

Week 24

# AP Chemistry

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Homework bundle for this week

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## 8. Acids and Bases

### Starter Quiz · 课前小测

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1. A conjugate acid-base pair differs by...

- ☐ one proton ( $\text{H}^+$ )
- ☐ one electron
- ☐ one neutron

2. Find the pH of a 0.01 M strong acid.

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3. A larger  $K_a$  means the weak acid is...

- ☐ stronger
- ☐ weaker
- ☐ more dilute

4. A buffer is made from...

- ☐ a weak acid and its conjugate base
- ☐ a strong acid alone
- ☐ pure water

5. At the equivalence point, the moles of acid and base are...

- ☐ equal
- ☐ both zero
- ☐ doubled

6. A weaker bond to hydrogen makes an acid...

- ☐ stronger
- ☐ weaker
- ☐ neutral

7. A buffer has  $\text{p}K_a = 5.0$  with equal acid and base. Its pH?

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8. If  $[\text{H}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ , find  $[\text{OH}^-]$ . Enter the exponent (a negative number).

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9. A solution has  $\text{pH} = 9$  at 25 degrees. Its  $\text{pOH}$ ?

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10. A weak acid and a dilute acid are the same thing.

- ☐ True      ☐ False

## 8. Acids and Bases

Answers · 答案

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### 1. one proton ( $\text{H}^+$ )

The acid loses one  $\text{H}^+$  to become its conjugate base.

### 2. 2

$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-2}$ , so  $\text{pH} = -\log(10^{-2}) = 2$ .

### 3. stronger

A bigger  $K_a$  means more ionization – a stronger weak acid.

### 4. a weak acid and its conjugate base

A buffer pairs a weak acid with its conjugate base.

### 5. equal

Equivalence means the moles exactly match.

### 6. stronger

A weaker H bond releases the proton more easily.

### 7. 5

$\log 1 = 0$ , so  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a = 5.0$ .

### 8. -10

$[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-14}/10^{-4} = 10^{-10}$ .

### 9. 5

$\text{pOH} = 14 - \text{pH} = 14 - 9 = 5$ .

### 10. False

Weak is about ionization; dilute is about concentration.

AP CHEMISTRY · EXERCISE SHEET

## 8.1 Introduction to Acids and Bases

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: 10 marks**

**KEY WORDS** acid 酸 · base 碱 · weak 弱 · weak acid 弱酸 · strong 强

### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **acids and bases** — the basic definitions.

**You must be able to:**

- use the **Brønsted-Lowry** definitions (proton donor / acceptor)
- distinguish **strong** 强 from **weak** 弱 acids and bases
- write the ionization of an acid in water

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ Brønsted-Lowry

An **acid** donates  $\text{H}^+$ ; a **base** accepts  $\text{H}^+$ . In water an acid produces  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  (hydronium); a base produces  $\text{OH}^-$ .

#### ■ Strong vs weak

- A **strong** acid/base ionizes **completely** ( $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{NaOH}$ ) — a single arrow.
- A **weak** acid/base ionizes **partially** ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$ ) — an equilibrium arrow.

#### ■ A worked ionization

Strong:  $\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$  (complete). Weak:  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$  (partial, so a small  $K_a$ ).

#### ■ Recognising strong acids

The common strong acids are  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{HBr}$ ,  $\text{HI}$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HClO}_4$ . Assume other acids are weak.

## 2 Practice

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Now apply the methods above.

**2.1** Define a Brønsted-Lowry base. [1]

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**2.2** Write the ionization of the strong acid  $\text{HNO}_3$  in water. [1]

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**2.3** Why is a weak acid written with an equilibrium arrow? [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** A strong acid in water [1]

- **A** ionizes completely
  - **B** ionizes partially
  - **C** does not ionize
  - **D** forms  $\text{OH}^-$
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**3.2** Compare  $\text{HCl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  (acetic acid) at the same concentration.

(a) Which ionizes more? [1]

(b) Which has the higher  $[\text{H}^+]$ ? Explain. [2]

**3.3** Write the equilibrium for the weak base ammonia  $\text{NH}_3$  reacting with water. [3]

## Solutions

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**2.1** A proton ( $\text{H}^+$ ) acceptor.

**2.2**  $\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{NO}_3^-$ .

**2.3** It only ionizes partially, so an equilibrium exists between the molecule and its ions.

**3.1** **A** — ionizes completely.

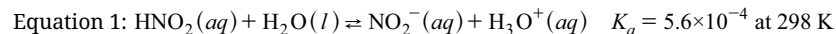
**3.2** (a)  $\text{HCl}$ . (b)  $\text{HCl}$  — it is strong and ionizes completely, giving a higher  $[\text{H}^+]$  than the partially-ionized weak acetic acid.

**3.3**  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{OH}^-$ .

**Question 3: Version J**

The following information applies to all parts.

3. Nitrous acid,  $\text{HNO}_2$ , is a weak acid that ionizes according to Equation 1.

**Part A**

**Identify** a conjugate acid-base pair in the equation. Be sure to clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.

**Part B**

A solution of  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with an initial concentration of  $0.125 \text{ M}$  has a pH of 2.09.

- Calculate** the value of  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  in the solution. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- Calculate**  $[\text{HNO}_2]$  at equilibrium. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part C**

In an experiment, the solution of  $0.125 \text{ M}$   $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  is heated to 333 K. The new equilibrium concentrations are determined to be  $[\text{HNO}_2] = 0.114 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{NO}_2^-] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ , and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ .

- Calculate** the value of  $K_a$  for  $\text{HNO}_2$  at 333 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- Is the reaction represented by Equation 1 endothermic or exothermic? **Justify** your answer by comparing  $K_a$  values at 298 K and 333 K.

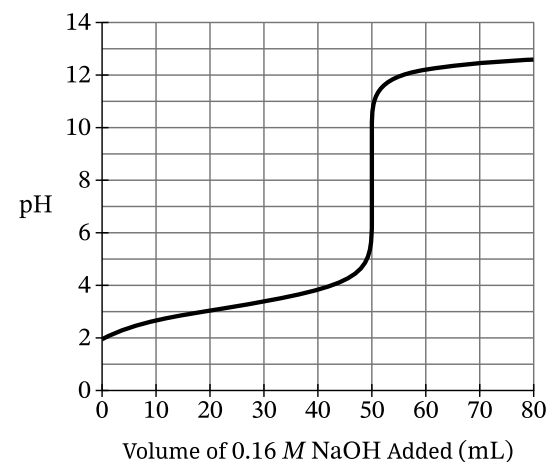
The following information applies to parts D, E, and F.

In a second experiment, a student is given a bottle containing  $\text{HNO}_2$  with an unknown molarity. To determine the concentration of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  in the bottle, the student titrates 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with  $0.16 \text{ M}$   $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  at 298 K, which reacts according to Equation 2.



The results of the titration are summarized in Figure 1.

Figure 1

**Part D**

Using Figure 1, **identify** the pH at the equivalence point.

**Part E**

Using Figure 1, **calculate** the molarity  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  of in the bottle. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part F**

**Draw** an X on Figure 1 to represent a point in the titration where  $[\text{HNO}_2] > [\text{NO}_2^-]$  in the reaction mixture.

**Part G**

Equilibrium constants at 298 K are shown in Table 1 for the acid ionization reaction represented by Equation 1,  $K_a$ ; the autoionization of water,  $K_w$ ; and the neutralization reaction represented by Equation 2,  $K_2$ .

**Table 1**

| Chemical Equation                                                                                             | Equilibrium Constant        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$    | $K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}(l) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$ | $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ |
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq) \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$                    | $K_2 = ?$                   |

**Calculate** the value of  $K_2$  for Equation 2 at 298 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part H**

The student decides to repeat the experiment, this time using an indicator, and has access to the indicators in Table 2.

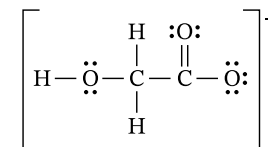
**Table 2**

| Indicator Name | Acid Color | pH Range of Color Change | Base Color |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Methyl orange  | Red        | 3.1–4.4                  | Yellow     |
| Thymol blue    | Yellow     | 8.0–9.6                  | Blue       |
| Clayton yellow | Yellow     | 12.2–13.2                | Orange     |

The student conducts a second titration by adding two drops of methyl orange indicator to 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  solution and titrating the solution with 0.16 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  until a color change from red to yellow occurs.

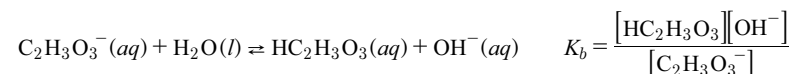
The student claims that methyl orange was the best choice for the indicator. Do you agree or disagree? **Justify** your answer.

7. Answer the following questions about the glycolate ion,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_3^-$ , which acts as a base in aqueous solution. A Lewis diagram for the ion is provided.



**A.** On the Lewis diagram in part A, circle the atom that accepts the proton when the glycolate ion reacts with water.

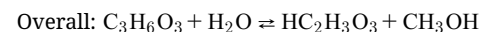
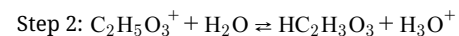
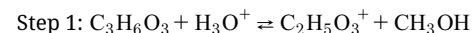
When the glycolate ion reacts with water, it forms glycolic acid,  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_3$ , according to the following equation. The  $K_b$  expression for the reaction is provided.



**B.** At 25°C, a 2.5 M solution of glycolate is found to have  $[\text{OH}^-] = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ .

- Calculate the value of  $K_b$  for the glycolate ion.
- Using your answer to part B (i), calculate the value of  $K_a$  for glycolic acid at 25°C.

Glycolic acid can be produced from the hydrolysis of methyl glycolate,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$ . A proposed mechanism for the reaction is given.

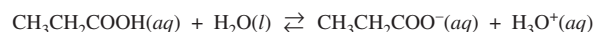


**C.** A student claims that  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is a catalyst for the reaction. Do you agree or disagree? Justify your answer based on the mechanism given.

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| Compound | Melting Point (°C) |
|----------|--------------------|
| LiI      | 449                |
| KI       | 686                |
| LiF      | 845                |
| NaF      | 993                |

6. A student learns that ionic compounds have significant covalent character when a cation has a polarizing effect on a large anion. As a result, the student hypothesizes that salts composed of small cations and large anions should have relatively low melting points.
- (a) Select two compounds from the table and explain how the data support the student's hypothesis.
- (b) Identify a compound from the table that can be dissolved in water to produce a basic solution. Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs to cause the solution to be basic.



2. Propanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ , is a carboxylic acid that reacts with water according to the equation above. At 25°C the pH of a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  is 2.79.
- (a) Identify a Brønsted-Lowry conjugate acid-base pair in the reaction. Clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.
- (b) Determine the value of  $K_a$  for propanoic acid at 25°C.
- (c) For each of the following statements, determine whether the statement is true or false. In each case, explain the reasoning that supports your answer.
- The pH of a solution prepared by mixing the 50.0 mL sample of 0.20 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  with a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20 M NaOH is 7.00.
  - If the pH of a hydrochloric acid solution is the same as the pH of a propanoic acid solution, then the molar concentration of the hydrochloric acid solution must be less than the molar concentration of the propanoic acid solution.

A student is given the task of determining the concentration of a propanoic acid solution of unknown concentration. A 0.173 M NaOH solution is available to use as the titrant. The student uses a 25.00 mL volumetric pipet to deliver the propanoic acid solution to a clean, dry flask. After adding an appropriate indicator to the flask, the student titrates the solution with the 0.173 M NaOH, reaching the end point after 20.52 mL of the base solution has been added.

- (d) Calculate the molarity of the propanoic acid solution.
- (e) The student is asked to redesign the experiment to determine the concentration of a butanoic acid solution instead of a propanoic acid solution. For butanoic acid the value of  $\text{p}K_a$  is 4.83. The student claims that a different indicator will be required to determine the equivalence point of the titration accurately. Based on your response to part (b), do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

## 8.2 pH and pOH of Strong Acids and Bases

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total: 12 marks****KEY WORDS** strong base 强碱 • pH 值 • acid 酸 • strong acid 强酸 • base 碱

### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **pH and pOH** of strong acids and bases.**You must be able to:**

- use  $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+]$  and  $\text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^-]$
- use  $\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$  and  $[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$
- find pH for a strong acid or base of known concentration

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ The definitions

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+], \quad \text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^-].$$

At 25°C,  $\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$  and  $[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$ .

#### ■ Strong acid pH

A strong acid ionizes completely, so  $[\text{H}^+]$  equals its concentration. For 0.010 M HCl:  $\text{pH} = -\log(0.010) = 2$ .

#### ■ Strong base pH

A strong base gives  $[\text{OH}^-]$  equal to its concentration. For 0.010 M NaOH:  $\text{pOH} = 2$ , so  $\text{pH} = 14 - 2 = 12$ .

#### ■ Finding $[\text{H}^+]$ back from pH

Reverse with  $[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$ . A pH of 3 means  $[\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-3}$  M.

## 2 Practice

Now apply the methods above.

2.1 Find the pH of 0.001 M HCl. [2]

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2.2 Find the pOH of 0.010 M NaOH, then the pH. [2]

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2.3 Find  $[H^+]$  for a solution of pH = 4. [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

3.1 At 25°C,  $pH + pOH =$  [1]

- A 7
- B 10
- C 14
- D 1

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3.2 A 0.0050 M solution of  $HNO_3$  (a strong acid).

(a) State  $[H^+]$ . [1]

(b) Find the pH. [2]

3.3 A 0.020 M solution of NaOH.

(a) Find the pOH. [2]

(b) Find the pH. [1]



## Solutions

2.1  $\text{pH} = -\log(0.001) = 3.$

2.2  $\text{pOH} = -\log(0.010) = 2; \text{pH} = 14 - 2 = 12.$

2.3  $[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-4} = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}.$

3.1  $\text{C} = 14.$

3.2 (a)  $[\text{H}^+] = 0.0050 \text{ M}.$  (b)  $\text{pH} = -\log(0.0050) = 2.30.$

3.3 (a)  $\text{pOH} = -\log(0.020) = 1.70.$  (b)  $\text{pH} = 14 - 1.70 = 12.30.$

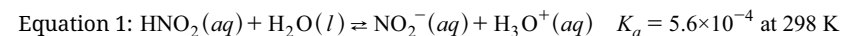
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### Question 3: Version J

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3. Nitrous acid,  $\text{HNO}_2$ , is a weak acid that ionizes according to Equation 1.



#### Part A

**Identify** a conjugate acid-base pair in the equation. Be sure to clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.

#### Part B

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In an experiment, the solution of  $0.125 \text{ M } \text{HNO}_2(aq)$  is heated to 333 K. The new equilibrium concentrations are determined to be  $[\text{HNO}_2] = 0.114 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{NO}_2^-] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ , and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ .

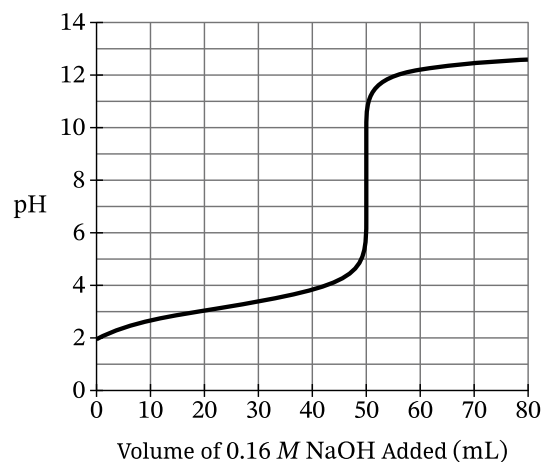
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- Is the reaction represented by Equation 1 endothermic or exothermic? **Justify** your answer by comparing  $K_a$  values at 298 K and 333 K.

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In a second experiment, a student is given a bottle containing  $\text{HNO}_2$  with an unknown molarity. To determine the concentration of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  in the bottle, the student titrates 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with 0.16 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  at 298 K, which reacts according to Equation 2.



The results of the titration are summarized in Figure 1.

**Figure 1****Part D**

Using Figure 1, **identify** the pH at the equivalence point.

**Part E**

Using Figure 1, **calculate** the molarity  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  of in the bottle. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part F**

**Draw** an X on Figure 1 to represent a point in the titration where  $[\text{HNO}_2] > [\text{NO}_2^-]$  in the reaction mixture.

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Equilibrium constants at 298 K are shown in Table 1 for the acid ionization reaction represented by Equation 1,  $K_a$ ; the autoionization of water,  $K_w$ ; and the neutralization reaction represented by Equation 2,  $K_2$ .

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| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$    | $K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}(l) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$ | $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ |
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq) \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$                    | $K_2 = ?$                   |

**Calculate** the value of  $K_2$  for Equation 2 at 298 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part H**

The student decides to repeat the experiment, this time using an indicator, and has access to the indicators in Table 2.

**Table 2**

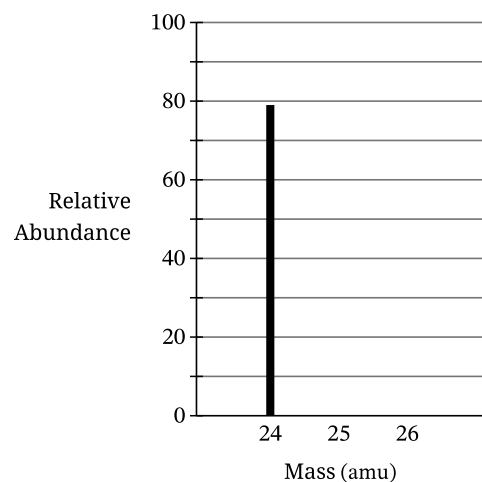
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The student conducts a second titration by adding two drops of methyl orange indicator to 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  solution and titrating the solution with 0.16 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  until a color change from red to yellow occurs.

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## 1. Answer the following questions about magnesium.

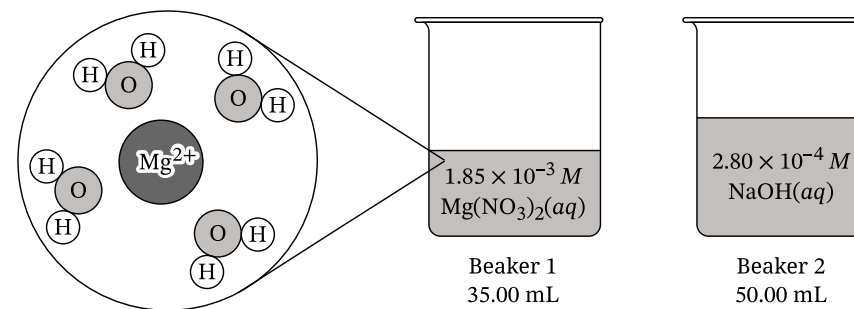
A. An incomplete mass spectrum for magnesium is shown in the diagram.



The percent abundance of magnesium-24 is 79%. The percent abundances of the other two natural isotopes of magnesium, magnesium-25 and magnesium-26, are approximately equal.

- Complete the mass spectrum in part A by drawing thick lines in the appropriate locations to represent the percent abundance of magnesium-25 and magnesium-26.
- Describe the difference in atomic structure that accounts for the difference in mass between magnesium-25 and magnesium-26.

A student prepares a  $1.85 \times 10^{-3} M$  solution of  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2(aq)$  in beaker 1 and a  $2.80 \times 10^{-4} M$  solution of  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  in beaker 2, as shown.

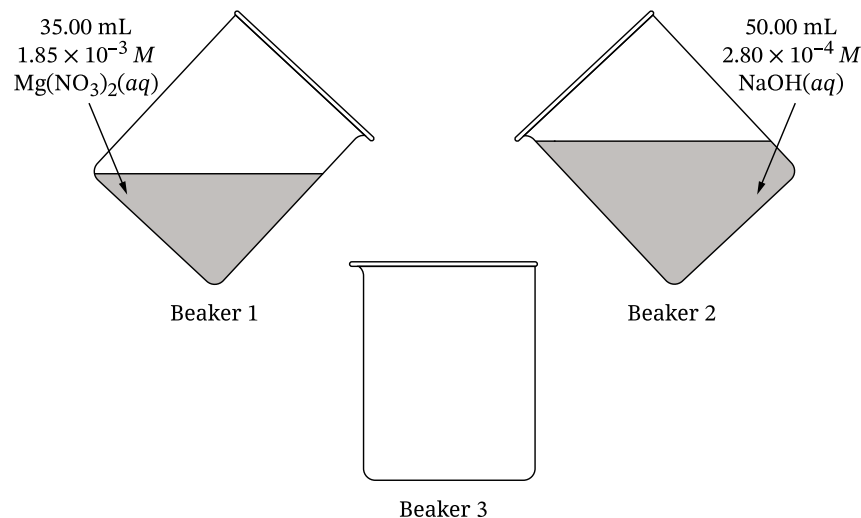


B. The particle diagram shown represents a magnesium ion,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , in beaker 1. A sodium ion,  $\text{Na}^+$ , in beaker 2 has a weaker attraction to water than the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  does. Explain this phenomenon using Coulomb's law and each of the following.

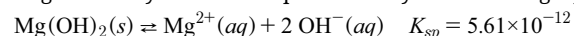
- The relative charge of the ions
- The relative radii of the ions

C. Calculate the pH of the solution in beaker 2.

- D. A student combines 35.00 mL of  $1.85 \times 10^{-3} M \text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2(aq)$  with 50.00 mL of  $2.80 \times 10^{-4} M \text{NaOH}(aq)$ , as shown in the diagram. Calculate  $[\text{Mg}^{2+}]$  after the two solutions are combined but before any reaction takes place. (Assume that volumes are additive.)

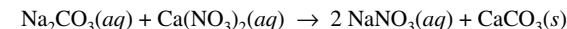


- E. The dissolution of magnesium hydroxide is represented by the following equation.

