

Key 1/

PRACTICE

1. For each of the solutions below, first identify if it is a buffer or not and, if it is a buffer, identify the acid and base component of the buffer system.



- a) equal volumes of equimolar solutions of HClO_2 and KClO_2 are mixed.

Buffer: YES NO weak Acid + weak Base

If yes, acid is HClO_2 and base is ClO_2^- .

- b) 100 mL of 0.2 M NH_3 and 125 mL of 0.1 M NH_4Cl are mixed.

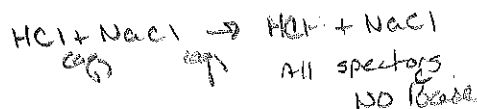


Buffer: YES NO



If yes, acid is NH_4^+ and base is NH_3 .

- c) 50 mL of 0.1 M HCl and 25 mL of 0.2 M NaCl are mixed.



Buffer: YES NO

If yes, acid is _____ and base is _____.

- d) equal volumes of 0.2 M NaHSO_4 and 0.25 M Na_2SO_4 are mixed.



Buffer: YES NO

If yes, acid is HSO_4^- and base is SO_4^{2-} .

- e) 100 mL of 0.25 M HF and 75 mL of 0.40 M $\text{Li}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ are mixed.

HF strong Acid

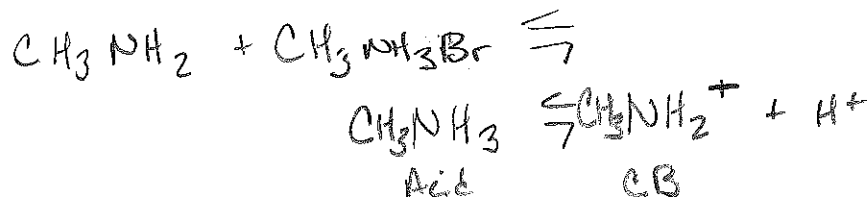
Buffer: YES NO

If yes, acid is _____ and base is _____.

- f) equal volumes of 0.1 M CH_3NH_2 and 0.2 M $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Br}$ are mixed.

Buffer: YES NO

If yes, acid is NH_3 and base is NH_2^+ .

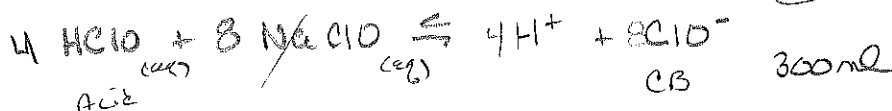


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2. Find the pH of each of the following buffer solutions:

- a) Find the pH of a 300 mL solution created by adding 4 moles of hypochlorous acid (HClO) to 8 moles of sodium hypochlorite (NaClO).

The acid is HClO and there are 4 mol or mmol Refer Table $K_a = 2.9 \times 10^{-8}$
The base is ClO^- and there are 8 mol or mmol



$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]}$$

$$= 2.9 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{4}{8} \right)$$

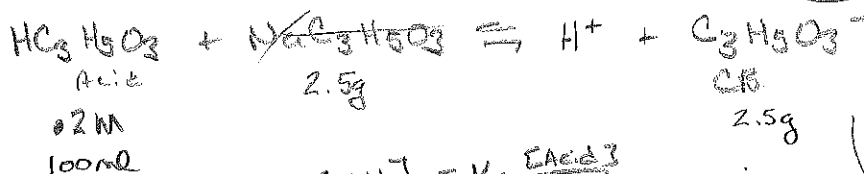
$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$\boxed{\text{pH} = 7.8}$$

- b) Find the pH of a solution created by mixing 100 mL of 0.2 M lactic acid ($\text{HC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$) and 2.5 g of sodium lactate ($\text{NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$).

The acid is $\text{HC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ and there are 20 mol or mmol $K_a = 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$
The base is and there are 22 mol or mmol



$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]}$$

$$= (1.4 \times 10^{-4}) \left(\frac{20}{22} \right)$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$\boxed{\text{pH} = 3.9}$$

$$\text{HC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$$

$$(0.2 \text{ M})(100 \text{ mL})$$

$$20 \text{ mmol}$$

Instead of 1 mole
↓
1000 mmol
2.5g $\text{NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ $\left(\frac{1000 \text{ mmol}}{112.03 \text{ g NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3} \right)$
= 22 mmol $\text{NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$

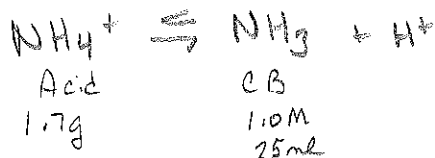
- c) Find the pH of a solution created by mixing 1.7 g of ammonium chloride (NH_4Cl) with 25 mL of 1.0 M ammonia (NH_3).

