Periodic Properties & Variations of Properties - Physical & Chemical

Modern Periodic Table

Mendeleev made a successful effort in grouping elements in the form of his periodic table. He had many achievements, but there were many limitations in his Periodic Table as well.

Some limitations of Mendeleev's periodic table are listed below:

The position of hydrogen was not justified in Mendeleev's periodic table.

The discovery of isotopes revealed another limitation of Mendeleev's periodic table.

Although Mendeleev arranged the elements in the increasing order of their atomic masses, there were instances where he had placed an element with a slightly higher atomic mass before an element with a slightly lower atomic mass.

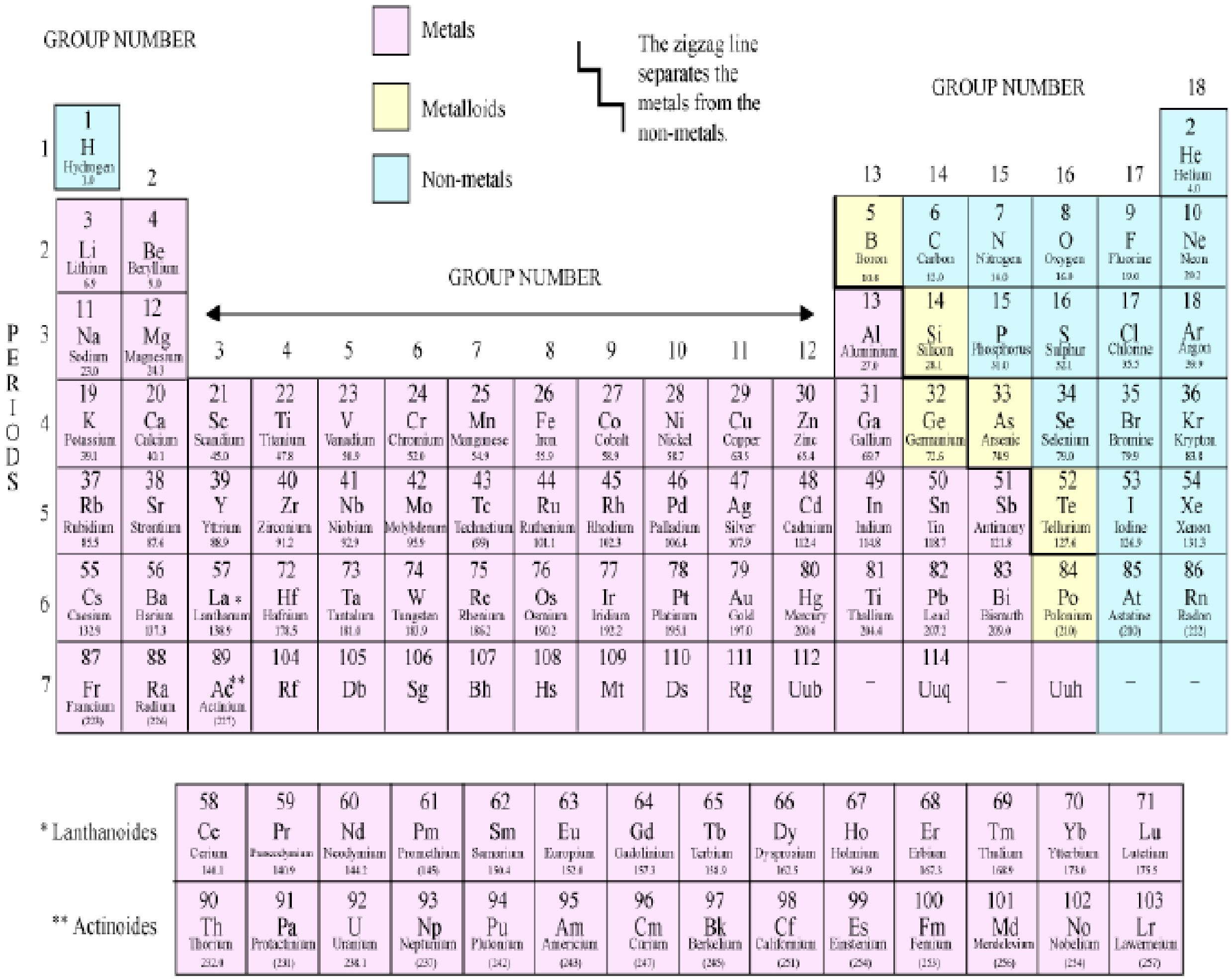
The limitations of Mendeleev's periodic table forced scientists to believe that atomic mass could not be the basis for the classification of elements.

