Answer on Question #63184 - Chemistry - Other

Task:

Calculate the molarity of a sodium hydroxide solution if 24.3 mL were required to titrate 25.00 mL of a 0.873 M acetic acid solution.

Solution:

The reaction between acetic acid, CH₃COOH, and sodium hydroxide, NaOH, is shown below:

$$CH_{3}COOH + NaOH = CH_{3}COONa + H_{2}O$$

At the equivalence point the moles of the acid (CH_3COOH) are equal to the moles of the base (NaOH). We can use the known concentration and measured volume of the acetic acid to find the number of moles of acid used in the titration:

$$moles CH_{3}COOH = \frac{0.873 mol CH_{3}COOH}{1L} \times 0.025L CH_{3}COOH = 0.021825 mol CH_{3}COOH$$

At the equivalence point: mol NaOH = mol CH_3COOH , so moles of NaOH = 0.021825 mol.

The concentration of the sodium hydroxide is equal to the number of moles divided by its volume:

 $molarity of NaOH = C(NaOH) = \frac{0.021825 mol NaOH}{0.0243L} = 0.898M$

Answer: C(NaOH) = 0.898M.