The acid is NH_4^+ and there are 32 mol or mmol

The base is NH_3 and there are 25 mol or mmol $K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$



$$\text{NH}_3 (1.0 \text{ M})(25 \text{ mL}) = 25 \text{ mmol}$$



$$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} (1.7 \text{ g}) \times \frac{1000 \text{ mmol}}{53.492 \text{ g}} = 32 \text{ mmol}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]}$$

$$= 5.6 \times 10^{-10} \left(\frac{32}{25} \right)$$

$$K_a K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$K_a = \frac{1.8 \times 10^{-14}}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 7.2 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$\boxed{\text{pH} = 9.14}$$

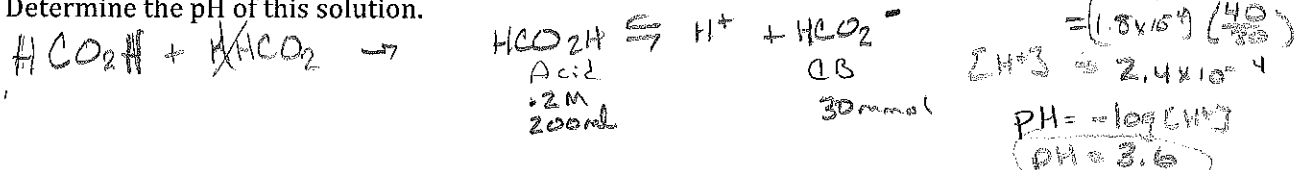
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3. A buffer solution is created by mixing 200 mL of 0.2 M formic acid (HCO_2H) with 30 mmol of potassium formate (KHCO_2).

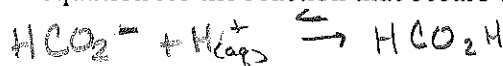
The acid is HCO_2H and there are 40 mol or mmol

The base is HCO_2^- and there are 30 mol or mmol

- a) Determine the pH of this solution.



- b) Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when hydrochloric acid is added to the solution.



- c) After the addition of 30 mL of 0.1 M HCl, 3 mmol of invader has been added. (30 mL)(0.10 M) = 3 mmol

- *d) Find the pH of the solution after the HCl was added.

$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid} + \text{mole}]}{[\text{Base} - \text{mole}]} = 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{40+3}{30-3} \right)$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 2.9 \times 10^{-4}$$

$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] = 3.5$

4. A buffer solution is created by mixing 200 mL of 0.1 M benzoic acid ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$) with 4.5 g of sodium benzoate ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COONa}$).

The acid is $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$ and there are 20 mol or mmol

The base is $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COO}^-$ and there are 31 mol or mmol

- a) Determine the pH of this solution.

$$[\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH}] = (200\text{mL})(0.1\text{M}) = 20\text{mmol}$$

$$[\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COONa}] = \left(\frac{4.5\text{g}}{1} \right) \left(\frac{1000\text{mmol}}{144.1\text{g}} \right) = 31$$

$K_a = 6.3 \times 10^{-5}$
 $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH} \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COO}^- + \text{H}^+$
 200mL 4.5g
 110g

$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]} = 6.3 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{20}{31} \right)$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 4.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] = 4.4$

- b) Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when sodium hydroxide is added to the solution.



- c) After 0.01 moles of sodium hydroxide is added to the buffer 10 mmol of invader has been added

- *d) Find the pH of the solution after the sodium hydroxide was added.

