

Synthesis and Characterization of Bismuth (III) Iodomolybdate Inorganic Cation Exchanger

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Abstract: *Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate, a new inorganic cation exchanger, was synthesized. The ion exchange capacity was determined by column method and P^H titration method. The ion exchange capacity of the exchanger was found to be 1.2 meq/g. The material has also been characterized on the basis of thermal stability, chemical stability, thermogravimetric analysis, x-ray diffraction pattern and infrared studies. Thermal stability shows ion exchange capacity of bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate decreases with increase in temperature and it also revealed that weight of bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate decrease with increase in temperature. Chemical resistivity of the material was assessed in various acidic and basic media. Distribution studies find the synthesized ion exchanger selective for Ni^{++} ions.*

Key words: *Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate, Inorganic cation exchanger, Ion exchange capacity, Thermal stability, Chemical stability and Distribution studies.*

I. Introduction

In separation science two or more components are separated by various techniques, eg. ion exchange, solvent extraction etc. Synthesis, Characterization and ion exchange properties of different types of ion exchangers based on different metal ions such as Zr(IV), Ce(IV), Sr(IV), Th(V), Sb(V), Sb(III), Bi(III) etc. have been reported¹⁴⁻³⁵. The exchangers have wide range of properties, selectivity and reproducibility in their behaviour. Recently most literature have been concentrated on ion exchangers based on zirconium(IV), antimony(III), titanium, and tin (IV) and only a few studies of the exchangers have been reported based on bismuth(III) an element of 15th group in the periodic table.

II. Experimental

Reagents and chemicals - Bismuth nitrate, potassium iodate and sodium molybdate were obtained from C.D.H. Ltd. (India). All the chemicals such as, sodium chloride, sodium hydroxide, sodium salt of EDTA, hexamine, hydroxyl ammonium chloride, triethanolamine, erichrome black-T, etc. of AR grade were used.

Apparatus :-

P^H measurements were done using a Toshniwal research P^H meter model P^H 110. TGA, X-RD & IR of the exchanger were obtained from IIT, Roorkee. Perkin Elmer (Pyris Diamond) in alumina pan with a current of nitrogen for TGA, Thermo Nicolet IR spectrophotometer for IR and Philips Analytical X-ray B.V. diffractometer for X-RD were available in the instrumentation lab at IIT, Roorkee. Muffle furnace (TANCO, Shivaki-T 701) with digital temperature controller (up to 1000°C), Oven (NSW INDIA) model I-43 (temp up to 250°C), Rotary Shaker (TANCO) with a capacity of 16 conical flasks (250ml). Samson Electronic balance (Model-300D) and Magnetic stirrer with hot plate were used.

SYNTHESIS :-

Six samples of bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate were prepared by mixing 0.1 M solution of Bismuth nitrate, 0.1 M solution of potassium iodate and 0.1 M solution of sodium molybdate with continuous stirring in various mixing volume ratios (Table-I). The precipitates were dried at 40±1°C. The dried products were cracked when immersed in water just after drying. The granules were charged by keeping them in with 1 M nitric acid solution for 24 hrs with occasional shaking and intermittently changing the acid solution. The products were washed with distilled water to free from acid and then dried at 40±1°C in a temperature controlled oven. The materials, so obtained were creamy white in colour and were ready to use as cation exchangers (Table- 2).

III. Characterization:-

Determination of ion exchange capacity for Na^+ ions by column method :-

The ion exchange capacity of all the six samples were determined (Table-3).

Synthesis of the selected sample in bulk for detailed study :-

The sample BIM-2 which was synthesized in bulk, was characterized on the basis of different parameters as given below:-

Determination of Ion exchange capacity for different metal ions by column method:-

Ion exchange capacity of BIM-2 was determined in meq/g (dry exchanger) for various metal ions are reported in (Table-4).

Determination of Ion exchange capacity by P^H titration method:-

p^H titration method is also used for the determination of ion exchange capacity of the selected sample (Table-5). The P^H of the different solutions were recorded after equilibrium and plotted against the strength of the OH⁻ ions (fig-1).

