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Buffer solutions

1. A solution of a weak acid HA with $K_a=10^{-4}$ M is titrated with NaOH. After having added 0.05 equivalents of base, the measured pH is 4.0. Calculate the concentration of HA at the beginning.
2. Calculate the pH of the solution obtained by mixing 75ml of CH_3COOH 0.01 N with 50ml NaOH 0.01 M ($K_a= 1.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M at 25°C).
3. 250ml of ethanoic acid 0.5 N are mixed with 250ml of NaOH 0.2 N. Calculate the pH of the final solution ($K_a=1.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M at 25°C).
4. 500 ml of HCN 0.2 N are mixed with 500ml of KOH 0.2 N. Calculate the pH of the final solution ($K_a= 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ M).
5. Calculate the pH of a solution made by dissolving 0.6 g of acetic acid and 0.82 g of sodium acetate in 1L of water. Calculate the pH after having added 1ml of HCl 1M ($K_a= 1.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M).
6. Calculate how many grams of KOH should be added to 400ml of weak acid HA 0.1 M ($K_a=3 \cdot 10^{-6}$ M) to obtain a solution at pH=5.3.
7. Calculate the pH of a solution made by dissolving 2.8 g of CH_2NH_2 and 5.0 g of $\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3\text{Br}$ in 500ml of water ($K_b=4.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$ M).
8. Which is the pH of a solution obtained after mixing 200 ml of KOH 0.1 M with 300ml of formic acid 0.15 M ($K_a= 1.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$ M).