$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid} - \text{mmol}]}{[\text{Base} + \text{mmol}]} = 6.3 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{20-10}{31+10} \right)$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] = 4.8$

(0.01 moles) $\left(\frac{1000\text{mmol}}{1\text{mole}} \right) = 10$

Key 4

5. A buffer solution is created by mixing 100 mL of 0.1 M sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3) with 5.8 g of sodium carbonate (Na_2CO_3). $\text{NaHCO}_3 + \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightleftharpoons \text{HCO}_3^- \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{2-}$

$K_a = 4.7 \times 10^{-11}$ The acid is HCO_3^- and there are 10 mol or mmol $[\text{NaHCO}_3] (0.1 \text{ M})(100 \text{ mL}) = 10 \text{ mmol}$

The base is CO_3^{2-} and there are 55 mol or mmol $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \left(\frac{5.8 \text{ g}}{105.8 \text{ g/mol}} \right) = 55 \text{ mmol}$

- a) Determine the pH of this solution.

$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]} = 4.7 \times 10^{-11} \left(\frac{10}{55} \right) \quad \text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+] \quad \boxed{\text{pH} = 11.1}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 8.5 \times 10^{-12}$$

- b) Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when hydrobromic acid is added to the solution.



- c) After 8 mL of 0.2 M HBr is added to the buffer 1.6 mmol of invader has been added.

$$[\text{HBr}] = (0.2 \text{ M})(8 \text{ mL}) = 1.6 \text{ mmol}$$

- *d) Find the pH of the solution

$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid} + \text{mmol}]}{[\text{Base} - \text{mmol}]} = 4.7 \times 10^{-11} \left(\frac{10 + 1.6}{55 - 1.6} \right)$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+] \quad \boxed{\text{pH} = 11}$$

6. Consider a buffer solution created by 500 mL of 0.1 M hydrocyanic acid (HCN) and 2.0 g of sodium cyanide (NaCN).



- a) Determine the pH of the solution.

$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]} = 6.2 \times 10^{-10} \left(\frac{50}{41} \right)$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 7.6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+] \quad \boxed{\text{pH} = 9.1}$$

$$\text{pH} = 9.1$$

- b) What volume of 0.5 M HCl could be added to this solution before the buffering capacity ended?

$$\text{Acid} = 50 \text{ mmol}$$

HCl will combine w/ Base which has 41 mmol

$$\text{Base} = 41 \text{ mmol}$$

\therefore 41 mmol is max HCl that can be Added

$$[\text{HCl}](0.5 \text{ M})(x \text{ mL}) = 41 \text{ mmol} \quad \boxed{x = 82 \text{ mL}}$$

- c) What mass of sodium hydroxide could be added to this solution before the buffering capacity ended?

$$? \text{ g NaOH}$$

Buffer can Handle 50 mmol (Acid) of Base Being Added

$$\left(\frac{50 \text{ mmol}}{1} \right) \left(\frac{39.997 \text{ g NaOH}}{1000 \text{ mmol}} \right) = 2.0 \text{ g NaOH}$$

7. Consider a buffer solution created by 500 mL of 0.2 M hydrocyanic acid and 4 g of sodium cyanide.

a) Determine the pH of the solution.

$$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]} = (6.2 \times 10^{-10}) \left(\frac{100}{32} \right)$$

$$[H^+] = 7.6 \times 10^{-10}$$

b) Compare the pH of the original buffer solution in #6 and this buffer solution. Explain.

The pH values are the same because the Ratio of Acid to Base is the same and the same conjugate pair is used.

8. Which buffer solution, #6 or #7, has a greater capacity for handling added HCl? Why?

#7 has a greater capacity for handling HCl because it has twice the conjugate base to react with it.

9. A buffer solution is created by mixing 2.8 g of sodium acetate ($NaC_2H_3O_2$) with 200 mL of 0.1 M acetic acid ($HC_2H_3O_2$).

a) Determine the pH of this solution.

$$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{20}{34} \right)$$

$$[H^+] = 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$$

b) What effect will adding 50 mL of water to the buffer solution have on the pH? Explain.

Adding water will not affect the pH of the Buffer because the Ratio of Acid to Base components of the Buffer remain the same.

