

## Titration of weak acid with strong base

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## Acid and base definition

### The Arrhenius Definitions

- describe the characteristics of aqueous solutions of acids and bases
- acid as a substance that releases hydrogen ions in aqueous solutions and a base as a substance that releases hydroxide ions in aqueous solutions

### The Brønsted-Lowry Definitions

- defines acids and bases in terms of the mechanism by which they react
- An acid is a proton ( $H^+$ ) donor.
- A base is a proton ( $H^+$ ) acceptor.

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## Strong acid and base, weak acid and base

- **strong acids and bases** are completely ionized when dissolve in water.
- **Weak acids and bases** are only partially ionized in their solutions
- Strong acid and base like  $HCl$ ,  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $HNO_3$ ,  $NaOH$ ,  $KOH$ ,  $LiOH$
- Weak acid and base like  $CH_3COOH$  (acetic acid),  $HCOOH$  (formic acid),  $HF$  (hydrofluoric acid),  $NH_3$  ammonia,  $CH_3NH_2$  methylamine,  $C_5H_5N$  pyridine

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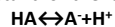
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## $K_a$ and $pK_a$

- $K_a$  equilibrium constant for the ionization of weak acid



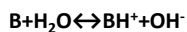
$$K_a = \frac{[A^-][H^+]}{[HA]}$$

- larger  $K_a$ , the greater ionization of the acid, the stronger of it
- $pK_a$  is the negative log of the  $K_a$

$$pK_a = -\log K_a$$

## $K_b$ and $pK_b$

- $K_b$  equilibrium constant for the ionization of weak base



$$K_b = \frac{[BH^+][OH^-]}{[B]}$$

- larger  $K_b$ , the greater ionization of the base, the stronger of it
- $pK_b$  is the negative log of the  $K_b$

$$pK_b = -\log K_b$$

## The relation between $K_a$ and $K_b$

$$K_B \times K_A = 1.10^{-14} = K_w$$

$$pK_B + pK_A = 14 = pK_w$$

## pH and pOH

- The acidity of the solution depend on the conc. of  $H^+$  or  $OH^-$
- The chemist express the acidity by pH

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

$$pOH = -\log [OH^-]$$

## Example

Calculate the pH and pOH of 0.1 molar Ethanoic acid ( $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ )

$CH_3COOH \leftrightarrow CH_3COO^- + H^+$		
0.1	0	0
0.1-X	+X	+X

$$K_a = \frac{[CH_3COO^-][H^+]}{[CH_3COOH]}$$

$$1.8 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[X][X]}{[0.1-X]}$$

$$X = 1.34 \times 10^{-3} = [H^+]$$

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

$$pH = -\log 1.34 \times 10^{-3} = 2.87$$

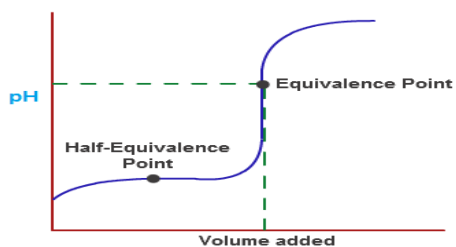
$$14 = pH + pOH$$

$$pOH = 14 - 2.87 = 11.13$$

## Titration of acid and base

Strong Acid	Strong Base
Strong Acid	Weak Base
Strong Base	Weak Acid
Weak Acid	Weak Base

### Titration curve of weak acid (monoprotic) with strong base



### The 4 important points in titration of weak acid with strong base

- The starting point pH (only weak acid are found)
- The end point pH the strong base is excess
- The equivalence point when the amount of  $\text{OH}^-$  from the strong base is react with all weak acid  $\approx$  zero weak acid
- half equivalence point when the [weak acid] is equal to [conjugate base]

## Video 1

20.0 ml of 0.113 M ethanoic acid is titrated with 0.100 M NaOH calculate the 1st points ( $K_a=1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ )

- The starting point pH (only weak acid are found)

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log[1.4 \times 10^{-3}]$$

$$\text{pH} = 2.85$$

On the graph X=0, Y=2.85

	$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
I	0.113	-	0
C	-X		+X
E	0.113-X		+X

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$$

$$1.7 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[X][X]}{[0.113-X]}$$

$$X = 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$$

20.0 ml of 0.113 M ethanoic acid is titrated with 0.100 M NaOH calculate the 2nd point ( $K_a=1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ )

[weak acid]=[conjugate base]

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$$

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

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{pH} = 4.76$$

On the graph X=???, Y=4.76

20.0 ml of 0.113 M ethanoic acid is titrated with 0.100 M NaOH calculate the 3ed point ( $K_a=1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ )

All  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  react with NaOH

$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{NaOH} \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COONa} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$					Vol of NaOH = $\frac{2.26 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mole}}{0.1 \frac{\text{mole}}{\text{L}}}$
I	2.26x10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.26x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0	-	
C	0	0	2.26x10 <sup>-3</sup>	-	=0.0226 L of NaOH

**Mole** of acetic acid = MxV  
 $= 0.113 \frac{\text{mole}}{\text{L}} \times 20 \text{ ml} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ ml}}$   
 $= 2.26 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mole of acetic acid}$   
 = mole of NaOH = mole of acetate that form

Total vol =  $20 \text{ ml} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{1000 \text{ ml}} + 0.0226$   
 Total vol = 0.0426 L

$[\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}] = \frac{2.26 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mole}}{0.0426 \text{ L}}$   
 $= 5.31 \times 10^{-2}$  but it is weak base

