

What is the pH of a mixture of 75ml of 0.42M NaH₂PO₄ (pK =6.86) and 150mL of 0.58M Na₂HPO₄?

Solution

$$n(\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4) = 0.42\text{M} \cdot 0.075\text{L} = 0.0315 \text{ mols}$$

$$n(\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4) = 0.58\text{M} \cdot 0.15\text{L} = 0.087 \text{ mols}$$

$$\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 = \text{weak acid} = \text{A} = 0.0315 \text{ mols}$$

$$\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 = \text{conjugate base} = \text{B} = 0.087 \text{ mols}$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{pKa} + \log \frac{\text{B}}{\text{A}} = 6.86 + \log \left(\frac{0.087}{0.0315} \right)$$

$$= 7.3$$

Answer: pH = 7.3

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