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- Aqua ligands in coordination complexes are generally acidic. Briefly explain this phenomenon using $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{OH}_2)]^{3+}$ as an example.

Solution A consists of a 0.10 M aqueous solution of $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{OH}_2)](\text{NO}_3)_3$ at 25 °C. Calculate the pH of Solution A. The $\text{p}K_a$ of $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{OH}_2)]^{3+} = 5.69$.

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At 25 °C, 1.00 L of Solution B consists of 28.5 g of $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$ dissolved in water. Calculate the pH of Solution B.

pH =

Using both Solutions A and B, calculate the volumes (in mL) required to prepare a 1.0 L solution with a pH = 7.00.