

Titration of a weak acid with strong base

- Objectives:

- To study titration curves.
- Determine the pKa value of a weak acid.
- Reinforce the understanding of buffers.

- Titration Curves:

- Titration Curves are produced by monitoring the pH of a given volume of a sample solution after successive addition of acid or alkali.
- The curves are usually plots of pH against the volume of titrant added.
- **The relation between the strength of acid / base and K_a/K_b respectively:**
- As an acid/base get weaker, its K_a/K_b gets smaller and Pka/PKb gets larger.

- **Example:**

- **HCl** is a strong acid , it has **1×10^7** **Ka** value and **-7 pKa value**.

- **CH₃COOH** is a weak acid , it has **1.76×10^{-5}** **Ka** value and **4.75 pKa** value.

- **Type of weak acid and how did they dissociate:**

- The weak acid will **dissociate** in solution (the group of weak acid), the weak acid may be contain **1 group or more than one**, and each group has own **Ka value**.

- **Type of weak acid:**

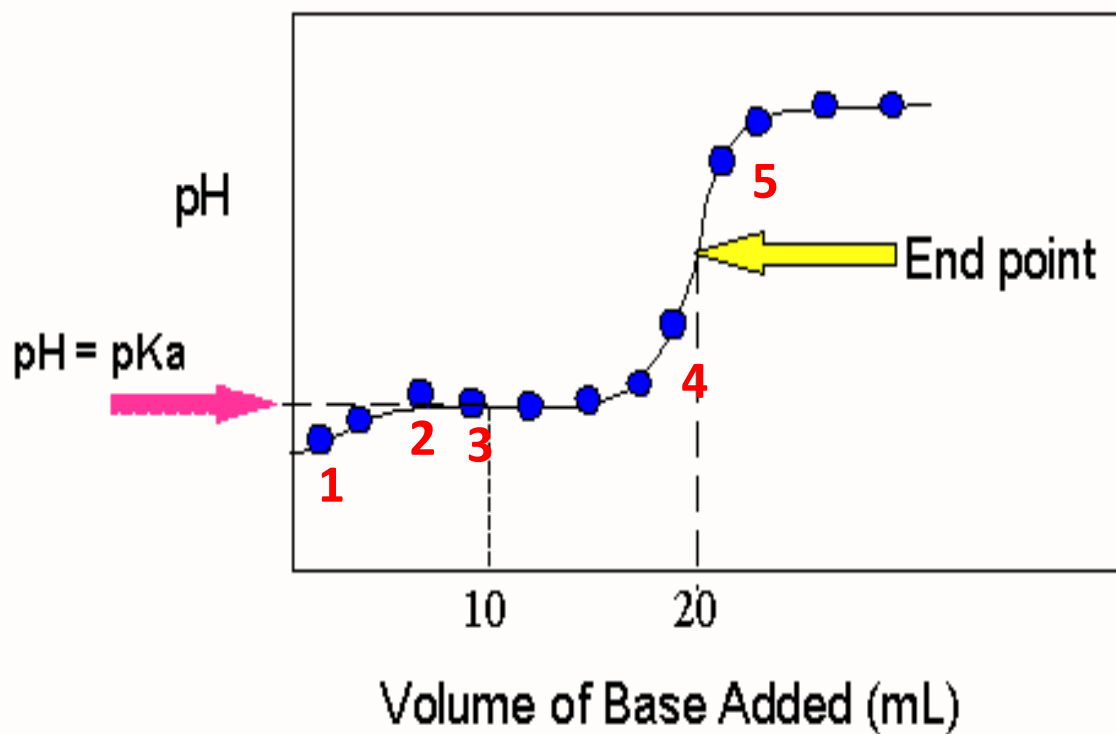
1- Monoprotention (contain 1 group, hydrogen ions).

2- Diprotention (contain two group).

3- Polyprotonation (contain more than two group).

- Which dissociation group will dissociate first?
- The group that has **higher K_a** value or that has **lower pK_a** value.
- Acetic acid has **one dissociation** group (monoprotention) COOH “carboxyl”.
- So, the titration curve of acetic acid with strong base contain **one stage**.

