## **CONCEPT:** HENDERSON-HASSELBALCH EQUATION

## **Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation**

- Allows us to calculate the \_\_\_\_\_ of a buffer without having to use an \_\_\_\_\_ Chart.
  - □ Only applies to buffers composed of \_\_\_\_\_ acid-base pairs.

Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation
$$pH = pK_{-} + log \frac{[CB]}{[-]}$$

$$pH = pK_{-} + log \frac{[CA]}{[-]}$$

$$[-] = __ or ____$$

**EXAMPLE**: Calculate the pH of a solution containing 2.0 M nitrous acid (HNO<sub>2</sub>) and 1.48 M lithium nitrite (LiNO<sub>2</sub>).

 $K_a = 4.6 \times 10^{-4}$ .

**PRACTICE:** The  $K_b$  of  $C_6H_5NH_2$  (aniline) is  $3.9 \times 10^{-10}$ . Determine pH of a buffer solution made up of 500 mL of 1.4 M  $C_6H_5NH_2$  and 230 mL of 2.3 M  $C_6H_5NH_3^+$ .

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PRACTICE: Determine the buffer component concentration ratio (CB/WA) for a buffer with a pH of 4.7. Ka of boric acid
$(H_3BO_3)$ is 5.4 x $10^{-10}$ .
PRACTICE: Calculate mass of NaN <sub>3</sub> that needs be added to 1.8 L of 0.35 M HN <sub>3</sub> in order to make a buffer with a pH of 6.5.
Ka of hydrazoic acid is $1.9 \times 10^{-5}$ .
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## **Calculating Buffer Range**

- Buffers are \_\_\_\_\_ at a specific pH range: pH = pKa +/- \_\_\_
- Recall that a buffer is \_\_\_\_\_ when [WA] = [CB] or [WB] = [CA].

☐ This is because of the buffer will equal to of the WA, and will resist pH change the best.

$$pH = pKa + log \frac{[0.40]}{[0.40]} \longrightarrow pH = pKa + \underline{\hspace{1cm}} pH = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

**EXAMPLE**: Determine the buffering range of a solution containing lactic acid (K<sub>a</sub> = 1.4 x 10<sup>-4</sup>) and sodium lactate.

**PRACTICE:** Which of the following weak acid-conjugate base combinations would result in an ideal buffer solution with a pH of 9.4?

- a) formic acid (HCHO<sub>2</sub>) and sodium formate  $(K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-4})$
- b) benzoic acid ( $HC_7H_5O_2$ ) and potassium benzoate ( $K_a = 6.5 \times 10^{-5}$ )
- c) hydrocyanic acid (HCN) and lithium cyanide  $(K_a = 4.9 \times 10^{-10})$
- d) iodic acid (HIO<sub>3</sub>) and sodium iodate  $(K_a = 1.7 \times 10^{-1})$