

## Acid and base & Aqueous Equilibrium

### 1、Acid and base theorem

Arrhenius Theorem

Bronsted&Lowry Theorem (Proton)

Lewis acid and base Theorem (Electron)

Hard Soft Acid and base

### 2、Bronsted&Lowry Theorem

Acid: Proton Donor

Base: Proton Acceptor

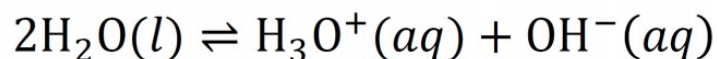
Strong acid base: complete.....

Weak acid base: Partly.....

Conjugate acid and base pair:

Acid= $H^+$ +base for example:  $HAc$ ,  $Ac^-$  is one pair of conjugate acid and base

### 3、Water



- Recall the equilibrium constant:

$$K_W = [H_3O^+][OH^-]$$

- At 25°C, in pure water

$$[H_3O^+] = 1 \times 10^{-7}; [OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$K_W = 1 \times 10^{-14}$$

- Remember that  $K_W$  is only related to  $T$ 
  - So at certain temperature, the product of  $[H_3O^+]$  and  $[OH^-]$  in a solution is constant.

$$pH = -\log_{10}[H_3O^+]$$

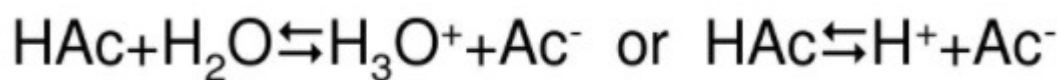
Similarly,

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

In a solution at 25°C,

$$pH + pOH = 14$$

#### 4、The equilibrium problem about Monobasic weak acid



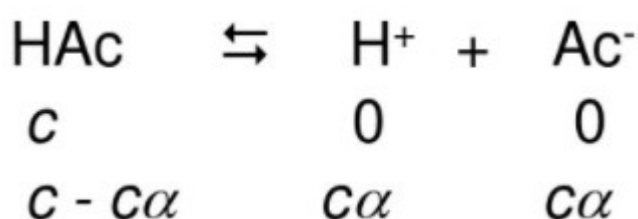
At a certain temperature, there exist the equilibrium constant  $K_a$

$$K_a = [\text{H}^+][\text{Ac}^-]/[\text{HAc}]$$

Disassociation degree  $\alpha$ , which is a constant describing the extent of ionization

$$\alpha = (\text{已电离的浓度} / \text{弱电解质的初始浓度}) \times 100\%$$

Consider a problem of the ionization equilibrium of 0.1M HAc



$$K_a = c\alpha^2 / (1 - \alpha)$$

Applying the 5% approximation:

If  $\alpha \leq 5\%$ , which shows that  $c/K_a \geq 400$ ,  $1 - \alpha \approx 1$ , we can derive the formula that:

$$[\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{K_a \cdot c} \quad \text{Which is a very useful and simple formula.}$$

Thinking about the discussion above, is there any problem?

**Yes!** We have ignored the ionization of water automatically, which is not good. But in this case, we can, why? Because the extent of the ionization of water is too weak compared to the ionization of HAc. So, how weak is weak?

Apply 5% approximation too, the precise calculation should be  $[\text{H}^+] = (K_a[\text{HA}] + K_w)^{0.5}$  so

when  $K_w \leq 5\% K_a \cdot c$ , we can ignore the effect of water ionization:

Which shows us that  $K_a \cdot c \geq 20K_w$ .

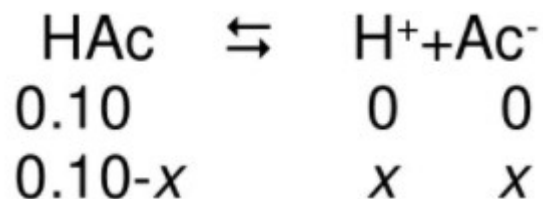
All in all, when the two conditions:

$K_a \cdot c \geq 20K_w$ ;  $c/K_a \geq 400$  are satisfied we can use the formula  $[\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{K_a \cdot c}$  to calculate the pH.

