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Guided Study on Buffers continued:

Practice with Buffers

A solution is prepared by adding 31.5g NaCN and 23.2g HCN to 600.0 mL of water (Ka for HCN = 6.2×10^{-10})

a) What is the pH of this solution? $pH = 9.10$

b) What is the pH after the addition of 50.0 mL of 3.00 M HCl? $pH = 8.91$

c) What is the pH after a further addition of 80.0 mL of 4.00 M NaOH? $pH = 9.29$

Identify the major species in solution and Ka or Kb

$K_a = 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$
 $K_b = 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ (from $K_a \times K_b = K_w$)

Of these, K_b is the strongest acid-base substance in our original solution. Its behavior will be dominant.

The base hydrolysis reaction is

$$CN^- + H_2O \rightleftharpoons HCN + OH^-$$
$$K_b = \frac{[HCN][OH^-]}{[CN^-]}$$

FOR PART a

- Calculate concentrations of the following from the initial information

$$[HCN] = \frac{23.2 \text{ g HCN}}{600.0 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol HCN}}{27.0 \text{ g HCN}} = 1.40 \text{ M HCN}$$
$$[CN^-] = \frac{31.5 \text{ g NaCN}}{600.0 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol NaCN}}{49.0 \text{ g NaCN}} = 1.07 \text{ M CN}^-$$

- Solve for X = [OH⁻] at equilibrium using Kb

$$K_b = \frac{[HCN][OH^-]}{[CN^-]}$$
$$1.6 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{X \cdot X}{1.07 - X}$$
$$pOH = -\log [1.4 \times 10^{-5}]$$

Shortcut

Calculate pOH and then pH

$$pOH = pK_b + \log \frac{[HA]}{[A^-]}$$
$$pOH = 4.90 \quad pH = 9.10$$

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