

Today

Titration

determining something about an unknown
by reacting it with a known solution

Polyprotic Acids

Titration

Why do a titration.

You have a solution with an unknown property

Unknown Concentration?

Unknown K_a (K_b)?

Both.

Slowly neutralize the solution by adding
a strong base (acid)
monitor the pH with each addition

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Then look at the neutralization from last class equilibrium

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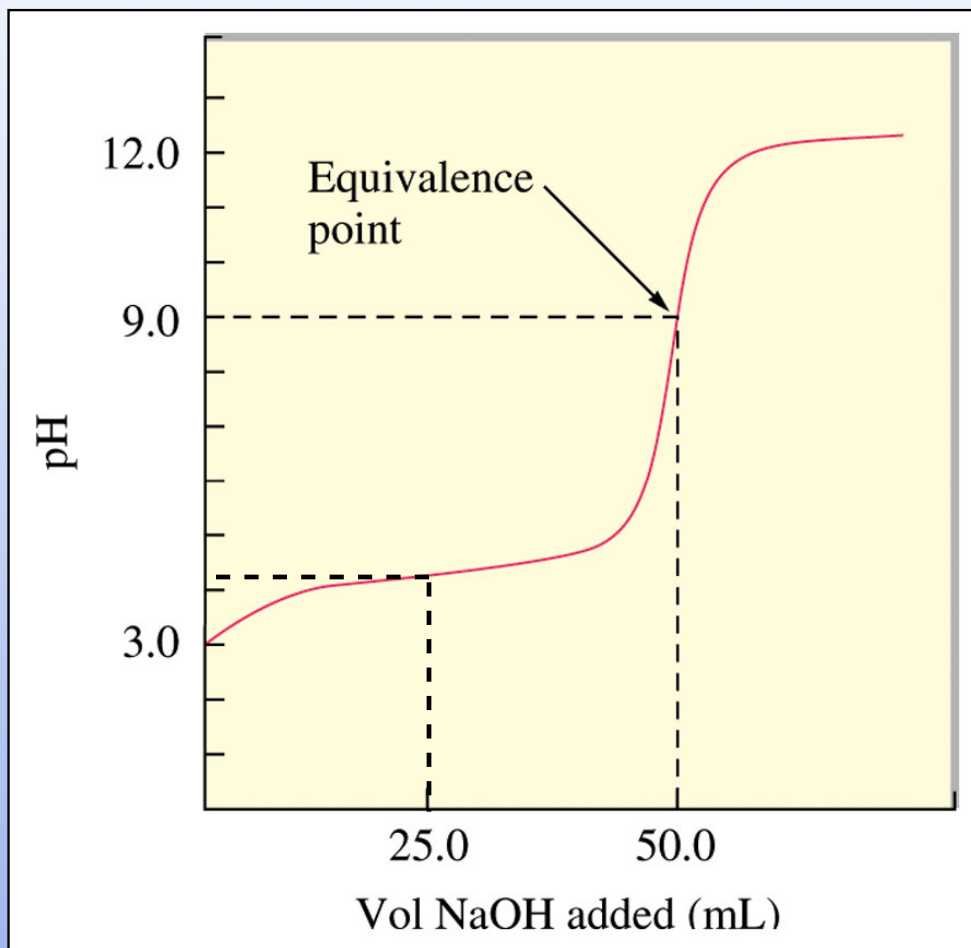
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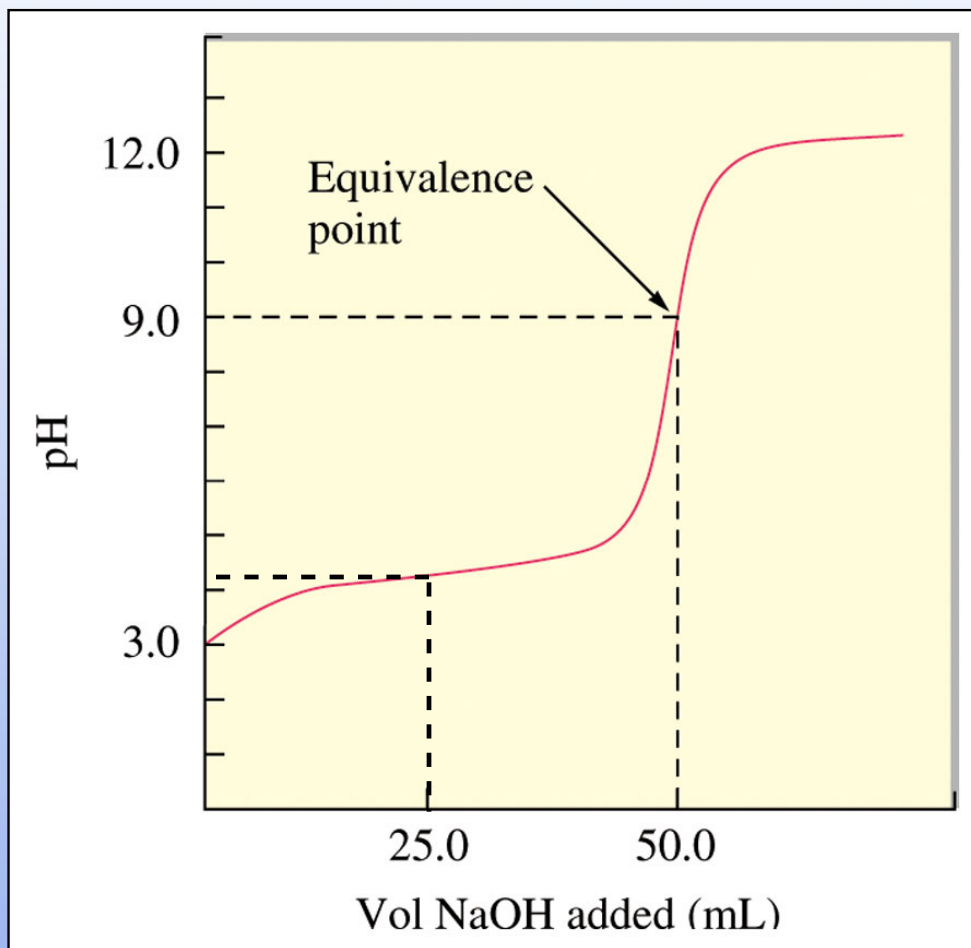
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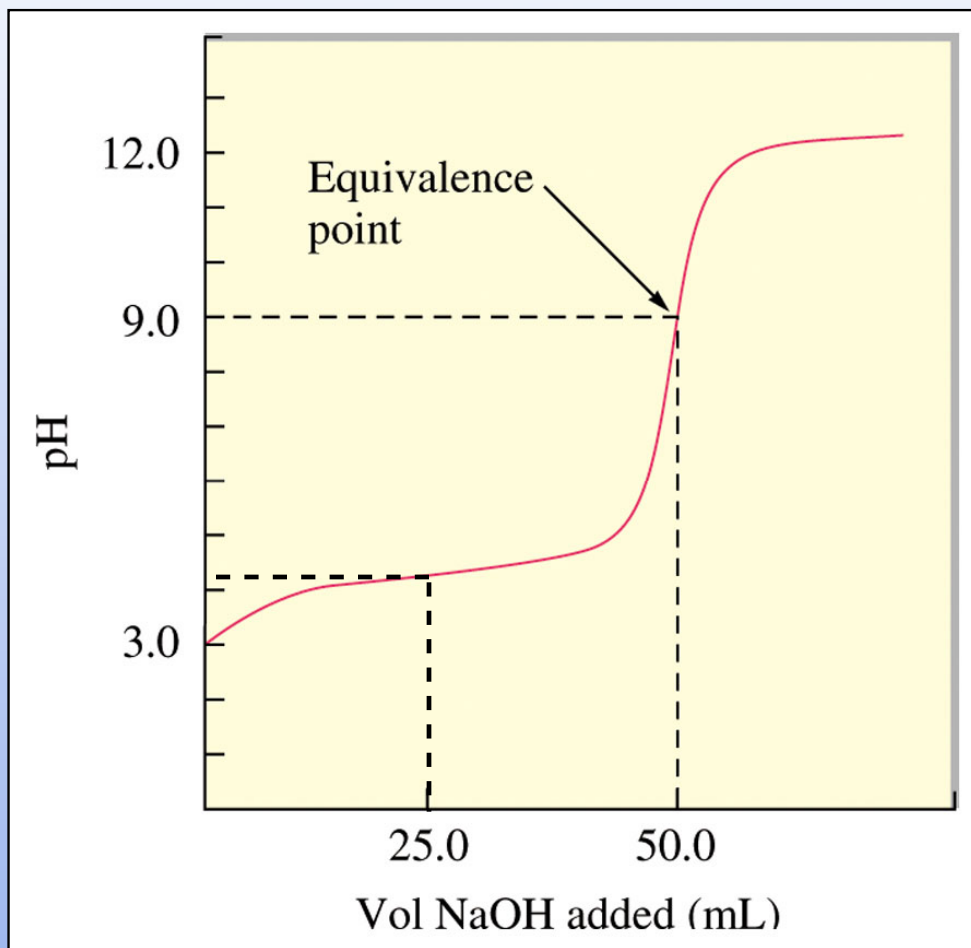
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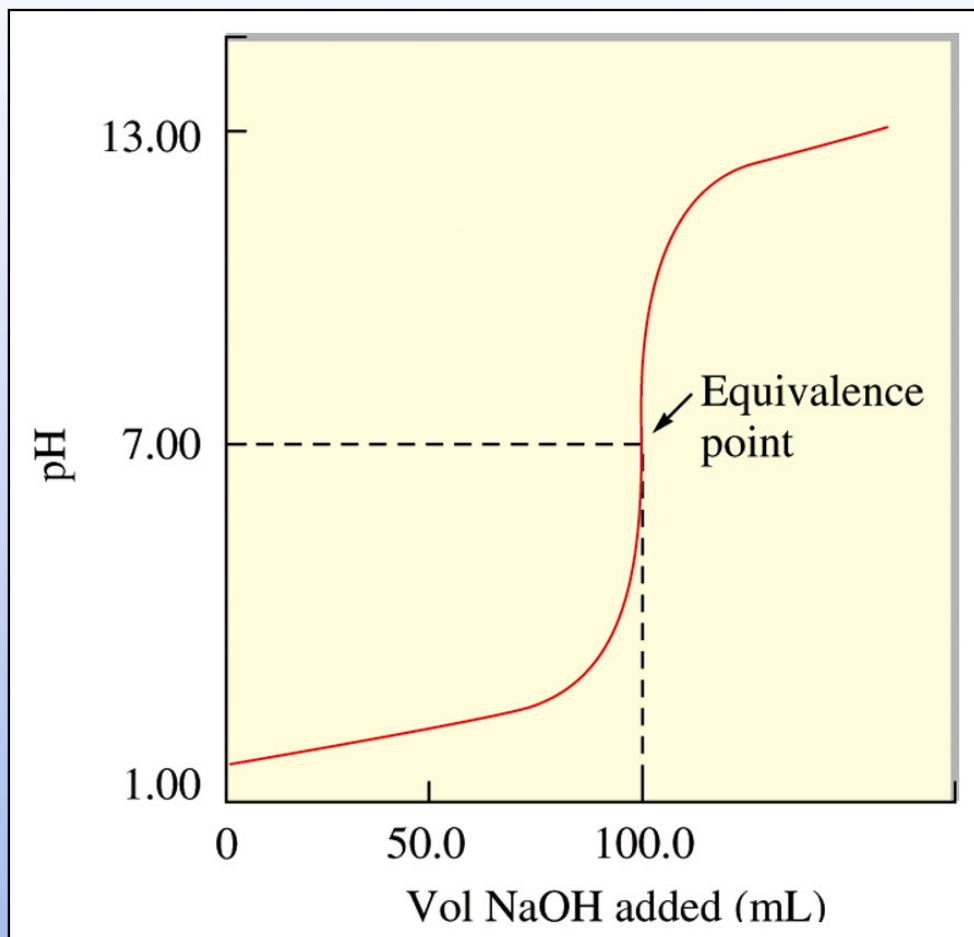
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Easier Version Strong Acid/Strong Base