To calculate the molarity of acetate ion we have the moles but we must calculate the total volume the original one and the volume from the NaOH

$\text{CH}_3\text{COONa} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{OH}^-$				
I	5.31x10 <sup>-2</sup>		0	0
C	-X		+X	+X
E				

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}$$

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

$$K_b = 5.88 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$5.88 \times 10^{-10} = \frac{[X][X]}{5.31 \times 10^{-2} - X}$$

$$X = 5.58 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{pOH} = 5.25$$

$$\text{pH} = 14 - 5.25 = 8.74$$

On the graph  $X=22.6$  ,  $Y=8.74$

20.0 ml of 0.113 M ethanoic acid is titrated with 0.100 M NaOH calculate the 4th point ( $K_a=1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ )

- Excess amount of NaOH were added

$\text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{Na}^+ + \text{OH}^-$				
I	0.1 M			
F	0	0.1M	0.1M	

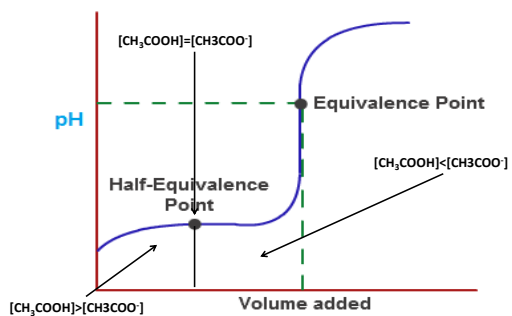
$$\text{pOH} = -\log 0.1$$

$$\text{pOH} = 1$$

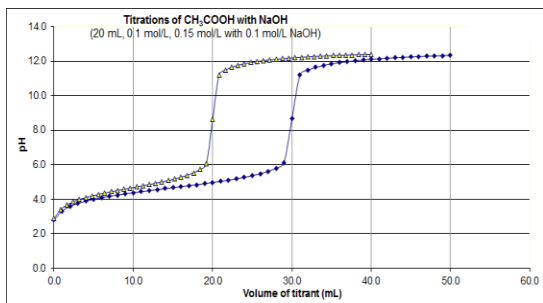
$$\text{pH} = 13$$

On the graph  $X=\infty$  ,  $Y=13$

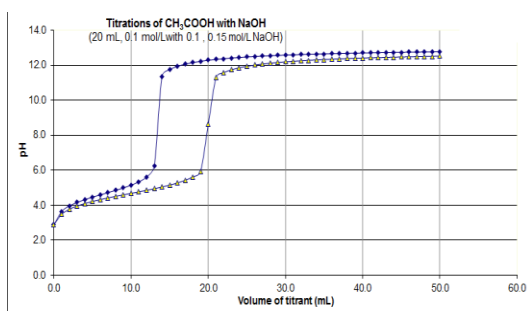
## Composition of the solution during titration monoprotic acid



## Virtual experiment



$[CH_3COOH]$		Starting Point	half equivalence point	equivalence point
0.1	pH	2.881	4.757	8.726
	vol	0	10	20
0.15	pH	2.793	4.757	8.766
	vol	0	15	30



[NaOH]		Starting Point	half equivalence point	equivalence point
0.1	pH	2.881	4.757	8.726
	vol	0	10	20
0.15	pH	2.881	4.757	7.753
	vol	0	6.66	13.32

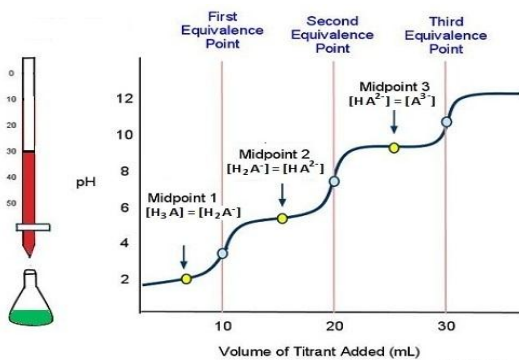
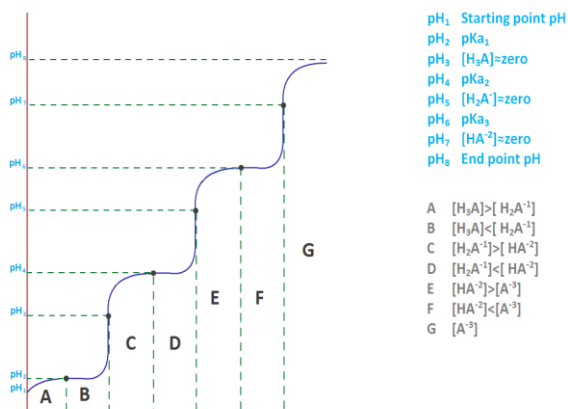


Figure 3.3 Titration of a Weak Polyprotic Acid. The final equivalence point is attained by adding another 10 mL, or a total of 30 mL, of the titrant to the weak polyprotic acid. Image created by Heather Yee.





### After this lecture u must know

- Calculate the 4 points of the titration curve
- Determination of 4 points of the graph
- Know the solution composition
- Effect of solution conc on the graph
- Estimation of the  $Pk_a$  of an acid

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### Home work

Plot the titration curve of 30 ml, 0.16 M  
Propionic acid with 0.15M KOH ( $pK_a$   $1.34 \times 10^{-5}$ )  
, 4 points , composition

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