

# Acid-Base Equilibria



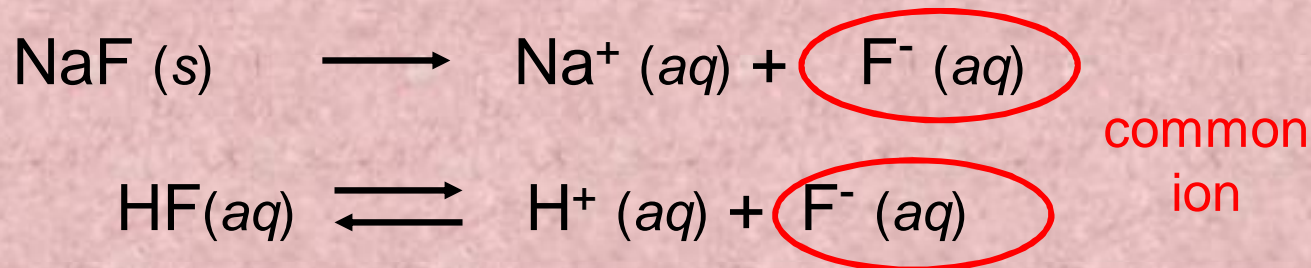
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- A weak acid solution HF + Salt of conjugate base NaF



- Major species HF, Na<sup>+</sup>, F<sup>-</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>O



Equilibrium shifts away  
from added component.  
Less H<sup>+</sup> ion present

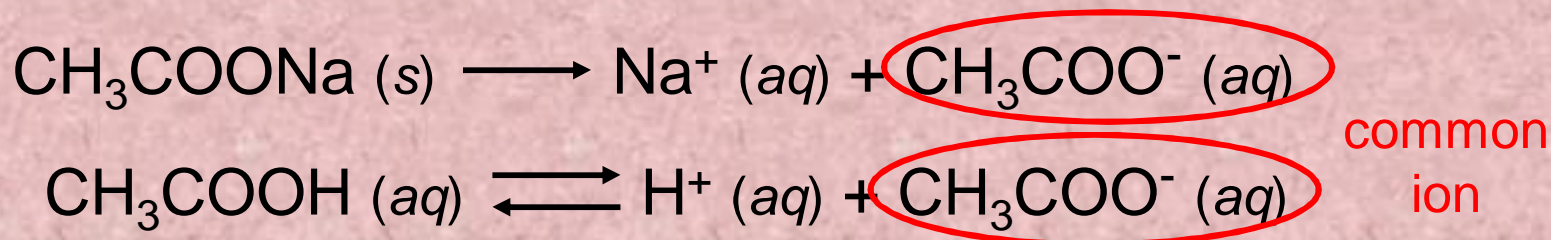
Added F<sup>-</sup> ion from  
NaF



The **common ion effect** is the **shift in equilibrium** caused by the addition of a compound **having an ion in common** with the dissolved substance.

The presence of a common ion **suppresses the ionization** of a weak acid or a weak base.

Consider mixture of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  (strong electrolyte) and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  (weak acid).



# Example

- 15.1.a. The equilibrium concentration of  $\text{H}^+$  in a solution containing only 1.0 M HF is  $2.7 \times 10^{-2}$  M and the percent dissociation is 2.7%.
- b. Calculate  $[\text{H}^+]$  and the percent dissociation in a solution containing 1.0 M HF ( $K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ) and the 1.0 M NaF.

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**Solution part- a**

Calculate the pH of a 1.0 M HF solution



$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{F}^-]}{[\text{HF}]} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$



Initial (M)	1.0	0.00	0.00
Change (M)	-x	+x	+x
Equilibrium (M)	1.0 - x	x	x

$$K_a = \frac{x^2}{1.0 - x} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

if  $K_a \ll 1$  then  $1.0 - x \approx 1.0$

$$K_a \approx \frac{x^2}{1.0} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{or } x^2 = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$x = 2.7 \times 10^{-2} = 0.027 \text{ M}$$

$$x = [\text{H}^+] = [\text{F}^-] = 0.027 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] = 1.57$$

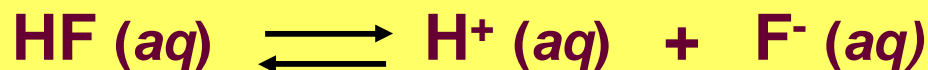
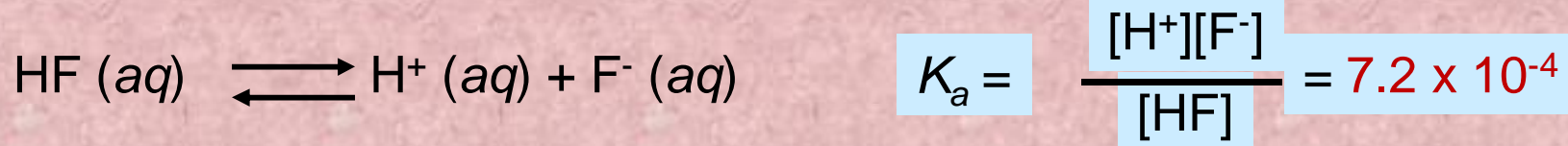
$$\% \text{ dissociation} = \frac{0.027 \text{ M}}{1.0 \text{ M}} \times 100\% = 2.7\%$$



b. Calculate  $[H^+]$  and the percent dissociation in a solution containing 1.0 M HF ( $K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ) and the 1.0 M NaF.

**Solution part- b**

the pH of a 1.0 M HF and the 1.0 M NaF. Solution.



Initial (M)	1.0	0.00	1.00 from HF
Change (M)	-x	+x	+x
Equilibrium (M)	1.0 - x	x	1.0+x

$$K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{x(1.0+x)}{1.0-x} \quad K_a \ll 1 \quad 1.0 - x \approx 1.0$$

$$K_a \approx \frac{(x) 1.0}{1.0} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{or } x = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

Compare previous  $x = 0.027 M$

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**Solution part- b...contd.....**

$$[H^+] = x = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

**$[H^+]$  concentration decreases in buffer solutions**

Compare previous  $x = 2.7 \times 10^{-2} = 0.027\text{ M}$

$$\text{pH} = -\log [H^+] = 3.14$$

**pH increases in buffer solutions**

Compare previous **pH = 1.57**

$$\% \text{ dissociation} = \frac{[H^+]}{[HF]} \times 100\% = \frac{7.2 \times 10^{-4}\text{ M}}{1.0\text{ M}} \times 100\% = .072\%$$

Compare the previous per cent dissociation is **2.7%**.

**per cent dissociation decreases in buffer solutions**

A ***buffer solution*** is a solution of:

1. A weak acid or a weak base and

2. The salt of the weak acid or weak base

**Both must be present!**



A buffer solution has the **ability to resist changes** in pH upon the **addition of small amounts of either acid or base.**



Which of the following are buffer systems?

(a)  $\text{KF}/\text{HF}$

(b)  $\text{KBr}/\text{HBr}$ ,

(c)  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{NaHCO}_3$

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(a) KF is a weak acid and  $\text{F}^-$  is its conjugate base  
buffer solution

(b) HBr is a strong acid  
not a buffer solution

(c)  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  is a weak base and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  is its conjugate acid  
buffer solution



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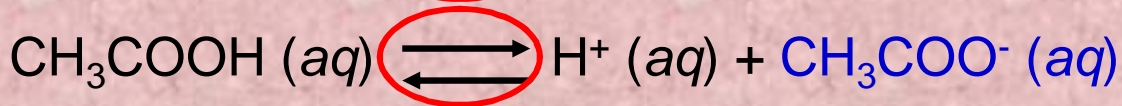


### Sample Exercise 15.2

**A buffered solution** contains **0.50 M acetic acid**  $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  and **0.50 M sodium acetate**  $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ . Calculate the **pH** of this solution.

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mixture of salt  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  [NaA] and weak acid  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  [HA].



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

$$[\text{H}^+] = \frac{K_a [\text{HA}]}{[\text{A}^-]} = \frac{1.8 \times 10^{-5} [0.50] \text{ M}}{[.50]} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ and pH} = 4.74$$

Now let us solve the same using

Henderson-Hasselbalch equation

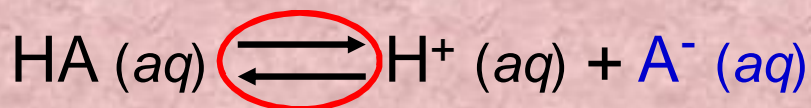
$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{conjugate base}]}{[\text{acid}]}$$

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$$\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a$$

$$\text{pH} = 4.74 + \log \frac{[0.50]}{[0.50]} = 4.74$$

Consider mixture of salt NaA and weak acid HA.



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

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

**Henderson-Hasselbalch  
equation**

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

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{conjugate base}]}{[\text{acid}]}$$

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

$$\text{or } \text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a$$



# Experiment -2

## Buffers

Objective : To learn how to prepare a buffer solution and to learn how buffers resist change in pH

Introduction : the pH of a buffer can be calculated using:

### Henderson-Hasselbalch equation

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{base}]}{[\text{acid}]} \dots\dots\dots \text{eqn.1}$$

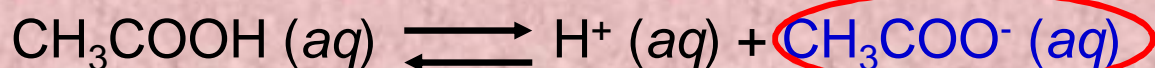
On the other hand, if the pH is known and the  $K_a$  value of the acid is given, the ratio of the  $[\text{base}]/[\text{acid}]$  can be calculating by rearranging the eqn.1

$$\log \frac{[\text{base}]}{[\text{acid}]} = (\text{pH} - \text{p}K_a) \dots\dots\dots \text{eqn.2}$$

$$\frac{[\text{base}]}{[\text{acid}]} = \text{antilog} (\text{pH} - \text{p}K_a) \dots\dots\dots \text{eqn.3}$$

Ex.2. A buffered solution contains 0.10 M acetic acid  $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  and 0.10 M sodium acetate  $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ . Calculate the pH of this solution.

mixture of salt  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  [NaA] and weak acid  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  [HA].



$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ and } \text{pH} = 4.74$$

Henderson-Hasselbalch equation

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

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

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{conjugate base}]}{[\text{acid}]}$$

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

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a$$

Calc for pH = 5 ???

$$\text{pH} = 4.74 + 0.26$$

$$\log [\text{A}^-]/[\text{HA}] = 0.26$$

$$[\text{A}^-]/[\text{HA}] = \text{antilog } 0.26 = 1.82$$

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$$\text{pH} = 4.74 + \log \frac{[0.10]}{[0.10]} = 4.74$$

See sample exercise 15.4 p-689 & exercise 15.37 ; 15.38

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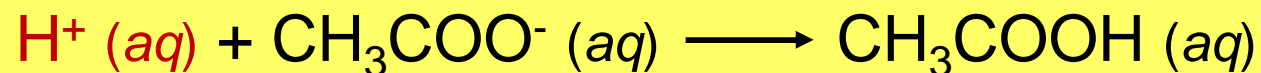
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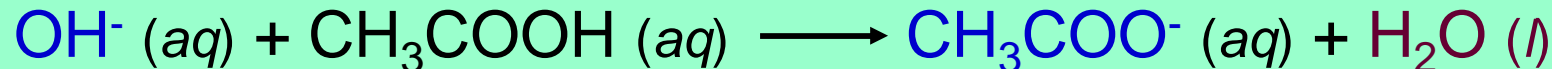
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Consider an equal molar mixture of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$

Add strong acid --- will **un-dissociate** some weak acid

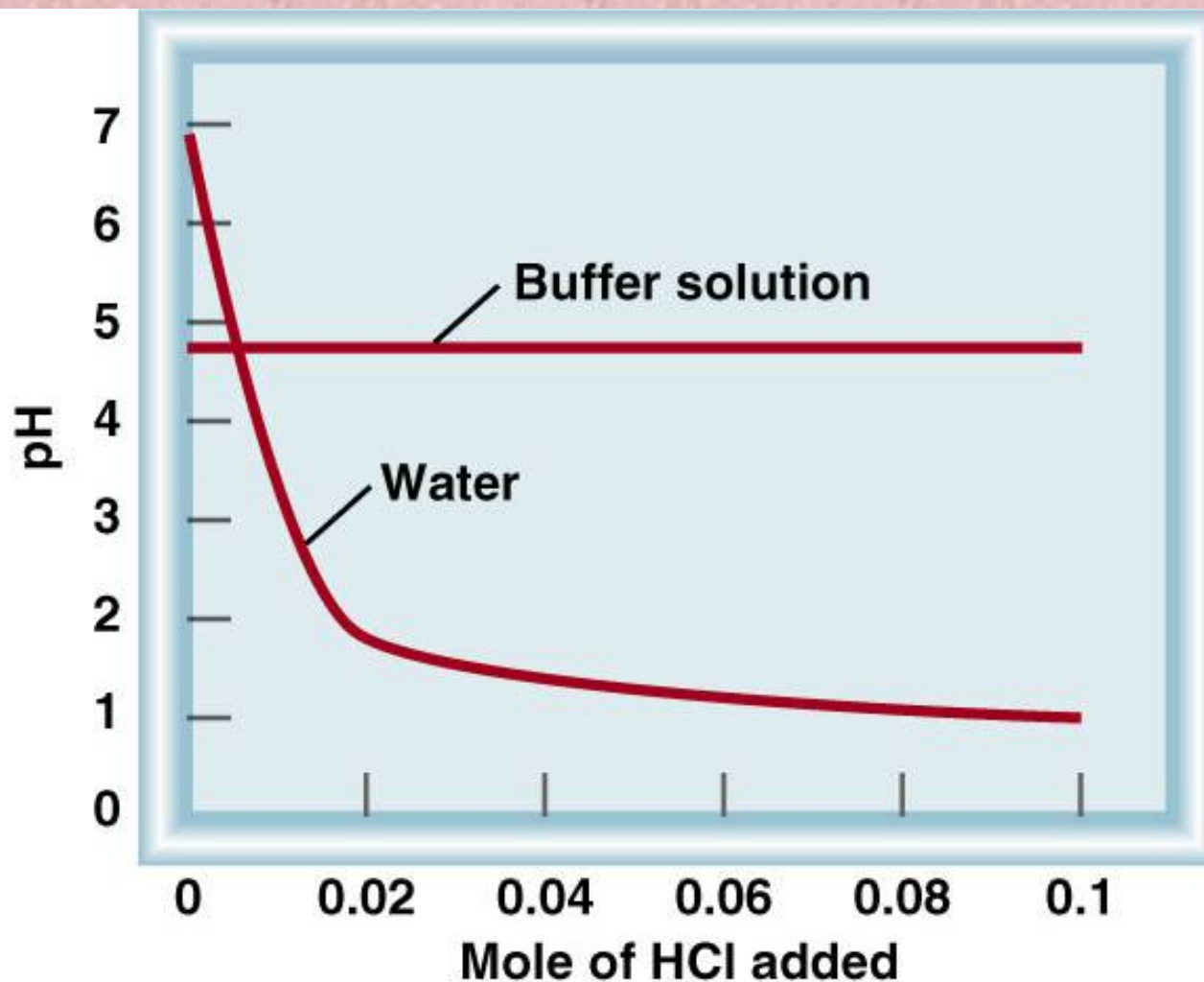


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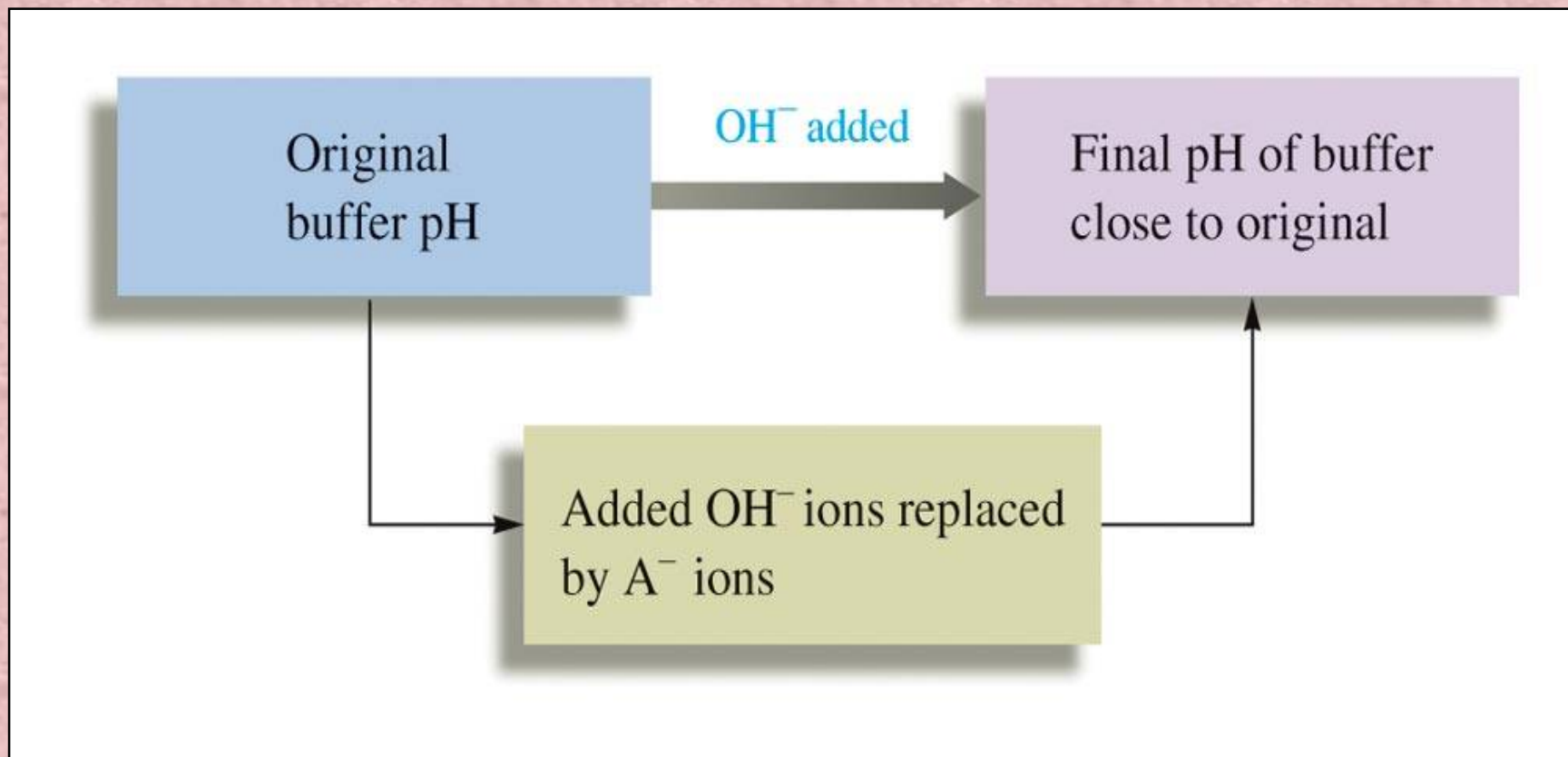
Add strong acid --  $\text{HCl} \longrightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$



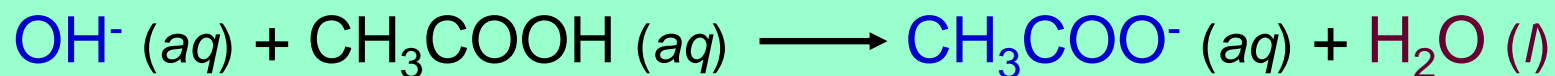
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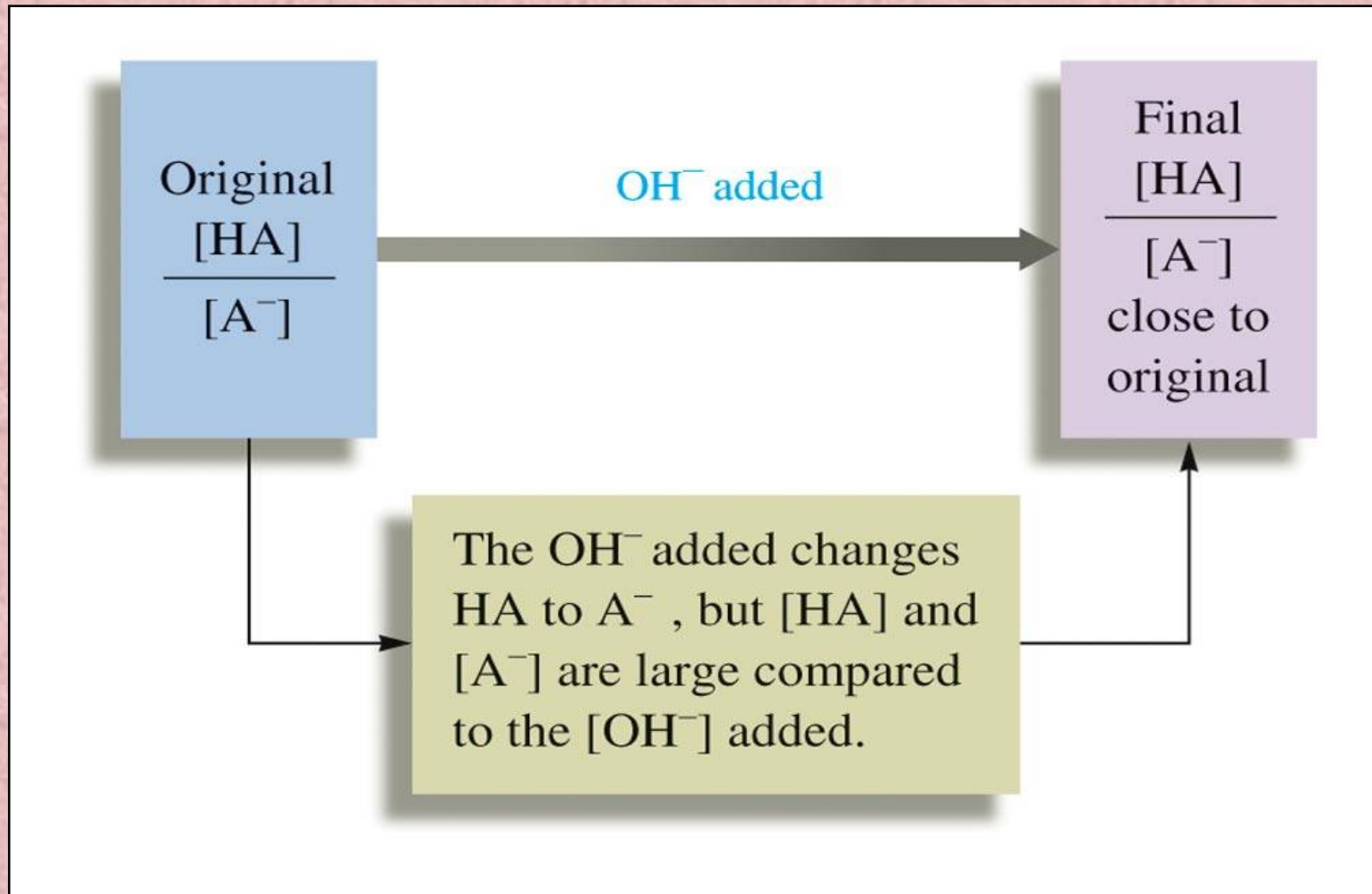
# How Buffering Works



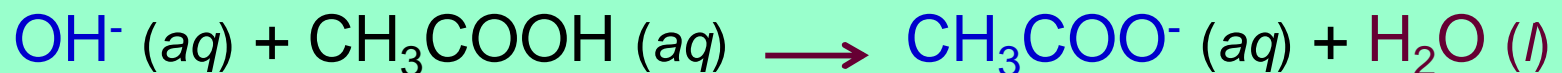
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# Buffering Schematic

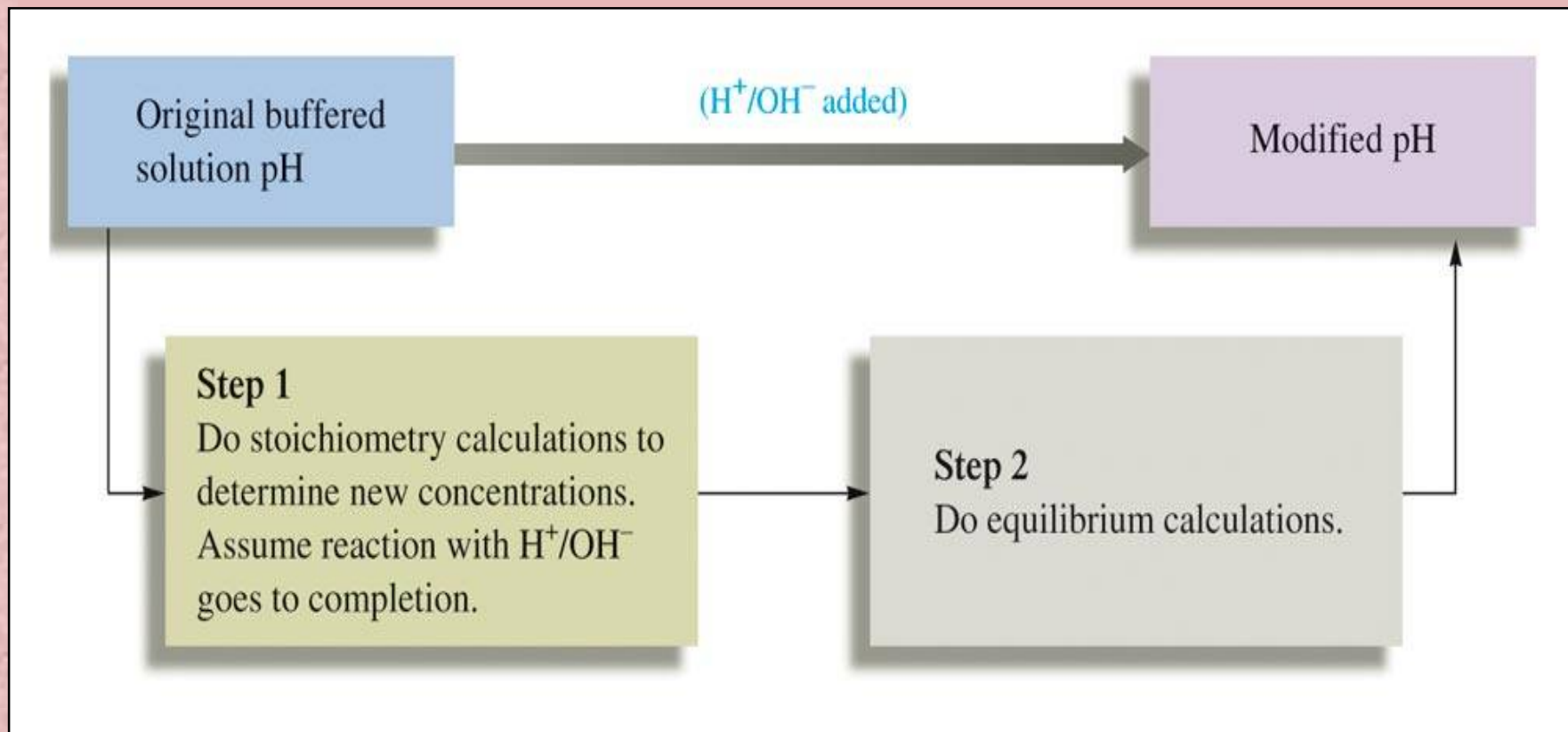


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# Strong Acid or Base Being Added to a Buffered Solution



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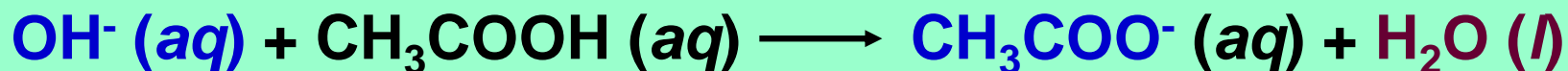


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$$\text{pH} = 4.74 + \log \frac{[0.50]}{[0.50]} = 4.74$$

Sample Exercise 15.3. Calculate the change in pH that occurs when 0.010 mol solid NaOH is added to 1.0 L of the buffered solution. Compare this pH with that which occur when 0.010 mol is added to 1.0 L of water.

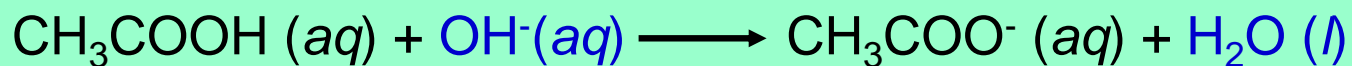
**solution:** The strong base NaOH will completely dissociate. Although acetic acid is a weak acid but  $\text{OH}^-$  is a such a strong base that the reaction will proceed to completion until all  $\text{OH}^-$  ions are consumed.



