

IONIC CONDUCTIVITY AND DIFFUSION AT INFINITE DILUTION

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This table gives the molar (equivalent) conductivity λ for common ions at infinite dilution. All values refer to aqueous solutions at 25°C. It also lists the diffusion coefficient D of the ion in dilute aqueous solution, which is related to λ through the equation

$$D = (RT / F^2)(\lambda / |z|)$$

where R is the molar gas constant, T the temperature, F the Faraday constant, and z the charge on the ion. The variation with temperature is fairly sharp; for typical ions, λ and D increase by 2 to 3% per degree as the temperature increases from 25°C.

The diffusion coefficient for a salt, D_{salt} , may be calculated from the D_+ and D_- values of the constituent ions by the relation

$$D_{\text{salt}} = \frac{(z_+ + |z_-|)D_+D_-}{z_+D_+ + |z_-|D_-}$$

For solutions of simple, pure electrolytes (one positive and one negative ionic species), such as NaCl, equivalent ionic conductivity Λ° , which is the molar conductivity per unit concentration of charge, is defined as

$$\Lambda^\circ = \Lambda_+ + \Lambda_-$$

where Λ_+ and Λ_- are equivalent ionic conductivities of the cation and anion. The more general formula is

$$\Lambda^\circ = \nu_+\Lambda_+ + \nu_-\Lambda_-$$

where ν_+ and ν_- refer to the number of moles of cations and anions to which one mole of the electrolyte gives a rise in the solution.

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Ion	Λ_\pm $10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \text{ S mol}^{-1}$	D $10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$	Ion	Λ_\pm $10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \text{ S mol}^{-1}$	D $10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Inorganic Cations			Inorganic Anions		
Ag ⁺	61.9	1.648	Au(CN) ₂ ⁻	50	1.331
1/3Al ³⁺	61	0.541	Au(CN) ₄ ⁻	36	0.959
1/2Ba ²⁺	63.6	0.847	B(C ₆ H ₅) ₄ ⁻	21	0.559
1/2Be ²⁺	45	0.599	Br ⁻	78.1	2.080
1/2Ca ²⁺	59.47	0.792	Br ₃ ⁻	43	1.145
1/2Cd ²⁺	54	0.719	BrO ₃ ⁻	55.7	1.483
1/3Ce ³⁺	69.8	0.620	CN ⁻	78	2.077
1/2Co ²⁺	55	0.732	CNO ⁻	64.6	1.720
1/3[Co(NH ₃) ₆] ³⁺	101.9	0.904	1/2CO ₃ ²⁻	69.3	0.923
1/3[Co(en) ₃] ³⁺	74.7	0.663	Cl ⁻	76.31	2.032
1/6[Co ₂ (trien) ₃] ⁶⁺	69	0.306	ClO ₂ ⁻	52	1.385
1/3Cr ³⁺	67	0.595	ClO ₃ ⁻	64.6	1.720
Cs ⁺	77.2	2.056	ClO ₄ ⁻	67.3	1.792
1/2Cu ²⁺	53.6	0.714	1/3[Co(CN) ₆] ³⁻	98.9	0.878
D ⁺	249.9	6.655	1/2CrO ₄ ²⁻	85	1.132
1/3Dy ³⁺	65.6	0.582			
1/3Er ³⁺	65.9	0.585			
1/3Eu ³⁺	67.8	0.602			
1/2Fe ²⁺	54	0.719			
1/3Fe ³⁺	68	0.604			
1/3Gd ³⁺	67.3	0.597			
H ⁺	349.65	9.311			
1/2Hg ²⁺	68.6	0.913			
1/2Hg ²⁺	63.6	0.847			
1/3Ho ³⁺	66.3	0.589			
K ⁺	73.48	1.957			
1/3La ³⁺	69.7	0.619			
Li ⁺	38.66	1.029			
1/2Mg ²⁺	53.0	0.706			
1/2Mn ²⁺	53.5	0.712			
NH ₄ ⁺	73.5	1.957			
N ₂ H ₅ ⁺	59	1.571			