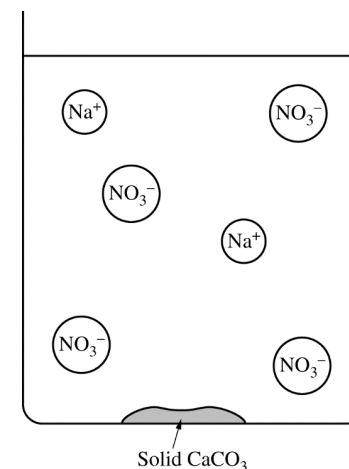


- Write the expression for the solubility product constant,  $K_{sp}$ .
  - After the two solutions are combined in beaker 3 as described in part D, but before any reaction takes place,  $[\text{OH}^-] = 1.65 \times 10^{-4} M$ . Using your answer to part D, calculate the value of the reaction quotient,  $Q$ .
  - Using the reaction quotient,  $Q$ , predict whether a precipitate should form as the mixture in beaker 3 approaches equilibrium. Justify your answer.
- F. In a separate experiment, the student adds  $\text{HNO}_3(aq)$  to decrease the pH of a saturated solution containing undissolved  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2(s)$ . Does the amount of undissolved  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2(s)$  increase, decrease, or remain the same as the  $\text{HNO}_3(aq)$  is added? Justify your answer.

3. A student is given 50.0 mL of a solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  of unknown concentration. To determine the concentration of the solution, the student mixes the solution with excess  $1.0 M \text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2(aq)$ , causing a precipitate to form. The balanced equation for the reaction is shown below.



- Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when the solutions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  are mixed.
- The diagram below is incomplete. Draw in the species needed to accurately represent the major ionic species remaining in the solution after the reaction has been completed.

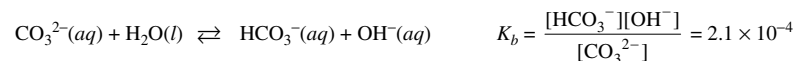


The student filters and dries the precipitate of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  (molar mass 100.1 g/mol) and records the data in the table below.

|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Volume of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ solution      | 50.0 mL  |
| Volume of $1.0 M \text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ added | 100.0 mL |
| Mass of $\text{CaCO}_3$ precipitate collected    | 0.93 g   |

- Determine the number of moles of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  in the original 50.0 mL of solution.
- The student realizes that the precipitate was not completely dried and claims that as a result, the calculated  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  molarity is too low. Do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.
- After the precipitate forms and is filtered, the liquid that passed through the filter is tested to see if it can conduct electricity. What would be observed? Justify your answer.

The student decides to determine the molarity of the same  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution using a second method. When  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  is dissolved in water,  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$  hydrolyzes to form  $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$ , as shown by the following equation.



- (f) The student decides to first determine  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in the solution, then use that result to calculate the initial concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ .
- (i) Identify a laboratory method (not titration) that the student could use to collect data to determine  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in the solution.
- (ii) Explain how the student could use the measured value in part (f)(i) to calculate the initial concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ . (Do not do any numerical calculations.)
- (g) In the original  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution at equilibrium, is the concentration of  $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$  greater than, less than, or equal to the concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ ? Justify your answer.
- (h) The student needs to make a  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}/\text{HCO}_3^-$  buffer. Is the  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution suitable for making a buffer with a pH of 6? Explain why or why not.



2. Propanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ , is a carboxylic acid that reacts with water according to the equation above. At  $25^\circ\text{C}$  the pH of a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  is 2.79.
- (a) Identify a Brønsted-Lowry conjugate acid-base pair in the reaction. Clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.
- (b) Determine the value of  $K_a$  for propanoic acid at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .
- (c) For each of the following statements, determine whether the statement is true or false. In each case, explain the reasoning that supports your answer.
- (i) The pH of a solution prepared by mixing the 50.0 mL sample of 0.20 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  with a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20 M NaOH is 7.00.
- (ii) If the pH of a hydrochloric acid solution is the same as the pH of a propanoic acid solution, then the molar concentration of the hydrochloric acid solution must be less than the molar concentration of the propanoic acid solution.

A student is given the task of determining the concentration of a propanoic acid solution of unknown concentration. A 0.173 M NaOH solution is available to use as the titrant. The student uses a 25.00 mL volumetric pipet to deliver the propanoic acid solution to a clean, dry flask. After adding an appropriate indicator to the flask, the student titrates the solution with the 0.173 M NaOH, reaching the end point after 20.52 mL of the base solution has been added.

- (d) Calculate the molarity of the propanoic acid solution.
- (e) The student is asked to redesign the experiment to determine the concentration of a butanoic acid solution instead of a propanoic acid solution. For butanoic acid the value of  $\text{p}K_a$  is 4.83. The student claims that a different indicator will be required to determine the equivalence point of the titration accurately. Based on your response to part (b), do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

## 8.3 Weak Acid and Base Equilibria

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### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **weak acid and base equilibria** ( $K_a$  and  $K_b$ ).

You must be able to:

- write the  $K_a$  (or  $K_b$ ) expression
- use an ICE table with the small- $x$  approximation
- find the pH of a weak acid

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ The acid-dissociation constant

For  $\text{HA} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{A}^-$ :

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

A **small**  $K_a$  means a weak acid (little ionization).

#### ■ The ICE + approximation

Start  $[\text{HA}] = C$ ,  $[\text{H}^+] = [\text{A}^-] = 0$ ; change  $-x, +x, +x$ . With  $x$  small,  $C - x \approx C$ , so

$$K_a \approx \frac{x^2}{C} \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{K_a C} = [\text{H}^+].$$

#### ■ A worked pH

0.10 M acid,  $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ :  $x = \sqrt{(1.8 \times 10^{-5})(0.10)} = \sqrt{1.8 \times 10^{-6}} = 1.34 \times 10^{-3}$ , so  $\text{pH} = -\log(1.34 \times 10^{-3}) = 2.87$ .

#### ■ Bases use $K_b$

For a weak base,  $K_b = \frac{[\text{BH}^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{B}]}$ , and the same method gives  $[\text{OH}^-]$ , then pOH and pH.

### 2 Practice

Now apply the methods above.

2.1 Write the  $K_a$  expression for  $\text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{F}^-$ . [1]

2.2 Does a small  $K_a$  mean a strong or weak acid? [1]

2.3 For 0.10 M acid with  $K_a = 4 \times 10^{-7}$ , use  $x = \sqrt{K_a C}$  to find  $[\text{H}^+]$ . [2]

### 3 Exam-style questions

3.1 For a weak acid,  $[\text{H}^+] \approx$  [1]

- A  $K_a$
- B  $\sqrt{K_a C}$
- C  $C$
- D  $K_a C$

**3.2** A 0.20 M solution of a weak acid has  $K_a = 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ .

(a) Find  $[\text{H}^+]$  using the approximation. [2]

(b) Find the pH. [2]

**3.3** Explain why the small- $x$  approximation is valid for a weak acid but not for a strong acid. [2]

## Solutions

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**2.1**  $K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{F}^-]}{[\text{HF}]}$ .

**2.2** Weak.

**2.3**  $x = \sqrt{(4 \times 10^{-7})(0.10)} = \sqrt{4 \times 10^{-8}} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ .

**3.1 B** —  $[\text{H}^+] \approx \sqrt{K_a C}$ .

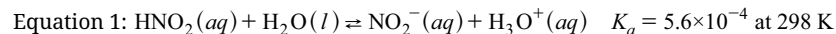
**3.2** (a)  $[\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{(1.0 \times 10^{-5})(0.20)} = \sqrt{2.0 \times 10^{-6}} = 1.41 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ . (b)  $\text{pH} = -\log(1.41 \times 10^{-3}) = 2.85$ .

**3.3** A weak acid ionizes only slightly, so  $x$  is tiny compared to  $C$  and  $C - x \approx C$ ; a strong acid ionizes fully, so  $x \approx C$  and the approximation fails.

**Question 3: Version J**

The following information applies to all parts.

3. Nitrous acid,  $\text{HNO}_2$ , is a weak acid that ionizes according to Equation 1.

**Part A**

**Identify** a conjugate acid-base pair in the equation. Be sure to clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.

**Part B**

A solution of  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with an initial concentration of  $0.125 \text{ M}$  has a pH of 2.09.

- Calculate** the value of  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  in the solution. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- Calculate**  $[\text{HNO}_2]$  at equilibrium. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part C**

In an experiment, the solution of  $0.125 \text{ M}$   $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  is heated to 333 K. The new equilibrium concentrations are determined to be  $[\text{HNO}_2] = 0.114 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{NO}_2^-] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ , and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ .

- Calculate** the value of  $K_a$  for  $\text{HNO}_2$  at 333 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- Is the reaction represented by Equation 1 endothermic or exothermic? **Justify** your answer by comparing  $K_a$  values at 298 K and 333 K.

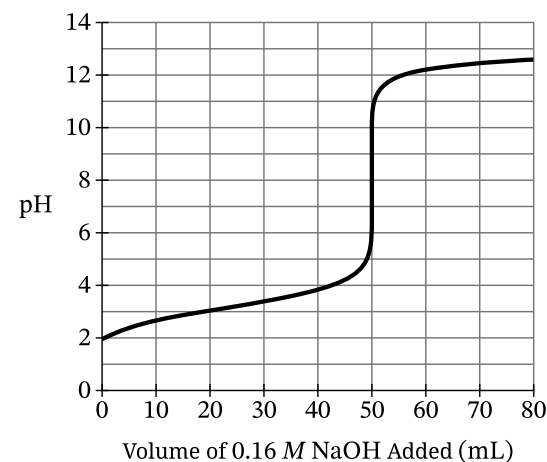
The following information applies to parts D, E, and F.

In a second experiment, a student is given a bottle containing  $\text{HNO}_2$  with an unknown molarity. To determine the concentration of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  in the bottle, the student titrates 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with  $0.16 \text{ M}$   $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  at 298 K, which reacts according to Equation 2.



The results of the titration are summarized in Figure 1.

Figure 1

**Part D**

Using Figure 1, **identify** the pH at the equivalence point.

**Part E**

Using Figure 1, **calculate** the molarity  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  of in the bottle. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part F**

**Draw** an X on Figure 1 to represent a point in the titration where  $[\text{HNO}_2] > [\text{NO}_2^-]$  in the reaction mixture.



**Part G**

Equilibrium constants at 298 K are shown in Table 1 for the acid ionization reaction represented by Equation 1,  $K_a$ ; the autoionization of water,  $K_w$ ; and the neutralization reaction represented by Equation 2,  $K_2$ .

**Table 1**

| Chemical Equation                                                                                             | Equilibrium Constant        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$    | $K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}(l) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$ | $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ |
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq) \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$                    | $K_2 = ?$                   |

**Calculate** the value of  $K_2$  for Equation 2 at 298 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part H**

The student decides to repeat the experiment, this time using an indicator, and has access to the indicators in Table 2.

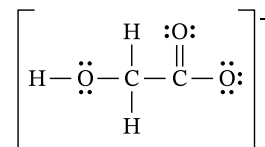
**Table 2**

| Indicator Name | Acid Color | pH Range of Color Change | Base Color |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Methyl orange  | Red        | 3.1–4.4                  | Yellow     |
| Thymol blue    | Yellow     | 8.0–9.6                  | Blue       |
| Clayton yellow | Yellow     | 12.2–13.2                | Orange     |

The student conducts a second titration by adding two drops of methyl orange indicator to 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  solution and titrating the solution with 0.16 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  until a color change from red to yellow occurs.

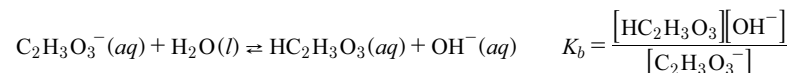
The student claims that methyl orange was the best choice for the indicator. Do you agree or disagree? **Justify** your answer.

7. Answer the following questions about the glycolate ion,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_3^-$ , which acts as a base in aqueous solution. A Lewis diagram for the ion is provided.



**A.** On the Lewis diagram in part A, circle the atom that accepts the proton when the glycolate ion reacts with water.

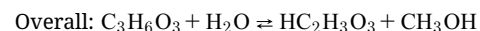
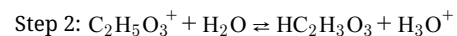
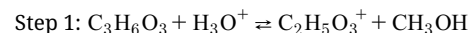
When the glycolate ion reacts with water, it forms glycolic acid,  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_3$ , according to the following equation. The  $K_b$  expression for the reaction is provided.



**B.** At 25°C, a 2.5 M solution of glycolate is found to have  $[\text{OH}^-] = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ .

- Calculate the value of  $K_b$  for the glycolate ion.
- Using your answer to part B (i), calculate the value of  $K_a$  for glycolic acid at 25°C.

Glycolic acid can be produced from the hydrolysis of methyl glycolate,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$ . A proposed mechanism for the reaction is given.



**C.** A student claims that  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is a catalyst for the reaction. Do you agree or disagree? Justify your answer based on the mechanism given.

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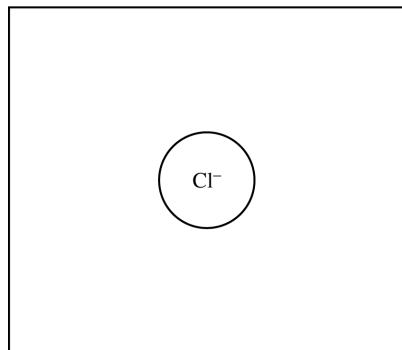
. HCl is a molecular gas as a pure substance but acts as an acid in aqueous solution.

(a) A sample of  $\text{HCl}(g)$  is stored in a rigid 6.00 L container at 7.45 atm and 296 K.

(i) Calculate the number of moles of  $\text{HCl}(g)$  in the container.

(ii) The rigid 6.00 L container of  $\text{HCl}(g)$  is cooled to a temperature of 271 K. Calculate the new pressure, in atm, of the  $\text{HCl}(g)$ .

(b) When HCl ionizes in aqueous solution,  $\text{Cl}^-(aq)$  ions are formed. In the following box, draw three water molecules with proper orientation around the  $\text{Cl}^-$  ion. Use  to represent water molecules.



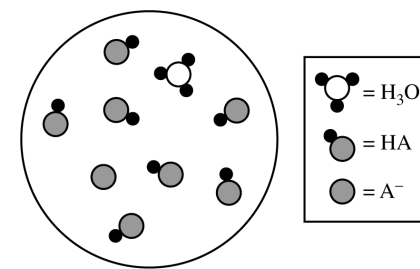
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Continue your response to **QUESTION 5** on this page.

| Acid (HA)       | Anion ( $A^-$ )  | $K_a$ Value          |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| $\text{HNO}_2$  | $\text{NO}_2^-$  | $5.6 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| HCl             | $\text{Cl}^-$    | $2.0 \times 10^7$    |
| $\text{HClO}_4$ | $\text{ClO}_4^-$ | $1.6 \times 10^{15}$ |

The  $K_a$  values for three acids are shown in the preceding table.

(c) The following particulate diagram represents the ionization of one of the acids in the data table. Water molecules have been omitted for clarity. Which acid ( $\text{HNO}_2$ , HCl, or  $\text{HClO}_4$ ) is represented in the diagram? Justify your answer using the information in the table.



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## SECTION II

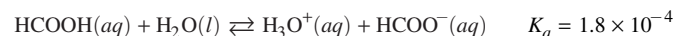
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7 Questions

YOU MAY USE YOUR CALCULATOR FOR THIS SECTION.

**Directions:** Questions 1–3 are long free-response questions that require about 23 minutes each to answer and are worth 10 points each. Questions 4–7 are short free-response questions that require about 9 minutes each to answer and are worth 4 points each.

For each question, show your work for each part in the space provided after that part. Examples and equations may be included in your responses where appropriate. For calculations, clearly show the method used and the steps involved in arriving at your answers. You must show your work to receive credit for your answer. Pay attention to significant figures.



1. Methanoic acid,  $\text{HCOOH}$ , ionizes according to the equation above.

(a) Write the expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K_a$ , for the reaction.

(b) Calculate the pH of a 0.25  $M$  solution of  $\text{HCOOH}$ .

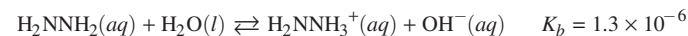
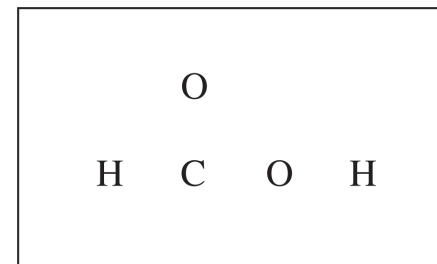
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Continue your response to question 1 on this page.

(c) In the box below, complete the Lewis electron-dot diagram for  $\text{HCOOH}$ . Show all bonding and nonbonding valence electrons.



(d) In aqueous solution, the compound  $\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2$  reacts according to the equation above. A 50.0 mL sample of 0.25  $M$   $\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2(aq)$  is combined with a 50.0 mL sample of 0.25  $M$   $\text{HCOOH}(aq)$ .

(i) Write the balanced net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when  $\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2$  is combined with  $\text{HCOOH}$ .

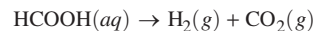
(ii) Is the resulting solution acidic, basic, or neutral? Justify your answer.

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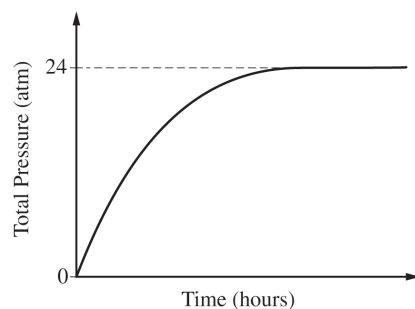
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When a catalyst is added to a solution of  $\text{HCOOH}(aq)$ , the reaction represented by the following equation occurs.



(e) Is the reaction a redox reaction? Justify your answer.



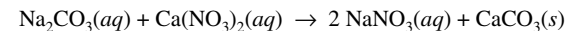
(f) The reaction occurs in a rigid 4.3 L vessel at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , and the total pressure is monitored, as shown in the graph above. The vessel originally did not contain any gas. Calculate the number of moles of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  produced in the reaction. (Assume that the amount of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  dissolved in the solution is negligible.)

(g) After the reaction has proceeded for several minutes, does the amount of catalyst increase, decrease, or remain the same? Justify your answer.

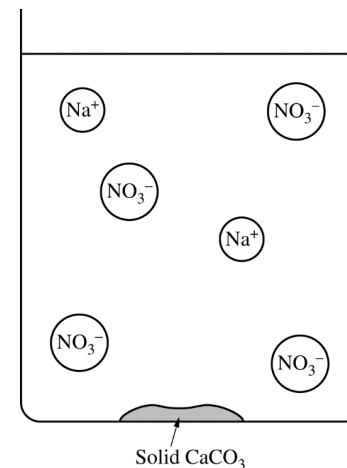
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3. A student is given 50.0 mL of a solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  of unknown concentration. To determine the concentration of the solution, the student mixes the solution with excess  $1.0\text{ M Ca(NO}_3)_2(aq)$ , causing a precipitate to form. The balanced equation for the reaction is shown below.



- (a) Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when the solutions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{Ca(NO}_3)_2$  are mixed.
- (b) The diagram below is incomplete. Draw in the species needed to accurately represent the major ionic species remaining in the solution after the reaction has been completed.

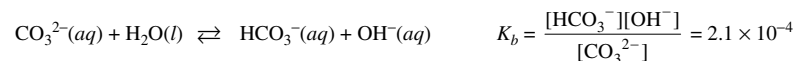


The student filters and dries the precipitate of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  (molar mass  $100.1\text{ g/mol}$ ) and records the data in the table below.

|                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Volume of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ solution   | 50.0 mL  |
| Volume of $1.0\text{ M Ca(NO}_3)_2$ added     | 100.0 mL |
| Mass of $\text{CaCO}_3$ precipitate collected | 0.93 g   |

- (c) Determine the number of moles of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  in the original 50.0 mL of solution.
- (d) The student realizes that the precipitate was not completely dried and claims that as a result, the calculated  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  molarity is too low. Do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.
- (e) After the precipitate forms and is filtered, the liquid that passed through the filter is tested to see if it can conduct electricity. What would be observed? Justify your answer.

The student decides to determine the molarity of the same  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution using a second method. When  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  is dissolved in water,  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$  hydrolyzes to form  $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$ , as shown by the following equation.



- (f) The student decides to first determine  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in the solution, then use that result to calculate the initial concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ .
- (i) Identify a laboratory method (not titration) that the student could use to collect data to determine  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in the solution.
- (ii) Explain how the student could use the measured value in part (f)(i) to calculate the initial concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ . (Do not do any numerical calculations.)
- (g) In the original  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution at equilibrium, is the concentration of  $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$  greater than, less than, or equal to the concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ ? Justify your answer.
- (h) The student needs to make a  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}/\text{HCO}_3^-$  buffer. Is the  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution suitable for making a buffer with a pH of 6? Explain why or why not.



5. The ionization of  $\text{HF}(\text{aq})$  in water is represented by the equation above. In a  $0.0350\text{ M}$   $\text{HF}(\text{aq})$  solution, the percent ionization of HF is 13.0 percent.
- (a) Two particulate representations of the ionization of HF molecules in the  $0.0350\text{ M}$   $\text{HF}(\text{aq})$  solution are shown below in Figure 1 and Figure 2. Water molecules are not shown. Explain why the representation of the ionization of HF molecules in water in Figure 1 is more accurate than the representation in Figure 2. (The key below identifies the particles in the representations.)

