



pH and buffers

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K_w

$$K_{eq} (55.5 \text{ M}) = [\text{H}^{\oplus}] [\text{OH}^{\ominus}]$$

$$K_w = [\text{H}^{\oplus}] [\text{OH}^{\ominus}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2$$

↓
concentration of
ions → protons + hydroxyl ions

- ♦ K_w is called the ion product for water .

TABLE 2.3 Relation of [H[⊕]] and [OH[⊖]] to pH

pH	[H [⊕]] (M)	[OH [⊖]] (M)
0	1	10 ⁻¹⁴
1	10 ⁻¹	10 ⁻¹³
2	10 ⁻²	10 ⁻¹²
3	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻¹¹
4	10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻¹⁰
5	10 ⁻⁵	10 ⁻⁹
6	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁸
7	10 ⁻⁷	10 ⁻⁷
8	10 ⁻⁸	10 ⁻⁶
9	10 ⁻⁹	10 ⁻⁵
10	10 ⁻¹⁰	10 ⁻⁴
11	10 ⁻¹¹	10 ⁻³
12	10 ⁻¹²	10 ⁻²
13	10 ⁻¹³	10 ⁻¹

acid more H⁺
↑
↓
base less H⁺
متادل



$$pH + pOH = 14$$

What is pH?

$$pH = \log_{10}(1/[H^+]) = -\log_{10}[H^+]$$

↳ it describes the medium

• pH is the pKa of H

$$pKa = -\log_{10} \rightarrow pH = -\log_{10}[H^+]$$

• pKa describes the acidity

• the changes in proton concentration is dramatic because the pH will change & this is a result of changing in the environment of the living creatures

Same with pOH :-

$$pKa = -\log_{10} \rightarrow pOH = -\log_{10}[OH^-]$$

• Question from Dr. Diala "Easy but tricky math"

I have 2 solutions. Solution (A) has a pH of 7 & the other Solution (B) has a pH of 7.5. How much the difference between the 2 solutions approximately / Choose the correct statement :-

low pH solution (A) has

- A) 5 times protons
- B) 3 times protons
- C) 10 times protons
- D) less number

The answer is : B)

• First of all pH 7 has more protons than pH 7.5 and if we calculate each concentration of protons

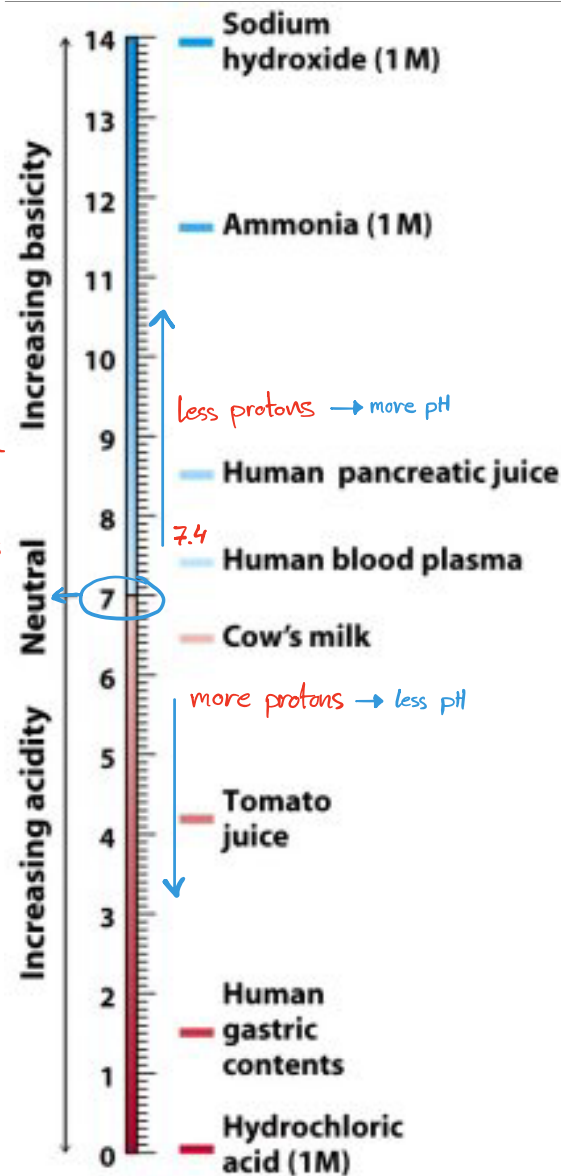
$$[H^+] \text{ of pH } 7 = 10^{-7} M$$

$$[H^+] \text{ of pH } 7.5 = 10^{-7.5} M = 3.16 \times 10^{-8}$$

now we take each concentration & divide it

$$\frac{10^{-7}}{10^{-7.5}} = 10^{0.5} = 3.16 \text{ which we can say}$$

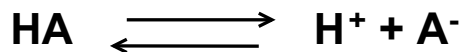
Since $10^{0.5} = 10^{1/2}$ we can use the root $\sqrt{10}$ which will give us the same answer





Example 1:

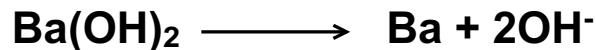
Find the K_a of a 0.04 M weak acid HA whose $[H^+]$ is 1×10^{-4} ?



$$K_a = [A^-] [H^+] / [HA] = [H^+]^2 / [HA] = 10^{-4} \times 10^{-4} / 0.04 = 2.5 \times 10^{-7}$$

Example 2:

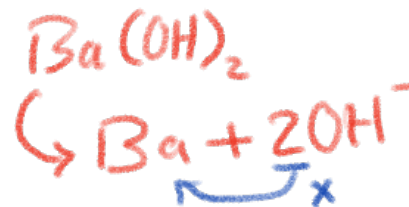
What is the $[H^+]$ of a 0.05 M Ba(OH)₂?



