Acids and Bases



250.0 mL of a HNO_3 -solution contains 2.250 g HNO_3 . What is the pH of this solution?

Solution

HNO₃:

$$2.250 \text{ g} = \frac{2.250 \text{ g}}{63.0 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}}} = 0.0357 \text{ mol}$$

$$\frac{0.0357 \text{ mol}}{0.2500 \text{ L}} = 0.143 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$$

HNO₃:

= strong acid, completely ionized

$$HNO_3(aq) \rightarrow H^+(aq) + NO_3^-(aq)$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 [H $^+$] = 0.143 mol/L

$$\Rightarrow$$
 pH = 0.85