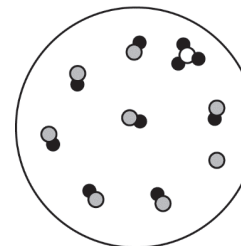
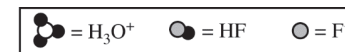


Figure 1

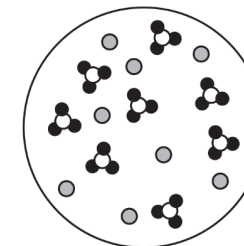
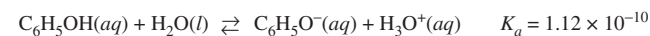


Figure 2

- (b) Use the percent ionization data above to calculate the value of  $K_a$  for HF.
- (c) If 50.0 mL of distilled water is added to 50.0 mL of  $0.035\text{ M}$   $\text{HF}(\text{aq})$ , will the percent ionization of  $\text{HF}(\text{aq})$  in the solution increase, decrease, or remain the same? Justify your answer with an explanation or calculation.



4. Phenol is a weak acid that partially dissociates in water according to the equation above.
- (a) What is the pH of a  $0.75\text{ M}$   $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}(\text{aq})$  solution?
- (b) For a certain reaction involving  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}(\text{aq})$  to proceed at a significant rate, the phenol must be primarily in its deprotonated form,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}^-(\text{aq})$ . In order to ensure that the  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}(\text{aq})$  is deprotonated, the reaction must be conducted in a buffered solution. On the number scale below, circle each pH for which more than 50 percent of the phenol molecules are in the deprotonated form ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}^-(\text{aq})$ ). Justify your answer.

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2. Propanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ , is a carboxylic acid that reacts with water according to the equation above. At  $25^\circ\text{C}$  the pH of a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  is 2.79.

- (a) Identify a Brønsted-Lowry conjugate acid-base pair in the reaction. Clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.
- (b) Determine the value of  $K_a$  for propanoic acid at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .
- (c) For each of the following statements, determine whether the statement is true or false. In each case, explain the reasoning that supports your answer.
- (i) The pH of a solution prepared by mixing the 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  with a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$  NaOH is 7.00.
- (ii) If the pH of a hydrochloric acid solution is the same as the pH of a propanoic acid solution, then the molar concentration of the hydrochloric acid solution must be less than the molar concentration of the propanoic acid solution.

A student is given the task of determining the concentration of a propanoic acid solution of unknown concentration. A 0.173  $M$  NaOH solution is available to use as the titrant. The student uses a 25.00 mL volumetric pipet to deliver the propanoic acid solution to a clean, dry flask. After adding an appropriate indicator to the flask, the student titrates the solution with the 0.173  $M$  NaOH, reaching the end point after 20.52 mL of the base solution has been added.

- (d) Calculate the molarity of the propanoic acid solution.
- (e) The student is asked to redesign the experiment to determine the concentration of a butanoic acid solution instead of a propanoic acid solution. For butanoic acid the value of  $\text{p}K_a$  is 4.83. The student claims that a different indicator will be required to determine the equivalence point of the titration accurately. Based on your response to part (b), do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

## AP CHEMISTRY • EXERCISE SHEET

## 8.4 Acid-Base Reactions and Buffers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total: 11 marks****KEY WORDS** buffer 缓冲溶液 • pH 值 • acid 酸 • weak acid 弱酸 • base 碱

### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **acid-base reactions and buffers** — the idea of a buffer.

**You must be able to:**

- describe a **buffer** 缓冲溶液 (a weak acid + its conjugate base)
- explain how a buffer resists pH change
- identify a buffer mixture

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ What a buffer is

A **buffer** is a mixture of a **weak acid and its conjugate base** (or a weak base and its conjugate acid) in comparable amounts. It **resists** changes in pH when small amounts of acid or base are added.

#### ■ How it resists acid

The conjugate **base** part neutralizes added  $\text{H}^+$ :  $\text{A}^- + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{HA}$ . So added acid is mopped up and pH barely moves.

#### ■ How it resists base

The weak **acid** part neutralizes added  $\text{OH}^-$ :  $\text{HA} + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{A}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

#### ■ Identifying a buffer

A buffer needs **both** members of a conjugate pair.  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  is a buffer;  $\text{HCl} + \text{NaCl}$  is **not** (HCl is strong, no weak-acid reservoir).

## 2 Practice

Now apply the methods above.

2.1 What two components make a buffer? [1]

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2.2 Which part of a buffer neutralizes added  $\text{H}^+$ ? [1]

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2.3 Is  $\text{HCl} + \text{NaCl}$  a buffer? Give a reason. [2]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A buffer is made from a weak acid and its [1]

- A conjugate base
- B strong acid
- C metal
- D water only

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3.2 A buffer contains  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$ .

(a) Write the reaction when a small amount of  $\text{OH}^-$  is added. [2]

(b) Explain why the pH changes only slightly. [2]

3.3 State which of these is a buffer and why: (i)  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ; (ii)  $\text{NaOH} + \text{NaCl}$ . [2]

## Solutions

2.1 A weak acid and its conjugate base (in comparable amounts).

2.2 The conjugate base.

2.3 No — HCl is a strong acid with no weak-acid reservoir and  $\text{Cl}^-$  is not a base, so it cannot resist pH change both ways.

3.1 A — its conjugate base.

3.2 (a)  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . (b) The weak acid neutralizes the added base, so free  $\text{OH}^-$  is consumed and the pH stays nearly constant.

3.3 (i) is a buffer —  $\text{NH}_3$  (weak base) with its conjugate acid  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ; (ii) is not — NaOH is a strong base with no conjugate weak-acid partner.

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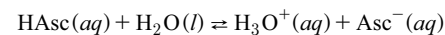
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2. Answer the following questions about ascorbic acid (vitamin C).

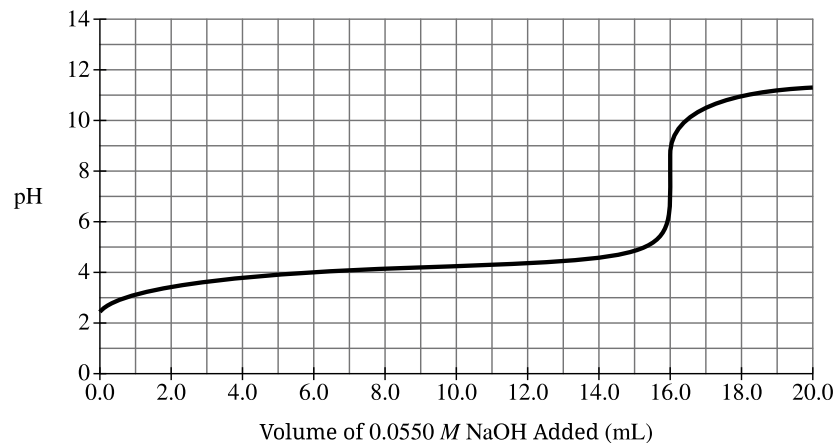
A. A student combusts a sample of ascorbic acid,  $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{O}_x$ , to determine its chemical composition. The only products of the reaction are 0.2400 mol of  $\text{CO}_2$  and 2.883 g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

- Calculate the number of moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  produced.
- The mole ratio of carbon (C) to oxygen (O) is 1:1 in ascorbic acid. Based on this information and your answer to part A (i), determine the empirical formula of ascorbic acid.

B. Ascorbic acid,  $\text{HAsc}(aq)$ , acts as a weak acid, as shown in the equation.



The following titration curve was produced when a 10.0 mL sample of  $\text{HAsc}(aq)$  was titrated using 0.0550 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$ .



- Calculate the molar concentration of the ascorbic acid solution.
- From the titration curve, determine the approximate  $\text{p}K_a$  of ascorbic acid.
- What is the value of the ratio  $\frac{[\text{Asc}^-]}{[\text{HAsc}]}$  when the pH of the solution is 4.7?



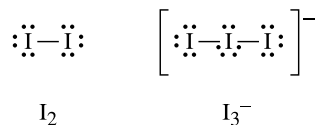
C. Dehydroascorbic acid (DHAsc) can be produced by reacting ascorbic acid with the triiodide ion,  $\text{I}_3^-$ , as represented by the following equation.



The student runs three trials of the reaction with different initial concentrations of HAsc and  $\text{I}_3^-$ , producing the following data.

| Trial | [HAsc] (M) | $[\text{I}_3^-]$ (M) | Initial Rate of DHAsc Formation (M/s) |
|-------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1     | 0.450      | 1.200                | $2.457 \times 10^{-4}$                |
| 2     | 0.450      | 0.600                | $1.229 \times 10^{-4}$                |
| 3     | 0.900      | 1.200                | $4.914 \times 10^{-4}$                |

- The rate law for the reaction is  $\text{rate} = k[\text{HAsc}][\text{I}_3^-]$ . Explain how the data in the table support the conclusion that the reaction is first order with respect to  $[\text{HAsc}]$ .
  - Calculate the value of the rate constant,  $k$ , for the reaction. Include units with your answer.
- D. The triiodide ion,  $\text{I}_3^-$ , is significantly more soluble in water than elemental iodine,  $\text{I}_2$ , is. Identify an intermolecular force between  $\text{I}_3^-$  and water that is **not** present between  $\text{I}_2$  and water, which could explain the difference in solubility. Lewis diagrams for  $\text{I}_2$  and  $\text{I}_3^-$  are provided.



A student is asked to prepare a buffer solution made with equimolar amounts of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}(s)$ . The student uses 25.00 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$ , which contains 0.00250 mol of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$ , to make the buffer.

- (a) Calculate the mass of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}(s)$  that contains 0.00250 mol of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$ .

The student has the following materials and equipment available.

- Distilled water
- Electronic balance
- 50 mL beaker
- Pipets
- 0.100 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$
- Weighing paper
- 10.0 mL graduated cylinder
- pH meter
- Solid  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$
- 50.00 mL buret
- Small spatula

- (b) The following table contains a partial procedure for making the buffer solution. Fill in steps 1 and 4 to complete the procedure using only materials and equipment selected from the choices given. (Not all materials listed will be used. Assume that all appropriate safety measures are already in place.)

| Step | Procedure                                                                            |
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| 1    |                                                                                      |
| 2    | Place the solid in the 50 mL beaker.                                                 |
| 3    | Clean the buret and rinse with distilled water.                                      |
| 4    |                                                                                      |
| 5    | Use the buret to add 25.00 mL of 0.100 M $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$ to the beaker. |
| 6    | Mix well.                                                                            |
| 7    | Check the pH with the pH meter.                                                      |

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The value of  $K_b$  for  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$  is  $4.4 \times 10^{-4}$ , and the pH of the buffer the student prepared is 10.64.

- (c) The student prepares a second buffer solution. The student uses 25.00 mL of 0.050  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$  instead of 25.00 mL of 0.100  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$ , and half the mass of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}(s)$  that was used in the first buffer. Is the pH of the second buffer greater than, less than, or equal to the pH of the first buffer? Justify your answer.

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4. A student reacts 0.300 g of methyl salicylate ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$ ) with a stoichiometric amount of a strong base. This product is then acidified to produce salicylic acid crystals ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ ).

- (a) For every 1 mole of  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$  (molar mass 152.15 g/mol) reactant used, 1 mole of salicylic acid crystals ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ , molar mass 138.12 g/mol) is produced. Calculate the maximum mass, in grams, of  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  that could be produced in this reaction.



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As part of the experimental procedure to purify the  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  crystals after the reaction is complete, the crystals are filtered from the reaction mixture, rinsed with distilled water, and dried. Some physical properties of  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  are given in the following table.

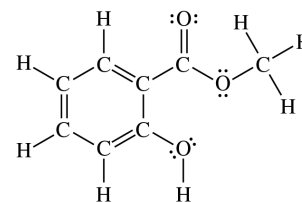
| Properties of Salicylic Acid ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ ) |                                                |
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| Melting point                                                      | $159^\circ\text{C}$                            |
| Solubility in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at $25^\circ\text{C}$           | 2.2 g/L                                        |
| Specific heat capacity                                             | $1.17 \text{ J}/(\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ |
| Heat of fusion                                                     | $27.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$                          |

- (b) The student's experiment results in an 87% yield of dry  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ . The student suggests that some of the  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  crystals dissolved in the distilled water during the rinsing step. Is the student's claim consistent with the calculated percent yield value? Justify your answer.

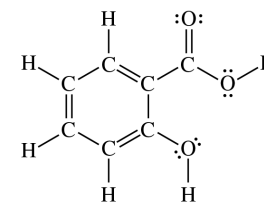
- (c) Given the physical properties in the table, calculate the quantity of heat that must be absorbed to increase the temperature of a 0.105 g sample of dry  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  (molar mass 138.12 g/mol) crystals from  $25^\circ\text{C}$  to the melting point of  $159^\circ\text{C}$  and melt the crystals completely.

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The structures and melting points for methyl salicylate and salicylic acid are shown.



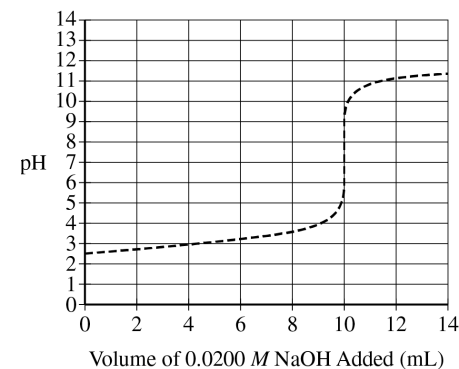
Methyl Salicylate  
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Salicylic Acid  
Melting Point:  $159^\circ\text{C}$

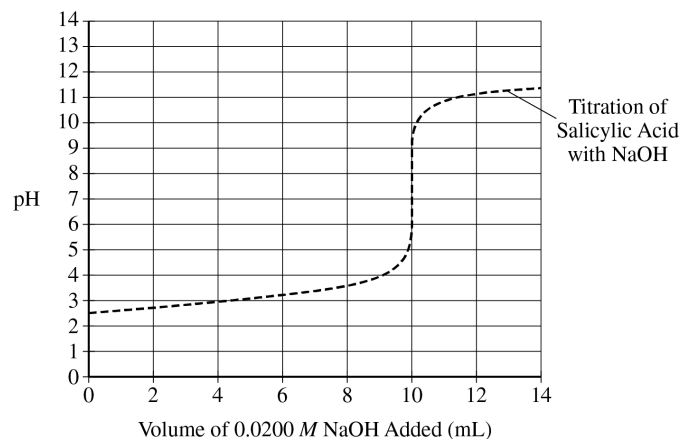
- (d) The same three types of intermolecular forces (London dispersion forces, dipole-dipole interactions, and hydrogen bonding) exist among molecules of each substance. Explain why the melting point of salicylic acid is higher than that of methyl salicylate.

The student titrates 20.0 mL of 0.0100 M  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3(aq)$  with 0.0200 M NaOH, using a probe to monitor the pH of the solution. The data are plotted producing the following titration curve.

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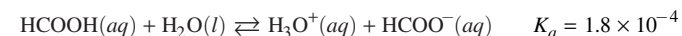
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- (e) Using the information in the graph, estimate the  $pK_a$  of  $HC_7H_5O_3$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) When the pH of the titration mixture is 4.00, is there a higher concentration of the weak acid,  $HC_7H_5O_3$ , or its conjugate base,  $C_7H_5O_3^-$ , in the flask? Justify your answer.
- (g) The student researches benzoic acid ( $HC_7H_5O_2$ ) and finds that it has similar properties to salicylic acid ( $HC_7H_5O_3$ ). The  $K_a$  for benzoic acid is  $6.3 \times 10^{-5}$ . Calculate the value of  $pK_a$  for benzoic acid.
- (h) The student performs a second titration, this time titrating 20.0 mL of a 0.0100 *M* benzoic acid solution with 0.0200 *M* NaOH. Sketch the curve that would result from this titration of benzoic acid on the following graph, which already shows the original curve from the titration of 20.0 mL of 0.0100 *M* salicylic acid. The initial pH of the benzoic acid solution is 3.11.

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(a) Write the expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K_a$ , for the reaction.

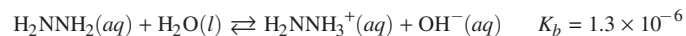
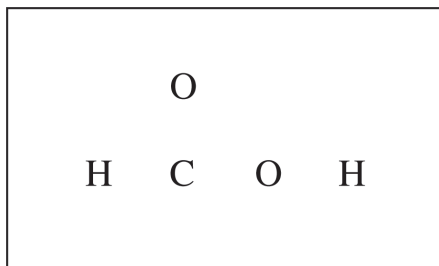
(b) Calculate the pH of a 0.25 *M* solution of  $HCOOH$ .

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(c) In the box below, complete the Lewis electron-dot diagram for  $\text{HCOOH}$ . Show all bonding and nonbonding valence electrons.



(d) In aqueous solution, the compound  $\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2$  reacts according to the equation above. A 50.0 mL sample of 0.25 M  $\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2(aq)$  is combined with a 50.0 mL sample of 0.25 M  $\text{HCOOH}(aq)$ .

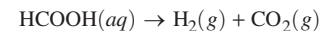
(i) Write the balanced net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when  $\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2$  is combined with  $\text{HCOOH}$ .

(ii) Is the resulting solution acidic, basic, or neutral? Justify your answer.

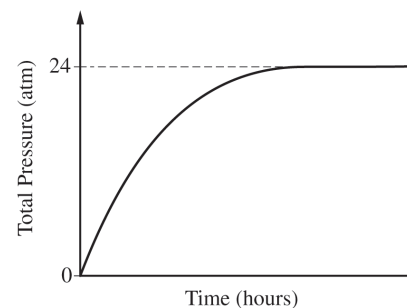
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When a catalyst is added to a solution of  $\text{HCOOH}(aq)$ , the reaction represented by the following equation occurs.



(e) Is the reaction a redox reaction? Justify your answer.



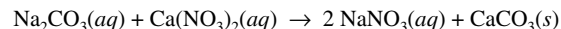
(f) The reaction occurs in a rigid 4.3 L vessel at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , and the total pressure is monitored, as shown in the graph above. The vessel originally did not contain any gas. Calculate the number of moles of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  produced in the reaction. (Assume that the amount of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  dissolved in the solution is negligible.)

(g) After the reaction has proceeded for several minutes, does the amount of catalyst increase, decrease, or remain the same? Justify your answer.

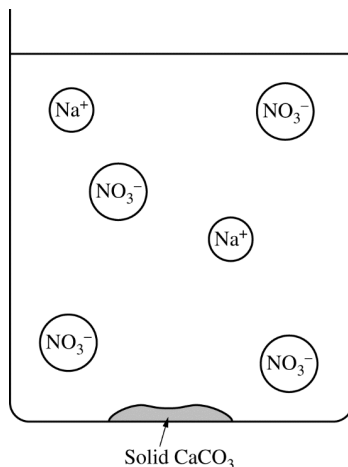
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3. A student is given 50.0 mL of a solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  of unknown concentration. To determine the concentration of the solution, the student mixes the solution with excess 1.0 M  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2(aq)$ , causing a precipitate to form. The balanced equation for the reaction is shown below.



- (a) Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when the solutions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  are mixed.
- (b) The diagram below is incomplete. Draw in the species needed to accurately represent the major ionic species remaining in the solution after the reaction has been completed.

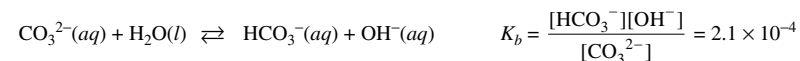


The student filters and dries the precipitate of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  (molar mass 100.1 g/mol) and records the data in the table below.

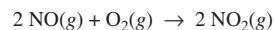
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| Volume of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ solution      | 50.0 mL  |
| Volume of 1.0 M $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ added | 100.0 mL |
| Mass of $\text{CaCO}_3$ precipitate collected    | 0.93 g   |

- (c) Determine the number of moles of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  in the original 50.0 mL of solution.
- (d) The student realizes that the precipitate was not completely dried and claims that as a result, the calculated  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  molarity is too low. Do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.
- (e) After the precipitate forms and is filtered, the liquid that passed through the filter is tested to see if it can conduct electricity. What would be observed? Justify your answer.

The student decides to determine the molarity of the same  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution using a second method. When  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  is dissolved in water,  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$  hydrolyzes to form  $\text{HCO}_3^-(aq)$ , as shown by the following equation.

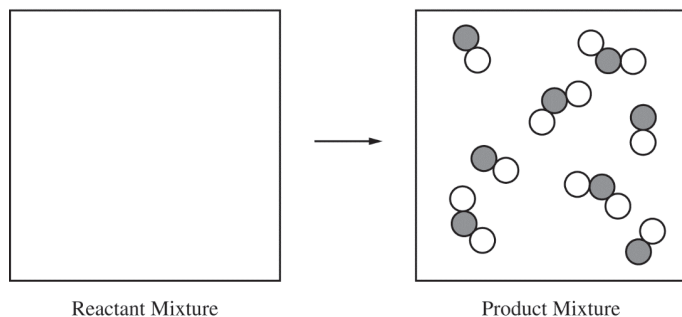


- (f) The student decides to first determine  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in the solution, then use that result to calculate the initial concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$ .
- (i) Identify a laboratory method (not titration) that the student could use to collect data to determine  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in the solution.
- (ii) Explain how the student could use the measured value in part (f)(i) to calculate the initial concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$ . (Do not do any numerical calculations.)
- (g) In the original  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution at equilibrium, is the concentration of  $\text{HCO}_3^-(aq)$  greater than, less than, or equal to the concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$ ? Justify your answer.
- (h) The student needs to make a  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}/\text{HCO}_3^-$  buffer. Is the  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution suitable for making a buffer with a pH of 6? Explain why or why not.

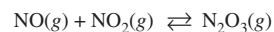


2. A student investigates the reactions of nitrogen oxides. One of the reactions in the investigation requires an equimolar mixture of  $\text{NO}(g)$  and  $\text{NO}_2(g)$ , which the student produces by using the reaction represented above.