Then if  $c/K_a \geq 400$  but  $K_a \cdot c < 20K_w$ , we cannot ignore the ionization of water so we must apply the

formula  $[\text{H}^+] = (K_a[\text{HA}] + K_w)^{0.5}$

Then if  $K_a \cdot c \geq 20K_w$  but  $c/K_a < 400$ , we must solve the equation



$$K_a = x^2 / (0.10 - x)$$

Solving for x and we can get PH

Finally, if neither of the 2 condition are satisfied, we shall apply the general solution:

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \left( [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] - \frac{K_w}{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]} \right)}{[\text{HA}]_{\text{initial}} - [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] + \frac{K_w}{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}}$$

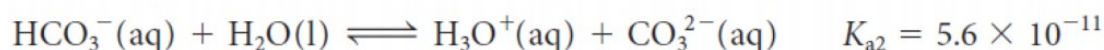
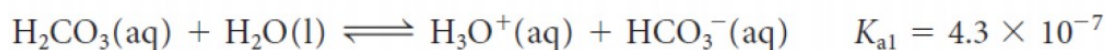
Constant table (Do not copy it on your ctppl!)

酸	$K_a$	$\text{p}K_a$	碱	$K_b$	$\text{p}K_b$
$\text{HIO}_3$	$1.69 \times 10^{-1}$	0.77	$\text{IO}_3^-$	$5.1 \times 10^{-14}$	13.29
$\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$	$5.90 \times 10^{-2}$	1.23	$\text{HC}_2\text{O}_4^-$	$1.69 \times 10^{-13}$	12.77
$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$	$1.54 \times 10^{-2}$	1.81	$\text{HSO}_3^-$	$6.49 \times 10^{-13}$	12.19
$\text{HSO}_4^-$	$1.20 \times 10^{-2}$	1.92	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$8.33 \times 10^{-13}$	12.08
$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	$7.52 \times 10^{-3}$	2.12	$\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	$1.33 \times 10^{-12}$	11.88
$\text{HNO}_2$	$4.6 \times 10^{-4}$	3.37	$\text{NO}_2^-$	$2.17 \times 10^{-11}$	10.66
$\text{HF}$	$3.53 \times 10^{-4}$	3.45	$\text{F}^-$	$2.83 \times 10^{-11}$	10.55
$\text{HC}_2\text{O}_4^-$	$6.40 \times 10^{-5}$	4.19	$\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$	$1.56 \times 10^{-10}$	9.81
$\text{HAc}$	$1.76 \times 10^{-5}$	4.76	$\text{Ac}^-$	$5.68 \times 10^{-10}$	9.25
$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$	$4.30 \times 10^{-7}$	6.37	$\text{HCO}_3^-$	$2.32 \times 10^{-8}$	7.63
$\text{HSO}_3^-$	$1.02 \times 10^{-7}$	6.91	$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$	$9.8 \times 10^{-8}$	7.01
$\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	$6.23 \times 10^{-8}$	7.21	$\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-7}$	6.8
$\text{H}_2\text{S}$	$5.7 \times 10^{-8}$	7.24	$\text{HS}^-$	$1.75 \times 10^{-7}$	6.76
$\text{HClO}$	$2.95 \times 10^{-8}$	7.53	$\text{ClO}^-$	$3.39 \times 10^{-7}$	6.47
$\text{NH}_4^+$	$5.64 \times 10^{-10}$	9.25	$\text{NH}_3$	$1.774 \times 10^{-5}$	4.751
$\text{HCN}$	$4.93 \times 10^{-10}$	9.31	$\text{CN}^-$	$2.03 \times 10^{-5}$	4.69
$\text{HCO}_3^-$	$5.61 \times 10^{-11}$	10.25	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	$1.78 \times 10^{-4}$	3.75
$\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-13}$	12.66	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$	$4.54 \times 10^{-2}$	1.34
$\text{HS}^-$	$1.2 \times 10^{-15}$	14.92	$\text{S}^{2-}$	8.33	-0.92

Exercise:

- 1、 Calculate the PH of the 0.01M HAc solution at 25°C
- 2、 Calculate the PH of the 0.00001M HCN solution at 25°C
- 3、 Calculate the PH of the  $1 \times 10^{-8}$  M HCl solution at 25°C

#### 4、 Problems about the Polyprotic Acid Consider the equilibrium of H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>



$$K_{a1} \gg K_{a2} \gg K_{a3} \gg \dots$$

Reversibly,

$$K_{b1} = \frac{K_w}{K_{a1}} \ll K_{b2} = \frac{K_w}{K_{a2}} \ll K_{b3} = \frac{K_w}{K_{a3}} \ll \dots$$

Tricks:

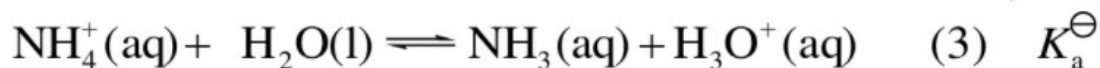
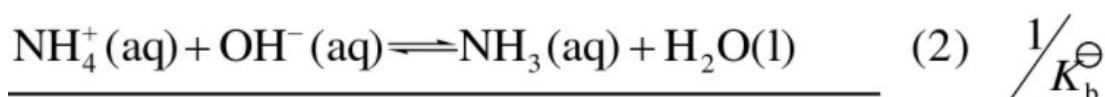
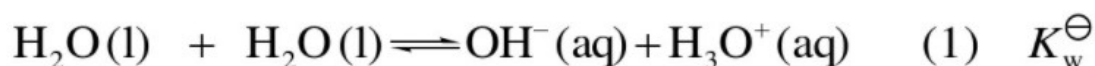
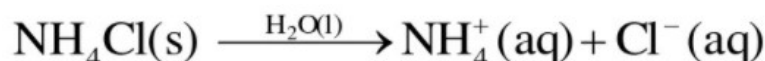
- Estimate the pH of a polyprotic acid for which all deprotonations are weak by using only the first deprotonation equilibrium and assuming that further deprotonation is insignificant.

Reason(5% approximation)

Exercise: Calculate the PH of a 0.01M H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution at 25°C, and derive the concentration of [OH<sup>-</sup>],[HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>],[H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>],[CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>]

#### 5、 Hydrolysis Equilibrium about Salt solution

part1:Strong acid weak base salt



(1) +(2)=(3)

$$K_a^\ominus(\text{NH}_4^+) = \frac{\{c(\text{H}_3\text{O}^+)\} \{c(\text{NH}_3)\}}{\{c(\text{NH}_4^+)\}} \cdot \frac{c(\text{OH}^-)}{c(\text{OH}^-)} = \frac{K_w^\ominus}{K_b^\ominus(\text{NH}_3)}$$

Exercise

Calculate the PH of 0.1M NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution under 25°C



Part II Strong base and weak acid salt. Eg: NaAc

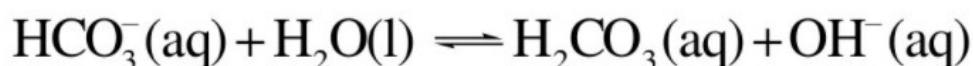


$$K_{\text{b}}^{\ominus}(\text{Ac}^{-}) = \frac{\{c(\text{HAc})\}\{c(\text{OH}^{-})\}}{\{c(\text{Ac}^{-})\}} = \frac{K_{\text{w}}^{\ominus}}{K_{\text{a}}^{\ominus}(\text{HAc})}$$