HCl titrated with NaOH

No Buffer
(conjugate base is infinitely weak)

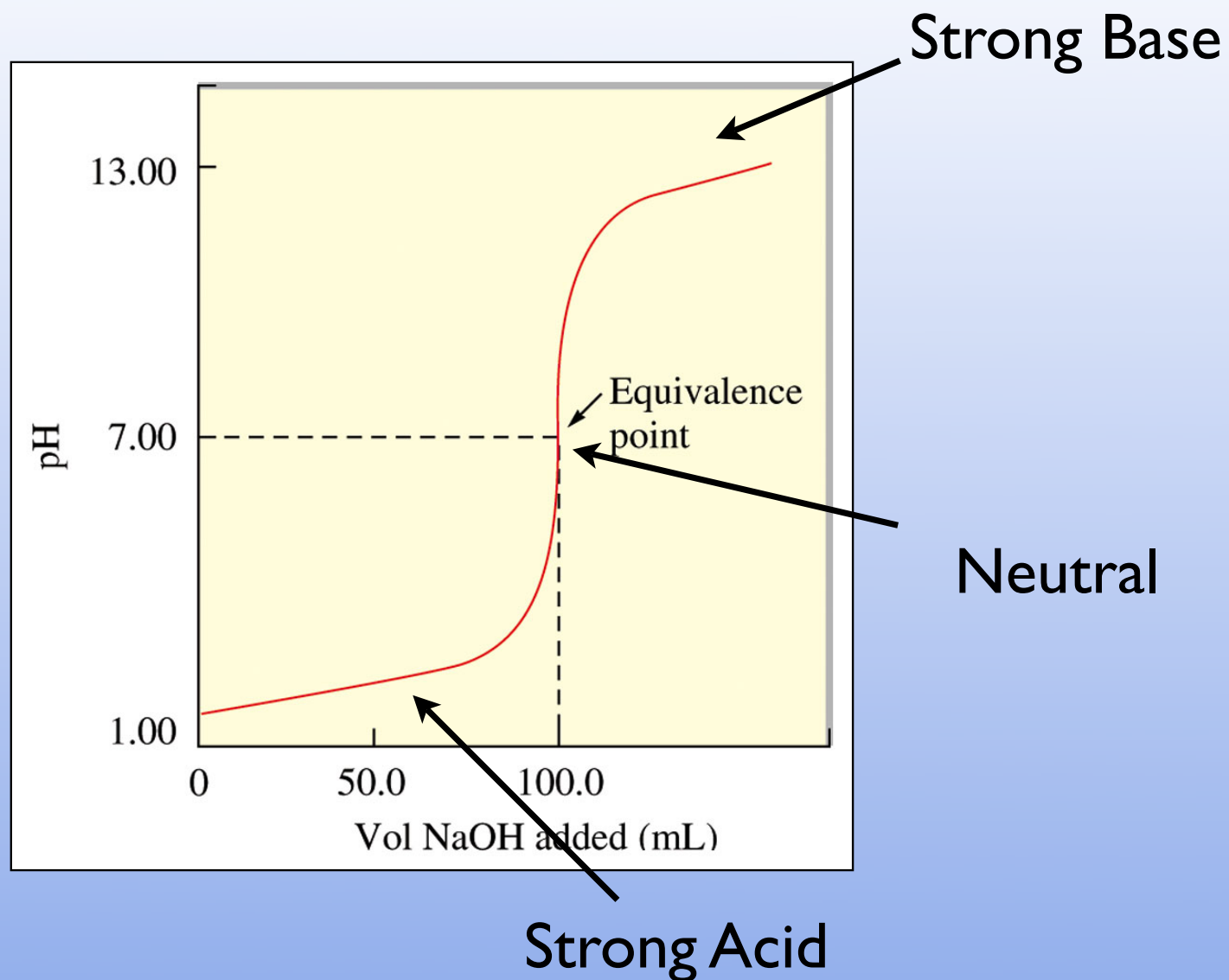
at the equivalence point we have
equal number of moles of acid and base

Neutralize first Then look at the equilibrium

imagine a 100 mL solution with 0.1 moles of HCl
we add .01 moles of NaOH in each titration step (10 mL of 1M)

Initial		After Neutralization		Volume (L)	Equilibrium	
mol H ⁺	mol OH ⁻	mol H ⁺	mol OH ⁻		pH	pOH
0.1	0.01	0.09	0.00	0.11	0.09	13.91
0.09	0.01	0.08	0.00	0.12	0.18	13.82
0.08	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.13	0.27	13.76
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0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.19	1.28	12.72
0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.20	7.00	7.00
0.0	0.01	0.0	0.01	0.21	12.67	1.33
0.0	0.02	0.0	0.02	0.22	12.86	1.04

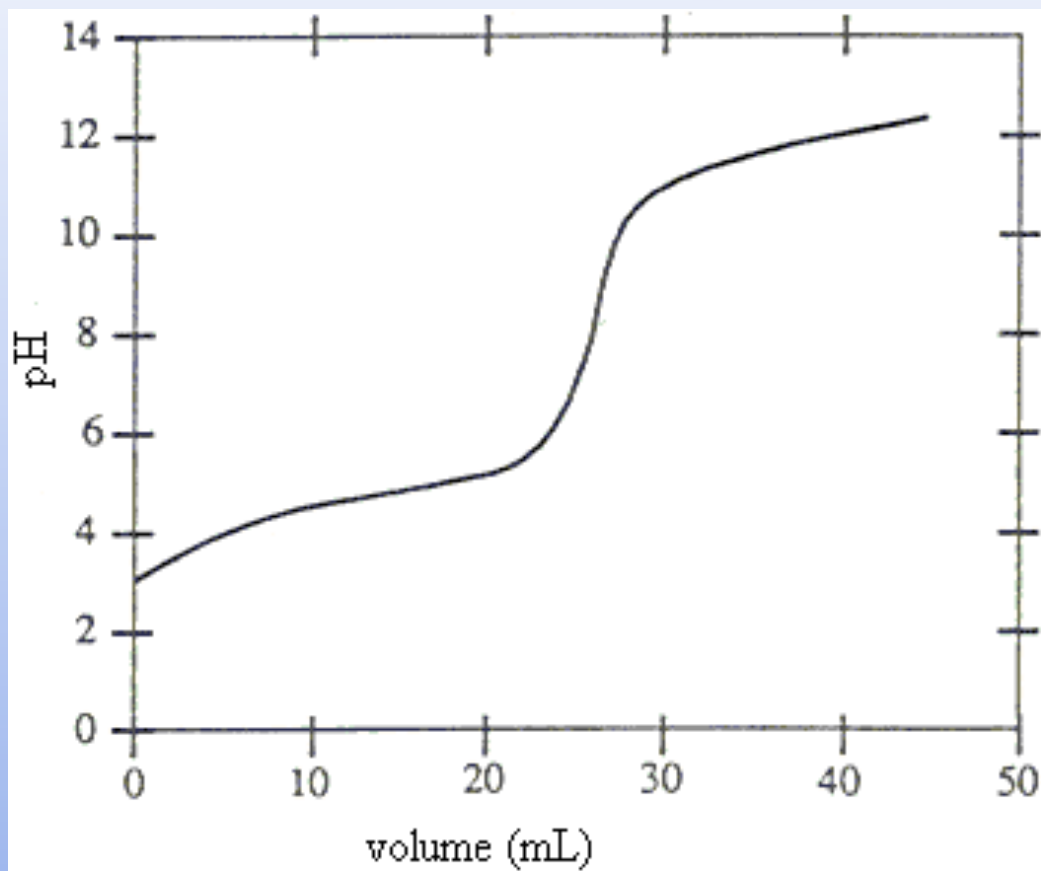
Strong Acid/Strong Base Titration



At the endpoint of your titration you have added 40 mL of a 1 M NaOH solution to 200 mL of an unknown HCl solution. What was the concentration of the HCl?

