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**Strategy** — find the concentration of the conjugate base  $C_6H_5CO_2$  in the solution AFTER the titration, then calculate pH.

This is a two-step problem

1. stoichiometry of acid-base reaction

2. equilibrium calculation

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## STOICHIOMETRY PORTION

1. Calculate the moles of NaOH required

 $(0.100 L C_6 H_5 CO_2 H)(0.025 M)$ 

 $= 0.0025 \text{ mol } C_6 H_5 CO_2 H$ 

(mols acid = mols base)

This requires 0.0025 mol NaOH

2. Calculate the volume of NaOH required 0.0025 mol (1 L / 0.100 mol)

= 0.025 L NaOH = 25 mL of NaOH required

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## STOICHIOMETRY PORTION, cont. Remember that 25 mL of NaOH are required

3. Moles of  $C_6H_5CO_2$  produced = moles  $C_6H_5CO_2H = 0.0025 \text{ mol (1:1 ratio)}$ 

4. Calculate the concentration of  $C_6H_5CO_2^{-1}$ There are 0.0025 mol of  $C_6H_5CO_2$  in a TOTAL SOLUTION VOLUME of 125 mL

 $[C_6H_5CO_2] = 0.0025 \text{ mol} / 0.125 \text{ L} = 0.020 \text{ M}$ 

QUESTION: You titrate 100. mL of a 0.025 M solution of benzoic acid with 0.100 M NaOH to the equivalence point. What is the pH at equivalence point? Equivalence Point Most important species in solution is benzoate ion, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> the weak conjugate base of benzoic acid, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H.  $C_6H_5CO_2^+ + H_2O \overrightarrow{=} C_6H_5CO_2H + OH^ K_{\rm b} = 1.6 \times 10^{-10}$  Make an ICE chart...  $[C_6H_5CO_2^{--}] [C_6H_5CO_2H]$ [OH-] initial 0.020 0 0 change - X +X +X equilib 0.020 - x х х



$$K_{b} = 1.6 \times 10^{-10} = \frac{x^{2}}{0.020 - x}$$
Neglect x
$$x = [OH^{-}] = 1.8 \times 10^{-6}$$
pOH = 5.75 ----> pH = 8.25







At the half-way point, 
$$[C_6H_5CO_2H] = [C_6H_5CO_2^{-1}]$$
  
 $K_a = [H_3O^+][C_6H_5CO_2^{-1}]$   
 $[C_6H_5CO_2H]$   
Therefore,  $[H_3O^+] = K_a = 6.3 \times 10^{-5}$   
 $pH = 4.20 = pK_a$  of the acid











