

**Question #47454, Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry**

The next three (3) problems deal with the titration of 421 mL of 0.501 M carbonic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) ( $K_{a1} = 4.3 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $K_{a2} = 5.6 \times 10^{-11}$ ) with 2.1 M NaOH.

1. What is the pH of the solution at the 2nd equivalence point?
2. What will the pH of the solution be when 0.1316 L of 2.1 M NaOH are added to the 421 mL of 0.501 M carbonic acid?
3. How many mL of the 2.1 M NaOH are needed to raise the pH of the carbonic acid solution to a pH of 6.019?

**ANSWER:**

- 1) pH at the 2<sup>nd</sup> equal. point

$$[\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{K_{a2} \cdot \frac{2}{C}} = \sqrt{(10^{-14}) \cdot 5.6 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot 2 / 0.501} = 1.495 \cdot 10^{-12}$$
$$\text{pH} = -\lg[\text{H}^+] = -\lg(1.495 \cdot 10^{-12}) = \mathbf{11.82}$$

- 2) If we added 0.1316 L 2.1M NaOH to the 421 mL 0.501 M carbonic acid

$$[\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{K_{a1} \cdot \frac{V_1 + V_2}{C \cdot V_1}} =$$
$$= \sqrt{(1 \cdot 10^{-14}) \cdot 4.3 \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot (0.1316 + 0.421) / (0.501 \cdot 0.421)} = 1.06 \cdot 10^{-10}$$
$$\text{pH} = -\lg(\text{H}^+) = -\lg(1.06 \cdot 10^{-10}) = \mathbf{9.97}$$