

1. A student reacts 0.300 g of methyl salicylate ( $C_8H_8O_3$ ) with a stoichiometric amount of a strong base. This product is then acidified to produce salicylic acid crystals ( $HC_7H_5O_3$ ).

a) For every 1 mole of  $C_8H_8O_3$  (molar mass 152.15 g/mol) reactant used, 1 mole of salicylic acid crystals ( $HC_7H_5O_3$ , molar mass 138.12 g/mol) is produced. Calculate the maximum mass, in grams, of  $HC_7H_5O_3$  that could be produced in this reaction.

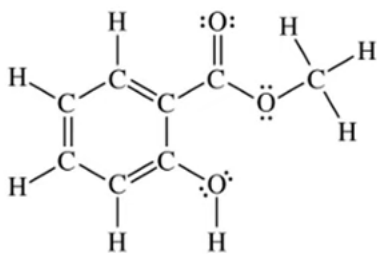
As part of the experimental procedure to purify the  $HC_7H_5O_3$  crystals after the reaction is complete, the crystals are filtered from the reaction mixture, rinsed with distilled water, and dried. Some physical properties of  $HC_7H_5O_3$  are given in the following table:

Properties of Salicylic Acid ( $HC_7H_5O_3$ )	
Melting point	159°C
Solubility in $H_2O$ at 25°C	2.2 g/L
Specific heat capacity	1.17 J/(g·°C)
Heat of fusion	27.1 kJ/mol

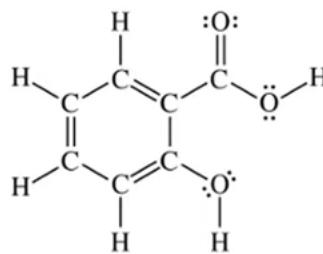
b) The student's experiment results in an 87% yield of dry  $HC_7H_5O_3$ . The student suggests that some of the  $HC_7H_5O_3$  crystals dissolved in the distilled water during the rinsing step. Is the student's claim consistent with the calculated percent yield value? Justify your answer.

c) Given the physical properties in the table, calculate the quantity of heat that must be absorbed to increase the temperature of a 0.105 g sample of dry  $HC_7H_5O_3$  (molar mass 138.12 g/mol) crystals from 25°C to the melting point of 159°C and melt the crystals completely.

The structures and melting points for methyl salicylate and salicylic acid are shown.



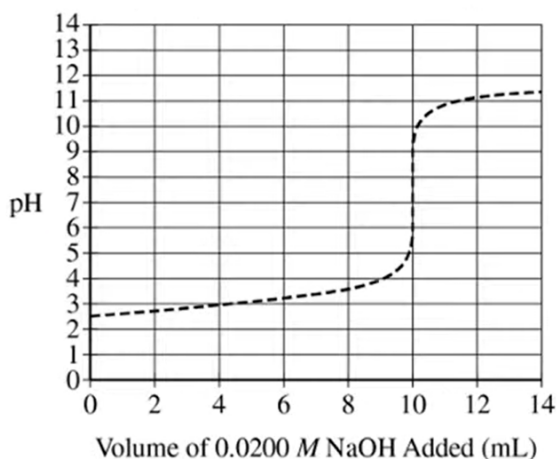
Methyl Salicylate  
Melting Point:  $-9^{\circ}\text{C}$



Salicylic Acid  
Melting Point:  $159^{\circ}\text{C}$

d) The same three types of intermolecular forces (London dispersion forces, dipole-dipole interactions, and hydrogen bonding) exist among molecules of each substance. Explain why the melting point of salicylic acid is higher than that of methyl salicylate.

The student titrates 20.0 mL of 0.0100 M  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3(\text{aq})$  with 0.0200 M NaOH, using a probe to monitor the pH of the solution. The data are plotted producing the following titration curve.



e) Using the information in the graph, estimate the  $\text{p}K_a$  of  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ . \_\_\_\_\_

f) When the pH of the titration mixture is 4.00, is there a higher concentration of the weak acid,  $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ , or its conjugate base,  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3^-$ , in the flask? Justify your answer.

g) The student researches benzoic acid ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$ ) and finds that it has similar properties to salicylic acid ( $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ ). The  $K_a$  for benzoic acid is  $6.3 \times 10^{-5}$ . Calculate the value of  $\text{p}K_a$  for benzoic acid.

h) The student performs a second titration, this time titrating 20.0 mL of a 0.0100 M benzoic acid solution with 0.0200 M NaOH. Sketch the curve that would result from this titration of benzoic acid on the following graph, which already shows the original curve from the titration of 20.0 mL of 0.0100 M salicylic acid. The initial pH of the benzoic acid solution is 3.11.

