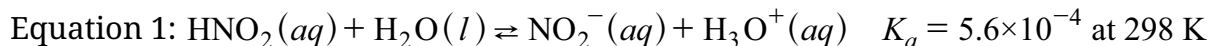


Question 3: Version J

The following information applies to all parts.

3. Nitrous acid, 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.

- i. **Calculate** the value of $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ in the solution. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- ii. **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 $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.0109 \text{ M}$.

- i. **Calculate** the value of K_a for HNO_2 at 333 K . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- ii. Is the reaction represented by Equation 1 endothermic or exothermic? **Justify** your answer by comparing K_a values at 298 K and 333 K .

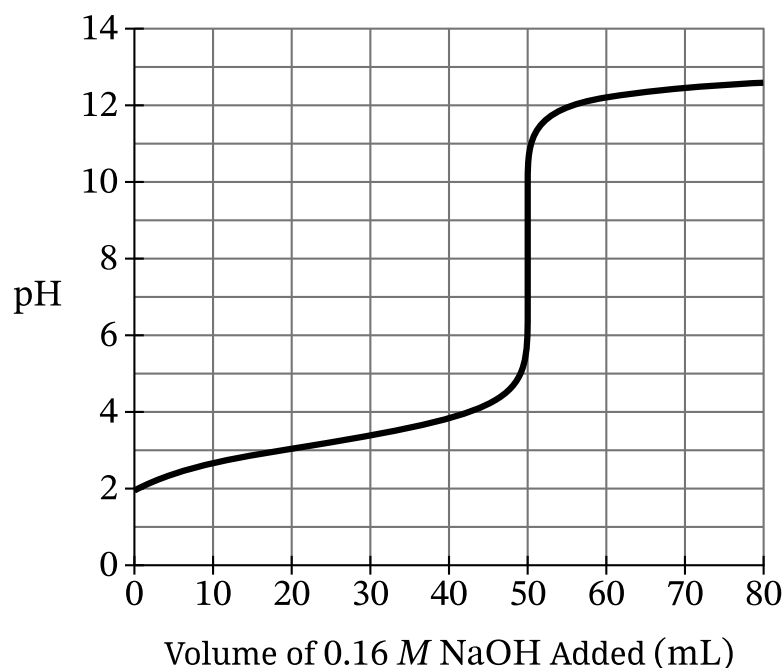
The following information applies to parts D, E, and F.

In a second experiment, a student is given a bottle containing 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

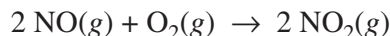
The student decides to repeat the experiment, this time using an indicator, and has access to the indicators in Table 2.

Table 2

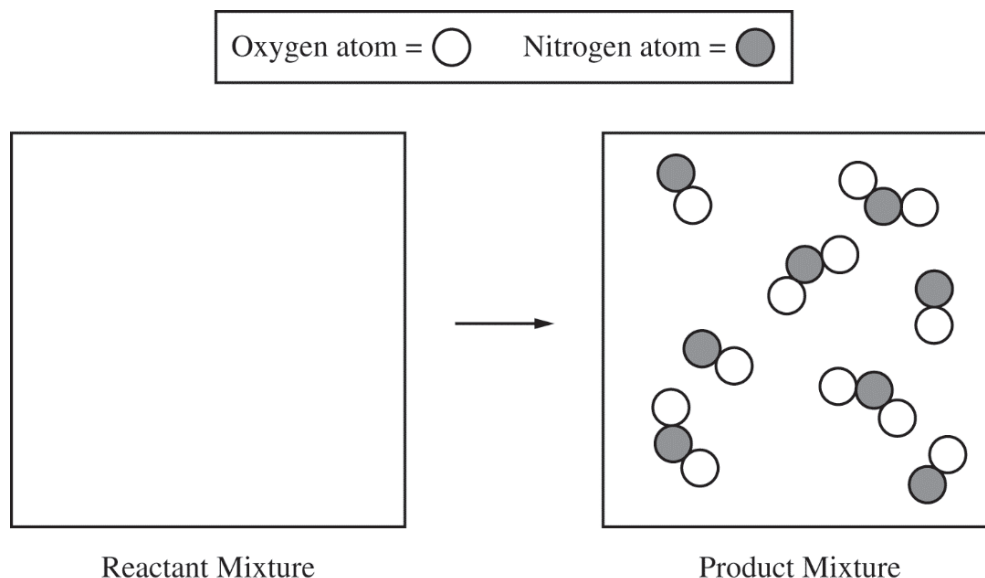
Indicator Name	Acid Color	pH Range of Color Change	Base Color
Methyl orange	Red	3.1–4.4	Yellow
Thymol blue	Yellow	8.0–9.6	Blue
Clayton yellow	Yellow	12.2–13.2	Orange

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.

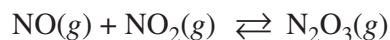
The student claims that methyl orange was the best choice for the indicator. Do you agree or disagree? **Justify** your answer.



2. 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.



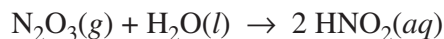
The student reads in a reference text that $\text{NO}(g)$ and $\text{NO}_2(g)$ will react as represented by the equation below. Thermodynamic data for the reaction are given in the table below the equation.



