Grade 12 Chemistry

Chemical Systems & Equilibrium

Class 12

Arrhenius Theory

 Acids – substances that dissociate in water to produce H⁺

$$HCl(aq) \leftrightarrows H^{+}(aq) + Cl^{-}(aq)$$

 Bases – substances that dissociate in water to produce OH⁻

$$NaOH(aq) \stackrel{\leftarrow}{\rightarrow} Na^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

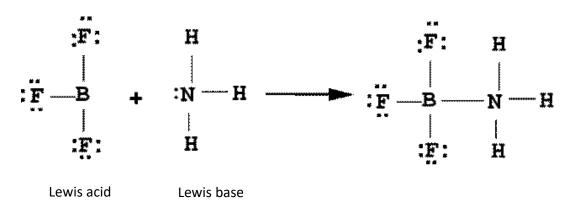
- Limitations:
 - Restricted to aqueous solutions
 - Does not account for bases with no OH⁻ groups

Bronsted-Lowry Theory

- Acids substances that can transfer H⁺; proton-donors
- Bases substances that can accept H⁺; protonacceptors
- Proton = refers to the nucleus of the hydrogen atom (H⁺); the H⁺ that has been removed from the acid molecule

Lewis Acids and Bases

- Acids electron-pair acceptors
- Bases electron-pair donors



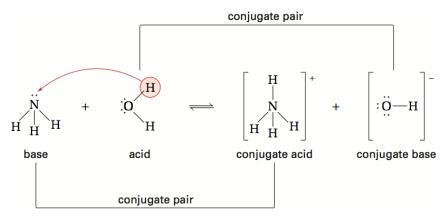




Identify the Lewis acid and Lewis base in each of the following reactions:

- a) $C_2H_5OC_2H_5 + AICI_3 \leftrightarrows (C_2H_5)_2OAICI_3$
- b) $Hg^{2+}(aq) + 4CN^{-}(aq) \leftrightarrows Hg(CN)_4^{2-}$

Conjugate Acid-Base Pairs



Chemical species whose formula only differs by one proton





Identify the conjugate acid-base pair in each reaction:

- a) $H_3PO_4(aq) + H_2O(1) \leftrightarrows H_2PO_4(aq) + H_3O(aq)$
- b) $H_2PO_4^{-1}(aq) + OH^{-1}(aq) + HPO_4^{-2}(aq) + H_2O(1)$

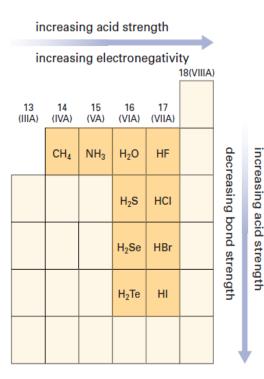
Strong Acids and Strong Bases



Strong Acids

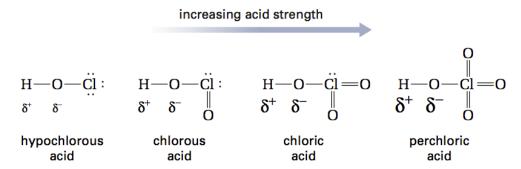
- A strong acid is a substance that can completely dissociate in water
- Ex: HI, HBr, HCl, HClO₄ H₂SO₄, and HNO₃

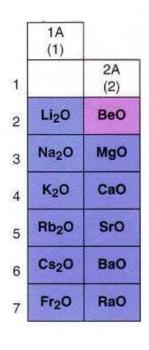
I Bring Cans of Cola So No



- Across a Period: EN increases drawing electrons away from H; water can pull H away
- Down a Group: Bond strength decreases; easier to pull away H
- Monoprotic donate 1 H⁺
- Polyprotic donate more than 1 H⁺

 Oxoacids – increase in strength with increasing oxygen atoms since O is very electronegative





Strong Bases

- All oxides and hydroxides of Group 1 metals (ex: NaOH, KOH) and Group 2 metals below Beryllium (ex: Ca(OH)₂ and Ba(OH)₂)
- BeO is an exception. It is a
 weak base because it is a
 relatively small atom, which
 means the bond to O is strong
 and is not easily broken by
 polar water molecules

Calculations Involving Strong Acids and Strong Bases

- Since strong acids completely dissociate in water, we can assume that the concentration of the acid is equal to the concentration of H₃O⁺
- Since strong bases completely dissociate in water, we can assume that the concentration of the base is equal to the concentration of OH⁻





During an experiment, a student pours 25.0mL of 1.40M HNO₃(aq) into a beaker that contains 15.0mL of 2.00M NaOH(aq). Is the resulting solution acidic or basic?

