

- In a standard acid-base titration, 25.00 mL of 0.1043 M NaOH solution was found to react exactly with 28.45 mL of an HCl solution of unknown concentration. What is the pH of the unknown HCl solution at 25 °C?

The reaction follows the equation $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$ so that the number of moles of H^+ that reacts is equal to the number of moles of OH^- .

For OH^- :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{number of moles} &= \text{concentration} \times \text{volume} \\ &= 0.1043 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \times 0.02500 \text{ L} = 0.002608 \text{ mol}\end{aligned}$$

This is equal to the number of moles of $\text{H}^+(\text{aq})$ in 28.45 mL, so:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{concentration of } \text{H}^+(\text{aq}) &= \text{number of moles} / \text{volume} \\ &= 0.002608 \text{ mol} / 0.02845 \text{ L} = 0.9165 \text{ mol L}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Using $\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]$:

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}(0.9165) = 1.04$$

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