

# Dilution of Solutions

# Solutions

The diagram illustrates the process of creating a solution. On the left, a pile of blue crystalline particles is labeled "Solute". In the center, a beaker containing a clear liquid is labeled "water" and "solvent". An arrow points from the solute and solvent towards a final beaker on the right, which contains a uniform blue liquid labeled "solution". The final beaker has volume markings at 40, 80, 120, and 140 ml.

**Solute** + **solvent** → **solution**

water

solution

40ml APPROX.

20

140 ml

120

80

40

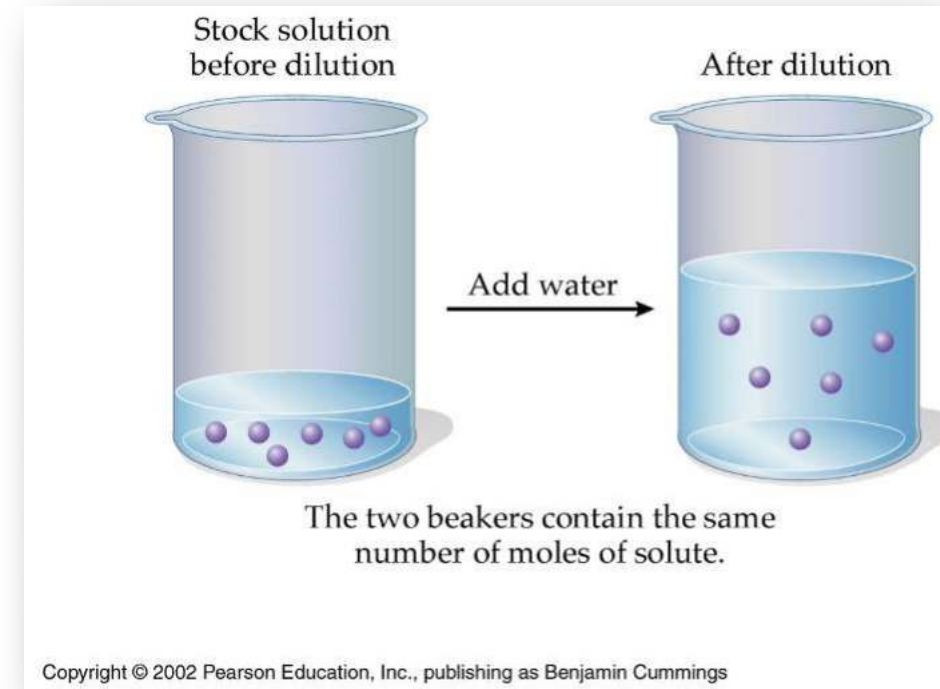
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# Dilution of Solution:

- **Dilution of solution:** means to add more solvent without the addition of more solute  
→ To make it less concentrated.

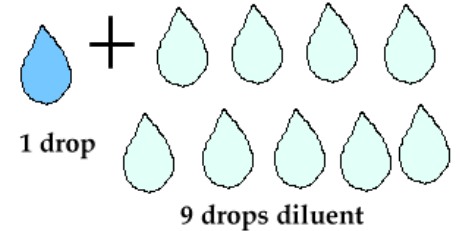
## Common methods for dilution:

1. Volume to volume dilutions (ratio).
2. Preparing dilutions by using the  $V_1XC_1=V_2XC_2$  formula.
3. Serial Dilutions.



# (1) Volume to volume dilutions (ratio):

- This type of dilutions describes the ratio of the **solute** to the **final volume** of the dilute solution.
- **For example:** to make 1:10 dilution of 1M NaCl solution, one part of the **1M NaCl** solution, should be mixed with nine parts of **water**, for a total of ten parts.
- Therefore 1:10 dilution means → 1 part of 1M NaCl + 9 parts of water.