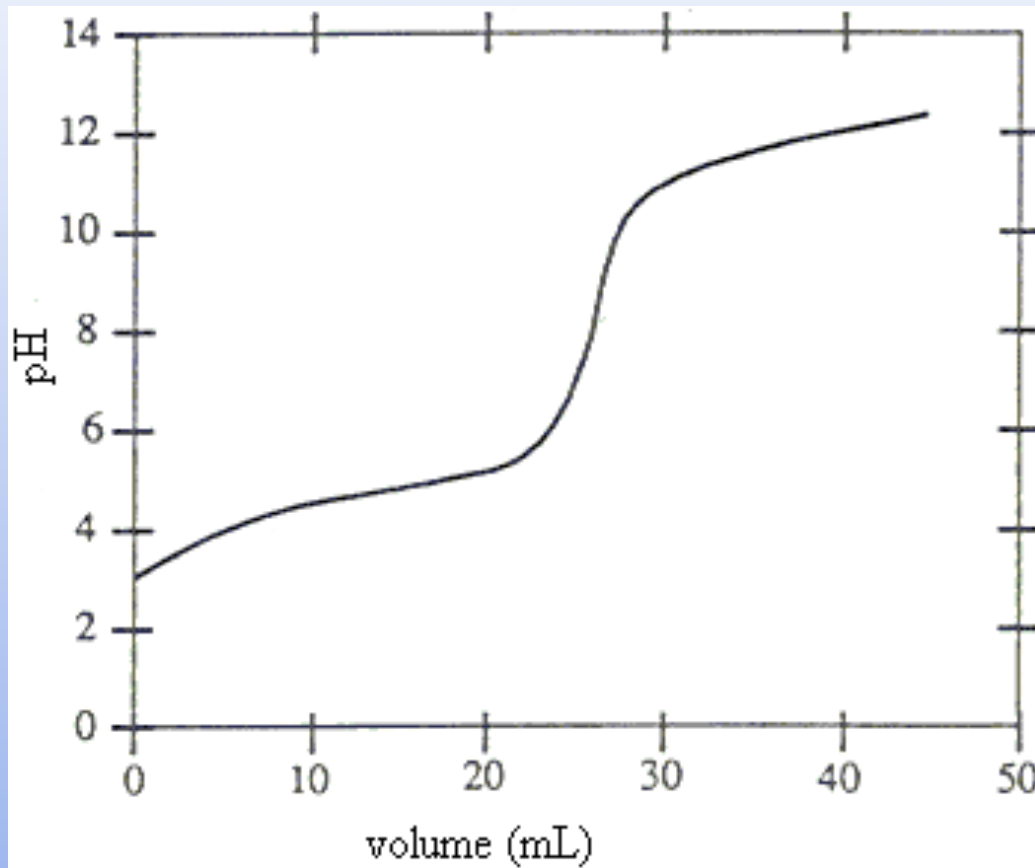
- A. 0.1 M
- B. 0.2 M
- C. 0.4 M
- D. 1 M
- E. 2 M

The equivalence point in this titration is at



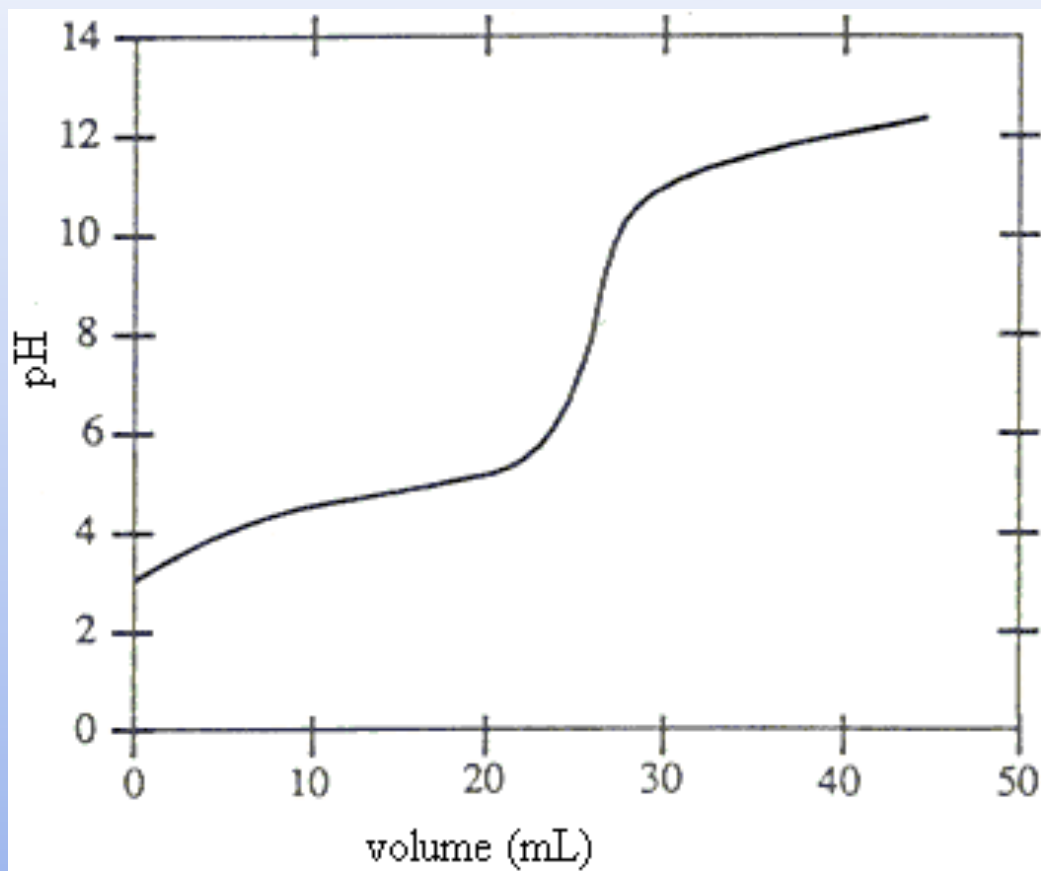
- A. 5 mL
- B. 14 mL
- C. 28 mL
- D. 44 mL

Below is a titration curve of a _____



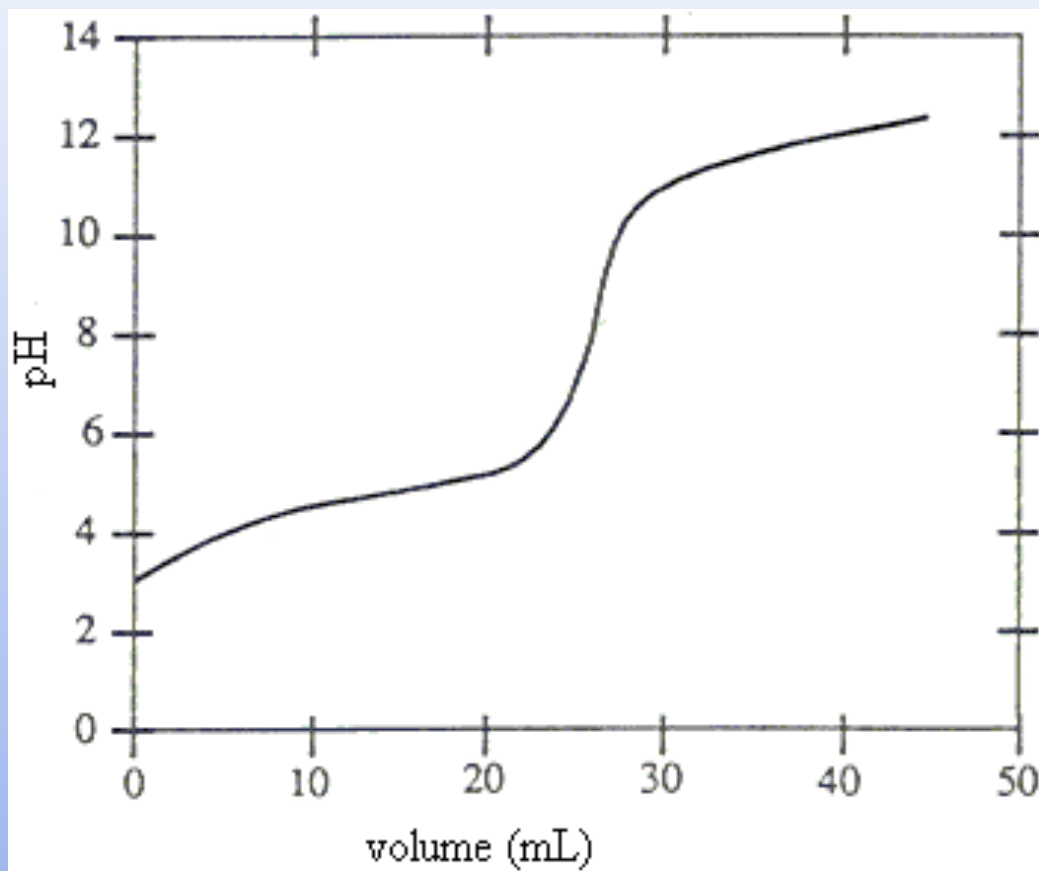
- A. weak acid
with a strong base
- B. weak base
with a strong acid
- C. strong acid
with a strong base
- D. strong base
with a strong acid

The half-equivalence point in this titration is at



- A. 5 mL
- B. 14 mL
- C. 28 mL
- D. 44 mL

The pKa of this weak acid is _____



A. 3.1

B. 4.7

C. 8

D. 12.1

Finding the endpoint (equivalence point)

