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Universal indicator: is a mixture of several indicators. It shows different colours at different concentrations of H<sup>+</sup> ions in the solution.

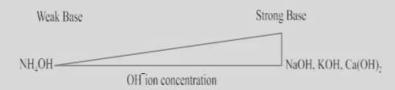
**pH Scale**: A scale for measuring H<sup>+</sup> ion concentration in a solution p in pH stands for 'potenz' a German word which means power.

 $pH = 7 \rightarrow neutral solution$ 

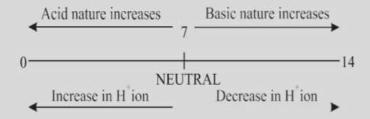
pH less than 7 → acidic solution

pH more than 7 → basic solution





On diluting an acid: pH increases ↑
On diluting a base: pH decreases ↓



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#### Importance of pH in everyday life

- Plants and animals are
   pH sensitive
- Our body works within the pH range of 7-7.8.
- When pH of rain water is less than 5.6, it is called acid rain.
- 2. pH of the soil
- Plants require a specific pH range for their healthy growth.

- 3. pH in our digestive system
- · Our stomach produces HCl acid which helps in digestion.
- · During indigestion, stomach produces more acid and cause pain and irritation.
- To get rid of this pain, people uses antacid (mild base) like milk of magnesia [Mg(OH),] to neutralize excess acid.
- 4. pH change as cause of tooth decay
- Tooth decay starts when pH of mouth is lower than 5.5.
- Tooth enamel made up of calcium phosphate (hardest substance in body) does not dissolve in water but corrodes when pH is lower than 5.5 due to acids produced by degradation of food particles by bacteria.
- Using toothpaste (generally basic) tooth decay can be prevented.
- and plants through chemical warfare
- 5. Self defence by animals (a) Bee sting leaves an acid which cause pain and irritation. Use of a mild base like baking soda on stung area gives relief.
  - (b) Stinging hair of nettle leaves inject methanoic acid causing burning Sensation or pain. Rubbing with leaf of dock plant give relief.

#### pH of Salts:

- (i) Strong Acid + Strong Base → Neutral Salt : pH = 7
- (ii) Salt of strong acid + Weak base → Acidic salt : pH < 7
- (iii)Salt of strong base + Weak acid → Basic salt: pH > 7