$$[OH^-] = 2 \times 0.05 = 0.10 \text{ M} = 1 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-13}$$

• what if I said
Since $OH^- = 1.0 \times 10^{-1}$
I have $2OH^- = 1.0 \times 10^{-1}$
I have 1 mole Ba
 $H = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 1.0 \times 10^{-1} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13}$
Ba



$$[OH^-] = 2 \times 0.05 = 1.0 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-13}$$

pH = 13 which is very alkaline
 $pH = -\log_{10}(1.0 \times 10^{-13}) = 13$

$$K_a = [A^-] [H^+] / [HA]$$

? $\downarrow$ $\uparrow$
 1.0×10^{-4} 0.04

• if $[H^+]$ is 1.0×10^{-4} then $[A^-]$ will be the same

So!

$$K_a = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-4} \times 1.0 \times 10^{-4}}{0.04}$$

$$K_a = 2.5 \times 10^{-7}$$

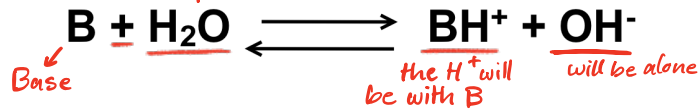


Don't be like OH⁻ all alone
& negative. Be like H⁺ all
positive & friendly



① the pK_b has the same idea of pK_a

Example 3:



The [H⁺] of a 0.03 M weak base solution is 1×10^{-10} M. Calculate pK_b?

So! if [H⁺] = 1×10^{-10} I can say $K_w = 1 \times 10^{-14} = (1 \times 10^{-4}) [\text{OH}^-] \times [\text{BH}^+]$
now I have [BH⁺] & [OH⁻] I can calculate pK_b & K_b

↪ H⁺

K_w equation

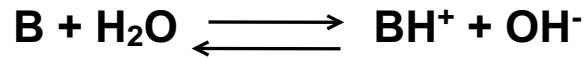
$$K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]$$

1×10^{-14}

K_b equation

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

So! $\text{BH}^+ = \text{OH}^-$



$$\text{So! } K_b = \frac{(1 \times 10^{-4}) \times (1 \times 10^{-4})}{0.03} = 3.33 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-4}$$

$$K_b = (10^{-4} \times 10^{-4}) / 0.03 = 3.33 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pK}_b = -\log K_b = 6.48$$



• if it was written down **N** not **M** it means the normality measure of concentration equivalent to molarity of reactive units in solution

in acids:- molarity $\times$ no. H^+
in bases:- molarity $\times$ no. OH^-

Exercises

• What is the pH of

• 0.01 M HCl? $\longrightarrow -\log_{10}(0.01) = 2$

• 0.01 M H_2SO_4 ? $\longrightarrow -\log_{10}(0.01 \times 2) = 1.698$

• 0.01 M NaOH? $\longrightarrow -\log_{10}(0.01) = 2$ • $pH + pOH = 14 \rightarrow pH = 14 - pOH \rightarrow 14 - 2 = 12 \rightarrow pH = 12$

• 1×10^{-11} M HCl? (this is a tricky one) $\longrightarrow$

1) $[H^+]_{HCl} = 1 \times 10^{-11}$
 $[H^+]_{water} = 1 \times 10^{-7}$

2) $[H^+]_{total} = [H^+]_{HCl} + [H^+]_{water} = 1.0001 \times 10^{-7}$

3) $-\log_{10}(1.0001 \times 10^{-7}) = 6.99995 \leftarrow pH$

• In this question we need to have the concentration of $[H^+]$ for both water & HCl since water is used as a solution to determine the acidity/basicity of the compound. then we will see the final concentration of $[H^+]$ to find the pH we want.

$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]} = \frac{[CH_3COO^-][H^+]}{[CH_3COOH]} = \frac{1.76 \times 10^{-5}}{0.1}$ this is the K_a of CH_3COOH

1) $1.76 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.1 = [CH_3COO^-][H^+]$

2) $\sqrt{1.76 \times 10^{-6}} = x = 1.32 \times 10^{-3}$ we will consider it x^2 since $x \cdot x = x^2$
So! $x = 1.32 \times 10^{-3}$

3) $pH = -\log_{10}(1.32 \times 10^{-3}) = 2.87$

here Dr. Mamoun said it's M not N so I changed it But Dr. Dalia had given littel info about N



Determination of pH

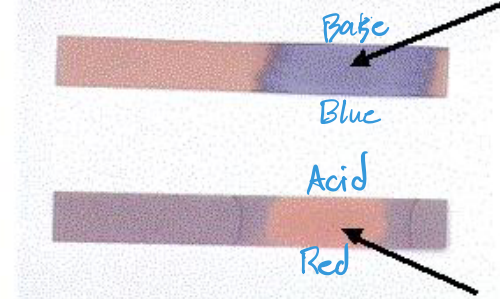
- Acid-base indicator
- Litmus paper (least accurate)
- Universal indicator

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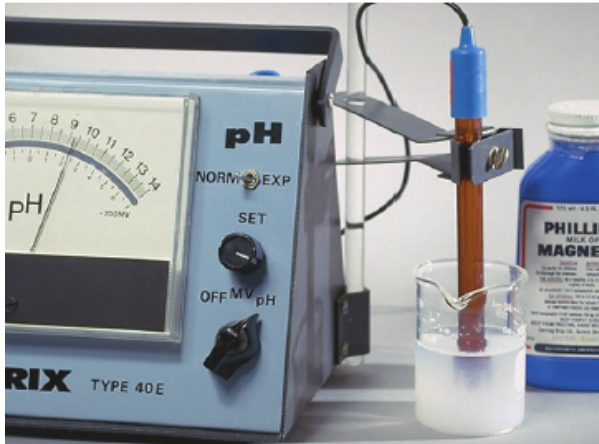
this's the best!