Thermal stability :-

Loss in weight of the seven samples were recorded (Table-7). Ion exchange capacities of all the samples after heating were also determined (Table-6). The graph was plotted between temperature and Ion exchange capacity (fig-2). The graph was also plotted between temperature and weight loss (fig.-3)

Chemical Stability :-

After 24 hrs loss in weight and change in colour of the samples were recorded (Table – 8). After treating the material, ion exchange capacities of all the samples were determined by column method in (Table-9).

Distribution Studies :-

The distribution coefficient is inversely proportional to the concentration of the solution. Distribution studies were carried out for several metal ions by batch process⁴³ (Table-10). Selectivity coefficient (Kd) values were calculated using the following expression :-

$$Kd = \frac{[I - F]}{F} \cdot \frac{V}{M}$$

Where,

I = Initial amount of the ions in the solution phase,

F = Final amount of the ions in the solution phase,

V = Volume of the solution (ml),

W = Weight of the exchanger (g).

The IR absorption spectrum was recorded in (Fig. 4).

X-Ray diffraction :-

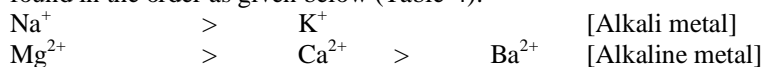
The X-ray diffraction pattern of the exchanger was also obtained from Instrumentation Centre, IIT Roorkee where Philips analytical X-ray B.V. Diffractometer was available. The diffraction pattern is exhibited by (fig. 5) which shows a number of peaks.

Thermogravimetric Analysis Curve:-

The TGA curve of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate was studied (fig. 6). The thermogram of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate exhibited weight loss up to 200⁰C, which is due to the removal of water molecules.

IV. Results & Discussion :

Creamy white precipitate of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate were obtained (Table- 1, Table-2). In all the six samples, ion exchange capacity of sample no.2 was found to be maximum (Table-3). Ion exchange capacity of the selected sample with some monovalent and bivalent cations have been determined (Table-4). The maximum ion exchange capacity was found to be 1.14 meq/g for Na⁺ ions. The ion exchange capacities were found in the order as given below (Table-4):-



The exchanger remained solid up to 300⁰C (Table- 6) and (Table-7). The material was found to be fairly stable in M H₂SO₄, M HNO₃ and dissolve in 2M HCl. It was found slightly stable in M KOH, M NaOH and M NaNO₃ and completely soluble in 2M NaOH and 2M KOH solution. Effect of chemicals was determined in terms of loss in weight and loss in IEC (Table-8, Table-9).

The P^H titration curve (fig-1) showed that the ion exchange material releases H⁺ ions easily on addition of NaCl solution to the system. The ion exchange capacity calculated from the titration curve at P^H 7.0 was 1.2 meq/g, which is in close agreement to those obtained by the column method.

The thermogram (fig-6) of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate exhibited weight loss up to 200° C, which is due to the removal of water molecules. Further a gradual loss of weight of Ion exchanger was attributed to the condensation of IO₃⁻ group in to I₂O₅. The effect of heating on I.E.C. of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate from 50°C to 350°C showed that the I.E.C. decreases with increase in temperature. In order to further characterize the materials its FTIR study (fig – 4) was done. The strong and broad absorption band⁴⁶ in the region 3600-3000 cm⁻¹ may be assigned to interstitial water molecules and free –OH groups. Another sharp peak between 1600 – 1650 cm⁻¹ may be due to the H-OH bending motion which produces a medium band in this region.

The X-ray diffraction pattern of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate exhibits quite weak peaks, indicating its amorphous form (fig – 5).

Distribution studies of the studied metal ions revealed that Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate is selective for Ni⁺² ions.