Indicator dye

Phenolphthalein

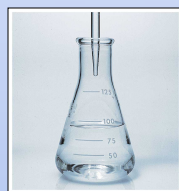
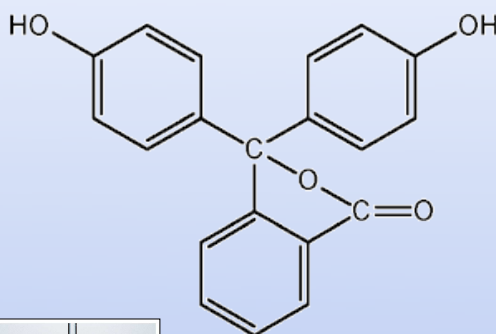
amount of indicator is so small it doesn't affect the pH, but the equilibrium of the dye is strongly affected by the pH

$$K_a = [H^+] \times \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$

$$= [H^+] \times \frac{\text{Pink}}{\text{Clear}}$$

$$pK_a = 8.2$$

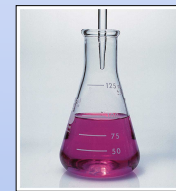
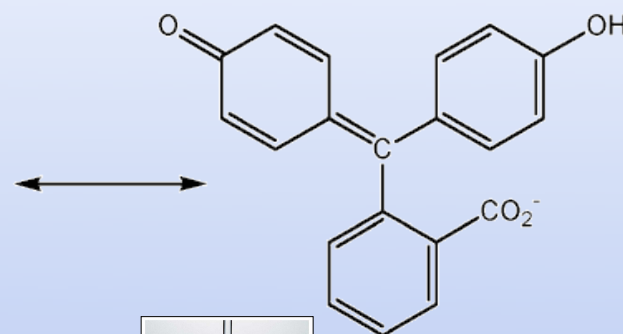
$$K_a = 6.3 \times 10^{-9}$$



Colourless
HA

$$[H^+] > 6.3 \times 10^{-9}$$
$$pH < 8.2$$

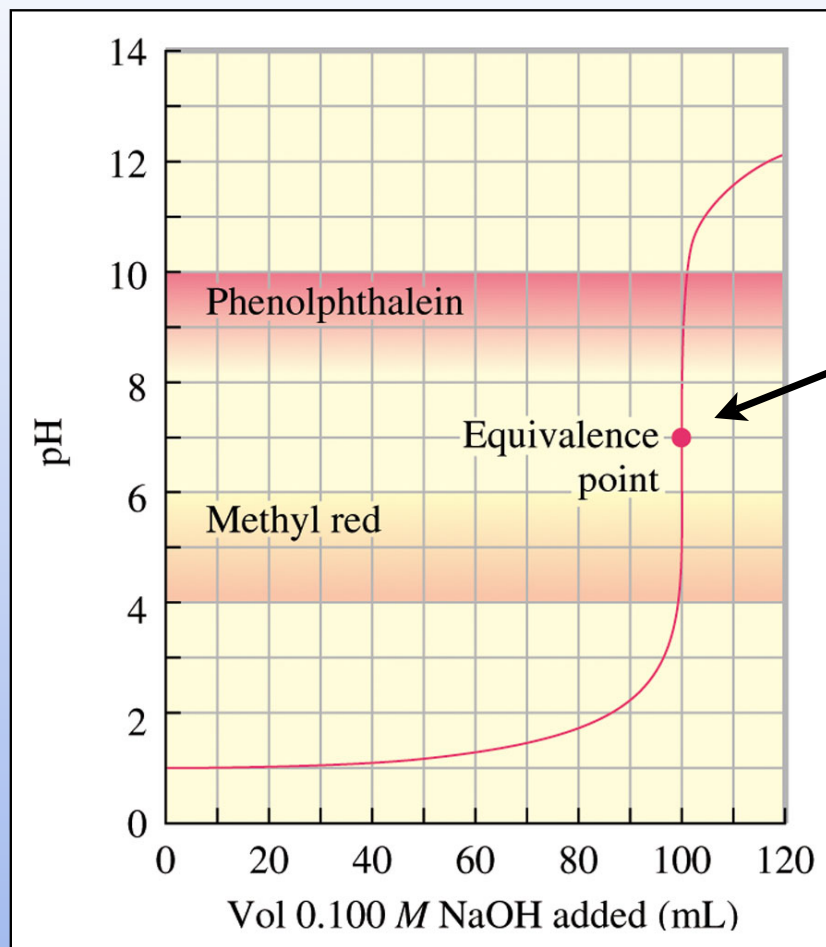
$$\frac{\text{Pink}}{\text{Clear}} < 1$$



Pink
A⁻

$$[H^+] < 6.3 \times 10^{-9}$$
$$pH > 8.2$$

$$\frac{\text{Pink}}{\text{Clear}} > 1$$

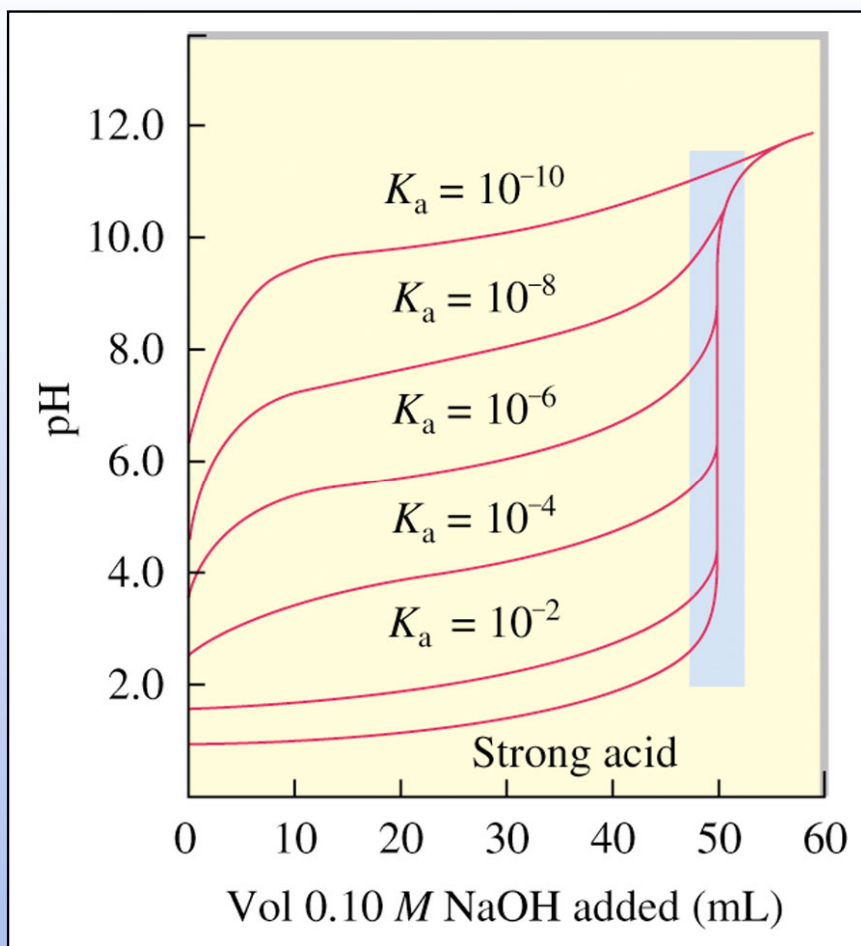


color just barely
changing for
Phenolphthalein

Bromophenol Blue has a pK_a of around 4. When it is protonated (HA form) it is green, when it is deprotonated (A^- form) it is blue.

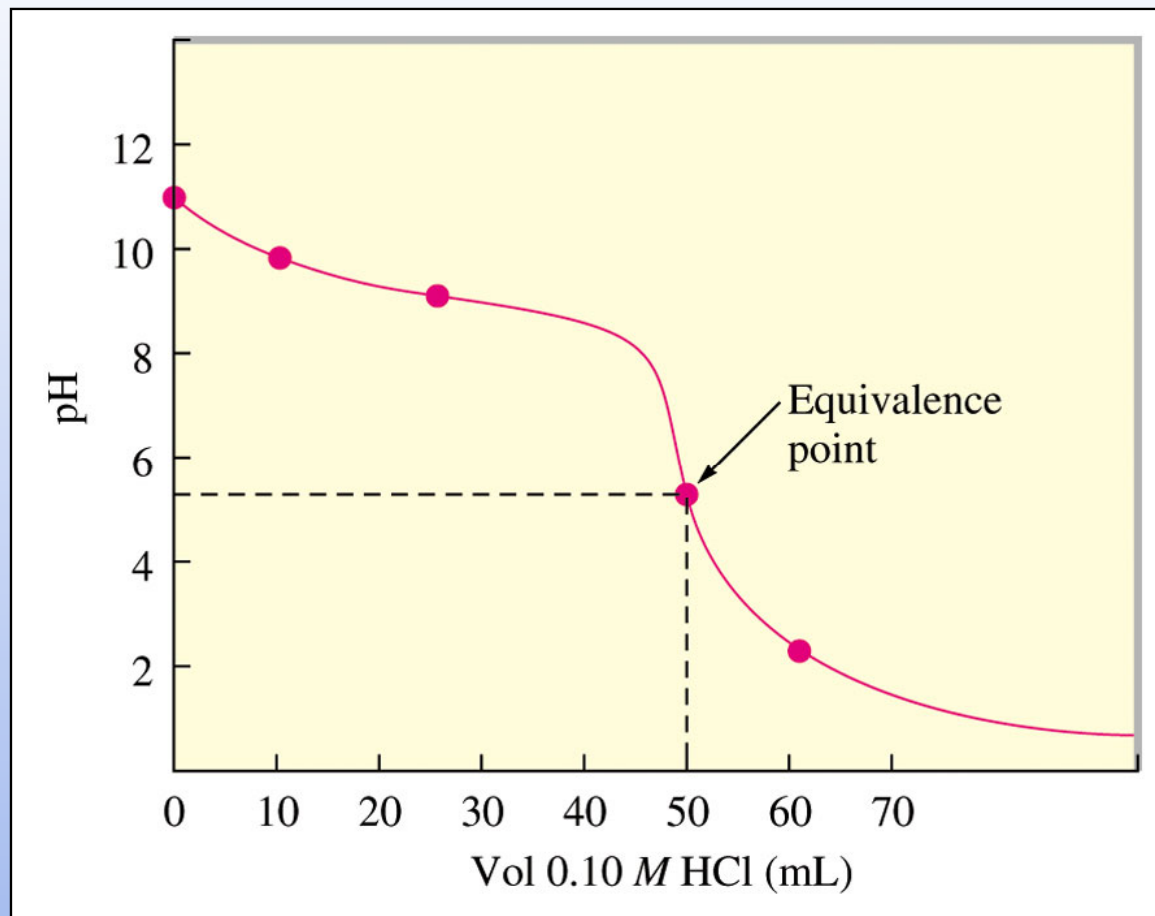
What color would it be in a solution in which the pH was 8?