- (a) The particle-level representation of the equimolar mixture of  $\text{NO}(g)$  and  $\text{NO}_2(g)$  in the flask at the completion of the reaction between  $\text{NO}(g)$  and  $\text{O}_2(g)$  is shown below in the box on the right. In the box below on the left, draw the particle-level representation of the reactant mixture of  $\text{NO}(g)$  and  $\text{O}_2(g)$  that would yield the product mixture shown in the box on the right. In your drawing, represent oxygen atoms and nitrogen atoms as indicated below.



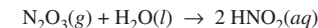
The student reads in a reference text that  $\text{NO}(g)$  and  $\text{NO}_2(g)$  will react as represented by the equation below. Thermodynamic data for the reaction are given in the table below the equation.



| $\Delta H_{298}^\circ$              | $\Delta S_{298}^\circ$                               | $\Delta G_{298}^\circ$             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| $-40.4 \text{ kJ/mol}_{\text{rxn}}$ | $-138.5 \text{ J/(K} \cdot \text{mol}_{\text{rxn}})$ | $0.87 \text{ kJ/mol}_{\text{rxn}}$ |

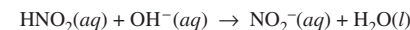
- (b) The student begins with an equimolar mixture of  $\text{NO}(g)$  and  $\text{NO}_2(g)$  in a rigid reaction vessel and the mixture reaches equilibrium at 298 K.
- Calculate the value of the equilibrium constant,  $K$ , for the reaction at 298 K.
  - If both  $P_{\text{NO}}$  and  $P_{\text{NO}_2}$  in the vessel are initially 1.0 atm, will  $P_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_3}$  at equilibrium be equal to 1.0 atm? Justify your answer.
- (c) The student hypothesizes that increasing the temperature will increase the amount of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(g)$  in the equilibrium mixture. Indicate whether you agree or disagree with the hypothesis. Justify your answer.

$\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(g)$  reacts with water to form nitrous acid,  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$ , a compound involved in the production of acid rain. The reaction is represented below.

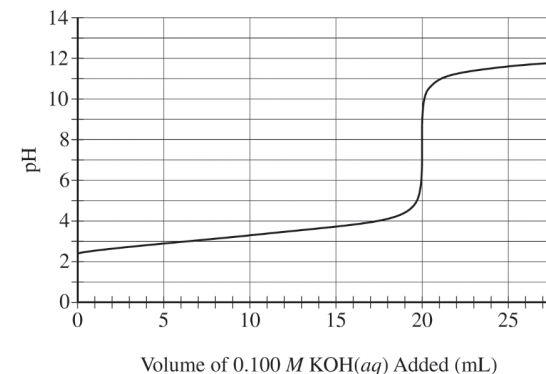


- (d) The skeletal structure of the  $\text{HNO}_2$  molecule is shown in the box below.
- Complete the Lewis electron-dot diagram of the  $\text{HNO}_2$  molecule in the box below, including any lone pairs of electrons.
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- Based on your completed diagram above, identify the hybridization of the nitrogen atom in the  $\text{HNO}_2$  molecule.

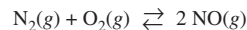
To produce an aqueous solution of  $\text{HNO}_2$ , the student bubbles  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(g)$  into distilled water. Assume that the reaction goes to completion and that  $\text{HNO}_2$  is the only species produced. To determine the concentration of  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  in the resulting solution, the student titrates a 100. mL sample of the solution with 0.100 M  $\text{KOH}(aq)$ . The neutralization reaction is represented below.



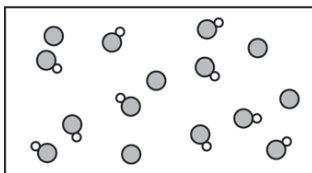
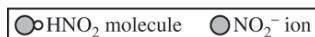
The following titration curve shows the change in pH of the solution during the titration.



- (e) Use the titration curve and the information above to
- determine the initial concentration of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  solution
  - estimate the value of  $\text{p}K_a$  for  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$
- (f) During the titration, after a volume of 15 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{KOH}(aq)$  has been added, which species,  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  or  $\text{NO}_2^-(aq)$ , is present at a higher concentration in the solution? Justify your answer.



3. At high temperatures,  $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$  and  $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$  can react to produce nitrogen monoxide,  $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ , as represented by the equation above.
- Write the expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K_p$ , for the forward reaction.
  - A student injects  $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$  and  $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$  into a previously evacuated, rigid vessel and raises the temperature of the vessel to  $2000^\circ\text{C}$ . At this temperature the initial partial pressures of  $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$  and  $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$  are 6.01 atm and 1.61 atm, respectively. The system is allowed to reach equilibrium. The partial pressure of  $\text{NO}(\text{g})$  at equilibrium is 0.122 atm. Calculate the value of  $K_p$ .
- Nitrogen monoxide,  $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ , can undergo further reactions to produce acids such as  $\text{HNO}_2$ , a weak acid with a  $K_a$  of  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  and a  $\text{p}K_a$  of 3.40.
- A student is asked to make a buffer solution with a pH of 3.40 by using 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$  and 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$ .
    - Explain why the addition of 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$  to 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$  can result in the formation of a buffer solution. Include the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when the student adds the  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$  to the  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$ .
    - Determine the volume, in mL, of 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$  the student should add to 100. mL of 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$  to make a buffer solution with a pH of 3.40. Justify your answer.
  - A second student makes a buffer by dissolving 0.100 mol of  $\text{NaNO}_2(\text{s})$  in 100. mL of 1.00 M  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$ . Which is more resistant to changes in pH when a strong acid or a strong base is added, the buffer made by the second student or the buffer made by the first student in part (c)? Justify your answer.
  - A new buffer is made using  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$  as one of the ingredients. A particulate representation of a small representative portion of the buffer solution is shown below. (Cations and water molecules are not shown.) Is the pH of the buffer represented in the diagram greater than, less than, or equal to 3.40? Justify your answer.



2. A student designs an experiment to study the reaction between  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ . The reaction is represented by the equation above. The student places 2.24 g of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  in a flask and adds 60.0 mL of 0.875 M  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ . The student observes the formation of bubbles and that the flask gets cooler as the reaction proceeds.
- Identify the reaction represented above as an acid-base reaction, precipitation reaction, or redox reaction. Justify your answer.
  - Based on the information above, identify the limiting reactant. Justify your answer with calculations.
  - The student observes that the bubbling is rapid at the beginning of the reaction and gradually slows as the reaction continues. Explain this change in the reaction rate in terms of the collisions between reactant particles.
  - In thermodynamic terms, a reaction can be driven by enthalpy, entropy, or both.
    - Considering that the flask gets cooler as the reaction proceeds, what drives the chemical reaction between  $\text{NaHCO}_3(\text{s})$  and  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2(\text{aq})$ ? Answer by drawing a circle around one of the choices below.
 

|               |              |                           |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Enthalpy only | Entropy only | Both enthalpy and entropy |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|
    - Justify your selection in part (d)(i) in terms of  $\Delta G^\circ$ .
  - The  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  ion has three carbon-to-oxygen bonds. Two of the carbon-to-oxygen bonds have the same length and the third carbon-to-oxygen bond is longer than the other two. The hydrogen atom is bonded to one of the oxygen atoms. In the box below, draw a Lewis electron-dot diagram (or diagrams) for the  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  ion that is (are) consistent with the given information.
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- A student prepares a solution containing equimolar amounts of  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ . The pH of the solution is measured to be 4.7. The student adds two drops of 3.0 M  $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$  and stirs the sample, observing that the pH remains at 4.7. Write a balanced, net-ionic equation for the reaction between  $\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq})$  and the chemical species in the sample that is responsible for the pH remaining at 4.7.





2. Propanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ , is a carboxylic acid that reacts with water according to the equation above. At  $25^\circ\text{C}$  the pH of a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  is 2.79.

- (a) Identify a Brønsted-Lowry conjugate acid-base pair in the reaction. Clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.
- (b) Determine the value of  $K_a$  for propanoic acid at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .
- (c) For each of the following statements, determine whether the statement is true or false. In each case, explain the reasoning that supports your answer.
- The pH of a solution prepared by mixing the 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  with a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$  NaOH is 7.00.
  - If the pH of a hydrochloric acid solution is the same as the pH of a propanoic acid solution, then the molar concentration of the hydrochloric acid solution must be less than the molar concentration of the propanoic acid solution.

A student is given the task of determining the concentration of a propanoic acid solution of unknown concentration. A 0.173  $M$  NaOH solution is available to use as the titrant. The student uses a 25.00 mL volumetric pipet to deliver the propanoic acid solution to a clean, dry flask. After adding an appropriate indicator to the flask, the student titrates the solution with the 0.173  $M$  NaOH, reaching the end point after 20.52 mL of the base solution has been added.

- (d) Calculate the molarity of the propanoic acid solution.
- (e) The student is asked to redesign the experiment to determine the concentration of a butanoic acid solution instead of a propanoic acid solution. For butanoic acid the value of  $\text{p}K_a$  is 4.83. The student claims that a different indicator will be required to determine the equivalence point of the titration accurately. Based on your response to part (b), do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.



## AP CHEMISTRY • EXERCISE SHEET

## 8.5 Acid-Base Titrations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total: 10 marks**

**KEY WORDS** titration curve 滴定曲线 • equivalence point 等当点 • acid 酸 • pH 值  
• weak acid 弱酸

### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **acid-base titrations** — reading the titration curve.

**You must be able to:**

- identify the **equivalence point** 等当点 on a titration curve
- locate the **half-equivalence point** where  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$
- describe the curve shape for strong and weak acids

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ The equivalence point

The **equivalence point** is where the moles of added base exactly equal the moles of acid. On the curve it is the **steep vertical jump** in pH.

#### ■ Equivalence pH depends on the acids

- Strong acid + strong base**  $\rightarrow$  equivalence  $\text{pH} = 7$ .
- Weak acid + strong base**  $\rightarrow$  equivalence  $\text{pH} > 7$  (the conjugate base is basic).

#### ■ The half-equivalence point

At the **half-equivalence point** (half the base added),  $[\text{HA}] = [\text{A}^-]$ , so

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a.$$

This is the flattest part (the buffer region) and a quick way to read  $\text{p}K_a$  off a curve.

#### ■ Reading $K_a$ from a curve

Find the half-equivalence volume (half the equivalence volume), read its pH — that is  $\text{p}K_a$ , and  $K_a = 10^{-\text{p}K_a}$ .

## 2 Practice

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Now apply the methods above.

**2.1** What is true of the moles of acid and base at the equivalence point? [1]

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**2.2** At the half-equivalence point, pH equals what? [1]

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**2.3** For a strong acid-strong base titration, what is the equivalence pH? [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** The equivalence point of a weak acid titrated with a strong base has a pH that is [1]

- **A** exactly 7
- **B** greater than 7
- **C** less than 7
- **D** zero

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**3.2** A weak acid is titrated with NaOH. The equivalence point is at 20.0 mL of base.

(a) At what volume is the half-equivalence point? [1]

(b) If the pH there is 4.7, find  $pK_a$  and  $K_a$ . [3]

**3.3** Explain why the equivalence pH of a weak acid-strong base titration is above 7. [2]

## Solutions

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**2.1** They are equal (in the stoichiometric ratio).

**2.2**  $pK_a$ .

**2.3** 7.

**3.1** **B** — greater than 7.

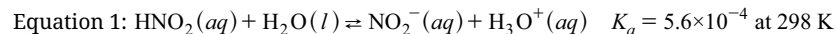
**3.2** (a) 10.0 mL (half of 20.0). (b)  $pK_a = \text{pH} = 4.7$ ;  $K_a = 10^{-4.7} = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$ .

**3.3** At equivalence all the acid has become its conjugate base  $A^-$ , which is a weak base and reacts with water to give  $\text{OH}^-$ , raising the pH above 7.

**Question 3: Version J**

The following information applies to all parts.

3. Nitrous acid,  $\text{HNO}_2$ , is a weak acid that ionizes according to Equation 1.

**Part A**

**Identify** a conjugate acid-base pair in the equation. Be sure to clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.

**Part B**

A solution of  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with an initial concentration of  $0.125 \text{ M}$  has a pH of 2.09.

- Calculate** the value of  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  in the solution. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- Calculate**  $[\text{HNO}_2]$  at equilibrium. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part C**

In an experiment, the solution of  $0.125 \text{ M}$   $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  is heated to 333 K. The new equilibrium concentrations are determined to be  $[\text{HNO}_2] = 0.114 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{NO}_2^-] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ , and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ .

- Calculate** the value of  $K_a$  for  $\text{HNO}_2$  at 333 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- Is the reaction represented by Equation 1 endothermic or exothermic? **Justify** your answer by comparing  $K_a$  values at 298 K and 333 K.



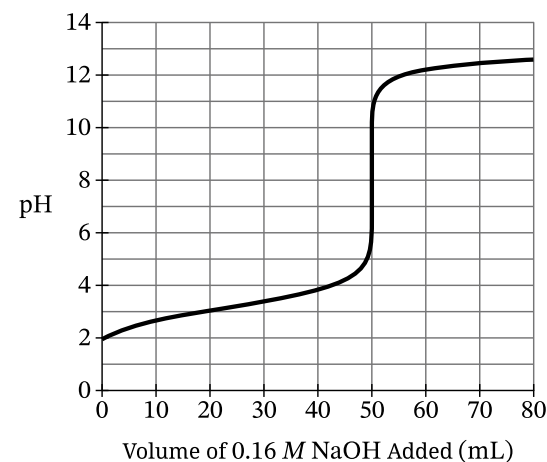
The following information applies to parts D, E, and F.

In a second experiment, a student is given a bottle containing  $\text{HNO}_2$  with an unknown molarity. To determine the concentration of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  in the bottle, the student titrates 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with  $0.16 \text{ M}$   $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  at 298 K, which reacts according to Equation 2.



The results of the titration are summarized in Figure 1.

Figure 1

**Part D**

Using Figure 1, **identify** the pH at the equivalence point.

**Part E**

Using Figure 1, **calculate** the molarity  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  of in the bottle. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part F**

**Draw** an X on Figure 1 to represent a point in the titration where  $[\text{HNO}_2] > [\text{NO}_2^-]$  in the reaction mixture.



**Part G**

Equilibrium constants at 298 K are shown in Table 1 for the acid ionization reaction represented by Equation 1,  $K_a$ ; the autoionization of water,  $K_w$ ; and the neutralization reaction represented by Equation 2,  $K_2$ .

**Table 1**

| Chemical Equation                                                                                             | Equilibrium Constant        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$    | $K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}(l) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$ | $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ |
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq) \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$                    | $K_2 = ?$                   |

**Calculate** the value of  $K_2$  for Equation 2 at 298 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part H**

The student decides to repeat the experiment, this time using an indicator, and has access to the indicators in Table 2.

**Table 2**

| Indicator Name | Acid Color | pH Range of Color Change | Base Color |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Methyl orange  | Red        | 3.1–4.4                  | Yellow     |
| Thymol blue    | Yellow     | 8.0–9.6                  | Blue       |
| Clayton yellow | Yellow     | 12.2–13.2                | Orange     |

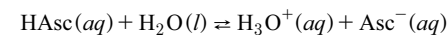
The student conducts a second titration by adding two drops of methyl orange indicator to 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  solution and titrating the solution with 0.16 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  until a color change from red to yellow occurs.

The student claims that methyl orange was the best choice for the indicator. Do you agree or disagree? **Justify** your answer.

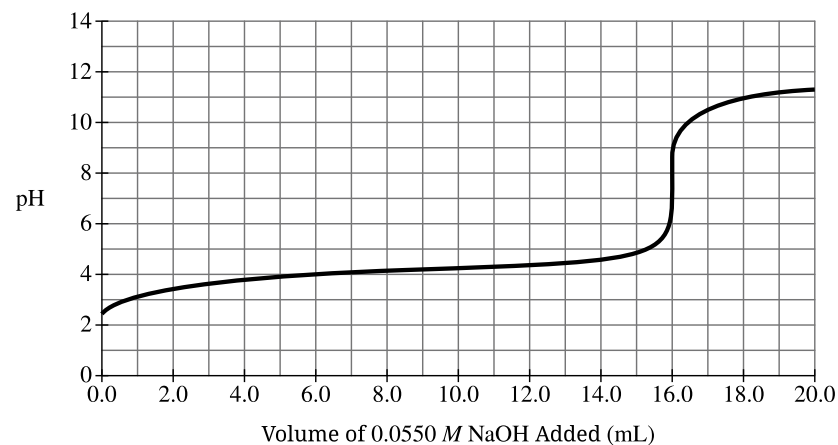
2. Answer the following questions about ascorbic acid (vitamin C).

- A. A student combusts a sample of ascorbic acid,  $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{O}_z$ , to determine its chemical composition. The only products of the reaction are 0.2400 mol of  $\text{CO}_2$  and 2.883 g of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
- Calculate the number of moles of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  produced.
  - The mole ratio of carbon (C) to oxygen (O) is 1:1 in ascorbic acid. Based on this information and your answer to part A (i), determine the empirical formula of ascorbic acid.

B. Ascorbic acid,  $\text{HAsc}(aq)$ , acts as a weak acid, as shown in the equation.



The following titration curve was produced when a 10.0 mL sample of  $\text{HAsc}(aq)$  was titrated using 0.0550 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$ .



- Calculate the molar concentration of the ascorbic acid solution.
- From the titration curve, determine the approximate  $\text{p}K_a$  of ascorbic acid.
- What is the value of the ratio  $\frac{[\text{Asc}^-]}{[\text{HAsc}]}$  when the pH of the solution is 4.7?

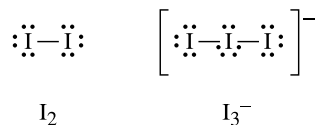
C. Dehydroascorbic acid (DHAsc) can be produced by reacting ascorbic acid with the triiodide ion,  $\text{I}_3^-$ , as represented by the following equation.



The student runs three trials of the reaction with different initial concentrations of HAsc and  $\text{I}_3^-$ , producing the following data.

| Trial | [HAsc] (M) | $[\text{I}_3^-]$ (M) | Initial Rate of DHAsc Formation (M/s) |
|-------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1     | 0.450      | 1.200                | $2.457 \times 10^{-4}$                |
| 2     | 0.450      | 0.600                | $1.229 \times 10^{-4}$                |
| 3     | 0.900      | 1.200                | $4.914 \times 10^{-4}$                |

- The rate law for the reaction is  $\text{rate} = k[\text{HAsc}][\text{I}_3^-]$ . Explain how the data in the table support the conclusion that the reaction is first order with respect to  $[\text{HAsc}]$ .
  - Calculate the value of the rate constant,  $k$ , for the reaction. Include units with your answer.
- D. The triiodide ion,  $\text{I}_3^-$ , is significantly more soluble in water than elemental iodine,  $\text{I}_2$ , is. Identify an intermolecular force between  $\text{I}_3^-$  and water that is **not** present between  $\text{I}_2$  and water, which could explain the difference in solubility. Lewis diagrams for  $\text{I}_2$  and  $\text{I}_3^-$  are provided.



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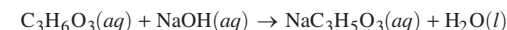
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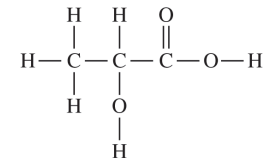
7 Questions

**Directions:** Questions 1–3 are long free-response questions that require about 23 minutes each to answer and are worth 10 points each. Questions 4–7 are short free-response questions that require about 9 minutes each to answer and are worth 4 points each.

For each question, show your work for each part in the space provided after that part. Examples and equations may be included in your responses where appropriate. For calculations, clearly show the method used and the steps involved in arriving at your answers. You must show your work to receive credit for your answer. Pay attention to significant figures.



- A student is studying the reaction between lactic acid,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$ , and sodium hydroxide,  $\text{NaOH}$ , as represented in the balanced equation above.
  - The structural formula of lactic acid is shown in the following diagram. Circle the hydrogen atom that most readily participates in the chemical reaction with sodium hydroxide.

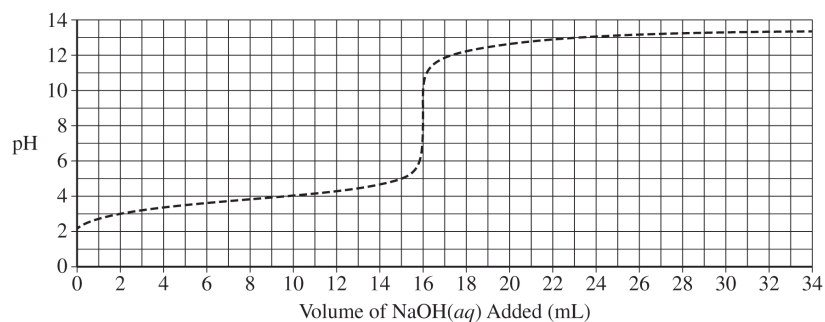


- The student begins the experiment by dissolving 10.22 g of sodium hydroxide (molar mass 40.00 g/mol) in enough water to produce 500. mL of solution. Calculate the molarity of the sodium hydroxide solution.

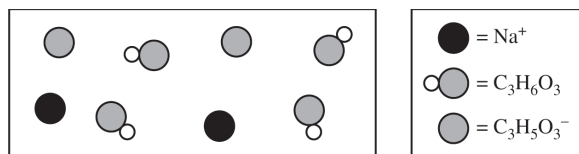
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The student uses the sodium hydroxide solution from part (b), a buret, a pH meter, and a 100 mL Erlenmeyer flask to titrate a 25.0 mL sample of lactic acid solution. The student's data are shown in the following graph.



(c) Use the information in the graph to determine the approximate  $pK_a$  of lactic acid. \_\_\_\_\_



(d) The preceding diagram represents the relative amounts of major species in a sample of the solution in the flask at one point during the titration. (Note that water molecules are omitted.)

