

Calculations Involving Solubility Product

Given a dissociation equation, a solubility product expression can be written by setting the mass-action expression (the product of the solubilities of ions, raised to appropriate powers) equal to the solubility product constant, K_{sp} . Such expressions allow calculation of equilibrium concentrations, prediction of precipitation, or calculation of K_{sp} , if it is not already known.

Solve the following problems. Show your work.

1. The equilibrium concentrations of Ag^+ and Br^- ions are both $7.1 \times 10^{-7} M$. Write the balanced dissociation equation and the solubility product for $AgBr$, and calculate K_{sp} .

$$AgBr(s) \rightleftharpoons Ag^+(aq) + Br^-(aq)$$

$$K_{sp} = [Ag^+][Br^-]$$

$$(7.1 \times 10^{-7})(7.1 \times 10^{-7})$$

$$K_{sp} = 5.0 \times 10^{-13}$$

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2. The value of K_{sp} for CdS is 1.0×10^{-28} . Write the balanced dissociation equation and the solubility product for CdS , and calculate the equilibrium concentrations of Cd^{2+} and S^{2-} .

$$CdS(s) \rightleftharpoons Cd^{2+}(aq) + S^{2-}(aq)$$

$$K_{sp} = [Cd^{2+}][S^{2-}]$$

$$1.0 \times 10^{-28} = x^2$$

$$x = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} M$$

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3. A solution contains CO_3^{2-} ions and Ba^{2+} ions in equilibrium. K_{sp} for $BaCO_3$ equals 2×10^{-9} , and $[CO_3^{2-}]$ equals $1.0 \times 10^{-2} M$. Calculate $[Ba^{2+}]$. (First, write the balanced equation and solubility product expression.)

$$BaCO_3(s) \rightleftharpoons Ba^{2+}(aq) + CO_3^{2-}(aq)$$

$$2 \times 10^{-9} = [Ba^{2+}][1.0 \times 10^{-2}]$$

$$2 \times 10^{-7} = [Ba^{2+}]$$

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