

# Acid/Base Chemistry

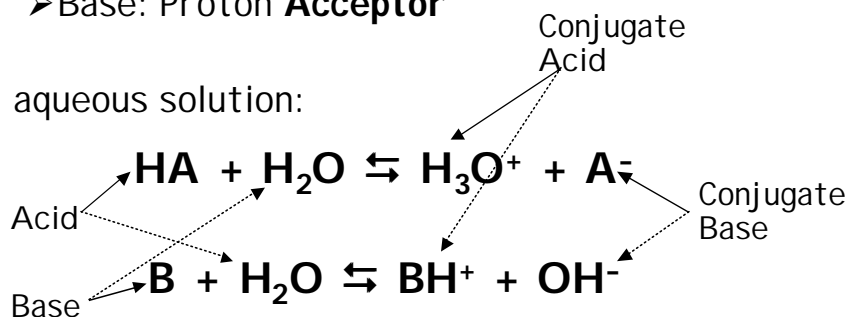
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## Definitions

### ✓ Bronsted-Lowry Model

- Acid: Proton *Donor*
- Base: Proton **A**ceptor

In aqueous solution:



# Water

- Water can act *both* as an acid and as a base
  - *amphoteric*
- Water can react with *itself*
  - Auto-ionization or self-dissociation:



$$K = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-]}{1} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = K_w$$

$1.0 \times 10^{-14}$  at 25 °C

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# Water Equilibria

In pure water at 25 °C:

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{OH}^-] = x$$

Substituting:

$$K_w = x^2 = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$x = \underline{1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{OH}^-]$$

Express small numbers as *logs*:

$$\text{pH} = -\text{Log}[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

2 sig figs

So, for pure water at 25 °C:

$$\text{pH} = -\text{Log}(1.0 \times 10^{-7}) = \underline{7.00}$$

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## Water Logged

- We can define other log functions:

$$\text{pOH} = -\text{Log}[\text{OH}^-]$$

$$\text{p}K_w = -\text{Log}K_w = \mathbf{14.00}$$

- We can quantify the *autoionization* of water entirely in logs:

$$\text{p}K_w = \text{pH} + \text{pOH}$$

So, at 25 °C:

$$\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = \mathbf{14.00}$$

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## Example

- What is the pH of an aqueous solution in which  $[\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$ ?

$$K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] \Rightarrow [\text{H}^+] = \frac{K_w}{[\text{OH}^-]} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{1.0 \times 10^{-10}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

So:  $\text{pH} = -\text{Log}(1.0 \times 10^{-4}) = \mathbf{4.00}$

It's easier with logs!

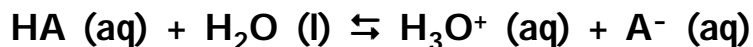
$$\text{pOH} = -\text{Log}(1.0 \times 10^{-10}) = 10.00$$

So:  $\text{pH} = 14.00 - \text{pOH} = 14.00 - 10.00 = \mathbf{4.00}$

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## $K_a$ and $K_b$

For *acid dissociation*:



We define an *acid dissociation constant*:

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

Similarly, for a *base*:



Where:

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

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## Acid (Base) *Strength*

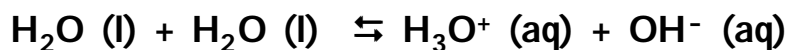
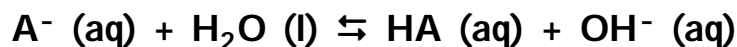
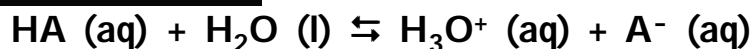
- Magnitude of  $K_a$  (or  $K_b$ ) indicates *degree of dissociation*
  - As  $K_a$  increases, the degree of dissociation increases
  - Increased dissociation = more  $\text{H}^+$
  - SO: as  $K_a$  increases, acid strength increases

Example:

