

4.3 Exercise 1 - Bronsted-Lowry theory

1. State whether the following species can behave as an acid, as a base, or both:

- a) NH_4^+
- b) NH_3
- c) H_3O^+
- d) HClO_4
- e) CO_3^{2-}
- f) NO_3^-
- g) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
- h) CH_3COOH
- i) HSO_4^-
- j) HNO_3
- k) HCl

2. In each of the following reactants, one of the reactants acts as an acid. Identify it:

- a) $\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
- b) $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(\text{aq}) + \text{HClO}_4(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{COOH}_2^+(\text{aq}) + \text{ClO}_4^-(\text{aq})$
- c) $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{HSO}_4^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$
- d) $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$

3. Identify the acid-base conjugate pairs in the following reactions:

- a) $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_3^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$
- b) $\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$
- c) $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) + \text{HNO}_3(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{HSO}_4^-(\text{aq}) + \text{NO}_2^+(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$
- d) $\text{HSO}_4^-(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$