

1. What is the pH of a 1 L solution made with 3.26 g of trichloroacetic acid and 37.0 g of sodium trichloroacetate? The K_b of sodium trichloroacetate is 10^{-12} . Molecular weights of trichloroacetic acid and sodium trichloroacetate are 163 g/mol and 185 g/mol respectively.

- a. 4
- b. 3.5
- c. 3
- d. 2

$$\text{mols of acid} = 3.26/163 = .02$$

$$\text{mols of base} = 37.0/185 = .2$$

$$pK_a = pK_w - pK_b = 14 - 12 = 2$$

$$K_a = 10^{-2}$$

$$[H^+] = 10^{-2} (.02/.2) = 10^{-2} * 10^{-1} = 10^{-3}$$

$$pH = -\log(10^{-3}) = 3$$

2. If 500 ml of each of the following solutions is combined, which will not produce a buffer?

- a. .1 M trichloroacetic acid + .1 M sodium trichloroacetate
- b. .3 M trichloroacetic acid + .15 M barium hydroxide
- c. .3 M trichloroacetic acid + .2 M sodium hydroxide
- d. .2 M sodium trichloroacetate + .18 M hydrochloric acid

Option B neutralizes to produce a weak base solution.

3. Consider the following table of acids and their pK_a values. Rank these acids in order of increasing strength of their conjugate bases.

Acid	pK_a
CHOOH	3.77
CH ₃ COOH	4.75
HF	3.20

- a. HF < CH₃COOH < CHOOH
- b. CHOOH < CH₃COOH < HF
- c. CH₃COOH < CHOOH < HF
- d. HF < CHOOH < CH₃COOH

The stronger an acid, the weaker its conjugate base. The lower the pK_a , the stronger the acid. So, rank the acids in order of increasing pK_a s.

4. What volume of 1 M calcium hydroxide could be added to 500 mL of a buffer that is 0.4 M ammonia and 0.6 M ammonium chloride before exhausting the buffer?

- a. 600 mL
- b. 300 mL
- c. 150 mL
- d. 400 mL
- e. 200 mL

When a strong base such as $Ca(OH)_2$ is added to a buffer, it will react with the acidic species, in this case ammonium. The buffer contains 0.3 moles of ammonium, and this will be exhausted by 150 mL of calcium hydroxide.

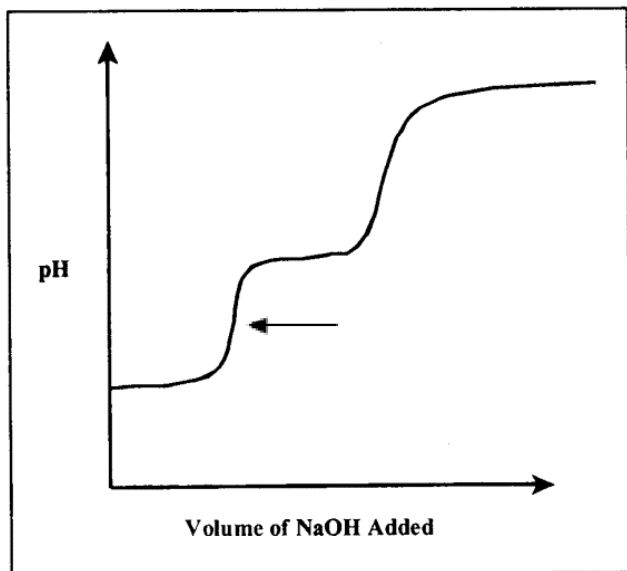
5. What is the pH of a 100 mL of a buffer solution containing .25 M formic acid and .30 M sodium formate if you add .01 mols of $Ba(OH)_2$? The pK_a of formic acid is 4.

- a. 3.7
- b. 4
- c. 4.4
- d. 5



I .025 .02 .03
 C -.02 -.02 +.02
 E .005 0 .05
 $[H^+] = 10^{-4} (.005/.05) = 10^{-5}$
 pH = 5

6. Consider the following titration curve of an acid, H₂A:



At the point indicated by the arrow, which species is predominant?

- a. H₂A
- b. HA⁻
- c. A²⁻
- d. No species is predominant, [H₂A] = [HA⁻]

At the first equivalence point, all of H₂A has been converted to HA⁻.

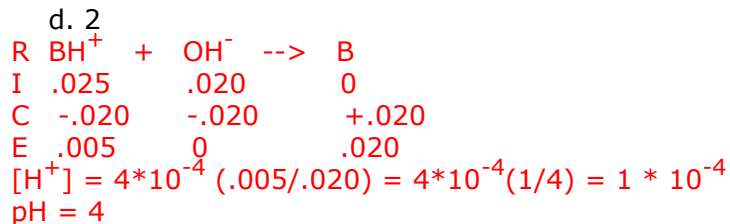
7. If 25 mL of a .17 M solution of barium hydroxide is titrated with 75 mL of a .1 M nitric acid solution, what is the final pH?