The case of Salt of Polyprotic Acid



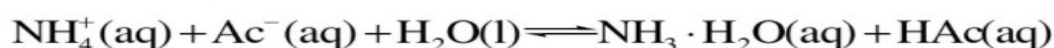
$$K_{\text{b},1}^{\ominus}(\text{CO}_3^{2-}) = \frac{K_{\text{w}}^{\ominus}}{K_{\text{a},2}^{\ominus}(\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3)} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{4.7 \times 10^{-11}} = 2.1 \times 10^{-4}$$



$$K_{\text{b},2}^{\ominus}(\text{CO}_3^{2-}) = \frac{K_{\text{w}}^{\ominus}}{K_{\text{a},1}^{\ominus}(\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3)} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{4.2 \times 10^{-7}} = 2.4 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$K_{\text{a},1}^{\ominus}(\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3) \gg K_{\text{a},2}^{\ominus}(\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3), \quad K_{\text{b},1}^{\ominus}(\text{CO}_3^{2-}) \gg K_{\text{b},2}^{\ominus}(\text{CO}_3^{2-})$$

Part III weak acid and weak base salt



$$K_{\text{a}}^{\ominus} < K_{\text{b}}^{\ominus} \quad \text{碱性} \quad \text{NH}_4\text{CN} \quad K_{\text{a}}^{\ominus}(\text{HCN}) = 5.8 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$K_{\text{b}}^{\ominus}(\text{NH}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$K_{\text{a}}^{\ominus} = K_{\text{b}}^{\ominus} \quad \text{中性} \quad \text{NH}_4\text{Ac} \quad K_{\text{a}}^{\ominus}(\text{HAc}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$K_{\text{b}}^{\ominus}(\text{NH}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$K_{\text{a}}^{\ominus} > K_{\text{b}}^{\ominus} \quad \text{酸性} \quad \text{NH}_4\text{F} \quad K_{\text{a}}^{\ominus}(\text{HF}) = 6.9 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$K_{\text{b}}^{\ominus}(\text{NH}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

Final part: Acid salt(Relatively difficult and complex)

See the black board on RC

Formula:  $[H^+] = \sqrt{K_{a1} * K_{a2}}$ , (when  $C/K_{a1} \geq 20$ ,  $K_{a2} \geq 20K_w$ )

Optional part(beyond CHEM2100J Genral Chemistry )

Acid and base equilburim analyzing method in Analytic Chemistry(分析化学，化学系专业课)

Method of Distribution coefficient(Try to understand this,because it may be your strongest weapon in this chaper):

Consider the equilburim of  $H_2CO_3$ , we can get:

$$\text{Let } M = [H_2CO_3] + [HCO_3^-] + [CO_3^{2-}]$$

(M is constant) Why?

$$\text{Let } X_0 = \frac{[H_2CO_3]}{M}, X_1 = \frac{[HCO_3^-]}{M}, X_2 = \frac{[CO_3^{2-}]}{M}$$

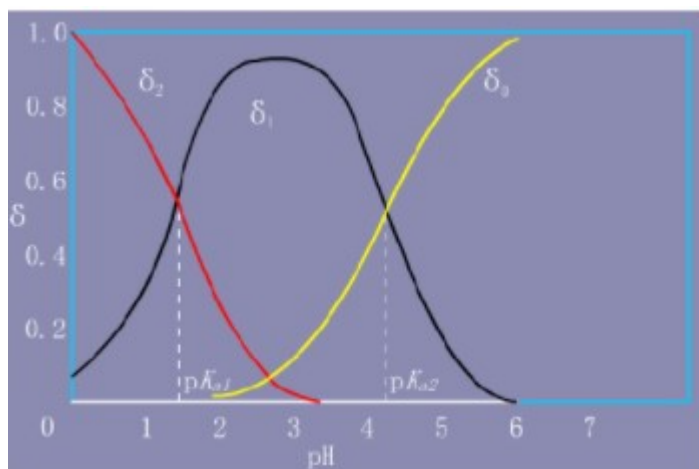
$$\text{Then we have: } \begin{cases} K_{a1}X_0 = [H_3O^+]X_1 \\ K_{a2}X_1 = [H_3O^+]X_2 \\ X_0 + X_1 + X_2 = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{Solve it.}$$

$$X_0 = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2}{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2 + [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]k_{a1} + k_{a1}k_{a2}}$$

$$X_1 = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]k_{a1}}{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2 + [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]k_{a1} + k_{a1}k_{a2}}$$

$$X_0 = \frac{k_{a1}k_{a2}}{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2 + [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]k_{a1} + k_{a1}k_{a2}}$$

The final one should be X3, all of them are mole fraction.