In 1913, **Henry Moseley** demonstrated that atomic number (instead of atomic mass) is a more fundamental property for classifying elements. The atomic number of an element is equal to the number of protons present in an atom of that element. Since the number of protons and electrons in an atom of an element is equal, the atomic number of an element is equal to the number of electrons present in a neutral atom.

Atomic number = Number of protons = Number of electrons

The number of protons or electrons in an element is fixed. No two elements can have the same atomic number. Hence, elements can be easily classified in the increasing order of their atomic numbers. In the light of this fact, Mendeleev's Periodic Law was done away with. As a result, the modern periodic law came into the picture.

The table that is obtained when elements are arranged in the increasing order of their atomic numbers is called the **Modern Periodic Table** or **Long Form of the Periodic Table** as shown in the figure.



The Modern periodic table

In the modern periodic table, the elements are arranged in rows and columns. These rows and columns are known as **periods** and **groups** respectively. The table consists of 7 periods and 18 groups.

Do You Know:

In the modern periodic table, hydrogen is placed above alkali metals because of resemblance with their electronic configurations. However, it is never regarded as an alkali metal. This makes hydrogen a unique element.

If you look at the modern periodic table, you will find that all elements in the same group contain the same number of valence electrons. Let us see the following activity to understand better.

Activity 1: Look at group two of the modern periodic table. Write the name of the first three elements followed by their electronic configurations.

What similarity do you observe in their electronic configurations? How many valence electrons are present in these elements?

The first three elements of group two are beryllium, magnesium, and calcium. All these elements contain the same number of valence electrons. The number of valence electrons present in these elements is 2. On the other hand, the number of shells increases as we go down the group.

Again, if you look at periods in the modern periodic table, you will find that all elements in the same period contain the same valence shell. Let us see the following activity to understand better.

Activity 2: Look at the elements of the third period of the modern periodic table. Write the electronic configuration of each element and calculate the number of valence electrons present in these elements.

What do you observe from the given activity? Do these elements contain the same number of shells? How many valence electrons are present in these elements?

You will find that elements such as sodium, magnesium, aluminium, silicon, phosphorus, sulphur, chlorine, and argon are present in that period. The valence shell in all these elements is the same, but they do not have the same number of valence electrons.

Name of the element	**Electronic configuration (K, L, M)**
Sodium	2, 8, 1
Magnesium	2, 8, 2
Aluminium	2, 8, 3
Silicon	2, 8, 4
Phosphorus	2, 8, 5
Sulphur	2, 8, 6
Chlorine	2, 8, 7
Argon	2, 8, 8

Thus, the number of electrons in the valence shell increases by one unit as the atomic number increases by one unit on moving from left to right in a period.

Let us calculate the number of elements that are present in the first, second, third, and fourth periods.

The maximum number of electrons that a shell can hold can be calculated using the formula $2n^2$. Here, *n* represents the number of shells from the nucleus. For example, *n* is equal to 1, 2, and 3 for K, L, and M shells respectively. Hence, the maximum number of electrons that each of these shells can hold can be calculated by substituting the value of *n* in the given formula.

Number of electrons that K shell can accommodate = $2n^2$

= 2×1^2

= 2

Hence, K shell can accommodate only 2 electrons and only two elements are present in the first period.

Similarly, the second and third shell (L and M respectively) can accommodate 8 and 18 electrons respectively. Since the outermost shell can contain only 8 electrons, there are only 8 elements in both the periods.

Important Note:

The position of an element in the Modern Periodic Table tells us about its chemical reactivity. The valence electrons determine the kind and the number of bonds formed by an element.

