

# Important Buffer Solution Formulas PDF



## Formulas Examples with Units

### List of 11 Important Buffer Solution Formulas

#### 1) Buffer Capacity Formula

Formula

$$\beta = \frac{n_{a/b}}{d_{pH}}$$

Example

$$2.5 = \frac{10}{4}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 2) Concentration of Acid in Acidic Buffer using Henderson's Equation Formula

Formula

$$C_{\text{acid}} = \frac{C_{\text{salt}}}{10^{\text{pH} - \text{p}K_a}}$$

Example with Units

$$15.8114 \text{ mol/L} = \frac{50 \text{ mol/L}}{10^{3 - 2.5}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3) Concentration of Base in Basic Buffer using Henderson's Equation Formula

Formula

$$C_{\text{base}} = \frac{C_{\text{salt}}}{10^{\text{pOH} - \text{p}K_b}}$$

Example with Units

$$25.0594 \text{ mol/L} = \frac{50 \text{ mol/L}}{10^{8 - 7.7}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 4) Concentration of Salt in Acidic Buffer using Henderson's equation Formula

Formula

$$C_{\text{salt}} = C_{\text{acid}} \cdot \left( 10^{\text{pH} - \text{p}K_a} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$47.4342 \text{ mol/L} = 15 \text{ mol/L} \cdot \left( 10^{3 - 2.5} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 5) Concentration of Salt in Basic Buffer using Henderson's Equation Formula

Formula

$$C_{\text{salt}} = C_{\text{base}} \cdot \left( 10^{\text{pOH} - \text{p}K_b} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$49.8816 \text{ mol/L} = 25 \text{ mol/L} \cdot \left( 10^{8 - 7.7} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 6) Maximum pH of Basic Buffer Formula

Formula

$$\text{pH} = 14 - \text{p}K_b$$

Example

$$6.3 = 14 - 7.7$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 7) Maximum pOH of Acidic Buffer Formula

Formula

$$\text{pOH} = 14 - \text{pK}_a$$

Example

$$11.5 = 14 - 2.5$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 8) pH of Acidic Buffer using Henderson's Equation Formula

Formula

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log_{10} \left( \frac{C_{\text{salt}}}{C_{\text{acid}}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$3.0229 = 2.5 + \log_{10} \left( \frac{50 \text{ mol/L}}{15 \text{ mol/L}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 9) pKa of Acidic Buffer using Henderson's Equation Formula

Formula

$$\text{pK}_a = \text{pH} - \log_{10} \left( \frac{C_{\text{salt}}}{C_{\text{acid}}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$2.4771 = 3 - \log_{10} \left( \frac{50 \text{ mol/L}}{15 \text{ mol/L}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 10) pKb of Basic Buffer using Henderson's Equation Formula

Formula

$$\text{pK}_b = \text{pOH} - \log_{10} \left( \frac{C_{\text{salt}}}{C_{\text{base}}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$7.699 = 8 - \log_{10} \left( \frac{50 \text{ mol/L}}{25 \text{ mol/L}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 11) pOH of Basic Buffer using Henderson's Equation Formula

Formula

$$\text{pOH} = \text{pK}_b + \log_{10} \left( \frac{C_{\text{salt}}}{C_{\text{base}}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$8.001 = 7.7 + \log_{10} \left( \frac{50 \text{ mol/L}}{25 \text{ mol/L}} \right)$$


Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Buffer Solution Formulas above

- $C_{\text{acid}}$  Concentration of Acid (Mole per Liter)
- $C_{\text{base}}$  Concentration of Base (Mole per Liter)
- $C_{\text{salt}}$  Concentration of Salt (Mole per Liter)
- $d_{\text{pH}}$  Change in pH
- $n_{\text{a/b}}$  Number of Moles of Acid or Base
- $\text{pH}$  Negative Log of Hydronium Concentration
- $\text{p}K_{\text{a}}$  Negative Log of Acid Ionization Constant
- $\text{p}K_{\text{b}}$  Negative Log of Base Ionization Constant
- $\text{pOH}$  Negative Log of Hydroxyl Concentration
- $\beta$  Buffer Capacity

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Buffer Solution Formulas above


- **Functions:**  $\log_{10}$ ,  $\log_{10}(\text{Number})$   
*The common logarithm, also known as the base-10 logarithm or the decimal logarithm, is a mathematical function that is the inverse of the exponential function.*
- **Measurement:** **Molar Concentration** in Mole per Liter (mol/L)  
*Molar Concentration Unit Conversion* 



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