10. Calculate the specified ratio of concentrations for each of the following to achieve the desired pH:

a) hydrofluoric acid (HF) to fluoride ion (F^-) in a buffer solution that has a pH of 3.2.

$$K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$pH = -\log[H^+]$$

$$3.2 = -\log[H^+]$$

$$[H^+] = 6.3 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]}$$

$$6.3 \times 10^{-4} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4} \left[\frac{[HF]}{[F^-]} \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{[HF]}{[F^-]} \right] = 0.88$$

b) propanoate ion ($C_3H_5O_2^-$) to propanoic acid ($HC_3H_5O_2$) in a buffer solution that has a pH of 5.2.

$$K_a = 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$pH = -\log[H^+]$$

$$[H^+] = 6.3 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]}$$

$$6.3 \times 10^{-6} = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} \left[\frac{[HC_3H_5O_2]}{[C_3H_5O_2^-]} \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{[HC_3H_5O_2]}{[C_3H_5O_2^-]} \right] = 2.1$$

c) hydrocyanic acid (HCN) to cyanide ion (CN^-) in a buffer solution that has a pH of 9.1.

$$pH = -\log[H^+]$$

$$[H^+] = 7.9 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$K_a = 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]}$$

$$7.9 \times 10^{-10} = 6.2 \times 10^{-10} \left[\frac{[HCN]}{[CN^-]} \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{[HCN]}{[CN^-]} \right] = 1.3$$

$pH = -\log [H^+]$ \leftarrow put in K_a

KEY

pH
3.8
4.7

Lactic acid $H_3C_3H_5O_3$	Sodium lactate $NaC_3H_5O_3$
Acetic acid $HC_2H_3O_2$	Sodium acetate $NaC_2H_3O_2$
Sodium bicarbonate $NaHCO_3$	Sodium carbonate Na_2CO_3
Ammonia - Base NH_3	Ammonium chloride NH_4Cl

pOH = 4.7
pH = 9.3

11. Using the table above, choose the acid component and base component you would use to create a buffer solution of the given pH. (No quantities are necessary.) Then calculate the pKa for the acid component of your choice using the previously provided reference table.

$pKa = -\log Ka$

a) pH = 3.8 $K_a = 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$

Acid Lactic acid Base NaC₃H₅O₃

pKa 3.85

$pKa = -\log (1.4 \times 10^{-4})$

b) pH = 9.3

Acid Ammonium Chloride Base Ammonia

pKa 9.25

$K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
 $K_a = \frac{K_w}{K_b}$

c) pH = 10.4

Acid Sodium Bicarbonate Base Sodium Carbonate

pKa 10.33

$K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$
 $pKa =$

HCO_3^-
 $K_a = 4.7 \times 10^{-11}$
pH = 10.3

\leftarrow I picked it because its exponent was close to pH 10.4

$pKa = -\log Ka$
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* These (12-14) are
Finding pH of Buffer system
Problems

Questions 12-14 refer to the following table of available chemicals.:

K_a	pH	
1.8×10^{-4}	3.7	sodium formate, NaHCO_2 (MW = 68.01 g/mol)
1.3×10^{-5}	3.8	sodium propanoate, $\text{NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$ (MW = 96.06 g/mol)
4.4×10^{-7}	6.36	sodium bicarbonate, NaHCO_3 (MW = 84.01 g/mol)
1.8×10^{-5}	9.26	ammonium chloride, NH_4Cl (MW = 53.49 g/mol)

12. Describe how to make 100 mL of a solution buffered at a pH of 4.3. Your description should include the identity of the acid and base component of your buffer as well as quantities of each chemical. So How much Acid & Base do I need? conjugate in grams!

Choice of conjugate pair: Propanoic Acid / Sodium propanoate

$pH = 4.3$

$pH = -\log [H^+]$

$[H^+] = 10^{-4.3}$

$[H^+] = 5.0 \times 10^{-5}$

$K_a = 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$

$\text{HC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2 = .2 \text{ M}$

$100 \text{ mL} = .1 \text{ L}$

$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]}$

$[Base] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[H^+]}$

$\text{NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2 = (1.3 \times 10^{-5}) \frac{.2 \text{ M}}{5.0 \times 10^{-5}}$

$\text{NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2 = .052 \text{ M}$

$\left(\frac{.052 \text{ moles NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2}{1 \text{ L}} \right) \left(\frac{.1 \text{ L}}{1} \right) \left(\frac{96.06 \text{ g NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2}{1 \text{ mole NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2} \right) = .50 \text{ g NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$

∴ Add .50 g $\text{NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$
to 100 mL of .2 M
 $\text{HC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$

13. Describe how to make 200 mL of a solution buffered at a pH of 8.7. Your description should include the identity of the acid and base component of your buffer as well as quantities of each chemical.