- a. 12
- b. 1.5
- c. 11
- d. 7

R H⁺ + OH⁻ --> H₂O
 I .0075 .0085 ~
 C -.0075 -.0075 ~
 E 0 .001 ~
 $[OH^-] = .001/.1 = 10^{-2}$
 pOH = 2
 pH = 12

8. A 100 mL solution of .25 M (CH₃)₃NHCl is titrated with 80 mL of a .25 M solution of NaOH. What is the pH of the final solution? The pK_a of (CH₃)₃NHCl is 4 * 10⁻⁴.

- a. 8
- b. 3.5
- c. 4



9. A .36 M solution of ethylamine (C₂H₅NH₂) is titrated with a .12 M perchloric acid solution to the stoichiometric point. What is left in solution? What is the molarity? What is the pH range? The pK_b of ethylamine is 3.

- equal amounts of C₂H₅NH₂ and C₂H₅NH₃⁺, .3 M, 3
- equal amounts of C₂H₅NH₂ and C₂H₅NH₃⁺, .18 M, 3
- only C₂H₅NH₃⁺, .18 M, 11-12
- only C₂H₅NH₃⁺, .09 M, 9-10

To reach the stoichiometric (equivalence) point, 3 equivalents of the strong acid solution must be used. At the equivalence point, all that is left in solution is the conjugate acid of ethylamine, and the molarity is 1/4th of what it was originally. The pH should be in the weak base range.

10. Consider the table of salts and their corresponding K_{sp} values.

Salt	K _{sp}
BaCO ₃	10 ⁻²⁰
Cu ₃ PO ₄	10 ⁻²⁰
Ba ₃ (PO ₃) ₂	10 ⁻²⁰

Rank the salts in order of increasing solubility in water.

- BaCO₃ < Cu₃PO₄ < Ba₃(PO₃)₂
- Ba₃(PO₃)₂ < Cu₃PO₄ < BaCO₃
- Cu₃PO₄ < Ba₃(PO₃)₂ < BaCO₃
- BaCO₃ < Ba₃(PO₃)₂ < Cu₃PO₄

Approximate the molar solubility by taking the nth root of the K_{sp}, where n is the number of ions in the salt. The approximate molar solubilities for BaCO₃, Cu₃PO₄, and Ba₃(PO₃)₂ are 10⁻¹⁰, 10⁻⁵, and 10⁻⁴, respectively.

11. Which of the following compounds has the highest molar solubility in water?

- Cu₃(PO₄)₂ (K_{sp} = 1.9 × 10⁻³⁷)
- Bi₂S₃ (K_{sp} = 1.8 × 10⁻⁹⁹)
- Fe₂S₃ (K_{sp} = 1.4 × 10⁻⁸⁸)
- PbI₂ (K_{sp} = 7.1 × 10⁻⁹)

Cu₃(PO₄)₂: $1.9 \times 10^{-37} = (3x)^3(2x)^2 = 108x^5 = 1.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol/L}$

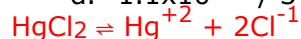
Bi₂S₃: $1.8 \times 10^{-99} = (2x)^2(3x)^3 = 36x^5 = 7 \times 10^{-21} \text{ mol/L}$

Fe₂S₃: $1.4 \times 10^{-88} = 4x^3(3x)^3 = 108x^6 = 1.1 \times 10^{-18} \text{ mol/L}$

PbI₂: $7.1 \times 10^{-9} = 4x^3 = 0.0012 \text{ mol/L}$

12. Which equation will you use to calculate the molar solubility, x, of HgCl₂ in water? (K_{sp} = 1.1 × 10⁻¹⁸)

- $1.1 \times 10^{-18} = 4x^3$
- $x^3 = 1.1 \times 10^{-18}$
- $(1.1 \times 10^{-18})^3 = x$
- $1.1 \times 10^{-18} / 3 = x^4$



$$K_{sp} = [\text{Hg}^{2+}][\text{Cl}^-]^2 = [x][2x]^2 = 4x^3 = 1.1 \times 10^{-18}$$

13. How many grams of CaCrO_4 ($K_{sp} = 2.3 \times 10^{-2}$) could you dissolve in a 100 mL of 2.3 M $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$?