**Acetic Acid** -  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  ( $K_a \approx 10^{-5}$ )  
is stronger than  
**Hydrocyanic Acid** -  $\text{HCN}$  ( $K_a \approx 10^{-9}$ )

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## Conjugate Acid/Base Pairs



$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{OH}^-][\text{HA}]}{[\text{A}^-]}$$

$$K_a K_b = K_w \quad \text{OR} \quad \text{p}K_w = \text{p}K_a + \text{p}K_b$$

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## Conjugate A/B Strengths

- Sum of  $\text{p}K_a$  and  $\text{p}K_b$  always = 14.00 (at 25 °C)
- If an *acid* (HA) has a small  $\text{p}K_a$ , its **conjugate base** ( $\text{A}^-$ ) will have a large  $\text{p}K_b$
- Conjugate acid/base strengths are *complementary*

Example:     **Acetic Acid**

$$K_a = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$$

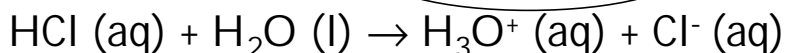
$$K_b = K_w / K_a = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} / 1.76 \times 10^{-5} = 5.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ (for Ac}^-)$$

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## Strong versus Weak

- If  $K_a \gg 1$ , acid is "completely" dissociated in water:

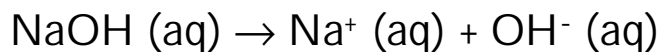
**Strong Acid**



Similarly for a base,

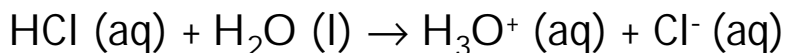
**Strong Base**

- If  $K_b \gg 1$ , base dissociation is "complete":



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## Is the Conjugate Base of a Strong Acid, Strong or Weak?



conjugate base

### **What is $K_b$ for $\text{Cl}^-$ ?**

$$K_b(\text{Cl}^-) = K_w / K_a(\text{HCl})$$

Substituting  $K_a \approx 10^7$ :

$$K_b \approx 10^{-14} / 10^7$$

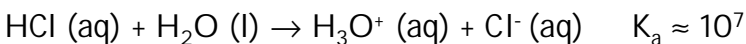
$$K_b \approx 10^{-21}$$

**$\text{Cl}^-$  is a *weaker* base than  **$\text{H}_2\text{O}$** !**  
( $K_b = K_w = 10^{-14}$ )

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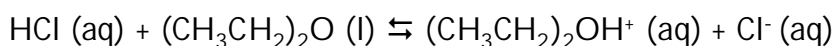
## Acid/Base Strength Depends on the Solvent

In water, HCl is a *strong acid*:



So: Cl<sup>-</sup> is a *weaker base* than H<sub>2</sub>O  
HCl is a *stronger acid* than H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>

But, in ether, HCl is a *weak acid*:



So: Cl<sup>-</sup> is a *stronger base* than ether  
HCl is a *weaker acid* than (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OH<sup>+</sup>  $K_a \ll 1$

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## The Leveling Effect

**The *strongest acid* in any solvent is the conjugate acid of the solvent**

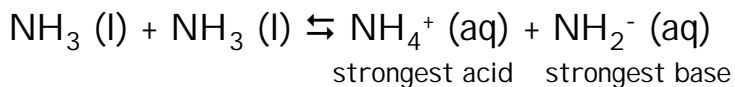
- In water, the strongest acid is H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>
- All acids that *dissociate completely* in water are **leveled** to the strength of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>
- All *strong acids* will seem *equally strong*

Can apply similar reasoning to base strengths

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## Example: NH<sub>3</sub> (l) as solvent

What is the strongest acid in an NH<sub>3</sub> (l) solvent?