Choice of conjugate pair: Ammonia / Ammonium Chloride

$pH = 8.7$

$pH = -\log [H^+]$
 $[H^+] = 10^{-8.7}$

$[H^+] = 2.0 \times 10^{-9}$

$K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

$K_a = \frac{K_w}{K_b}$

$K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$

$200 \text{ mL} = .2 \text{ L}$

$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]} \rightarrow .4 \text{ M}$

$[Acid] = \frac{[H^+][Base]}{K_a}$

$= \frac{(2.0 \times 10^{-9})(.4 \text{ M})}{5.6 \times 10^{-10}}$

$[\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}] = 1.4 \text{ M}$

$\left(\frac{1.4 \text{ moles NH}_4\text{Cl}}{1 \text{ L}} \right) \left(\frac{.2 \text{ L}}{1} \right) \left(\frac{53.49 \text{ g NH}_4\text{Cl}}{1 \text{ mole NH}_4\text{Cl}} \right) = 15 \text{ g NH}_4\text{Cl}$

∴ Add 15 g NH_4Cl to
200 mL of 0.4 M NH_3
& Mix

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14. Want to make 50 ml soln Buffered at pH = 6.9

Carbonic Acid / Sodium Bicarbonate

Acid

$K_a = 4.4 \times 10^{-7}$

CB

Given:

pH = 6.9

$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+]$

$\therefore [\text{H}^+] = 1.3 \times 10^{-7}$

50 ml = .05 L

$[\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3] = .05 \text{ M}$

Soln:

$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]}$

$[\text{Base}] = \frac{K_a [\text{Acid}]}{[\text{H}^+]}$

$= \frac{(4.4 \times 10^{-7})(.05 \text{ M})}{1.3 \times 10^{-7}}$

$[\text{Base}] = 1.75 \text{ M}$

$\left(\frac{1.75 \text{ moles NaHCO}_3}{1 \text{ L}} \right) \left(\frac{.05 \text{ L}}{1} \right) \left(\frac{84.01 \text{ g NaHCO}_3}{1 \text{ mole NaHCO}_3} \right) = 7.3 \text{ g NaHCO}_3$

 \therefore Add 7.3 g NaHCO₃ to 50 ml of 0.4 M H₂CO₃ + mix15) You have 100 ml of 0.2 M HC₂H₃O₂

Add NaOH (5g Available) to make a Buffered soln pH = 4.9

* * This is a strong Base Being Added "Invading" * *

Given:

pH = 4.9 $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+]$

$\therefore [\text{H}^+] = 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$

$K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ Acetic Acid

Acetic Acid (0.2 M)(100 ml) = 20 mmol

Soln:

$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]}$ * Add Base

$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid} - x]}{[\text{Base} + x]}$

$x = \text{mmol NaOH}$

$1.3 \times 10^{-5} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \frac{(20 - x)}{0 + x}$

* Base to start w/

$.72x = 20 - x$

$1.72x = 20$

$x = 11.6 \text{ mmol NaOH}$

$\left(\frac{11.6 \text{ mmol NaOH}}{1} \right) \left(\frac{40 \text{ g NaOH}}{1000 \text{ mmol}} \right) = .46 \text{ g NaOH}$

 \therefore Add .46 g NaOH to 100 ml of 0.2 M Acetic Acid

16) Given:

200 mL of 0.1 M $\text{HC}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_4$

$$K_a = 3.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

10g KOH (s) strong Base!

How to make 200 mL
soln Buffered pH=3.6
Invader problem!!

Soln:

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-3.6}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$[\text{HC}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_4] = 200 \text{ mL} (0.1) = 20 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\textcircled{2} [\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]}$$

Add Base KOH

$$2.5 \times 10^{-4} = 3.4 \times 10^{-4} \frac{(20-x)}{0+x}$$

$$.74x = 20 - x$$

$$1.74x = 20$$

$$x = 11.5 \text{ mmol KOH}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \left(\frac{11.5 \text{ mmol KOH}}{1} \right) \left(\frac{56.11 \text{ g KOH}}{1000 \text{ mmol KOH}} \right) = 0.65 \text{ g KOH}$$

∴ Add 0.65 g KOH to 200 mL of 0.1 M acetylsalicylic Acid

17) Given:

100 mL of 0.5 M CH_3NH_2 weak Base

100 mL 0.5 M HCl strong Acid!

make soln Buffered @ pH=10.2

Invader Problem!!

