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| • | Boric acid, B(OH) ₃ , is a weak acid (p K_a = 9.24) that is used as a mild antiseptic and eye wash. Unusually, the Lewis acidity of the compound accounts for its Brønsted acidity. By using an appropriate chemical equation, show how this compound acts as a Brønsted acid in aqueous solution. | Marks 9 |
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| | Solution A consists of a 0.050 M aqueous solution of boric acid at 25 °C. Calculate the pH of Solution A. | |
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| | pH = | |
| | At 25 °C, 1.00 L of Solution B consists of 10.18 g of NaB(OH) ₄ dissolved in water. Calculate the pH of Solution B. | _ |
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| | pH = | - |
| | Using both Solutions A and B, calculate the volumes (mL) required to prepare a $1.0 L$ solution with a pH = 8.50 . | |
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