

Acid Base Equilibria Summary

Formulas:

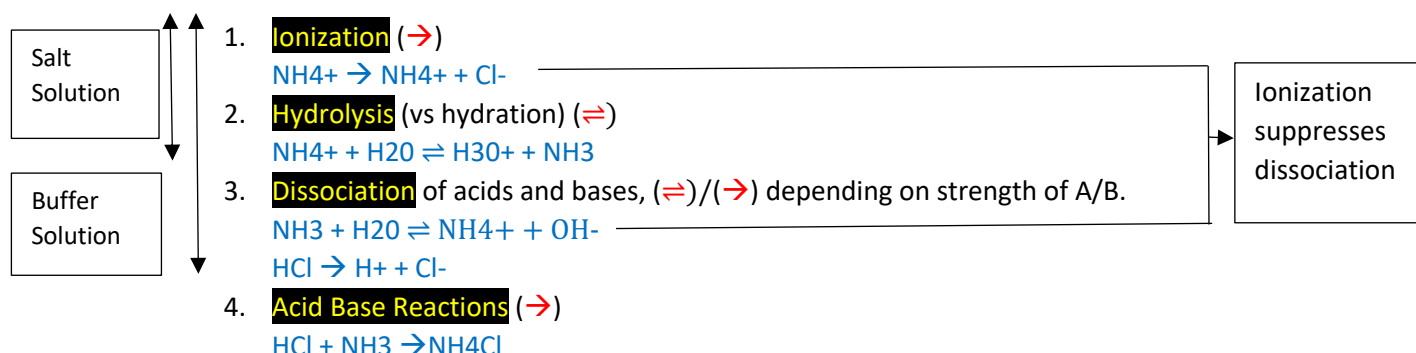
- Recall ICE table from chemical equilibria
- Degree of ionization = $\frac{\text{amount of molecules ionised at equilibrium}}{\text{initial amount of molecules}}$
- $P_{\text{---}} = -\lg [\text{---}]$ for pH, pOH, pKa, pKb
- $[\text{---}] = 10^{-P_{\text{---}}}$ for pH, Poh
- To find pH from pOH, and vice versa
 $pH + pOH = pK_w = 14$ (25°C)
- Acid and Base dissociation constants
 $K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$
 $K_b = \frac{[BH^+][OH^-]}{[B]}$
- For conjugate acid-base pair
 $pK_a \times pK_b = pK_w = 14$ (25°C)
 $K_a \times K_b = K_w = 1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$ (25°C)
- To find pH or pOH, of a buffer solution with Henderson Hasselbalch Equation
 $pH = pK_a + \lg \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$ for acidic buffer solution
 $pOH = pK_b + \lg \frac{[BH^+]}{[B]}$ for alkaline buffer solution
- Maximum buffering capacity
 $pH = pK_a$ for acidic buffer solution
(i.e. **amount of acid = amount of conjugate base formed from acid**, based on Henderson Hasselbalch Equation)
 $pOH = pK_b$ for alkaline buffer solution
(i.e. **amount of base = amount of conjugate acid formed from base**, based on Henderson Hasselbalch Equation)

Note: H⁺ and H₃O⁺ can be used interchangeably, select based on convenience.

Application:

Titration curves (SA-SB, WA-SB, SA-WB, WA-WB)

Illustrated with an example on 25.0cm^3 of 0.100mol dm^{-3} HCl titrated against 0.100mol dm^{-3} NH_3



✓ **Identify what is in the solution** at any given point in titration

✓ **Calculate concentration of H^+ / OH^-** by employing formulas

N.B. Calculations will usually need to analyse amount of chemical species (which is the limiting reagent, which is in excess). Take note to consider changes in volume, as it'll affect concentration.

SA-SB

Straight forward as pure acid base reaction. No salt hydrolysis, no buffer. Analysis of amount of chemical species and calculating concentration will form the bulk of our answer.

WA-SB, SA-WB

Solution contains...	What to do
Pure acid/ base	Consider strong or weak A/B. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If strong A/B, using balanced chemical equation, determine concentration of H^+/ OH^- ions, pH can be determined. If weak A/B, use ICE table along with K_a/K_b.
Excess/ Unreacted SA/SB with salt that is also acidic/ basic in nature after hydrolysis	Only need to consider concentration of H^+ / OH^- of the excess/ unreacted SA/SB. No need to consider the concentration of H^+ / OH^- from salt hydrolysis. N.B. Reason being complete dissociation of the SA/SB will suppress salt hydrolysis.
Pure Salt	Consider which ion(s) hydrolyses (if any), and if they do, construct ICE table and use K_a/K_b ,
Buffer/ maximum buffering capacity	Find the resultant concentration of the relevant conjugate acid-base pair species after acid-base reaction, and apply Henderson Hasselbalch Equation.