

18. Which weak forces determine molecular structure and molecular interactions and why?
19. What are the three domains of life?
20. What are the similarities and differences between these three domains of life (including genome size)?
21. Describe virus structure and life stages.
22. The Beer-Lambert law relates concentration of a solution and absorbance. $A = \epsilon * b * c$

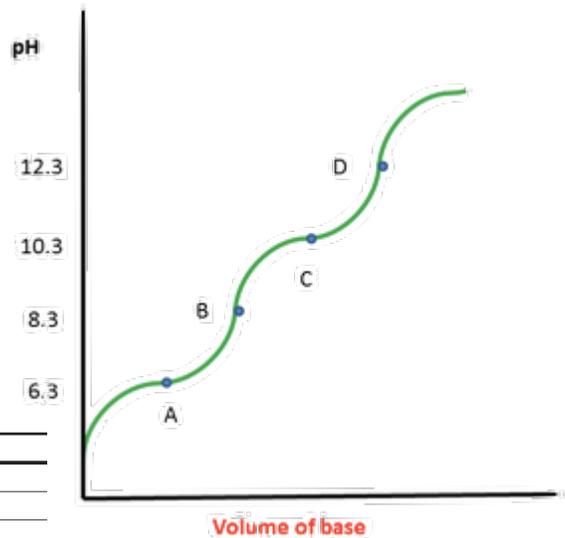
where **A** is the measured absorbance, ϵ is the wavelength-dependent molar absorptivity coefficient with units of $M^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$, **b** is the path length (usually in cm), and **c** is the concentration in units of molarity (M).

- Describe in words how absorbance of a solution is affected by concentration.
- Calculate the concentration of a solution with an absorbance of 0.794, a path length of 1.0 cm, and a molar absorptivity of $3.176 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Chapter 2: Water, pH, and buffers

23. The properties of water underscore key biological processes. Explain, using key vocabulary from this unit, how water's structure and polarity impact:
- The density of ice versus the density of liquid water.
 - Solvation of individual polar solutes versus individual non-polar solutes.
 - Solvation of fatty acids at low concentrations, moderate concentrations, & high concentration.
 - Explain what a clathrate is, and describe how the formation of a clathrate affects the entropy of water molecules.
24. Due to the strong electronegativity of oxygen, water ionizes. Write an equation for this ionization, and describe the identity and relative concentrations of the ionization products, including an equilibrium constant for this reaction.
25. Solve the following problems related to pH, pOH, K_a , and pK_a :
- $$K_w = 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2 = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] \qquad \text{HA} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{A}^- \qquad K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$
- If $[\text{OH}^-] = 4.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$, what is $[\text{H}^+]$?
 - If the pH is 4.1, what is $[\text{OH}^-]$?
 - What is the pH of a 0.65 M solution of an acid with a K_a of $4.83 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$?
 - What is the pK_a of a 0.75 M solution that has a pH of 5.95? (Hint: calculate the $[\text{H}^+]$ first)
26. Explain the difference between a strong electrolyte and a weak electrolyte.
27. The Henderson-Hasselbalch equation states the relationship between the pH and pK_a of a weak acid. When is the pH equal to the pK_a of a weak acid?

28. On the titration curve to the right, what point(s) represent(s) the pKa(s) of the buffer?
29. Explain why the pKa of a buffer is a useful tool when choosing a buffer.
30. What is a buffer, and what do they do?
31. Name three biological buffering systems.
32. What are “Good” buffers?
33. Using the table to the right, what is the effective buffering range of the following buffers:

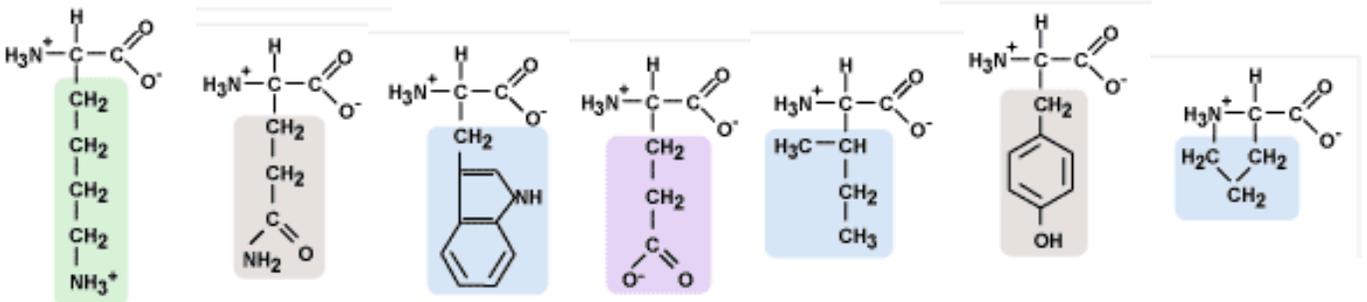
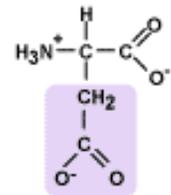


- a) PIPES
b) Bis-Tris
c) MOPS
d) HEPES

Good's Buffer	pKa (20 °C)
MES	6.15
Bis-Tris	6.46
ADA	6.60
PIPES	6.80
ACES	6.90
MOPSO	6.95
BES	7.15
MOPS	7.20
TES	7.50
HEPES	7.55
TAPSO	7.70

Chapter 4: Amino Acids and the Peptide Bond

34. Draw and label the structure of a generic amino acid?
35. How is a peptide bond formed between two amino acids? Draw the reactants and products of this reaction.
36. The amino acid aspartic acid (shown to the right) has carboxyl, amino, and R-group pKa's of 1.9, 9.6, and 3.7, respectively. At pH 13, what is the charge on aspartic acid?
37. Which of the following amino acids are.... Non-polar? Polar but uncharged? Acidic? Basic? Aromatic? Explain (give evidence for) each of your choices



61. Why are polynucleotides at least three times as long as proteins?
62. Define and explain (compare/contrast) different types of DNA duplexes.
63. Why is ethidium bromide carcinogenic? (What does carcinogenic mean?)
64. Explain the factors that influence why different DNA duplexes/sequences have different denaturation/renaturation temperatures.
65. How and why is DNA packaged/folded in the cell? Be sure to name structures present at each stage of folding.
66. Why can't RNA form a duplex like typical B-form DNA?
67. What is the main type of secondary structure that RNA forms? Why/How does it do this?
68. Describe and name (you may also draw) the secondary structure features of tRNA.
69. Explain the process of PCR, include the purpose of each "ingredient"
70. Explain the products of the first three PCR cycles from ONE original template copy.