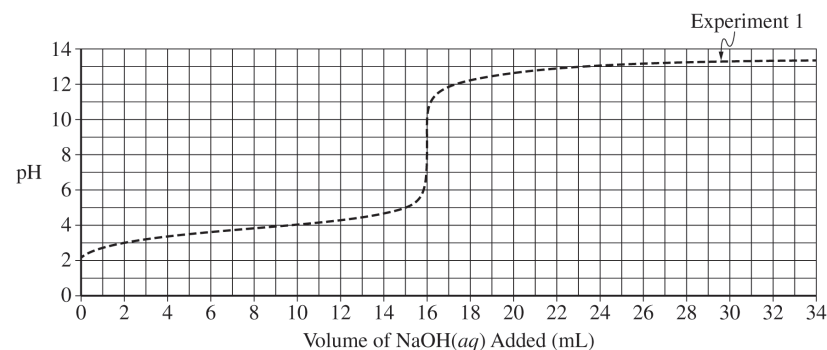
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- Justify your answer.

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- The student repeats the experiment but uses a solution of  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  with twice the concentration, as shown in the preceding table. On the following graph, draw the titration curve that would be expected for experiment 2.



- In a third experiment, the student investigates the enthalpy of the reaction between lactic acid and sodium hydroxide. The student combines 100.0 mL of a 0.500 M lactic acid solution at 20.0°C with 100.0 mL of a 0.500 M NaOH solution at 20.0°C in a calorimeter. The final temperature of the resulting combined solution is 23.2°C. Assume that the density of each solution before combining is 1.00 g/mL and that the specific heat capacity of the combined solution is 4.2 J / (g · °C).

- Calculate the quantity of heat produced in the reaction, in J.

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(ii) Calculate the molar enthalpy of reaction, in  $\text{kJ/mol}_{\text{rxn}}$ . Include the sign in your answer.

(iii) The student claims that if heat is lost from the calorimeter to the surrounding air during the reaction, then the experimental value of the molar enthalpy of reaction will be smaller in magnitude than the actual value. Do you agree or disagree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

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**SECTION II**

**Time—1 hour and 45 minutes**

**7 Questions**

**YOU MAY USE YOUR CALCULATOR FOR THIS SECTION.**

**Directions:** Questions 1–3 are long free-response questions that require about 23 minutes each to answer and are worth 10 points each. Questions 4–7 are short free-response questions that require about 9 minutes each to answer and are worth 4 points each.

For each question, show your work for each part in the space provided after that part. Examples and equations may be included in your responses where appropriate. For calculations, clearly show the method used and the steps involved in arriving at your answers. You must show your work to receive credit for your answer. Pay attention to significant figures.

4. A student reacts 0.300 g of methyl salicylate ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$ ) with a stoichiometric amount of a strong base. This product is then acidified to produce salicylic acid crystals ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ ).

(a) For every 1 mole of  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$  (molar mass 152.15 g/mol) reactant used, 1 mole of salicylic acid crystals ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ , molar mass 138.12 g/mol) is produced. Calculate the maximum mass, in grams, of  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  that could be produced in this reaction.

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As part of the experimental procedure to purify the  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  crystals after the reaction is complete, the crystals are filtered from the reaction mixture, rinsed with distilled water, and dried. Some physical properties of  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  are given in the following table.

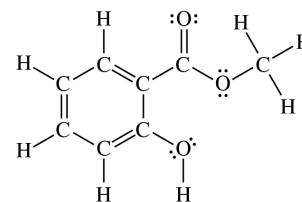
| Properties of Salicylic Acid ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ ) |                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Melting point                                                      | $159^\circ\text{C}$                            |
| Solubility in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at $25^\circ\text{C}$           | 2.2 g/L                                        |
| Specific heat capacity                                             | $1.17 \text{ J}/(\text{g}\cdot^\circ\text{C})$ |
| Heat of fusion                                                     | $27.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$                          |

(b) The student's experiment results in an 87% yield of dry  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ . The student suggests that some of the  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  crystals dissolved in the distilled water during the rinsing step. Is the student's claim consistent with the calculated percent yield value? Justify your answer.

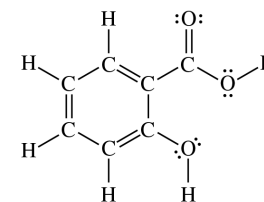
(c) Given the physical properties in the table, calculate the quantity of heat that must be absorbed to increase the temperature of a 0.105 g sample of dry  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  (molar mass  $138.12 \text{ g/mol}$ ) crystals from  $25^\circ\text{C}$  to the melting point of  $159^\circ\text{C}$  and melt the crystals completely.

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The structures and melting points for methyl salicylate and salicylic acid are shown.



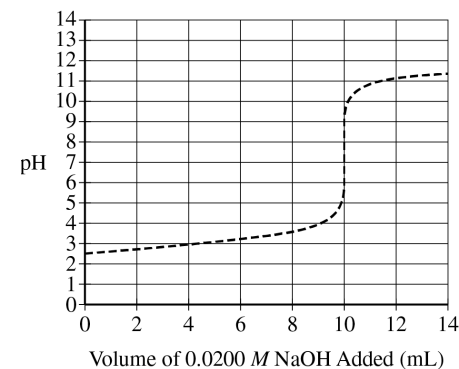
Methyl Salicylate  
Melting Point:  $-9^\circ\text{C}$



Salicylic Acid  
Melting Point:  $159^\circ\text{C}$

(d) The same three types of intermolecular forces (London dispersion forces, dipole-dipole interactions, and hydrogen bonding) exist among molecules of each substance. Explain why the melting point of salicylic acid is higher than that of methyl salicylate.

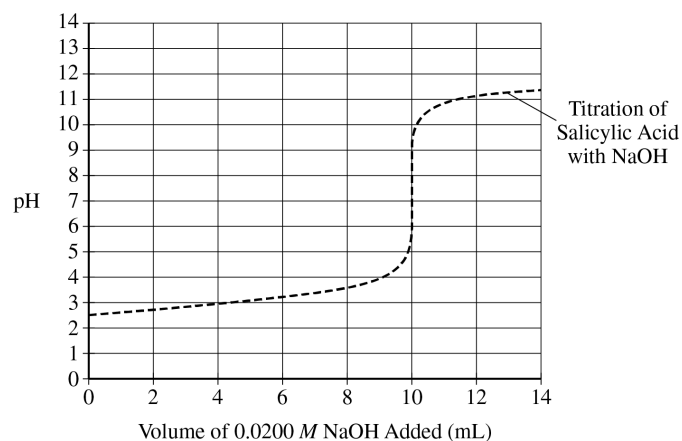
The student titrates 20.0 mL of 0.0100 M  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3(aq)$  with 0.0200 M NaOH, using a probe to monitor the pH of the solution. The data are plotted producing the following titration curve.

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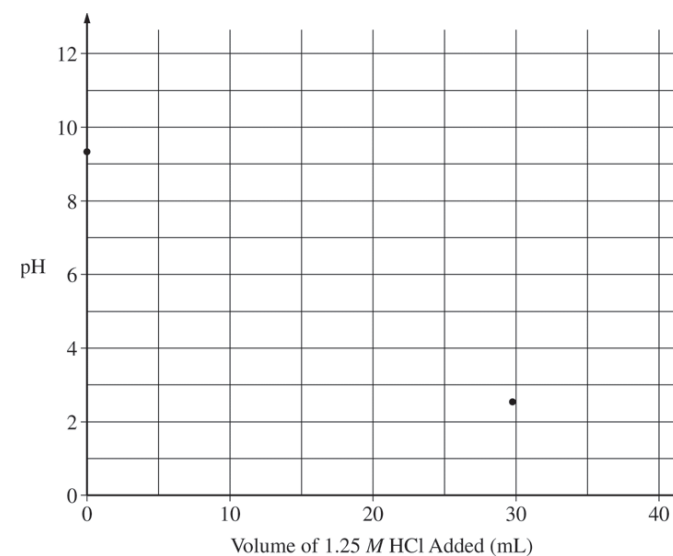
- (e) Using the information in the graph, estimate the  $pK_a$  of  $HC_7H_5O_3$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) When the pH of the titration mixture is 4.00, is there a higher concentration of the weak acid,  $HC_7H_5O_3$ , or its conjugate base,  $C_7H_5O_3^-$ , in the flask? Justify your answer.
- (g) The student researches benzoic acid ( $HC_7H_5O_2$ ) and finds that it has similar properties to salicylic acid ( $HC_7H_5O_3$ ). The  $K_a$  for benzoic acid is  $6.3 \times 10^{-5}$ . Calculate the value of  $pK_a$  for benzoic acid.
- (h) The student performs a second titration, this time titrating 20.0 mL of a 0.0100 M benzoic acid solution with 0.0200 M NaOH. Sketch the curve that would result from this titration of benzoic acid on the following graph, which already shows the original curve from the titration of 20.0 mL of 0.0100 M salicylic acid. The initial pH of the benzoic acid solution is 3.11.

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3. Potassium sorbate,  $KC_6H_7O_2$  (molar mass 150. g/mol) is commonly added to diet soft drinks as a preservative. A stock solution of  $KC_6H_7O_2(aq)$  of known concentration must be prepared. A student titrates 45.00 mL of the stock solution with 1.25 M  $HCl(aq)$  using both an indicator and a pH meter. The value of  $K_a$  for sorbic acid,  $HC_6H_7O_2$ , is  $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ .
- (a) Write the net-ionic equation for the reaction between  $KC_6H_7O_2(aq)$  and  $HCl(aq)$ .
- (b) A total of 29.95 mL of 1.25 M  $HCl(aq)$  is required to reach the equivalence point. Calculate  $[KC_6H_7O_2]$  in the stock solution.
- (c) The pH at the equivalence point of the titration is measured to be 2.54. Which of the following indicators would be the best choice for determining the end point of the titration? Justify your answer.

| Indicator        | $pK_a$ |
|------------------|--------|
| Phenolphthalein  | 9.3    |
| Bromothymol blue | 7.0    |
| Methyl red       | 5.0    |
| Thymol blue      | 2.0    |
| Methyl violet    | 0.80   |

- (d) Calculate the pH at the half-equivalence point.
- (e) The initial pH and the equivalence point are plotted on the graph below. Accurately sketch the titration curve on the graph below. Mark the position of the half-equivalence point on the curve with an X.



- (f) The pH of the soft drink is 3.37 after the addition of the  $KC_6H_7O_2(aq)$ . Which species,  $HC_6H_7O_2$  or  $C_6H_7O_2^-$ , has a higher concentration in the soft drink? Justify your answer.



2. Propanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ , is a carboxylic acid that reacts with water according to the equation above. At  $25^\circ\text{C}$  the pH of a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  is 2.79.

- (a) Identify a Brønsted-Lowry conjugate acid-base pair in the reaction. Clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.
- (b) Determine the value of  $K_a$  for propanoic acid at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .
- (c) For each of the following statements, determine whether the statement is true or false. In each case, explain the reasoning that supports your answer.
  - (i) The pH of a solution prepared by mixing the 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$  with a 50.0 mL sample of 0.20  $M$  NaOH is 7.00.
  - (ii) If the pH of a hydrochloric acid solution is the same as the pH of a propanoic acid solution, then the molar concentration of the hydrochloric acid solution must be less than the molar concentration of the propanoic acid solution.

A student is given the task of determining the concentration of a propanoic acid solution of unknown concentration. A 0.173  $M$  NaOH solution is available to use as the titrant. The student uses a 25.00 mL volumetric pipet to deliver the propanoic acid solution to a clean, dry flask. After adding an appropriate indicator to the flask, the student titrates the solution with the 0.173  $M$  NaOH, reaching the end point after 20.52 mL of the base solution has been added.

- (d) Calculate the molarity of the propanoic acid solution.
- (e) The student is asked to redesign the experiment to determine the concentration of a butanoic acid solution instead of a propanoic acid solution. For butanoic acid the value of  $\text{p}K_a$  is 4.83. The student claims that a different indicator will be required to determine the equivalence point of the titration accurately. Based on your response to part (b), do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

## AP CHEMISTRY • EXERCISE SHEET

## 8.6 Molecular Structure of Acids and Bases

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: 10 marks

KEY WORDS oxoacid 含氧酸 • acid 酸 • base 碱 • neutral 中性

### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on the **molecular structure of acids and bases** — what makes an acid strong.

You must be able to:

- link acid strength to bond **polarity** and bond **strength**
- compare **oxoacid** 含氧酸 strength (more O atoms → stronger)
- explain trends down a group (binary acids)

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ What makes an acid ionize

An acid ionizes more easily when the bond to H is **weaker** or **more polar**, so  $\text{H}^+$  leaves readily, and when the resulting anion is **stable**.

#### ■ Binary acids down a group

Down a group the H–X bond gets **weaker** (larger atom), so the acid is **stronger**:  $\text{HI} > \text{HBr} > \text{HCl} > \text{HF}$ . Bond strength wins over polarity here.

#### ■ Oxoacids: more oxygens = stronger

For oxoacids, more **electronegative O atoms** pull electron density away from the O–H bond, making it more polar and stabilizing the anion. So  $\text{HClO}_4 > \text{HClO}_3 > \text{HClO}_2 > \text{HClO}$ .

#### ■ Central atom electronegativity

A more electronegative central atom also strengthens an oxoacid:  $\text{HClO} > \text{HBrO} > \text{HIO}$ .

## 2 Practice

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Now apply the methods above.

2.1 Which is the stronger acid, HCl or HI? [1]

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2.2 Which is stronger,  $\text{HClO}_4$  or  $\text{HClO}$ ? [1]

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2.3 What two bond properties make an acid ionize more easily? [2]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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3.1 Among oxoacids of the same central atom, more oxygen atoms make the acid [1]

- A weaker
- B stronger
- C neutral
- D basic

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3.2 Rank  $\text{HClO}$ ,  $\text{HClO}_2$ ,  $\text{HClO}_3$  from weakest to strongest acid, with a reason. [3]

3.3 Explain why HI is a stronger acid than HF, even though F is more electronegative.[2]

## Solutions

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2.1 HI.

2.2  $\text{HClO}_4$ .

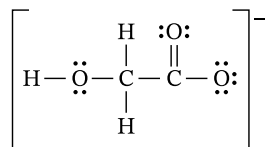
2.3 A weaker H–X bond; a more polar H–X bond.

3.1 B — stronger.

3.2  $\text{HClO} < \text{HClO}_2 < \text{HClO}_3$ ; more oxygen atoms pull electron density from the O–H bond and stabilize the anion, increasing acid strength.

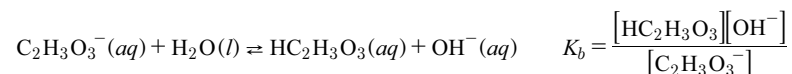
3.3 The H–I bond is much weaker than H–F (I is a large atom), so  $\text{H}^+$  is released more easily; the weaker bond outweighs F's higher electronegativity.

7. Answer the following questions about the glycolate ion,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_3^-$ , which acts as a base in aqueous solution. A Lewis diagram for the ion is provided.



A. On the Lewis diagram in part A, circle the atom that accepts the proton when the glycolate ion reacts with water.

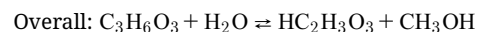
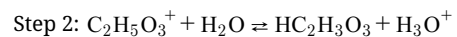
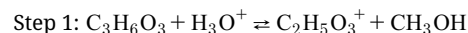
When the glycolate ion reacts with water, it forms glycolic acid,  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_3$ , according to the following equation. The  $K_b$  expression for the reaction is provided.



B. At  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , a  $2.5\text{ M}$  solution of glycolate is found to have  $[\text{OH}^-] = 1.3 \times 10^{-5}\text{ M}$ .

- Calculate the value of  $K_b$  for the glycolate ion.
- Using your answer to part B (i), calculate the value of  $K_a$  for glycolic acid at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

Glycolic acid can be produced from the hydrolysis of methyl glycolate,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$ . A proposed mechanism for the reaction is given.



C. A student claims that  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is a catalyst for the reaction. Do you agree or disagree? Justify your answer based on the mechanism given.

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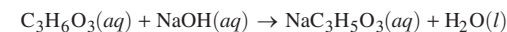
**SECTION II**

**Time—1 hour and 45 minutes**

**7 Questions**

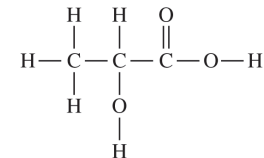
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1. A student is studying the reaction between lactic acid,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$ , and sodium hydroxide,  $\text{NaOH}$ , as represented in the balanced equation above.

(a) The structural formula of lactic acid is shown in the following diagram. Circle the hydrogen atom that most readily participates in the chemical reaction with sodium hydroxide.



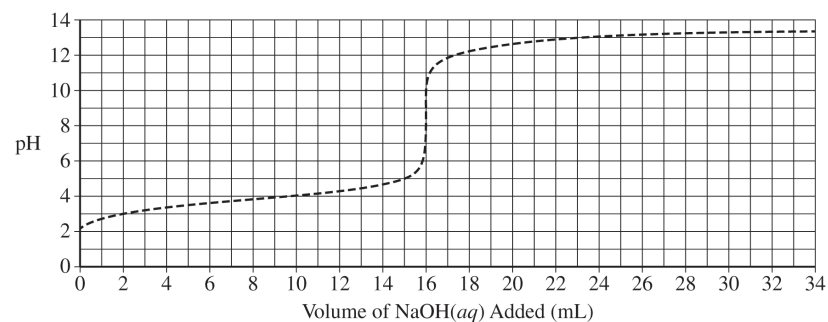
(b) The student begins the experiment by dissolving 10.22 g of sodium hydroxide (molar mass 40.00 g/mol) in enough water to produce 500. mL of solution. Calculate the molarity of the sodium hydroxide solution.

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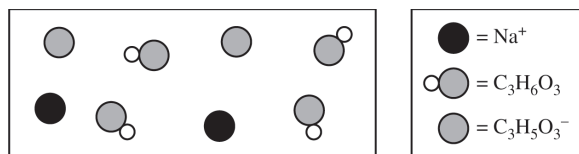


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(c) Use the information in the graph to determine the approximate  $pK_a$  of lactic acid. \_\_\_\_\_



(d) The preceding diagram represents the relative amounts of major species in a sample of the solution in the flask at one point during the titration. (Note that water molecules are omitted.)

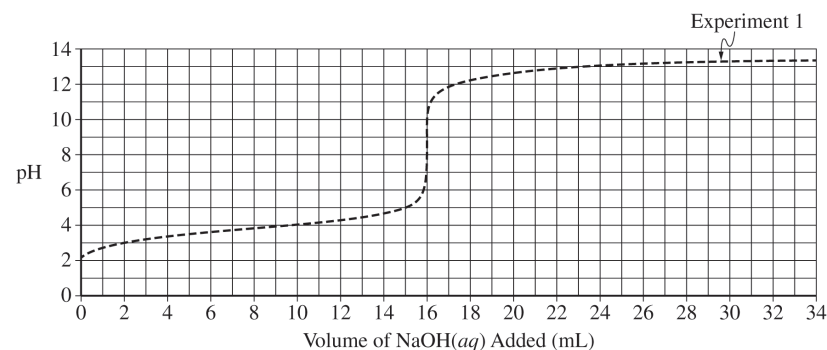
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- Justify your answer.

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| Experiment | Mass of $\text{NaOH}(s)$ (grams) | Volume of Solution (mL) | Titration Curve        |
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| 2          | 20.44                            | 500.                    | ?                      |

- The student repeats the experiment but uses a solution of  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  with twice the concentration, as shown in the preceding table. On the following graph, draw the titration curve that would be expected for experiment 2.



- In a third experiment, the student investigates the enthalpy of the reaction between lactic acid and sodium hydroxide. The student combines 100.0 mL of a 0.500 M lactic acid solution at 20.0°C with 100.0 mL of a 0.500 M NaOH solution at 20.0°C in a calorimeter. The final temperature of the resulting combined solution is 23.2°C. Assume that the density of each solution before combining is 1.00 g/mL and that the specific heat capacity of the combined solution is 4.2 J / (g · °C).

- Calculate the quantity of heat produced in the reaction, in J.

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(ii) Calculate the molar enthalpy of reaction, in  $\text{kJ/mol}_{rxn}$ . Include the sign in your answer.

(iii) The student claims that if heat is lost from the calorimeter to the surrounding air during the reaction, then the experimental value of the molar enthalpy of reaction will be smaller in magnitude than the actual value. Do you agree or disagree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

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## 8.7 pH and pKa

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: 10 marks**

**KEY WORDS** acid 酸 • pH 值 • base 碱 • weak acid 弱酸 • conjugate base 共轭碱

### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **pH and pKa** — comparing acid strengths.

**You must be able to:**

- use  $\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a$
- rank acids by  $K_a$  or  $\text{p}K_a$  (smaller  $\text{p}K_a$  = stronger)
- relate  $\text{p}K_a$  to the pH where an acid is half-ionized

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ pKa

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a.$$

A **larger**  $K_a$  (stronger acid) gives a **smaller**  $\text{p}K_a$ .

#### ■ Ranking acids

A stronger acid has a bigger  $K_a$  and a **smaller**  $\text{p}K_a$ . So acid X ( $\text{p}K_a = 3$ ) is stronger than acid Y ( $\text{p}K_a = 5$ ).

#### ■ pKa and half-ionization

At  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$ , the acid is **half-ionized** ( $[\text{HA}] = [\text{A}^-]$ ). Below that pH the acid form dominates; above it, the conjugate base dominates.

#### ■ A worked conversion

$K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  gives  $\text{p}K_a = -\log(1.8 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.74$ . Reverse:  $\text{p}K_a = 3$  gives  $K_a = 10^{-3}$ .

