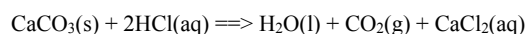


# Acids and Bases Chapter 18



The effects of acid rain on a statue of George Washington taken in 1935 (left) and 2001 (right) marble.



## Stuff

I need the Exam 1 in my box by Friday. Those who don't turn it in will use the Make-Up Exam for Exam 1.

March 10 Exam 3 (Chapter 18/19)

March 17 Make-Up Exam (Comprehensive + 20)

Final Exam (Comprehensive)

March 24  
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### Acid-Base Equilibria

- 18.1 Acids and Bases in Water
- 18.2 Autoionization of Water and the pH Scale
- 18.3 Proton Transfer and the Brønsted-Lowry Acid-Base Definition
- 18.4 Solving Problems Involving Weak-Acid Equilibria
- 18.5 Weak Bases and Their Relations to Weak Acids
- 18.6 Molecular Properties and Acid Strength
- 18.7 Acid-Base Properties of Salt Solutions
- 18.8 Generalizing the Brønsted-Lowry Concept: The Leveling Effect
- 18.9 Electron-Pair Donation and the Lewis Acid-Base Definition

### Acids and bases have distinct properties.

#### Acids:

- Acid sour taste
- React with metals (Group I,II) to yield  $\text{H}_2$  gas
- Changes plant dye litmus from **blue** to **red**
- React with carbonates and bicarbonates to produce  $\text{CO}_2$  gas



#### Bases:

- Bitter taste
- Slippery feel
- Changes plant dye litmus from **red** to **blue**
- React and neutralizes the effects of acids

200 Million MT  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

50 Million MT  $\text{NaOH}/\text{yr}$   
3 million containers

### Acids and bases are everywhere.

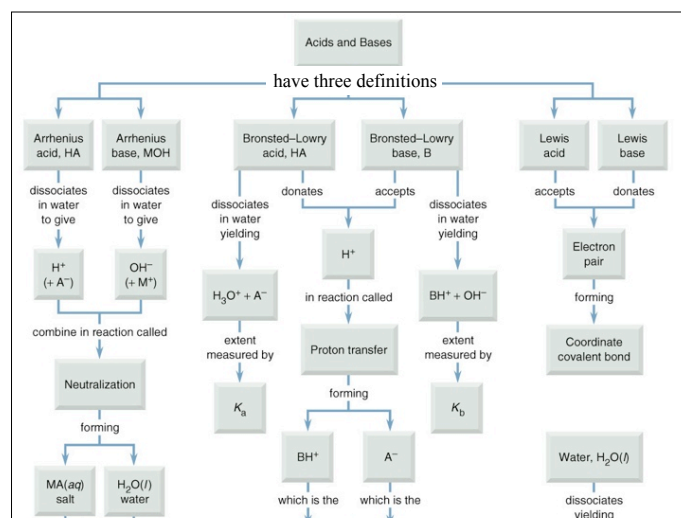
#### Common Acids

Acetic acid, $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	Flavoring, preservative
Citric acid, $\text{H}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7$	Flavoring
Phosphoric acid, $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	Rust remover, soft drinks
Boric acid, $\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3$	Mild antiseptic, insecticide
Aluminum salts, $\text{NaAl}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Most anti-perspirants, water treatment plants, paper
Hydrochloric acid (muriatic acid), $\text{HCl}$	Brick and ceramic tile cleaner



#### Common Bases

Sodium hydroxide (lye), $\text{NaOH}$	Oven cleaner, unblocking plumbing
Ammonia, $\text{NH}_3$	Household cleaner
Sodium carbonate, $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	Water softener, grease remover
Sodium hydrogen carbonate, $\text{NaHCO}_3$	Fire extinguisher, rising agent in cake mixes (baking soda), mild antacid
Sodium phosphate, $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$	Cleaner for surfaces before painting or wallpapering

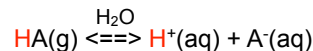


Chemistry uses three definitions of acids and bases: 1) Arrhenius 2) Bronsted-Lowry 3) Lewis

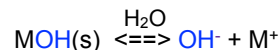
Name	Acid Definition	Base Definition
Arrhenius	Substance that increases $H^+$	Substances that increase $OH^-$
Brønsted-Lowry	Substances that donate $H^+$	Substances that accept $H^+$
Lewis	Electron-pair acceptor	Electron-pair donor

**Arrhenius Acid/Base** definitions arise from the reaction with water.

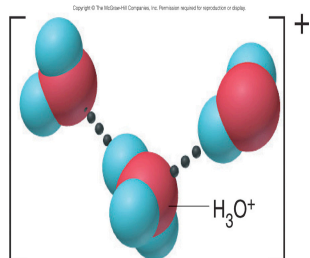
**Acid:** a substance that has a covalent H atom in its formula, and releases a proton  $H^+$  when dissolved in water.



**Base:** a substance that contains OH in its formula, and releases hydroxide ions ( $OH^-$ ) when dissolved in water.

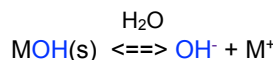
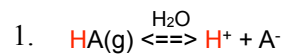


$H^+$  has never been isolated in the lab, but chemists use it symbolically anyway.  $H^+$  reacts with water to form the hydronium ion,  $H_3O^+$

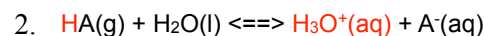


$H^+$  and  $H_3O^+$  are equivalent in chemistry.

Acid and base formation is represented symbolically in two ways semi-confusing ways. Learn both & don't let it distract you.

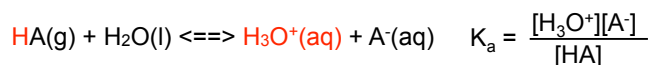
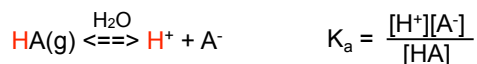


The lazy but convenient way.  $H_2O$  written over arrow with  $H^+$  as the acid.



Reacting with  $H_2O$  in the equation with  $H_3O$  as acid.

An equilibrium constant called "**Acid-Dissociation Constant,  $K_a$** " quantifies the **extent of acid dissociation** (i.e. acid strength).



stronger acid  $\Rightarrow$  higher  $[H_3O^+]$   $\Rightarrow$  large  $K_a$

weaker acid  $\Rightarrow$  lower  $[H_3O^+]$   $\Rightarrow$  small  $K_a$

## Chapter 17 & 18 Homework Problems

Problems have been updated for the Principles of Chemistry, Silberberg, 2nd Edition Textbook.

Exam 2

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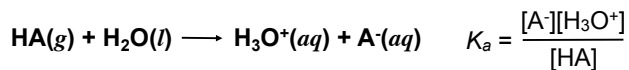
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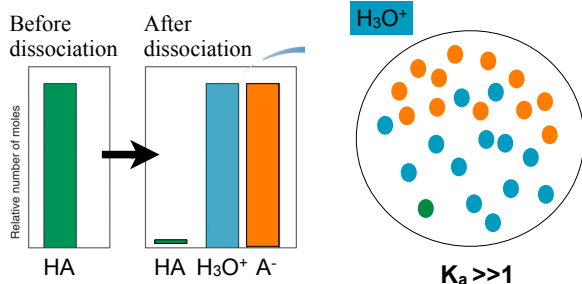
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**Strong acids and strong bases completely dissociate or completely ionize in water:  $K_a \gg 1$ .**

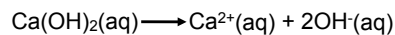
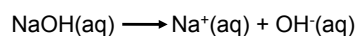
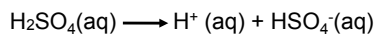
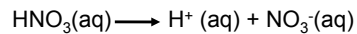


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**Because of complete dissociation, strong acids and strong bases *conduct electricity* and are *strong electrolytes*.**

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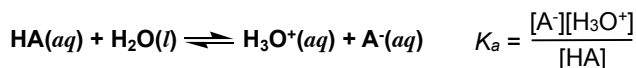
**Strong Acids**

HCl  
HBr  
HI  
HClO<sub>4</sub>  
HNO<sub>3</sub>  
H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

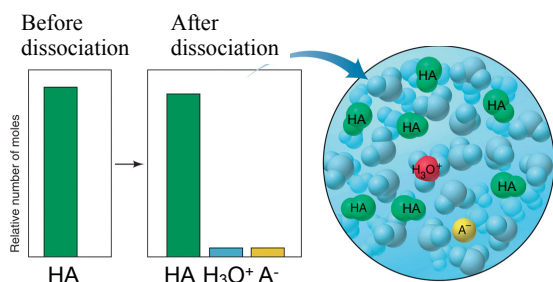
**Strong Bases**

LiOH  
NaOH  
KOH  
RbOH  
CsOH  
Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>  
Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>  
Sr(OH)<sub>2</sub>  
Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>

**Weak acids and weak bases dissociate only to a slight extent in water  $K_a \ll 1$ .**



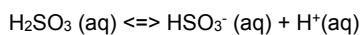
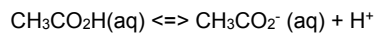
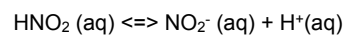
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**Weak acids and weak bases do not dissociate or ionize to a large extent in solution, and so are *weak electrolytes* (small value of  $K_a$ ).**

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{A}^-][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{HA}]} = \ll 1$$

**All not strong is weak!**



**Weak Acids**

CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	acetic acid
HNO <sub>2</sub>	nitrous acid
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	sulfurous acid
HOCl	hypochlorous acid
H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	carbonic acid
H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	phosphoric acid
HF	hydrofluoric acid

**Weak Bases**

NH<sub>3</sub>(aq) ammonia

**$K_a$  Values For A Few Monoprotic Acids at 25C**

Name (Formula)	Lewis Structure*	$K_a$
Chlorous acid (HClO <sub>2</sub> )	$\text{H}-\ddot{\text{O}}-\ddot{\text{Cl}}=\ddot{\text{O}}$	$1.12 \times 10^{-2}$
Nitrous acid (HNO <sub>2</sub> )	$\text{H}-\ddot{\text{O}}-\ddot{\text{N}}=\ddot{\text{O}}$	$7.1 \times 10^{-4}$
Hydrofluoric acid (HF)	$\text{H}-\ddot{\text{F}}:$	$6.8 \times 10^{-4}$
Formic acid (HCOOH)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{:O:} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\ddot{\text{O}}-\text{H} \end{array}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
Acetic acid (CH <sub>3</sub> COOH)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{:O:} \\   \quad \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\ddot{\text{O}}-\text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
Propanoic acid (CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> COOH)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{:O:} \\   \quad   \quad \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\ddot{\text{O}}-\text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-5}$
Hypochlorous acid (HClO)	$\text{H}-\ddot{\text{O}}-\ddot{\text{Cl}}:$	$2.9 \times 10^{-8}$

Classify each of the following compounds as a strong acid, weak acid, strong base, or weak base.