IUPAC Nomenclature for Elements with Atomic Number $>$ 100

- Latin word roots for various digits are listed in the given table.

Notation for IUPAC Nomenclature of Elements

Digit	Name	Abbreviation
0	nil	n
1	un	u
2	bi	b
3	tri	t
4	quad	q
5	pent	p
6	hex	h

7	sept	s
8	oct	o
9	enn	e

- Latin words for various digits of the atomic number are written together in the order of digits, which make up the atomic number, and at the end, ‘ium’ is added.

- Nomenclature of elements with the atomic number above 100 is listed below.

Nomenclature of Elements with Atomic Number Above 100

Atomic number	Name	Symbol	IUPAC Official Name	IUPAC Symbol
101	Unnilunium	Unu	Mendelevium	Md
102	Unnilbium	Unb	Nobelium	No
103	Unniltrium	Unt	Lawrencium	Lr
104	Unnilquadium	Unq	Rutherfordium	Rf
105	Unnilpentium	Unp	Dubnium	Db
106	Unnilhexium	Unh	Seaborgium	Sg
107	Unnilseptium	Uns	Bohrium	Bh
108	Unniloctium	Uno	Hassnium	Hs
109	Unnilennium	Une	Meitnerium	Mt
110	Ununnilium	Uun	Darmstadtium	Ds
111	Unununnium	Uuu	Rontgenium	Rg
112	Ununbium	Uub		
113	Ununtrium	Uut		

114	Ununquadium	Uuq		
115	Ununpentium	Uup		
116	Ununhexium	Uuh		
117	Ununseptium	Uus		
118	Ununoctium	Uuo		

Electronic Configuration and the Periodic Table

Electronic Configuration in Periods

- Period indicates the value of '*n*' (principal quantum number) for the outermost or valence shell.

- Successive periods in the periodic table are associated with the filling of the next higher principal energy level (n = 2, n = 3, etc).

- First period (n = 1) → hydrogen ($1s^1$) and helium ($1s^2$) [2 elements]

- Second period (n = 2) → Li ($1s^2$ $2s^1$), Be ($1s^2$ $2s^2$), B ($1s^2$ $2s^2$ $2p^1$) to Ne ($2s^2$ $2p^6$) [8 elements]

- Third period (n = 3) → filling to 3*s* and 3*p* orbitals gives rise to 8 elements (Na to Ar)

- Fourth period (n = 4) → 18 elements (K to Kr) − filling of the 4*s* and 4*p* orbitals

  3*d* orbital is filled up before 4*p* orbitals (3*d* orbitals → energetically favourable)

- 3*d*-transition series → Sc ($3d^1$ $4s^2$) to Zn ($3d^{10}$ $4s^2$)

- Fifth period (n = 5) → 18 elements (Rb to Xe)

- 4*d*-transition series starts at Ytterbium and ends at Cadmium.

- Sixth period (n = 6) → 32 elements; electrons enter 6*s*, 4*f*, 5*d*, and 6*p* orbitals successively. Elements from Z = 58 to Z = 71 are called 4*f*-inner transition series or lanthanoid series (filling up of the 4*f* orbitals).

- Seventh period (n = 7) → electrons enter at 7s, 5f, 6d, and 7p orbitals successively. Filling up of 5f orbitals after Ac (Z = 89) gives 5f-inner transition series or the actinoid series.

Electronic Configuration in Groups

- Same number of electrons is present in the outer orbitals (that is, similar valence shell electronic configuration).

- Electronic configuration of group 1 elements is given in the following table.

