

# Fundamentals of Analytical Chemistry

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# Titration and Acid-Base Neutralization

## Acid-Base Neutralization

Strong acid-  
strong base

Strong acid-  
weak base

Weak acid-  
strong base

Weak acid-weak  
base

● Acid + Base → Water + Salt

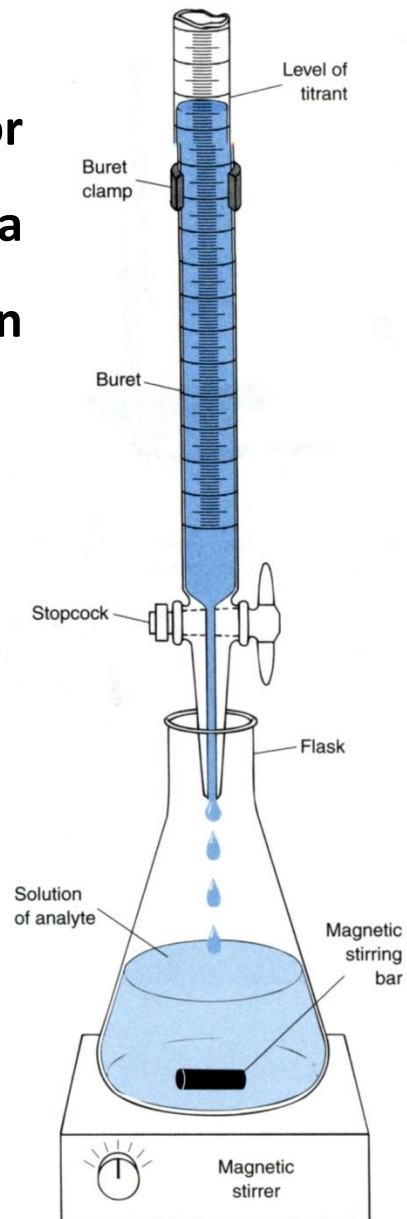
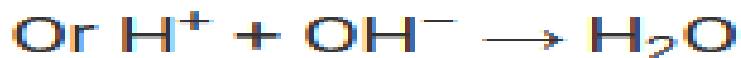
● Ex:  $\text{HCl} + \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NaCl}$

# What is Acid-Base Titration?

- ❖ It is a quantitative analysis method to determine an acid's or bases' concentration by precisely neutralizing them with a standard solution of either acid or base of known concentration.
- ❖ Both titrations involve in the [neutralization reaction](#).



Acid + Alkali  $\rightarrow$  Salt + Water

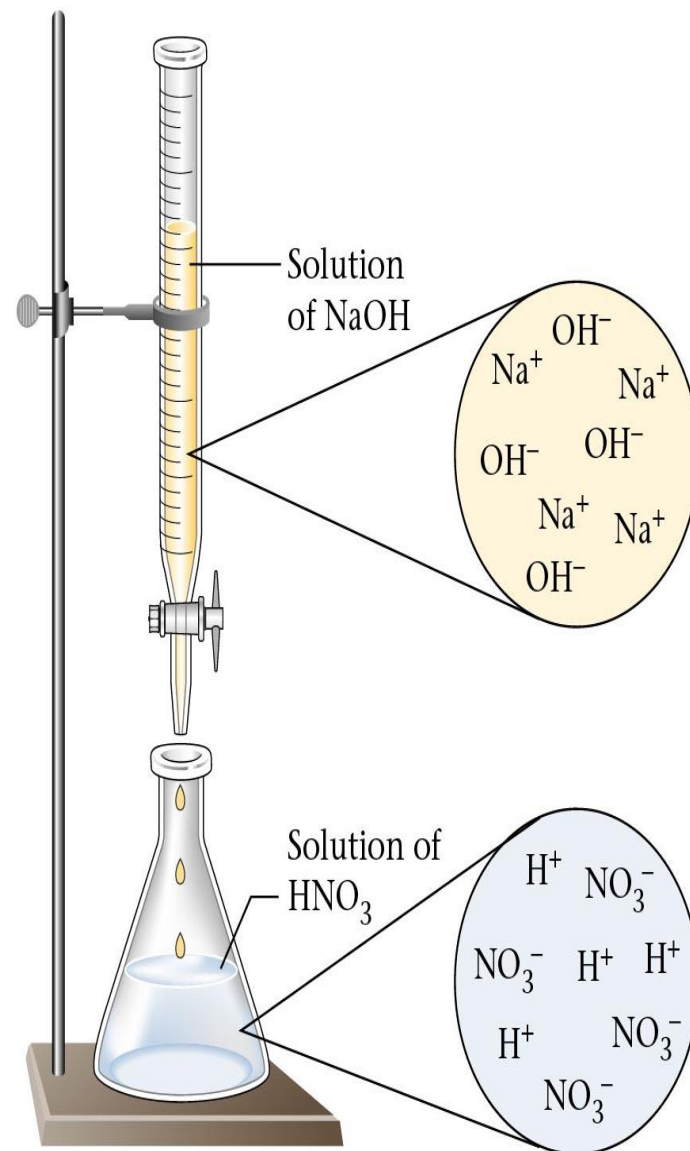


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- ❖ The strength of an acid can be determined using a standard solution of a base. This process is called **acidimetry**.



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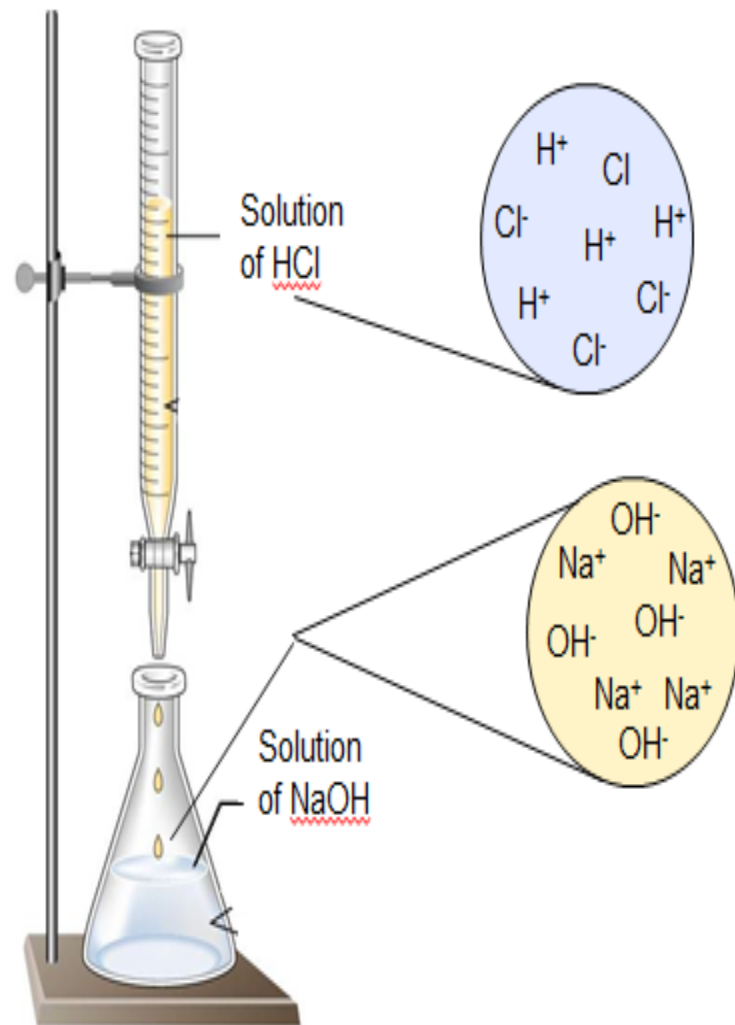


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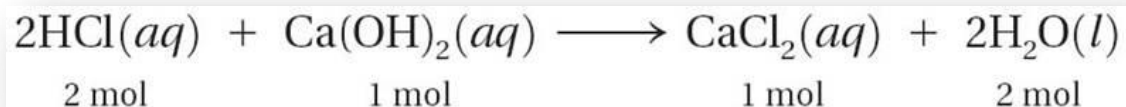


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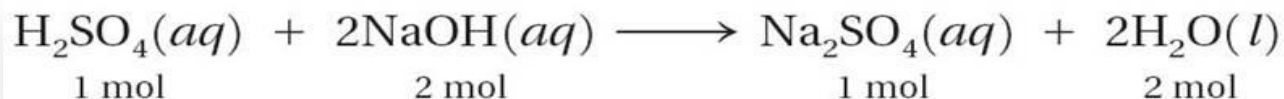


# What is Acid-Base Titration?

In general, the reaction of an acid with a base produces water and one of a class of compounds called salts.



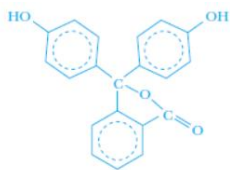
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{moles H}_3\text{O}^+ = \text{moles OH}^- \\ \mathbf{M \cdot V \cdot 2 = M \cdot V \cdot 1} \end{array}$$



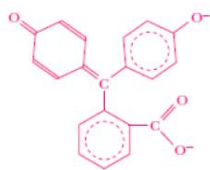
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# Indicators

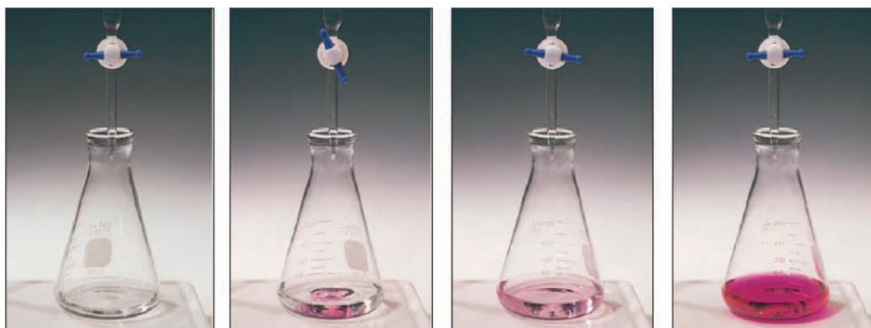
- Indicators are often added to the analyte solution to produce an observable physical change (signaling the end point) at or near the equivalence point.
- Large changes in the relative concentration of analyte or titrant occur in the equivalence-point region. These concentration changes cause the indicator to change in appearance.



Acid form, colorless



Basic form, pink



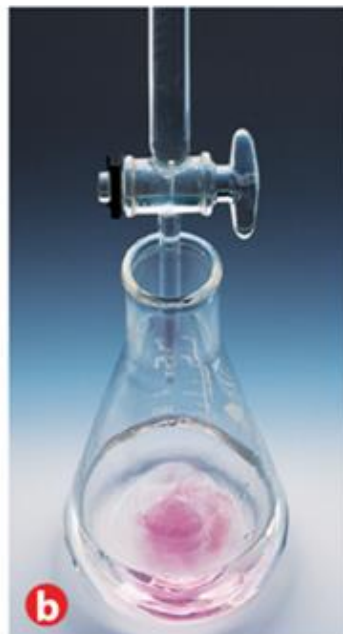
pH increasing

Indicators	Acid Colour	Range	Base Colour
Methyl Violet	yellow	0.0 – 1.6	blue
Malachite green	yellow	0.2 – 1.8	blue-green
Cresol red	red	1.0 – 2.0	yellow
Thymol blue	red	1.2 – 2.8	yellow
Benzopurpurin 4B	violet	1.2 – 3.8	red
Orange IV	red	1.4 – 2.6	yellow
Phloxine B	colourless	2.1 – 4.1	pink
2,4-Dinitrophenol	colourless	2.8 – 4.0	yellow
Methyl yellow (in ethanol)	red	2.9 – 4.0	yellow
Bromophenol blue	yellow	3.0 – 4.6	blue-violet
Congo red	blue	3.1 – 4.9	red
Methyl orange	red	3.2 – 4.4	yellow
Bromocresol green	yellow	4.0 – 5.6	blue
alpha-Naphthyl red	red	4.0 – 5.7	yellow
Methyl red	red	4.8 – 6.0	yellow
Litmus (azolitim)	red	5.0 – 7.0	blue
Bromocresol purple	yellow	5.2 – 6.8	violet
4-Nitrophenol	colourless	5.4 – 6.6	yellow
Bromothymol blue	yellow	6.0 – 7.6	blue
Phenol red	yellow	6.4 – 8.0	red

## The titration of an acid with a base



Acid solution  
with indicator



Added base is  
measured with a  
buret.



Color change  
shows  
neutralization.



# Acid-Base Indicators

## A. Finding the equivalence point of a titration

### 1) Use a pH meter

a) Plot pH versus titrant volume

b) Center vertical region = equivalence point

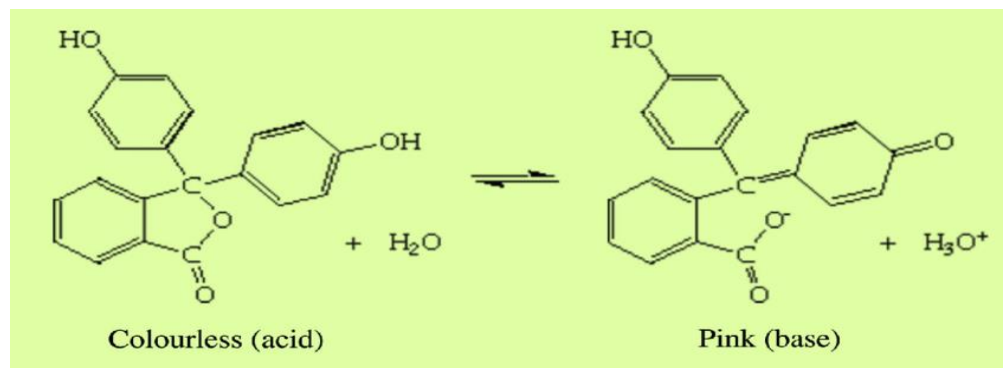
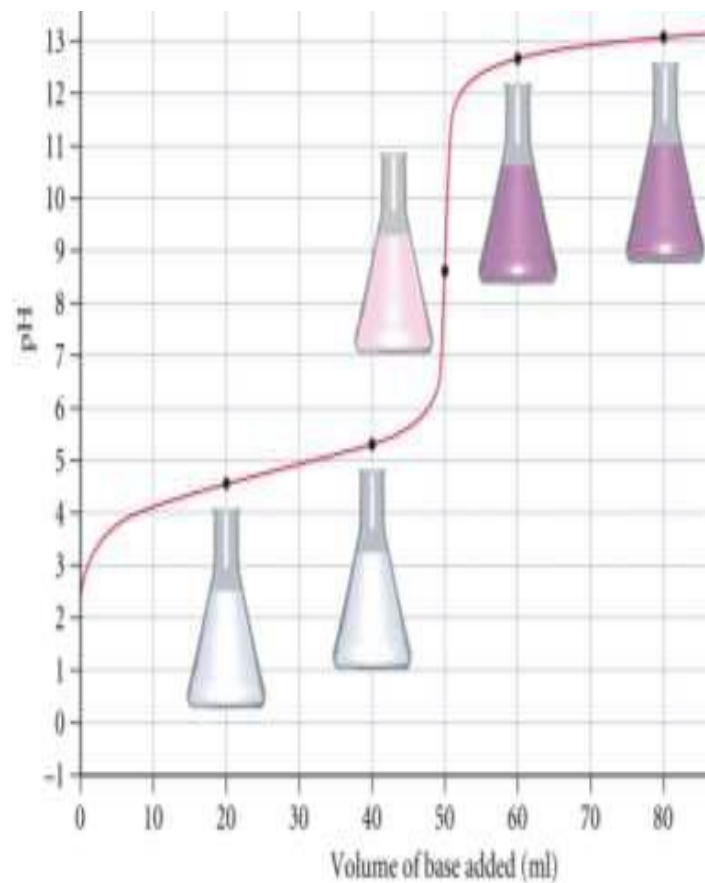
### 2) Use an Acid-Base Indicator

a) Acid-Base Indicator = molecule that changes color based on pH

b) Choose an indicator that changes color at the equivalence point

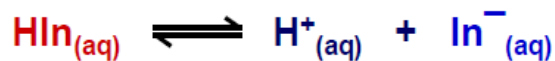
c) End Point = when the indicator changes color. If you have chosen the wrong indicator, the end point will be different than the eq. pt.

d) Indicators are often Weak Acids that lose a proton (causing the color change) when  $[\text{OH}^-]$  reaches a certain concentration

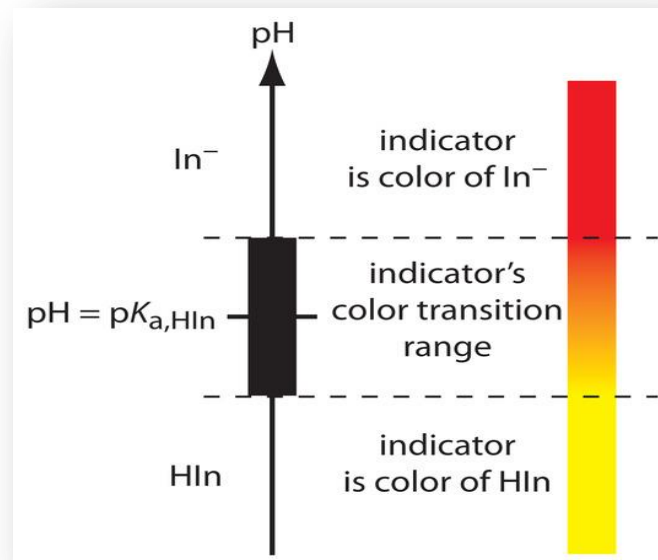


# Acid-base indicators

**General** Many indicators are weak acids and partially dissociate in aqueous solution



The un-ionised form (**HIn**) is a different colour to the anionic form (**In<sup>-</sup>**).



Apply Le Chatelier's Principle to predict any colour change

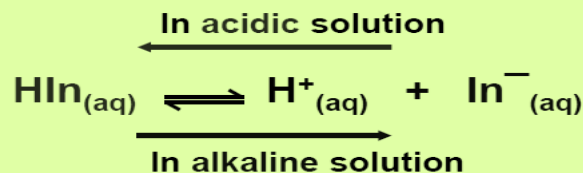
In acid

In basic

-increase of [H<sup>+</sup>]  
- equilibrium moves to the left to give **red undissociated form**

increase of [OH<sup>-</sup>]  
- OH<sup>-</sup> ions remove H<sup>+</sup> ions to form water;  
-  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) = \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$   
- equilibrium will move to the right to produce a **blue colour**

Summary



pH = pK<sub>in</sub> ± 1

# the behavior of an acid-type indicator



The equilibrium-constant expression for the dissociation of an acid-type indicator takes the form

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{In}^-]}{[\text{HIn}]}$$

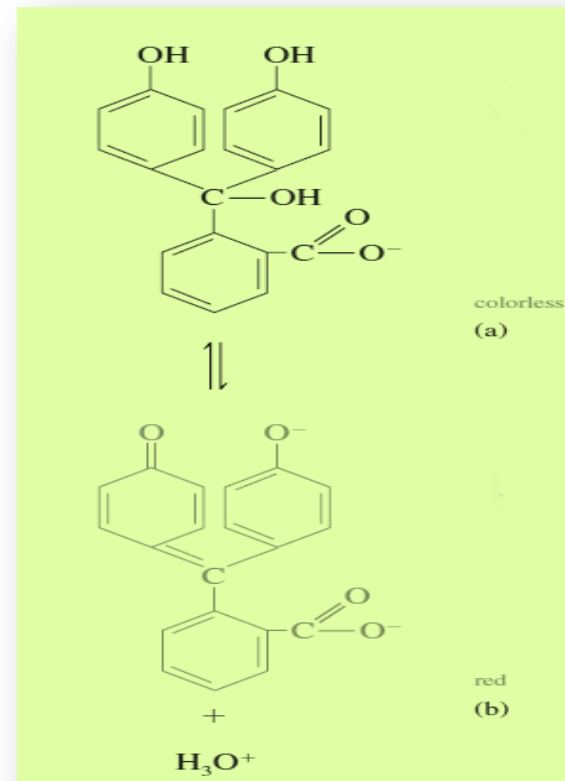
Rearranging leads to

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{HIn}]}{[\text{In}^-]}$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{In}^-]}{[\text{HIn}]}$$

We see then that the **hydronium ion** is proportional to the **ratio** of the **concentration of the acid** form to the **concentration of the base form** of the indicator

## The equilibrium for a base-type indicator



Color change and molecular modes for phenolphthalein.  
(a) Acidic form after hydrolysis of the lactone form.  
(b) Basic form.

# the behavior of an acid-type indicator

❖ we can write that the average indicator, HIn, exhibits its pure acid color when

$$\frac{[\text{HIn}]}{[\text{In}^-]} \geq \frac{10}{1}$$

❖ and its base color when

$$\frac{[\text{HIn}]}{[\text{In}^-]} \leq \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a \pm 1$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log(1/10) = \text{pK}_a - 1$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log(10/1) = \text{pK}_a + 1$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{HIn}]}{[\text{In}^-]}$$



$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10K_a$$

or

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.1 K_a$$

- ❖ Most indicators require a transition range of about 02 pH units.
- ❖ The pKa of the indicator should be close to the pH of the equivalence point.
- ❖ The human eye is not very sensitive to color differences in a solution containing a mixture of HIn and In. particularly when the ratio  $[\text{HIn}]/[\text{In}^-]$  is greater than about **10** or smaller than about **0.1**.  
**Because of this restriction.**