(a) H<sub>2</sub>SeO<sub>4</sub> (b) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHCOOH (c) KOH (d) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHNH<sub>2</sub>

Pay attention to the text definitions of acids and bases. Look at O for acids as well as the -COOH group; watch for amine groups and cations in bases.



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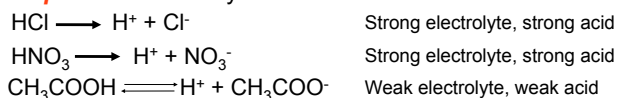
(a)  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_4$  (b)  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCOOH}$  (c)  $\text{KOH}$  (d)  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHNH}_2$

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- (a) **Strong acid** -  $\text{H}_2\text{SeO}_4$  - the number of O atoms exceeds the number of ionizable protons by 2.  
 (b) **Weak acid** -  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCOOH}$  is an organic acid having a -COOH group.  
 (c) **Strong base** -  $\text{KOH}$  is a Group 1A(1) hydroxide.  
 (d) **Weak base** -  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHNH}_2$  has a lone pair of electrons on the N and is an amine.

Acids can have one, two or three acidic protons depending on their structure (and  $K_{a1}$   $K_{a2}$   $K_{a3}$ ).

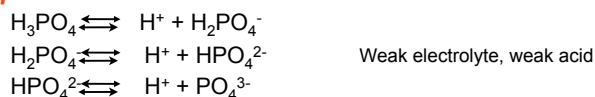
**Monoprotic** acids--only one  $\text{H}^+$  available



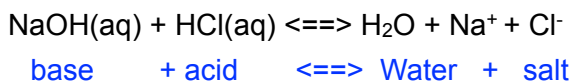
**Diprotic** acids--two acidic  $\text{H}^+$  available for reaction



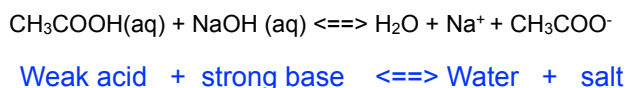
**Triprotic** acids--three acidic  $\text{H}^+$



Acid and bases react with one another in a **neutralization reaction forming a salt and water.**



**Net Ionic Equation:**  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \Rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{aq})$



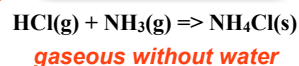
The Arrhenius acid-base definition fails to cover all cases..so chemists invented the Bronsted-Lowry definition.

**How Arrhenius Definition Fails**

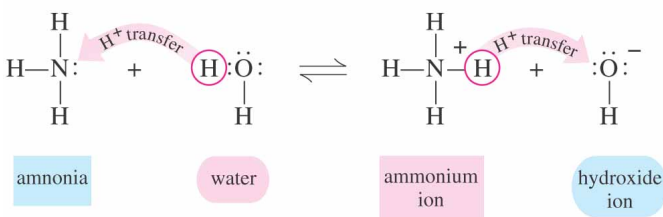
1.  $\text{NH}_3$  or amines (like  $\text{R-NH}_2$ ) don't have OH group but are bases.

2. Many transition metals Cr, Al, Fe, Cu are acidic but have no  $\text{H}^+$ .

3. Arrhenius definition requires water...yet some acid base reactions occur **without water** as solvent.

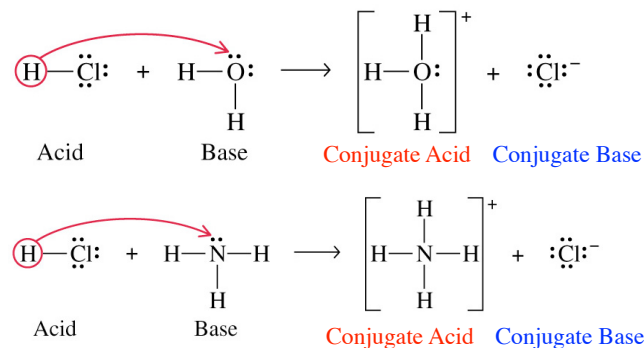


The Bronsted-Lowry concept views acids as **proton donors** and bases as **proton acceptors.**



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An **Bronsted acid** is a substance that "**donates**" or a proton to a **Bronsted base**. A **Bronsted base** is a substance that "**accepts**" a proton from another a **Bronsted acid**.



• For a molecule or ion to be a **Bronsted base**, it must **have at least one unshared pair of electrons** for **accepting** a proton.

All of these have a lone-pair of e<sup>-</sup> and are bases!

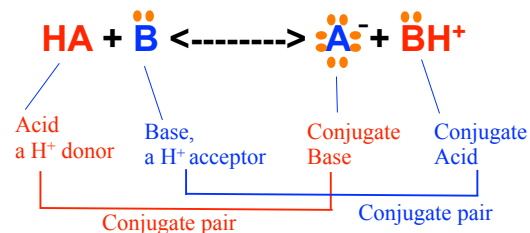
- H<sub>2</sub>O
- F<sup>-</sup>
- Cl<sup>-</sup>
- NH<sub>3</sub>
- OH<sup>-</sup>

All can donate H<sup>+</sup> and are acids!

- H<sub>2</sub>O
- HF
- HCl
- HNO<sub>3</sub>
- HBr
- HClO<sub>4</sub>

The Lone pairs are there if you draw the Lewis structure!

### Generalized Bronsted Acid and Base

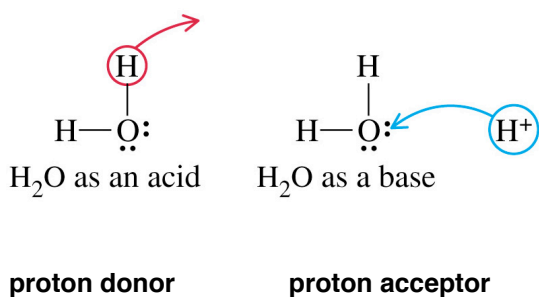


A<sup>-</sup> is called the **conjugate base** of the acid HA. Has a free pair of electrons to "accept a proton".

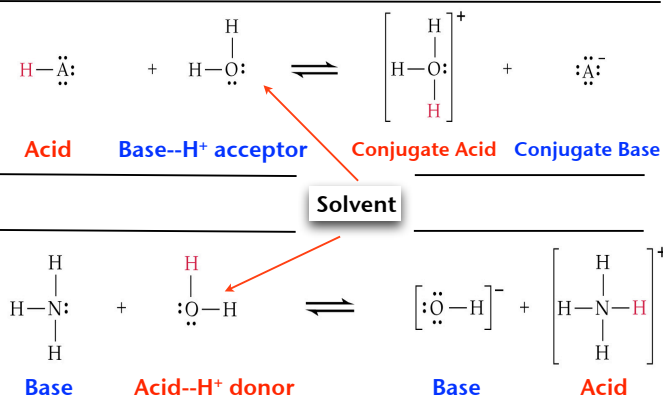
BH<sup>+</sup> is called the **conjugate acid** of the base B

Both are called **conjugate acid-base pairs**!

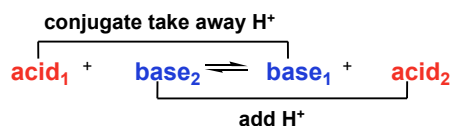
**Amphoteric substances** can act as a Bronsted acid (proton donor) or a base (a proton acceptor).



Water is **amphoteric**, it can act as a base or acid and depending on what it reacts with.



Identifying the following conjugate acid-base pairs (H<sup>+</sup> donors and H<sup>+</sup> acceptors).