- A. blue
- B. green
- C. a mix of blue and green



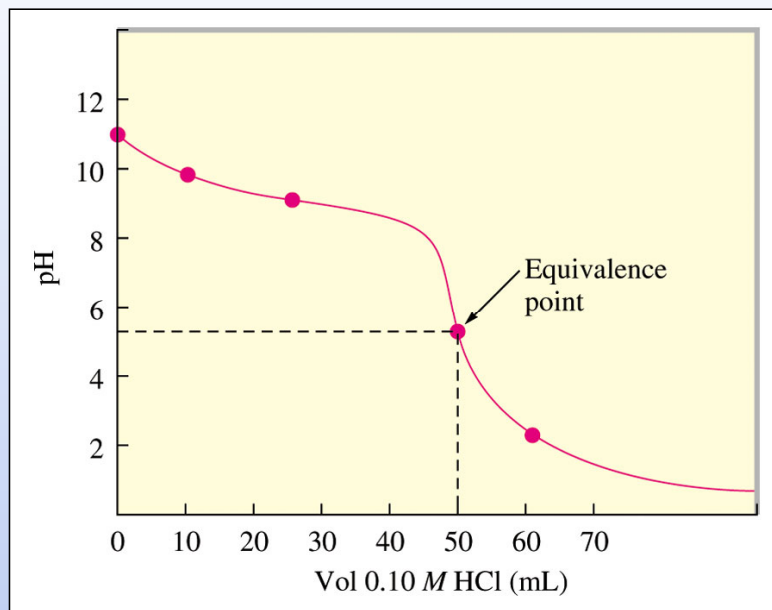
Example of 6 acids with different K_a 's but
the same concentration
Same concentration will produce the
same equivalence point

Weak base titrated with strong acid



Basic solution starts at high pH (basic) goes to low (acid)

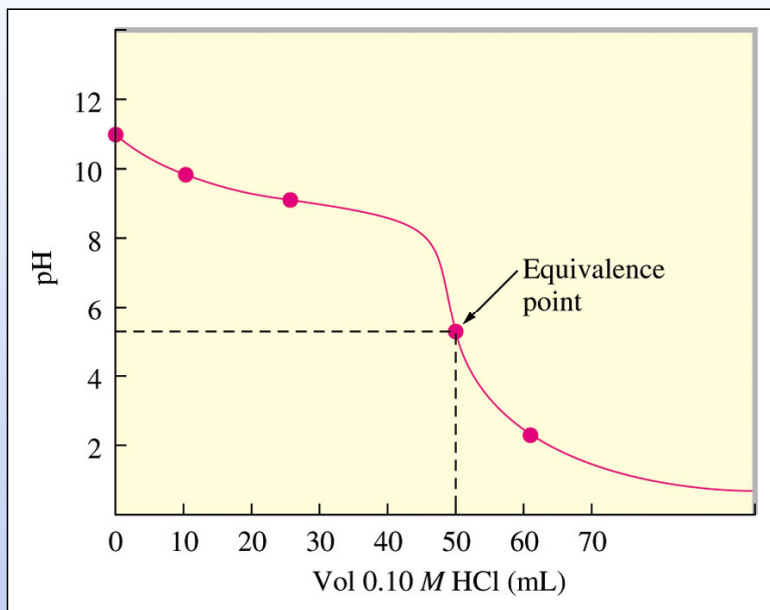
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Original Base solution had a volume of
100 mL.
What is the concentration?

- A. 0.05 M
- B. 0.1 M
- C. 0.15 M
- D. 0.20 M

Weak base titrated with strong acid



What is the K_b of the base?

- A. 1×10^{-3}
- B. 1×10^{-5}
- C. 1×10^{-8}
- D. 1×10^{-9}

Polyprotic Acids

Acids that have more than one proton to lose

Now we need to keep track of all the "forms" of the acid

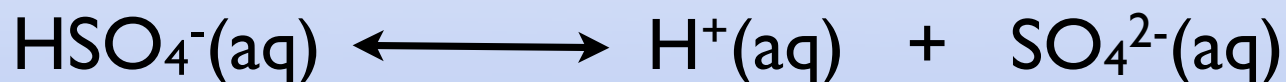
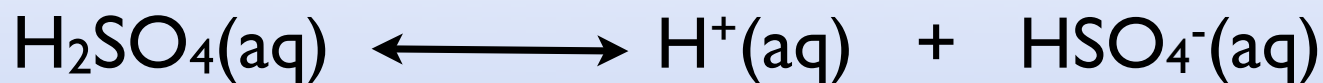
Monoprotic HA , A^-

Diprotic H_2A , HA^- , A^{2-}

Triprotic H_3A , H_2A^- , HA^{2-} , A^{3-}

For example

Sulfuric Acid



$$K_{a1} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{HSO}_4^-]}{[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4]} = 10^3$$

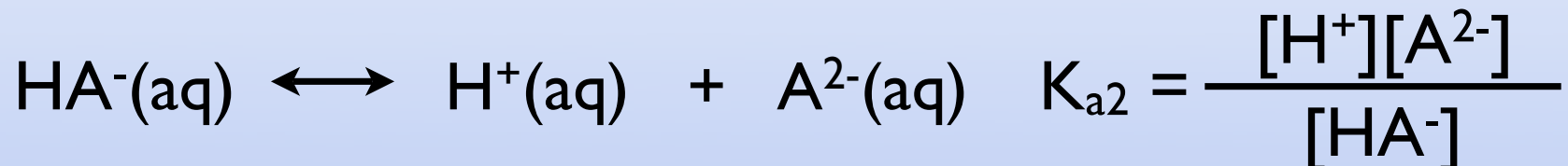
Equilibrium for the first
proton coming "off"

$$K_{a2} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{SO}_4^{2-}]}{[\text{HSO}_4^-]} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$$

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Key Question

What is in solution!

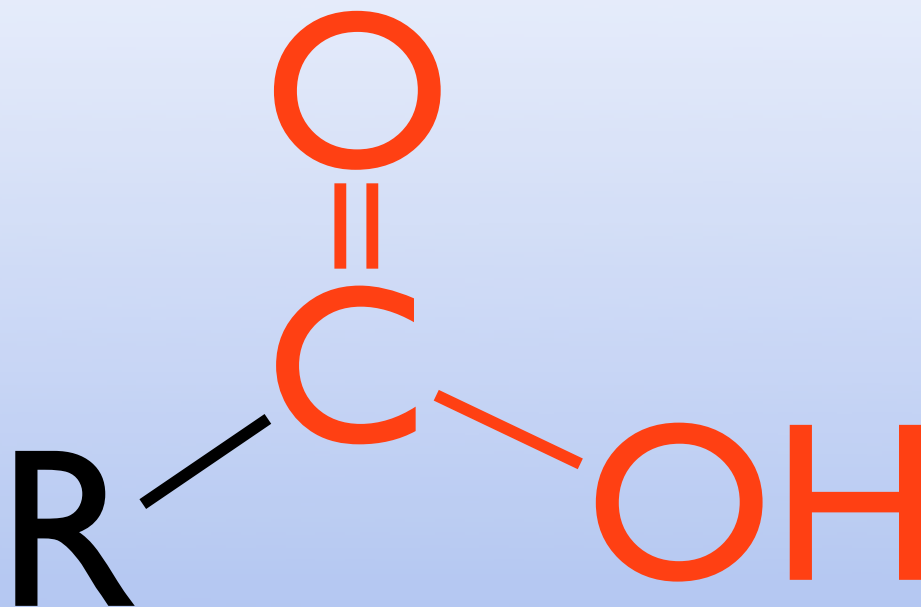


we'll reduce all such problems to 1 or 2 major forms of the acid.

First figure out which ones will be in solution

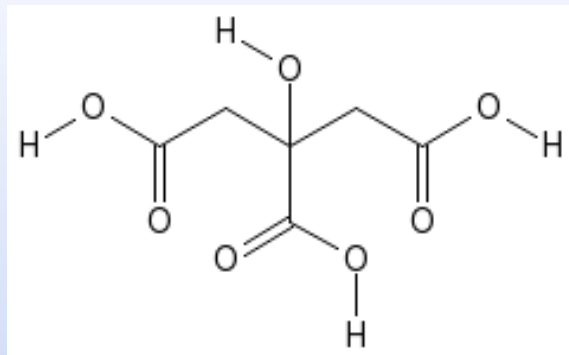
Carboxylic Acid

Common
Acetic Acid
(vinegar)



carbon double bonded to an oxygen
bonded to carbon on one side
OH on the other side

Citric Acid



$$K_{a1} = 7.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$K_{a2} = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$K_{a3} = 4.0 \times 10^{-7}$$

What is the pH of 1M Citric Acid?

