

Acid and Base Titrations - Equation Guide

Strong Acid + Strong Base: (SA + SB)

Initial Region: $\text{pH} = -\log (n_{\text{sa}} / V_{\text{sa}})$

or $\text{pH} = -\log (C_{\text{sa}})$

Pre-Equivalence Region: $\text{pH} = -\log \left(\frac{n_{\text{sa}} - n_{\text{sb}}}{V_{\text{sa}} + V_{\text{sb}}} \right)$

or $\text{pH} = -\log \left(\frac{n_{\text{sa}} - n_{\text{sb}}}{V_{\text{total}}} \right)$

Equivalence: $\text{pH} = 7$

Post-Equivalence Region: $\text{pH} = 14 + \log \left(\frac{n_{\text{sb}} - n_{\text{sa}}}{V_{\text{sa}} + V_{\text{sb}}} \right)$

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Weak Acid + Strong Base: (WA + SB)

Initial Region: $\text{pH} = -\log \sqrt{K_a \cdot \frac{n_{\text{wa}}}{V_{\text{wa}}}}$

or $\text{pH} = -\log \sqrt{K_a \cdot C_{\text{wa}}}$

Pre-Equivalence Region: $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \left(\frac{n_{\text{sb}}}{n_{\text{wa}} - n_{\text{sb}}} \right)$

Half-Equivalence Region: $\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$

Equivalence: $\text{pH} = 14 + \log \sqrt{\frac{K_w}{K_a} \cdot \frac{n_{\text{wa}}}{(V_{\text{wa}} + V_{\text{sb}})}}$

or $\text{pH} = 14 + \log \sqrt{K_b \cdot C_{\text{wb}}}$

Post-Equivalence Region: $\text{pH} = 14 + \log \left(\frac{n_{\text{sb}} - n_{\text{wa}}}{V_{\text{sb}} + V_{\text{wa}}} \right)$

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Weak Base + Strong Acid: ($WB + SA$)

$$\text{Initial Region: } \text{pH} = 14 + \log \sqrt{K_b \cdot \frac{n_{wb}}{V_{wb}}} \quad \text{or } \text{pH} = 14 + \log \sqrt{K_b \cdot C_{wb}}$$

$$\text{Pre-Equivalence Region: } \text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \left(\frac{n_{wb} - n_{sa}}{n_{sa}} \right)$$

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$$\text{Equivalence: } \text{pH} = -\log \sqrt{\frac{K_w}{K_b} \cdot \frac{n_{wb}}{(V_{wb} + V_{sa})}} \quad \text{or } \text{pH} = -\log \sqrt{K_a \cdot C_{wa}}$$

$$\text{Post-Equivalence Region: } \text{pH} = -\log \left(\frac{n_{sa} - n_{wb}}{V_{sa} + V_{wb}} \right) \quad \text{or } \text{pH} = -\log \left(\frac{n_{sa} - n_{wb}}{V_{total}} \right)$$

Guide to Symbols

n = moles

V = volume (L)

C = concentration (M or mol/L)

sa = strong acid

sb = strong base

wa = weak acid

wb = weak base

K_a = acid dissociation constant for a weak acid

pK_a = $-\log K_a$

K_a = $10^{-\text{p}K_a}$

K_b = base dissociation constant for a weak base

pK_b = $-\log K_b$

K_b = $10^{-\text{p}K_b}$

K_w = 10^{-14} = autoionization constant for water at 25 °C

Also, **K_w** = $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = K_a \cdot K_b = 10^{-14}$

pH = $-\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

pOH = $-\log [\text{OH}^-]$

14 = $\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = \text{p}K_a + \text{p}K_b$