## 2 Practice

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Now apply the methods above.

**2.1** Find  $\text{p}K_a$  for  $K_a = 1 \times 10^{-4}$ . [1]

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**2.2** Acid A has  $\text{p}K_a = 2$ , acid B has  $\text{p}K_a = 6$ . Which is stronger? [1]

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**2.3** At what pH is a weak acid half-ionized? [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** A stronger acid has a [1]

- A larger  $\text{p}K_a$
  - B smaller  $\text{p}K_a$
  - C  $\text{p}K_a$  of exactly 7
  - D negative  $K_a$
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**3.2** Three acids have  $K_a$  values  $1 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $1 \times 10^{-5}$ , and  $1 \times 10^{-9}$ .

(a) Find each  $\text{p}K_a$ . [2]

(b) Rank the acids from strongest to weakest. [2]

**3.3** An acid has  $\text{p}K_a = 4.2$ . Below pH 4.2, which form (acid or conjugate base) dominates? Explain. [2]

## Solutions

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**2.1**  $\text{p}K_a = 4$ .

**2.2** Acid A ( $\text{p}K_a = 2$ ).

**2.3**  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$ .

**3.1** B — a smaller  $\text{p}K_a$ .

**3.2** (a) 3, 5, 9. (b) strongest to weakest:  $K_a = 10^{-3}$ , then  $10^{-5}$ , then  $10^{-9}$  (smallest  $\text{p}K_a$  first).

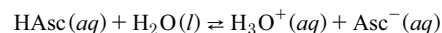
**3.3** The acid form (HA) dominates — below  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$  there is more  $\text{H}^+$ , which keeps the acid protonated.

## 2. Answer the following questions about ascorbic acid (vitamin C).

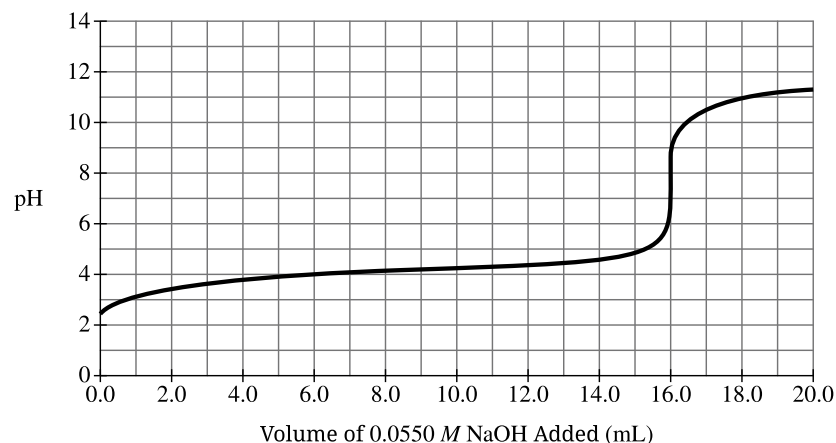
A. A student combusts a sample of ascorbic acid,  $C_xH_yO_z$ , to determine its chemical composition. The only products of the reaction are 0.2400 mol of  $CO_2$  and 2.883 g of  $H_2O$ .

- Calculate the number of moles of  $H_2O$  produced.
- The mole ratio of carbon (C) to oxygen (O) is 1:1 in ascorbic acid. Based on this information and your answer to part A (i), determine the empirical formula of ascorbic acid.

B. Ascorbic acid,  $HAsc(aq)$ , acts as a weak acid, as shown in the equation.



The following titration curve was produced when a 10.0 mL sample of  $HAsc(aq)$  was titrated using 0.0550 M  $NaOH(aq)$ .



- Calculate the molar concentration of the ascorbic acid solution.
- From the titration curve, determine the approximate  $pK_a$  of ascorbic acid.
- What is the value of the ratio  $\frac{[Asc^-]}{[HAsc]}$  when the pH of the solution is 4.7?

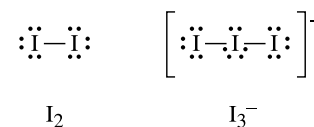
C. Dehydroascorbic acid (DHAsc) can be produced by reacting ascorbic acid with the triiodide ion,  $I_3^-$ , as represented by the following equation.



The student runs three trials of the reaction with different initial concentrations of  $HAsc$  and  $I_3^-$ , producing the following data.

| Trial | $[HAsc] (M)$ | $[I_3^-] (M)$ | Initial Rate of DHAsc Formation ( $M/s$ ) |
|-------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1     | 0.450        | 1.200         | $2.457 \times 10^{-4}$                    |
| 2     | 0.450        | 0.600         | $1.229 \times 10^{-4}$                    |
| 3     | 0.900        | 1.200         | $4.914 \times 10^{-4}$                    |

- The rate law for the reaction is  $rate = k[HAsc][I_3^-]$ . Explain how the data in the table support the conclusion that the reaction is first order with respect to  $[HAsc]$ .
  - Calculate the value of the rate constant,  $k$ , for the reaction. Include units with your answer.
- D. The triiodide ion,  $I_3^-$ , is significantly more soluble in water than elemental iodine,  $I_2$ , is. Identify an intermolecular force between  $I_3^-$  and water that is **not** present between  $I_2$  and water, which could explain the difference in solubility. Lewis diagrams for  $I_2$  and  $I_3^-$  are provided.

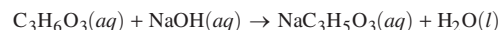




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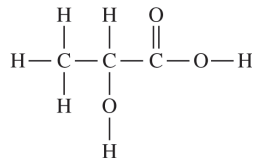
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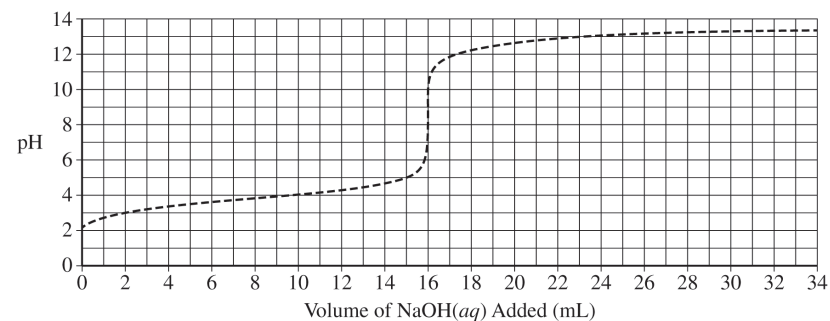
(a) The structural formula of lactic acid is shown in the following diagram. Circle the hydrogen atom that most readily participates in the chemical reaction with sodium hydroxide.



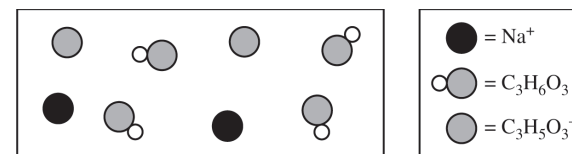
- (b) The student begins the experiment by dissolving 10.22 g of sodium hydroxide (molar mass 40.00 g/mol) in enough water to produce 500. mL of solution. Calculate the molarity of the sodium hydroxide solution.

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The student uses the sodium hydroxide solution from part (b), a buret, a pH meter, and a 100 mL Erlenmeyer flask to titrate a 25.0 mL sample of lactic acid solution. The student's data are shown in the following graph.



- (c) Use the information in the graph to determine the approximate  $\text{p}K_a$  of lactic acid. \_\_\_\_\_



- (d) The preceding diagram represents the relative amounts of major species in a sample of the solution in the flask at one point during the titration. (Note that water molecules are omitted.)

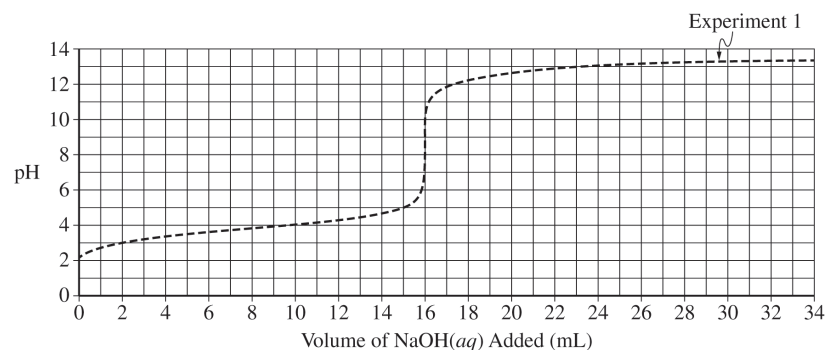
- (i) Draw an X on the preceding titration curve at a point in the titration where the reaction mixture would be represented by this diagram.
- (ii) Justify your answer.

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| Experiment | Mass of NaOH( <i>s</i> ) (grams) | Volume of Solution (mL) | Titration Curve        |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1          | 10.22                            | 500.                    | Already shown on graph |
| 2          | 20.44                            | 500.                    | ?                      |

- (iii) The student repeats the experiment but uses a solution of NaOH(*aq*) with twice the concentration, as shown in the preceding table. On the following graph, draw the titration curve that would be expected for experiment 2.



- (e) In a third experiment, the student investigates the enthalpy of the reaction between lactic acid and sodium hydroxide. The student combines 100.0 mL of a 0.500 *M* lactic acid solution at 20.0°C with 100.0 mL of a 0.500 *M* NaOH solution at 20.0°C in a calorimeter. The final temperature of the resulting combined solution is 23.2°C. Assume that the density of each solution before combining is 1.00 g/mL and that the specific heat capacity of the combined solution is 4.2 J / (g · °C).

- (i) Calculate the quantity of heat produced in the reaction, in J.

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- (ii) Calculate the molar enthalpy of reaction, in kJ / mol<sub>rxn</sub>. Include the sign in your answer.

- (iii) The student claims that if heat is lost from the calorimeter to the surrounding air during the reaction, then the experimental value of the molar enthalpy of reaction will be smaller in magnitude than the actual value. Do you agree or disagree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

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2. A chemical reaction between maleic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$ ) and sodium bicarbonate ( $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ) occurs in the presence of water to produce carbon dioxide and sodium maleate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$ ), as represented by the following equation.



- (a) A student combines equal masses of  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4(s)$  chunks and  $\text{NaHCO}_3(s)$  chunks with sufficient water at  $20.0^\circ\text{C}$ . The student determines that  $0.0114\text{ mol}$  of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  is produced after the reaction goes to completion.

(i) Calculate the number of grams of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  produced.

(ii) The  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  produced from the reaction at  $20.0^\circ\text{C}$  was collected and found to have a pressure of  $1.25\text{ atm}$ . Calculate the volume of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$ , in liters.

- (b) The student performs a second experiment that is identical to the first except that the student grinds the chunks of  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4(s)$  and  $\text{NaHCO}_3(s)$  into powder before combining the powder with water.

(i) What happens to the surface area of the reactants when the student grinds the chunks into powder?

(ii) The rate-determining step for the overall reaction is the dissolving of the solids. Would the time required for the dissolving of the solids in the second experiment be longer than, shorter than, or the same as the time required in the first experiment? Justify your answer based on the collisions between particles.

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- (iii) When the reaction is complete, will the volume of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  at the end of the second experiment be greater than, less than, or equal to the volume at the end of the first experiment? Justify your answer.

The student conducts additional trials of the experiment and produces the following data table.

| Trial | Mass of $\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$<br>(grams) | Mass of $\text{NaHCO}_3$<br>(grams) | Moles of $\text{CO}_2$ Produced<br>(mol) |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 3     | 1.543                                                         | 1.251                               | 0.01489                                  |
| 4     | 1.543                                                         | 1.686                               | 0.02007                                  |

- (c) Based on the student's data, identify the limiting reactant in trial 3. Justify your answer.

- (d) The reaction has a value of  $\Delta S^\circ$  greater than zero. Using particle-level reasoning, explain why the entropy increases as the reaction progresses.

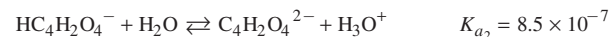
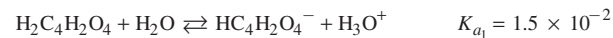
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The student notices that the temperature of the reaction mixture decreases as the reaction takes place and correctly determines that the reaction is endothermic.

- (e) The student claims that the reaction is thermodynamically favorable at all temperatures because  $\Delta S_{rxn}^{\circ} > 0$  and the reaction is endothermic. Do you agree or disagree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

Next, the student investigates the acid-base behavior of maleic acid. The student notes that maleic acid is a diprotic acid. The two acid dissociation processes that occur are represented by the following equations.



- (f) Calculate the  $\text{p}K_{a2}$  value for the  $\text{HC}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^-$  ion.

- (g) A buffer solution with a pH of 7.00 is prepared using  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{HC}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^-$ . Calculate the ratio

$$\frac{[\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}]}{[\text{HC}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^-]} \text{ in this solution.}$$

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4. A student reacts 0.300 g of methyl salicylate ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$ ) with a stoichiometric amount of a strong base. This product is then acidified to produce salicylic acid crystals ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ ).

- (a) For every 1 mole of  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$  (molar mass 152.15 g/mol) reactant used, 1 mole of salicylic acid crystals ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ , molar mass 138.12 g/mol) is produced. Calculate the maximum mass, in grams, of  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  that could be produced in this reaction.

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As part of the experimental procedure to purify the  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  crystals after the reaction is complete, the crystals are filtered from the reaction mixture, rinsed with distilled water, and dried. Some physical properties of  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  are given in the following table.

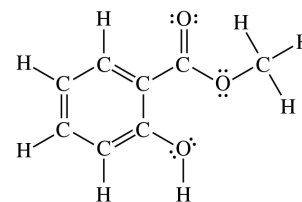
| Properties of Salicylic Acid ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ ) |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Melting point                                                      | 159°C         |
| Solubility in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at 25°C                         | 2.2 g/L       |
| Specific heat capacity                                             | 1.17 J/(g·°C) |
| Heat of fusion                                                     | 27.1 kJ/mol   |

- (b) The student's experiment results in an 87% yield of dry  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ . The student suggests that some of the  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  crystals dissolved in the distilled water during the rinsing step. Is the student's claim consistent with the calculated percent yield value? Justify your answer.

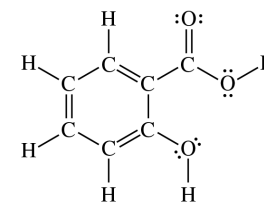
- (c) Given the physical properties in the table, calculate the quantity of heat that must be absorbed to increase the temperature of a 0.105 g sample of dry  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$  (molar mass 138.12 g/mol) crystals from 25°C to the melting point of 159°C and melt the crystals completely.

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The structures and melting points for methyl salicylate and salicylic acid are shown.



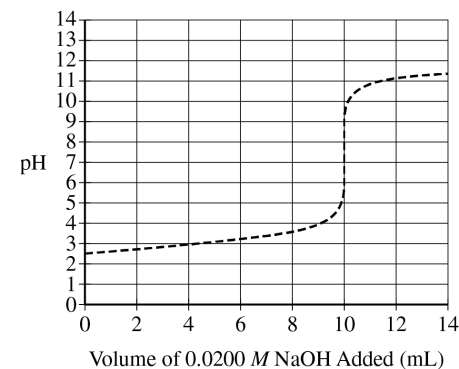
Methyl Salicylate  
Melting Point: -9°C



Salicylic Acid  
Melting Point: 159°C

- (d) The same three types of intermolecular forces (London dispersion forces, dipole-dipole interactions, and hydrogen bonding) exist among molecules of each substance. Explain why the melting point of salicylic acid is higher than that of methyl salicylate.

The student titrates 20.0 mL of 0.0100 M  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3(aq)$  with 0.0200 M NaOH, using a probe to monitor the pH of the solution. The data are plotted producing the following titration curve.

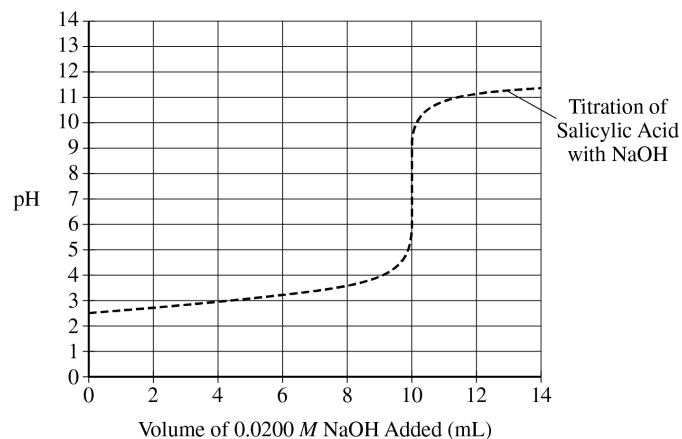
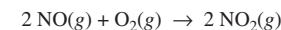
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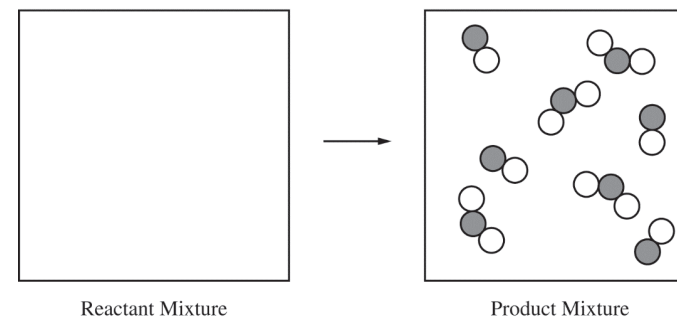
- (e) Using the information in the graph, estimate the  $pK_a$  of  $HC_7H_5O_3$ . \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) When the pH of the titration mixture is 4.00, is there a higher concentration of the weak acid,  $HC_7H_5O_3$ , or its conjugate base,  $C_7H_5O_3^-$ , in the flask? Justify your answer.

- (g) The student researches benzoic acid ( $HC_7H_5O_2$ ) and finds that it has similar properties to salicylic acid ( $HC_7H_5O_3$ ). The  $K_a$  for benzoic acid is  $6.3 \times 10^{-5}$ . Calculate the value of  $pK_a$  for benzoic acid.

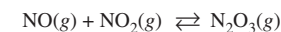
- (h) The student performs a second titration, this time titrating 20.0 mL of a 0.0100  $M$  benzoic acid solution with 0.0200  $M$  NaOH. Sketch the curve that would result from this titration of benzoic acid on the following graph, which already shows the original curve from the titration of 20.0 mL of 0.0100  $M$  salicylic acid. The initial pH of the benzoic acid solution is 3.11.

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2. A student investigates the reactions of nitrogen oxides. One of the reactions in the investigation requires an equimolar mixture of  $NO(g)$  and  $NO_2(g)$ , which the student produces by using the reaction represented above.
- (a) The particle-level representation of the equimolar mixture of  $NO(g)$  and  $NO_2(g)$  in the flask at the completion of the reaction between  $NO(g)$  and  $O_2(g)$  is shown below in the box on the right. In the box below on the left, draw the particle-level representation of the reactant mixture of  $NO(g)$  and  $O_2(g)$  that would yield the product mixture shown in the box on the right. In your drawing, represent oxygen atoms and nitrogen atoms as indicated below.



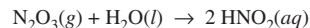
The student reads in a reference text that  $NO(g)$  and  $NO_2(g)$  will react as represented by the equation below. Thermodynamic data for the reaction are given in the table below the equation.



| $\Delta H_{298}^\circ$       | $\Delta S_{298}^\circ$                        | $\Delta G_{298}^\circ$      |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $-40.4 \text{ kJ/mol}_{rxn}$ | $-138.5 \text{ J/(K} \cdot \text{mol}_{rxn})$ | $0.87 \text{ kJ/mol}_{rxn}$ |

- (b) The student begins with an equimolar mixture of  $NO(g)$  and  $NO_2(g)$  in a rigid reaction vessel and the mixture reaches equilibrium at 298 K.
- (i) Calculate the value of the equilibrium constant,  $K$ , for the reaction at 298 K.
- (ii) If both  $P_{NO}$  and  $P_{NO_2}$  in the vessel are initially 1.0 atm, will  $P_{N_2O_3}$  at equilibrium be equal to 1.0 atm? Justify your answer.
- (c) The student hypothesizes that increasing the temperature will increase the amount of  $N_2O_3(g)$  in the equilibrium mixture. Indicate whether you agree or disagree with the hypothesis. Justify your answer.

$\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(g)$  reacts with water to form nitrous acid,  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$ , a compound involved in the production of acid rain. The reaction is represented below.



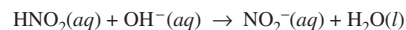
(d) The skeletal structure of the  $\text{HNO}_2$  molecule is shown in the box below.

- (i) Complete the Lewis electron-dot diagram of the  $\text{HNO}_2$  molecule in the box below, including any lone pairs of electrons.

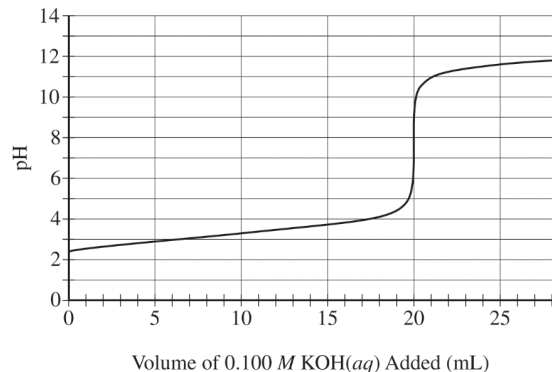


- (ii) Based on your completed diagram above, identify the hybridization of the nitrogen atom in the  $\text{HNO}_2$  molecule.

