## Titration

Method used to determine the concentration of a solution.

There are two solutions used in a titration.

| Solution | Location | Is its Concentration Known Before <br> Titration Begins? | Is its Volume Known Before Titration <br> Begins? |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Analyte | Flask | No! This is what we are ultimately <br> solving for. | Yes! We must know the exact volume <br> of analyte placed into the flask. |
|  |  |  | No! This quantity will be measured by <br> doing the experiment. Add titrant to <br> the flask until the rxn reaches the <br> equivalence point. Record volume of <br> titrant used. |
| Titrant | Buret | Yes! If we didn't know this, then <br> the titration would be pointless. |  |



Equivalence point: stoichiometrically equal moles
of analyte and titrant (i.e. moles of acid = moles of base)

End point: when indicator changes color, signifies the end of titration. We want to use an indicator that will change color close to the equivalence point.

Indicators: use an indicator that will change color in the pH range of the equivalence point.

- Choose an indictor whose $\mathrm{pKa}=\mathrm{pH}$ of the solution at equivalence point
- Example: if $\mathrm{pH}=4$ at equivalence point, choose an indicator with a $\mathrm{pKa}=4$ (i.e. $\mathrm{Ka}=1 \times 10^{-4}$ )


## 3 Types of Acid Base Reactions:

| Rxn Type | Strong Acid + Strong Base | Weak Acid + Strong Base | Strong Acid + Weak Base |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Net lonic <br> Equation | $\mathrm{H}^{+}+\mathrm{OH}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $\mathrm{HA}+\mathrm{OH}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}+\mathrm{A}^{-}$ | $\mathrm{H}^{+}+\mathrm{B} \rightarrow \mathrm{BH}^{+}$ |
| Products | Water + Neutral Salt | Water + Basic Salt | Water + Acidic Salt |
| pH at <br> Equivalence <br> Point | $\mathrm{pH}=7$ | $\mathrm{pH}>7$ | $\mathrm{pH}<7$ |
| Example | $\mathrm{HCl}+\mathrm{NaOH} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}+\mathrm{NaCl}$ | $\mathrm{HF}+\mathrm{NaOH} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}+\mathrm{NaF}$ | $\mathrm{HCl}+\mathrm{NH}_{3} \rightarrow \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Cross out any ions part of a strong acid or strong base (because they are spectators). <br> You got your net ionic equation! ©) |  |  |

Titration curve: plot of pH ( y -axis) vs. volume of titrant added (x-axis)

## Example 1


NaOH titrant
1.0 M
HCl analyte
$30 . \mathrm{mL}$

| Rxn type |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Net ionic equation |  |
| pH at equivalence point |  |
| Volume of titrant needed to reach equivalence point |  |
| Calculate concentration of analyte |  |

## Example 2



$30 . \mathrm{mL}$

| Rxn type |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Net ionic equation |  |
| pH at equivalence point |  |
| Volume of titrant needed to reach equivalence point |  |
| Calculate concentration of analyte |  |




Volume of Titrant Added

What type of reaction is represented by the titration curve to the left?

## Strong Acid + Strong Base Titration

|  |  | What's in the flask? | How to calculate pH |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Before <br> titration <br> begins | Analyte only | Initial $[$ analyte $]=\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$or $\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]$ <br> $\mathrm{pH}=-\log \left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$ <br> $\mathrm{pOH}=-\log \left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]$ <br> $\mathrm{pH}+\mathrm{pOH}=14$ |
| 2. | Before <br> equivalence <br> point | Fewer moles of analyte | $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$or $\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=\left(\frac{\text { mols analyte remaing }}{\text { total volume }}\right)$ |
| 3. | Half-way to <br> equivalence <br> point | Half the moles of original analyte | $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$or $\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=\left(\frac{\text { mols analyte remaing }}{\text { total volume }}\right)$ |
| 4. | Equivalence <br> point | Water and salt <br> Zero moles of analyte | Neutral salt <br> $\mathrm{pH}=7$ |
| 5. | Beyond <br> equivalence <br> point | Excess titrant | $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$or $\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=\left(\frac{\text { mols titrant in excess }}{\text { total volume }}\right)$ |

## Weak Acid/Base + Strong Base/Acid Titration

|  |  | What's in the flask? | How to calculate pH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Before titration begins | Analyte only | Weak acid = Ka ICE chart <br> Weak base = Kb ICE chart |
| 2. | Before equivalence point | Buffer | $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]=\mathrm{Ka}\left(\frac{\text { mols weak acid }}{\text { mols conjugate base }}\right)$ |
| 3. | Half-way to equivalence point | Buffer with 1:1 mole ratio of weak acid to conjugate base | $\mathrm{pH}=\mathrm{pKa}$ of weak acid |
| 4. | Equivalence point | Water and salt (i.e. only conjugate acid/base of the analyte) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Acidic salt = Ka ICE chart, } \mathrm{pH}<7 \\ & \text { Basic salt = Kb ICE chart, } \mathrm{pH}>7 \end{aligned}$ |
| 5. | Beyond equivalence point | Excess titrant | $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right] \text {or }\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=\left(\frac{\text { mols titrant in excess }}{\text { total volume }}\right)$ |