ΔH_{298}°	ΔS_{298}°	ΔG_{298}°
$-40.4 \text{ kJ/mol}_{\text{rxn}}$	$-138.5 \text{ J/(K} \cdot \text{mol}_{\text{rxn}})$	$0.87 \text{ kJ/mol}_{\text{rxn}}$

- (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_{NO} and P_{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.



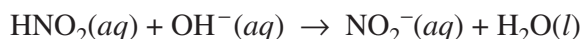
(d) The skeletal structure of the HNO_2 molecule is shown in the box below.

- (i) Complete the Lewis electron-dot diagram of the HNO_2 molecule in the box below, including any lone pairs of electrons.

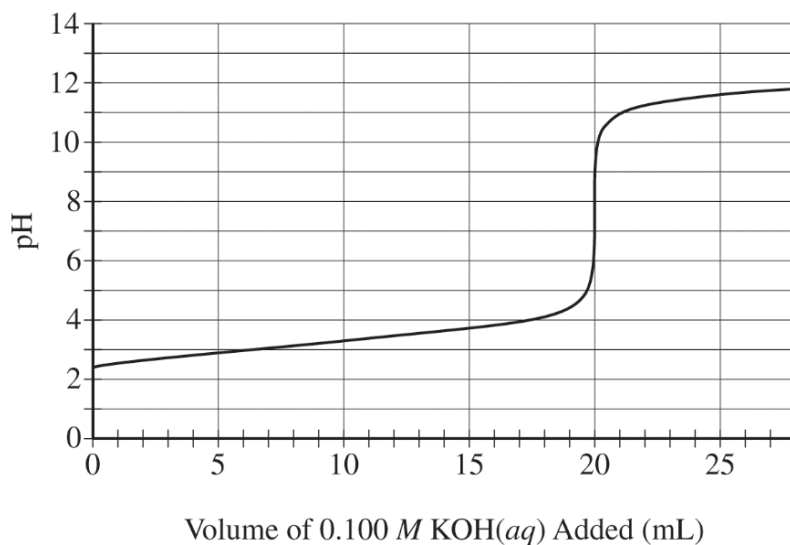


- (ii) Based on your completed diagram above, identify the hybridization of the nitrogen atom in the HNO_2 molecule.

To produce an aqueous solution of HNO_2 , the student bubbles $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3(g)$ into distilled water. Assume that the reaction goes to completion and that 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.



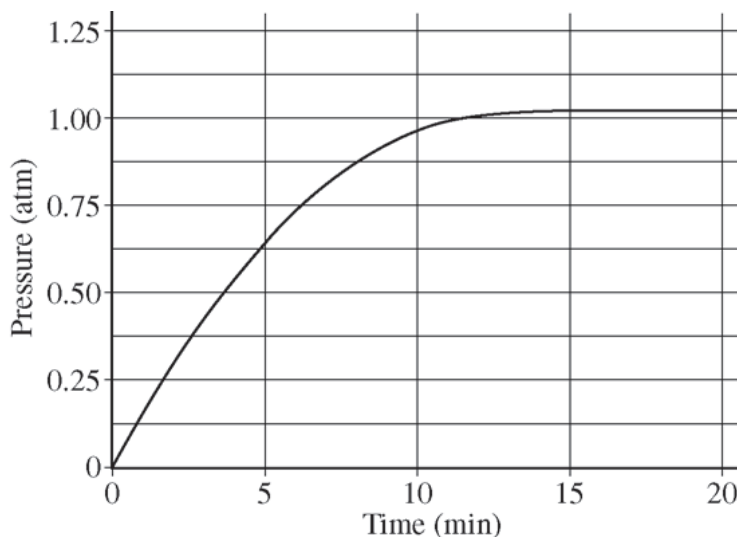
The following titration curve shows the change in pH of the solution during the titration.



- (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. When heated, calcium carbonate decomposes according to the equation above. In a study of the decomposition of calcium carbonate, a student added a 50.0 g sample of powdered $\text{CaCO}_3(s)$ to a 1.00 L rigid container. The student sealed the container, pumped out all the gases, then heated the container in an oven at 1100 K. As the container was heated, the total pressure of the $\text{CO}_2(g)$ in the container was measured over time. The data are plotted in the graph below.



The student repeated the experiment, but this time the student used a 100.0 g sample of powdered $\text{CaCO}_3(s)$. In this experiment, the final pressure in the container was 1.04 atm, which was the same final pressure as in the first experiment.

- Calculate the number of moles of $\text{CO}_2(g)$ present in the container after 20 minutes of heating.
- The student claimed that the final pressure in the container in each experiment became constant because all of the $\text{CaCO}_3(s)$ had decomposed. Based on the data in the experiments, do you agree with this claim? Explain.
- After 20 minutes some $\text{CO}_2(g)$ was injected into the container, initially raising the pressure to 1.5 atm. Would the final pressure inside the container be less than, greater than, or equal to 1.04 atm? Explain your reasoning.
- Are there sufficient data obtained in the experiments to determine the value of the equilibrium constant, K_p , for the decomposition of $\text{CaCO}_3(s)$ at 1100 K? Justify your answer.