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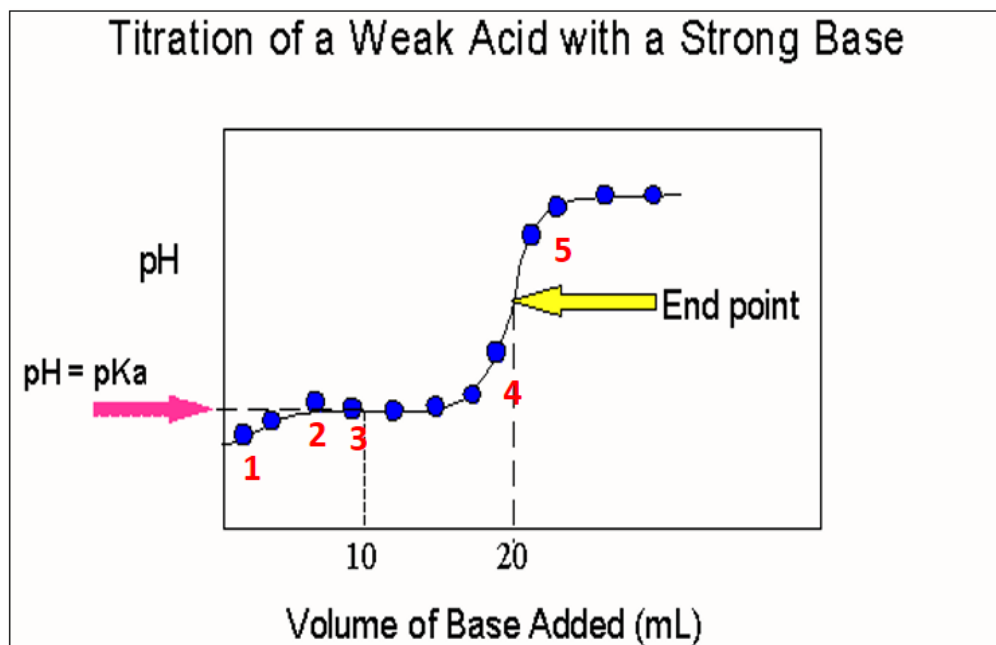


[1] Before any addition of strong base the (starting point) All weak acid is in the form of full protonation $[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]$; all weak acid as electron donor.

- In this point PH of weak acid < Pka.

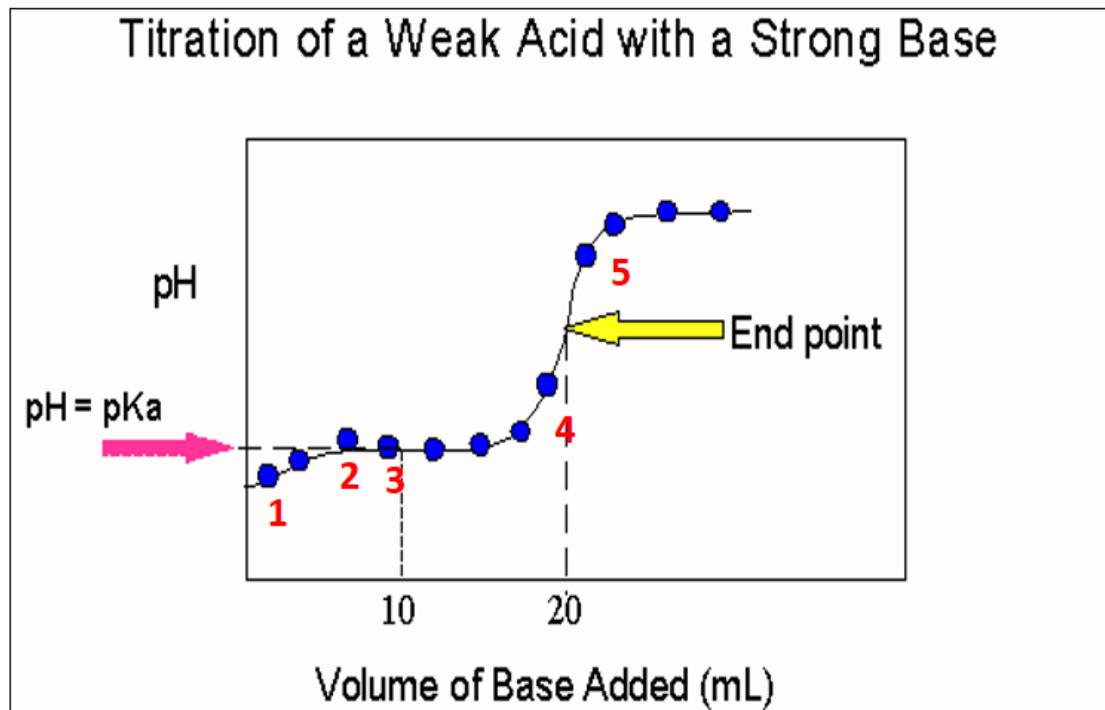
[2] When certain amount of strong base added (any point before the middle of titration), the weak acid starting dissociate $[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}] > [\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]$ (Donor > Acceptor).

