



Chemistry 205 Report  
Acid-Base Titration

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**Purpose:** - To learn the concept and technique of titration  
 - to standardize a sodium hydroxide (NaOH) solution against a primary standard acid  
 - To determine the concentration of an unknown acid solution by titration with the standardized base solution.

**Table 1: Preparation of Standard KHP Solution**

Mass of bottle + KHP	18.5132 g
Mass of empty bottle	15.3566 g
Mass of KHP	3.1566 g
Volume of solution	250.0 ml

$$m_{KHP} = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{3.1566}{204.23} = 0.015456 \text{ mol}$$

$$M_{KHP} = \frac{m}{V} = \frac{0.015456}{250.0 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.061824 \text{ mol/L}$$

**Table 2: Standardization of NaOH Against Standard KHP**

Trial	Upper buret reading	Lower buret reading	Volume of NaOH (ml)
1	0.00	15.00	15.00
2	15.00	29.50	14.50
3	29.50	43.30	13.8
blank	0.00	0.20	0.20

$$\bar{V}_{NaOH} = 14.43 \text{ ml}$$

$$V_{NaOH} = \bar{V}_{NaOH} - V_{blank} = 14.43 - 0.20 = 14.23$$

Volume of KHP aliquot = 25.00 ml ± 0.02 ml

$$M \text{ of NaOH} = (M \times V)_{NaOH} = (M \times V)_{KHP} \quad | \quad M_{NaOH} = \frac{(M \times V)_{KHP}}{V_{NaOH}} = \frac{0.061824 \times 25.00 \times 10^{-3}}{14.23 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.1086 \text{ M}$$

**Table 3: Analysis of Acid Unknown # 2.**

Trial	Upper buret reading	Lower buret reading	Volume of NaOH
1	8.00	23.80	15.80
2	23.80	39.80	16.00
3	0.30	16.00	15.7

$$\bar{V}_{NaOH} = 15.8 \text{ ml}$$

$$V_{NaOH} = \bar{V}_{NaOH} - V_{blank}$$

Volume of acid unknown (aliquot) = 25.00 ml ± 0.02 ml

$$M \text{ of unknown} = M_a \times V_a = M_b \times V_b \quad | \quad M_a = \frac{M_b \times V_b}{V_a} = \frac{0.1086 \times 15.80 \times 10^{-3}}{25.00 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.0686 \text{ M}$$

% error = 0.34%





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### Questions

1. In the part of acid unknown analysis, if an air bubble is originally trapped in the buret tip, but disappears during the titration; will the reported molar concentration of the unknown be smaller or larger than the true value? Explain briefly.

1.6  $M = \frac{m}{V}$  if an air bubble is originally trapped in the buret tip, but disappears during the titration, the volume will decrease then, the molar concentration will increase. because the volume and the molar concentration are inversely proportional

2. A volume of 17.83 mL  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$  solution is needed to completely neutralize 50.00 mL of 0.2464 M  $\text{HNO}_3$  solution.

a) Calculate the molarity of the  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$  solution?  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2 + 2\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{Ca(NO}_3)_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$m(\text{Ca(OH)}_2) = \frac{m \text{ HNO}_3}{2}$   
 $2(M \times V)_{\text{Ca(OH)}_2} = (M \times V)_{\text{HNO}_3}$   
 $2(M \times 17.83) \text{ mL} = (0.2464 \text{ M} \times 50.00 \text{ mL})$   
 $2(M \times 17.83) = 12.32 \Rightarrow 2M = \frac{12.32}{17.83} = 0.6910 \Rightarrow M = \frac{0.6910}{2} = 0.3455 \text{ M}$

b) Calculate the mass of  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$  in the above used volume of  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$  solution.

$M = \frac{m}{V} \Rightarrow 0.3455 = \frac{m}{17.83} \Rightarrow m = 6.160 \text{ mmol} = 0.006160 \text{ mol}$

$m = \frac{m}{M} \Rightarrow m = m \times M = 0.006160 \times 74.0918 = 0.4564 \text{ g}$

$M(\text{Ca(OH)}_2) = 40.078 + 2(17.007) = 74.0918 \text{ g/mol}$

3. Calculate the pH of:

a)  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M HCl solution since HCl is a strong acid.  $\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{H}^+_{\text{aq}} + \text{Cl}^-_{\text{aq}}$   
 $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+] = -\log(1.0 \times 10^{-3}) = 3.00$

b) 0.020 M  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2$  solution

Since  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2$  is a strong base it is 100% ionized  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2 \rightarrow \text{Ba}^{2+}_{\text{aq}} + 2\text{OH}^-_{\text{aq}}$   
As each  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2$  dissociates to makes  $2\text{OH}^-$  a 0.020 M solution has

$[\text{OH}^-] = 2 \times 0.020 = 0.040 \text{ M}$ . As definition  $\text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^-]$  so

$\text{pOH} = -\log(0.040) = 1.40$ . As  $\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14.00 \Rightarrow \text{pH} = 14.00 - 1.40 = 12.60$

4. The equivalence point of the titration of a weak base with a strong acid occurs at pH 4.67. Which of the following indicators is the best to detect the end-point of the titration?

Indicator	Color change	pH range
Methyl orange	Red - yellow	3.3 - 4.5
Bromocresol green	Yellow - blue	3.8 - 5.4
Bromothymol blue	Yellow - blue	6.0 - 7.6
Phenolphthalein	Colorless - pink	8.3 - 10.0

The best indicator to detect the end point of the titration is the indicator whose color range includes the equivalence pH here the best indicator is Bromocresol green.

$3.8 < 4.67 < 5.4$