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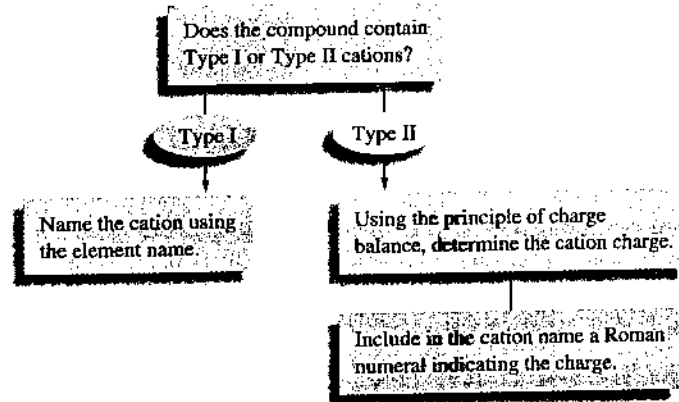
Formula	Name	Comments
a. CoBr_2	Cobalt(II) bromide	Cobalt is a transition metal; the compound name must have a Roman numeral. The two Br^- ions must be balanced by a Co^{2+} ion.
b. CaCl_2	Calcium chloride	Calcium, an alkaline earth metal, forms only the Ca^{2+} ion. A Roman numeral is not necessary.
c. Al_2O_3	Aluminum oxide	Aluminum forms only the Al^{3+} ion. A Roman numeral is not necessary.

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Name	Formula	Comments
a. Chromium(III) chloride	CrCl_3	Chromium(III) indicates that Cr^{3+} is present, so 3 Cl^- ions are needed for charge balance.
b. Gallium iodide	GaI_3	Gallium always forms 3+ ions, so 3 I^- ions are required for charge balance.

See Exercises 2.57 and 2.58.

The following flowchart is useful when you are naming binary ionic compounds:



The common Type I and Type II ions are summarized in Fig. 2.22. Also shown in Fig. 2.22 are the common monatomic ions.

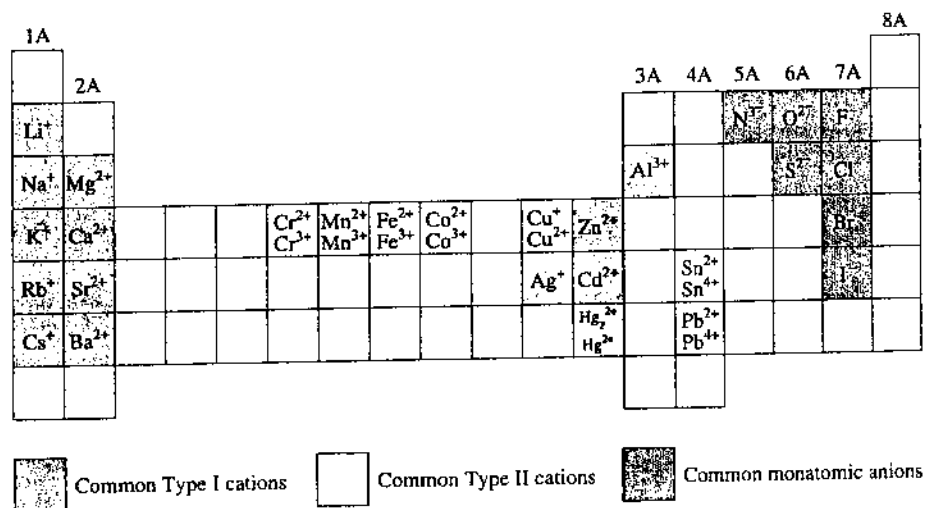


FIGURE 2.22
The common cations and anions.



Various chromium compounds dissolved in water. From left to right: CrCl_2 , $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$, $\text{Cr}(\text{NO}_3)_3$, CrCl_3 , K_2CrO_4 .

TABLE 2.5 Common Polyatomic Ions

Ion	Name	Ion	Name
Hg_2^{2+}	Mercury(I)	NCS^-	Thiocyanate
NH_4^+	Ammonium	CO_3^{2-}	Carbonate
NO_2^-	Nitrite	HCO_3^-	Hydrogen carbonate (bicarbonate is a widely used common name)
NO_3^-	Nitrate		
SO_3^{2-}	Sulfite	ClO^-	Hypochlorite
SO_4^{2-}	Sulfate	ClO_2^-	Chlorite
HSO_4^-	Hydrogen sulfate (bisulfate is a widely used common name)	ClO_3^-	Chlorate
		ClO_4^-	Perchlorate
OH^-	Hydroxide	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-$	Acetate
CN^-	Cyanide	MnO_4^-	Permanganate
PO_4^{3-}	Phosphate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$	Dichromate
HPO_4^{2-}	Hydrogen phosphate	CrO_4^{2-}	Chromate
H_2PO_4^-	Dihydrogen phosphate	O_2^{2-}	Peroxide
		$\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$	Oxalate

Ionic Compounds with Polyatomic Ions

We have not yet considered ionic compounds that contain polyatomic ions. For example the compound ammonium nitrate, NH_4NO_3 , contains the polyatomic ions NH_4^+ and NO_3^- . Polyatomic ions are assigned special names that *must be memorized* to name the compounds containing them. The most important polyatomic ions and their names are listed in Table 2.5.

Note in Table 2.5 that several series of anions contain an atom of a given element and different numbers of oxygen atoms. These anions are called **oxyanions**. When there are two members in such a series, the name of the one with the smaller number of oxygen atoms ends in *-ite* and the name of the one with the larger number ends in *-ate*—for example, sulfite (SO_3^{2-}) and sulfate (SO_4^{2-}). When more than two oxyanions make up a series, *hypo-* (less than) and *per-* (more than) are used as prefixes to name the members of the series with the fewest and the most oxygen atoms respectively. The best example involves the oxyanions containing chlorine, as shown in Table 2.5.

Polyatomic ion formulas must be memorized.

Sample Exercise 2.7

Naming Compounds Containing Polyatomic Ions

- Give the systematic name for each of the following compounds:
 - Na_2SO_4
 - KH_2PO_4
 - $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$
 - $\text{Mn}(\text{OH})_2$
 - Na_2SO_3
 - Na_2CO_3
- Given the following systematic names, write the formula for each compound:
 - Sodium hydrogen carbonate
 - Cesium perchlorate