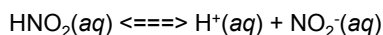


reaction 1	HF	+	H <sub>2</sub> O	⇌	F <sup>-</sup>	+	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>
reaction 2	HCOOH	+	CN <sup>-</sup>	⇌	HCOO <sup>-</sup>	+	HCN
reaction 3	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	+	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	⇌	NH <sub>3</sub>	+	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
reaction 4	H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	+	OH <sup>-</sup>	⇌	HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	+	H <sub>2</sub> O
reaction 5	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	+	N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	⇌	HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	+	N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup>
reaction 6	HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	+	SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	⇌	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	+	HSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>

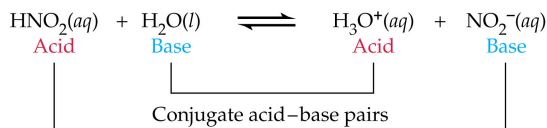
Write the equilibrium expression for nitrous acid (HNO<sub>2</sub>) and explain its acidity in terms of a) the Arrhenius definition, and b) the Brønsted-Lowry acid base theory, c) identify the acid base conjugate pairs.



a)  $\text{HNO}_2$  is an Arrhenius acid because it dissociates in water to produce  $\text{H}^+$  ions:

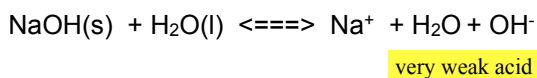
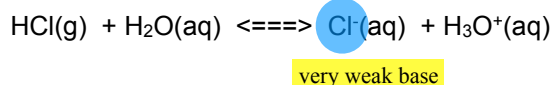


b) Nitrous acid is a Brønsted-Lowry acid because it acts as a proton donor, transferring a proton to water to give hydronium ion

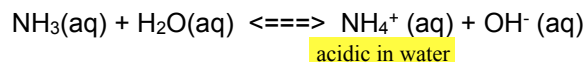
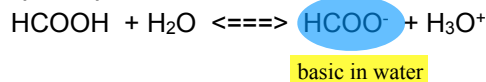


The conjugate base of  $\text{HNO}_2$  is  $\text{NO}_2^-$ , the species that remains after  $\text{HNO}_2$  has lost a proton

✓ The stronger the acid (base) is, the weaker is its conjugate base (acid).



✓ Weak acids (bases) give strong conjugate bases (acids).



The weaker the acid--the stronger its conjugate base. The stronger the acid--the weaker its conjugate base.

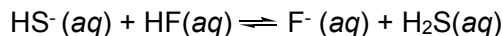
### Relative Strengths of Conjugate Acid-Base Pairs

Acid (HA)		Conjugate Base, A <sup>-</sup>	
Stronger acid	$\text{HClO}_4$ $\text{HCl}$ $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ $\text{HNO}_3$	Strong acids. 100% dissociated in aqueous solution.	$\text{ClO}_4^-$ $\text{Cl}^-$ $\text{HSO}_4^-$ $\text{NO}_3^-$
	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ $\text{HSO}_4^-$ $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ $\text{HNO}_2$ $\text{HF}$ $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ $\text{NH}_4^+$ $\text{HCN}$ $\text{HCO}_3^-$ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Weak acids. Exist in solution as a mixture of HA, A <sup>-</sup> , and H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> .	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ $\text{NO}_2^-$ $\text{F}^-$ $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$ $\text{HCO}_3^-$ $\text{HS}^-$ $\text{NH}_3$ $\text{CN}^-$ $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$
Weaker acid	$\text{NH}_3$ $\text{OH}^-$ $\text{H}_2$	Very weak acids. Negligible tendency to dissociate.	$\text{NH}_2^-$ $\text{O}^{2-}$ $\text{H}^-$
			Strong bases. 100% protonated in aqueous solution.

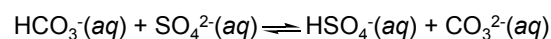
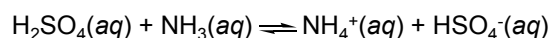
An acid-base reaction will go in that direction that forms the weaker acid-base pair.

Given that  $K_a$  for  $\text{HF} = 6.8 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $K_a$  for  $\text{H}_2\text{S} = 9.0 \times 10^{-8}$

In which direction will this reaction proceed?



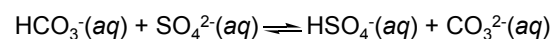
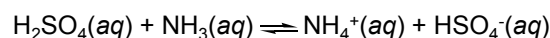
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Carbonic	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$	$4.3 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.6 \times 10^{-11}$	
Citric	$\text{H}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7$	$7.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-7}$
Oxalic	$\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$	$5.9 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-5}$	
Phosphoric	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	$7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.2 \times 10^{-13}$
Sulfurous	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$	$1.7 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-8}$	
Sulfuric	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	Large	$1.2 \times 10^{-2}$	
Tartaric	$\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_6$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.6 \times 10^{-5}$	



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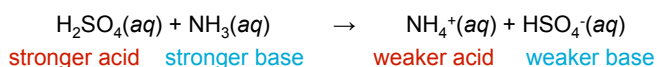
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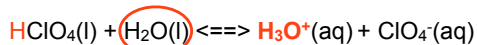
$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  are acids,  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  are bases.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is stronger acid than  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , and  $\text{NH}_3$  stronger base than  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ , therefore  $\text{NH}_3$  gets the proton



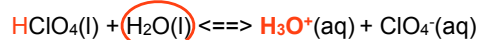
$\text{HCO}_3^-$  and  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  are acids,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  are bases.  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  is the stronger acid, and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  is the stronger base. Therefore,  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  gets the proton



Water is usually a “reactive-solvent” with all acids and bases.



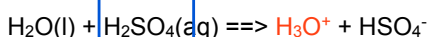
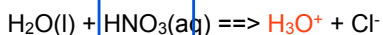
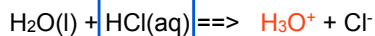
Water’s reaction can be viewed as acid-base reaction.



acid   + base    $\rightleftharpoons$  conjugate acid   + base

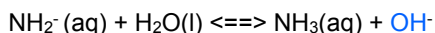
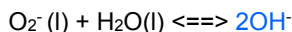
**Net Ionic Equation:**  $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \Rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{aq})$

The hydronium ion,  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ , and the  $\text{OH}^-$  are the **strongest acid and base** that can exist *in the presence of water*.



**Strong acid  $\rightleftharpoons$  produce  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$**

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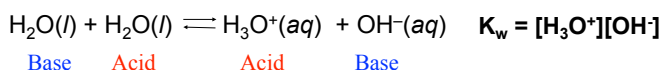
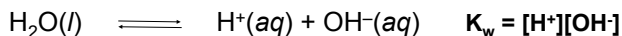


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### Acid Strength Is Summarized in Tables of $K_a$ and $\text{p}K_a$

Acid	Ionization Equilibrium	$K_a$	$\text{p}K_a$
Hydroiodic Acid	$\text{HI} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{I}^-$	$3 \times 10^9$	-9
Hydrochloric Acid	$\text{HCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$	$1.3 \times 10^6$	-6
Sulfuric Acid	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HSO}_4^-$	1000	-3
Hydronium Ion	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	55	-1.7
Nitric Acid	$\text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{NO}_3^-$	28	-1.4
Iodic acid	$\text{HIO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{IO}_3^-$	$1.61 \times 10^{-1}$	0.80
Chlorous Acid	$\text{HClO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{ClO}_2^-$	$1.1 \times 10^{-2}$	1.96
Phosphoric Acid	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	$7.6 \times 10^{-3}$	2.12
Nitrous Acid	$\text{HNO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{NO}_2^-$	$7.2 \times 10^{-4}$	3.14
Hydrofluoric Acid	$\text{HF} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{F}^-$	$6.61 \times 10^{-4}$	3.18
Formic Acid	$\text{HCOOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HCO}_2^-$	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	3.74
Acetic Acid	$\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$	4.74
Hydrosulfuric Acid	$\text{H}_2\text{S} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HS}^-$	$1.32 \times 10^{-7}$	6.88
Hypochlorous Acid	$\text{HClO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{ClO}^-$	$2.88 \times 10^{-8}$	7.54
Cyanoic Acid	$\text{HCN} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{CN}^-$	$6.2 \times 10^{-10}$	9.21

$K_w$  is the **equilibrium constant** that describes the auto or self-ionization of water.



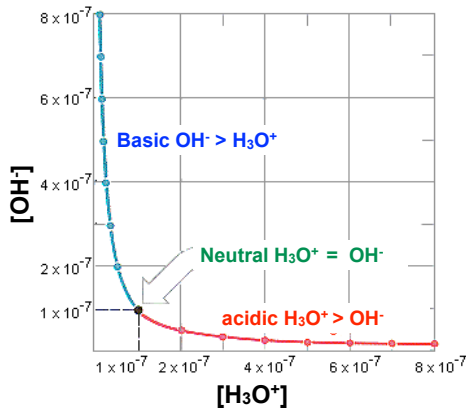
$$K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

This equilibrium constant for water is called the “Ion-Product of Water”. Memorize the value.

The product of  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$  a constant. Once we know one.....we know the other!

$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$	$[\text{OH}^-]$	$K_w$
$1 \times 10^{-14}$	$1 \times 10^0$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-13}$	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-12}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-11}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-10}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-8}$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-7}$	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 \times 10^{-8}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$
$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-10}$	$1 \times 10^{-14}$

**[OH<sup>-</sup>] and [H<sup>+</sup>] can vary over 14 orders of magnitude**



If we plot a few points of [OH<sup>-</sup>] vs [H<sup>+</sup>] then we see that we can not plot all the various powers of 10 that can exist in solution.

In 1909, Sorenson suggests using a logarithmic plot and this makes things easy to see and to plot. It defines pH!

**pH** is a defined logarithmic scale for measuring acidity. It is directly related to [H<sup>+</sup>] concentration in solution.