- In this point the PH of weak acid < Pka.



[3] point At middle of titration $[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}] = [\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]$ (Donor=Acceptor) ,
 $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a$, The component of weak acid work as Buffer that has maximum
buffer capacity (Can resistant the change of pH) .

- **Pka define as:** The pH value at middle of titration at which they will be
[donor]=[acceptor].

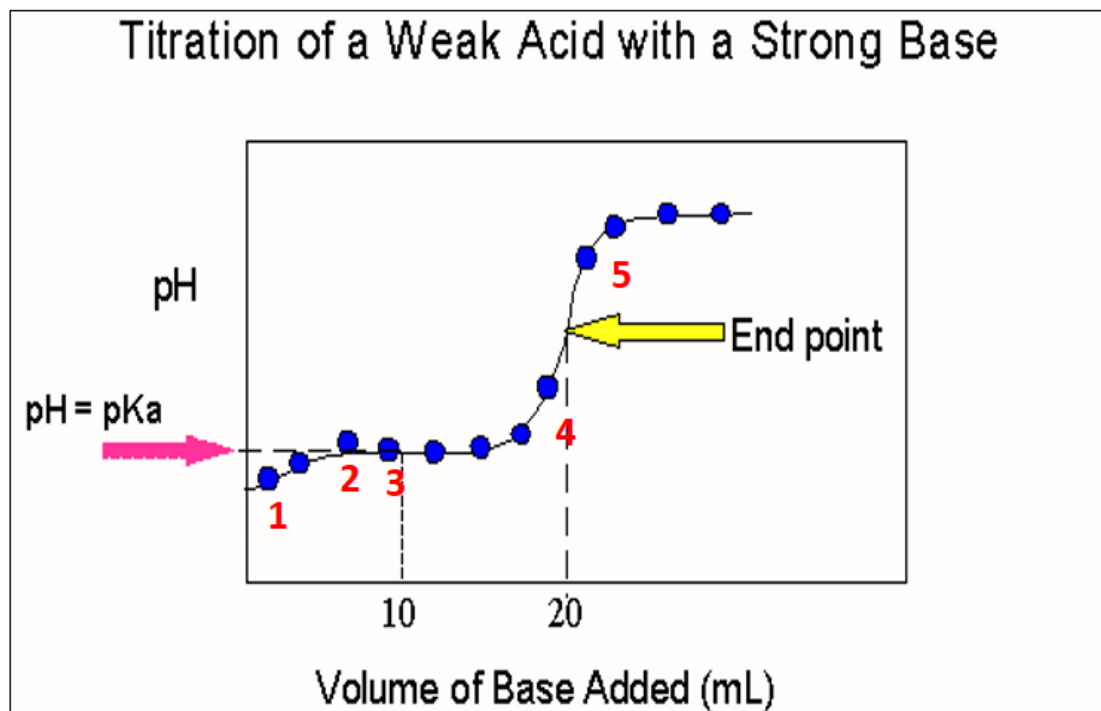


[4] Any point after mid of titration , $[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}] < [\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]$,
(donor < Acceptor).

- In this point the $\text{PH} > \text{Pka}$.

[5] Finally; At the end point the group of weak acid will full dissociate
(electron acceptor) , $[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]$.

-In this point $\text{PH of weak acid} > \text{Pka}$



- Now,

- How to calculate the pH value at these different points?

[1] At starting point: $\text{pH} = (\text{pK}_a + \text{p}[\text{HA}]) / 2$.

[2] At any point within the curve (after , in or after middle titration):

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

[3] At end point: $\text{pOH} = (\text{pK}_b + \text{p}[\text{A}^-]) / 2$

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_w - \text{pOH}$$

- Henderson-Hasselbalch equation is an equation that is often used to:

1- To calculate the pH of the Buffer

2- To preparation of Buffer.

3- To calculate the pH in any point within the **titration curve** (Except starting and ending point)

- **Note:**

- **If you start titration using 20 ml of the weak acid, In titration curve....**

a] In titration curve if the total volume of weak acid is **20 ml** , we need to add **20 ml** of strong base to full dissociate the group of weak acid.

b] We can reach to middle titration if we add 10 ml of strong base (half the amount of 20 ml).

