## TP N°V: Titration by the Oxidation-Reduction Method

#### **Case: Manganimetry**

## I. Generalities:

Oxidation-reduction reactions are electron exchange reactions involving electron acceptors and donors. Oxidants have the ability to capture electrons, while reducers can donate electrons. In the human body, oxidation-reduction reactions provide energy for its natural activities. These reactions require either  $O_2$  or  $H_2$ . If the substances in the body react with or bind to  $O_2$ , oxidation occurs, or if they react with or bind to  $H_2$ , reduction occurs (or releases  $O_2$ ).

Oxidants and reducers are used in disinfecting tissues contaminated with blood (hospitals) or dyes, treating infections, wounds such as Dakin, hydrogen peroxide, bleach. The reaction defining the relationship between a reducer and an oxidant is:

	(oxidation)			
Reducer	${\longleftarrow}$	Oxidant	+	n e
donor	(Reduction)	acceptor		

In these reactions, the reducer oxidizes by gaining electrons, while the oxidant reduces by losing electrons. **Examples:** 

- The transition of iron "Fe" into a solution corresponds to an oxidation.

Fe  $\rightarrow$  Fe<sup>2+</sup> + 2 e<sup>-</sup> - The deposition of copper "Cu" from a solution of Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions corresponds to a reduction.

 $Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} \longrightarrow Cu$ 

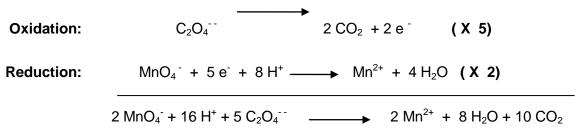
Below are the oxidation-reduction couples and their classification in ascending order.:

Major oxidizing agents :	Li ⁺	<b>Zn</b> <sup>2+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	H⁺	<b>I</b> <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	<b>O</b> <sub>2</sub>	MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	<b>F</b> <sub>2</sub>
Corresponding reduced forms:	Li	Zn	Fe	н	Ι.	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	<b>Mn</b> <sup>2+</sup>	→ F

#### II. Main objective of the first experiment (Manganometry):

Determine the normality of a solution of FeSO<sub>4</sub>.

 Principle: The normality of FeSO<sub>4</sub> is determined using the oxidation reaction with potassium permanganate KMnO<sub>4</sub> in an acidic medium. However, it is essential to first determine the normality of KMnO<sub>4</sub> (since it is unstable, and as it has been prepared a week ago, it is preferable to determine its normality). 2. **KMnO<sub>4</sub> titration:** Determination of the normality of the KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution in an acidic medium in the presence of oxalic acid ( $H_2C_2O_4$ , 2  $H_2O$ ). It is an oxidation-reduction reaction, and its balanced equation is:



# 3. Procedure:

a) Place potassium permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, oxidizing agent) in the burette. Place 10 ml of oxalic acid ( $H_2C_2O_4$ , N1=0.1N) and 20 ml of sulfuric acid  $H_2SO_4$  (10%) in the Erlenmeyer flask. Heat the mixture to around 60 °C as the reaction is slow, and heat catalyzes the reaction (the color disappears rapidly).

b) Allow a few drops of  $KMnO_4$  to flow, shake, and wait until they are decolorized. Continue adding a few drops until an excess drop produces a persistent pale pink color (does not disappear).

# 4- Manganometric titration of FeSO4:

## **Procedure:**

a) Acidify (add an acid) 10 ml of FeSO4 with 20 ml of  $H_2SO_4$  solution.

b) Proceed to the titration, which, unlike the titrations of oxalic acid, should be done cold.

c) Add the KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution (concentration determined in 3) until a pale pink color is obtained due to the addition of a single excess drop of KMnO<sub>4</sub>. Repeat the experiment twice.