• What is the solubility of Cu(OH)₂ in mol L⁻¹? $K_{\rm sp}$ (Cu(OH)₂) is 1.6 × 10⁻¹⁹ at 25 °C.

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The dissolution reaction and associated solubility product are:

$$Cu(OH)_2(s) \iff Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2OH^{-}(aq)$$
 $K_{sp} = [Cu^{2+}(aq)][OH^{-}(aq)]^2$

If x mol dissolve in one litre, $[Cu^{2+}(aq)] = x M$ and $[OH^{-}(aq)] = 2x$. Hence:

$$K_{\rm sp} = (x)(2x)^2 = 4x^3 = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$x = 3.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

Answer: $3.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$