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [\text{H}^+] = -\log_{10} [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \quad \text{logarithmic form}$$

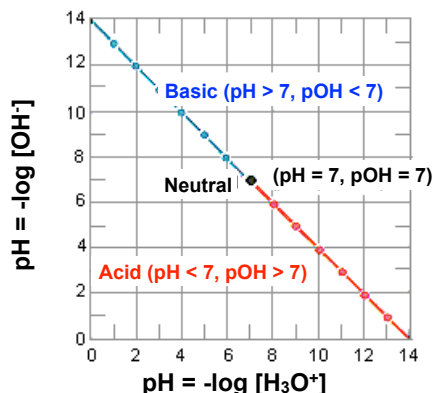
$$\uparrow$$

$$\text{p} = -\log_{10}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} \quad \text{exponential form}$$

1 pH unit represents a power of 10X in concentration (or an order of magnitude as it is called).

**We can compress all 14 orders of magnitude using a logarithmic scale--called the pH scale!**



14 orders of magnitude can be seen in a single graph!

**Acidic, basic and neutral solutions are identified by their pH values**

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

connect these dots

$$K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-14}$$

The ion-product of water is a constant!

	[H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ]	pH	[OH <sup>-</sup> ]
BASIC	1.0 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>	15.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>	14.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>0</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-13</sup>	13.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-12</sup>	12.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-2</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	11.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	10.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
NEUTRAL	1.0 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	9.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	8.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
ACIDIC	1.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	7.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>	5.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>
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	1.0 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-13</sup>
	1.0 x 10 <sup>0</sup>	0.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>
1.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	-1.00	1.0 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>	

A solution with a pH of 4 is 10X lower in [H<sup>+</sup>] than one with pH=3, 100X lower than pH=2 and 1000X lower than pH = 1.

[H <sup>+</sup> ]	-log[H <sup>+</sup> ] = pH
0.5M	0.301
0.05M	1.301
0.005M	2.301
0.0005M	3.301

When concentration changes by factor of 10, pH changes by +/- 1

The amounts of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> in aqueous solution determines whether a solution is **acidic**, **neutral** or **basic**.

WHEN		
[H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ] > [OH <sup>-</sup> ]	[H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ] = [OH <sup>-</sup> ]	[H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ] < [OH <sup>-</sup> ]
acidic solution pH < 7	neutral solution pH = 7	basic solution pH > 7

Litmus Paper Color



## A Logarithm of a number is an Exponent

Let  $y$  be any number. Let  $b$  also be a number and let's call it "the base",  $b$ . Lastly let's call the power we raise the base to an "exponent" and label it as " $x$ ". In equation form:

$$y = b^x \quad \text{b = base, x = exponent and y = a number}$$

$$100 = 10^x \quad \text{b = 10 and y = 100 and x = exponent}$$

The logarithm of  $100 = \log(100)$  is the value of the exponent,  $x$ , needed to raise 10 in order to obtain 100.

$$\log_{10}(100) = x = 2$$

The logarithm of 100 is the value of the exponent in the equation:  $10^x = 100$

## Logs are easy if you see the riff.

What is the  $\log_{10}$  of the following numbers?

1000, 100, 10, 1, 0, 0.1, 0.01, 0.001

$$\log_{10} 1000 = \log 1000 = x \xrightarrow{\text{means}} 10^x = 1000$$

$$\log_{10} 100 = \log 100 = x \xrightarrow{\text{means}} 10^x = 100$$

$$\log 10 = x \xrightarrow{\text{means}} 10^x = 10$$

$$\log 1 = x \longrightarrow 10^x = 1$$

$$\log 0 = x \longrightarrow 10^x = 0$$

$$\log 0.1 = x \longrightarrow 10^x = 0.1$$

$$\log 0.01 = x \longrightarrow 10^x = 0.01$$

Two very common logarithm functions are log to the base 10 and the natural log base  $e$  (2.7183).

$$\log = \log_{10} \quad \text{"log to the base 10"}$$

$$\log_e = \log_{2.7183} = \ln \quad \text{the "natural log"}$$

Just as there are distributive, associative properties with equations there are "properties of logs that should be memorized."

### Properties of Logs

$$\log(A \times B) = \log A + \log B$$

$$\log\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = \log A - \log B$$

$$\log A^n = n \log A$$

$$\text{antilog}(\log x) = 10^{\log x} = x$$

**Antilog of a number means use the number as an exponent.**

Sometimes we know the base and the exponent, but we need to compute the number. We can write it like this:

$$\log(?) = 2$$

In words we would say: "The  $\log_{10}$  of what number is equal to 2?"

Finding this number is called taking the "*antilogarithm*"

$$\text{Antilog}[\log(?)] = \text{Antilog}(2)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} | \\ ? = 10^2 = 100 \end{array}$$

The antilog<sub>10</sub> is the same as the base 10 operator!

Knowing the math can help you go fast

### Logarithmic Form

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$\text{pK}_a = -\log K_a$$

### Exponential Form

$$10^{-\text{pH}} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$10^{-\text{pOH}} = [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$10^{-\text{pK}_a} = \text{pK}_a$$

When  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$ ,  $K_a$  are large values----the  $\text{pK}'$ s are small values. Strong acids have large  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  and  $K_a$  therefore small pH and small  $\text{pK}_a$

## $K_w$ is related to pH via logarithm.

$$K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

take -log of both sides

$$-\log K_w = -\log ([\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-]) = -\log(1.0 \times 10^{-14})$$

$$-\log K_w = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] + -\log[\text{OH}^-] = -\log(10^{-14})$$

$$\text{p}K_w = \text{pH} + \text{pOH} = -(-14)$$

$$\text{p}K_w = \text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$$

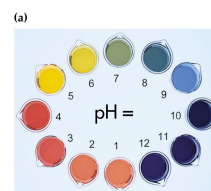
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## pH is measured with dyed paper or with a commercial instrument.



pH (indicator) paper

pH meter



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Key: Strong acids dissociate completely-- stoichiometry dictates  $[\text{H}^+]$ . Memorize all strong acids (HCl, HBr, HI,  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HClO}_4$ )

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.3 \text{ M}$$

$$K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \frac{K_w}{[\text{H}^+]} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-14}}{1.3} = 7.7 \times 10^{-15} \text{ M}$$

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SOLUTION:  $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-]$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = K_w / [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 3.0 \times 10^{-4} = 3.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$$

$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] > [\text{OH}^-]$ ; the solution is acidic.

**Significant figures in logarithm calculations follow different rules than we are used to.**

1. When taking the log of a *measured number*, retain in the **mantissa** (the numbers to the right of the decimal point in the answer) the same number of significant figures as there are in the number whose logarithm you are taking.

$$\log(3.000 \times 10^4) = ? = 4.4771$$

4 SF's                      4 SF's after decimal pt

$$\log(3. \times 10^4) = ? = 4.5$$

1 SF's                      1 SF's after decimal pt

2. When taking an antilog, the number of SF's in the answer is the same as the number of digits after the decimal point.

$$\text{antilog}(4.4711) = 10^{4.4711} = 3.000 \times 10^4$$

4 SF's after decimal pt                      4 SF's



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$$\text{antilog}(-\text{pH}) = \text{antilog}(\log [\text{H}^+])$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} = 10^{-4.82} = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$



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$$\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14.00$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log [\text{OH}^-] = -\log (2.5 \times 10^{-7}) = 6.60$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - \text{pOH} = 14.00 - 6.60 = 7.40$$

**Problem: Calculating [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>], pH, [OH<sup>-</sup>], and pOH**

In a restoration project, a conservator prepares copper-plate etching solutions by diluting concentrated nitric acid, HNO<sub>3</sub>, to 2.0 M, 0.30 M, and 0.0063 M HNO<sub>3</sub>. Calculate [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>], pH, [OH<sup>-</sup>], and pOH of the three solutions at 25 °C.



**PLAN:** HNO<sub>3</sub> is a strong acid so [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>] = [HNO<sub>3</sub>]. Use K<sub>w</sub> to find the [OH<sup>-</sup>] and then convert to pH and pOH.

**Problem: Calculating [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>], pH, [OH<sup>-</sup>], and pOH**

In a restoration project, a conservator prepares copper-plate etching solutions by diluting concentrated nitric acid, HNO<sub>3</sub>, to 2.0 M, 0.30 M, and 0.0063 M HNO<sub>3</sub>. Calculate [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>], pH, [OH<sup>-</sup>], and pOH of the three solutions at 25 °C.



