

Acid-Base Theories

The Arrhenius Theory of Acids and Bases

- An acid is a substance that ionizes in water to produce one or more hydrogen ions (H⁺ hydronium ion)

**** Acids are molecular compounds, however forms ions when dissolved in water, so we say they “_____” in water.****

e.g.

- A base is a substance that dissociates in water to form one or more hydroxide ions (OH⁻)

**** Bases are ionic compounds and form ions when dissolved in water, so we say they “_____” in water.****

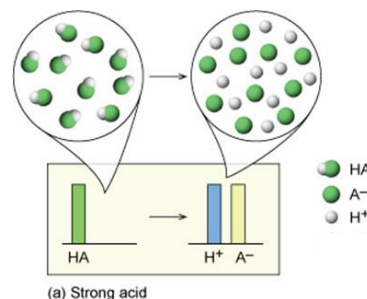
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Strong and Weak Acids and Bases

Strong Acid – an acid that ionizes completely into ions in water

- [H⁺] = [A⁻]

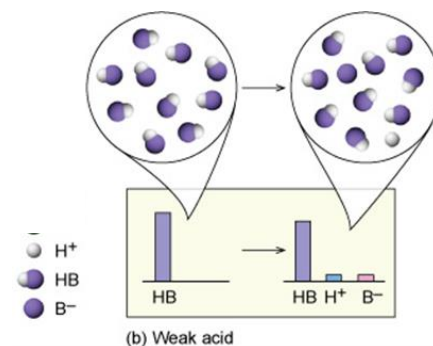
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Weak Acid – an acid that ionizes very slightly in a water solution

- [H⁺] < [HB]

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Strong Base – a base that dissociates completely into ions in water

e.g. NaOH, KOH

Weak Base – a base that dissociates/ionizes very slightly in a water solution

e.g. NH₃

The pH Scale

- the concentration of H⁺ ions in pure water is 1 x 10⁻⁷ mol/L
 - not very convenient
- pH scale was established so that [H⁺] could be expressed in a more convenient manner

1 x 10 ⁻¹ M	1 x 10 ⁻⁷ M	1 x 10 ⁻¹⁴ M
1	7	14
acidic	neutral	basic

pH = -log[H⁺]

in pure water: [H⁺] = 1.0 x 10⁻⁷ mol/L
pH =

Example. 1 What would the pH of a 2.5×10^{-4} mol/L solution of HCl?

Example. 2 Calculate the pH of a solution containing 5×10^{-5} M solution sodium hydroxide.

Example. 3 If the pH of a solution is 6.4 what is the $[H^+]$? What is the $[OH^-]$?

Acid Base Questions

1. Answer Q#1-6 on page 457.
2. Read Strong and Weak Versus Concentrated and Dilute, page 461 in your textbook and answer Q#7 and 8 on page 462.

pH Problems

1. Calculate the pH of the solutions that have the following H^+ concentrations.
a) 1.00×10^{-3} M b) 6.59×10^{-10} M c) 1.00×10^{-6} M d) 7.01×10^{-5} M
2. What is the $[H^+]$ of each of the following solutions?
a) pH = 6.61 b) pH = 6.15 c) pH = 2.52 d) pH = 10.20
3. Calculate the pH of each of the following solutions.
a) pOH = 2.00 b. pOH = 9.71 c) pOH = 7.00 d) pOH = 4.98
4. Calculate the pH of the solutions that have the following $[OH^-]$?
a) 1.00×10^{-6} M b) 3.45×10^{-8} M c) 2.64×10^{-13} M d) 2.93×10^{-2} M

Answers: 1.a)3.00 b)9.18 c)6.00 d)4.15 2.a) 2.45×10^{-7} M b) 7.08×10^{-7} M c) 3.02×10^{-3} M d) 6.31×10^{-11} M 3.a)12.00 b)4.29 c)7.00 d)9.02
4.a)8.00 b)6.54 c)1.4 d)12.47

1. If the **pH = 3.5** and you are asked to **find the $[H^+]$**
(this is calculating an anti-log)

Enter 3.5 (or any other pH you may be given)
Press **+/- key** (this reverses the sign)
Press **10^x key** (pressing 2^{nd} key and then pressing the log key)
Ans 0.000316 or 3.16×10^{-4}

2. If the **$[H^+] = 3.16 \times 10^{-4}$** and you are asked to **find the pH**
(this is calculating a -LOG).

Enter 3.16 (the 3 significant digits of the $[H^+]$)
a. on the **TI** press **EE key**
b. on the **Casio** press the **EXP key**
Press **+/- key** (this reverses the sign of the exponent you will enter)
Enter **4** (this is the negative exponent of 10 in the $[H^+]$)
Press **LOG key** (this actually calculates the LOG of the $[H^+]$ you enter)
Press **+/- key** (this makes the LOG calculated a - LOG)
Ans 3.5