Table-1
Synthesis of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

Sl. No.	Sample Number	Molarity of Solution			Mixing Volume Ratio (BN: PI: SM)	pH	Precipitates Drying temp. (°C)	Colour of precipitates
		BN	PI	SM				
1.	BIM-1	0.1M	0.1M	0.1M	1:1:1	1	40	White
2.	BIM-2	0.1M	0.1M	0.1M	1:2:2	1	40	White
3.	BIM-3	0.1M	0.1M	0.1M	2:1:1	1	40	White
4.	BIM-4	0.1M	0.1M	0.1M	2:2:1	1	40	White
5.	BIM-5	0.1M	0.1M	0.1M	3:1:1	1	40	White
6.	BIM-6	0.1M	0.1M	0.1M	3:2:2	1	40	White

BN=Bismuth nitrate,PI=Potassium iodate, SM= Sodium Molybdate. Mixing volume ratio 1=40 ml, 2=80 ml, 3=120 ml , BIM=Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

Table-2
Generation of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

Sl. No.	Sample Number	Appearance of Beads ¹ before generation	Appearance of Beads ¹ after generation	Drying temp. (°C)
1.	BIM-1	White	Creamy white	40
2.	BIM-2	White	Creamy white	40
3.	BIM-3	White	Creamy white	40
4.	BIM-4	White	Creamy White	40
5.	BIM-5	White	Creamy white	40
6.	BIM-6	White	Creamy White	40

1. Beads are obtained from the precipitates (Refer table - 1)

Table-3
Ion exchange capacity values of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate samples

Sl.No.	Sample Number	Salt Solution	Molarity of Salt Solution	I.E.C. for Na ⁺ (meq/g)
1.	BIM-1	NaNO ₃	1M	0.8
2.	BIM-2	NaNO ₃	1M	1.2
3.	BIM-3	NaNO ₃	1M	0.84
4.	BIM-4	NaNO ₃	1M	0.7
5.	BIM-5	NaNO ₃	1M	0.88
6.	BIM-6	NaNO ₃	1M	0.24

M = Molar NaNO₃ solution in water

Table- 4
I.E.C. of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate of some Monovalent and Bivalent Cations.

Serial Number	Salt Solution	Metal ion	Molarity	Ion Exchange capacity [meq/g]	Hydrated ionic Radii [Å ^o]
1.	Sodium Chloride	Na ⁺	1 M	1.14	7.90
2.	Potassium Chloride	K ⁺	1 M	0.54	5.30
3.	Magnesium Chloride	Mg ²⁺	1 M	1.12	10.80
4.	Calcium Chloride	Ca ²⁺	1 M	0.78	9.60
5.	Barium Chloride	Ba ²⁺	1 M	0.56	8.80

Table- 5
P^H titration values of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

Sl. No.	Sample Number	Mixing Volume Ratio		P ^H Value
		NaCl Solution	NaOH Solution	
1.	BIM-2	50	00	2.73
2.	BIM-2	45	05	6.63
3.	BIM-2	40	10	8.19
4.	BIM-2	35	15	9.28
5.	BIM-2	30	20	9.61
6.	BIM-2	25	25	9.94
7.	BIM-2	20	30	9.99
8.	BIM-2	15	35	10.75
9.	BIM-2	10	40	11.61
10.	BIM-2	05	45	11.65
11.	BIM-2	00	50	12.02

Table- 6
Heating Effect Study on IEC of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

Sl. No.	IEC Before Heating	Heating Temp. (°C)	Heating Time (Hour)	IEC after Heating	Loss in IEC	Colour Change	Physical State
1.	1.2	50	1	1.00	0.20	Creamy white	Solid
2.	1.2	100	1	0.53	0.67	Creamy white	Solid
3.	1.2	150	1	0.42	0.78	Creamy white	Solid
4.	1.2	200	1	0.30	0.90	Creamy white	Solid
5.	1.2	250	1	0.17	1.03	Pinkish white	Solid
6.	1.2	300	1	0.15	1.05	Shine brown	Solid
7.	1.2	350	1	0.13	1.07	Shine brown	Liquid