For 2.0 M

$$\text{HNO}_3, [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 2.0 \text{ M}, \text{ and } \text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -0.30 = \text{pH}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = K_w / [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 2.0 = 5.0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ M}; \text{ pOH} = 14.30$$

For 0.3 M HNO<sub>3</sub>,

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.30 \text{ M and } -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.52 = \text{pH}$$

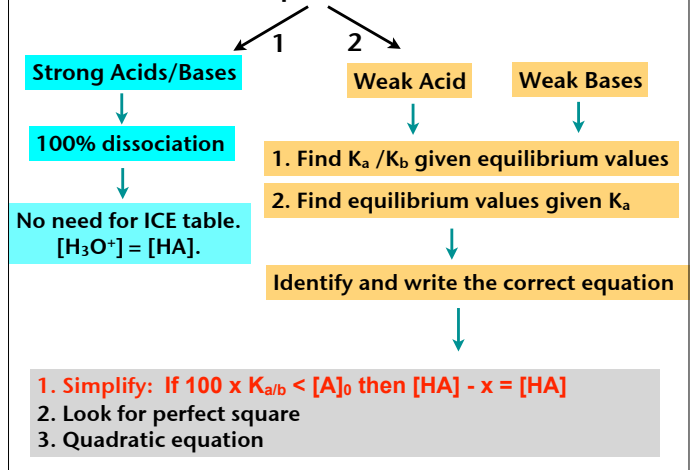
$$[\text{OH}^-] = K_w / [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 0.30 = 3.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}; \text{ pOH} = 13.48$$

For 0.0063 M HNO<sub>3</sub>,

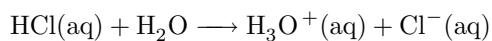
$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.0063 \text{ M and } -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 2.20 = \text{pH}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = K_w / [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 6.3 \times 10^{-3} = 1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}; \text{ pOH} = 11.80$$

**Acid-Base Equilibrium Problems**



**Strong acids and bases dissociate completely while weak acids (bases) are equilibrium dependent.**

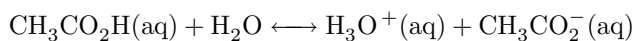


▲  
0.004% at equilibrium

▲  
99.996% at equilibrium

**STRONG ACID**

1.0M HCl  $\longrightarrow$  1.0M H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>



▲  
98.7% at equilibrium

▲  
1.3% at equilibrium

**WEAK ACID**

**Know all strong acids and bases and you will recognize be able to recognize all weak acids/bases.**

	Acids	Bases	
hydrohalic acids	HCl	LiOH	Group I hydroxides
	HBr	NaOH	
	HI	KOH	
perchloric	HClO <sub>4</sub>	RbOH	Group II hydroxides
	nitric	HNO <sub>3</sub>	
sulfuric	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup>	CsOH	
		Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>	
		Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub>	
		Sr(OH) <sub>2</sub>	
		Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub>	



What is the pH of a  $1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M Ba(OH)}_2$  solution?

Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> is a strong base – 100% dissociation.

1 mol Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> = 2 mol OH<sup>-</sup>

	Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub> (s)	Ba <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	2OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)
Initial	0.018 M	0.0 M	0.0 M
Change	-0.018 M	0.018 M	0.036 M
Equilibrium	0.0 M	0.018 M	0.036 M

$$\text{pK}_w = \text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14.00$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - \text{pOH}$$

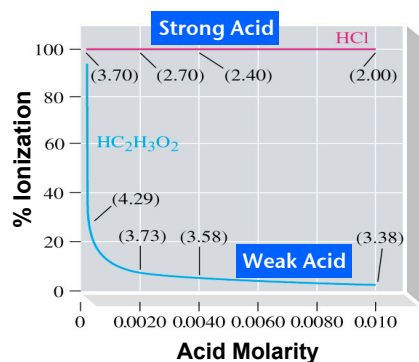
$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - (-\log(0.036)) = 12.56$$

**% ionization** of an acid is the ratio of [H<sup>+</sup>] at equilibrium to [HA]<sub>initial</sub> X 100.

$$\% \text{ ionization} = \frac{[\text{H}^+]_{\text{equilibrium}}}{[\text{HA}]_{\text{initial}}} \times 100\%$$

$$\% \text{ ionization}_b = \frac{[\text{OH}^-]_{\text{equilibrium}}}{[\text{OH}^-]_{\text{initial}}} \times 100\%$$

As the concentration of a weak acid (base) **decreases**, the % ionization of the acid (base) **increases**!



**Rationale:** larger solution volume accommodates more ions (analogous to pressure effects on gas equilibria when  $\Delta n_{\text{gas}}$  is non-zero)

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

$$K_a = \frac{n_{\text{H}_3\text{O}^+} n_{\text{A}^-}}{n_{\text{HA}}} \frac{1}{V}$$

**Strong Acid Equilibrium Sample Problem**



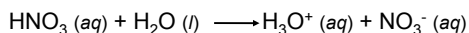
What is the pH of a  $2.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M HNO}_3$  solution?

1. What does the problem ask--write it down make a picture?
2. Is the acid or base--strong or weak?
3. Can we make an ICE table?



What is the pH of a  $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M HNO}_3$  solution?

$\text{HNO}_3$  is a strong acid it is 100% dissociated.



Initial	0.002 M	0.0 M	0.0 M
Change	-0.002 M	+0.002 M	0.002 M
Equilibrium	0.0 M	+0.002 M	+0.002 M

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log(0.002) = 2.7$$

There are 2 key simplifications that can help us solve equilibrium problems rapidly.

1.  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  from the auto-ionization of water is negligible in comparison to  $\text{H}^+$  from an acid, HA in solution.

2. If  $100 \times K_a < [\text{HA}]_{\text{initial}}$  then  $[\text{HA}]_{\text{initial}} - x = [\text{HA}]$



Why Does it Work?

Because  $K_a$  values are known to about  $\pm 5\%$  accuracy.

Check using the 5% Rule  $\frac{[\text{H}^+]_{\text{equilibrium}}}{[\text{HA}]_{\text{initial}}} \times 100 < 5\%$

3. If #2 fails then you must use the quadratic equation

### Find the $K_a$ of a weak acid from the pH of its solution

Phenylacetic acid ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ , denoted as HPAC) builds up in the blood of people afflicted with phenylketonuria, an inherited genetic disorder that, if left untreated, causes mental retardation and death. A study of the acid shows that the pH of a 0.12 M solution of HPAC is 2.60. What is the  $K_a$  of phenylacetic acid?



**PLAN:** Same as last chapter

1. Write a balanced equation for acid in water.
2. Write the equation for  $K_a$ .
3. Set-up and fill in the ICE Table
4. Use pH, initial solution concentration and ICE table to find  $K_a$ .

### Find the $K_a$ of a weak acid from the pH of its solution

What is the  $K_a$  of phenylacetic acid (HPAC)?



	$\text{HPAC}(aq)$	$+$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$	$+$	$\text{PAC}^-(aq)$
initial	0.12	-			$1 \times 10^{-7}$		0
change	-x	-			+x		+x
equilibrium	$0.12 - x$	-			$x + (1 \times 10^{-7})$		x

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{PAC}^-]}{[\text{HPAC}]} = \frac{[x + (10^{-7})][x]}{[0.12 - x]} = \frac{[x]^2}{[0.12 - x]}$$

Solution  $\text{pH} = 2.6 = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} = 10^{-2.6} = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$

$\gg 10^{-7}$  (the  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  contribution from water)

$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \approx [\text{PAC}^-] = x = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$

$[\text{HPAC}]_{\text{eq}} = 0.12 - x = 0.12 - 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \approx 0.117 \text{ M}$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{PAC}^-]}{[\text{HPAC}]} = \frac{[x]^2}{[0.12 - x]}$$

$$K_a = \frac{(2.5 \times 10^{-3})^2}{0.117} = 5.2 \times 10^{-5}$$

### Determining concentrations and pH from $K_a$ and initial $[\text{HA}]$



The pH of a solution containing 0.250 M HF solution is 2.036. What is the value of  $K_a$  for HF at equilibrium?

### Determining concentrations and pH from $K_a$ and initial [HA]

The pH of a solution originally containing 0.250 M HF solution is 2.036. What is the value of  $K_a$  for HF at equilibrium?



Initial	.250 M		? M	? M
Change	-x M		+x M	+x M
Equilibrium	0.250-x		x	x

$$\text{pH} = 2.036 = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$10^{-\text{pH}} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-2.036} = 9.20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{HF}] = 0.25 - 0.00920 = 0.241 \text{ M}$$

$$K_a = (9.2 \times 10^{-3})^2 / 0.241 = 3.52 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{F}^-]}{[\text{HF}]}$$

### Determining concentrations from $K_a$ and initial [HA]

Propanoic acid ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ , simplified as HPr) is an organic acid whose salts are used to retard mold growth in foods. What is the  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  of a 0.10 M aqueous solution of HPr ( $K_a$  of HPr =  $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$ )?



- PLAN:**
1. Write a balanced equation for acid in water.
  2. Write the equation for  $K_a$ .
  3. Set-up and fill in the ICE Table
  4. Use pH, initial solution concentration and ICE table to find  $K_a$ .

initial	0.10	-	0	0
change	-x	-	+x	+x
equilibrium	0.10 - x	-	x	x

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{Pr}^-]}{[\text{HPr}]} = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{x^2}{0.10 - x}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

If No

Can We Simplify?

$100 \times K_a < [\text{HA}]_{\text{initial}}$  then  
 $[\text{HA}]_{\text{initial}} - x = [\text{HA}]$   
 $100 \times 1.3 \times 10^{-5} < [0.10]$ ?  
 Yes, it is:  $0.10 - x = 0.10$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{Pr}^-]}{[\text{HPr}]} = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{x^2}{0.10}$$

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$$x = \sqrt{(0.10)(1.3 \times 10^{-5})} \quad \text{solving for } x$$

$$= 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

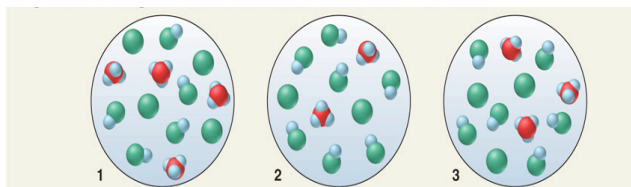
**Checking assumption with 5% Rule:** If  $[\text{H}^+]_{\text{equilibrium}}$  divided by  $[\text{HA}]_{\text{initial}}$  ( $\times 100$ ) is  $< 5\%$  then assumption is valid.

$$\%[\text{HPr}]_{\text{diss}} = \frac{1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}}{0.10 \text{ M}} = 1.1\% \ll 5\%$$

our assumption is valid

### Using Molecular Scenes to Determine the Extent of HA Dissociation

A 0.15 M solution of acid HA (blue and green) is 33% dissociated. Which scene best represents a sample of the solution after it is diluted with water?