*** How we can determine the Pka from the curve??**

Example: Determine the PH value of 500 ml of weak acid (0.1M) , titrated with 0.1M KOH (Pka=5), after addition: 100 ml , 250 ml , 375 and 500 ml of KOH??

[1] PH after addition of 100 ml of KOH?

$$\text{PH} = \text{Pka} + \log[\text{A}^-]/[\text{HA}]$$



-We should calculate the No. of moles of remaining [HA] first because it is reflect the pH value at this stage.

Mole of HA [original] – mole of KOH [added] = mole of HA remaining.

$$\text{-No. of KOH mole} = 0.1 \times 0.1 \text{ L} = \underline{0.01 \text{ mole}}$$

$$\text{-No. of HA mole originally} = 0.1 \times 0.5 \text{ L} = \underline{0.05 \text{ mole}}$$

$$\text{-No. of HA mole remaining} = \underline{0.05} - \underline{0.01} = \underline{0.04 \text{ mole}}$$

So,

$$\text{PH} = 5 + \log [0.01]/[0.04]$$

$$\text{PH} = 4.4$$

- **Note:** pH < pKa

[2] After addition of 250 ml of KOH??

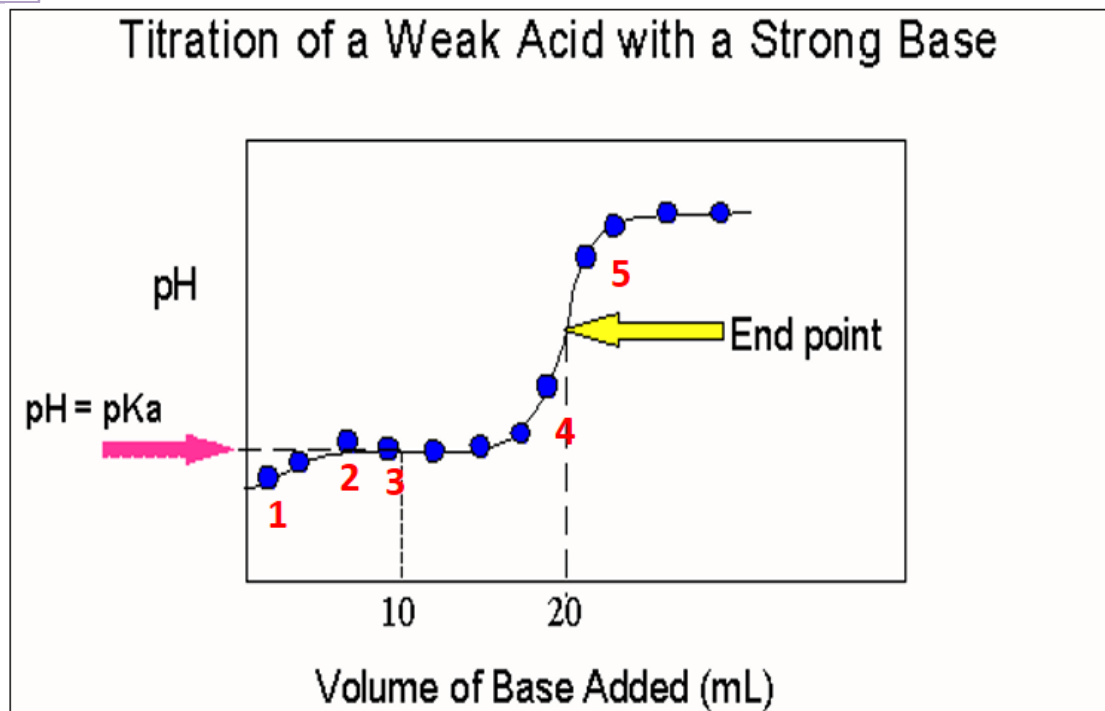
Mole of HA [originally] – mole of KOH [added] = mole of HA remaining.

- No. of KOH mole = $0.1 \times 0.25 \text{ L} = \underline{0.025 \text{ mole}}$

- No. of HA mole remaining = $0.05 - 0.025 = \underline{0.025 \text{ mole}}$

$$\text{PH} = 5 + \log \frac{[0.025]}{[0.025]}$$

$$\text{PH} = 5 = \text{PKa}$$



[3] After addition of 375 ml of KOH??

Mole of HA [originally] – mole of KOH [added] = mole of HA remaining.