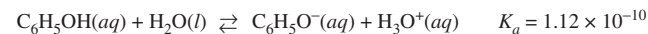
To produce an aqueous solution of  $\text{HNO}_2$ , the student bubbles  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(g)$  into distilled water. Assume that the reaction goes to completion and that  $\text{HNO}_2$  is the only species produced. To determine the concentration of  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  in the resulting solution, the student titrates a 100. mL sample of the solution with 0.100 M  $\text{KOH}(aq)$ . The neutralization reaction is represented below.



The following titration curve shows the change in pH of the solution during the titration.



- (e) Use the titration curve and the information above to
- determine the initial concentration of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  solution
  - estimate the value of  $\text{p}K_a$  for  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$
- (f) During the titration, after a volume of 15 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{KOH}(aq)$  has been added, which species,  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  or  $\text{NO}_2^-(aq)$ , is present at a higher concentration in the solution? Justify your answer.



4. Phenol is a weak acid that partially dissociates in water according to the equation above.

- (a) What is the pH of a 0.75 M  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}(aq)$  solution?
- (b) For a certain reaction involving  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}(aq)$  to proceed at a significant rate, the phenol must be primarily in its deprotonated form,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}^-(aq)$ . In order to ensure that the  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}(aq)$  is deprotonated, the reaction must be conducted in a buffered solution. On the number scale below, circle each pH for which more than 50 percent of the phenol molecules are in the deprotonated form ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}^-(aq)$ ). Justify your answer.

1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10    11    12    13    14

## 8.8 Properties of Buffers

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### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on the **properties of buffers**.

You must be able to:

- explain why a buffer works best when  $[HA] \approx [A^-]$
- state that a buffer's pH is near its  $pK_a$
- choose an acid for a target buffer pH

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ A buffer's pH is near its $pK_a$

A buffer's pH is set by the acid's  $pK_a$  and the ratio of base to acid. When  $[A^-] = [HA]$ , the ratio is 1 and  $pH = pK_a$ .

#### ■ Best buffering near $pK_a$

A buffer resists change best when it has **plenty of both** members and they are **comparable** in amount — near a 1:1 ratio, i.e. near  $pH = pK_a$ .

#### ■ Choosing the acid

To make a buffer at a target pH, pick a weak acid whose  $pK_a$  is **close to** that pH (within about  $\pm 1$ ). For a pH-5 buffer, choose an acid with  $pK_a \approx 5$  (like acetic acid,  $pK_a = 4.7$ ).

#### ■ Range

A buffer is effective roughly within  $pK_a \pm 1$ ; outside that range one component is nearly used up.

## 2 Practice

Now apply the methods above.

2.1 When  $[HA] = [A^-]$ , the pH equals what? [1]2.2 To make a buffer at pH 9, what  $pK_a$  should the acid have? [1]

2.3 Over what pH range is a buffer effective? [1]

## 3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A buffer works best when the acid and its conjugate base are [1]

- **A** in very different amounts
- **B** in comparable amounts
- **C** both absent
- **D** both strong

3.2 You need a buffer at pH 4.5. Available acids: formic ( $pK_a = 3.7$ ), acetic ( $pK_a = 4.7$ ), and hypochlorous ( $pK_a = 7.5$ ).

(a) Which is the best choice? [1]

(b) Justify your choice. [2]

3.3 Explain why a buffer loses its effectiveness far from its  $pK_a$ . [2]



## Solutions

2.1  $pK_a$ .

2.2 About 9.

2.3 Roughly  $pK_a \pm 1$ .

3.1 **B** — comparable amounts.

3.2 (a) Acetic acid. (b) Its  $pK_a = 4.7$  is closest to the target pH 4.5 (within  $\pm 1$ ), so the acid and base are in comparable amounts and buffer effectively.

3.3 Far from  $pK_a$  the ratio  $[A^-]/[HA]$  is extreme, so one component is nearly depleted and cannot neutralize added acid or base — buffering fails.

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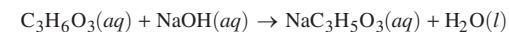
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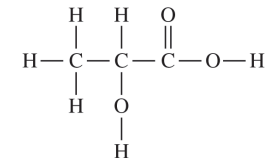
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(a) The structural formula of lactic acid is shown in the following diagram. Circle the hydrogen atom that most readily participates in the chemical reaction with sodium hydroxide.

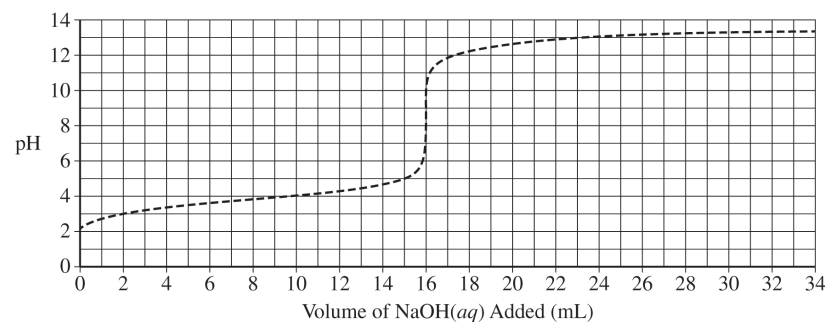


(b) The student begins the experiment by dissolving 10.22 g of sodium hydroxide (molar mass 40.00 g/mol) in enough water to produce 500. mL of solution. Calculate the molarity of the sodium hydroxide solution.

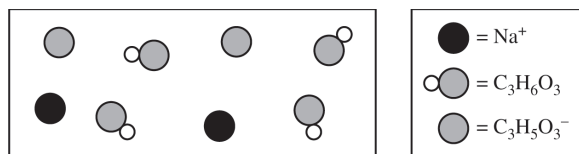
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The student uses the sodium hydroxide solution from part (b), a buret, a pH meter, and a 100 mL Erlenmeyer flask to titrate a 25.0 mL sample of lactic acid solution. The student's data are shown in the following graph.



(c) Use the information in the graph to determine the approximate  $pK_a$  of lactic acid. \_\_\_\_\_



(d) The preceding diagram represents the relative amounts of major species in a sample of the solution in the flask at one point during the titration. (Note that water molecules are omitted.)

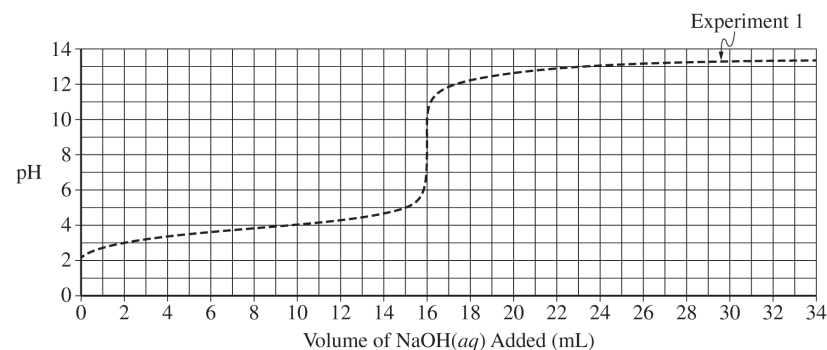
- Draw an X on the preceding titration curve at a point in the titration where the reaction mixture would be represented by this diagram.
- Justify your answer.

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| Experiment | Mass of $\text{NaOH}(s)$ (grams) | Volume of Solution (mL) | Titration Curve        |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1          | 10.22                            | 500.                    | Already shown on graph |
| 2          | 20.44                            | 500.                    | ?                      |

- The student repeats the experiment but uses a solution of  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  with twice the concentration, as shown in the preceding table. On the following graph, draw the titration curve that would be expected for experiment 2.



- In a third experiment, the student investigates the enthalpy of the reaction between lactic acid and sodium hydroxide. The student combines 100.0 mL of a 0.500 M lactic acid solution at 20.0°C with 100.0 mL of a 0.500 M NaOH solution at 20.0°C in a calorimeter. The final temperature of the resulting combined solution is 23.2°C. Assume that the density of each solution before combining is 1.00 g/mL and that the specific heat capacity of the combined solution is 4.2 J / (g · °C).

- Calculate the quantity of heat produced in the reaction, in J.

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(ii) Calculate the molar enthalpy of reaction, in  $\text{kJ/mol}_{\text{rxn}}$ . Include the sign in your answer.

(iii) The student claims that if heat is lost from the calorimeter to the surrounding air during the reaction, then the experimental value of the molar enthalpy of reaction will be smaller in magnitude than the actual value. Do you agree or disagree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

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## 8.9 The Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation

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**Total: 12 marks****KEY WORDS** pH 值 • buffer 缓冲溶液 • acid 酸 • base 碱

### Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on the **Henderson-Hasselbalch equation**.

**You must be able to:**

- use  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$
- find a buffer's pH from the ratio
- find the ratio needed for a target pH

### 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

#### ■ The equation

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

It gives a buffer's pH from the base-to-acid ratio.

#### ■ Equal amounts

When  $[\text{A}^-] = [\text{HA}]$ , the log term is  $\log 1 = 0$ , so  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$ .

#### ■ A worked pH

A buffer with  $\text{p}K_a = 4.7$ ,  $[\text{A}^-] = 0.20$ ,  $[\text{HA}] = 0.10$ :

$$\text{pH} = 4.7 + \log \frac{0.20}{0.10} = 4.7 + \log 2 = 4.7 + 0.30 = 5.0.$$

#### ■ Finding the ratio for a target pH

Rearrange:  $\log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = \text{pH} - \text{p}K_a$ , then take  $10^{(\text{pH} - \text{p}K_a)}$ .

## 2 Practice

Now apply the methods above.

2.1 Write the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation. [1]

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2.2 A buffer has  $pK_a = 4.7$  with equal acid and base. Find the pH. [1]

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2.3 Find the pH of a buffer with  $pK_a = 5.0$  and  $\frac{[A^-]}{[HA]} = 10$ . [2]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

3.1 When  $[A^-] = [HA]$ , the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation gives  $pH =$  [1]

- A 0
- B 7
- C  $pK_a$
- D  $pK_a + 1$

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3.2 A buffer uses an acid with  $pK_a = 4.74$ , with  $[HA] = 0.30$  M and  $[A^-] = 0.15$  M.

(a) Find the ratio  $\frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$ . [1]

(b) Find the pH. [3]

3.3 You want a buffer at pH 5.0 using an acid with  $pK_a = 4.7$ . Find the required ratio  $\frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$ . [3]

## Solutions

2.1  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$ .

2.2  $\text{pH} = 4.7$ .

2.3  $\text{pH} = 5.0 + \log 10 = 5.0 + 1 = 6.0$ .

3.1 C —  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$ .

3.2 (a)  $\frac{0.15}{0.30} = 0.5$ . (b)  $\text{pH} = 4.74 + \log(0.5) = 4.74 - 0.30 = 4.44$ .

3.3  $\log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = 5.0 - 4.7 = 0.3$ ; ratio  $= 10^{0.3} = 2.0$ .

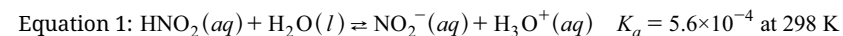
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### Question 3: Version J

The following information applies to all parts.

3. Nitrous acid,  $\text{HNO}_2$ , is a weak acid that ionizes according to Equation 1.



#### Part A

**Identify** a conjugate acid-base pair in the equation. Be sure to clearly label which is the acid and which is the base.

#### Part B

A solution of  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with an initial concentration of 0.125 M has a pH of 2.09.

- Calculate** the value of  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  in the solution. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- Calculate**  $[\text{HNO}_2]$  at equilibrium. Show the work that leads to your answer.

#### Part C

In an experiment, the solution of 0.125 M  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  is heated to 333 K. The new equilibrium concentrations are determined to be  $[\text{HNO}_2] = 0.114 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{NO}_2^-] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ , and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$ .

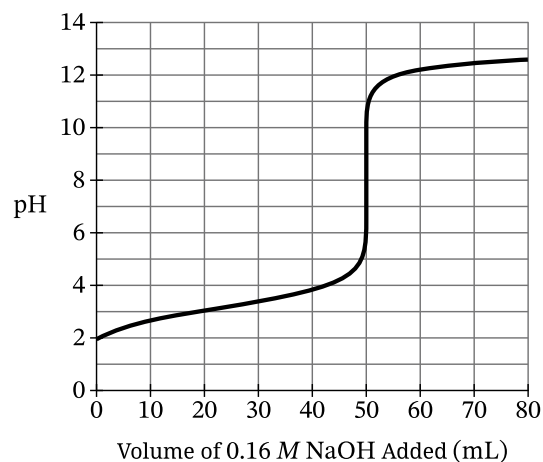
- Calculate** the value of  $K_a$  for  $\text{HNO}_2$  at 333 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- Is the reaction represented by Equation 1 endothermic or exothermic? **Justify** your answer by comparing  $K_a$  values at 298 K and 333 K.

**The following information applies to parts D, E, and F.**

In a second experiment, a student is given a bottle containing  $\text{HNO}_2$  with an unknown molarity. To determine the concentration of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  in the bottle, the student titrates 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  with 0.16 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  at 298 K, which reacts according to Equation 2.



The results of the titration are summarized in Figure 1.

**Figure 1****Part D**

Using Figure 1, **identify** the pH at the equivalence point.

**Part E**

Using Figure 1, **calculate** the molarity  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  of in the bottle. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part F**

**Draw** an X on Figure 1 to represent a point in the titration where  $[\text{HNO}_2] > [\text{NO}_2^-]$  in the reaction mixture.

**Part G**

Equilibrium constants at 298 K are shown in Table 1 for the acid ionization reaction represented by Equation 1,  $K_a$ ; the autoionization of water,  $K_w$ ; and the neutralization reaction represented by Equation 2,  $K_2$ .

**Table 1**

| Chemical Equation                                                                                             | Equilibrium Constant        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$    | $K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}(l) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$ | $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ |
| $\text{HNO}_2(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq) \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$                    | $K_2 = ?$                   |

**Calculate** the value of  $K_2$  for Equation 2 at 298 K. Show the work that leads to your answer.

**Part H**

The student decides to repeat the experiment, this time using an indicator, and has access to the indicators in Table 2.

**Table 2**

| Indicator Name | Acid Color | pH Range of Color Change | Base Color |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Methyl orange  | Red        | 3.1–4.4                  | Yellow     |
| Thymol blue    | Yellow     | 8.0–9.6                  | Blue       |
| Clayton yellow | Yellow     | 12.2–13.2                | Orange     |

The student conducts a second titration by adding two drops of methyl orange indicator to 35.0 mL of the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  solution and titrating the solution with 0.16 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  until a color change from red to yellow occurs.

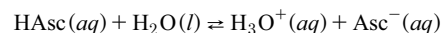
The student claims that methyl orange was the best choice for the indicator. Do you agree or disagree? **Justify** your answer.

## 2. Answer the following questions about ascorbic acid (vitamin C).

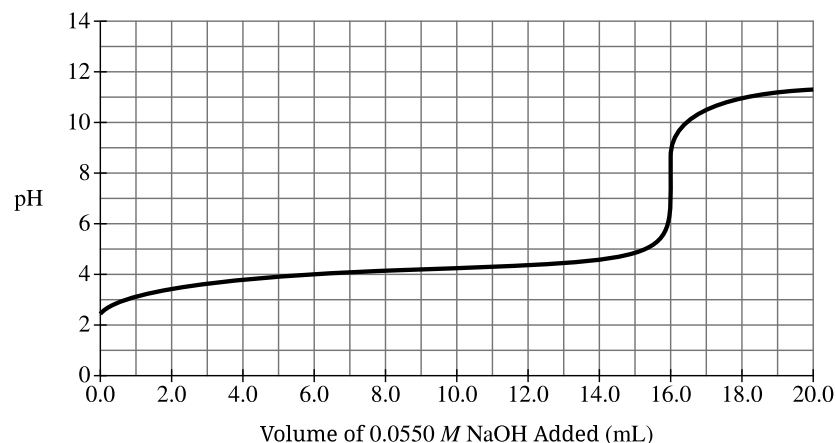
A. A student combusts a sample of ascorbic acid,  $C_xH_yO_z$ , to determine its chemical composition. The only products of the reaction are 0.2400 mol of  $CO_2$  and 2.883 g of  $H_2O$ .

- Calculate the number of moles of  $H_2O$  produced.
- The mole ratio of carbon (C) to oxygen (O) is 1:1 in ascorbic acid. Based on this information and your answer to part A (i), determine the empirical formula of ascorbic acid.

B. Ascorbic acid,  $HAsc(aq)$ , acts as a weak acid, as shown in the equation.



The following titration curve was produced when a 10.0 mL sample of  $HAsc(aq)$  was titrated using 0.0550 M  $NaOH(aq)$ .



- Calculate the molar concentration of the ascorbic acid solution.
- From the titration curve, determine the approximate  $pK_a$  of ascorbic acid.
- What is the value of the ratio  $\frac{[Asc^-]}{[HAsc]}$  when the pH of the solution is 4.7?

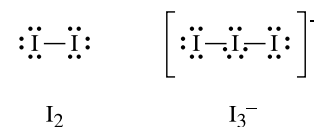
C. Dehydroascorbic acid (DHAsc) can be produced by reacting ascorbic acid with the triiodide ion,  $I_3^-$ , as represented by the following equation.



The student runs three trials of the reaction with different initial concentrations of  $HAsc$  and  $I_3^-$ , producing the following data.

| Trial | $[HAsc] (M)$ | $[I_3^-] (M)$ | Initial Rate of DHAsc Formation ( $M/s$ ) |
|-------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1     | 0.450        | 1.200         | $2.457 \times 10^{-4}$                    |
| 2     | 0.450        | 0.600         | $1.229 \times 10^{-4}$                    |
| 3     | 0.900        | 1.200         | $4.914 \times 10^{-4}$                    |

- The rate law for the reaction is  $rate = k[HAsc][I_3^-]$ . Explain how the data in the table support the conclusion that the reaction is first order with respect to  $[HAsc]$ .
  - Calculate the value of the rate constant,  $k$ , for the reaction. Include units with your answer.
- D. The triiodide ion,  $I_3^-$ , is significantly more soluble in water than elemental iodine,  $I_2$ , is. Identify an intermolecular force between  $I_3^-$  and water that is **not** present between  $I_2$  and water, which could explain the difference in solubility. Lewis diagrams for  $I_2$  and  $I_3^-$  are provided.



2. A chemical reaction between maleic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$ ) and sodium bicarbonate ( $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ) occurs in the presence of water to produce carbon dioxide and sodium maleate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$ ), as represented by the following equation.



- (a) A student combines equal masses of  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4(s)$  chunks and  $\text{NaHCO}_3(s)$  chunks with sufficient water at  $20.0^\circ\text{C}$ . The student determines that  $0.0114\text{ mol}$  of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  is produced after the reaction goes to completion.

(i) Calculate the number of grams of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  produced.

(ii) The  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  produced from the reaction at  $20.0^\circ\text{C}$  was collected and found to have a pressure of  $1.25\text{ atm}$ . Calculate the volume of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$ , in liters.

- (b) The student performs a second experiment that is identical to the first except that the student grinds the chunks of  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4(s)$  and  $\text{NaHCO}_3(s)$  into powder before combining the powder with water.

(i) What happens to the surface area of the reactants when the student grinds the chunks into powder?

(ii) The rate-determining step for the overall reaction is the dissolving of the solids. Would the time required for the dissolving of the solids in the second experiment be longer than, shorter than, or the same as the time required in the first experiment? Justify your answer based on the collisions between particles.

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- (iii) When the reaction is complete, will the volume of  $\text{CO}_2(g)$  at the end of the second experiment be greater than, less than, or equal to the volume at the end of the first experiment? Justify your answer.

The student conducts additional trials of the experiment and produces the following data table.

| Trial | Mass of $\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$<br>(grams) | Mass of $\text{NaHCO}_3$<br>(grams) | Moles of $\text{CO}_2$ Produced<br>(mol) |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 3     | 1.543                                                         | 1.251                               | 0.01489                                  |
| 4     | 1.543                                                         | 1.686                               | 0.02007                                  |

- (c) Based on the student's data, identify the limiting reactant in trial 3. Justify your answer.

- (d) The reaction has a value of  $\Delta S^\circ$  greater than zero. Using particle-level reasoning, explain why the entropy increases as the reaction progresses.

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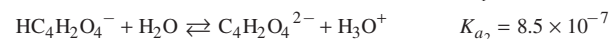
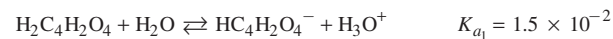


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The student notices that the temperature of the reaction mixture decreases as the reaction takes place and correctly determines that the reaction is endothermic.

- (e) The student claims that the reaction is thermodynamically favorable at all temperatures because  $\Delta S_{rxn}^{\circ} > 0$  and the reaction is endothermic. Do you agree or disagree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

Next, the student investigates the acid-base behavior of maleic acid. The student notes that maleic acid is a diprotic acid. The two acid dissociation processes that occur are represented by the following equations.



- (f) Calculate the  $\text{p}K_{a2}$  value for the  $\text{HC}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^-$  ion.

- (g) A buffer solution with a pH of 7.00 is prepared using  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{HC}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^-$ . Calculate the ratio

$$\frac{[\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}]}{[\text{HC}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^-]} \text{ in this solution.}$$

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A student is asked to prepare a buffer solution made with equimolar amounts of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}(s)$ . The student uses 25.00 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$ , which contains 0.00250 mol of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$ , to make the buffer.

- (a) Calculate the mass of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}(s)$  that contains 0.00250 mol of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$ .

The student has the following materials and equipment available.