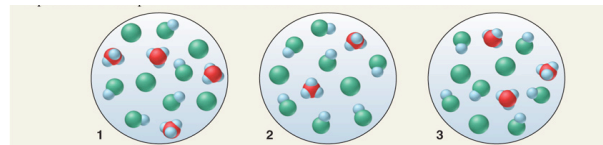


Percent dissociation increase as solution is diluted.  
 Calculate the percent dissociation of each sample.

$$\% \text{ dissociation} = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{HA}] + [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]} \times 100\%$$

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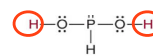
- SOLUTION:**
- Solution 1. % dissociated =  $4/(5 + 4) \times 100 = 44\%$
  - Solution 2. % dissociated =  $2/(7 + 2) \times 100 = 22\%$
  - Solution 3. % dissociated =  $3/(6 + 3) \times 100 = 33\%$

Scene 1 represents the diluted solution.

# Polyprotic Acids

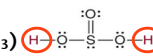
**Polyprotic acids** are acids that have more than one ionizable H<sup>+</sup> when reacted with water

Phosphorous Acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>)

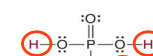


Each H has its own K<sub>a</sub>

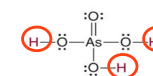
Sulfurous Acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>)



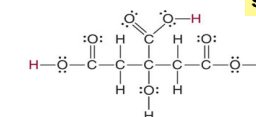
Phosphoric Acid



Arsenic Acid (H<sub>3</sub>AsO<sub>4</sub>)

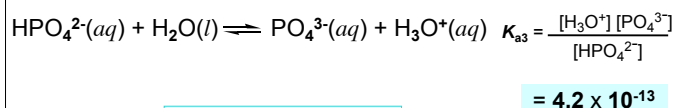
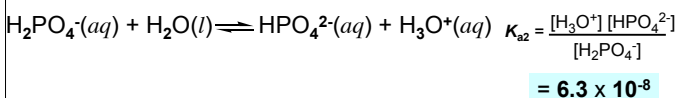
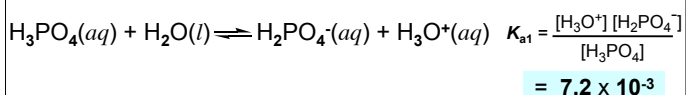


Citric Acid (H<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)



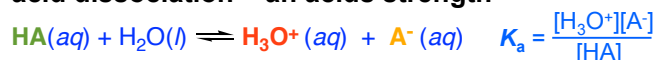
The electronegativity of the bonded atoms influence the ionizability of an acidic hydrogen in a substance.

## Phosphoric acid, H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>



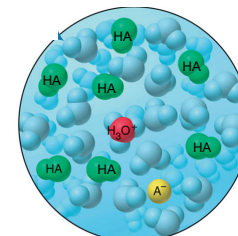
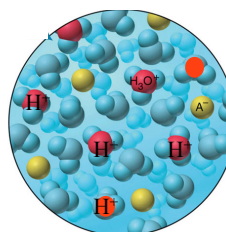
$$K_{a1} > K_{a2} > K_{a3}$$

**K<sub>a</sub>** quantifies and communicates the degree of acid dissociation = an acids strength

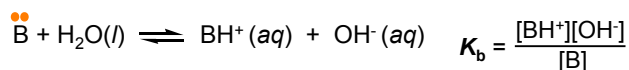


strong acid = K<sub>a</sub> is large,  
pK<sub>a</sub> is small

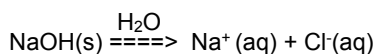
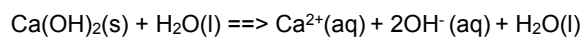
weak acid = K<sub>a</sub> is small,  
pK<sub>a</sub> is large



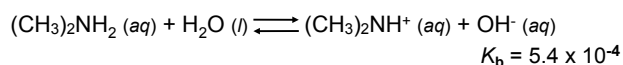
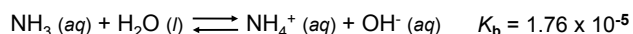
**K<sub>b</sub>** is the equilibrium constant that quantifies a degree OH dissociation, a base's strength.



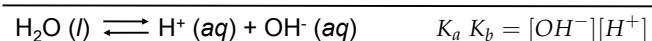
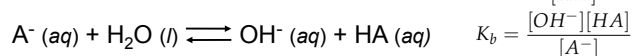
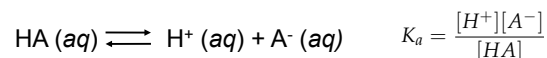
---Strong bases dissociate **completely**



---Weak bases dissociate **partially**



**KEY DOT CONNECTION:** The K<sub>a</sub> of an acid and the K<sub>b</sub> of the acid's conjugate base are related through the ion-product constant of water.



If you know K<sub>a</sub> for an acid you can determine K<sub>b</sub> for its conjugate base!

$$K_w = K_a K_b = 10^{-14}$$

$$pK_w = pK_a + pK_b = 14$$

## A table of bases and their conjugate acids, BH<sup>+</sup>.

**Notice!**  $K_b \times K_a = K_w = 1 \times 10^{-14}$

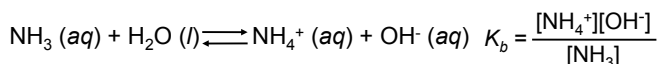
**TABLE 15.4**  $K_b$  Values for Some Weak Bases and  $K_a$  Values for Their Conjugate Acids

Base	Formula, B	$K_b$	Conjugate Acid, BH <sup>+</sup>	$K_a$
Ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	$5.6 \times 10^{-10}$
Aniline	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	$4.3 \times 10^{-10}$	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$
Dimethylamine	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH	$5.4 \times 10^{-4}$	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	$1.9 \times 10^{-11}$
Hydrazine	N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	$8.9 \times 10^{-7}$	N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> <sup>+</sup>	$1.1 \times 10^{-8}$
Hydroxylamine	NH <sub>2</sub> OH	$9.1 \times 10^{-9}$	NH <sub>3</sub> OH <sup>+</sup>	$1.1 \times 10^{-6}$
Methylamine	CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	$3.7 \times 10^{-4}$	CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	$2.7 \times 10^{-11}$

## $K_a$ and $K_b$ of Some Common Weak Acids and Base

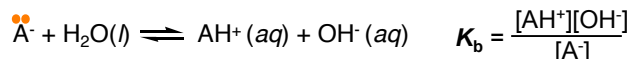
Acid	Formula	$K_a$	Conjugate	$K_b$
Iodic acid	HI	$1.61 \times 10^{-1}$	I <sup>-</sup>	$6.1 \times 10^{-14}$
Chlorous Acid	HClO <sub>2</sub>	$1.1 \times 10^{-2}$	ClO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$9.1 \times 10^{-13}$
Phosphoric Acid	H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	$7.6 \times 10^{-3}$	H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$
Nitrous Acid	HNO <sub>2</sub>	$7.2 \times 10^{-4}$	NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$1.4 \times 10^{-11}$
Hydrofluoric Acid	HF	$6.6 \times 10^{-4}$	F <sup>-</sup>	$1.5 \times 10^{-11}$
Formic Acid	HCOOH	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	HCO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$5.6 \times 10^{-11}$
Acetic Acid	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$5.6 \times 10^{-10}$
Hydrosulfuric Acid	H <sub>2</sub> S	$1.32 \times 10^{-7}$	HS <sup>-</sup>	$7.6 \times 10^{-8}$
Hypochlorous Acid	HClO	$3.5 \times 10^{-8}$	ClO <sup>-</sup>	$2.9 \times 10^{-7}$
Hydrazine	N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	$1.1 \times 10^{-8}$	OH <sup>-</sup>	$8.9 \times 10^{-7}$
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$	OH <sup>-</sup>	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$
Ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	$5.6 \times 10^{-10}$	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
Cyanoic Acid	HCN	$4.0 \times 10^{-10}$	CN <sup>-</sup>	$2.5 \times 10^{-5}$
Dimethyl Amine	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH	$1.9 \times 10^{-11}$	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	$5.4 \times 10^{-4}$

We solve weak base problems just like weak acid ones, except we solve for [OH<sup>-</sup>] instead of [H<sup>+</sup>].



For ammonia,  $K_b = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$  what is the conjugate acid and what is its  $pK_a$ ? How would you write the reaction of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  with water?

### Generalized Base Equilibria



Perhaps the hardest part for students is writing the base reaction in water...just think proton donor and acceptor.

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initial	1.50	-		0	0
change	- x	-		+ x	+ x
equilibrium	1.50 - x	-		x	x

$$K_b = 5.9 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}_2^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}]} = \frac{x^2}{1.5 - x}$$

**Simplify?**  $\frac{[B]_{\text{initial}}}{K_b} > 100$   $K_b = \frac{[1.5]}{5.9 \times 10^{-4}} = 2542 > 100$

$$K_b = 5.9 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{x^2}{1.5} \quad x = 3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M} = [\text{OH}^-]$$

**Check assumption:**  $[3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M} / 1.5 \text{ M}] \times 100 = 2\%$  (error is < 5%; thus, assumption is justified)

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = K_w / [\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 3.0 \times 10^{-2} = 3.3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(3.3 \times 10^{-13}) = 12.5$$



### Determining the pH of a solution of A<sup>-</sup>

Sodium acetate (CH<sub>3</sub>COONa, abbreviated NaAc) has applications in photographic development and textile dyeing. What is the pH of a 0.25 M aqueous solution of NaAc? The K<sub>a</sub> of acetic acid (HAc) (conjugate acid of Ac<sup>-</sup>) is 1.8 x 10<sup>-5</sup>.