Soln:

$$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2 \quad K_b = 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$K_a = \frac{K_w}{K_b} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-14}}{4.4 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$K_a = 2.3 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] = 10.2$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 6.3 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$(100 \text{ mL})(.5 \text{ M}) = 50 \text{ mmol CH}_3\text{NH}_2$$

Base!!

$$[\text{H}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]}$$

$$6.3 \times 10^{-11} = 2.3 \times 10^{-11} \frac{0+x}{50-x}$$

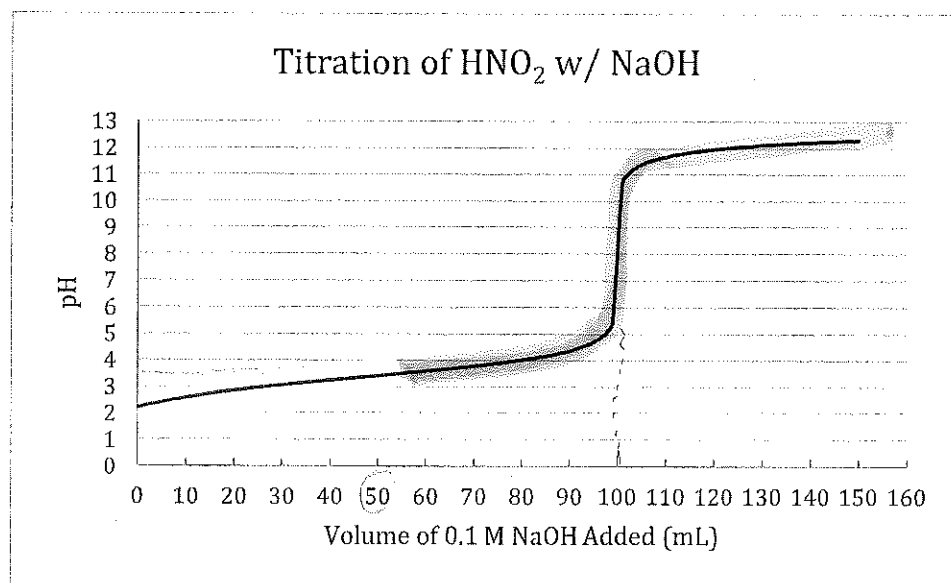
$$2.74 = \frac{x}{50-x}$$

$$x = 37 \text{ mmol HCl}$$

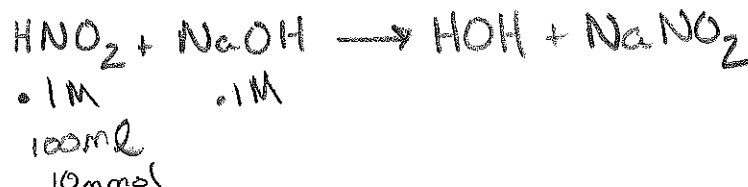
add HCl

x = mmol H

18. Consider the titration curve below that is created from adding 0.1 M NaOH to 100 mL of 0.1 M HNO₂.



- a) Show the chemical reaction that occurs to result in a buffer solution when 20 mL of NaOH has been added.



- b) Using the curve, determine the K_a value of HNO₂. Show the buffer calculation that relates to this determination. K_a = ?

Looking for the 1/2 equivalence pt → 50 mL NaOH Added (Took 100 mL / 2)

pH = 3.5

[H⁺] = 10^{-3.5}

[H⁺] = 3.2 × 10⁻⁴

$$\text{H}^+ = K_a \frac{[\text{Acid}]}{[\text{Base}]}$$

$$K_a = [\text{H}^+] \frac{[\text{Base}]}{[\text{Acid}]} = (3.2 \times 10^{-4}) \left(\frac{0+5}{10-5} \right)$$

- c) Using one color highlighter or pen, trace the values on the curve for which [HNO₂] > [NO₂⁻].

From Volumes 0 to 50 mL K_a = 3.2 × 10⁻⁴

- d) Using another color highlighter or pen, trace the values on the curve for which [NO₂⁻] > [HNO₂].

