

BUFFERS

Ch 9-5

SWITCHED TO HARRIS TEXT

Group A will perform the ONLINE Buffer lab this week.

Group B will perform the ONLINE Molar Mass lab this week and the ONLINE Buffer lab. Both lab presentations will be given during the same lab meeting.

Third midterm exam on Monday, November 23

Due to upcoming exam buffer and polyprotic acid homework has been posted

Buffer handout posted on web, complete with solutions.

QUIZ 9 AVERAGE = 8.4 (highest I have ever had!)

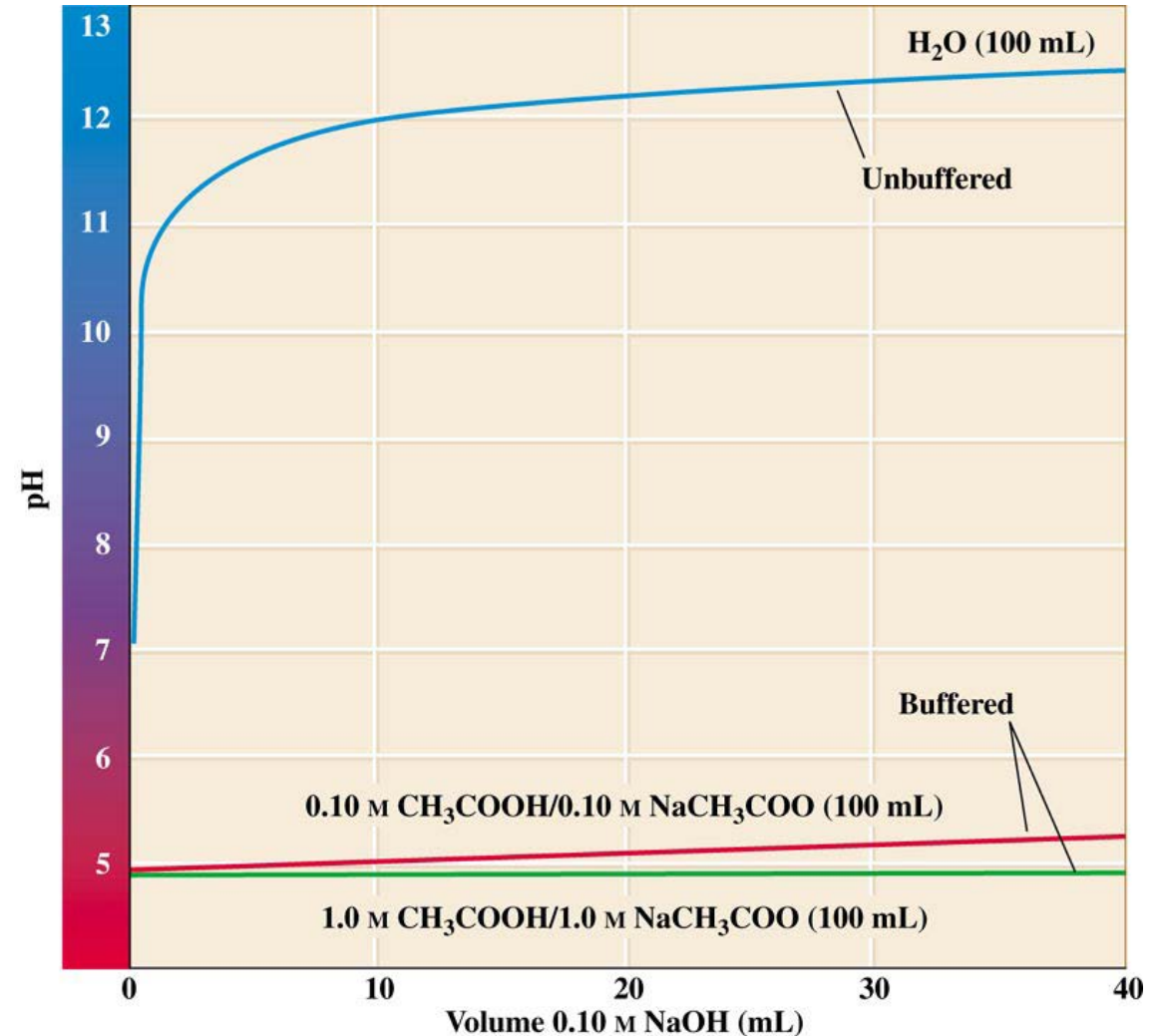
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a solution that is able to withstand changes in pH (so that the pH is almost constant) upon addition of small amounts of acid or base - based upon the **common ion effect**