IEC = Ion exchange capacity for Na⁺ (NaNO₃ solution)

Table- 7
Heating Effect Study on Weight of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

Sl. No.	Weight of Ion Exchanger Before Heating (g)	Heating Temp. (°C)	Heating Time (Hour)	Weight of Ion Exchanger after Heating (g)	Weight Loss (g)	% Weight Loss	Physical State
1.	0.50	50	1	0.50	0.00	0	Solid
2.	0.50	100	1	0.49	0.01	1	Solid
3.	0.50	150	1	0.48	0.02	2	Solid
4.	0.50	200	1	0.47	0.03	3	Solid
5.	0.50	250	1	0.47	0.03	3	Solid
6.	0.50	300	1	0.46	0.04	4	Solid
7.	0.50	350	1	0.45	0.05	5	Liquid

Table-8
Chemical Stability of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

Sl. Number	Solution	Molarity	Colour	W _i (g)	W _F (g)
1	H ₂ SO ₄	0.1	Creamy white	0.25	0.17
		1.0	Creamy white	0.25	0.16
		0.2	Creamy white	0.25	0.18
		2.0	Creamy white	0.25	0.12
2	HNO ₃	0.1	Creamy white	0.25	0.19
		1.0	Creamy white	0.25	0.14
		0.2	Creamy white	0.25	0.19
		2.0	Creamy white	0.25	0.08
3	HCl	0.1	Creamy white	0.25	0.16
		1.0	C.D.	0.25	C.D.
		0.2	Creamy white	0.25	0.07
4	NaOH	1.0	Yellow	0.25	0.06
		0.2	C.D.	0.25	C.D.
5	KOH	1.0	Yellow	0.25	0.08
		0.2	C.D.	0.25	C.D.
6	NaNO ₃	1.0	Light lemon	0.25	0.17
		0.2	Light lemon	0.25	0.20
		2.0	Light lemon	0.25	0.09

W_i = Initial weight of exchanger before dipping in solution W_F = Final weight of exchanger after dipping in solution C.D.= Completely dissolved exchanger in solution

Table-9
Ion exchange capacity of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate against Chemicals

Sl.No.	Sample Number	Solution	Molarity	Ion exchange capacity
1.	BIM-2	H ₂ SO ₄	0.1	0.4
2.	BIM-2	H ₂ SO ₄	1.0	0.3
3.	BIM-2	H ₂ SO ₄	0.2	0.8
4.	BIM-2	H ₂ SO ₄	2.0	0.9
5.	BIM-2	HNO ₃	0.1	0.9
6.	BIM-2	HNO ₃	0.2	0.7
7.	BIM-2	HNO ₃	2.0	0.8
8.	BIM-2	HNO ₃	0.1	-
9.	BIM-2	HCl	1.0	0.7
10.	BIM-2	HCl	0.2	-
11.	BIM-2	HCl	1.0	-
12.	BIM-2	NaOH	0.2	-
13.	BIM-2	NaOH	1.0	-
14.	BIM-2	KOH	0.2	-
15.	BIM-2	KOH	1.0	-
16.	BIM-2	NaNO ₃	0.2	1.2
17.	BIM-2	NaNO ₃	2.0	1.1
18.	BIM-2	NaNO ₃	2.0	-

Table-10
Distribution Coefficient (K_d) values for metal ions

Sl. Number	Cations	Taken as	K _d (ml/g)
1	Mn ²⁺	Sulphate	62.61
2	Zn ²⁺	Sulphate	12.73
3	Mg ²⁺	Chloride	85
4	Ni ²⁺	Sulphate	120
5	Cd ²⁺	Nitrate	31.58
6	Co ²⁺	Sulphate	28.57
7	Pb ²⁺	Nitrate	45.60