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F ⁻	55.4	1.475	Histidyl ⁺	23.0	0.612
1/4[Fe(CN) ₆] ⁴⁻	110.4	0.735	Hydroxyethyltrimethylarsonium ⁺	39.4	1.049
1/3[Fe(CN) ₆] ³⁻	100.9	0.896	Methylammonium ⁺	58.7	1.563
H ₂ AsO ₄ ⁻	34	0.905	Octadecylpyridinium ⁺	20	0.533
HCO ₃ ⁻	44.5	1.185	Octadecyltributylammonium ⁺	16.6	0.442
HF ₂ ⁻	75	1.997	Octadecyltriethylammonium ⁺	17.9	0.477
1/2HPO ₄ ²⁻	57	0.759	Octadecyltrimethylammonium ⁺	19.9	0.530
H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	36	0.959	Octadecyltripropylammonium ⁺	17.2	0.458
H ₂ PO ₂ ⁻	46	1.225	Octyltrimethylammonium ⁺	26.5	0.706
HS ⁻	65	1.731	Pentylammonium ⁺	37	0.985
HSO ₃ ⁻	58	1.545	Piperidinium ⁺	37.2	0.991
HSO ₄ ⁻	52	1.385	Propylammonium ⁺	40.8	1.086
H ₂ SbO ₄ ⁻	31	0.825	Pyrimidinium ⁺	24.3	0.647
I ⁻	76.8	2.045	Tetrabutylammonium ⁺	19.5	0.519
IO ₃ ⁻	40.5	1.078	Tetradecyltrimethylammonium ⁺	21.5	0.573
IO ₄ ⁻	54.5	1.451	Tetraethylammonium ⁺	32.6	0.868
MnO ₄ ⁻	61.3	1.632	Tetramethylammonium ⁺	44.9	1.196
1/2MoO ₄ ²⁻	74.5	1.984	Tetraoisopentylammonium ⁺	17.9	0.477
N(CN) ₂ ⁻	54.5	1.451	Tetrapentylammonium ⁺	17.5	0.466
NO ₂ ⁻	71.8	1.912	Tetrapropylammonium ⁺	23.4	0.623
NO ₃ ⁻	71.42	1.902	Triethylammonium ⁺	34.3	0.913
NH ₂ SO ₃ ⁻	48.3	1.286	Triethylsulfonium ⁺	36.1	0.961
N ₃ ⁻	69	1.837	Trimethylammonium ⁺	47.23	1.258
OCN ⁻	64.6	1.720	Trimethylhexylammonium ⁺	34.6	0.921
OD ⁻	119	3.169	Trimethylsulfonium ⁺	51.4	1.369
OH ⁻	198	5.273	Tripentylammonium ⁺	26.1	0.695
PF ₆ ⁻	56.9	1.515			
1/2PO ₃ F ₂ ⁻	63.3	0.843	Organic Anions		
1/3PO ₄ ³⁻	92.8	0.824	Acetate ⁻	40.9	1.089
1/4P ₂ O ₇ ⁴⁻	96	0.639	<i>p</i> -Anisate ⁻	29.0	0.772
1/3P ₃ O ₉ ³⁻	83.6	0.742	1/2Azelate ²⁻	40.6	0.541
1/5P ₃ O ₁₀ ⁵⁻	109	0.581	Benzoate ⁻	32.4	0.863
ReO ₄ ⁻	54.9	1.462	Bromoacetate ⁻	39.2	1.044
SCN ⁻	66	1.758	Bromobenzoate ⁻	30	0.799
1/2SO ₃ ²⁻	72	0.959	Butyrate ⁻	32.6	0.868
1/2SO ₄ ²⁻	80.0	1.065	Chloroacetate ⁻	39.8	1.060
1/2S ₂ O ₃ ²⁻	85.0	1.132	<i>m</i> -Chlorobenzoate ⁻	31	0.825
1/2S ₂ O ₄ ²⁻	66.5	0.885	<i>o</i> -Chlorobenzoate ⁻	30.2	0.804
1/2S ₂ O ₆ ²⁻	93	1.238	1/3Citrate ³⁻	70.2	0.623
1/2S ₂ O ₈ ²⁻	86	1.145	Crotonate ⁻	33.2	0.884
Sb(OH) ₆ ⁻	31.9	0.849	Cyanoacetate ⁻	43.4	1.156
SeCN ⁻	64.7	1.723	Cyclohexane carboxylate ⁻	28.7	0.764
1/2SeO ₄ ²⁻	75.7	1.008	1/2 1,1-Cyclopropanedicarboxylate ²⁻	53.4	0.711
1/2WO ₄ ²⁻	69	0.919	Decylsulfate ⁻	26	0.692
			Dichloroacetate ⁻	38.3	1.020
Organic Cations			1/2Diethylbarbiturate ²⁻	26.3	0.350
Benzyltrimethylammonium ⁺	34.6	0.921	Dihydrogencitrate ⁻	30	0.799
Isobutylammonium ⁺	38	1.012	1/2Dimethylmalonate ²⁻	49.4	0.658
Butyltrimethylammonium ⁺	33.6	0.895	3,5-Dinitrobenzoate ⁻	28.3	0.754
Decylpyridinium ⁺	29.5	0.786	Dodecylsulfate ⁻	24	0.639
Decyltrimethylammonium ⁺	24.4	0.650	Ethylmalonate ⁻	49.3	1.313
Diethylammonium ⁺	42.0	1.118	Ethylsulfate ⁻	39.6	1.055
Dimethylammonium ⁺	51.8	1.379	Fluoroacetate ⁻	44.4	1.182
Dipropylammonium ⁺	30.1	0.802	Fluorobenzoate ⁻	33	0.879
Dodecylammonium ⁺	23.8	0.634	Formate ⁻	54.6	1.454
Dodecyltrimethylammonium ⁺	22.6	0.602	1/2Fumarate ²⁻	61.8	0.823
Ethanolammonium ⁺	42.2	1.124	1/2Glutarate ²⁻	52.6	0.700
Ethylammonium ⁺	47.2	1.257	Hydrogenoxalate ⁻	40.2	1.070
Ethyltrimethylammonium ⁺	40.5	1.078	Isovalerate ⁻	32.7	0.871
Hexadecyltrimethylammonium ⁺	20.9	0.557	Iodoacetate ⁻	40.6	1.081
Hexyltrimethylammonium ⁺	29.6	0.788	Lactate ⁻	38.8	1.033

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1/2Malate ²⁻	58.8	0.783	Picrate ⁻	30.37	0.809
1/2Maleate ²⁻	61.9	0.824	Pivalate ⁻	31.9	0.849
1/2Malonate ²⁻	63.5	0.845	Propionate ⁻	35.8	0.953
Methylsulfate ⁻	48.8	1.299	Propylsulfate ⁻	37.1	0.988
Naphthylacetate ⁻	28.4	0.756	Salicylate ⁻	36	0.959
1/2Oxalate ²⁻	74.11	0.987	1/2Suberate ²⁻	36	0.479
Octylsulfate ⁻	29	0.772	1/2Succinate ²⁻	58.8	0.783
Phenylacetate ⁻	30.6	0.815	<i>p</i> -Sulfonate	29.3	0.780
1/2 <i>o</i> -Phthalate ²⁻	52.3	0.696	1/2Tartarate ²⁻	59.6	0.794
1/2 <i>m</i> -Phthalate ²⁻	54.7	0.728	Trichloroacetate ⁻	35	0.932