Imagine that it was monoprotic

Weak Acid

$$K_{a1} = \frac{[H^+][H_2A^-]}{[H_3A]} = \frac{(x)(x)}{Ca - x} = \frac{(x)(x)}{Ca}$$

$$[H^+] = x = \sqrt{K_a C_a} = \sqrt{(7.4 \times 10^{-4})(1)} = 0.027$$

Citric Acid

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Lets look at K_{a2}

$$K_{a2} = [H^+] \frac{[HA^{2-}]}{[H_2A^-]} \quad \frac{[HA^{2-}]}{[H_2A^-]} = \frac{K_{a2}}{[H^+]} = \frac{1.7 \times 10^{-5}}{0.027} = 6.3 \times 10^{-4}$$

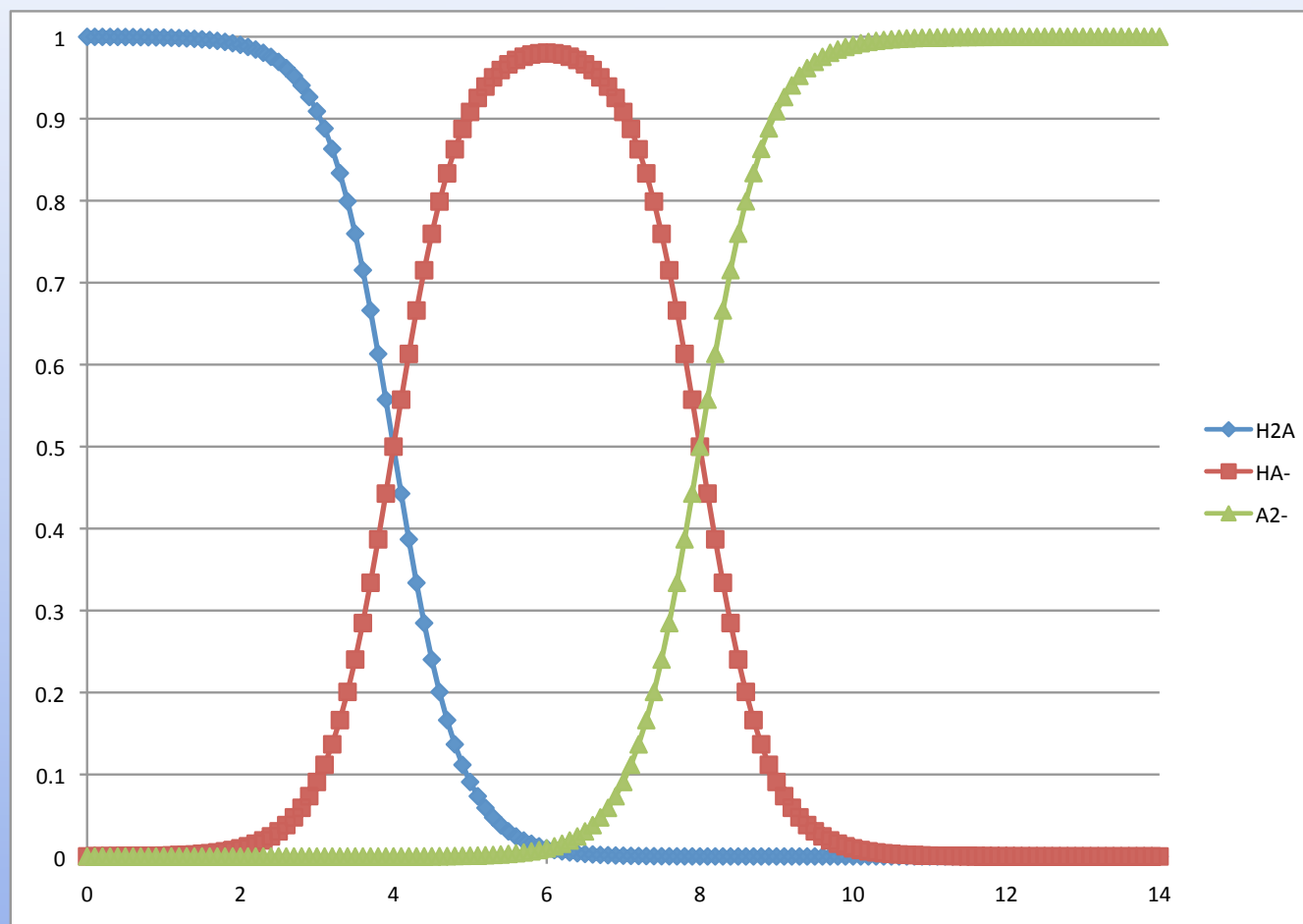
This is a very small number 

very very little HA^{2-} the second proton doesn't come off
pH is dominated by the first proton equilibrium

So we really only need to consider
the $[H^+]$ concentration changing due to K_{a1}

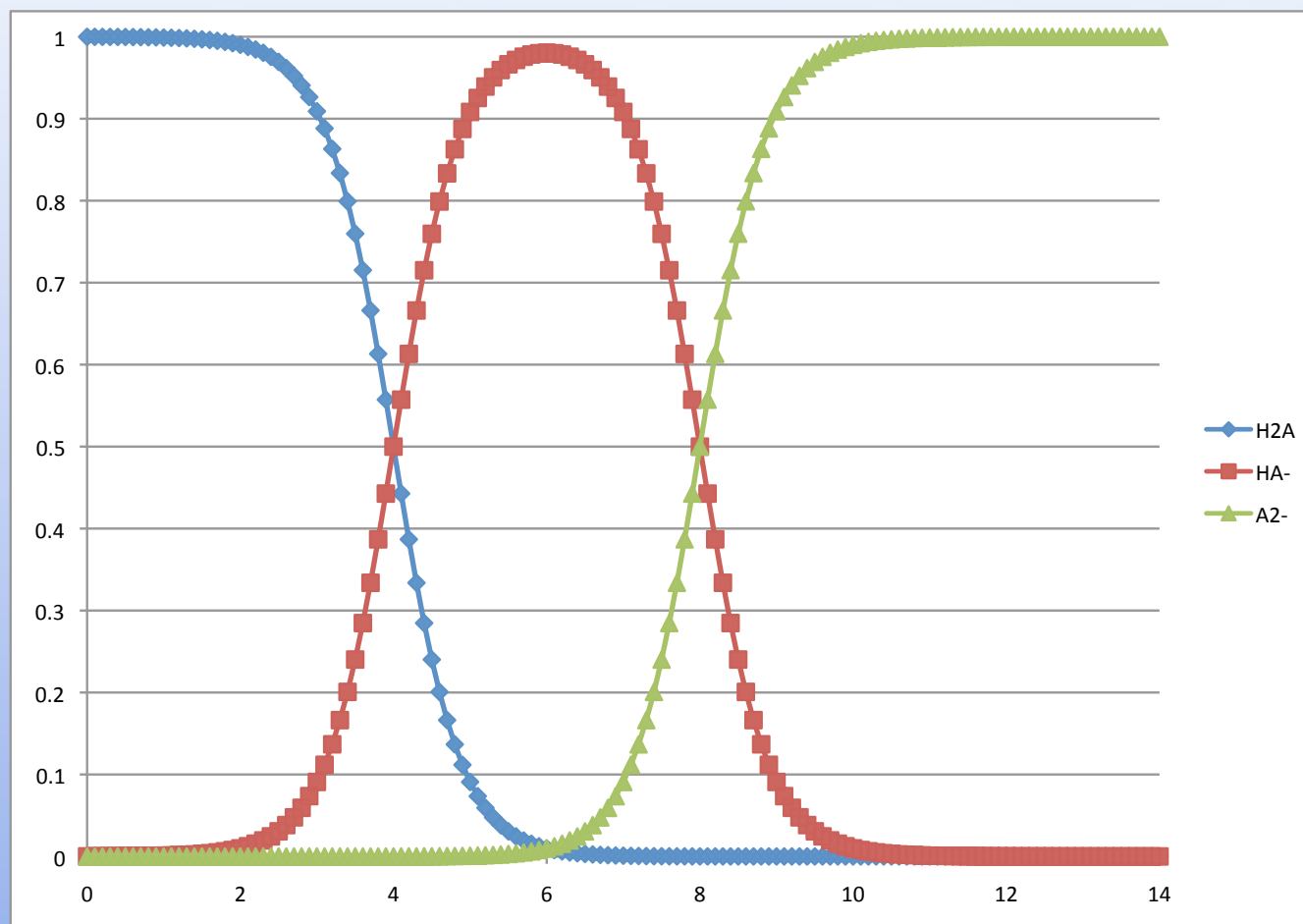
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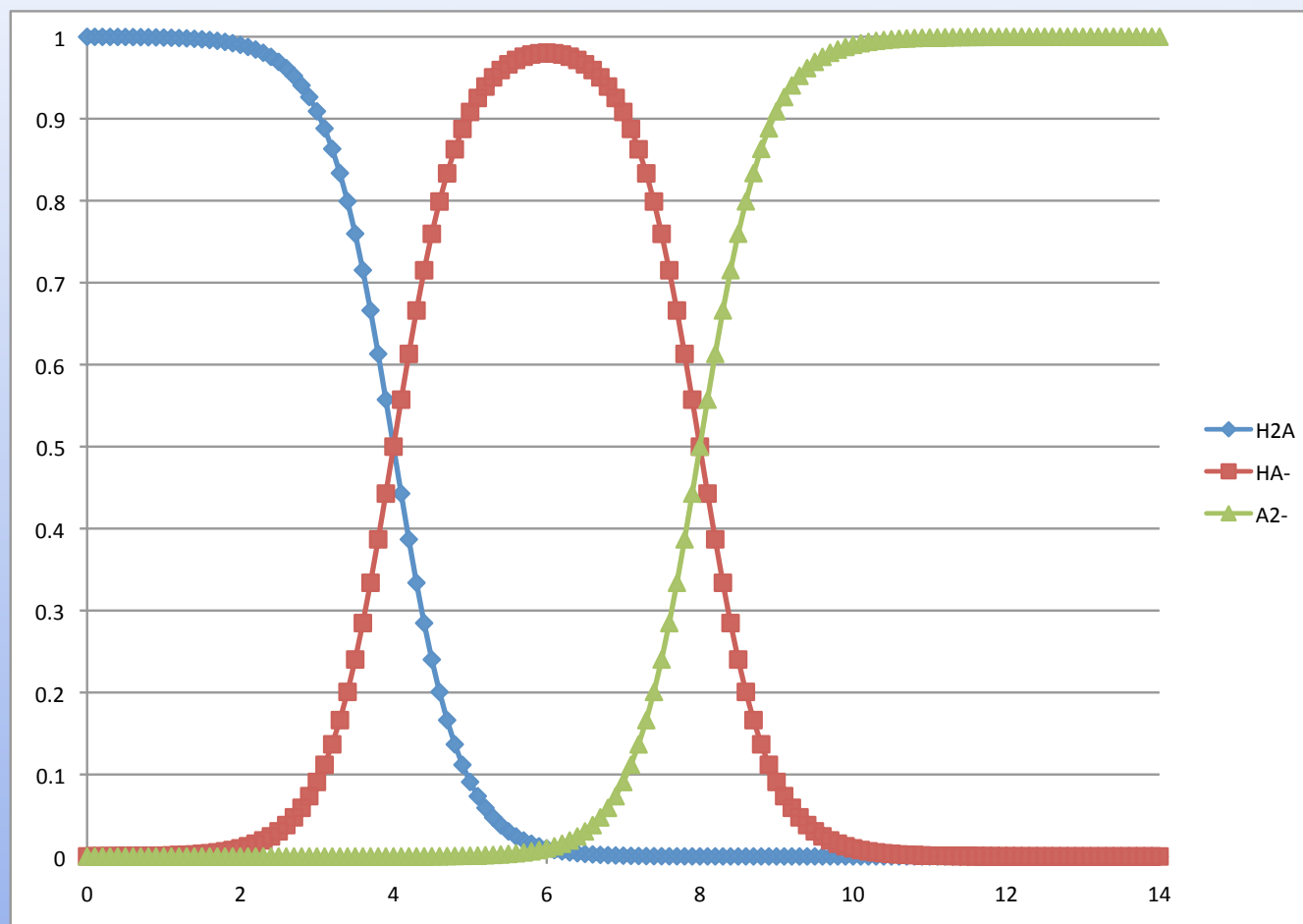
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When do I care about the other protons?