- a. 10^{-2}
- b. 10^{-1}
- c. 156
- d. 1.56
- e. 10^{-3}
- f. 0.156

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ca}^{2+}][\text{CrO}_4^{2-}]$$

$$2.3 \times 10^{-2} = x(2.3)$$

$$x = 10^{-2} \text{ moles/L}$$

$$\text{mass of CaCrO}_4 = 10^{-2} \text{ moles/L} (0.1 \text{ L})(156 \text{ g/mole}) = 0.156 \text{ g of CaCrO}_4$$

14. Each of the following answers are the solubility constants for a metal ions. Which one will be the most difficult to separate by precipitation?

- a. $10^{-9}, 10^{-15}$
- b. $10^{-5}, 10^{-33}$
- c. $10^{-2}, 10^{-3}$
- d. $10^{-3}, 10^{-5}$

Closest set of K_{sp} makes them difficult to separate by precipitation

15. When can you use the weak acid approximation?

- a. Always
- b. When K_a is near K_w
- c. When the concentration of acid is smaller than $[\text{H}^+]$ and K_w is negligible
- d. When K_a and K_w are far apart

16. In an attempt to prepare a large quantity of a solution with a pH of 9, a student dissolves 100.5 micrograms of perchloric acid in 1000 L of water. Roughly, what will be the actual pH of the solution and why?

- a. 7, because the leveling effect will prevent the dissociation of the acid.
- b. 9, because the final concentration of the strong acid will 10^{-9} M.
- c. 9, because the conjugate base of the strong acid will predominate.
- d. 3, because the final concentration of the strong acid will 10^{-3} M.
- e. 7, because the strong acid too dilute to contribute significantly to the $[\text{H}^+]$.

The strong acid will dissociate completely, but this will only result in a small amount of protons relative to that contributed by water itself.

17. How many equations would be needed to completely describe a solution of $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{AsO}_3$ and NaCl ?

- 1. 6
- 2. 8
- 3. 4
- 4. 7
- 5. 5
- 6. 9

The species with unknown concentrations are: $[\text{H}^+]$, $[\text{OH}^-]$, $[\text{NH}_4^+]$, $[\text{NH}_3]$, $[\text{AsO}_3^{3-}]$, $[\text{HAsO}_3^{2-}]$, $[\text{H}_2\text{AsO}_3^-]$, $[\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_3]$, $[\text{Na}^+]$, $[\text{Cl}^-]$.

18. Which of the following equations is correct in describing a solution of $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$?

- a. $[\text{NH}_4^+] + [\text{H}^+] = [\text{OH}^-] + [\text{CO}_3^{2-}] + [\text{HCO}_3^-]$
- b. $2 \text{ C}(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3 = [\text{NH}_4^+] + [\text{NH}_3]$

- c. $C(NH_4)_2CO_3 = 2[NH_4^+] + 2[NH_3]$
 d. $[NH_4^+] = 2[CO_3^{2-}] + [HCO_3^-]$

19. Which of the following is a likely pOH for a solution of 10^{-9} M NaOH?

- a. 7.02
 b. 6.98
 c. 7.00
 d. 9.00
 e. 5.00

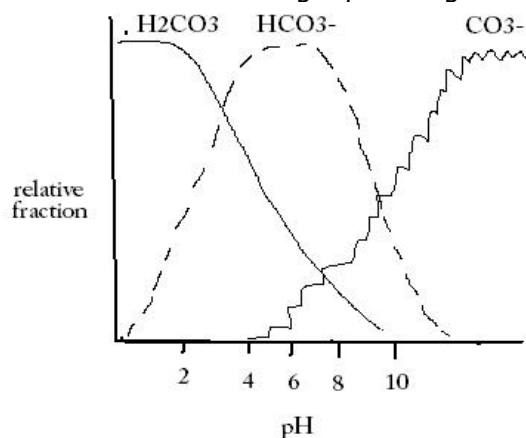
The NaOH will contribute a small amount of OH^- , which will make the $[OH^-]$ slightly greater than 10^{-7} and the pOH slightly less than 7.

20. Consider the chemical EDTA, which has 6 acid/base groups on it. If all 6 are initially protonated and we titrate until all 6 are deprotonated, how many buffer regions and amphoteric species will occur?

- a. 5, 5
 b. 6, 5
 c. 6, 6
 d. 5, 6

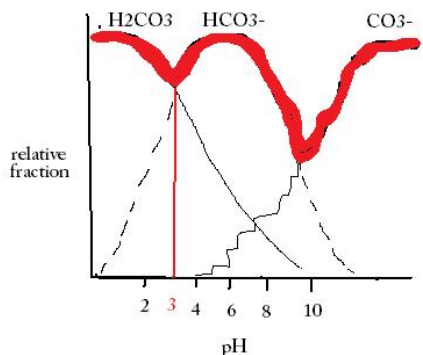
All 6 K_a values can be used to describe a buffer. The product of the first 5 deprotonations (but not the sixth) will be amphoteric.

