

pH and pOH Calculations

Key

1. Find the pH of the following solutions. Make sure you express your answer in the correct number of significant digits. (12 marks)

- a) 0.0010 M HClO₄ 3.00 b) 2.35 x 10⁻³ M KOH ... 11.371
 c) 4.678 x 10⁻⁵ M HNO₃.. 4.3299 d) 12.0 M HCl -1.079
 e) 0.20 M Ba(OH)₂ 13.60 f) 4.30 M H₃O⁺ -0.633

2. Find the [H₃O⁺] in 0.00256 M HBr. (1 mark)

$$[H_3O^+] = [HBr] = 0.00256 M$$

Answer 0.00256 M

3. Find the [H₃O⁺] in 0.80 M LiOH. (2 marks)

$$[OH^-] = 0.80 M$$

$$[H_3O^+] = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-14}}{0.80} = 1.3 \times 10^{-14} M$$

Answer 1.3 x 10⁻¹⁴ M

4. Find the [H₃O⁺] in a solution with a pH = 3.216 (1 mark)

$$[H_3O^+] = 10^{-3.216}$$

Answer 6.08 x 10⁻⁴ M

5. Find the [H₃O⁺] in 0.45 M BaO (2 marks)



$$[O^{2-}] = 0.45 M$$

$$[OH^-] = 0.90 M$$

$$[H_3O^+] = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-14}}{0.90}$$

Answer 1.1 x 10⁻¹⁴ M

6. Find the [OH⁻] in 0.150 M HClO₄ (2 marks)

$$[H_3O^+] = 0.150 M$$

$$[OH^-] = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-14}}{0.150}$$

Answer 6.67 x 10⁻¹⁴ M

7. Find the [OH⁻] in a solution with a pH = 8.940 (2 marks)

$$pOH = 5.060$$

$$[OH^-] = 10^{-5.060}$$

Answer 8.71 x 10⁻⁶ M

8. Find the $[\text{OH}^-]$ in a solution with a $\text{pOH} = 2.156$ (1 mark)

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-2.156}$$

Answer $6.98 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$

9. Find the $[\text{OH}^-]$ in 0.87 M HNO_3 . (2 marks)

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-14}}{0.87}$$

Answer $1.1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}$

10. Find the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ in a solution in which the $\text{pOH} = 4.50$. (2 marks)

$$\text{pH} = 9.50$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-9.50}$$

Answer $3.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$

11. Solution A has a pH of 3.0 while solution B has a pH of 7.0.

a) Which solution is more acidic? (1 mark) A

b) The $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ in solution A is 10^4 times as high as it is in solution B (1 mark).

12. How much water should be added to 500.0 mL of a solution of HCl with a pH of 2.00 to bring the pH to 2.50. Show all your work. (3 marks)

$$V_1 C_1 = V_2 C_2$$

$$C_1 = 10^{-2.00} = 0.010 \text{ M}$$

$$C_2 = 10^{-2.50} = 0.00316 \text{ M}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{V_1 \times C_1}{C_2} = \frac{0.5000 \times 0.010}{0.00316} = 1.5811$$

$$\text{Vol of water added} = 1.5811 - 0.5000 \text{ L}$$

Answer 1.1 L

13. What mass of NaOH should be added to 300.0 mL of water in order to prepare a solution with a $\text{pH} = 11.50$. Show all your work. (4 marks)

$$\text{pH} = 11.50$$

$$\text{pOH} = 2.50$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 3.16228 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M} = [\text{NaOH}]$$

$$\text{mol NaOH} = \frac{3.16228 \text{ mol}}{\text{L}} \times 0.3000 \text{ L} = 9.4868 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{mass NaOH} = 9.4868 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \times 40.0 \text{ g/mol}$$

Answer $3.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ g}$
 $= 0.038 \text{ g}$

Bronsted Acid-Bases and Equilibria

Key

1. What is the $[\text{OH}^-]$ in a solution made by adding 0.060 moles of calcium oxide to 500.0 mL water? Be careful! (2 marks)

$$[\text{CaO}] = \frac{0.060 \text{ mol}}{0.5000 \text{ L}} = 0.12 \text{ M}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 2 \times [\text{CaO}]$$



Answer

0.24 M

2. What is the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ in a solution made by adding 0.020 moles of nitric acid to 500.0 mL of water? (2 marks)

$$[\text{HNO}_3] = \frac{0.020 \text{ mol}}{0.500 \text{ L}} = 0.040 \text{ M}$$

Answer

0.040 M

3. If 0.10 M HSO_3^- is mixed with 0.10 M HC_2O_4^- , which species will *donate* a proton? (1 mark)

Answer

 $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^-$

4. If 0.10 M HSO_4^- is mixed with 0.10 M $\text{HC}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7^{2-}$, which species will *donate* a proton? (1 mark)

Answer

 HSO_4^-

5. If 0.10 M HSO_3^- is mixed with 0.10 M $\text{HC}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7^{2-}$, which species will *donate* a proton? (1 mark)

Answer

 $\text{HC}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7^{2-}$

6. If 0.10 M HCO_3^- is mixed with 0.10 M HC_2O_4^- , which species will *accept* a proton? (1 mark)

Answer

 HCO_3^-

7. If 0.10 M HS^- is mixed with 0.10 M NO_2^- , which species will *accept* a proton? (1 mark)

Answer

 NO_2^-

8. If 0.10 M H_2SO_4 is mixed with 0.10 M HPO_4^{2-} , which species will *accept* a proton? (1 mark)

Answer

 HPO_4^{2-}

9. a) Write the balanced equation which describes the equilibrium present when 0.1 M H_2SO_3 is mixed with 0.1 M NO_2^- . (1 mark)

