

Answer on Question #65481 - Chemistry - Inorganic Chemistry

The next three (3) problems deal with the titration of 541 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 1.5 M KOH.

3. How many mL of the 1.5 M KOH are needed to raise the pH of the original carbonic acid solution to a pH of 6.755? Give your answer to one decimal place.

**Solution:**

We find the concentration of carbonic acid:

$$c = n/V = 0.501/0.541 = 0.93$$

We find the pH of carbonic acid solution:

Using the law of mass action:

$$4.3 \times 10^{-7} = x^2/(0.93-x)$$

$$x = 0.00063$$

$$\text{pH} = -\lg(x) = 3.2$$

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