

## CONCEPT: WEAK BASE-STRONG ACID TITRATIONS

Whenever you titrate a **WEAK** Species with a **STRONG** species you use an \_\_\_\_\_ CHART.

The following can be used as the roadmap for determining the pH for a Weak Base-Strong Acid Titration.

### Equivalence Volume ( $V_e$ )

Calculate the equivalence volume,  $V_e$ , in order to determine the volume of titrant required to reach the equivalence point.

- The titration of 100.0 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{NH}_3$  with 0.20 M HCl

### Before any Strong Acid is added

Before any of the strong acid titrant is added we only have a weak base initially.

- The titration of 100.0 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{NH}_3$  with 0.00 mL of 0.20 M HCl

	$\text{NH}_3$	+	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{NH}_4^+$	+	$\text{OH}^-$
<b>Initial</b>	0.100 M				0.00 M		0.00 M
<b>Change</b>	- x				+ x		+ x
<b>Equilibrium</b>	0.100 - x				+ x		+ x

$$K_b = \frac{x^2}{[ ]_0 - x} \quad \therefore x = [\text{OH}^-] \quad \therefore \text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^-] \quad \therefore \text{pH} = 14 - \text{pOH} \quad \left| \quad \frac{[ ]_0}{K_b} > 500 \quad \text{5\% Approximation Method} \right.$$

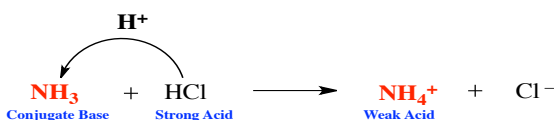
### Before Equivalence Point

Once our acid and base begin to mix we use an ICF Chart to determine the pH.

- The titration of 100.0 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{NH}_3$  with 20.0 mL of 0.20 M HCl

$$\text{moles} = \text{Liters} \times \text{Molarity}$$

	$\text{NH}_3$ Conjugate Base	+	HCl Strong Acid	$\longrightarrow$	$\text{NH}_4^+$ Weak Acid	+	$\text{Cl}^-$
<b>Initial</b>	0.010 moles		0.004 moles		0.000 moles		
<b>Change</b>	- 0.004 moles		- 0.004 moles		+ 0.004 moles		
<b>Final</b>	0.006 moles		0		0.004 moles		



- **Weak acid** and **Conjugate base** will be present at the end.
- Use the Henderson Hasselbalch Equation.

$$\text{pH} = \text{pKa} + \log \left( \frac{\text{Conjugate Base}}{\text{Weak Acid}} \right)$$

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### At Equivalence Point

At the equivalence point of a weak base–strong acid titration the solution is \_\_\_\_\_ and pH \_\_\_\_ 7.

□ The titration of 100.0 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{NH}_3$  with 50.0 mL of 0.200 M HCl

	$\text{NH}_3$ Conjugate Base	+	HCl Strong Acid	→	$\text{NH}_4^+$ Weak Acid	+	$\text{Cl}^-$
Initial	0.100 moles		0.100 moles		0.00 moles		
Change							
Final							

### At the Equivalence Point

- Only **Weak Acid** will be present at the end.
- Use an ICE Chart to find pH.

$$[\text{WA}] = \frac{\text{moles left}}{\text{Total Liters}} \quad \therefore K_a = \frac{x^2}{[\text{WA}]}$$

	$\text{NH}_4^+$ Weak Acid	+	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	→	$\text{NH}_3$	+	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
Initial							
Change							
Equilibrium							

### After Equivalence Point

After the equivalence point of a weak base–strong acid titration we will have excess strong acid remaining.

□ The titration of 100.0 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{NH}_3$  with 60.0 mL of 0.200 M HCl

	$\text{NH}_3$ Conjugate Base	+	HCl Strong Acid	→	$\text{NH}_4^+$ Weak Acid	+	$\text{Cl}^-$
Initial	0.100 moles		0.120 moles		0.00 moles		
Change							
Final							

### After the Equivalence Point

- **Strong Acid** will be present at the end.

$$[\text{SA}] = \frac{\text{moles left}}{\text{Total Liters}} \quad \therefore \text{pH} = -\log[\text{SA}]$$

**PRACTICE: WEAK BASE-STRONG ACID TITRATIONS CALCULATIONS**

**EXAMPLE:** Consider the titration of 50.0 mL of 0.150 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$  ( $K_b = 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ) with 75.0 mL of 0.200 M HCl. Calculate the pH.

**PRACTICE:** Calculate the pH of the solution resulting from the mixing of 75.0 mL of 0.100 M  $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$  and 75.0 mL of 0.150 M  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$  with 0.0040 mole of  $\text{HClO}_4$ . The  $K_a$  value of acetic acid is  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ .