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Buffer Solutions

Preparing a Buffer Solution with a Specific pH:

A buffer is a solution of weak acid and conjugate base or weak base and conjugate acid used to resist pH change with added solute.

- Buffer solutions are resistant to pH change because of the presence of an equilibrium between the acid (HA) and its conjugate base.

- When some strong acid is added to a buffer the equilibrium is shifted to the left, and the hydrogen ion concentration increases by less than expected for the amount of strong acid added.

- Buffer solutions are necessary in biology for keeping the correct pH for proteins to work.

- Buffers can be prepared in multiple by creating a solution of an acid and its conjugate base.

Buffers: A buffer is an aqueous solution containing a weak acid and its conjugate base and its conjugate acid. A buffer's pH changes very little when a small amount of strong acid or base is added to it. It is used to prevent any change in the pH of a solution. Buffer solutions are used as a means of keeping pH at a nearly constant value in a wide variety of chemical applications. For example, blood in the human body is a buffer solution.

Buffer solutions are resistant to pH change because of the presence of an equilibrium between the acid (HA) and its conjugate base (A^-). The balanced equation for this reaction is

$$HA \rightleftharpoons H^+ + A^-$$

when some strong acid (more H^+) is added to an equilibrium mixture of the weak acid and its conjugate base, the equilibrium is shifted to the left in accordance with Le Chatelier's principle. This causes the hydrogen ion (H^+) concentration to increase by less than the amount expected for the quantity of strong acid added.

Similarly, if a strong base is added to the mixture the hydrogen ion concentration decreases by less than the amount expected for the quantity of base added. This is because the reaction shifts to the right to accommodate for the loss of H^+ in the reaction with the base.

☒ Preparing a Buffer Solution: There are a couple of ways to prepare a buffer solution of a specific PH. In the first method, prepare a solution with one acid and its conjugate base by dissolving the acid from of the buffer in about 60 % of the volume ~~Then measure the PH of the solution~~ of water required to obtain the final solution volume. Then measure the PH of the solution using a PH probe. The PH can be adjusted up to the desired value using a strong base like NaOH if the buffer is made with a base and its conjugate acid, the PH can be adjusted using a strong acid like HCl. Once the PH is correct dilute the solution the final desired volume.

Alternatively, you can prepare solution of both the acid from and base from of the solution

Both Solutions must contain the same buffer concentration as the concentration of the buffer in the final solution. To get the final buffer add one solution to the other while monitoring the PH

In a third method you can determine the exact amount of acid and conjugate base needed to make a buffer of a certain PH using the Henderson-Hasselbach equation.

$$PH = PKa + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$

where PH is the concentration of [H+] PKa is the acid dissociation constant and concentrations of the conjugate base and starting acid.

Calculating the PH of a Buffer solution:

The PH of a buffer solution can be calculated from the equilibrium constant and the initial concentration of the acid.

What Does PH Mean in a Buffer:

In chemistry, PH is a measure of the hydrogen ion concentration in a solution. The PH of a buffer can be calculated from the concentrations of the various components of the reaction.

The Balanced equation for a buffer is:

$$HA \rightleftharpoons H^+ + A^-$$

The strength of a weak acid is usually represented as an equilibrium constant. The acid-dissociation equilibrium constant (K_a) which measures the propensity of an acid to dissociate for the reaction is

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$$

The greater $[H^+] \times [A^-]$ is than $[HA]$ the greater the value of K_a, the more the formation of H^+ is favored, and the lower the pH of the solution

- Calculating Changes in a buffer Solution:

The changed pH of a buffer solution in response to the addition of an acid or a base can be calculated.

- Lenning objectives: Calculate the final pH of a solution generated by the addition of a strong acid or base to a buffer.

If the concentrations of a solution of a weak acid and its conjugate base are reasonably high then the solution is resistant to change in hydrogen ion concentration.

These solutions are known as buffers - it is possible to calculate how the pH of the solution will change in response to the addition of an acid or base to a buffer solution.

Buffering Capacity: The number of millimoles of acid or base to be added to 1 litre of buffer solution to change the pH by one unit is the buffer capacity of the buffer.

Uses of Buffer Solutions:

- There exists a few alternate names that are used to refer buffer solutions, such as pH buffers or hydrogen ion buffers.
- An example of the use of buffers in pH regulation is the use of bicarbonate and carbonic acid buffer system in order to regulate the pH of animal blood.
- Buffer solutions are also used to maintain an optimum pH for enzyme activity in many organisms.