Atomic number	Symbol	Electronic configuration
3	Li	$1s^2\ 2s^1$ **(or)** [He]$2s^1$
11	Na	$1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^1$ **(or)** [Ne]$3s^1$
19	K	$1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2\ 3p^6\ 4s^1$ **(or)** [Ar]$4s^1$
37	Rb	$1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2\ 3p^6\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^6\ 5s^1$ **(or)** [Kr]$5s^1$
55	Cs	$1s^2\ 2s^2\ 2p^6\ 3s^2\ 3p^6\ 3d^{10}\ 4s^2\ 4p^6\ 4d^{10}\ 5s^2\ 5p^6\ 6s^1$ **(or)**[Xe]$6s^1$
87	Fr	[Rn]$7s^1$

Electronic Configurations and Types of Elements

- ***s*- Block Elements**

- Group 1 (alkali metals) − ns^1 (outermost electronic configuration)

- Group 2 (alkaline earth metals) − ns^2 (outermost electronic configuration)
- Alkali metals form +1 ion and alkaline earth metals form +2 ion.
- Reactivity increases as we move down the group.
- They are never found in the pure state in nature. (Reason − they are highly reactive)

- ***p* - Block Elements**

- Elements belonging to Groups 13 to 18
- Outermost electronic configuration varies from ns^2np^1 to ns^2np^6 in each period.
- Group 18 (ns^2np^6) − noble gases
- Group 17 − halogen
- Group 16 − chalcogens
- Non-metallic character increases from left to right across a period.

- ***d*- Block Elements (Transition Elements)**

- Elements of group 3 to group 12
- General electronic configuration is $(n-1)\,d^{1-10}\,ns^{0-2}$.
- Called transition elements
- Zn, Cd, and Hg with $(n-1)\,d^{10}\,ns^2$ configuration do not show properties of transition elements.
- All are metals. They form coloured ions, exhibit variable oxidation states, paramagnetism, and are used as catalysts.

- ***f*- Block Elements**

- Lanthanoids → Ce (Z = 58) to Lu (Z = 71)
- Actinoids → Th (Z = 90) to Lr (Z = 103)
- Outer electronic configuration → $(n-2)\,f^{1-14}\,(n-1)\,d^{0-1}\,ns^2$
- They are called inner-transition elements.
- All are metals.
- Actinoid elements are radioactive.
- Elements after uranium are called **Transuranium** elements.

Metals, Non-metals, and Metalloids

- Metals → Appear on the left side of the periodic table

- Non-metals → Located at the top right-hand side of the periodic table

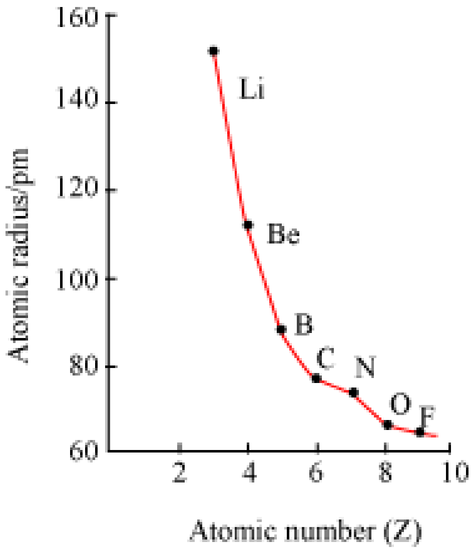
- Elements change from metallic to non-metallic from left to right.

- Elements such as Si, Ge, As, Sb, Te show the characteristic properties of both metals and non-metals. They are called semi-metals or metalloids.

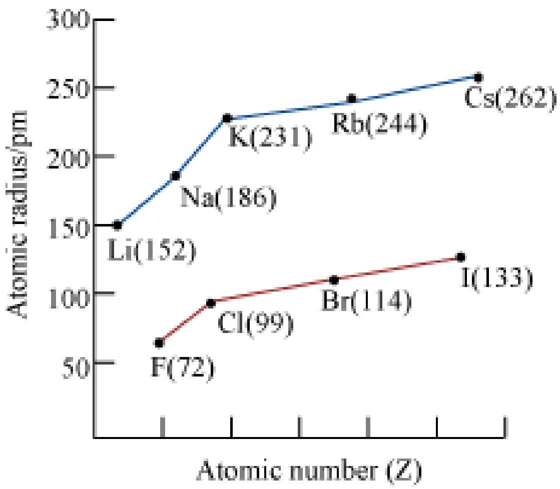
Periodic Trends in Physical Properties

Atomic Radius

- Atomic radii decrease with the increase in the atomic number in a period.
- For example, atomic radii decrease from Li to F in the second period.