1. Write balanced equation knowing that sodium salts are completely soluble in water and acetate will be basic [Ac<sup>-</sup>] = 0.25 M.
2. Write the equilibrium expression--looking for pH.
3. Be organized set up ICE table and fill in the unknowns
4. Use K<sub>a</sub> to find K<sub>b</sub> and recall pH + pOH = 14.

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concentration	Ac <sup>-</sup> (aq)	+ H <sub>2</sub> O(l)	⇌	HAc(aq)	+ OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)
initial	0.25	-		0	0
change	-x	-		+x	+x
equilibrium	0.25 - x	-		x	x

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{HAc}][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{Ac}^-]} = \frac{K_w}{K_a}$$

$$\frac{K_w}{K_a} = K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}} = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$[\text{Ac}^-] = 0.25 \text{ M} - x \approx 0.25 \text{ M} \text{ (since } K_b \text{ is small)}$$

Check assumption:  $[\text{Ac}^-]_{\text{in}} / K_b > 100 = .25 / 5.6 \times 10^{-10} > 100$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{HAc}][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{Ac}^-]}$$

$$5.6 \times 10^{-10} \approx \frac{x^2}{0.25 \text{ M}}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = x \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = K_w / [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = K_w / [\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 1.2 \times 10^{-5} = 8.3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(8.3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}) = 9.1$$

The acid strength of **non-metal hydrides** increase across a period and down a group.

Electronegativity increases

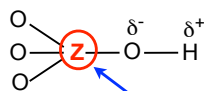
Acid strength increases

Use Weak HF to remember

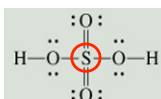
4A	5A	6A	7A
CH <sub>4</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	HF
		H <sub>2</sub> S	HCl
		H <sub>2</sub> Se	HBr
		H <sub>2</sub> Te	HI

Bond strength decreases, acid strength increases

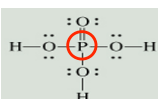
**Oxo-acids** are compounds with one or more acidic hydrogens bonded to oxygen atom which is further bound to another central atom, Z.



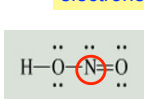
electronegative central atom



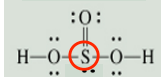
Sulfuric Acid



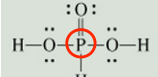
Phosphoric acid



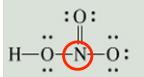
Nitrous acid



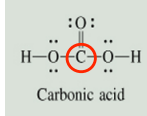
Sulfurous acid



Phosphorous Acid



Nitric acid



Carbonic acid

**OXO-ACIDS:** The greater electronegativity and number of internal atoms the more acidic the compound.

electronegative central atom

stable anion and acidic



Less acidic

More acidic

Electronegativity increases acidity increases

IIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA
H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	HNO <sub>3</sub>		
	H <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	HClO <sub>3</sub>
		H <sub>3</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> SeO <sub>4</sub>	HBrO <sub>3</sub>
			H <sub>6</sub> TeO <sub>6</sub>	HI O <sub>3</sub>

More acidic

Less acidic

The acidity of oxo-acids is determined by electronegativity (electron withdrawing effects).

**Acid Strength Increases** ➔

H-O-I < H-O-Br < H-O-Cl

Dissociation constant,  $K_a$      $2.3 \times 10^{-11}$      $2.0 \times 10^{-9}$      $3.5 \times 10^{-8}$

**Electronegativity Increases** ➔

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**H-O-Cl < H-O-Cl-O < H-O-Cl-O-O < H-O-Cl-O-O-O**

**Name of acid**    Hypochlorous    Chlorous    Chloric    Perchloric

**Very Weak Acid**                                  **Strong Acid**

**$\text{HClO} < \text{HClO}_2 < \text{HClO}_3 < \text{HClO}_4$**

**More oxygens, more electron-withdrawing, increase polarity and acidity**

Indicate whether each is a strong or weak acid, name each acid and its sodium salt, and predict the relative strengths of the following groups of oxoacids:



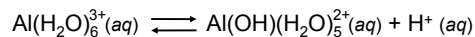
- HClO<sub>2</sub>, HBrO<sub>2</sub>, and HIO<sub>2</sub>.
- HIO < HIO<sub>2</sub>, HIO<sub>3</sub>
- HNO<sub>3</sub> and HNO<sub>2</sub>.
- H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.
- H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>

Indicate whether each is a strong or weak acid, predict the relative strengths of the following groups of oxoacids and the strengths of the conjugate base salts.

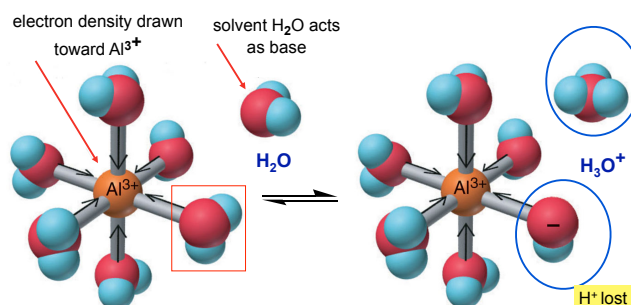


- HClO<sub>2</sub>, HBrO<sub>2</sub>, and HIO<sub>2</sub>.    HClO<sub>2</sub> > HBrO<sub>2</sub>, > HIO<sub>2</sub>.
- HIO < HIO<sub>2</sub>, HIO<sub>3</sub>                      HIO < HIO<sub>2</sub> < HIO<sub>3</sub>
- HNO<sub>3</sub> and HNO<sub>2</sub>.                      HNO<sub>3</sub> > HNO<sub>2</sub>.
- H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.                      H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub> < H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.
- H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>                      H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> > H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>

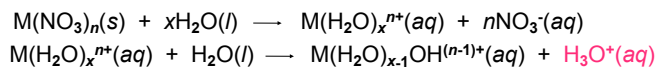
Transition metal ions (Al<sup>3+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>) react with water and are acids in aqueous solution.



**Acid Hydrolysis of Al<sup>3+</sup>**



Aqueous solutions of many metal ions are acidic because the hydrated metal ions transfers an H<sup>+</sup> ion to water.



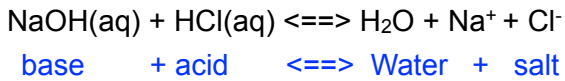
Free Ion	Hydrated Ion	$K_a$
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>3+</sup> (aq)	$6 \times 10^{-3}$
Sn <sup>2+</sup>	Sn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	$4 \times 10^{-4}$
Cr <sup>3+</sup>	Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>3+</sup> (aq)	$1 \times 10^{-4}$
Al <sup>3+</sup>	Al(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>3+</sup> (aq)	$1 \times 10^{-5}$
Be <sup>2+</sup>	Be(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	$4 \times 10^{-6}$
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Cu(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	$3 \times 10^{-8}$
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Pb(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	$3 \times 10^{-8}$
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	Zn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (aq)	$1 \times 10^{-9}$

**↑**  
**ACID STRENGTH**

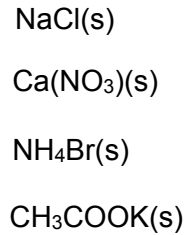
**high charge and small size enhance acidity**

**Hydrolysis of Ionic Salts**  
**Ionic Salt + Water ==> ? pH**

Acid and bases react with one another in a **neutralization reaction**.



Most salts can be viewed as coming from a "parent acid and parent base". If the parents are "strong" the cation or anion will not react with water, if the parents are "weak" the ion will react with water in a process called hydrolysis.

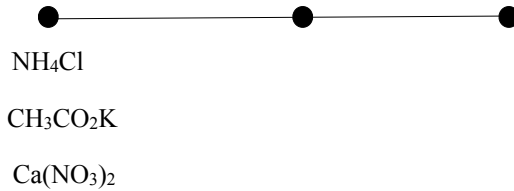


Salts are the product of an acid-base reaction. Salts that have either an anion or cation derived from a weak acid (anion) or weak base (cation) will react with water (hydrolysis) in an acid base reaction called hydrolysis.

1. look at the cation and anion and ask is it strong or weak parent acid/base?

2. If its from a weak parent...it will hydrolyze

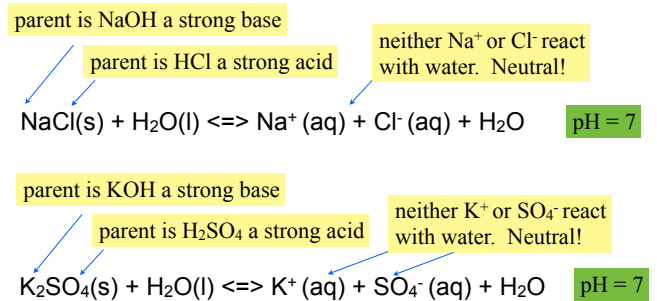
Hydrolysis yields opposite pH as the parent.



There are 4 acid-base neutralization reactions yielding salts that can react with water.