- An electronic pH meter (most accurate,

Red litmus paper with a drop of base here



Blue litmus paper with a drop of acid here



it gives approximation(a)
of what pH will be



(b)



What's the relation between the pH & pKa?

for more Q in med

YOU SHOULD
MEMORISE IT !!
EVEN IN YOUR
SLEEP !!

Henderson-Hasselbalch equation

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

$\downarrow$
 number for a solution
 it can be changed

$\downarrow$
 fixed number of
 a certain acid
 will never change

$\uparrow$
 conjugate base

$\downarrow$
 concentration of acid

pH	=	acidity of a buffer solution
pKa	=	negative logarithm of Ka
Ka	=	acid disassociation constant
[HA]	=	concentration of an acid
[A-]	=	concentration of conjugate base

pH equal pKa when the conjugate acid concentration is equal to the concentration of the acid
 if $[\text{A}^-]$ & $[\text{HA}]$ is equal log will be zero & then the pH will equal pKa

pKa is the pH where 50% of an acid is dissociated into its conjugate base.

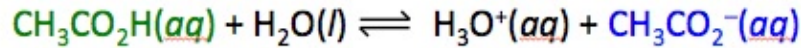
pKa is the pH where the concentration of the acid is equal to that of the conjugate base.

important to understand it for the buffer concept



A comparison of the change in pH (water vs. acetic acid)

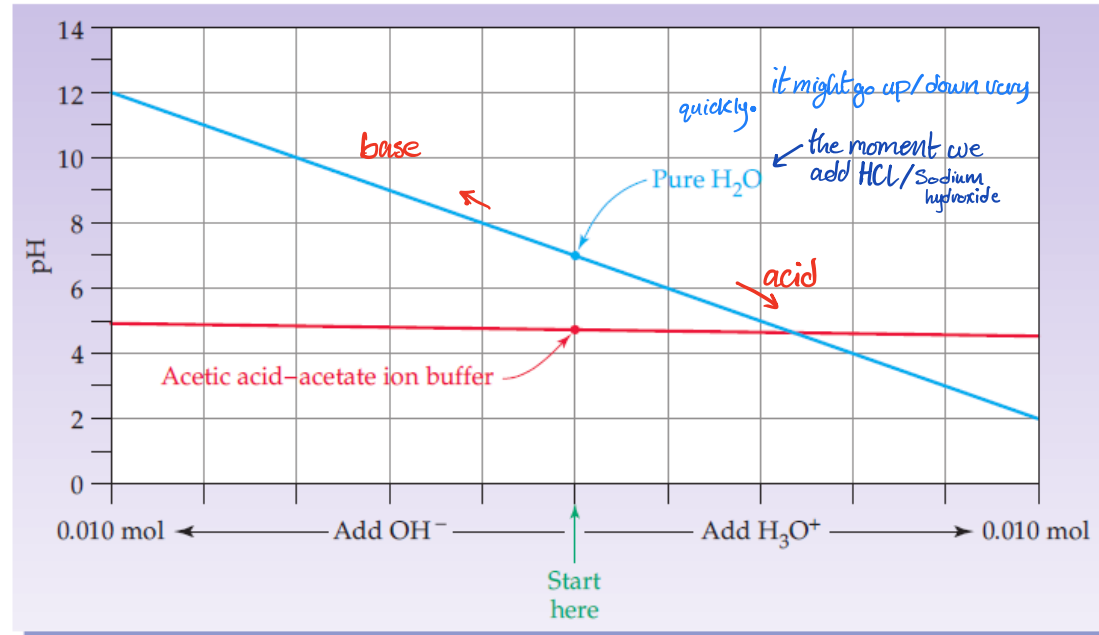
- 0.010 mol of base are added to 1.0 L of pure water and to 1.0 L of an acetate buffer composed of 0.10 M acetic acid and 0.10 M acetate ion buffer, the pH of the water varies between 12 and 2, while the pH of the buffer varies only between 4.85 and 4.68.



Weak acid
Acetic acid

Conjugate base
(NaCH_3CO_2)
Salt of the weak acid

if we had more base/acid in our body then we need something called buffer that will help to maintain the norm pH





it's when

$$pH = pK_a$$

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What is a buffer?

- Buffers are **solutions that resist changes in pH by changing reaction equilibrium.** → usually a weak acid that prevent dramatic changes in pH
- They are usually composed of mixtures of a weak acid and an equal concentration of its conjugate base (salt).

Weak bases can also function as buffers, but we only now focus on acids

Weak Acid	
Acid	Conjugate base
CH ₃ COOH (HA')	<u>CH₃COONa</u> (NaCH ₃ COO) (A') Acetate
H ₃ PO ₄	<u>NaH₂PO₄</u> first stage Sodium Dihydrogen phosphate Salt
H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻ (or NaH ₂ PO ₄)	<u>Na₂HPO₄</u> Second stage Disodium Monohydrogen phosphate Salt
H ₂ CO ₃ Carbonic acid	<u>NaHCO₃</u> mono sodium monohydrogen carbonate Salt

• here is how buffer works :-

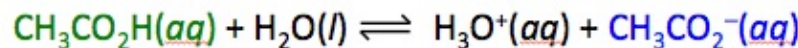
what matter is :-

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

$\frac{\text{products}}{\text{reactance}} = K_a$ & pH stay almost stable



Titration curve of bu



Weak acid $\rightarrow$ are good buffers
Acetic acid

Conjugate base
(NaCH_3CO_2)
Salt of the weak acid

• the increasing process is slow because there will be a ratio of 50/50 or 40/60 % of H^+ & OH^-

What is the midpoint?