- Nuclear charge increases progressively by one unit on moving from left to right across the period. As a result, the electron cloud is pulled closer to the nucleus by the increased effective nuclear charge, which causes decrease in atomic size.
- Atomic radii increase from top to bottom within a group of the periodic table.
- Variation of atomic radii with atomic number among alkali metals and halogen:



Ionic Radius

- Cation is smaller than its parent atom.
- The size of the anion is larger than its parent atom.

Ionization Enthalpy

- Defined as the amount of energy required to remove the most loosely bound electron from the isolated gaseous atom in its ground state

$$A(g) \longrightarrow A^{+}(g) + e^{-} \qquad \Delta H = \Delta_i H_1$$

$$A^{+}(g) \longrightarrow A^{2+}(g) + e^{-} \qquad \Delta H = \Delta_i H_2$$

Unipositive ion

$$A^{2+}(g) \longrightarrow A^{3+}(g) + e^{-} \qquad \Delta H = \Delta_i H_3$$

Dipositive ion

$$\Delta_i H \longrightarrow \Delta_i H_3 > \Delta_i H_2 > \Delta_i H_1$$

- Decreases with the increase in atomic size
- Increases with the increase in nuclear charge
- Decreases with the increase in the number of inner electrons
- Increases with the increase in penetration power of electrons
- Atom having a more stable configuration has high value of enthalpy.
- Variation across a period: Increases with the increase in atomic number across the period.
- Variation in a group: Decreases regularly with the increase in atomic number within a group.

Electron Gain Enthalpy

- Defined as the enthalpy change taking place when an isolated gaseous atom accepts an electron to form a monovalent gaseous anion

$$X(g) + e^- \longrightarrow X^-(g)$$

- Larger the value of electron gain enthalpy, greater is the tendency of an atom to accept electron.
- Greater the magnitude of nuclear charge, larger will be the negative value of electron gain enthalpy.
- Larger the size of the atom, smaller will be the negative value of electron gain enthalpy.
- More stable the electronic configuration of the atom, more positive will be the value of its electron gain enthalpy.
- Variation across a period − Tends to become more negative as we go from left to right across a period
- Variation down a group − Becomes less negative on going down the group

Electronegativity

- Defined as the tendency of an atom in a molecule to attract the shared pair of electrons towards itself
- Greater the effective nuclear charge, greater is the electronegativity.
- Smaller the atomic radius, greater is the electronegativity.
- In a period − Increases on moving from left to right
- In a group − Decreases on moving down a group

Valency

- It is defined as the number of univalent atoms which can combine with an atom of the given element.
- Valency is given by the number of electrons in outermost shell.
- If the number of valence electrons ≤4: valency = number of valence electrons
- If the number of valence electrons >4: valency = (8 - number of valence electrons)
- In a period − Increases from 1 to 4 and then decreases from 4 to zero on moving from left to right

- In a group − No change in the valency of elements on moving down a group. All elements belonging to a particular group exhibit same valency.

Non −Metallic (and Metallic Character) of an Element

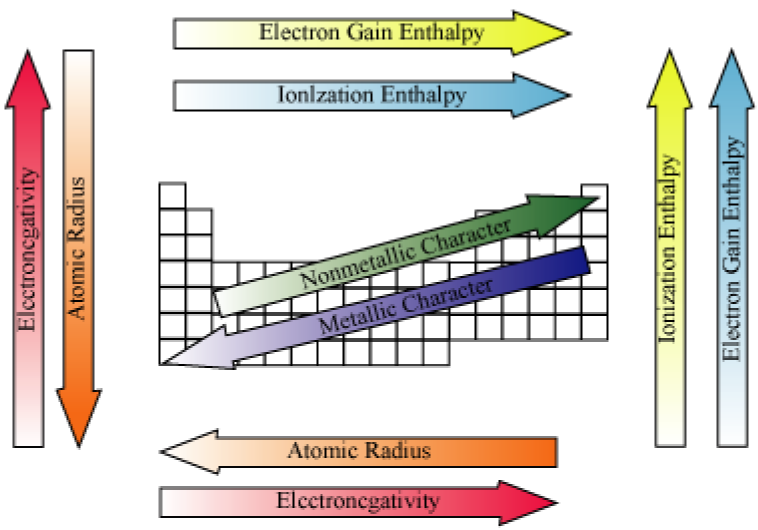
- Non-metallic elements have strong tendency to gain electrons.