What is the concentration of the ion that causes the solution to be acidic or basic?

Water

$$H_2O(I) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrows H_3O^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

- At 25°C, only 2 water molecules in 1 billion dissociate
- In neutral water at 25°C, the $[H_3O^+] = [OH^-]$ which is 1.0 x 10^{-7} mol/L

Ion Product Constant of Water, Kw

$$H_2O(I) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrows H_3O^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

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

$$K_w = (1.0 \times 10^{-7})(1.0 \times 10^{-7})$$

$$K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

- If $[H_3O^+] > [OH^-]$, acidic at 25°C
- If $[H_3O^+] = [OH^-]$, neutral
- If [H₃O⁺] < [OH⁻], basic



Checkpoint



Find [H₃O⁺] and [OH⁻] in each solution:

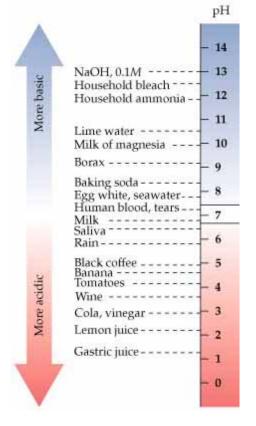
- a) 2.5 M of nitric acid
- b) 0.16 M of barium hydroxide

pH and pOH

- It is more convenient to express the [H₃O⁺] and [OH⁻] on a logarithmic scale
- pH = power of hydrogen
- pOH = power of hydroxide

pH =
$$-log[H_3O^+]$$
 pOH = $-log[OH^-]$
 $[H_3O^+] = 10^{-pH}$ $[OH^-] = 10^{-pOH}$

Practical range of the pH scale = 0 to 14
 pH + pOH = 14



- pH > 7 is basic
- pH = 7 is neutral
- pH < 7 is acidic
- A solution that is more concentrated than 1.0M would give a negative pH
 - Ex: a 10M solution of HCl fully dissociates therefore the pH = -1





If the pH of urine is outside the normal range of values, this can indicate medical problems. Suppose that the pH of a urine sample was measured to be at 5.53 at 25°C. Calculate the pOH, [H₃O⁺] and [OH⁻] for the sample.

Weak Acids and Bases

Weak Acids

- Weak acids do not completely dissociate in water so [H₃O⁺] depends on the initial concentration of the acid and the concentration of the conjugate base
- Ex: Acetic Acid, Aspirin, Vitamins



Acid Dissociation Constant

 Strength of an acid is directly related to how much the products are favored over the reactants

$$HA(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrows H_3O^+(aq) + A^-(aq)$$

$$K_a = \frac{[\mathrm{H_3O}^+][\mathrm{A}^-]}{[\mathrm{HA}]}$$

- If K_a > 1, products are favored, strong acid
- If $K_a < 1$, reactants are favored, weak acid

Table 8.2 Some Acid Dissociation Constants for Weak Acids at 25°C

Acid	Formula	Acid dissociation constant, K _a
acetic acid	CH₃COOH	1.8×10^{-5}
chlorous acid	HClO ₂	1.1×10^{-2}
formic acid	НСООН	1.8×10^{-4}
hydrocyanic acid	HCN	6.2×10^{-10}
hydrofluoric acid	HF	6.6×10^{-4}
hydrogen oxide (water)	H ₂ O	1.0×10^{-14}
lactic acid	СН₃СНОНСООН	1.4×10^{-4}
nitrous acid	HNO ₂	7.2×10^{-4}
phenol	C ₆ H ₅ OH	1.3×10^{-10}





Of the following acids, which one would dissociate to the greatest extent in water?

