

Answer on Question 74415 in General Chemistry

$$1. c_M = 0.165 \text{ M}$$

$$pK_a = 5.02$$

$$pH = ?$$

Solution:

We write down the dissociation of a weak acid



$$\text{Not difficult to see that } [H^+] = [A^-] \quad K_a = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[HA]}$$

$$K_a = 10^{-pK} = 10^{-5.02} = 9.549 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a \times [HA]} = \sqrt{0.165 \times 9.549 \times 10^{-6}} = 1.25 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$pH = -\lg [H^+] = -\lg 1.25 \times 10^{-3} = 2.9$$

$$2. V = 1 \text{ L}$$

$$c(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 0.1 \text{ M}$$

$$c(\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}) = 0.063 \text{ M}$$

$$K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

when we mix solutions of acetic acid and sodium acetate, we get an acetate buffer solution

. The pH of the buffer solution is calculated using the Henderson-Hasselbach equation

$$pH = pK_a + \lg \frac{[CH_3COONa]}{[CH_3COOH]}$$

$$pK = -\lg K_a = -\lg 1.8 \times 10^{-5} = 4.74$$

$$pH = 4.74 + \lg \frac{0.063}{0.1} = 4.54$$

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