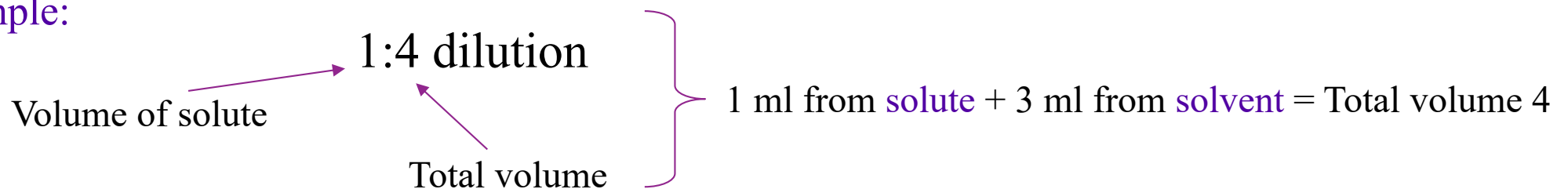


**Thus:**

- if 10 ml of the 1:10 dilution was needed, then 1ml of 1M NaCl should be mixed with 9 ml of water.
- if 100 ml of 1:10 dilution was needed, then 10 ml of the 1M NaCl should be mixed with 90 ml of water.

[The final concentration of NaCl in both cases will be 0.1 M ( $1/10$ ) = 0.1]

- **Example:**



**Example:** How to prepare 2:10 dilution of solution (A) with 7M, but the total volume is 20ml not 10 ml?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 \text{ ml} & \rightarrow & 10 \text{ ml} \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ ? \text{ ml} & \rightarrow & 20 \text{ ml} \end{array}$$

$$= (2 \times 20) / 10 = 4 \text{ ml}$$

So,

So, 4 ml from solution (A) of 7 M is needed and complete volume up to 20 ml (adding 16 ml water).

Note: [16 ml water = 20 ml - 4 ml].

How many ml of 7M solution A we need to make 20 ml of 2:10 A solution?

**How to know the concentration of solution A after dilution?**

**Concentration of diluted solution = Initial Conc. / Dilution Factor**

First we will find the DILUTION FACTOR by the following :

**Dilution factor (D.F) = final volume / aliquot (*initial*) volume**

$$= 20/4 = 5$$

Then we will divide the stock concentration (before dilution) by the D.F:

$$7\text{M}/5 = 1.4\text{M}$$

Note: To find out the stock concentration you will multiply the diluted concentration by the D.F

## (2) Preparing dilutions by using the $V_1 \times C_1 = V_2 \times C_2$ formula:

Sometimes it is necessary to use one solution to make a specific amount of a more dilute solution.

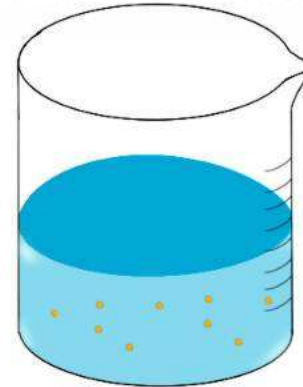
To do this the following formula can be used:

$$V_1 \times C_1 = V_2 \times C_2$$

Where:

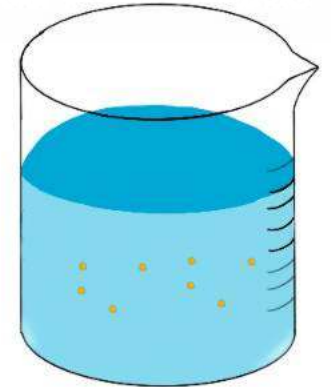
- $V_1$  = Volume of starting solution needed to make the new solution (volume of stock solution)
- $C_1$  = Concentration of starting solution (stock solution)
- $V_2$  = Final volume of new solution
- $C_2$  = Final concentration of new solution

More concentrated



Volume (1) = 10 ml  
Concentration (1) = 4M

Less concentrated



Volume (2) = 20 ml  
Concentration (2) = 2M

# Example: Make 5ml of 0.25M solution from a 1.0M solution?

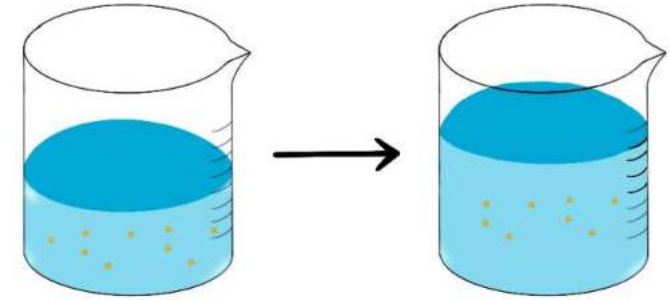
How many ml of 1M solution we need to make 5 ml of 0.25M solution?