Analyzing the formula above, what can we find: As long AS We Know the PH, we can solve everything about the solution.

Pay attention to the fact that we can also apply this method to  $\text{NaHCO}_3, \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution because they all consists of the same ions except  $\text{Na}^+$ , which will cause no effect!

We can also consider the case of more complex acid or base or salt, for example



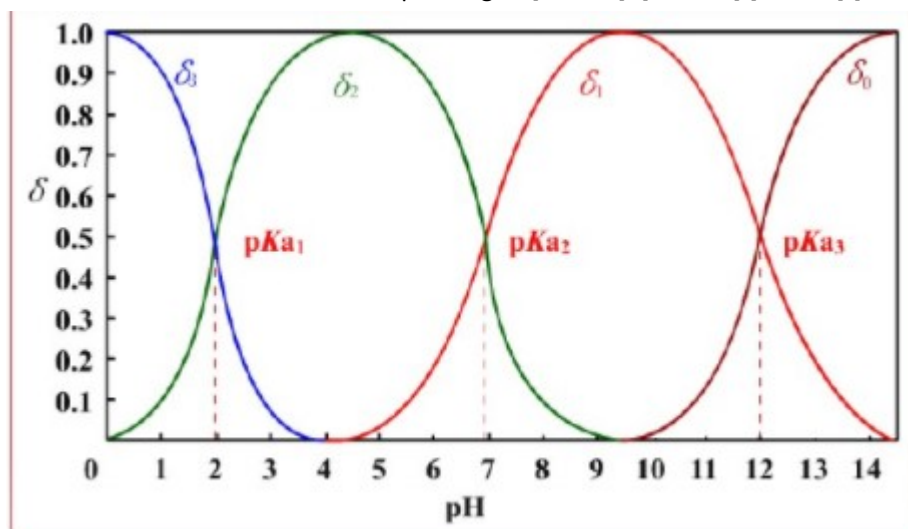
$$\delta_3 = \frac{[\text{H}^+]^3}{[\text{H}^+]^3 + [\text{H}^+]^2 K_{a1} + [\text{H}^+] K_{a1} \times K_{a2} + K_{a1} \times K_{a2} \times K_{a3}}$$

$$\delta_2 = \frac{[\text{H}^+]^2 K_{a1}}{[\text{H}^+]^3 + [\text{H}^+]^2 K_{a1} + [\text{H}^+] K_{a1} \times K_{a2} + K_{a1} \times K_{a2} \times K_{a3}}$$

$$\delta_1 = \frac{[\text{H}^+] K_{a1} \times K_{a2}}{[\text{H}^+]^3 + [\text{H}^+]^2 K_{a1} + [\text{H}^+] K_{a1} \times K_{a2} + K_{a1} \times K_{a2} \times K_{a3}}$$

$$\delta_0 = \frac{K_{a1} \times K_{a2} \times K_{a3}}{[\text{H}^+]^3 + [\text{H}^+]^2 K_{a1} + [\text{H}^+] K_{a1} \times K_{a2} + K_{a1} \times K_{a2} \times K_{a3}}$$

Which are the mole fraction corresponding to  $[\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4]$ ,  $[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]$ ,  $[\text{HPO}_4^{2-}]$ ,  $[\text{PO}_4^{3-}]$ .



We can also apply this method to any corresponding salt solution.

All in all, with the help of the method of **Distribution coefficient** we can solve anything as long as we know the PH.

So, when you meet a **Polyprotic** problem you can solve it using the following step

- 1、 Calculate the concentration of  $\text{H}^+$  using  $K_{a1}$
- 2、 Apply the Distribution Coefficient method, plug in numbers into the calculator
- 3、 Write down the answer can get full marks

Exercise: Calculate the PH of a 0.01M  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , and derive the concentration of  $[\text{OH}^-]$ ,  $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ ,  $[\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3]$ ,  $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$  using the method of Distribution coefficient.



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Thank You for listening my last regular RC and Goodbye!

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