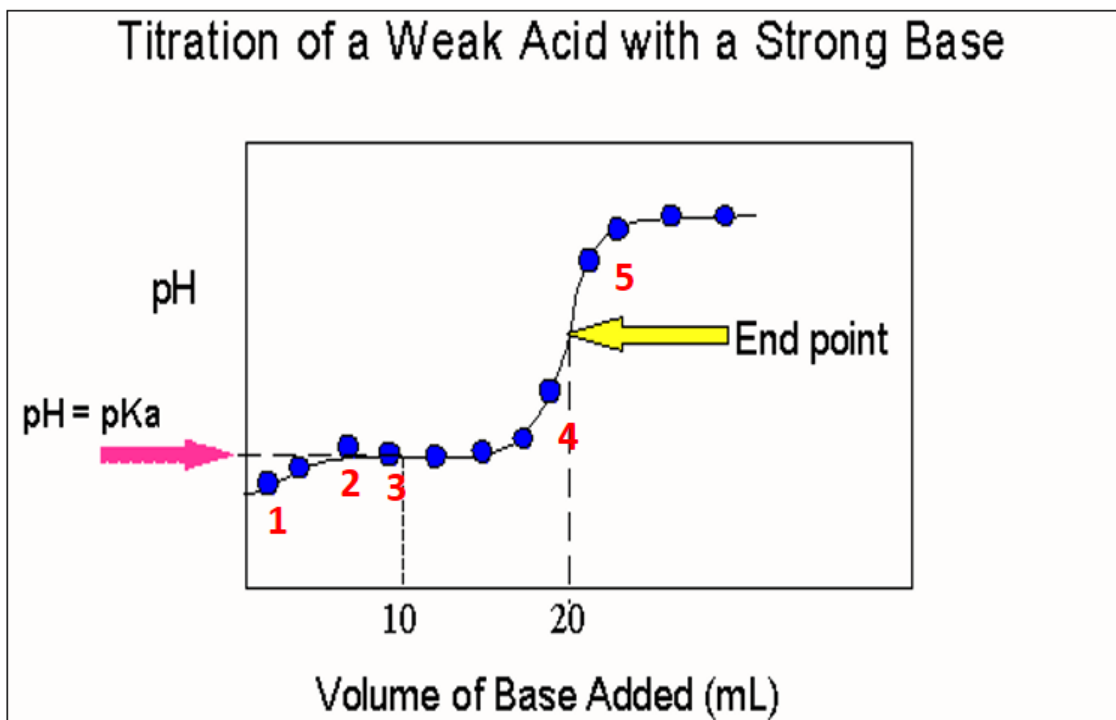
- No. of KOH mole = $0.1 \times 0.375 \text{ L} = \underline{\underline{0.0375 \text{ mole}}}$

- No. of HA mole remaining = $0.05 - 0.0375 = \underline{\underline{0.0125 \text{ mole}}}$

$$\text{PH} = 5 + \log 0.0375/0.0125$$

$$\text{PH} = 5.48$$

- **Note:** The $\text{pH} > \text{pKa}$ “slightly”



[4] After addition of 500 ml of KOH??

- **Note:** 500 ml the same volume of weak acid that mean the all weak acid are as $[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}]$.

$$\text{POH} = (\text{PKb} + \text{P}[\text{A}^-])/2$$

$$\text{PKb} = \text{PKw} - \text{Pka}$$

$$\text{P}[\text{A}^-] = -\log [\text{A}^-]$$

$$\text{PKb} = 14 - 5 = 9$$

$$[\text{A}^-] = ??$$

- **No of a mole KOH** = $0.1 \times 0.5 = 0.05$ mole

(**Total volume** = $500 + 500 = 1000 = 1\text{L}$)

$$[\text{A}^-] = 0.05/1 = 0.05 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{P}[\text{A}^-] = -\log 0.05 = 1.3$$

$$-\text{POH} = (9 + 1.3)/2 = 5.15$$

$$-\text{PH} = \text{PKw} - \text{POH}$$

Note: $\text{pH} > \text{pKa}$

$$\text{PH} = 14 - 5.15 = 8.85$$

- Method:

- You are provided with **10 ml of a 0.1M CH₃COOH** weak acid solution, titrate it with 0.1m NaOH adding the base drop wise mixing, and recording the pH after each 0.5 ml NaOH added until you reach a **pH=9**.

ml of 0.1 NaOH	PH
0	
0.5	
1	
1.5	
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- Result:

- [1] Record the values in titration table and Plot a curve of pH versus ml of NaOH added.
- [2] Calculate the pH of the weak acid HA solution after the addition of 3ml, 5ml, and 10ml of NaOH.
- [3] Determine the Pka value of weak acid.
- [4] Compare your calculated pH values with those obtained from curve.