- Non-metallic character is directly related to electronegativity and metallic character is inversely related to electronegativity.

- Across a period, electronegativity increases. Hence, non-metallic character increases (and metallic character decreases).

- Down a group, electronegativity decreases. Hence, non-metallic character decreases (and metallic character increases).

The periodic trends of various properties of elements in the periodic table are shown in figure.



Atomic Number and Mass Number

In the 1830s, representation of elements and compounds was a major concern for chemists.

Many symbolic notations for elements were devised during this period. Gradually, the representations became standardized. Currently, the general symbolic notation for an element is:

$^{A}_{Z}E$. Now, take for example the specific symbolic notations for oxygen and nitrogen.

Element	Symbolic notation
Oxygen	${}^{16}_{8}O$
Nitrogen	${}^{14}_{7}N$

Wondering what these symbolic notations represent? Go through this lesson to find out.

You know that the symbolic notation of oxygen is ${}^{16}_{8}O$. In this notation, the letter 'O' symbolises the element 'oxygen'; the number '16' represents the **mass number** of oxygen; and the number '8' indicates the **atomic number** of oxygen.

Thus, in the general symbolic notation of an element $\left(\text{i.e., } {}^{A}_{Z}E\right)$, the letter 'E' is the symbol of the element, the letter 'A' is its mass number, and the letter 'Z' is its atomic number.

The **atomic number** is the number of protons present in the nucleus of an atom. It is denoted by **Z**.

The total number of the protons and the neutrons present in the nucleus of an atom is known as **mass number**. It is denoted by **A**.

Symbolic Notations of Some Elements

Elements	Symbolic notations	Symbols	Atomic numbers	Mass numbers
Hydrogen	${}^{1}_{1}H$	H	1	1
Helium	${}^{4}_{2}He$	He	2	4
Lithium	${}^{7}_{3}Li$	Li	3	7
Beryllium	${}^{9}_{4}Be$	Be	4	9
Boron	${}^{11}_{5}B$	B	5	11
Carbon	${}^{12}_{6}C$	C	6	12
Nitrogen	${}^{14}_{7}N$	N	7	14
Oxygen	${}^{16}_{8}O$	O	8	16
Fluorine	${}^{19}_{9}F$	F	9	19
Neon	${}^{20}_{10}Ne$	Ne	10	20

Symbolic Notations of Some Elements

Elements	Symbolic notations	Symbols	Atomic numbers	Mass numbers
Sodium	$^{23}_{11}Na$	Na	11	23
Magnesium	$^{24}_{12}Mg$	Mg	12	24
Aluminium	$^{27}_{13}Al$	Al	13	27
Silicon	$^{28}_{14}Si$	Si	14	28
Phosphorus	$^{31}_{15}P$	P	15	31
Sulphur	$^{32}_{16}S$	S	16	32
Chlorine	$^{35}_{17}Cl$	Cl	17	35
Argon	$^{40}_{18}Ar$	Ar	18	40
Potassium	$^{39}_{19}K$	K	19	39
Calcium	$^{40}_{20}Ca$	Ca	20	40

Relation between Atomic Number and Mass Number

Mass number **(A)** of an atom = Number of protons + Number of neutrons

Therefore, Mass number **(A)** = Atomic number **(Z)** + Number of neutrons

Therefore, Number of neutrons = **A - Z**

Hence, the number of neutrons can be calculated if the atomic number and mass number of an element are known.

An atom of sodium contains 11 protons and 12 neutrons. **Can you calculate the mass number of a sodium atom?**

Now, mass number **(A)** = number of protons + number of neutrons

Therefore, mass number of sodium atom = 11 + 12 = 23

Hence, the mass number of sodium is 23.