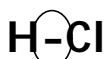
In water,  $K_a$  of  $\text{NH}_4^+ = K_w / K_b \approx 10^{-14} / 10^{-5} = 10^{-9}$   
of NH<sub>3</sub>

➤ So, any acids with a  $K_a$  in water  $> 10^{-9}$  will be *equally strong* ("leveled") in liquid ammonia

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## Effect of Structure on Acid/Base Strength

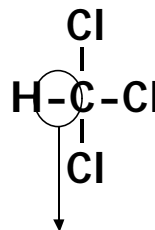
- Consider the following two compounds in an *aqueous* solution:



- ✓ Polar bond
- ✓ Strong Acid

**Hypothesis:** Bond polarity can be related to acidity

versus



- ✓ Nonpolar bond
- ✓ Not acidic

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## Bond Polarity versus Acidity

### ■ Bond polarity for *hydrogen halides*:

(most polar) H-F > H-Cl > H-Br > H-I (least polar)

	565	427	363	295	kJ/mol
$K_a =$	$10^{-3}$	$10^7$	$10^9$	$10^{11}$	

➤ But, *bond energies* increase with increasing polarity

➤ So *acidity* decreases with increasing polarity

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## Oxyacid Acid Strengths

<u>Oxyacid</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u><math>K_a</math></u>
HClO (Hypochlorous Acid)	H-O-Cl	$3.5 \times 10^{-8}$
HClO <sub>2</sub> (Chlorous Acid)	H-O-Cl-O	$1.2 \times 10^{-2}$
HClO <sub>3</sub> (Chloric Acid)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H-O-Cl-O} \\   \\ \text{O} \end{array}$	$\sim 1$
HClO <sub>4</sub> (Perchloric Acid)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H-O-Cl-O} \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \text{O} \quad \text{O} \end{array}$	$\sim 10^7$

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## In General

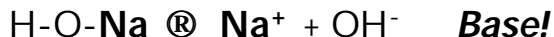
For compounds like:



- Increasing *electronegativity* of **X** **weakens** the H-O bond
- Increases compound acidity

➤ What if EN of **X** is *small*?

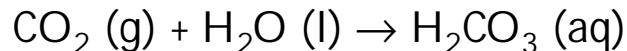
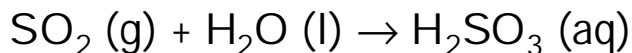
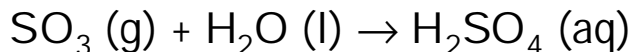
- O-X bond will be *ionic* and will dissociate in water:



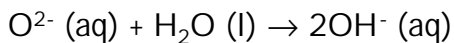
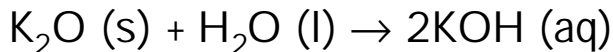
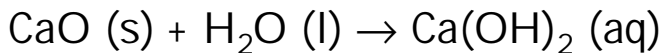
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## Oxides

### ■ Acidic Oxides (covalent oxides)



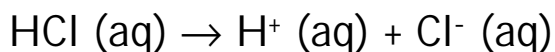
### ■ Basic Oxides (ionic oxides)



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## pH of Strong Acid solutions

Simple - Strong acids dissociate *completely*:



So, what's the pH of a **0.10 M HCl** solution?

$C_{\text{HCl}} = 0.10 \text{ M}$ , so:

$$[\text{H}^+] = 0.10 \text{ M} \text{ (complete dissociation)}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\text{Log}(0.10) = \underline{1.00}$$

solution  
concentration

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## How about $1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M HCl}$ ?

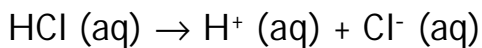
As before:

$$[\text{H}^+] = C_{\text{HCl}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$$

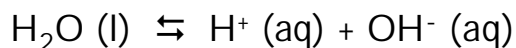
$$\text{pH} = \underline{10.00}$$

Yikes! It's  
BASIC?!

