

# Exercise 1

$$K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-4}$$

Remove molarity  
From the problem  
Technique

## Buffer MADE EASY

Step 2: Determine pH  
Buffer

$$[H^+] = K_a \frac{[Acid]}{[Base]}$$

$$H^+ = \frac{1.8 \times 10^{-4} [0.50m]}{[0.70m]}$$

$$H^+ = 1.29e-4$$

$$pH = -\log(1.29e-4) = \boxed{3.89}$$

0.500L of 0.50M Formic Acid  
and 0.70M Sodium Formate

Step 1 Convert to moles

L                      m                      moles

$$(0.500) (0.50m) = 0.25 \text{ moles F Acid}$$

$$(0.500) (0.70m) = 0.35 \text{ moles Na Formate (conjugate base)}$$

$$(0.010L) (1.0m) = 0.010 \text{ moles ADD HCL}$$

Step 3: Determine pH  
After adding base

$$H^+ = 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \left( \frac{0.25 \text{ moles Acid} + 0.010 \text{ mole ADD Acid}}{0.35 \text{ moles Conjugate Base} - 0.01 \text{ moles less conc of Acid added}} \right) \frac{0.26}{0.34}$$

$$H^+ = 1.37e-4$$

$$pH = -\log(1.37e-4) = \boxed{3.86}$$

Compensates  
for molarity