An atom of carbon is represented as $^{12}_{6}C$. **Can you tell the number of neutrons and protons present in carbon atom?**

It is seen from the symbolic notation of carbon that the atomic number and mass number of carbon atom is 6 and 12 respectively.

Now, number of neutrons = mass number − atomic number = 12 − 6 = 6

Since the number of protons is equal to the atomic number of that element. Thus, the number of protons present in a carbon atom is 6.

Solved Examples

Easy

Example 1:

What is the symbol of the element sodium?

1. **Na**
2. **N**
3. **So**
4. **S**

Solution:

The correct answer is A.

The symbol of sodium is Na. It is derived from the Latin name for the element, i.e., ‘natrium’.

Example 2:

What is the atomic number of an element having five protons and six neutrons?

1. **11**
2. **9**
3. **6**
4. **5**

Solution:

The correct answer is D.

The atomic number of an element is the number of protons or electrons present in an atom of the element. Since an atom of the given element has five protons, its atomic number is 5.

Medium

Example 3:

What is the number of neutrons in an element having 39 protons and 89 as its mass number?

1. **45**
2. **50**
3. **55**
4. **60**

Solution:

The correct answer is B.

We know that:

Mass number = Number of protons + Number of neutrons

In case of the given element:

Mass number = 89

Number of protons = 39

So,

89 = 39 + Number of neutrons

=> Number of neutrons = 89 -39 = 50

Hard

Example 4:

What is the symbol of the element having 22 neutrons and 40 as its mass number?

1. **Al**
2. **Mg**

3. **Ar**
4. **Ca**

Solution:

The correct answer is C.

The given element has:

Mass number = 40

Number of neutrons = 22

We know that:

Mass number = Number of protons + Number of neutrons

So,

40 = Number of protons + 22

=> Number of protons = 40 - 22 = 18

Also,

Atomic number = Number of protons = 18

Argon is the element having 18 as its atomic number and 40 as its mass number. The symbol of argon is Ar.

Did You Know?

- Water is the major constituent of the human body. It is made up of two elements: hydrogen and oxygen.
- Almost all the mass of our body is made up of the following six elements.

1. Oxygen (65%)
2. Carbon (18%)
3. Hydrogen (10%)
4. Nitrogen (3%)
5. Calcium (1.5%)
6. Phosphorus (1%)

- Some of the other elements found in our body are:
- Sulphur (0.25%)

- Sodium (0.15%)

- Magnesium (0.05%)
- Zinc (0.7%)

