibrium.

Chapter 19—Because we now have a sequential group of chapters relating thermodynamics and equilibrium, we have moved the kinetics chapter later in the book. One benefit of this reorganization is that students will be better prepared to understand the kinetics of reactions in which there is a fast initial step. Another benefit is that with kinetics in Chapter 19, this material is followed immediately by the nuclear chapter (Chapter 20), affording students the opportunity to put into timely practice their knowledge of first-order kinetics—in the context of nuclear decay processes.

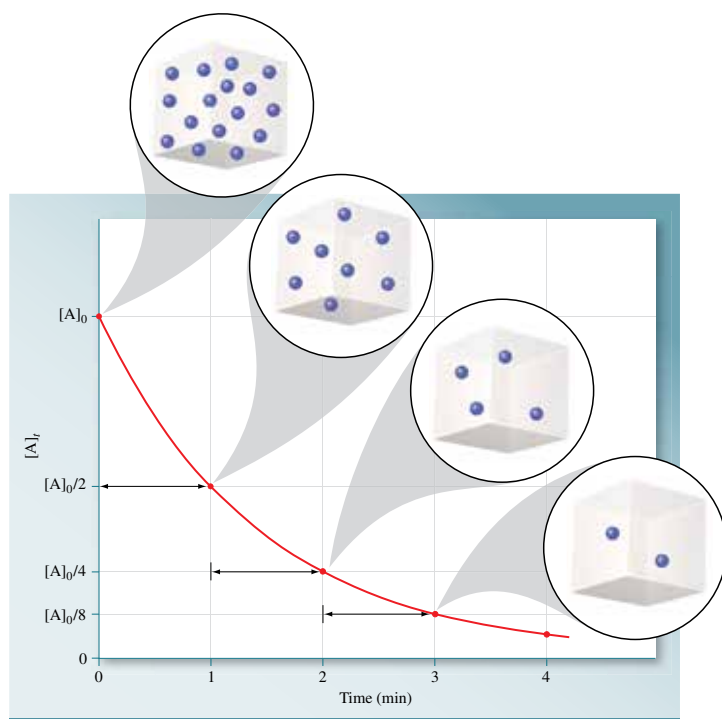


Figure 19.13 A plot of $[A]$ versus time for the first-order reaction $A \longrightarrow \text{products}$. The half-life of the reaction is 1 min. The concentration of A is halved every half-life.

Chapters 23–25—In response to feedback from professors, we have reduced the size of the printed book by removing the chapter on chemistry of the nonmetals (formerly Chapter 23). Thus, Chapters 23 and 24 are now Organic Chemistry and Modern Materials, respectively. We realize, of course, that coverage of nonmetals is important material—and that some professors will still wish to present it and/or provide it to their students. Therefore, what was formerly Chapter 23 has been renumbered Chapter 25, Nonmetallic Elements and Their Compounds, and is available as a free digital download via the text’s online learning center and/or the Instructor Resources in Connect. Chapter 25 is also available for text customization in McGraw-Hill Create.