- Distilled water                      • Electronic balance                      • 50 mL beaker                      • Pipets
- 0.100 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$                       • Weighing paper                      • 10.0 mL graduated cylinder                      • pH meter
- Solid  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$                       • 50.00 mL buret                      • Small spatula

- (b) The following table contains a partial procedure for making the buffer solution. Fill in steps 1 and 4 to complete the procedure using only materials and equipment selected from the choices given. (Not all materials listed will be used. Assume that all appropriate safety measures are already in place.)

| Step | Procedure                                                                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    |                                                                                      |
| 2    | Place the solid in the 50 mL beaker.                                                 |
| 3    | Clean the buret and rinse with distilled water.                                      |
| 4    |                                                                                      |
| 5    | Use the buret to add 25.00 mL of 0.100 M $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$ to the beaker. |
| 6    | Mix well.                                                                            |
| 7    | Check the pH with the pH meter.                                                      |

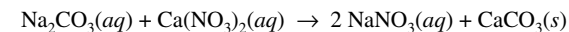
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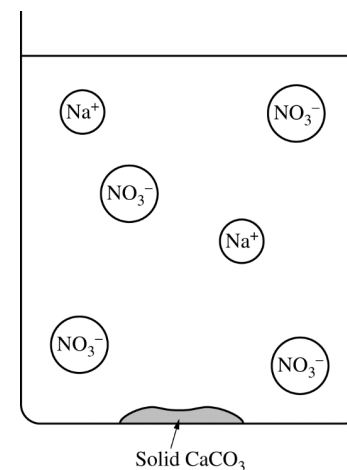
The value of  $K_b$  for  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$  is  $4.4 \times 10^{-4}$ , and the pH of the buffer the student prepared is 10.64.

- (c) The student prepares a second buffer solution. The student uses 25.00 mL of 0.050  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$  instead of 25.00 mL of 0.100  $M$   $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(aq)$ , and half the mass of  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}(s)$  that was used in the first buffer. Is the pH of the second buffer greater than, less than, or equal to the pH of the first buffer? Justify your answer.

3. A student is given 50.0 mL of a solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  of unknown concentration. To determine the concentration of the solution, the student mixes the solution with excess 1.0  $M$   $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2(aq)$ , causing a precipitate to form. The balanced equation for the reaction is shown below.



- (a) Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when the solutions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  are mixed.
- (b) The diagram below is incomplete. Draw in the species needed to accurately represent the major ionic species remaining in the solution after the reaction has been completed.

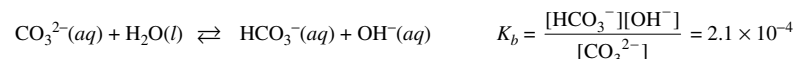


The student filters and dries the precipitate of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  (molar mass 100.1 g/mol) and records the data in the table below.

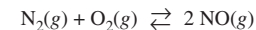
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| Volume of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ solution        | 50.0 mL  |
| Volume of 1.0 $M$ $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ added | 100.0 mL |
| Mass of $\text{CaCO}_3$ precipitate collected      | 0.93 g   |

- (c) Determine the number of moles of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  in the original 50.0 mL of solution.
- (d) The student realizes that the precipitate was not completely dried and claims that as a result, the calculated  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  molarity is too low. Do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.
- (e) After the precipitate forms and is filtered, the liquid that passed through the filter is tested to see if it can conduct electricity. What would be observed? Justify your answer.

The student decides to determine the molarity of the same  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution using a second method. When  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  is dissolved in water,  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$  hydrolyzes to form  $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$ , as shown by the following equation.



- (f) The student decides to first determine  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in the solution, then use that result to calculate the initial concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ .
- Identify a laboratory method (not titration) that the student could use to collect data to determine  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in the solution.
  - Explain how the student could use the measured value in part (f)(i) to calculate the initial concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ . (Do not do any numerical calculations.)
- (g) In the original  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution at equilibrium, is the concentration of  $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq})$  greater than, less than, or equal to the concentration of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq})$ ? Justify your answer.
- (h) The student needs to make a  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}/\text{HCO}_3^-$  buffer. Is the  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution suitable for making a buffer with a pH of 6? Explain why or why not.



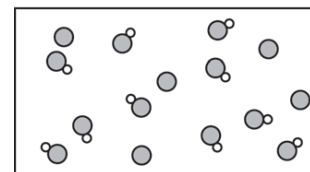
3. At high temperatures,  $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$  and  $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$  can react to produce nitrogen monoxide,  $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ , as represented by the equation above.

- Write the expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K_p$ , for the forward reaction.
- A student injects  $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$  and  $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$  into a previously evacuated, rigid vessel and raises the temperature of the vessel to  $2000^\circ\text{C}$ . At this temperature the initial partial pressures of  $\text{N}_2(\text{g})$  and  $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$  are 6.01 atm and 1.61 atm, respectively. The system is allowed to reach equilibrium. The partial pressure of  $\text{NO}(\text{g})$  at equilibrium is 0.122 atm. Calculate the value of  $K_p$ .

Nitrogen monoxide,  $\text{NO}(\text{g})$ , can undergo further reactions to produce acids such as  $\text{HNO}_2$ , a weak acid with a  $K_a$  of  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  and a  $\text{p}K_a$  of 3.40.

- A student is asked to make a buffer solution with a pH of 3.40 by using 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$  and 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$ .
  - Explain why the addition of 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$  to 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$  can result in the formation of a buffer solution. Include the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when the student adds the  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$  to the  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$ .
  - Determine the volume, in mL, of 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(\text{aq})$  the student should add to 100. mL of 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$  to make a buffer solution with a pH of 3.40. Justify your answer.
- A second student makes a buffer by dissolving 0.100 mol of  $\text{NaNO}_2(\text{s})$  in 100. mL of 1.00 M  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$ . Which is more resistant to changes in pH when a strong acid or a strong base is added, the buffer made by the second student or the buffer made by the first student in part (c)? Justify your answer.
- A new buffer is made using  $\text{HNO}_2(\text{aq})$  as one of the ingredients. A particulate representation of a small representative portion of the buffer solution is shown below. (Cations and water molecules are not shown.) Is the pH of the buffer represented in the diagram greater than, less than, or equal to 3.40? Justify your answer.

●  $\text{HNO}_2$  molecule    ●  $\text{NO}_2^-$  ion

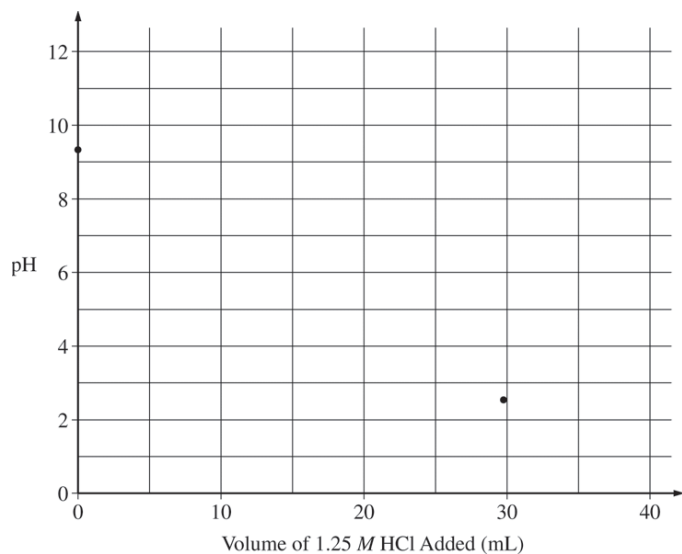


3. Potassium sorbate,  $\text{KC}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_2$  (molar mass 150. g/mol) is commonly added to diet soft drinks as a preservative. A stock solution of  $\text{KC}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_2(aq)$  of known concentration must be prepared. A student titrates 45.00 mL of the stock solution with 1.25 M  $\text{HCl}(aq)$  using both an indicator and a pH meter. The value of  $K_a$  for sorbic acid,  $\text{HC}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_2$ , is  $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ .

- (a) Write the net-ionic equation for the reaction between  $\text{KC}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_2(aq)$  and  $\text{HCl}(aq)$ .
- (b) A total of 29.95 mL of 1.25 M  $\text{HCl}(aq)$  is required to reach the equivalence point. Calculate  $[\text{KC}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_2]$  in the stock solution.
- (c) The pH at the equivalence point of the titration is measured to be 2.54. Which of the following indicators would be the best choice for determining the end point of the titration? Justify your answer.

| Indicator        | $\text{p}K_a$ |
|------------------|---------------|
| Phenolphthalein  | 9.3           |
| Bromothymol blue | 7.0           |
| Methyl red       | 5.0           |
| Thymol blue      | 2.0           |
| Methyl violet    | 0.80          |

- (d) Calculate the pH at the half-equivalence point.
- (e) The initial pH and the equivalence point are plotted on the graph below. Accurately sketch the titration curve on the graph below. Mark the position of the half-equivalence point on the curve with an X.



- (f) The pH of the soft drink is 3.37 after the addition of the  $\text{KC}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_2(aq)$ . Which species,  $\text{HC}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_2^-$ , has a higher concentration in the soft drink? Justify your answer.

## AP CHEMISTRY • EXERCISE SHEET

## 8.10 Buffer Capacity

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: 9 marks

KEY WORDS buffer capacity 缓冲容量 • buffer 缓冲溶液 • acid 酸 • base 碱 • pH 值

## Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **buffer capacity**.

You must be able to:

- define **buffer capacity** 缓冲容量 (how much acid/base a buffer absorbs)
- link capacity to the **amounts** of the buffer components
- compare two buffers' capacities

## 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

## ■ Buffer capacity

**Buffer capacity** is how much added acid or base a buffer can neutralize before its pH changes significantly. It depends on the **amounts** (moles) of the weak acid and its conjugate base.

## ■ More moles, more capacity

A **concentrated** buffer (more moles of both components) has a **larger** capacity than a dilute one with the same ratio — same pH, but it can absorb more.

## ■ Ratio vs capacity

The **ratio** sets the **pH**; the **amounts** set the **capacity**. Two buffers can have the same pH but very different capacities.

## ■ Best capacity near 1:1

Capacity is greatest when  $[\text{A}^-] \approx [\text{HA}]$  (near  $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$ ), because there is plenty of both to react with either added acid or base.

## 2 Practice

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Now apply the methods above.

2.1 What does buffer capacity measure? [1]

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2.2 Which sets the pH: the ratio or the amounts? [1]

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2.3 Two buffers have the same ratio but one is more concentrated. Which has the greater capacity? [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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3.1 Buffer capacity depends mainly on the [1]

- A ratio of base to acid
  - B amounts (moles) of the components
  - C temperature only
  - D color
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3.2 Buffer P is 1.0 M acid + 1.0 M base; buffer Q is 0.10 M acid + 0.10 M base (same  $pK_a$ ).

(a) Compare their pH. [1]

(b) Compare their buffer capacities, with a reason. [2]

3.3 Explain why a buffer has its greatest capacity when  $[A^-] \approx [HA]$ . [2]

## Solutions

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2.1 How much added acid or base it can neutralize before the pH changes much.

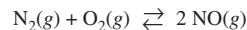
2.2 The ratio sets the pH.

2.3 The more concentrated one.

3.1 B — the amounts (moles) of the components.

3.2 (a) Same pH (same ratio and  $pK_a$ ). (b) Buffer P has the greater capacity — more moles of both components, so it can absorb more added acid or base.

3.3 With comparable amounts of both, there is plenty of conjugate base to neutralize added acid **and** plenty of weak acid to neutralize added base, so it resists change in either direction most effectively.

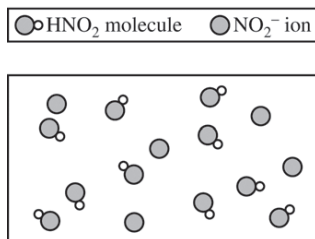


3. At high temperatures,  $\text{N}_2(g)$  and  $\text{O}_2(g)$  can react to produce nitrogen monoxide,  $\text{NO}(g)$ , as represented by the equation above.

- (a) Write the expression for the equilibrium constant,  $K_p$ , for the forward reaction.
- (b) A student injects  $\text{N}_2(g)$  and  $\text{O}_2(g)$  into a previously evacuated, rigid vessel and raises the temperature of the vessel to  $2000^\circ\text{C}$ . At this temperature the initial partial pressures of  $\text{N}_2(g)$  and  $\text{O}_2(g)$  are 6.01 atm and 1.61 atm, respectively. The system is allowed to reach equilibrium. The partial pressure of  $\text{NO}(g)$  at equilibrium is 0.122 atm. Calculate the value of  $K_p$ .

Nitrogen monoxide,  $\text{NO}(g)$ , can undergo further reactions to produce acids such as  $\text{HNO}_2$ , a weak acid with a  $K_a$  of  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  and a  $\text{p}K_a$  of 3.40.

- (c) A student is asked to make a buffer solution with a pH of 3.40 by using 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  and 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$ .
- (i) Explain why the addition of 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  to 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  can result in the formation of a buffer solution. Include the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when the student adds the  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  to the  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$ .
- (ii) Determine the volume, in mL, of 0.100 M  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  the student should add to 100. mL of 0.100 M  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  to make a buffer solution with a pH of 3.40. Justify your answer.
- (d) A second student makes a buffer by dissolving 0.100 mol of  $\text{NaNO}_2(s)$  in 100. mL of 1.00 M  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$ . Which is more resistant to changes in pH when a strong acid or a strong base is added, the buffer made by the second student or the buffer made by the first student in part (c)? Justify your answer.
- (e) A new buffer is made using  $\text{HNO}_2(aq)$  as one of the ingredients. A particulate representation of a small representative portion of the buffer solution is shown below. (Cations and water molecules are not shown.) Is the pH of the buffer represented in the diagram greater than, less than, or equal to 3.40? Justify your answer.



## AP CHEMISTRY • EXERCISE SHEET

## 8.11 pH and Solubility

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: 9 marks

KEY WORDS pH 值 • acid 酸 • conjugate base 共轭碱 • weak acid 弱酸 • base 碱

## Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **pH and solubility** — how acid affects solubility.

You must be able to:

- explain why salts of **weak-acid anions** dissolve more in acid
- use Le Chatelier on the solubility equilibrium
- predict the effect of lowering pH

## 1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

■ Acid dissolves basic-anion salts

If a salt's anion is the conjugate base of a **weak acid** (e.g.  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ,  $\text{F}^-$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$ ), adding acid removes that anion (it reacts with  $\text{H}^+$ ), so **more** salt dissolves.

■ The Le Chatelier view

$\text{CaCO}_3(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ca}^{2+} + \text{CO}_3^{2-}$ . Add  $\text{H}^+$ : it consumes  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  (forming  $\text{HCO}_3^-/\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ ), so the equilibrium shifts **right** — more solid dissolves.

■ No effect for strong-acid anions

Salts whose anion is from a **strong acid** (e.g.  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) are **not** affected by pH — those anions do not react with  $\text{H}^+$ .

■ A worked prediction

$\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  dissolves more in acid:  $\text{H}^+$  removes  $\text{OH}^-$ , shifting the dissolution right.  $\text{AgCl}$  is unaffected by pH ( $\text{Cl}^-$  is a spectator).

## 2 Practice

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Now apply the methods above.

**2.1** Does adding acid increase the solubility of  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ? [1]

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**2.2** Why is  $\text{AgCl}$  solubility unaffected by pH? [1]

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**2.3** Adding  $\text{H}^+$  to a hydroxide salt removes which ion? [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** Lowering the pH increases the solubility of a salt whose anion is [1]

- **A** the conjugate base of a weak acid
  - **B** from a strong acid
  - **C** a metal
  - **D** always insoluble
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**3.2** Consider  $\text{CaF}_2(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{F}^-$ . Acid is added.

(a) State the effect on solubility. [1]

(b) Explain using Le Chatelier's principle (note  $\text{F}^-$  is a weak-acid anion). [2]

**3.3** Explain why  $\text{NaCl}$  solubility does not change with pH but  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$  does. [2]

## Solutions

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**2.1** Yes.

**2.2**  $\text{Cl}^-$  is the anion of a strong acid, so it does not react with  $\text{H}^+$ .

**2.3**  $\text{OH}^-$ .

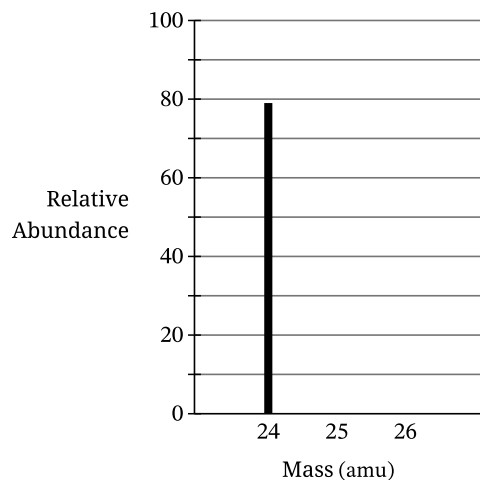
**3.1 A** — the conjugate base of a weak acid.

**3.2** (a) It increases. (b)  $\text{H}^+$  reacts with  $\text{F}^-$  to form  $\text{HF}$ , removing  $\text{F}^-$ ; the equilibrium shifts right to replace it, dissolving more  $\text{CaF}_2$ .

**3.3**  $\text{Cl}^-$  is a strong-acid anion that does not react with  $\text{H}^+$ , so pH has no effect;  $\text{OH}^-$  reacts with  $\text{H}^+$ , so lowering pH dissolves more  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ .

## 1. Answer the following questions about magnesium.

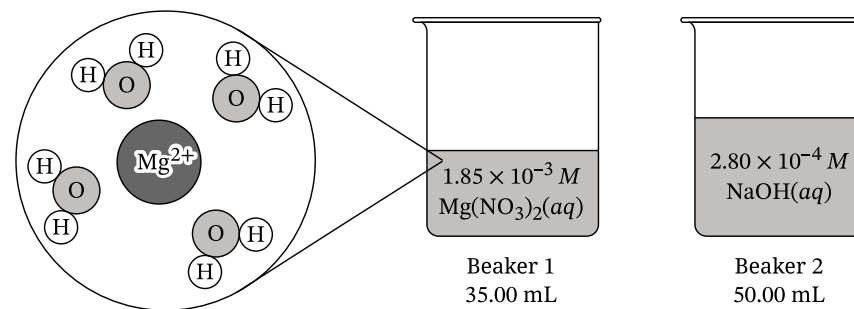
A. An incomplete mass spectrum for magnesium is shown in the diagram.



The percent abundance of magnesium-24 is 79%. The percent abundances of the other two natural isotopes of magnesium, magnesium-25 and magnesium-26, are approximately equal.

- Complete the mass spectrum in part A by drawing thick lines in the appropriate locations to represent the percent abundance of magnesium-25 and magnesium-26.
- Describe the difference in atomic structure that accounts for the difference in mass between magnesium-25 and magnesium-26.

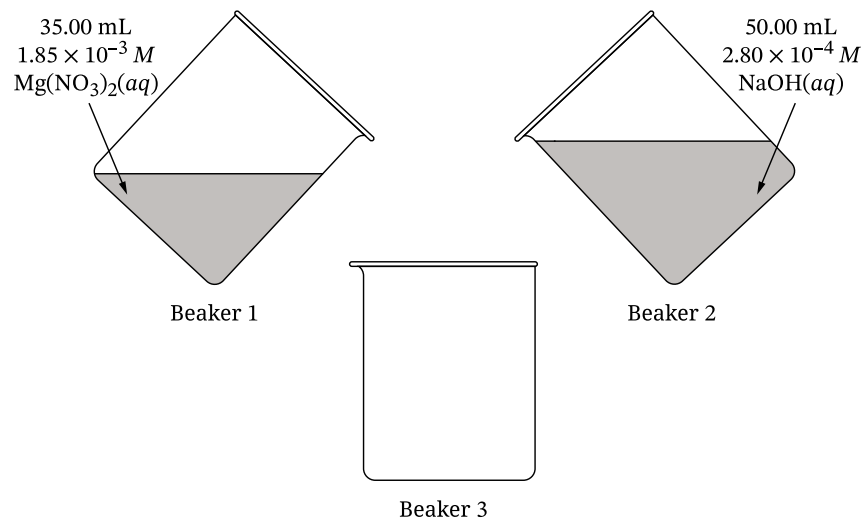
A student prepares a  $1.85 \times 10^{-3} M$  solution of  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2(aq)$  in beaker 1 and a  $2.80 \times 10^{-4} M$  solution of  $\text{NaOH}(aq)$  in beaker 2, as shown.



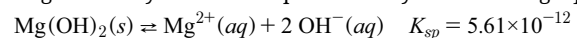
- The particle diagram shown represents a magnesium ion,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ , in beaker 1. A sodium ion,  $\text{Na}^+$ , in beaker 2 has a weaker attraction to water than the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  does. Explain this phenomenon using Coulomb's law and each of the following.
  - The relative charge of the ions
  - The relative radii of the ions
- Calculate the pH of the solution in beaker 2.



- D. A student combines 35.00 mL of  $1.85 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M Mg(NO}_3)_2(aq)$  with 50.00 mL of  $2.80 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M NaOH}(aq)$ , as shown in the diagram. Calculate  $[\text{Mg}^{2+}]$  after the two solutions are combined but before any reaction takes place. (Assume that volumes are additive.)



- E. The dissolution of magnesium hydroxide is represented by the following equation.



- Write the expression for the solubility product constant,  $K_{sp}$ .
  - After the two solutions are combined in beaker 3 as described in part D, but before any reaction takes place,  $[\text{OH}^{-}] = 1.65 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ . Using your answer to part D, calculate the value of the reaction quotient,  $Q$ .
  - Using the reaction quotient,  $Q$ , predict whether a precipitate should form as the mixture in beaker 3 approaches equilibrium. Justify your answer.
- F. In a separate experiment, the student adds  $\text{HNO}_3(aq)$  to decrease the pH of a saturated solution containing undissolved  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2(s)$ . Does the amount of undissolved  $\text{Mg(OH)}_2(s)$  increase, decrease, or remain the same as the  $\text{HNO}_3(aq)$  is added? Justify your answer.