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### 1) Stoichiometry Problem



Before	0.50 mol	0.010 mol	0.50 mol
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Reaction

After	0.50 - 0.010	0.010 - 0.010	0.50 + 0.010
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reaction	<b>= 0.49 mol</b>	<b>= 0 mol</b>	<b>0.51 mol</b>
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Note that 0.010 mol acetic acid has been converted to

**CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> by the added OH<sup>-</sup> ions**

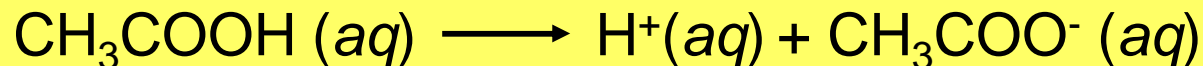


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## 2) Equilibrium Problem

The dominant equilibrium involves the dissociation of acetic acid



Initial	0.49 mol	0 mol	0.51 mol
Change	-x	+ x	+x
Equilibrium	0.49-x	x	0.51 + x

$$\text{Then } K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]} = \frac{(x)(0.51+x)}{(0.49-x)}$$

$$= \frac{(x)(0.51)}{(0.49)}$$

$$x = 1.73 \times 10^{-5} \text{ and pH} = 4.76$$

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$$= \frac{(x) (0.51)}{(0.49)} \text{ or } x = 1.73 \times 10^{-5} \text{ and pH} = 4.76$$

The change in pH by addition of 0.01 M NaOH in the buffered solution is then

$$4.76 - 4.74 = + 0.02$$



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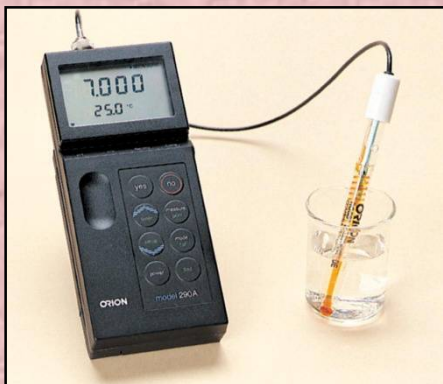
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$$[\text{H}^+] = \frac{K_w}{[\text{OH}^-]} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{1.0 \times 10^{-2}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$$

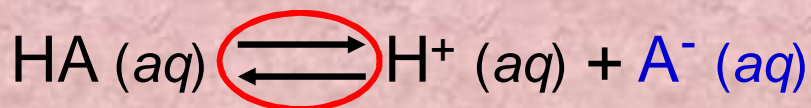
**pH = 12.00**



Thus the change in pH is

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{new solution}}}{12} - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Pure water}}}{7.00} = + 5.00$$

Consider mixture of salt NaA and weak acid HA.



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

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What is the pH of a solution containing 0.30 M HCOOH and 0.52 M HCOOK?  
 $\text{HCOOH } pK_a = 3.77$

Mixture of weak acid and conjugate base!



<b>I</b> nitial (M)	0.30	0.00	0.52
<b>C</b> hange (M)	-x	+x	+x
<b>E</b> quilibrium (M)	0.30 - x	x	0.52 + x

### Common ion effect

$$0.30 - x \approx 0.30$$

$$0.52 + x \approx 0.52$$

$$\text{pH} = pK_a + \log \frac{[\text{HCOO}^-]}{[\text{HCOOH}]}$$

$$\text{HCOOH } pK_a = 3.77$$

$$\text{pH} = 3.77 + \log \frac{[0.52]}{[0.30]} = 4.01$$



Calculate the pH of the 0.30 M NH<sub>3</sub>/0.36 M NH<sub>4</sub>Cl buffer system. What is the pH after the addition of 20.0 mL of 0.050 M NaOH to 80.0 mL of the buffer solution?



$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{NH}_3]}{[\text{NH}_4^+]} \quad \boxed{\text{p}K_a = 9.25} \quad \text{pH} = 9.25 + \log \frac{[0.30]}{[0.36]} = 9.17$$

start (moles)	0.029	0.001	0.024
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end (moles)	0.028	0.0	0.025
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$$\text{final volume} = 80.0 \text{ mL} + 20.0 \text{ mL} = 100 \text{ mL}$$

$$[\text{NH}_4^+] = \frac{0.028}{0.10} \quad [\text{NH}_3] = \frac{0.025}{0.10} \quad \text{pH} = 9.25 + \log \frac{[0.25]}{[0.28]} = 9.20$$

# Chemistry In Action: Maintaining the pH of Blood