When I neutralize the acid.

As you neutralize the first protons,
the second will come off,

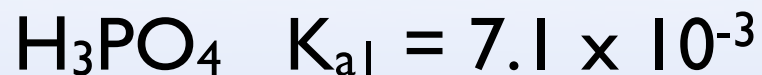
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- B. H_2PO_4^-
- C. H_2PO_4^- and HPO_4^{2-}
- D. HPO_4^{2-}
- E. HPO_4^{2-} and PO_4^{3-}

What is the pH of a solution with 0.5 M HPO_4^{2-} ?



$$K_{a2} = 6.3 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$K_{a3} = 4.5 \times 10^{-13}$$

to simplify we'll use the generic notation HPO_4^{2-} is HA^{2-}

HA^{2-} is found in equilibria 2 & 3

$$K_{a2} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{HA}^{2-}]}{[\text{H}_2\text{A}^-]} \quad K_{a3} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^{3-}]}{[\text{HA}^{2-}]}$$

Species that are both acids and bases are
“Amphiprotic”

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$$[\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{K_{a2} \times K_{a3}}$$

If I add 0.1 moles of NaOH to 0.07 moles of H_3PO_4
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B. H_2PO_4^-

C. H_2PO_4^- and HPO_4^{2-}

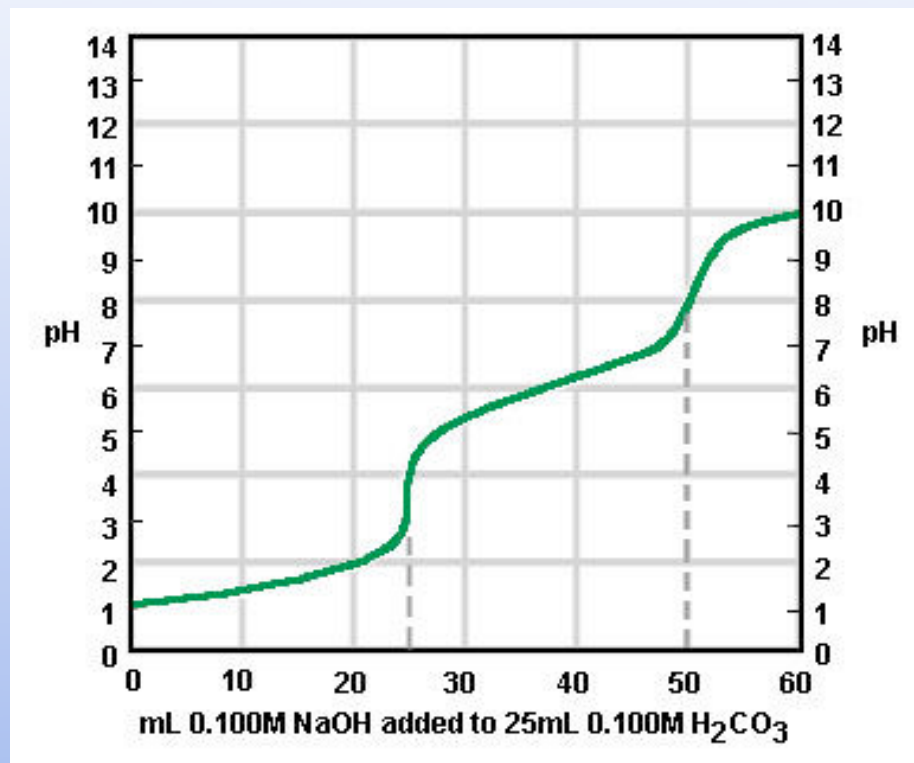
D. HPO_4^{2-}

E. HPO_4^{2-} and PO_4^{3-}

.04 moles H_2PO_4^-
.03 moles HPO_4^{2-}

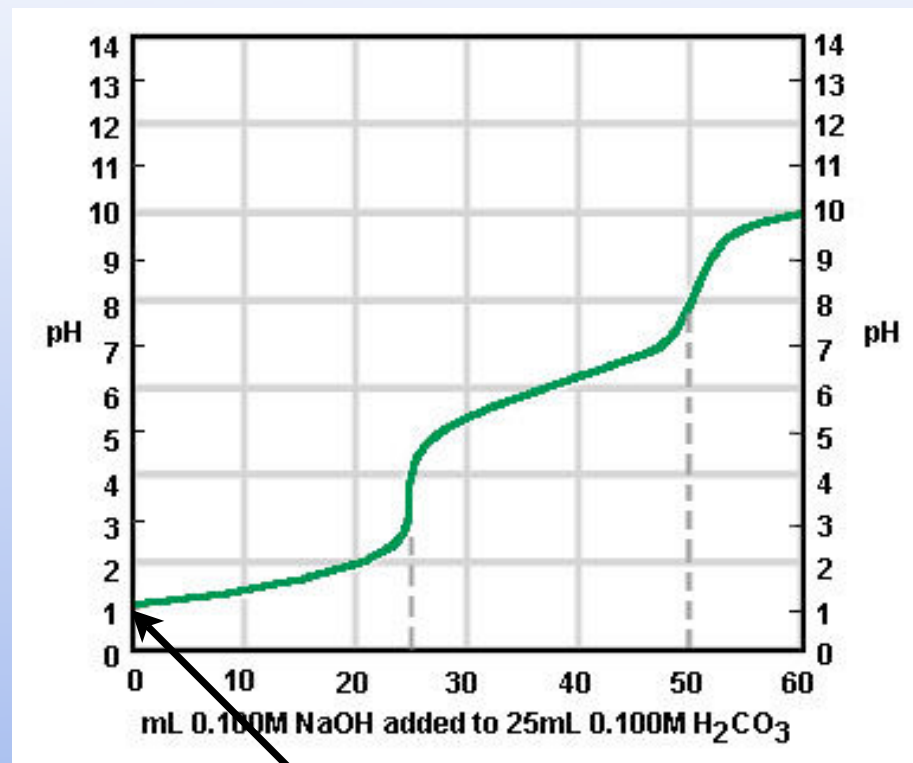


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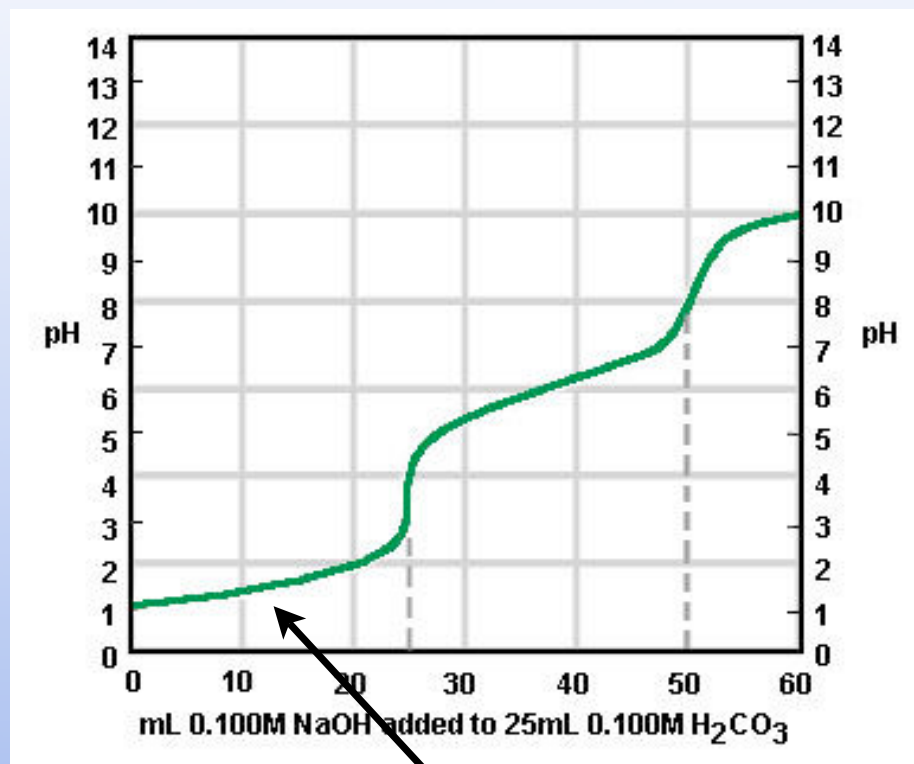
Two equivalence
points
Diprotic H₂A