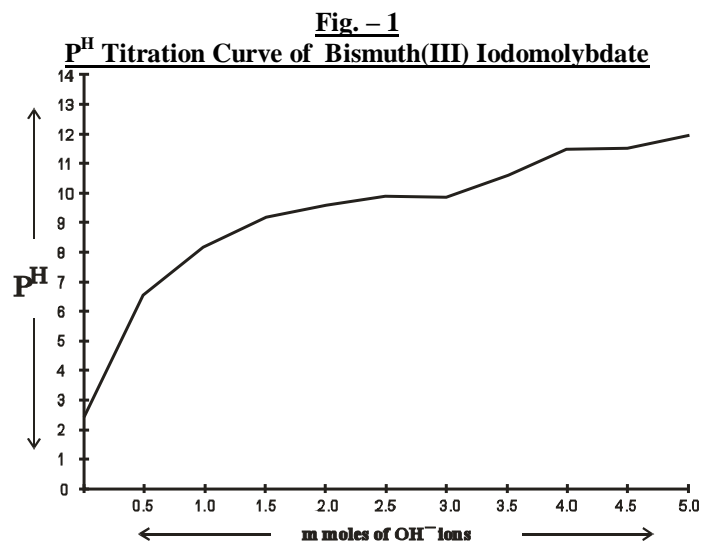


Fig. - 2
Thermal stability curve between temperature and weight loss of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

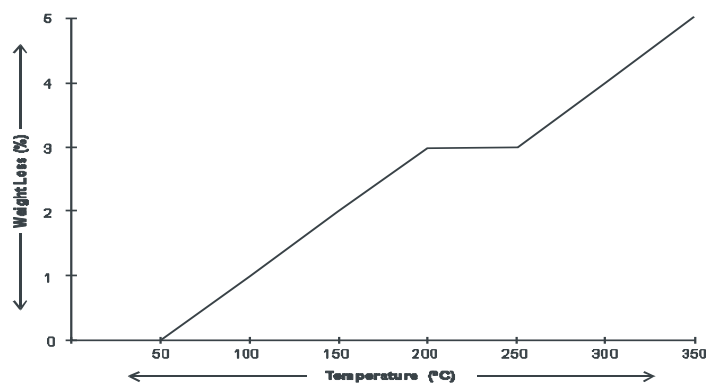


Fig. - 3
Thermal stability curve between temperature and ion exchange capacity of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