Ooops! There are TWO sources of H<sup>+</sup>:



and



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## [H<sup>+</sup>] from two reactions

So:

$$[\text{H}^+] = [\text{H}^+]_{\text{HCl}} + [\text{H}^+]_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = C_{\text{HCl}} + [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = C_{\text{HCl}} + K_w/[\text{H}^+]$$

It's a quadratic! Rearranging:

$$[\text{H}^+]^2 - C_{\text{HCl}} [\text{H}^+] - K_w = 0$$

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## On to the solution!

$$[\text{H}^+]^2 - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1.0 \times 10^{-10}}}{C_{\text{HCl}}} [\text{H}^+] - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1.0 \times 10^{-14}}}{K_w} = 0$$

Solving for [H<sup>+</sup>], gives:

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.00050 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = 6.99978 = \underline{\underline{7.00}}$$

✓ Autoionization of water is the *major source* of H<sup>+</sup> in this solution

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## Weak Acids - pH Calculation

- If we have  $K_a$  and solution concentration, this is just a straightforward equilibrium problem

**Example:** Calculate the pH of a  $1.0 \times 10^{-1} M$  HF solution ( $K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ).

First, identify the major sources of  $H^+$ :

✓ HF ←

**Major Source of  $H^+$**

✓ H<sub>2</sub>O

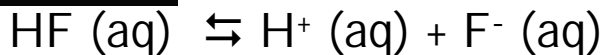
*Safe to ignore:*

•  $K_a \gg K_w$

•  $C_{HF}$  is large

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## Apply ICE



<b>I</b>	$1.0 \times 10^{-1} M$	-	-
<b>C</b>	-X	+X	+X
<b>E</b>	$1.0 \times 10^{-1} - x$	x	x

**Recall:**  $K_a = \frac{[H^+][F^-]}{[HF]} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$

Substituting:

$$\frac{x^2}{1.0 \times 10^{-1} - x} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

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## Quadratic Formula?

Rearranging:

$$x^2 + 7.2 \times 10^{-4}x - 7.2 \times 10^{-5} = 0$$

Substituting:

$$x = \frac{-7.2 \times 10^{-4} \pm 1.6986 \times 10^{-2}}{2}$$

Finally:  $x = 8.1329 \times 10^{-3} = [\text{H}^+]$

$$\text{pH} = 2.0897 = \underline{\underline{2.09}}$$

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## Successive Approximations?

$$\frac{x^2}{1.0 \times 10^{-1} - x} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

Assume:  $x \ll 1.0 \times 10^{-1}$

$$\frac{(x')^2}{1.0 \times 10^{-1}} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$x' = 8.4853 \times 10^{-3}$$

First approximation

$$\frac{(x'')^2}{1.0 \times 10^{-1} - 8.4853 \times 10^{-3}} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$$

2nd approx

$$x'' = \underline{\underline{8.11730 \times 10^{-3}}}$$

$$\text{pH} = \underline{\underline{2.09}}$$

4.5% change - Stop!

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## Successful Successive Approximations?

- **Assess Assumptions:**
  1.  $[H^+] \ll 1.0 \times 10^{-1} M$   
close . . . But should be 100x difference
  2. We can ignore  $[H^+]_{H_2O}$   
✓  $[H^+] \gg [H^+]_{H_2O}$
- **When do we include  $[H^+]_{H_2O}$ ?**
  - ✓ Dilute solutions
  - ✓ Very weak ( $K_a < 10^{-8}$ ) acids

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## What about Bases?

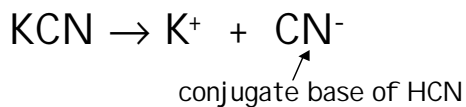
- **Treat Bases *just like acids* except:**
  - ✓ Use  $K_b$  instead of  $K_a$
  - ✓ Calculate  $[OH^-]$  first, convert to pOH
  - ✓ Calculate pH from pOH
- ✓ **Examples**
  - ✓ pH of 0.10 M NaOH (strong base)
  - ✓ pH of 0.10 M Methylamine (weak base)  
( $CH_3NH_2 - K_b = 4.38 \times 10^{-4}$ )

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## Here's Another One!