$$\rightarrow V_1 \times C_1 = V_2 \times C_2$$

Where:  $V_1 = ?$        $C_1 = 1M$        $V_2 = 5ml$        $C_2 = 0.25M$

$$\text{So: } (V_1) \times (1M) = (5ml) \times (0.25M)$$

$$\rightarrow V_1 = (5 \times 0.25) / 1 = \mathbf{1.25 \text{ ml}}$$



Volume (1) = ?? ml  
Concentration (1) = 1M

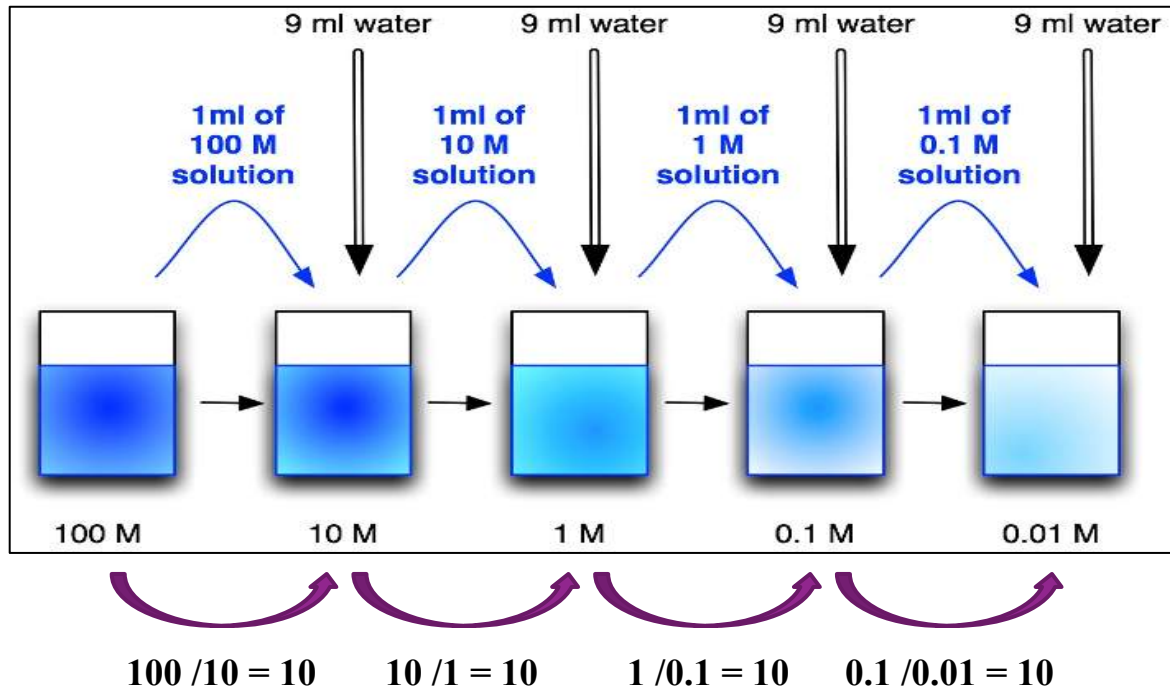
Volume (2) = 5 ml  
Concentration (2) = 0.25M

So 1.25ml of the 1M solution is needed (starting solution) then complete the volume up to 5 ml by diluent (generally water).

### (3) Serial Dilutions:

- It is a stepwise dilution of a solution, where the **dilution factor is constant at each step.**
- The source of dilution material for each step comes from the diluted material of the previous step.