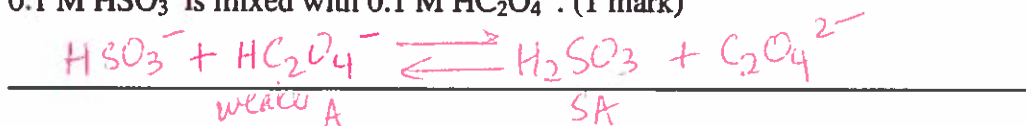
Stronger
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b) For this reaction, equilibrium tends to favour the (reactants/products) (1 mark)

Answer products

c) For this reaction the value of K_{eq} is (<1, >1 or about =1) (1 mark) >1

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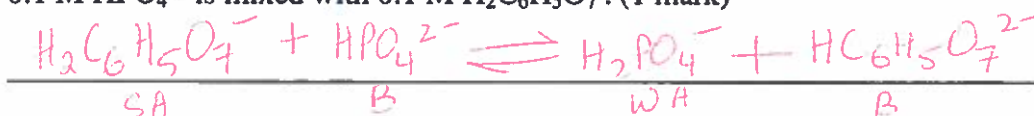


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Answer products

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12. The K_{eq} for the reaction: $\text{HA}_2\text{B} + \text{CD}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{HCD} + \text{A}_2\text{B}^-$ is **0.0020** (small)

WA WB SA SB

a) Which is the stronger conjugate acid in the above equilibrium?(1 mark) HCD

b) Which is the stronger conjugate base in the above equilibrium?(1 mark) A_2B^-

13. The K_{eq} for the reaction: $\text{H}_2\text{X} + \text{YZ}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{HYZ} + \text{HX}^-$ is **3.4×10^5** (large)

SA SB WA WB

a) Which is the stronger conjugate acid in the above equilibrium?(1 mark) H_2X

b) Which is the stronger conjugate base in the above equilibrium?(1 mark) YZ^-

14. Equilibrium always favours the (stronger/weaker) weaker acid (1 mark)

15. Equilibrium always favours the (stronger/weaker) weaker base (1 mark)

1. Rank the following substances in the order of decreasing electrical conductivity (i.e. brightest light bulb to dimmest light bulb). Justify your answers!

1.0 M CCl_4 <small>1.0 M CCl_4 molecular</small>	1.0 M HCl <small>1.0 M H^+/Cl^-</small>	1.0 M CH_3COOH <small>1.0 M CH_3COOH molecular</small>
1.5 M NaCl	2.0 M NaOH	0.5 M HCN
<small>1.5 M Na^+/Cl^-</small>	<small>2.0 M Na^+/OH^-</small>	<small>0.5 M H^+/CN^-</small>

Greatest conductivity \rightarrow

2.0 M NaOH

why? highest [] of Na^+/OH^-

1.5 M NaCl

why? higher [] of Na^+/Cl^-

1.0 M HCl

why? higher [] of H^+/Cl^-

0.5 M HCN

why? low [] < 100% dissociation, WA

1.0 M CH_3COOH

why? hardly dissociates but WA

Lowest conductivity \rightarrow

1.0 M CCl_4

why? molecular no dissociation

} 100% dissociation

2. Define the terms *strong acid* and *weak acid*. Using hydrobromic and hydrofluoric acid as examples, write equations to show the dissociation of each acid in aqueous solution.

Strong acid 100% dissociation into ions. Fwd rxn only. no eq'm



Weak acid < 100% dissociation. Equilibrium in water



3. Identify one example of a strong base and one example of a weak base. Outline three different methods to distinguish between equimolar solutions of these bases in the laboratory. State how the results would differ for each base.

Strong base NaOH

Weak base NH_3

i) pH meter

ii) conductivity

iii) neutralization/titration?

4. Vinegar has a pH of approximately 3 and some detergents have a pH of approximately 8. State and explain which of these has the higher concentration of H^+ and by what factor.

Vinegar. 10^5 more H^+ . / lower pH = higher $[H^+]$. / pH = 3 acidic
pH = 8 basic

5. Calculate the pH of 0.125 M $HClO_4$.

$$pH = -\log(0.125) = 0.903 \quad (1)$$

6. The value of the ionic product constant of water, K_w , at $60^\circ C$ is 5.60×10^{-14} .

(a) State the expression for K_w . = $[H_3O^+][OH^-]$ (1)

(b) Calculate the values of $[H^+]$ and pH in water at $60^\circ C$.

$$[H^+] = [OH^-] = x. \quad x^2 = 5.6 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[H^+] = \sqrt{5.6 \times 10^{-14}} = 2.366 \times 10^{-7} \quad (2) \rightarrow pH = 6.626$$

(c) The value of $[OH^-]$ in water at $60^\circ C$ is greater than the value at room temperature. Explain why water is not alkaline at $60^\circ C$.

$[H^+] = [OH^-] \Rightarrow$ makes water neutral. (1)

7. Calculate the resulting pH and pOH of a mixture between 60.0 mL of 0.150 M HI and 40.0 mL of 0.250 M $Sr(OH)_2$.



$$\text{moles } H^+ : 0.150 \frac{\text{mol}}{L} \times 0.0600 L = 0.00900 \text{ mol} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{moles } OH^- : 2 \times 0.250 \frac{\text{mol}}{L} \times 0.0400 L = 0.0200 \text{ mol} \quad (1) \leftarrow \text{excess.}$$

$$\text{excess } [OH^-] : \left(\frac{0.0200 \text{ mol} - 0.00900 \text{ mol}}{0.0600 L + 0.0400 L} \right) = \frac{0.011 \text{ mol}}{0.1 L} = 0.11 M. \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore pOH = -\log 0.11 = 0.959 \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore pH = 14 - 0.959 = 13.041 \quad (1)$$