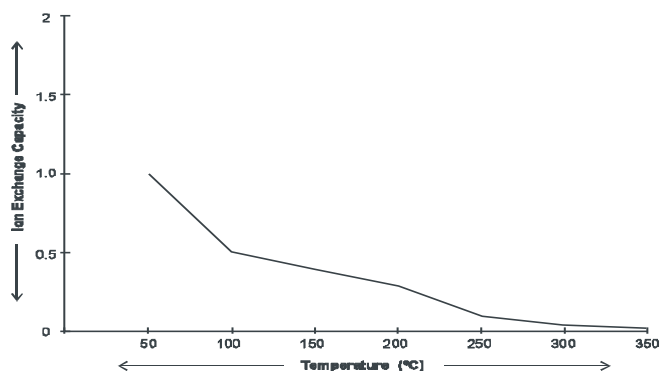


Fig. - 4
IR of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate

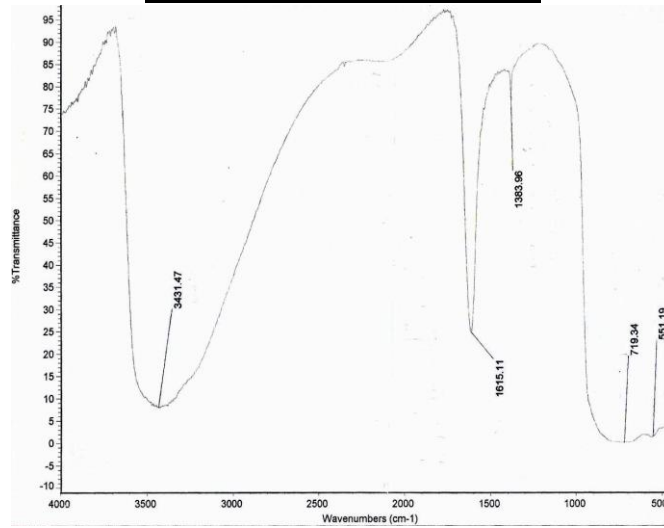


Fig. - 5
XRD pattern of Bismuth(III) iodomolybdate

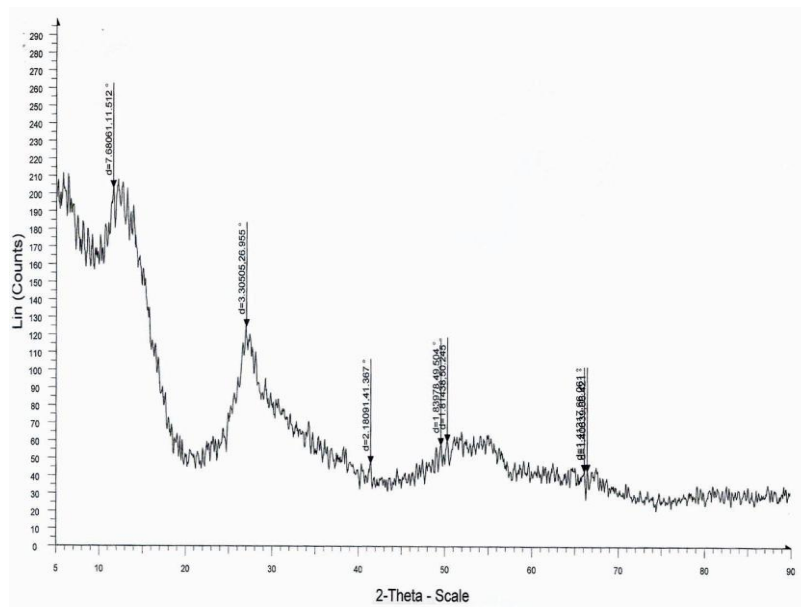


Fig. - 6
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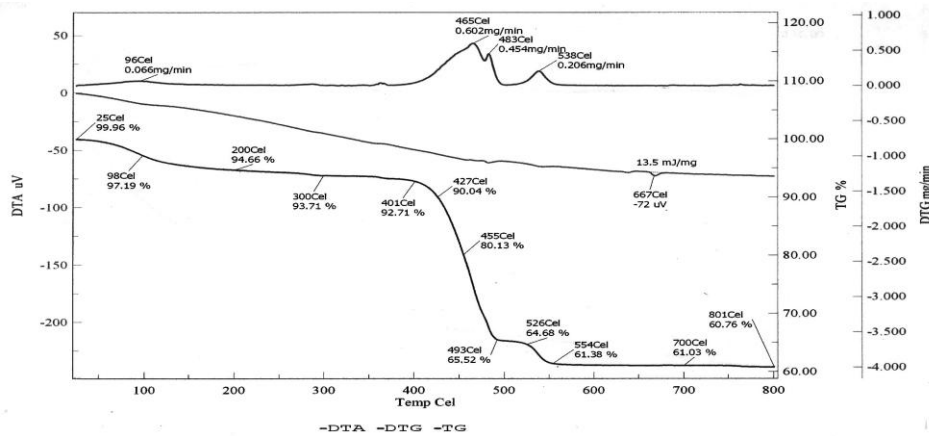


Fig. - 7
Specificity of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate of Ni⁺⁺ and Cd⁺⁺