Equivalence point

$\rightarrow$ end point
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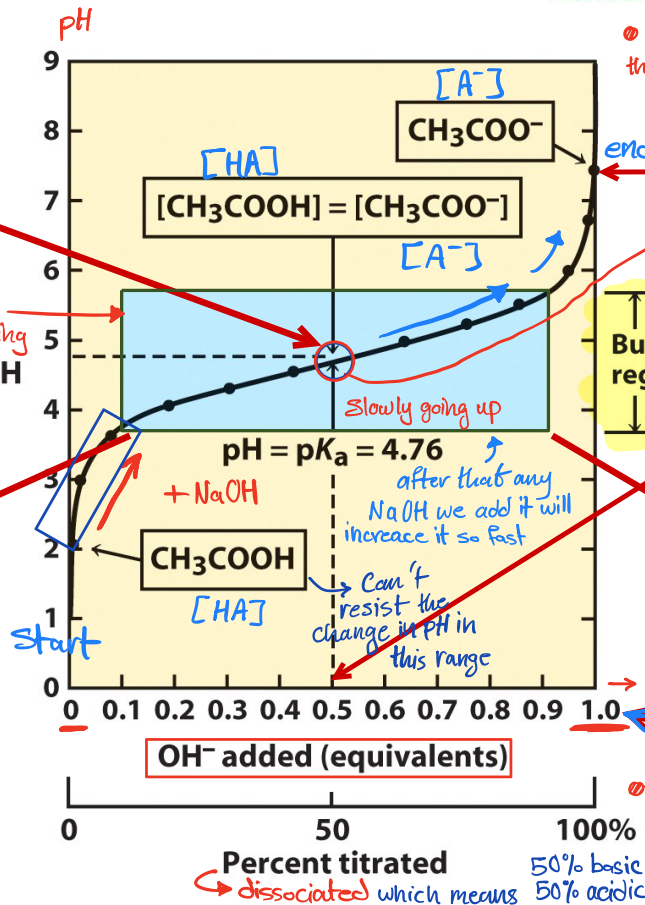
the midpoint of the acitiate buffer
this region is constant for all buffers & it equal $\text{pKa} \pm 1$

in this region the acitiate is working as a buffer to prevent any changes in the pH

it's not preventing the increase or the rais in pH, but preventing the dramatic changes in pH

What is the ratio of the conjugate base:acid at the different points?

189 ?



inflation point
منطقة التور

Half equivalence point

• here I have consumed 50% of acid

$\rightarrow$ below or higher than this region it won't resist the changes it won't function as a buffer

Buffering range
($\text{pKa} \pm 1$)

$\rightarrow$ amount of hydroxyl ions added in equivalents $\rightarrow$ complete neutralization

Note the equivalents of the added base (or acid)

• it's important to know how much OH^- ions were added in equivalents

Percent titrated
 $\rightarrow$ dissociated which means 50% basic 50% acidic



How do we make/choose a buffer?

- if I have an enzyme & want to see if it works or not we use buffers to keep it stable

- A buffer is made by combining weak acid/base and its salt.

it depends on the pK_a to determine the location of the buffer

How to improve the buffer?
increasing capacity by increasing the concentration

- The buffering capacity of a buffer to function depends on:

- Buffer concentration

- Buffering range

more concentration $\rightarrow$ more ability to have more capacity for molecules

if I have a buffer & want to test if it was working or not

1) add acid/base

2) if it was acid & not buffer the pH will go very low & the opposite for base

pK_a of the buffer

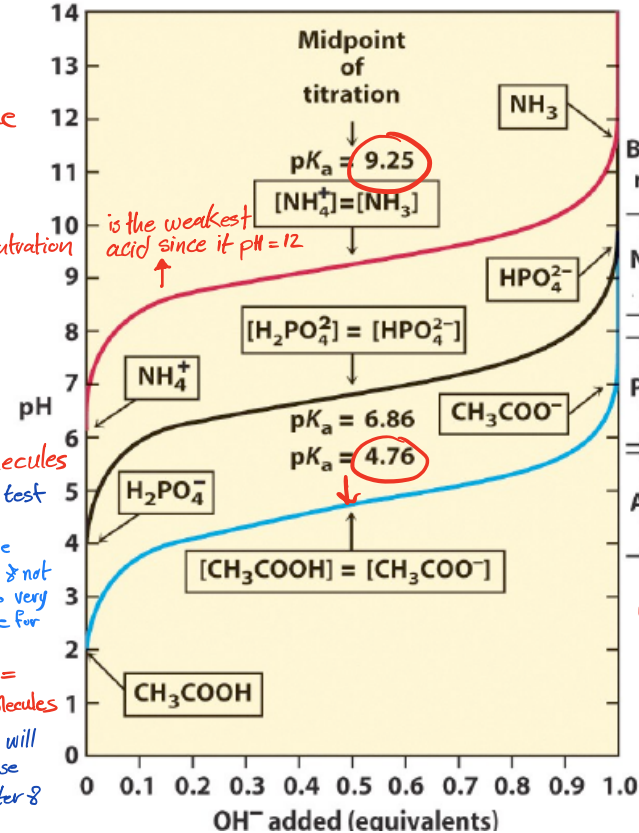
desired pH

Note: increasing the concentration does not change the buffering range but it increases buffering capacity or strength.

high concentration = larger number of molecules

So! if I added acid it will react with conjugate base it will give us water & salt

Also if I have a product & I want to maintain its pH we will use buffers



Buffering regions: all of them are weak acids, but between each other the red one is the weakest

titration doesn't end on pH 7 why?

