Question:

Calculate the pH for each of the following cases in the titration of 50.0 mL of 0.130 M HClO(aq) with 0.130 M KOH(aq).

Solution:

To solve this problem, we use the equations:

$$C_1 \cdot V_1 = C_2 \cdot V_2;$$

 $pH = -\log[H^+];$

Let us find the volume of KOH that was used:

$$V_{KOH} = \frac{C_{HClO} \cdot V_{HClO}}{C_{KOH}} = \frac{0.130 \cdot 50}{0.130} = 50 mL;$$

Let us find the pH of the acid HClO(aq):

$$pH = -\log[H^+] = -\log(C_{HClO} \cdot V_{HClO}) = -\log(0.130 \cdot 0.05) = -\log(0.0065) = 2.19;$$

Let us find the pH of the base KOH:

$$pOH = -\log[OH^{-}] = -\log(C_{KOH} \cdot V_{KOH}) = -\log(0.130 \cdot 0.05) = -\log(0.0065) = 2.19;$$

 $pH = K_w - pOH = 14 - 2.19 = 11.81.$

Answer:

pH (HClO) = 2.19; pH (KOH) = 11.81.

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