1:10

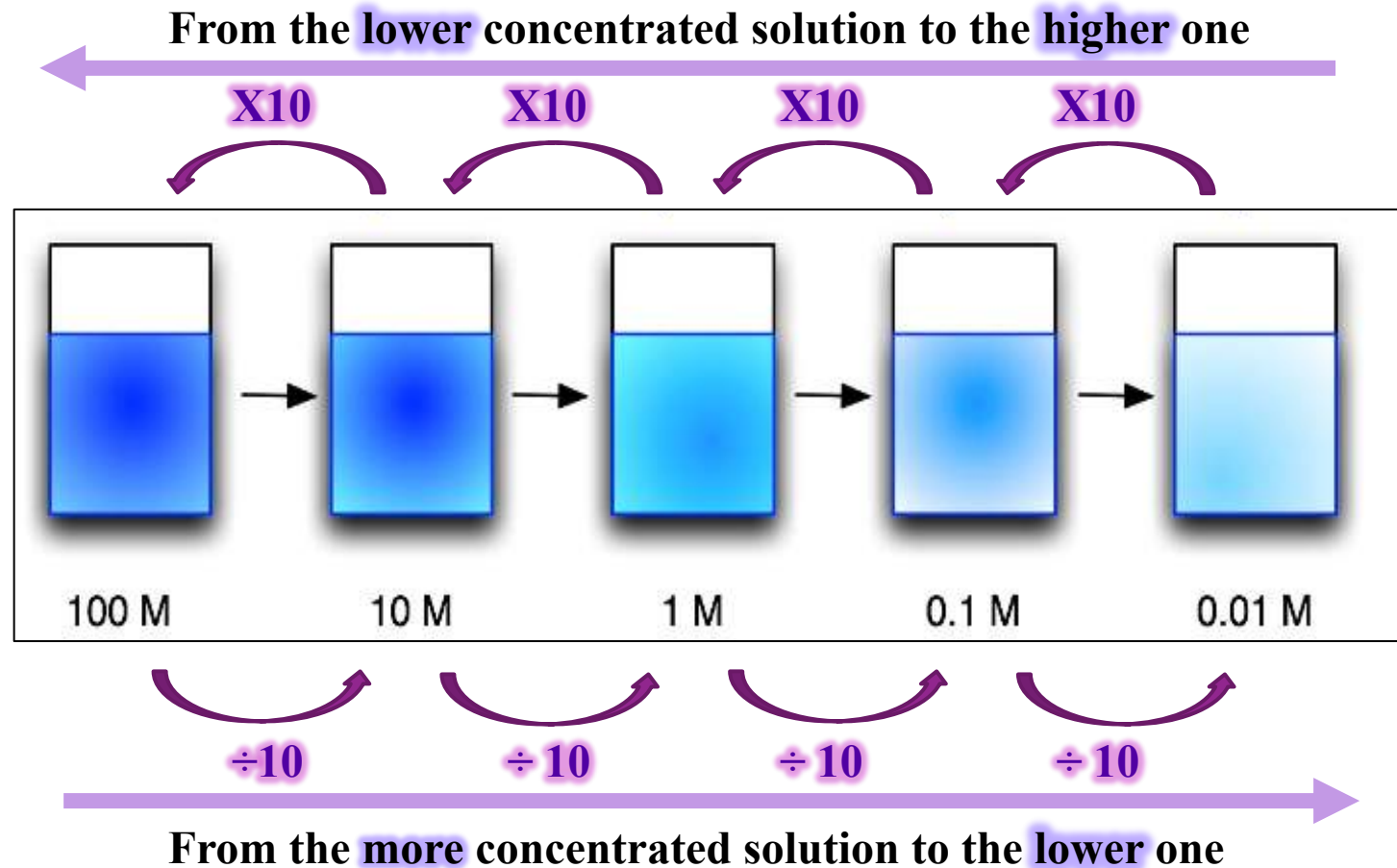


**Dilution factor (D.F) = final volume / aliquot volume**  
**= 10/1 = 10 (for each step)**



# Find out the concentration of the diluted solutions:

Dilution factor (D.F) = final volume / aliquot volume = 10 / 1 = 10 (for each step)



**Example:** Starting with a 2.0 M stock solution of hydrochloric acid, prepare four standard solutions by serial dilution of the following Molarity respectively 1 M, 0.5 M, 0.25 M, 0.125 M. [with 1:2 dilution]?

