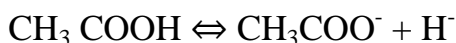


# Chemistry notes Class 11 Chapter 7

## Equilibrium part-2

The equilibrium established between the unionised molecules and the ions in the solution of weak electrolytes is called ionic equilibrium.

e.g.,



### Electrolytes

Chemical substances which can conduct electricity in their aqueous state or in molten state are called electrolytes. The conduction of current through electrolyte is due to the movement of ions.

#### 1. Strong Electrolytes

Electrolytes which dissociate almost completely into constituent ions in aqueous solution are known as strong electrolytes. e.g., all salts (except  $\text{HgCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CdBr}_2$ ), mineral acids like  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$  etc., and bases like  $\text{NaOH}$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ , etc.

#### 2. Weak Electrolytes

Electrolytes which dissociate to a lesser extent in aqueous solution are called weak electrolyte. All organic acids (except sulphonic acids), and bases like  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ , amines etc.

### Degree of Ionisation or Degree of Dissociation ( $\alpha$ )

It is the fraction of the total number of molecules which ionise (dissociate) into constituent ions.

$$\alpha = (\text{number of molecules ionised or dissociated} / \text{total number of molecules taken})$$

For strong electrolytes,

$$\alpha = 1$$

For weak electrolytes

$$\alpha < 1$$

Values of the degree of dissociation ( $\alpha$ ) depends upon the following factors

1. nature of solute

2. nature of solvent
3. concentration
4. temperature

### Ostwald's Dilution Law

According to Ostwald, the degree of dissociation ( $\alpha$ ) of weak electrolyte is inversely proportional to the square root of the molar concentration of the solution.

$$K = \frac{C\alpha^2}{1 - \alpha}$$

If  $\alpha$  is very small  $1 - \alpha \approx 1 \Rightarrow K_a = C\alpha^2$

or 
$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{K_a}{C}}$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}}$

Here  $K$  is dissociation constant and  $C$  is molar concentration of the solution.

### Acids and Bases

#### Earlier Definitions of Acids and Bases

Earlier definitions of acids and bases was given by Robert Boyle, who classified them on the basis of their properties. According to him, acids are the substance which have sour taste, turns blue litmus red, liberate hydrogen with metals, conduct electricity in aqueous solution and neutralise bases.

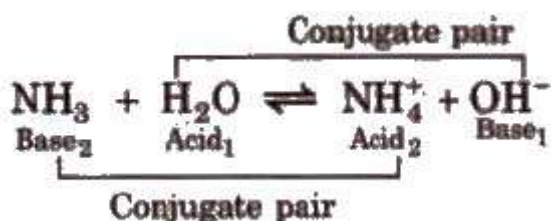
Bases are the substance which have bitter taste, turns red litmus blue, soapy to touch, conduct electricity in aqueous solution and neutralise acids.

#### Arrhenius Concept of Acids and Bases

- Acid is a chemical substance which dissociates in aqueous solution to give hydrogen ions ( $H^+$ ) or hydronium ions ( $H_3O^+$ ).
- Base is a chemical substance which dissociates in aqueous solution to give hydroxyl ions ( $OH^-$ ).
- Arrhenius theory fails to explain the acidic and basic behaviour in non-aqueous solutions. It cannot explain the acidic character of  $AlCl_3$ ,  $BF_3$  and basic character of  $NH_3$ ,  $PH_3$ , etc.

#### Bronsted Concept of Acids and Bases

Acid is a chemical substance that can donate a proton ( $H^+$ ) to some other substance and a base is a chemical substance that can accept a proton from other substance. Thus, an acid is a proton donor (protogenic) and a base is proton acceptor (protobilic).



Strong acid has weak conjugate base and weak acid has strong conjugate base. Strong base has weak conjugate acid and weak base has strong conjugate acid.

$\text{HClO}_4$  is the strongest while  $\text{HCN}$  is the weakest hydracid known.

$\text{CsOH}$  is the strongest base known.

Amphoteric or amphiprotic substance or ampholytes are the substance which act as an acid as well as a base, e.g. water acts as an acid with  $\text{NH}_3$  and a base with acetic acid.