because it's associated with the pK_a

everything moves about pK_a & the end point

represent that I have finished the acid

I have finished the acid molecules not the H^+ molecule that was dissociated from the acid

that's why we have different values of pH's



● why ionic bond considered weak bond?
 because when you put it in water it dissociate
 & " it breaks up

Exercise

- A solution of 0.1 M acetic acid and 0.2 M acetate ion. The pKa of acetic acid is 4.8. Hence, the pH of the solution is give

$$\text{pH} = 4.8 + \log(0.2/0.1) = 4.8 + \log 2.0 = 4.8 + 0.3 = 5.1$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{pKa} + \log \frac{(\text{A}^-)}{(\text{HA})} = 4.8 + \log \frac{0.2}{0.1} =$$

Base 10 Logarithms

$\text{Log}_{10}(0.01)=-2$	since $10^{-2}=1/100$
$\text{Log}_{10}(0.1)=-1$	since $10^{-1}=1/10$
$\text{Log}_{10}(1)=0$	since $10^0=1$
$\text{Log}_{10}(10)=1$	since $10^1=10$
$\text{Log}_{10}(100)=2$	since $10^2=100$
$\text{Log}_{10}(1000)=3$	since $10^3=1000$

- Similarly, the pKa of an acid c

Since you are smart, you
 can estimate it.

No calculator is needed.



$$\text{pH} = 4.8 + 0.3 = 5.1$$



Exercise

1. Predict then calculate the pH of a buffer containing

a) 0.1M HF and 0.12M NaF? ($K_a = 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$) $\rightarrow pK_a = 3.455$

b) 0.1M HF and 0.1M NaF, when 0.02M HCl is added to the solution?

2. What is the pH of a lactate buffer that contain 75% lactic acid and 25% lactate? ($pK_a = 3.86$)

3. What is the concentration of 5 ml of acetic acid that can be titrated completely by 44.5 ml of 0.1 N of NaOH? Also, calculate the normality of acetic acid.

• The number of equivalents of OH^- required for complete neutralization is equal to the number of equivalents of hydrogen ion present as H^+ and HA.

• if it was written down N not M it means the normality measure of concentration equivalent to molarity of reactive units in solution

in acids:- molarity $\times$ no. H^+
in bases:- molarity $\times$ no. OH^-

$$1.a) -\log_{10}(K_a) + \log_{10} \left(\frac{0.12}{0.1} \right) = 3.535$$

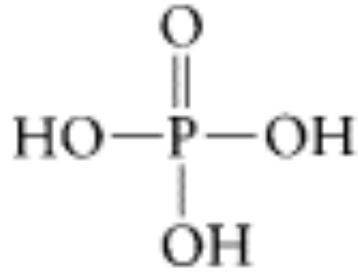
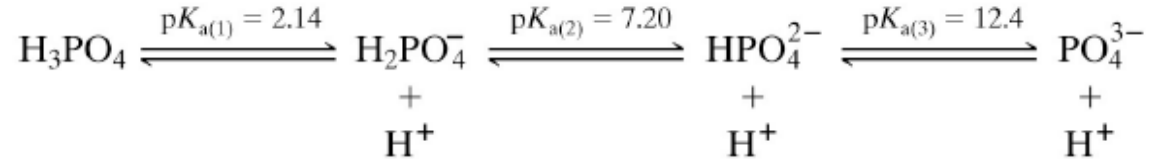
$$1.b) 3.455 + \log_{10} \left(\frac{0.1 - 0.02}{0.1 + 0.02} \right) = 3.455 - 0.176 = 3.278$$

$$pH = pK_a + \log_{10} \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]} = 3.86 + \log_{10} \frac{25}{75} =$$