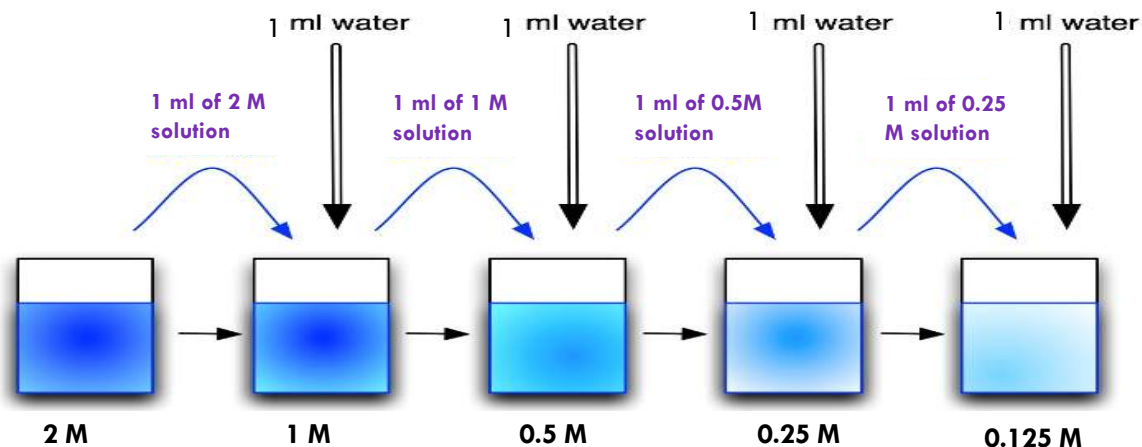
→ Dilution factor (D.F) = final volume / aliquot volume  
= 2/1 = 2 → 1:2

**-To prepare standard solution 1:**

1 ml of the stock 2.0M solution is needed and volume made up to 2 ml with distilled water (never forget to mix properly).

**-To prepare standard solutions 2-4:**

1 ml of the previously diluted solution is taken and volume is made up to a final volume of 2 ml by the addition of distilled water.



**how to calculate the concentration of the diluted solutions if they unknown ?**

→ First: find the D.F:

Dilution factor (D.F) = final volume / aliquot volume  
= 2/1 = 2

→ Second: divide the previous solution concentration by the D.F:

**Concentration of solution 1** = 2.0 M stock solution / 2 = **1 M**

**Concentration of solution 2** = 1.0M/2 = **0.5 M**

**Concentration of solution 3** = 0.5M/2 = **0.25 M**

**Concentration of solution 4** = 0.25/2 = **0.125 M**

# Practical Part

# Objectives:

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- To get familiar with solution dilutions by different methods.

# Method:

## Solution dilutions:

Prepare 50ml with 1:20 dilution using the 0.08M NaOH solution you previously prepared.

- Calculation:

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→ To prepare the 1:20 dilution .....ml of the starting solution (0.08M NaOH) is needed and volume made up to a final volume of .....ml.

# Method:

Prepare 100ml of 0.2M HCl from the previously 0.4M HCl solution you previously prepared.

- Calculation:

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→ To prepare the 0.2M HCl .....ml of the starting solution (0.4M HCl) is needed and volume made up to a total volume of .....ml by adding water.

# Method:

Starting with a 3 M Copper Sulphate stock solution, prepare 8ml of four standard solutions (1 to 4) of the following Molarity respectively (dilution 2:8):  
(1) ..... M      (2) ..... M      (3) ..... M      (4) ..... M.

■ Calculation:

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→ To prepare standard solution 1: ..... ml of the stock 3.0M solution is needed and volume made up to ..... ml with distilled water.

→ To prepare standard solution 2-4: ..... ml of the previously diluted solution is taken and volume is made up to a final volume of ..... ml by the addition of distilled water.

# Homework

1. A solution was prepared by taking 6ml of a 0.22M solution and then the volume was made up to a final volume of 30ml .What is the concentration of the final solution?
2. How would you prepare 80ml of a 1:25 dilution of a 2.1M KCl solution? And what is the concentration of the diluted solution?