The order of acidic strength of some acids is



Greater the  $K_a$  value of an acid (or lesser the  $\text{p}K_a$ ), stronger is the acid. Similarly, greater the  $K_b$  (or lesser the  $\text{p}K_b$ ) of a base, stronger is the base.

$$\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} = \sqrt{\frac{K_{a1}}{K_{a2}}} = \frac{\text{strength of acid (HA)}_1}{\text{strength of acid (HA)}_2}$$

$$\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} = \sqrt{\frac{K_{b1}}{K_{b2}}} = \frac{\text{strength of base (BOH)}_1}{\text{strength of base (BOH)}_2}$$

### Levelling Effect

The acids like  $\text{HClO}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$  etc. react with water almost completely to form  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ions. Therefore, all the strong acids in aqueous solutions appear equally strong and their relative strengths in aqueous solution cannot be compared. Since  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is the strongest acid in water, the strength of above acids come down to the level of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  strength in water. Similarly, strong bases like  $\text{NaOH}$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ ,  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2$  come down to the strength of  $\text{OH}^-$  ion in water.

This is called leveling effect.

### Lewis Concept of Acids and Bases

Lewis acid is a chemical substance which can accept a pair of electrons,

e.g.,

1. Molecules with incomplete octet of central atom like  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{BeCl}_2$ ,  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , etc.
2. Simple cations like  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ , etc.
3. Molecules in which the central atom has vacant d-orbital, e.g.,  $\text{SF}_4$ ,  $\text{SnCl}_4$ ,  $\text{PF}_3$  etc.

Lewis base is a chemical substance which can donate a pair of electrons. e.g.,

1. Neutral molecules containing lone pairs like  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{RNH}_2$ ,  $\text{ROH}$  etc.
2. Negatively charged species like  $\text{CN}^-$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$ , etc.
3. In coordination complexes, the ligands act as Lewis base.

### Limitations of Lewis Concept

1. It does not explain the behaviour of protonic acids such as  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$  etc.
2. It does not predict the magnitude of relative strength of acids and bases.

All Bronsted-Lowry's acids are Lewis acids while acids need not be Bronsted-Lowry's acids.

The Ionization Constant of Water Ionic product is the product of the concentration of hydronium ions and hydroxyl ion in pure water, which remains constant at a particular temperature. It is symbolized by  $K_w$ . At 298 K, ionic product of water ( $K_w$ ) is given as  $K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2\text{L}^{-2}$ .

The value of  $K_w$  increases with increase in temperature.

### The pH Scale

pH is defined as the negative logarithm of hydrogen ion concentration.

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] \text{ and } [\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$$

Total  $[\text{H}^+]$  or  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in a mixture of two strong acids or bases =  $(\sum \text{NV} / \sum \text{V})$

Similarly, negative logarithm of hydroxyl ion concentration is pOH.

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

As we know  $K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$  (at 298 K)

$$-\log K_w = -\log [\text{H}^+] - \log [\text{OH}^-] = 14$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{p}K_w = \text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14 \text{ (at 298 K)}$$

### The pH scale (at 25°C)

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

← Acidic character increases

Neutral

→ Basic character increases

pH value of an acid having  $\text{H}^+$  concentration less than  $10^{-7}$ , is always in between 6 and 7. For  $10^{-8}$  N HCl solution, it is 6.958. Similarly for  $10^{-8}$  NaOH solution, the pH is 7.04 (because basic solutions always have pH 77.)

pH of solution is accurately measured by pH meter or emf method or roughly by pH paper or indicator paper.

(PH can be zero in 1 N HCl solution or it can be negative for more concentrated solution like 2N, 3N, 10N, etc,

pH range for some important substances are :

Gastric juice = 1 – 3

Vinegar = 2.4 – 3.4

Tears – 7.4

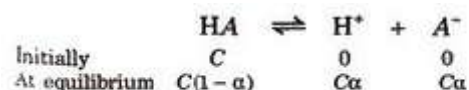
Human urine – 4.8 – 8.4

Blood plasma – 7.3 – 7.4

Boil water – 6.5625

### Dissociation Constant of Weak Acid and Weak Base

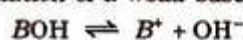
Let us consider the dissociation of weak acid (HA) as