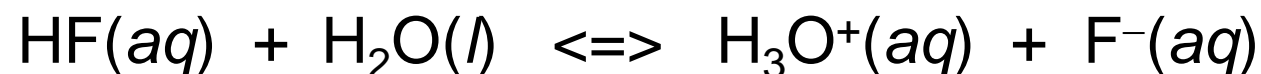
pH of human body 7.4 (37°C) – below 7 and above 7.8 death quickly follows. In the body the pH is maintained by carbonate, phosphate and protein buffers

addition of NaOH so that solution is 0.05 M NaOH



Buffers – Common Ion Effect

EX 2. What is the pH of a solution which is 1.0 F HF and 1.0 F NaF ($K_a = 6.6 \times 10^{-4}$) and the fraction (or percent) dissociated?



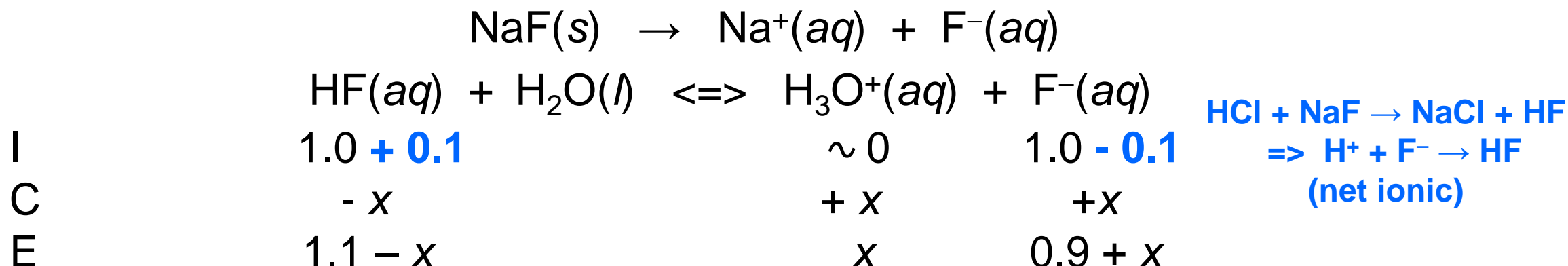
I	1.0	~ 0	1.0
C	- x	+ x	+x
E	1.0 - x	x	1.0 + x

$$K_a = \frac{x(1.0 + x)}{1.0 - x} \sim x \Rightarrow \text{pH} = 3.18$$

$\alpha = 6.6 \times 10^{-4}$ or 0.066% dissociated

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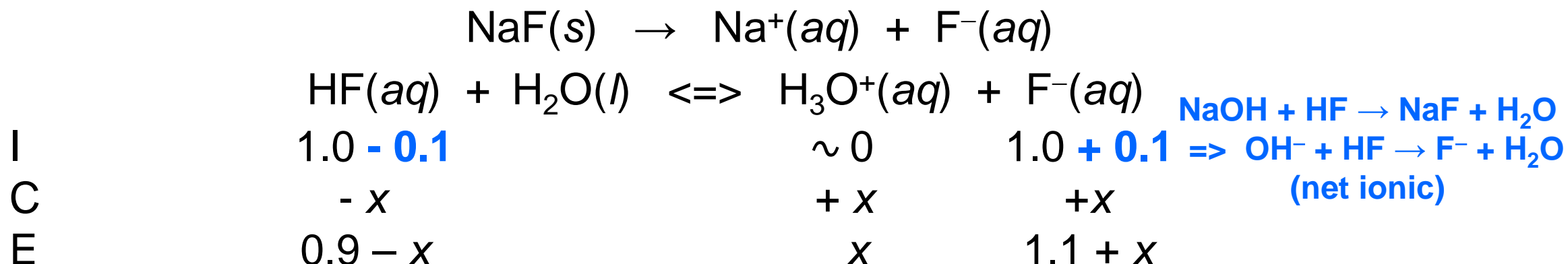


$$K_a = \frac{x(0.9 + x)}{1.1 - x} \sim 0.9x / 1.1 \Rightarrow \text{pH} = 3.09$$