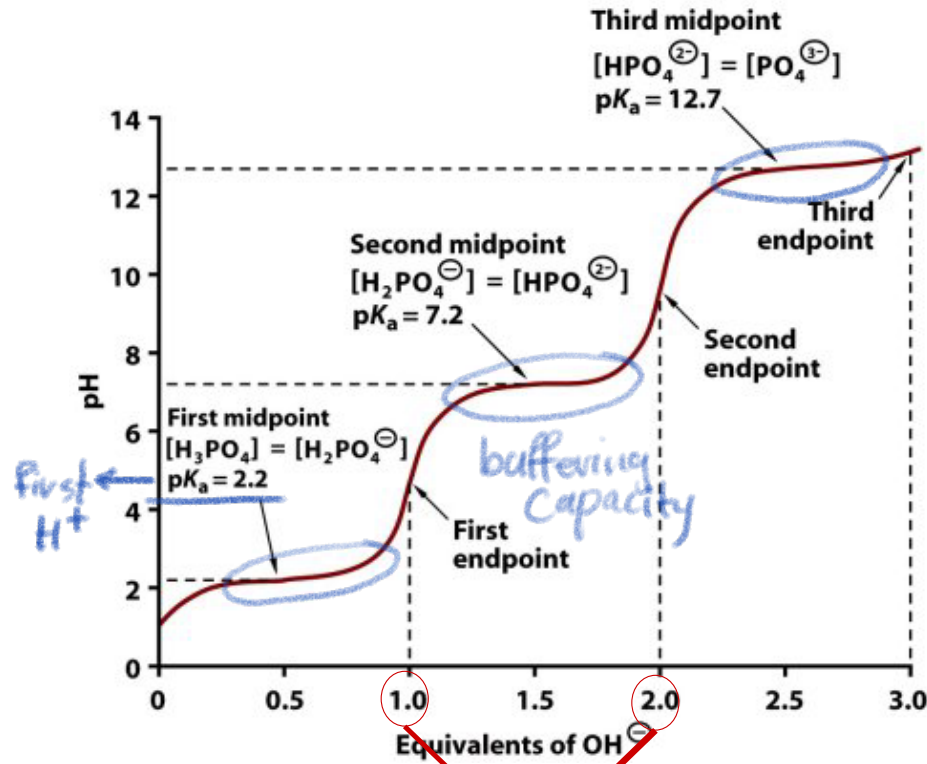
$$3.38$$

$$N_{NaOH} = 4.45$$

$$\frac{4.45}{5} = 0.89$$



Titration curve of phosphate buffer



Note values



Exercises

1. What is the pK_a of a dihydrogen phosphate buffer when a pH of 7.2 is obtained when 100 ml of 0.1 M NaH_2PO_4 is mixed with 100 ml of 0.3 M Na_2HPO_4 ?
2. A solution was prepared by dissolving 0.02 moles of acetic acid ($pK_a = 4.8$) in water to give 1 liter of solution.
 - What is the pH?
 - To this solution, 0.008 moles NaOH were added. What is the new pH? (ignore changes in volume).



Biological buffers in human body

- Carbonic acid-bicarbonate system (blood)
- Dihydrogen phosphate-monohydrogen phosphate system (intracellular)
 - ATP, glucose-6-phosphate, bisphosphoglycerate (RBC)
- Proteins (why?)
 - Hemoglobin in blood
 - Other proteins in blood and cells

● we have 5 buffering systems

- blood $\text{Carbonate} \rightarrow \text{bicarbonate buffer}$
- Cells $\text{monohydrogen phosphate system} + \text{Dihydrogen}$
- All over proteins

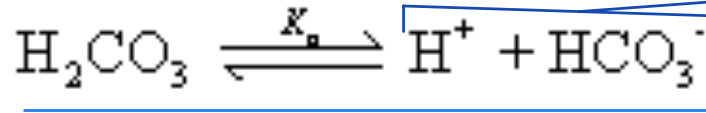
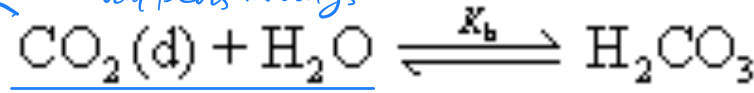


Bicarbonate buffer

②
 $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 inside the cell & it's
 enzymatic. it can happen
 spontaneously, but it
 happens enzymatically also

①
 not stable
 dissociate in
 the system
 by ion/proton
 & it happens in the
 blood

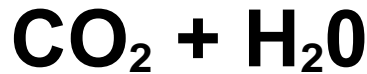
happens in lungs



and this one is processed by kidneys

all this process
 happens in blood
 cells

Blood (instantaneously)



Lungs

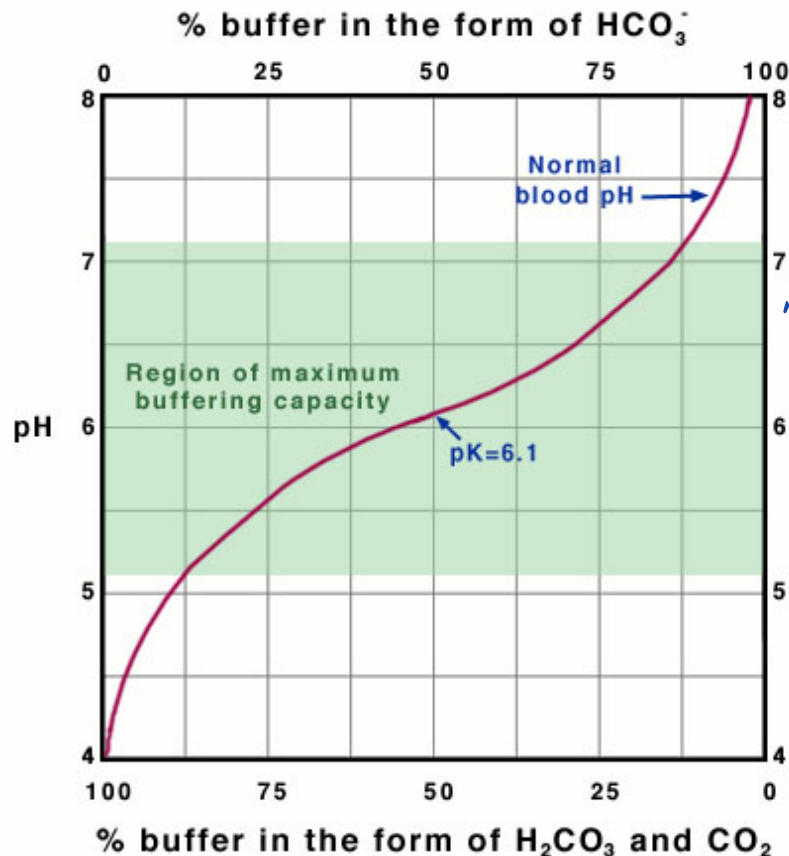
(within
 minutes)

Excretion via
 kidneys (hours
 to days)

Titration curve of bicarbonate buffer

Note pK_a

it dissociate to one proton
the other one doesn't go out it stays



7.2-7.5

the norm blood range
most of the time they say 7.4

CO₂ (g)

● we have large amount of bicarbonate & CO₂. A metabolism will happen to release CO₂ & this CO₂ goes out of cells & get attached to red blood cells it takes it with water to make carbonic acid then it dissociate to bicarbonate & it can go outside the cell & swims in the blood "hydrophilic"



Why is this buffer effective?