∴ Dissociation constant of acid,

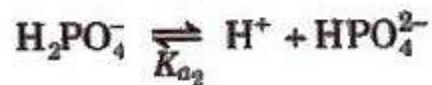
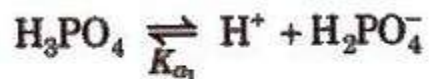
$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = \frac{C\alpha^2}{(1-\alpha)}$$

Similarly, for the dissociation of a weak base BOH as



$$K_b = \frac{[\text{B}^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{BOH}]} = \frac{C\alpha^2}{(1-\alpha)}$$

Dissociation constant for polyprotic acids and bases. For a tribasic acid,



The overall dissociation constant (K) is given as

$$K = K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3$$

where,  $K_1 \times K_2 \times K_3$

$$\text{pH of } \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- \text{ in aqueous medium} = \frac{\text{p}K_{a_1} + \text{p}K_{a_2}}{2}$$

$$\text{pH of } \text{HPO}_4^{2-} \text{ in aqueous medium} = \frac{\text{p}K_{a_2} + \text{p}K_{a_3}}{2}$$

Similarly, for a dibasic acid like  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_{a_1} + \text{p}K_{a_2}/2$$

### Buffer Solution

Solution which resists the change in its pH value by addition of a small amount of acid or a base, is called buffer solution.

- Acidic buffer They have pH value  $< 7$ , e.g.,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}/\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$ , bone acid/borax.
- Basic buffer They have pH value  $> 7$  e.g.,  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}/\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$

Buffer system present in blood is  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{NaHCO}_3$ .

### Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation

Equation used to calculate the pH of a buffer solution.

(i) For acidic buffer,

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log[\text{salt}/\text{acid}]$$

(i)  $\text{pOH} = \text{p}K_b + \log[\text{salt}/\text{acid}]$

$$\text{and } \text{pH} = 14 - \text{pOH}$$

Here,  $\text{pK}_a = -\log K_a$ ,  $\text{pK}_b = -\log K_b$  and  $K_a$  and  $K_b$  are dissociation constants of acid and base.

[salt), [acid] and [base) represent molar concentrations of salt, acid and base respectively.

If addition of a strong acid or base changes the pH of a buffer by/unit, the buffer solution is assumed to be destroyed, i.e.,

$$\text{New pH} = \text{pK}_o \pm 1$$

This means the ratio.

$$[\text{salt}]/[\text{acid}] \text{ or } [\text{salt}]/[\text{base}] = 10 \text{ or } (1/10)$$

### Buffer Capacity

It is defined as the number of moles of acid or base added in 1 L of solution to change the pH by unity.

### Buffer capacity ( $\phi$ )

$$= (\text{no. of moles of acids or base added to 1 L of buffer} / \text{change in pH})$$

### Salts

These are the products of reaction between an acid and a base.

This reaction is called neutralisation reaction.

### Types of Salts

**(a) Normal salts** These are obtained by complete neutralisation of an acid with a base, e.g., NaCl,  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$ , etc.

**(b) Acidic salts** These are formed by incomplete neutralisation of polybasic acids. e.g.,  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  etc.

**(c) Basic salts** These are formed by incomplete neutralization of polyacidic base, e.g.,  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{Bi}(\text{OH})_2\text{Cl}$ , etc.

**(d) Double salts** These are formed by the combination of two simple salts and exist only in solid state, e.g., Mohr salt or ferrous ammonium sulphate ( $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), alum, etc.

**(e) Complex salts** These are formed by the combination of simple salts or molecular compounds. These are stable in solid state as well as in solutions.

The properties of their solutions are different from the properties of substances from which they have been constituted.



(f) **Mixed salts** These salts furnish more than one cation or more than one anion when dissolved in water, e.g.,  $\text{Ca}(\text{OCl})\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{NaKSO}_4$ , etc.

### Salt Hydrolysis

Salts are strong electrolytes and on dissolution in water split up into ions which react with  $\text{H}^+$  or  $\text{OH}^-$  ions furnished by water yielding acidic or basic solution. The process is known as salt hydrolysis.