- a) HCN $(K_a=6.2x10^{-10})$ c) HClO $(K_a=2.9x10^{-8})$
- b) HCNO $(K_a=3.3x10^{-4})$ d) HBrO $(K_a=2.2x10^{-9})$

Percent Dissociation

· Another useful measure of the strength of a weak acid is the percent dissociation

Percent Dissociation =
$$\frac{[H^+]}{[HA]initial} \times 100\%$$

Aqueous Equilibria

- The K_a can be used to calculate the equilibrium concentrations and the pH in a solution of weak acid
- Write the chemical equation and set up an ICE table
 - Let x represent the change in concentration
 - If $[HA]/K_a > 500$, x can be ignored
 - If $[HA]/K_a < 500$, use quadratic formula



Checkpoint



Propanoic acid, CH_3CH_2COOH , is a weak monoprotic acid that is used to inhibit mould formation in bread. A student prepared a 0.10M solution of propanoic acid and found that the pH was 2.96. What is the K_a for propanoic acid?

What percent of its molecules were dissociated in the solution?





Phosphoric acid, H_3PO_4 , is one of the world's most important industrial chemicals. It is mainly used to manufacture phosphate fertilizers. It is also the ingredient that gives cola drinks their tart, biting taste. Calculate the pH, $[H_2PO_4^{-1}]$, and $[HPO_4^{2-1}]$ of a 3.5M aqueous solution of $H_3PO_4(aq)$.

Weak Bases

- Weak bases do not completely dissociate in water so [OH⁻] depends on the initial concentration of the base and the concentration of the conjugate acid
- Ex: Caffeine, piperidine in black pepper



Piperidine



Base Dissociation Constant

 Strength of the base is directly related to how much the products are favored over the reactants

$$B(aq) + H2O(I) \leftrightarrows HB^{+}(aq) + OH^{-}(aq)$$

$$K_b = \frac{[HB^{+}][OH^{-}]}{[B]}$$

- If K_b > 1, products favored, strong base
- If $K_b < 1$, reactants favored, weak base

Table 8.3 Some Base Dissociation Constants at 25°C

Base	Formula	Base dissociation constant, K _b
ethylenediamine	NH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH ₂	$5.2 imes 10^{-4}$
dimethylamine	(CH ₃) ₂ NH	5.1×10^{-4}
methylamine	CH ₃ NH ₂	4.4×10^{-4}
trimethylamine	(CH ₃) ₃ N	6.5×10^{-5}
ammonia	NH ₃	1.8×10^{-5}
hydrazine	N_2H_4	1.7×10^{-6}
pyridine	C_5H_5N	1.4×10^{-9}
aniline	C ₆ H ₅ NH ₂	4.2×10^{-10}
urea	NH ₂ CONH ₂	1.5×10^{-14}





The characteristic taste of tonic water is due to the addition of quinine. Quinine is a naturally occurring compound that is also used to treat malaria. The base dissociation constant, K_b for quinine is 3.3×10^{-6} . Calculate [OH⁻] and the pH of a 1.7×10^{-3} M solution of quinine.

Relationship between K_a and K_b

Acetic Acid

$$CH_3COOH_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+_{(aq)} + CH_3COO^-_{(aq)}$$
$$K_a = \frac{[CH_3COO^-][H_3O^+]}{[CH_3COOH]}$$

Acetate Ion (Conjugate Base)

$$CH_3COO^-_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons CH_3COOH_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)}$$

$$K_b = \frac{[CH_3COOH][OH^-]}{[CH_3COO^-]}$$

$$K_{\rm a}K_{\rm b} = \frac{[{\rm H_3O^+}][{\rm CH_3COO^-}]}{[{\rm CH_3COOH}]} \times \frac{[{\rm CH_3COOH}][{\rm OH^-}]}{[{\rm CH_3COO^-}]}$$

$$= [{\rm H_3O^+}][{\rm OH^-}]$$

$$= K_{\rm w}$$

$$K_a \times K_b = K_w$$

- As the strength of an acid increases (larger K_a), the strength of its conjugate base decreases (smaller K_h)
- Strong Acid → Weak Conjugate Base
- Strong Base → Weak Conjugate Acid