- Even though the normal blood pH of 7.4 is outside the optimal buffering range of the bicarbonate buffer, which is 6.1, this buffer pair is important due to two properties:
 - bicarbonate is present in a relatively high concentration in the ECF (24mmol/L).
 - the components of the buffer system are effectively under physiological control: the CO₂ by the lungs, and the bicarbonate by the kidneys.
 - It is an open system (not a closed system like in laboratory).
 - An open system is a system that continuously interacts with its environment.

● Since it's exist in large quantities it's important / it's functional
■ under physiological control "it's physiological regulated" Lungs, Kidneys
open system → that interact with environment "humans"

● you can change your blood buffer by controlling your breathing



that's why it's effective even though the blood buffer is outside the buffering range 5.1 - 7.1



Acidosis and alkalosis

- Both pathological conditions can be either metabolic or respiratory.

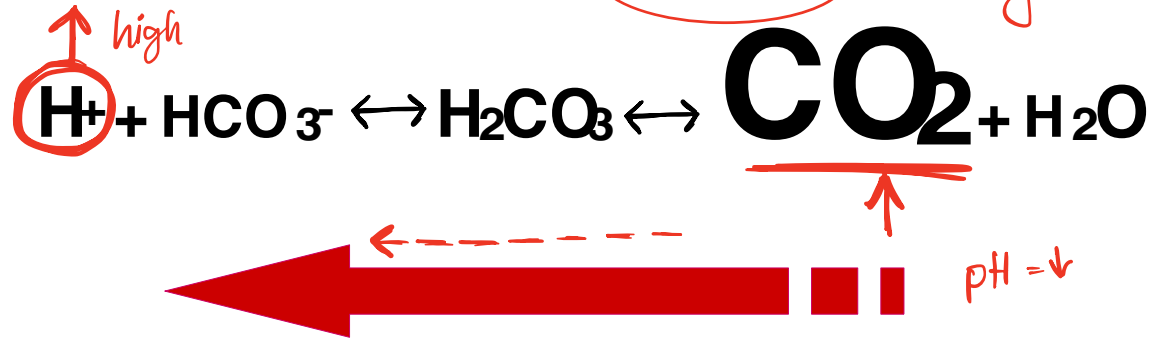
- **Acidosis ($\text{pH} < 7.35$)** *less*
 - *note doing grate job in controlling the amount of CO_2 in the body "lungs" or in controlling the level of bicarbonate ions "Kidneys"*
 - Metabolic: production of ketone bodies (starvation and diabetes) *Kidney*
 - Respiratory: pulmonary (asthma; emphysema) *lungs*
- **Alkalosis ($\text{pH} > 7.45$)** *higher*
 - *• Kidney & lungs both Control the pH " CO_2 + bicarbon ion*
 - Metabolic: excessive administration of salts
 - Respiratory: hyperventilation (anxiety)



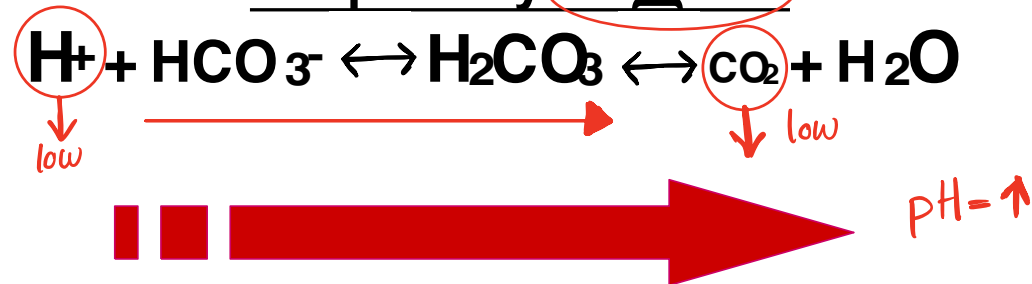
Respiratory conditions

Respiratory Acidosis

having asthma



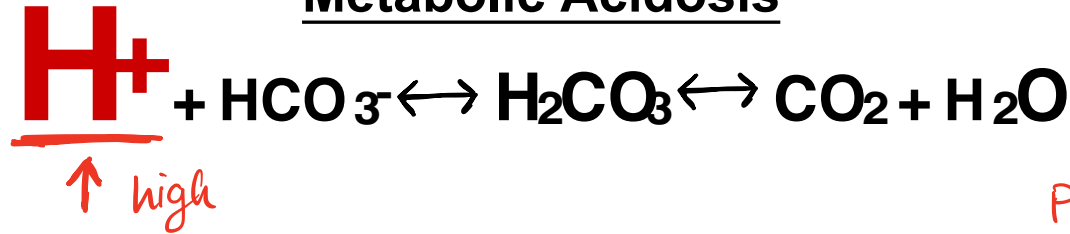
Respiratory Alkalosis





Metabolic conditions

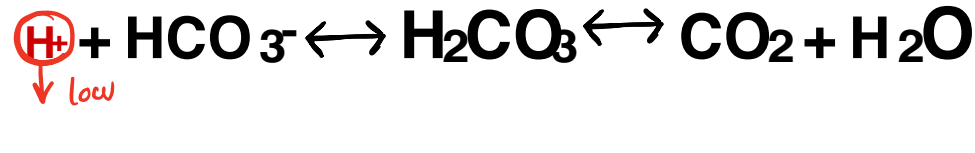
Metabolic Acidosis



● when lungs are out of work kidneys go to the rescue & tries to fix things & the opposite is correct we don't feel it