Titration of a polyprotic



all H₂A weak acid

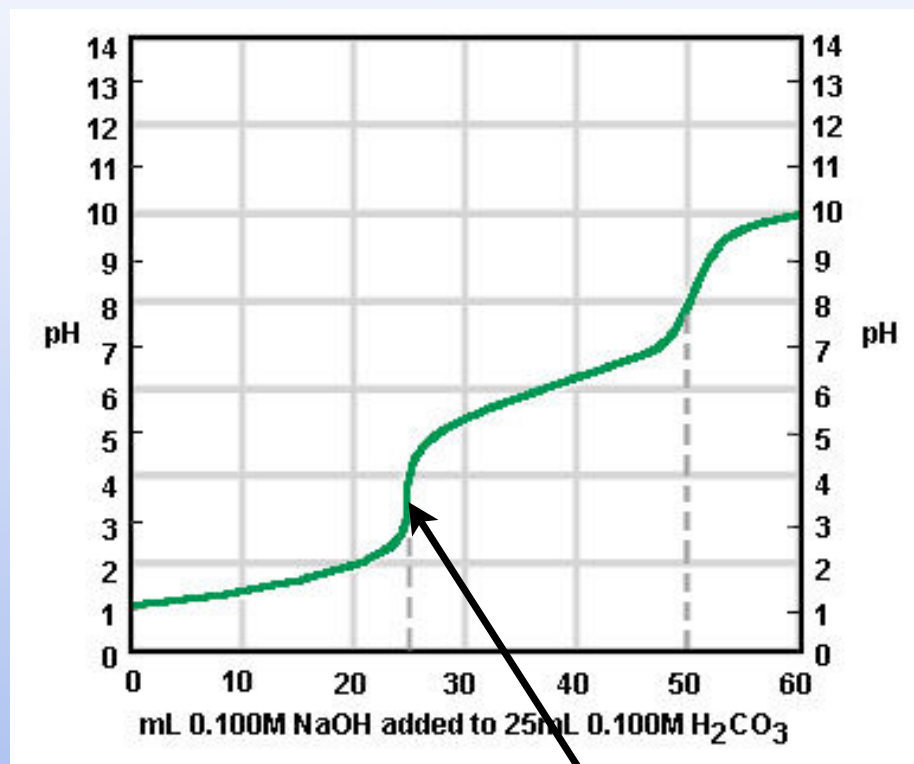
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OH⁻ neutralizes some
H₂A to HA⁻
buffer around K_{a1}

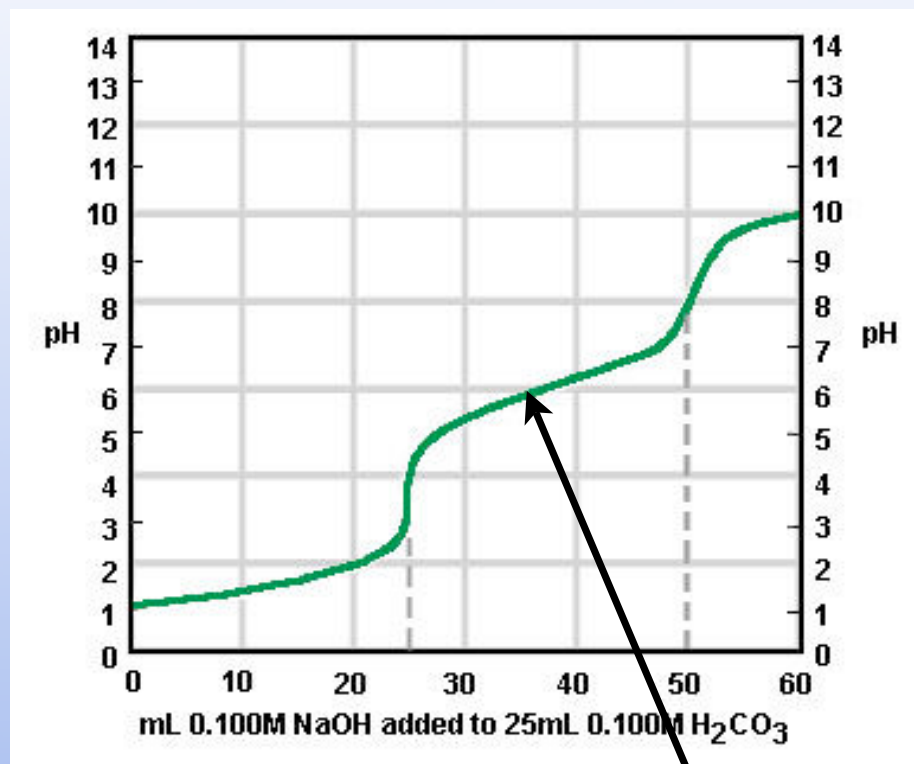
halfway
to equivalence point I
pH = pK_{a1}

Titration of a polyprotic



equivalence point I
moles OH^- = moles H_2A
All H_2A converted to HA^-

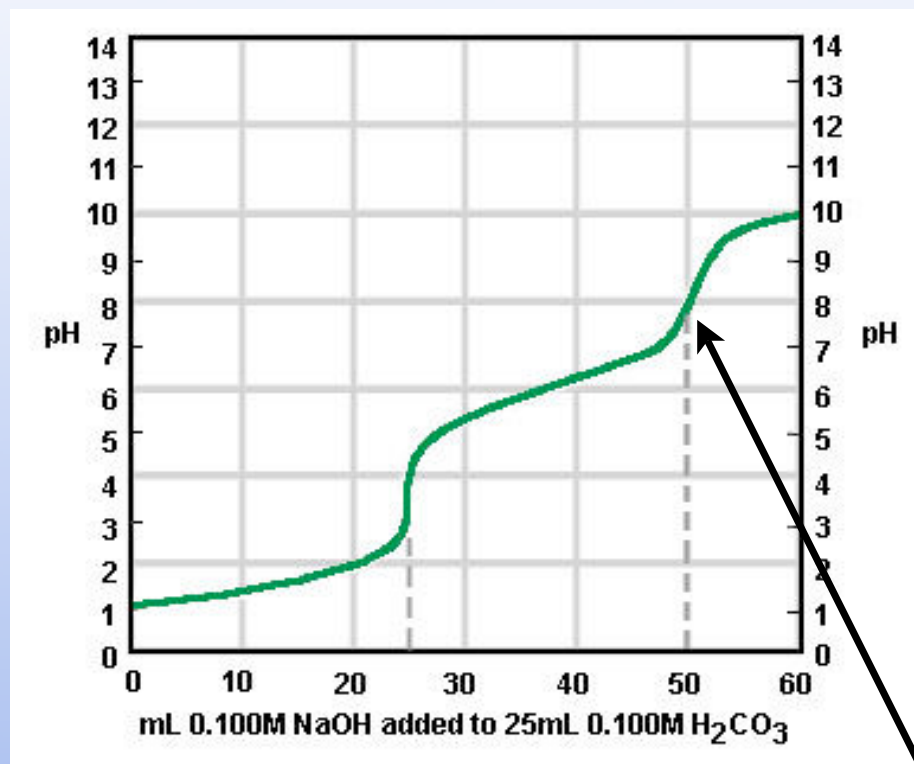
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halfway
to equivalence point I
 $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_{a2}$

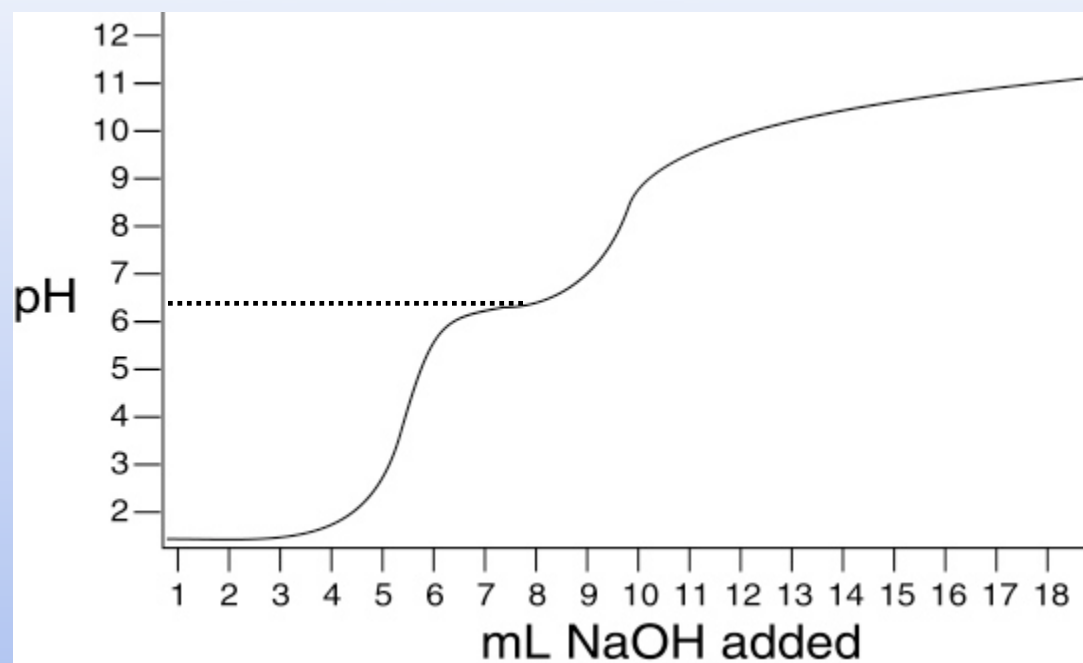
OH^- neutralizes HA^- to A^{2-}
 HA^- and A^{2-}
buffer around K_{a2}

Titration of a polyprotic



equivalence point 2
moles $\text{OH}^- = 2 \times$ moles H_2A
now all H_2A is converted to A^{2-}
now weak base A^{2-}

Given the following curve estimate K_{a2}
for this unknown acid



at 1/2 equiv
 $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a$
 $\text{pH} = 6.3$
 $\text{pK}_a = 6.3$
 $K_a = 5 \times 10^{-7}$



A. 1

B. 6.3

C. 5×10^{-6}

D. 5×10^{-7}