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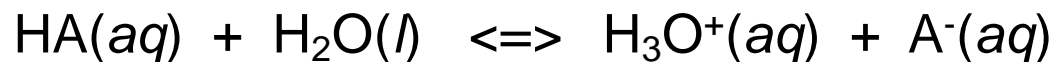
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Working with Buffer Solutions

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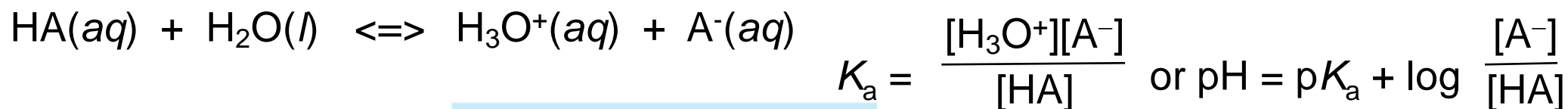
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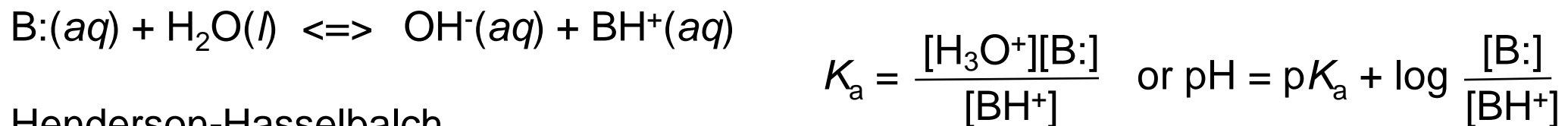
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For most cases the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation can be simplified by not solving the equilibrium problem and making the substitutions (real Henderson-Hasselbalch equation)

If F_{HA} or F_{A^-} is small (solution is too dilute) or if $[\text{H}^+]$ or $[\text{OH}^-]$ is large (too acidic or too basic) then this approximation cannot be used and the systematic approach must be employed.

(BUT THEN THE SOLUTION IS NOT A USEFUL BUFFER!)

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$$[\text{B}] = 1.992 [\text{A}] = 1.992(0.1336) = 0.2661 \text{ M}$$
$$= V_B (1.00) / 500 \Rightarrow \mathbf{133 \text{ mL}}$$

check ratio:

$$\mathbf{R = 0.133(1.00) / 0.0668(1.00) = 1.991}$$

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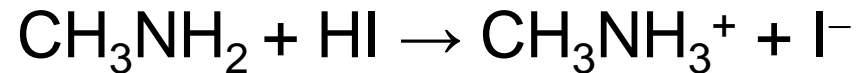
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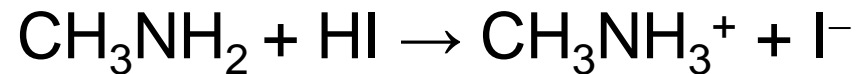
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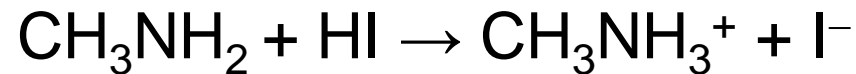
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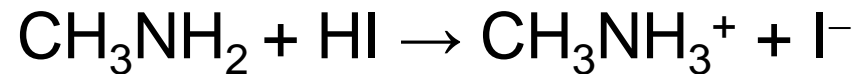


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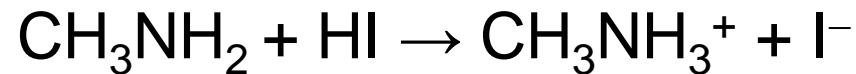


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