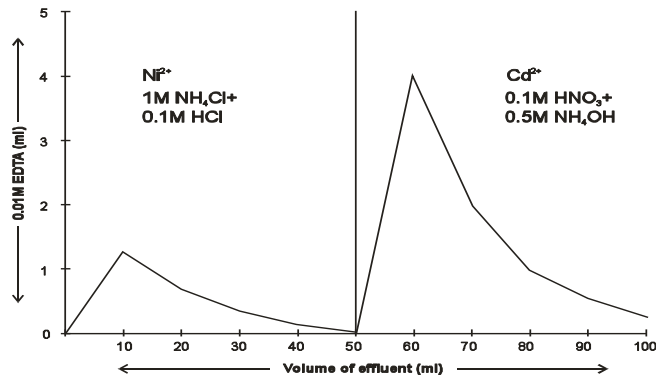


Fig. - 8
Specificity of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate of Mn⁺⁺ and Ni⁺⁺

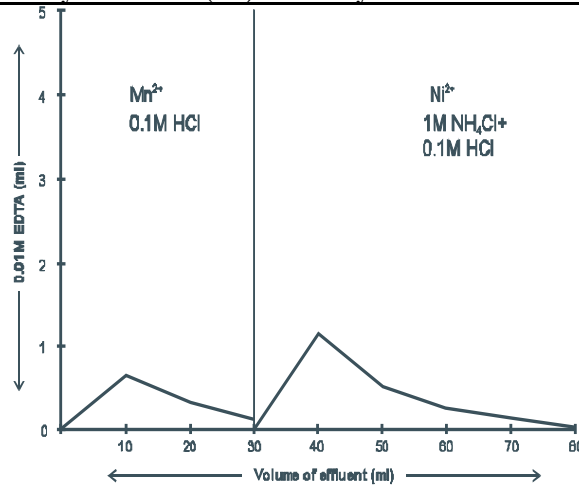


Fig. - 9
Specificity of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate of Zn⁺⁺ and Ni⁺⁺

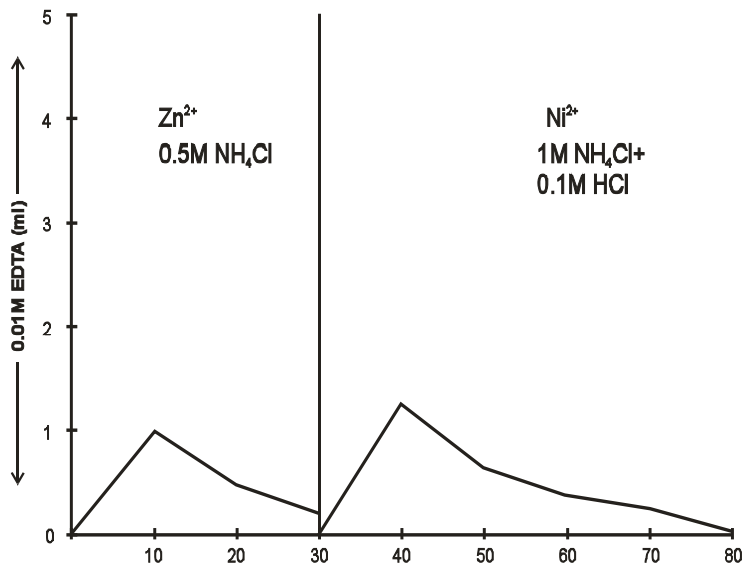
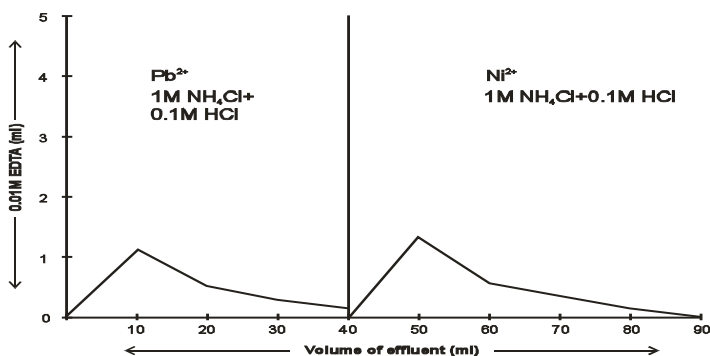


Fig. - 10
Specificity of Bismuth(III) Iodomolybdate of Pb^{++} and Ni^{++}



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