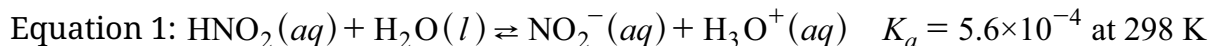


Question 3: Version J

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 .

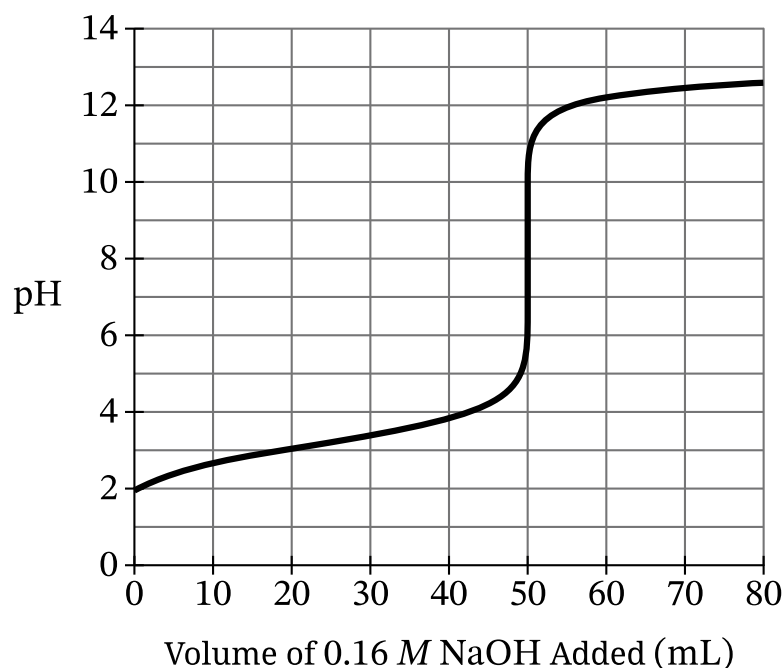
The following information applies to parts D, E, and F.

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.

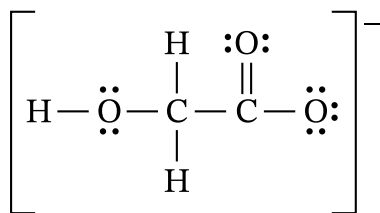
Table 2

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.

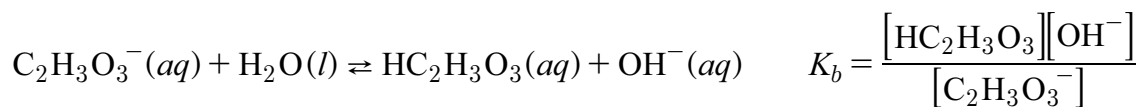
The student claims that methyl orange was the best choice for the indicator. Do you agree or disagree? **Justify** your answer.

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.

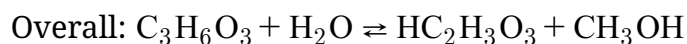
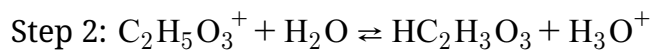
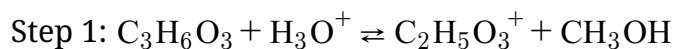
When the glycolate ion reacts with water, it forms glycolic acid, $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_3$, according to the following equation. The K_b expression for the reaction is provided.



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.



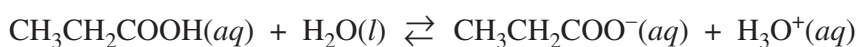
C. A student claims that H_3O^+ is a catalyst for the reaction. Do you agree or disagree? Justify your answer based on the mechanism given.

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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.
- (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.