



Topic 12 Exercise 4 - Titrations and indicators

1. 20 cm^3 of methanoic acid ($K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ moldm}^{-3}$) of concentration 0.10 moldm^{-3} is titrated against sodium hydroxide of concentration 0.05 moldm^{-3} .
 - a) Calculate the pH of the solution:
 - i) initially
 - ii) after 10 cm^3 of the alkali has been added
 - iii) after 20 cm^3 of the alkali has been added
 - iv) after 30 cm^3 of the alkali has been added
 - v) after 50 cm^3 of the alkali has been added
 - b) Sketch a pH titration curve to show this reaction
 - c) Explain why the pH at the end-point is greater than 7.

2. Calculate the pH after the following solutions are mixed together:
 - a) 15 cm^3 of 0.1 moldm^{-3} HCl and 10 cm^3 of 0.1 moldm^{-3} NaOH
 - b) 10 cm^3 0.1 moldm^{-3} HCl and 15 cm^3 of 0.1 moldm^{-3} NaOH

3. Sketch pH curves for the following titrations:
 - a) 20 cm^3 0.10 moldm^{-3} NH_3 against 0.1 moldm^{-3} HCl
 - b) 20 cm^3 0.10 moldm^{-3} NaOH against 0.2 moldm^{-3} HCl
 - c) 20 cm^3 0.10 moldm^{-3} CH_3COOH against 0.06 moldm^{-3} NaOH
 - d) 20 cm^3 0.10 moldm^{-3} CH_3COOH against 0.15 moldm^{-3} NH_3

4. Given the following pK_{In} values:

Indicator	pK_{In}
Methyl red	5.1
Phenolphthalein	9.3

State, with a reason, which of the indicators would be suitable for each of the titrations in question 3.