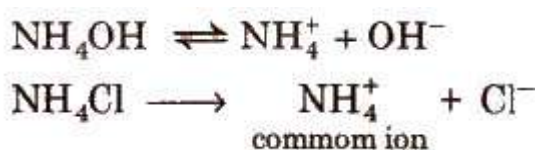
Salt of	Example	$K_h$ (hydrolysis constant)	$h$ (degree of hydrolysis)	pH of solution
Weak acid and strong base	$\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$	$\frac{K_w}{K_a}$	$\sqrt{\frac{K_w}{K_a \cdot C}}$	$\frac{1}{2} \text{p}K_w - \frac{1}{2} \text{p}K_a + \frac{1}{2} \log C$
Strong acid and weak base	$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$	$\frac{K_w}{K_b}$	$\sqrt{\frac{K_w}{K_b \cdot C}}$	$\frac{1}{2} \text{p}K_w - \frac{1}{2} \text{p}K_b - \frac{1}{2} \log C$
Weak acid and weak base	$\text{CH}_3\text{COONH}_2$	$\frac{K_w}{K_a \cdot K_b}$	$\sqrt{\frac{K_w}{K_a \cdot K_b}}$	$\frac{1}{2} \text{p}K_w - \frac{1}{2} \text{p}K_a - \frac{1}{2} \text{p}K_b$
Strong acid and strong base	$\text{NaCl}$	Does not undergo hydrolysis		

Aqueous solution of salt of strong acid and strong base is neutral. Aqueous solution of salt of a weak acid and a strong base is alkaline due to anionic hydrolysis, and aqueous solution of salt of strong acid and a weak base is acidic due to cationic hydrolysis with dilution degree of hydrolysis increases.

Hydrolysis is a reverse process of neutralisation.

### Common Ion Effect

It is defined as the suppression of the dissociation of a weak electrolyte by the addition of a strong electrolyte having some common ion, e.g., degree of dissociation of ammonium hydroxide decreases in the presence of ammonium chloride.



According to Le-Chatelier principle, because of the presence of common ion, degree of dissociation of  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  decreases.



Common ion effect is used in

1. Purification of common salt
2. Salting out of soap
3. Qualitative analysis, II group radicals are precipitated out in the presence of HCl which suppress the  $S^{2-}$  ion concentration, which is just sufficient to precipitate only II group radicals.

Similarly in group III,  $NH_4OH$  is added in presence of  $NH_4Cl$  to avoid the precipitation of V group radicals.

### Isohydric Solutions

If the concentration of the common ions in the solution of two electrolytes, e.g.,  $OH^-$  ion concentration in  $Ca(OH)_2$  and  $Ba(OH)_2$  solutions, is same then on mixing them there is no change in degree of dissociation of either of the electrolytes. Such solutions are called isohydric solutions.

### Solubility Product

It is defined as the product of the concentrations of the ions of the salt in its saturated solution at a given temperature raised to the power of the ions produced by the dissociation of one mole of the salt. It is denoted by  $K_{sp}$ .

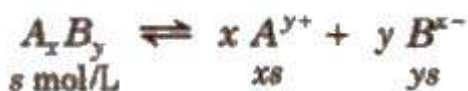
Consider the dissociation of an electrolyte  $A_xB_y$



$$K_{sp} = [A^{y+}]^x [B^{x-}]^y$$

### Application of Solubility

1. The concept Product of  $K_{sp}$  helps in predicting the formation of precipitate. In general if
  1. Ionic product  $< K_{sp}$ , no ppt. is formed.
  2. Ionic product  $> K_{sp}$ , ppt. is formed.
2. In predicting the solubility of a sparingly soluble salt



$$K_{sp} = x^x \cdot y^y \cdot s^{x+y}$$

knowing the values of  $K_{sp}$ ,  $x$  and  $y$ , the solubility of the salt can be Computed.

For salts of the type  $AB$  :  $K_{sp} = s^2$  or  $s = \sqrt{K_{sp}}$

For salts of the type  $AB_2$  :  $K_{sp} = 4s^3$  or  $s = \left(\frac{K_{sp}}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

For salts of the type  $AB_3$  :  $K_{sp} = 27s^4$  or  $s = \left(\frac{K_{sp}}{27}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

$K_{sp}$  of AgI is lower than that of AgCl. So the former gets precipitated in preference to later.

### Distinction Between Solubility Product and Ionic Product

	<b>Solubility product</b>	<b>Ionic product</b>
1.	It is the product of the ionic concentration in the saturated solution.	It is the product of the ionic concentration at any concentration of the solution.
2.	It is applicable only to the saturated solutions	It is applicable to all types of solutions.

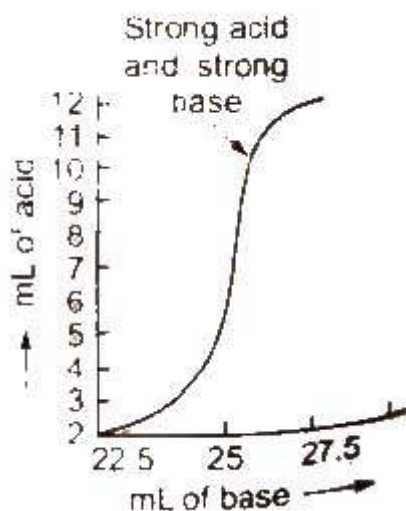
### Acid-Base Indicator

An acid-base indicator is a substance which possesses one colour in acid solution and altogether different colour in alkaline medium or the substance which shows colour change with change in pH. The point where the indicator shows a sudden change in colour during the titration is called end point. End point is the point at which the reaction is observed to be complete.

### Theory of indicators

- (i) Ostwald theory
- (ii) Quinonoid theory

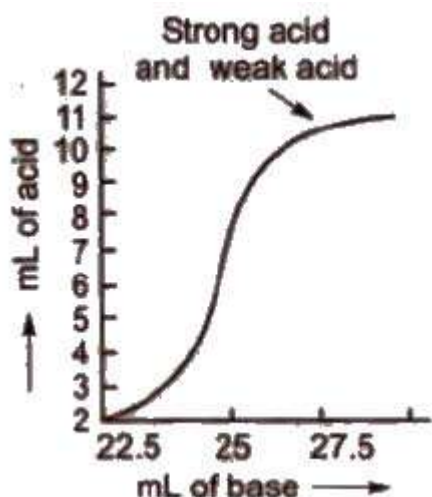
### Titration Curves and Indicator Used



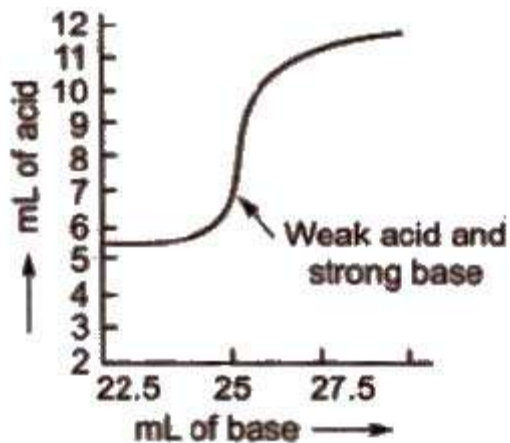
(a) Titration curve for the neutralisation of strong acid vs strong base pH curve of strong acid (say HCl) and strong base

(say NaOH) is vertical over almost the pH range 4-10. So, the indicators phenolphthalein (pH range 8.3 to 10.5), methyl red (pH range 4.4-6.5) and methyl orange (pH range 3.2-4.5) are suitable for such a titration.

b) Titration curve for the neutralisation of strong acid vs weak base pH curve of strong acid (say HCl or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  or  $\text{HNO}_3$ ) with a weak base (say  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ ) is vertical over the pH range of 4 to 7. So the indicators methyl red and methyl orange are suitable for such a titration.



(c) Titration curve for the neutralisation of weak acid vs strong base pH curve of weak acid (say  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  or oxalic acid) and strong base (say NaOH) is vertical over the approximate pH range 7 to 11. So phenolphthalein is the suitable indicator for such a titration.



d) Titration curve for the neutralisation of weak acid vs weak base pH curve of weak acid and weak base indicates that there is no vertical part and hence, no suitable indicator can be used for such a titration.