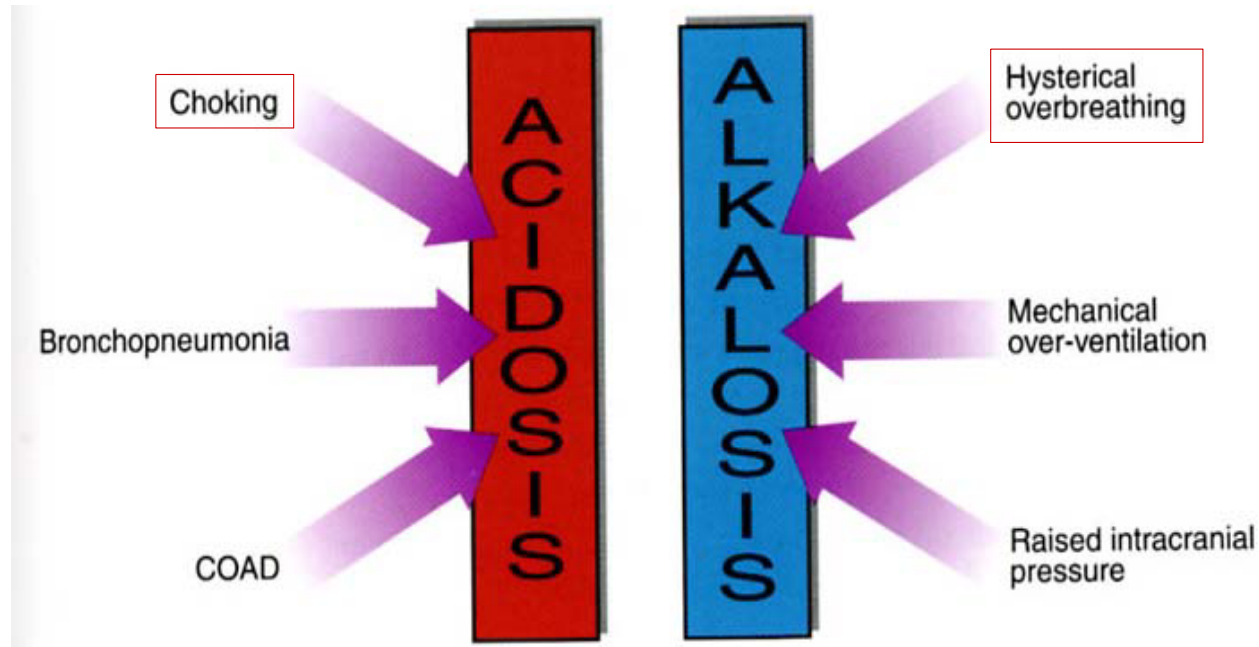
pH = $\downarrow$

Metabolic Alkalosis

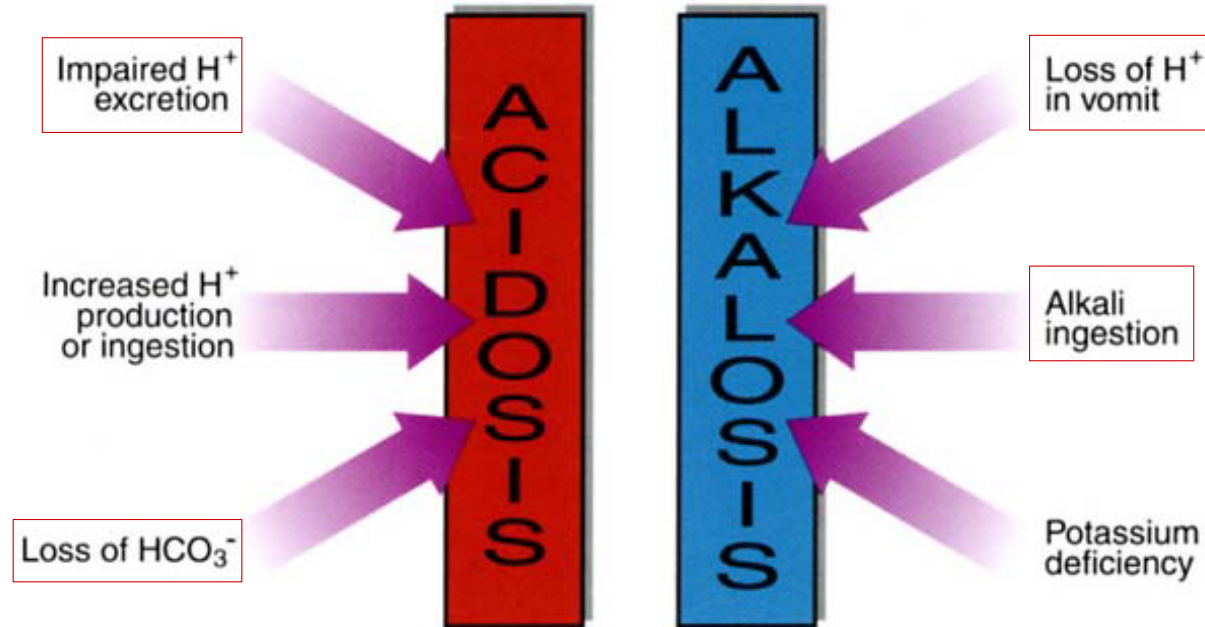




Causes of respiratory acid-base disorders



Causes of metabolic acid-base disorders





if not lungs it would be kidneys to help in fixing

Compensation

- **Compensation**: A change in HCO_3^- or pCO_2 as a result of the primary event in order to return the pH to normal levels.
- If the underlying problem is metabolic, hyperventilation or hypoventilation alters pCO_2 ; it is called **respiratory compensation**.
- If the problem is respiratory, renal mechanisms drives **metabolic compensation** via changing $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$.
 - But the lvl of bicarbonate & proton in blood specially
pH in norm range it's outside norm ranges changes
- Complete compensation if brought back within normal limits
- Partial compensation if the pH is still outside norms.

↪ pH not in the norm range but the person can survive