

Acids, Bases, and pH Overview

Acid/Base Definitions

- **Arrhenius Acid:** a substance that _____ when dissolved in water.
- **Arrhenius Base:** a substance that _____ when dissolved in water.

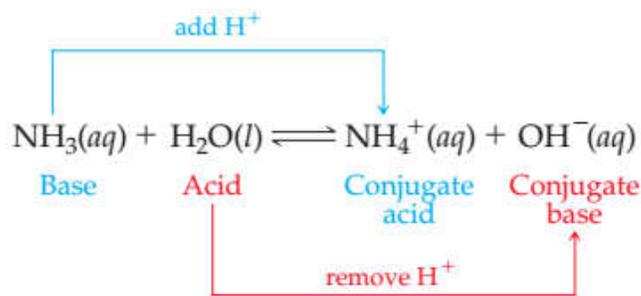
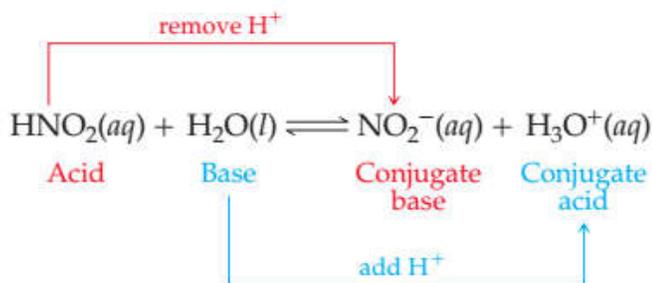
Arrhenius Acids/Bases are limited to aqueous solutions. Bronsted-Lowry Acid/Base definitions are more general.

- **Bronsted-Lowry Acid:** a substance that is _____
- **Bronsted-Lowry Base:** a substance that is _____

- **Conjugate Acids and Bases**

Every acid has a conjugate base, every base has a conjugate acid

- **Conjugate acid:** the species that is _____
- **Conjugate base:** the species that is _____

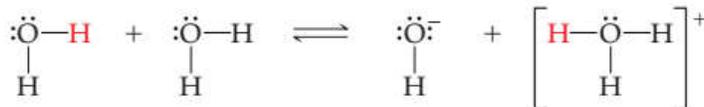


Ex:

- 1) Write the balanced equation for the dissociation of acetic acid, CH₃COOH, in water and identify the acid, base, conjugate acid, and conjugate base.

- 2) Write the balanced equation for the dissociation of phosphoric acid, H₃PO₄, in water and identify the acid, base, conjugate acid, and conjugate base.

- **Autoionization of Water:** water is an example of an **amphiprotic** substance and can act as either an acid or a base. Water can donate a proton to another molecule:



Note: H^+ and H_3O^+ are used interchangeably to represent the presence of hydrogen ions in solution.

- The equilibrium ion-product constant for water can be written as:

$$K_w =$$

- A solution in which _____ is said to be _____.

- **pH and pOH:**

The molar concentration of H^+ in an aqueous solution is usually very small. For convenience, we therefore usually express $[\text{H}^+]$ in terms of pH (“potential for hydrogen”).

$$\text{pH} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Similarly, pOH is an expression of $[\text{OH}^-]$ in solution: **pOH** = _____

Logs are base 10, so to calculate concentration when given pH or pOH:

$$[\text{H}^+] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \qquad [\text{OH}^-] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Because $K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$, _____

- **Strong Acids and Strong Bases**

Strong acids and bases will _____ in aqueous solution.

Since the strong acid or base is usually the primary source of H^+ or OH^- in an aqueous solution, it is easy to calculate pH or pOH for them.

***MEMORIZE THESE!

Strong Acids	Strong Bases
Hydrochloric, HCl	Group 1A metal hydroxides (LiOH, NaOH, KOH, RbOH, CsOH)
Hydrobromic, HBr	
	Heavy group 2A metal hydroxides [Ca(OH) ₂ , Sr(OH) ₂ , Ba(OH) ₂]
Hydroiodic, HI	
Chloric, HClO ₃	
Perchloric, HClO ₄	
Nitric, HNO ₃	
Sulfuric, H ₂ SO ₄	

Acid/Base Problem Set 1

Definitions and Conjugates

1. Answer the following questions about conjugates:

a) Give the conjugate base of the following Bronsted-Lowry acids:

- HIO_3
- HPO_4^{2-}
- NH_4^+

b) Give the conjugate acid of the following Bronsted-Lowry bases:

- O^{2-}
- SO_4^{2-}
- CH_3NH_2

2. For each of the following aqueous reactions, identify the acid, the base, the conjugate base, and the conjugate acid.



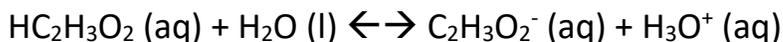
3. Write balanced equations that describe the following reactions.

a) The dissociation of perchloric acid in water

b) The dissociation of propanoic acid ($\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$) in water

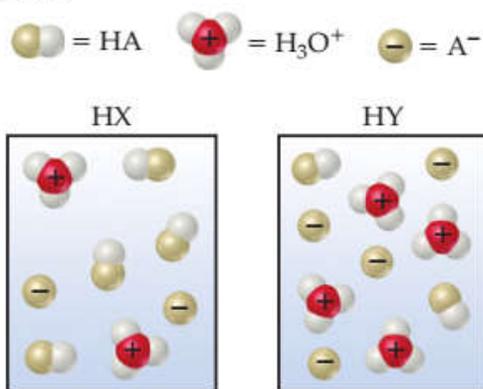
c) The dissociation of ammonium ion in water

4. Consider the reaction of acetic acid in water:



- Which two bases are competing for the proton?
- Which is the stronger base?
- In light of your answer to (b), why do we classify the acetate ion as a weak base? Use an appropriate reaction to justify your answer.

5. The following diagrams represent aqueous solutions of two monoprotic acids, HA (A = X or Y). The water molecules have been omitted for clarity.



- Which is the stronger acid, HX or HY?
- Which is the stronger base, X⁻ or Y⁻?
- If you mix equal concentrations of HX and NaY, will $\text{HX}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{Y}^{-}_{(\text{aq})} \rightleftharpoons \text{HY}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{X}^{-}_{(\text{aq})}$ lies mostly to the right ($K_c > 1$) or to the left ($K_c < 1$)?

6. Anions containing hydrogen (for example HCO_3^- and H_2PO_4^-) usually show amphoteric behavior. Write equations illustrating the amphotericism of these two anions.

pH Definitions and Calculations

7. What is meant by pH?

8. Calculate the $[H^+]$ given a concentration of $[OH^-]$ of 1.44×10^{-9} M.

9. Calculate the pH of a solution with $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ M.

10. Calculate the pH of a solution with $[OH^-] = 1.93 \times 10^{-6}$.

11. Calculate the pH of a solution with a pOH of 9.47.

12. Find the pH, pOH, $[H^+]$, and $[OH^-]$ given the following:

a) 1.0×10^{-3} M OH^-

b) 10.0 M HCl

c) pH of 7.41

13. Calculate the $[\text{OH}^-]$ of each of the following solutions at 25°C . Identify each solution as acidic, basic, or neutral.

a) $[\text{H}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$

b) $[\text{H}^+] = 6.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$

c) $[\text{H}^+] = 1.9 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$

d) $[\text{H}^+] = 2.3 \text{ M}$

14. The pOH of a sample of baking soda dissolved in water is 5.74 at 25°C . Calculate the pH, $[\text{H}^+]$, and $[\text{OH}^-]$ for this sample. Is the solution acidic or basic?