## Answer on Question #82092, Chemistry / General Chemistry

 A 20.00 mL aqueous solution of ethanol (20.00% v/v) has 12.00 g of 3-methylbutanoic acid added to it. How much ethyl-3-methylbutanoate would theoretically be produced. Ethanol's density is 0.7893 g/ml.

## Solution:

Volume of ethanol on solution = 4mL (20% from 20mL).

Mass of ethanol:

mass = density × volume  $m = \rho \times V$ m (ethanol) = 4mL × 0.7893 g/mL = 3.16 g.

Reaction:

$$C_{2}H_{5}OH + (CH_{3})_{2}-CH-CH_{2}-COOH = (CH_{3})_{2}-CH-CH_{2}-COOC_{2}H_{5} + H_{2}O$$

$$n = \frac{m}{M}$$

$$M (C_{2}H_{5}OH) = 46 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$M ((CH_{3})_{2}-CH-CH_{2}-COOH) = 102 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$n (Ethanol) = \frac{3.16 \text{ g}}{46 \text{ g/mol}} = 0.068 \text{ mol} - \text{limiting reactant}$$

$$n (3-\text{methylbutanoic acid}) = \frac{12 \text{ g}}{102 \text{ g/mol}} = 0.117 \text{ mol} - \text{excess}$$

Calculate mass of ethyl-3-methylbutanoate:

n (Ethanol) = n (ethyl-3-methylbutanoate) = 0.068 mol  
M ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-COOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) = 130 g/mol  
$$m = n \times M$$
  
 $m = 0.068 mol \times 130 g/mol = 8.84 g.$ 

**Answer:** theoretically can be produced 8.84 g. of ethyl-3-methylbutanoate.

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