From Volumes 50 mL to 150 mL

$$3.2 \times 10^{-4} = K_a \left[\frac{10^{-5}}{0 + 5} \right] \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Acid} \\ \text{Base} \end{matrix}$$

$$K_a = 3.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{-or- } \text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$$

$$K_a = 10^{-\text{pH}}$$

- c) Using one color highlighter or pen, trace the values on the curve for which $[\text{HNO}_2] > [\text{NO}_2^-]$.

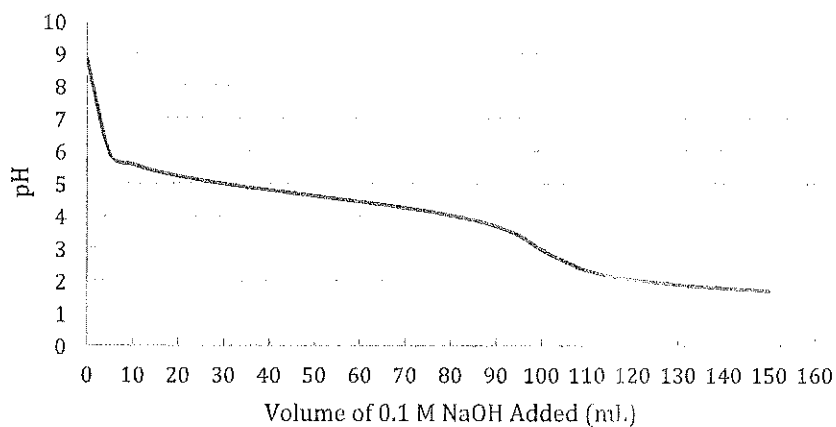
From volumes = 0.1 to 50 mL

- d) Using another color highlighter or pen, trace the values on the curve for which $[\text{NO}_2^-] > [\text{HNO}_2]$.

From volumes 50 mL to 150 mL

19. Consider the titration curve that is created from adding 0.1 M HCl to 100 mL of 0.1 M aniline ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$).

Titration of Aniline w/ HCl



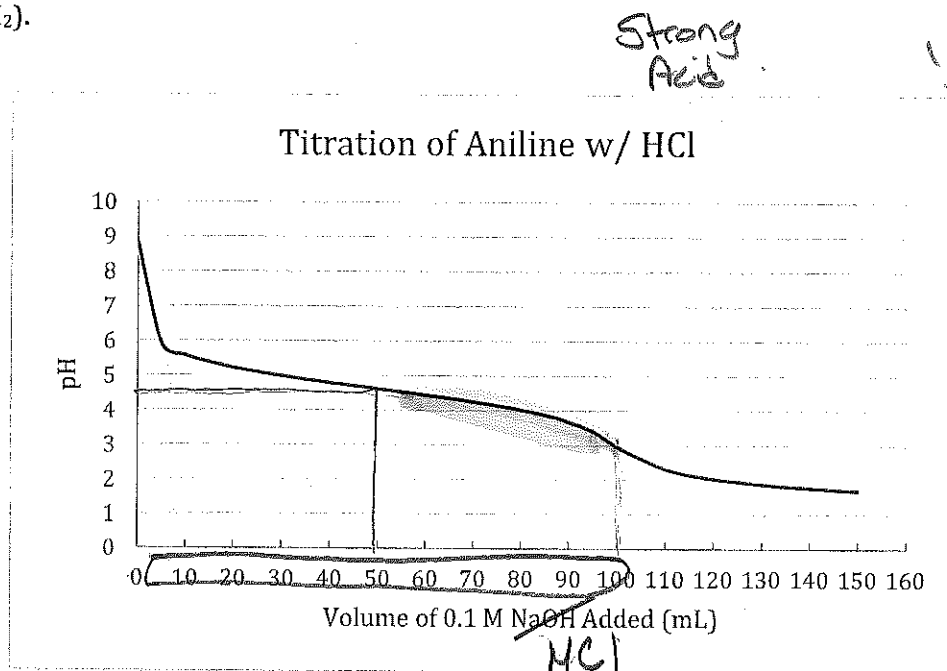
- a) Circle the region on the graph that represents a buffer solution present.

From 0.1 mL to the equivalence point at 100 mL of HCl

- b) In the buffer region, using one color highlighter or pen, trace the values on the curve for which $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2] > [\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3^+]$.