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The Periodic Table

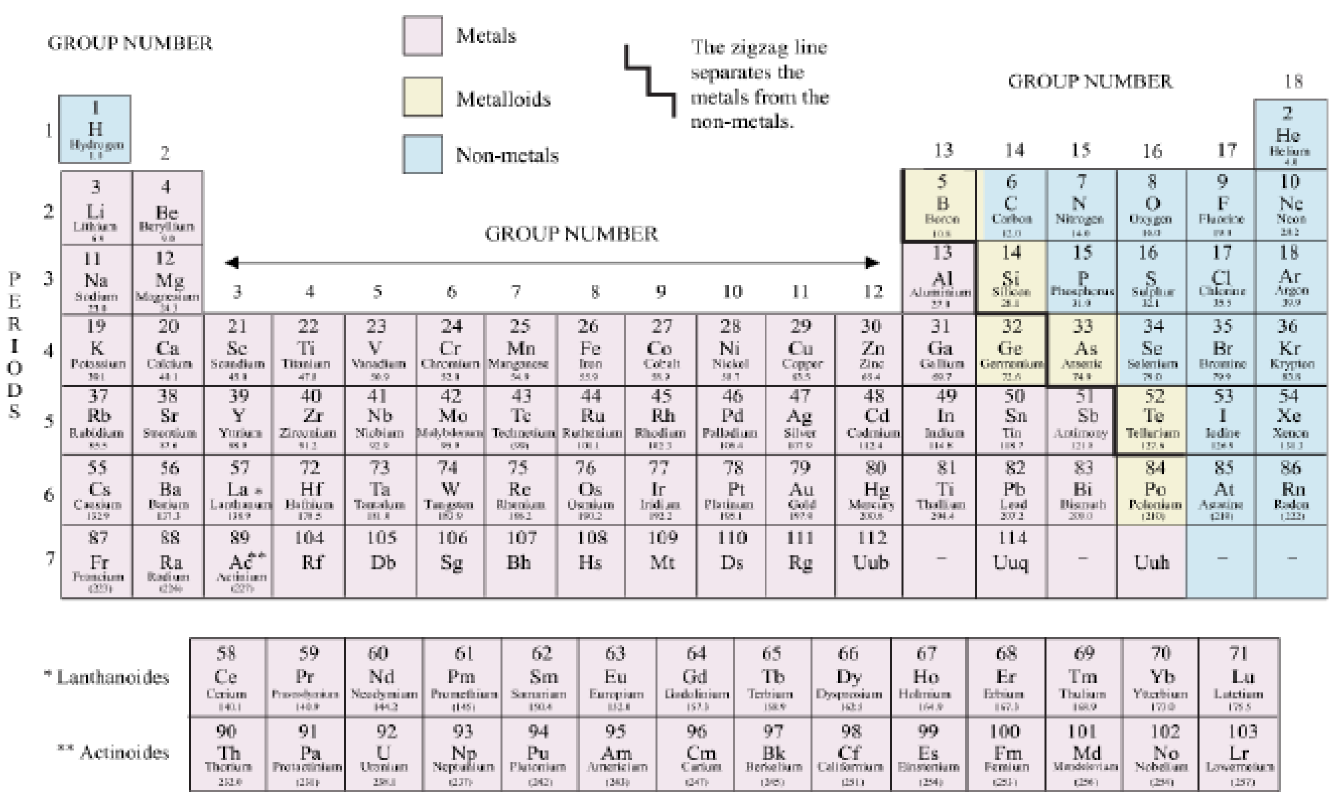
The periodic table is a table classifying all the known elements.

It is divided into 18 columns (called groups) and 7 rows (called periods).

The elements are arranged in the rows or periods by order of increasing atomic number.

The elements in the columns or groups display similar chemical and physical properties. This feature of the periodic table makes it easy to study the vast number of elements.

The periodic table is shown in the figure.



Comparison of Alkali Metals and Halogens

Parameter	Alkali Metal	Halogens
Element	Lithium (Li) Sodium (Na) Potassium (K) Rubidium (Rb) Cesium (Cs) Francium (Fr)	Fluorine (F) Chlorine (Cl) Bromine (Br) Iodine (I) Astatine (At)
Occurrence	Combined state	Combined state
Physical State	Metal Silvery white Soft and light	Non-metal Coloured F and Cl are gases Br is liquid I is solid
Valence Electrons	Valence shell contains one electron	Valence shell contains seven electrons
Conductivity	Good conductor of electricity	Non-conductor of electricity
Melting and Boiling Point	Decreases down the group	Increases down the group
Atomic Size	Largest (except inert gases) in their respective period Increases down the group	Smallest in their respective period Increases down the group
Ionisation Energy	Lowest in the respective period Decreases on moving down the group	Highest (lower than noble gases) in the respective period Decreases down the group due to increase in atomic size
Electron Affinity	Low Decreases on moving down the group	Low Decreases on moving down the group
Electronegativity	Lowest in respective period Decreases on moving down the group	Highest in respective period Decreases on moving down the group

Reactivity	Highly reactive because of large size low ionization enthalpy Reactivity increases down the group	Halogens are highly reactive. They react with metals and non-metals to form halides. Reactivity decreases down the group.
Reaction with Water and Acid	Vigorous Liberate hydrogen reactivity decreases down the group	Generally they do not react
Reducing/Oxidising Nature	Strong reducing agent	Strong oxidising agent
Formation of Compounds	Form electrovalent compounds with non-metals	Form electrovalent compounds with metals