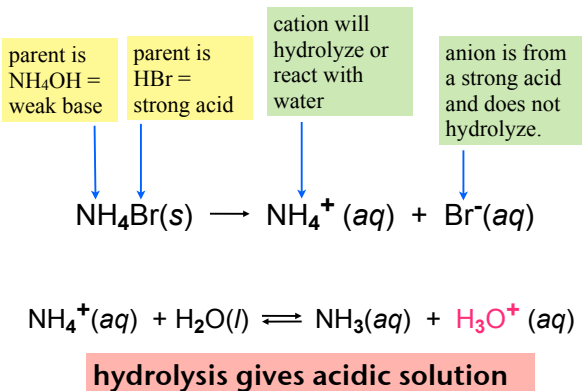
- Strong acid + Strong base** ==> Ionic salt + H<sub>2</sub>O  
HCl (aq) + NaOH (aq) ==> Na<sup>+</sup> + Cl<sup>-</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O **Neutral salt**
- Strong acid + Weak base** ==> Ionic salt + H<sub>2</sub>O  
HBr (aq) + NH<sub>3</sub> (aq) ==> NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> + Br<sup>-</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O **Acidic salt**
- Weak acid + Strong base** ==> Ionic salt + H<sub>2</sub>O  
2HCOOH (aq) + Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> (aq) ==> Ca<sup>+2</sup> + 2HCOO<sup>-</sup> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O **Basic Salt**
- Weak acid + Weak base** ==> Ionic salt + H<sub>2</sub>O  
CH<sub>3</sub>COOH (aq) + NH<sub>3</sub> (aq) ==> NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> + CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O  
**Depends on pK<sub>a</sub> vs pK<sub>b</sub>**

1. Salts formed from a **strong acid** and a **strong base** are **neutral** when dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O.

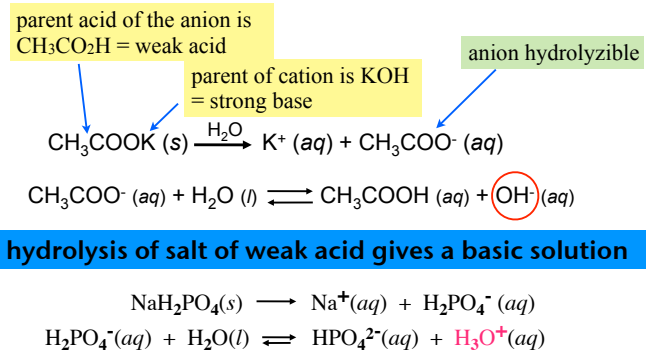


Why? The anion of a strong acid (Cl<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) is a much weaker base than water, and the cation of from the strong acid is a much weaker acid than water!

2. Solutions of salts formed from a **strong acid** and a **weak base** are **acidic** when dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O.



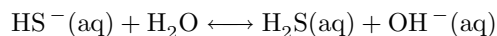
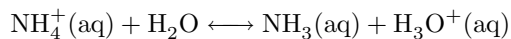
3. Solutions of salts formed from a **weak acid** and a **strong base** are **basic** when dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O.



**4. Solutions of salts formed from a weak acid and a weak base depend on the  $K_a$  and  $K_b$  of the salt.**

*Both are weak and thus cation and anion will hydrolyze. Which one wins depends on strength ( $K_a$  vs  $K_b$ ) or the ions.*

Example:  $\text{NH}_4\text{HS}$



$$K_a(\text{NH}_4^+) = 5.7 \times 10^{-10} \quad \text{vs} \quad K_b(\text{HS}^-) = 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$$

**Since  $K_b > K_a$ , the solution is basic.**

Predict whether aqueous solutions of the following compounds are acidic, basic, or neutral (write an equation for the reaction of the appropriate ion with water to explain pH effect).



- (a)  $\text{KClO}_4$       (b) sodium benzoate,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COONa}$   
 (c)  $\text{CrCl}_3$       (d)  $\text{NaHSO}_4$

**PLAN:**

Consider the acid-base nature of the anions and cations. Strong acid-strong base combinations produce a neutral solution; strong acid-weak base, acidic; weak acid-strong base, basic.

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(a) The ions are  $\text{K}^+$  and  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ , which come from a strong base ( $\text{KOH}$ ) and a strong acid ( $\text{HClO}_4$ ). The solution will be **neutral**.

(b)  $\text{Na}^+$  comes from the strong base  $\text{NaOH}$  while  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COO}^-$  is the anion of a weak organic acid. The salt solution will be **basic**.

(c)  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  is a small cation with a large + charge, so its **hydrated form** will react with water to produce  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ .  $\text{Cl}^-$  comes from the strong acid  $\text{HCl}$ . The salt solution will be **acidic**.

(d)  $\text{Na}^+$  comes from a strong base.  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  can react with water to form  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ . The salt solution will be **acidic**.

You are given 0.1M solutions of the following. What is the nature of the solutions acid/ base/ neutral or amphoteric?



- $\text{KClO}_2$
- $\text{CsI}$
- $\text{NaHSO}_4$
- $\text{HCO}_2\text{K}$
- $\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$
- $\text{NaNO}_3$
- $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$
- $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$
- $\text{FeCl}_3$
- $\text{KClO}_4$
- $\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$

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• $\text{CsI}$	Neutral
• $\text{NaHSO}_4$	Acidic
• $\text{HCO}_2\text{K}$	Basic
• $\text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$	Acidic
• $\text{NaNO}_3$	Neutral
• $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$	Basic
• $\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_4$	Depends on $K_a$ vs $K_b$
• $\text{FeCl}_3$	Acidic

**Predicting the relative acidity of weak-weak salt solutions**

Determine whether an aqueous solution of zinc formate,  $\text{Zn}(\text{HCOO})_2$ , is acidic, basic, or neutral. The  $K_a$  for  $\text{N}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{2+} = 10^{-9}$  and  $K_a$  for formic acid is  $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$ .



Both  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{HCOO}^-$  come from weak conjugates. In order to find the relative acidity, write the dissociation reactions and use the information in Tables 18.2 and 18.7.

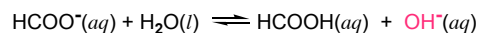
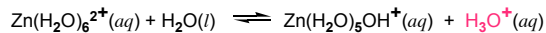
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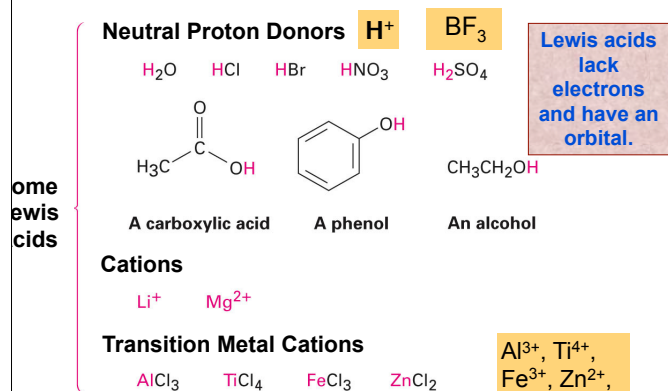


$$K_a \text{ Zn}(H_2O)_6^{2+} = 1 \times 10^{-9}$$

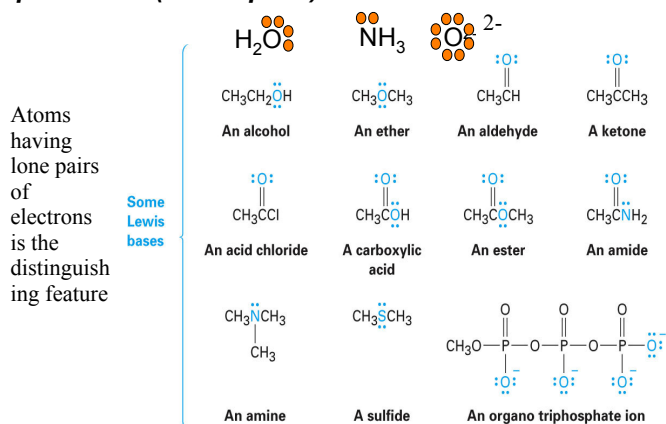
$$K_a \text{ HCOOH} = 1.8 \times 10^{-4}; K_b = K_w/K_a = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}/1.8 \times 10^{-4} = 5.6 \times 10^{-11}$$

$K_a$  for  $Zn(H_2O)_6^{2+} > K_b$   $HCOO^-$ ; the solution is **acidic**.

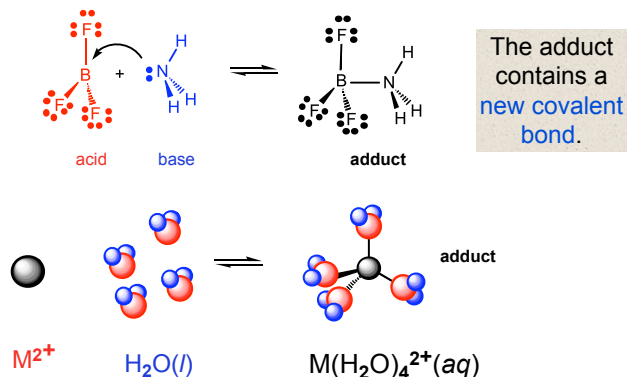
**A Lewis Acid** is any substance that is an **electron-pair acceptor**.



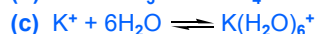
**A Lewis Base** is any substance that is an **electron-pair donor (nucleophile)**.



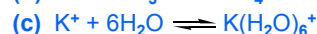
**Neutralization** (in the Lewis acid context) occurs when a Lewis acid reacts and forms a covalent bond with a Lewis base. The bond is called a **coordinate bond**.



Identify the Lewis acids and Lewis bases in the following reactions:

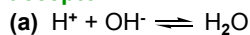


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Look for electron pair acceptors (acids) and donors (bases).

**acceptor**



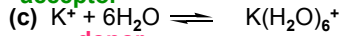
**donor**

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