From 0.1 mL to the half equivalence point at 50 mL of HCl

19. Consider the titration curve that is created from adding 0.1 M HCl to 100 mL of 0.1 M aniline ($C_6H_5NH_2$).



- a) Circle the region on the graph that represents a buffer solution present.
- b) In the buffer region, using one color highlighter or pen, trace the values on the curve for which $[C_6H_5NH_2] > [C_6H_5NH_3^+]$. 1 mL to 100 mL
- c) In the buffer region, using one color highlighter or pen, trace the values on the curve for which $[C_6H_5NH_2] < [C_6H_5NH_3^+]$. 50 to 100 mL
- d) Estimate the value of K_b for aniline using the graph.

$$K_a = 10^{-pH}$$

$$K_a = 10^{-4.5}$$

$$K_a = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$K_b = \frac{K_w}{K_a} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-14}}{2.0 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$K_b = 5.0 \times 10^{-10}$$

20. If the pH of a buffer solution of ethylamine ($CH_3CH_2NH_2$) and ethylammonium nitrate ($CH_3CH_2NH_3NO_3$) is 10.25, which component of the buffer, acid or base is present in higher quantity. Show your reasoning.

ethylamine $K_b = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$

$$[H^+] = 10^{-10.25}$$

$$[H^+] = 5.6 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\frac{[Acid]}{[Base]} = \frac{5.6 \times 10^{-11}}{1.8 \times 10^{-11}}$$

$$K_a = \frac{K_w}{K_b} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-14}}{5.6 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$pH = -\log [H^+]$$

$$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]}$$

$$\frac{[Acid]}{[Base]} = \frac{[H^+]}{K_a}$$

$$\frac{Acid}{Base} = 3.1$$

∴ Acid is present in higher quantity

21. If the pH of a buffer solution of acetic acid ($HC_2H_3O_2$) and sodium acetate ($NaC_2H_3O_2$) is 5.5, which component of the buffer, acid or base is present in higher quantity. Show your reasoning.

$$pH = 5.5$$

$$pH = -\log [H^+]$$

$$[H^+] = 10^{-5.5}$$

$$[H^+] = 3.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]}$$

$$\frac{Acid}{Base} = \frac{[H^+]}{K_a} = \frac{3.2 \times 10^{-6}}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$\frac{Acid}{Base} = 0.18$$

∴ Base is present in higher quantity

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. When calculating the pH of a buffer system, what quantities do you need to have?
You need the K_a value for the acidic component of the buffer along with moles or molarity values for the acidic and basic components of the system.
2. Why is it important to be working with moles or millimoles when dealing with an invader in a buffer?
These problems are actually chemical reactions happening and quantities of change of the acid and base part of the buffer must be calculated in moles.
3. When dealing with a buffer invader problem, what other chemistry problems are these similar to?
These are similar to limiting reactant problems.
4. Why does the pH of a buffer system not change significantly when invaded by a small quantity of strong acid or base?
Because the invading strong acid or base is converted by one component of the buffer into the other component of the buffer. Thus, there is not a large change in free H^+ or OH^- ions which are responsible for pH changes.
5. Why is it not necessary to use molarity values when calculating $[H^+]$ for a buffer but molarity values must be used when dealing with a simple weak acid equilibrium expression?
Buffer calculations have a ratio of acid to base and the volume values used in molarity calculations cancel out in the calculation. In an equilibrium expression, these volumes do not cancel out and molarity must be used.
6. Why does the $pH = pK_a$ at the $\frac{1}{2}$ equivalence point in the titration?
At the $\frac{1}{2}$ equivalence point, there are equivalent moles of acid and base component in the buffer. Therefore the ratio of acid to base is 1 and $[H^+] = K_a$. Therefore, $pH = pK_a$.
7. Look back at problems 2(b) and 2(c). What did you have to do differently in the problems?
The K_a of the acidic component of the buffer was given directly for 2(b), but only the K_b for the basic component was given in 2(c). Therefore, a K_a value had to be calculated in 2(c) in order to calculate the pH.
8. When creating a buffer, what is the most important factor in the pH of the system?
The value of the K_a is the most important factor to setting the pH. You want the pK_a to be as close as possible to the desired pH.
9. When creating a buffer, what is the most important factor in the capacity of the system for handling invading acid or base?
The quantity of acid and base components in the buffer determines the capacity of the system for handling invaders.