

1.4 Adapting a Buret Titration to the Digital Titrator

Adapt any standard titration procedure using a buret to the Digital Titrator by using the following procedure.

1. Determine the approximate number of digits required. The Digital Titrator dispenses 1 mL per 800 digits on the counter. Using the following equation, determine the digits required for your buret method.

$$\text{Digits Required} = \frac{N_t \times \text{mL}_t \times 800}{N_c}$$

Where:

N_t = Normality of buret titrant

mL_t = milliliters of buret titrant required for an average titration

N_c = Normality of Digital Titrator cartridge

2. If the number of digits required is within the range of 70 to 350, you can use the procedure as written, substituting the Digital Titrator directly for the buret. Or, if the number of digits is outside of this range, make the following modifications:
 - a. If the number of digits required is more than 350, reduce the sample size to save titrant.
 - b. If the number of digits required is less than 70, increase the sample size to increase precision.
 - c. If the sample size is altered, adjust the amount of buffering or indicating reagents by the same proportion.
3. When using the Digital Titrator for your buret method, note the number of digits required for a sample titration. To convert the digits required to the equivalent number of milliliters if the buret method was used, calculate:

$$\text{Equivalent Buret Milliliters} = \text{Digits Required} \times \frac{N_c}{800 \times N_t}$$

If the sample size was changed, adjust the equivalent buret milliliters accordingly. If the sample size was increased, reduce the equivalent buret milliliters; if the sample size was reduced increase the equivalent buret milliliters. Multiply the equivalent

buret milliliters by any normally used factors to calculate concentration in oz/gal, g/L, etc.

Example: Adapt a buret procedure, which normally requires about 20 mL of a 0.4 N titrant, to the Digital Titrator. Try an 8.0 N titration cartridge. The first equation above gives:

$$\text{Digits Required} = \frac{0.4 \times 20 \times 800}{8.0} = 800 \text{ digits}$$

Because this would use excessive titrant, reduce the sample size to one fourth its normal size to reduce the digits required to 200, well within the recommended range.

Upon completion of the titration using the smaller sample size, calculate the equivalent buret milliliters by the second equation above. If 205 were the digits required:

$$\text{Equivalent Buret Milliliters} = \frac{205 \times 8.0}{800 \times 0.4} = 5.13 \text{ mL}$$

Multiply the 5.13 mL by 4 to account for the reduction in sample size to give the true equivalent buret milliliters of 20.5 mL. If the buret method called for multiplying the number of milliliters of titrant by a factor to calculate the concentration of a sample component, then multiply 20.5 by that factor.