ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

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Principles of Neutralization Titrations

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14A Solutions and indicators for acid/base titrations

Neutralization titrations depend on a chemical reaction of the analyte with a standard reagent.

- The titration of a strong acid with a strong base
- The titration of a weak acid with a strong base
- The titration of a weak base with a strong acid

14A-1 Standard solutions

The standard reagents used in acid/base titrations are always strong acids or strong bases.

- react more completely with an analyte.
- produce sharper end points.

Weak acids and bases are never used as standard reagents because they react incompletely with analytes.

14A-2 Acid/base indicators

$$\frac{\text{HIn}}{\text{acid color}} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \frac{\text{In}}{\text{base color}} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$$

$$In_{\text{base color}} + H_2O \rightleftharpoons InH^+ + OH^-$$

 $pH(acid color) = -\log(10K_a) = pK_a + 1$ $pH(basic color) = -\log(0.1K_a) = pK_a - 1$

indicator pH range = $pK_a \pm 1$

Titration errors with acid/base indicators

Two types of titration error:

a determinate error that occurs when the pH at which the indicator changes color differs from the pH at the equivalence point.
To minimize: choose the indicator carefully or make a blank correction.

• an indeterminate error that originates from the limited ability of the human eye to distinguish reproducibly the intermediate color of the indicator.

Variables that influence the behavior of indicators

- Temperature
- Ionic strength of the medium
- The presence of organic solvents
- Colloidal particles

14B Titration of strong acids and bases

 H_3O^+ in an aqueous solution of a strong acid have two sources:

- the reaction of the acid with water
- the dissociation of water itself

$$[H_3O^+] = c_{HCl} + [OH^-] \approx c_{HCl}$$
$$[OH^-] = c_{NaOH} + [H_3O^+] \approx c_{NaOH}$$

14B-1 Titrating a strong acid with a strong base

Three types of calculations must be done in order to construct the hypothetical curve for titrating a solution of a strong acid with a strong base:

- Preequivalence
- Equivalence
- Postequivalence

At the equivalence point, the solution is neutral, and pH = pOH. pH and pOH = 7.00, at 25°C.