

Question 1. Calculate the mass of ascorbic acid (Vitamin C, $C_6H_8O_6$) to be dissolved in 75 g of acetic acid to lower its melting point by $1.5^\circ C$. $K_f = 3.9 K kg mol^{-1}$.

Ans: Mass of acetic acid, $w_1 = 75 g$ Molar mass of ascorbic acid ($C_6H_8O_6$),

$$M_2 = 6 \times 12 + 8 \times 1 + 6 \times 16$$

$$= 176 g mol^{-1}$$

Lowering of melting point, $\Delta T_f = 1.5 K$

We know that:

$$\Delta T_b = M_2 \times w_1 K_b \times 1000 \times w_2$$

$$w_2 = \frac{K_b \times 1000 \Delta T_b \times M_2 \times w_1}{M_1}$$

$$w_2 = \frac{3.9 \times 1000 \times 1.5 \times 176 \times 75}{1000}$$

$$w_2 = 5.08 g$$

Hence, 5.08 g of ascorbic acid is needed to be dissolved.