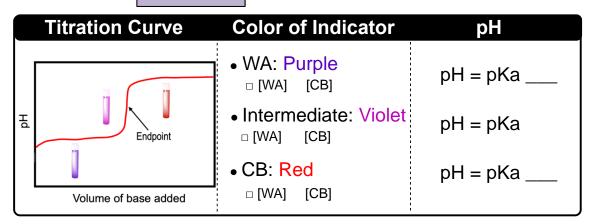
## **CONCEPT:** ACID-BASE INDICATORS

- Acid-Base Indicator is a weak \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ that indicates the pH at endpoint of titration.
  - □ Endpoint: point in titration right \_\_\_\_\_ the equivalence point when indicator changes \_\_\_\_\_.
  - □ Color change: weak form of indicator possesses a different color from its conjugate form.
    - Best indicator for titration: when \_\_\_\_\_ value of indicator is close to \_\_\_\_\_ at equivalence point.
- Each indicator has a pH range: pH = pKa +/- \_\_\_

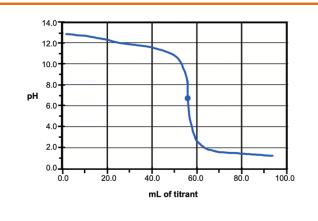


Some common acid-base indicators:

Indicator	pH Range	Colors
Crystal Violet	0 -1.8	yellow to blue
Thymol Blue	1.2-2.8 / 8.0-9.2	red to yellow/yellow to blue
Bromophenol Blue	3.0-4.6	yellow to blue
Methyl Orange	3.3-4.5	red to yellow
Methyl Red	4.2-6.2	red to yellow
Phenolphthalein	8.3-10.0	colorless to pink

## **EXAMPLE**: Pick the best indicator for the following titration

- a) bromothymol blue  $pK_a = 7.2$
- b) thymolphthalein pKa = 9.2
- c) phenolphthalein pKa = 9.5
- d) methyl red p $K_a = 5.1$
- e) bromophenol blue pKa = 4.1



## **CONCEPT:** ACID-BASE INDICATORS

PRACTICE: Chemistry student is using an indicator with a pKa of 4.7 for the titration of a strong acid with strong base.
Calculate the pH range at which the indicator will change colors.

- a) 2.7-3.5
- b) 10-11
- c) 4.7-8.7
- d) 3.7-5.7
- e) 2.7-5.8

**PRACTICE:** Bromophenol blue (pKa = 4.1) is a common acid-base indicator. It is yellow in its acidic form and blue in conjugate base form. If the solution being titrated has a pH = 4.0, what color would the bromophenol blue indicator possess?

- a) yellow
- b) orange
- c) blue
- d) green
- e) purple