

# Calculations: Formulae of Organic Compounds

1. When a sample with a mass of 2.448g of a compound present in liquefied petroleum gas was analyzed, it was found to contain 2.003g of carbon and 0.448 g of hydrogen. What is its empirical formula? The molecular mass was determined to be  $44\text{g mol}^{-1}$ , suggest a structural formula and a name for the compound.
2. A sample of a liquid consisting of only C, H, and O and having a mass of 0.5438g was burned in pure oxygen and 1.039g of  $\text{CO}_2$  and 0.6369g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were obtained. What is the empirical formula of the compound? Determine all possible structural isomers for the compound and name them.
3. Isobutylene is a raw material for making synthetic rubber. A sample with a mass of 0.6481g was found to contain 0.5555g of carbon; the rest was hydrogen. Its molecular mass was determined to be  $57\text{g mol}^{-1}$ . What are the empirical and molecular formulas of isobutylene?
4. Cyanuric acid is used for such different purposes as making synthetic sponges and for killing weeds. A sample with a mass of 0.5627g was found to contain 0.1570g of carbon, 0.01317g of hydrogen, and 0.1832g of nitrogen, with the balance being oxygen. Its molecular mass was found to be  $129\text{g mol}^{-1}$ . Calculate the empirical and molecular formulas of cyanuric acid.
5. 0.5g of an organic compound containing carbon, hydrogen and oxygen gave on combustion 0.6875g of  $\text{CO}_2$  and 0.5625g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Find the empirical formula of the substance. If its molecular formula is  $32\text{g mol}^{-1}$ , suggest a structural formula for it.
6. 1.363g of an organic compound gave on combustion 1.100g of  $\text{CO}_2$  and 0.563g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Also 1.435g of the compound gave 2.507g of  $\text{AgBr}$ . The molecular mass of the compound is  $110\text{g mol}^{-1}$ . Determine its molecular formula.
7. Several organic compounds have the following data when analyzed...  
0.64g of the compound on combustion gave 1.45g of  $\text{CO}_2$  and 0.96g  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .  
0.147g of the compound gave  $29.8\text{cm}^3$  of nitrogen at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and  $101.3\text{kPa}$ .  
The molecular mass of the compound was determined to be  $60\text{g mol}^{-1}$ .  
Determine the common molecular formula for these organic compounds and write the structural formula for all possible isomers.
8. Two organic compounds A and B containing carbon, hydrogen and oxygen have identical molecular formulae. 0.80g of A gave on combustion 1.76g  $\text{CO}_2$  and 0.96g  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The molecular mass of B was determined to be  $60\text{g mol}^{-1}$ . Find the molecular formula and suggest structural formula for A and B with names.
9. An organic compound containing carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and sulphur was found to contain 31.4% carbon, 2.52% hydrogen. 0.70g of the compound gave 1.37g of  $\text{BaSO}_4$ . Find the empirical formula. If the molecular mass is  $238\text{g mol}^{-1}$ , suggest a structural formula and a name for the compound.
10. One of the most deadly poisons, strychnine, has a molecular mass of  $334\text{g mol}^{-1}$  and the composition 75.42% C, 6.63% H, 8.38% N; the rest is oxygen. Calculate the empirical and molecular formulas of strychnine.