21. Given the following alpha diagram. What is(are) the predominant specie(s) at pH 3?



- a. H_2CO_3
 b. H_2CO_3, HCO_3^-
 c. HCO_3^-
 d. HCO_3^-, CO_3^{2-}

the red bold line shows the predominant species at the different pH: those are the lines with the greatest Y value at that point as you move across the x axis. At pH 3, the greatest y value is where H_2CO_3 and HCO_3^- lines intersect. Thus, they are both the dominant species. At pH below 3, H_2CO_3 is the predominant species; at pH above 10, CO_3^{2-} is the dominant species...so on and so forth.

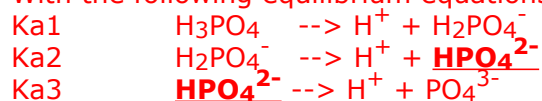


22. The pK_a values for H_3PO_4 are as following: $pK_{a1}=2.1$, $pK_{a2}=7.2$, $pK_{a3}=12.8$. What is the pOH of a 0.001M HPO_4^{2-} ?

- a. 10
- b. 9
- c. 5
- d. 4

Since HPO_4^{2-} is amphiprotic, to determine its pOH, we use the amphiprotic equation.

With the following equilibrium equations:



Since HPO_4^{2-} is found in K_{a2} and K_{a3} , those are the values we plug into the equation.

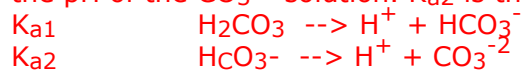
$$pH = 1/2 (pK_{a2} + pK_{a3}) = (7.2 + 12.8)/2 = 10$$

$$pOH = 14 - pH = 14 - 10 = 4$$

23. What is the pH of a 0.1 M solution of Na_2CO_3 ? $pK_{a1}= 4$, $pK_{a2}=11$.

- a. 12
- b. 7.5
- c. 6.5
- d. 2

CO_3^{2-} is basic and not amphiprotic, therefore we use the weak base equation to calculate the pH of the CO_3^{2-} solution. K_{a2} is the equilibrium equation that involves CO_3^{2-} .



to determine the K_b , we use the equation $K_a * K_b = K_w = 10^{-14}$

$$K_b = K_w / K_{a2} = (10^{-14}) / (10^{-11}) = 10^{-3}$$

$$[OH^-] = (C_b K_b)^{0.5} = (0.1 * 10^{-3})^{0.5} = (10^{-1} * 10^{-3})^{0.5} = 10^{-2}$$

$$pOH = 2$$

$$pH = 14 - pOH = 14 - 2 = 12$$

24. When calculating the PH of a 1 M solution of a diprotic acid (H_2A), for which of the following K_a values would it be safe to ignore K_{a2} and simply treat the acid as a monoprotic species?

- a. $K_{a1} = 1.14 \times 10^{-5}$, $K_{a2} = 2.38 \times 10^{-6}$
- b. $K_{a1} = 4.08 \times 10^{-3}$, $K_{a2} = 5.60 \times 10^{-7}$
- c. $K_{a1} = 3.26 \times 10^{-2}$, $K_{a2} = 9.98 \times 10^{-7}$
- d. $K_{a1} = 4.55 \times 10^{-1}$, $K_{a2} = 8.19 \times 10^{-3}$

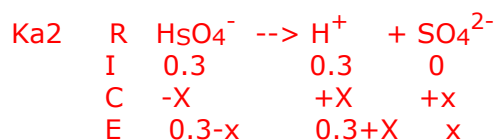
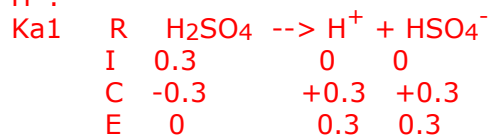
The farther apart the K_a values, the safer it is to treat the deprotonation events independently.

25. When calculating the pH of a 0.3M H₂SO₄ solution, which equation do we use for calculations?

- a. strong acid
- b. weak acid
- c. amphiprotic
- d. buffer

e. a full quadratic solution is necessary

H₂SO₄ is a strong acid, which means the first dissociation goes to completion. Thus, there is no longer H₂SO₄ in solution, and we are only left with the dissociated products HSO₄⁻ and H⁺.



$$K_{a2} = \frac{(0.3+X) \cdot x}{(0.3-x)}$$

This will require us to solve a quadratic.