- Calculate the pH of a 0.10 M KCN solution ( $K_a(\text{HCN}) = 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$ ).

What happens to KCN in water?



So, the pH-determining species is a **base**:  $\text{CN}^-$

Find  $K_b$  for  $\text{CN}^-$ :  $K_a K_b = K_w$      $K_b = K_w / K_a$

$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{6.2 \times 10^{-10}} = \mathbf{1.613 \times 10^{-5}}$$

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## ICE Table

	$\text{CN}^- (\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{HCN} (\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^- (\text{aq})$	
<b>I</b>	0.10	0      0
<b>C</b>	<u>-x</u>	<u>+x</u> <u>+x</u>
<b>E</b>	0.10 - x	x      x

Substituting:       $K_b = \frac{[\text{HCN}][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{CN}^-]} = 1.613 \times 10^{-5}$

$$\frac{x^2}{0.10 - x} = 1.613 \times 10^{-5}$$

Quadratic Equation?  
 Successive  
 Approximations?

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## Successive Approximations

$$\frac{x^2}{0.10 - x} = 1.613 \times 10^{-5}$$

Assume:  $x \ll 0.10$

$$\frac{(x')^2}{0.10} = 1.613 \times 10^{-5}$$

First Approximation

$$x' = 1.27 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{(x'')^2}{0.10 - 1.27 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.613 \times 10^{-5}$$

2nd Approximation

$$x'' = \underline{1.26 \times 10^{-3}}$$

Less than 1%  
change - **Stop!**

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## pH Please!

$$[\text{OH}^-] = x = 1.26 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\text{Log}(1.26 \times 10^{-3}) = 2.899$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - \text{pOH} = \underline{11.10}$$

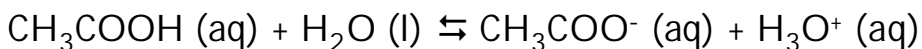
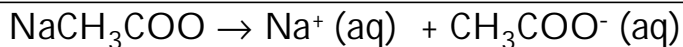
- *Anions* of Weak Acids are Weak Bases
  - ✓ KCN in water will be basic
- **Cations** of Weak Bases are Weak Acids
  - ✓  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  in water will be acidic

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## Common Ion Effect

- Suppose we add a *common ion* to a weak acid system at equilibrium?

Example: add *Sodium Acetate* to a solution of Acetic Acid



- Adding *acetate ion* (a product) will shift equilibrium to the **LEFT**

✓  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  will *decrease*

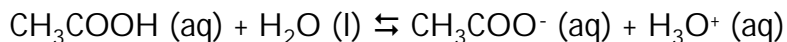
✓ pH will **increase**

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## Quantitatively

- Example: What happens to the pH when we add 10.00 mL of 0.100 M NaCH<sub>3</sub>COO to 10.00 mL of 0.100 M CH<sub>3</sub>COOH?

**First:** Find initial pH (of the CH<sub>3</sub>COOH alone)



<b>I</b>	0.100 M	0	0
<b>C</b>	-x	+x	+x
<b>E</b>	0.100 - x	x	x

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## pH of CH<sub>3</sub>COOH alone

- Plug into K<sub>a</sub> expression:

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]} = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$K_a = \frac{(x)(x)}{0.100 - x} = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$$

- By *successive approximations* (or **quadratic formula**):

$$x = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.318 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\text{Log}(1.318 \times 10^{-3}) = \underline{\underline{2.88}}$$

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## Now, add the NaCH<sub>3</sub>COO

- We need to re-calculate concentrations when we change the volume of the solution

**Trick:** use *mmol* instead of **mol**

$$\text{mL} \times M = \text{mmol}$$

$$10.00 \text{ mL} \times 0.100 \text{ M CH}_3\text{COOH} = \underline{\underline{1.00 \text{ mmol}}} \text{ CH}_3\text{COOH}$$

$$10.00 \text{ mL} \times 0.100 \text{ M NaCH}_3\text{COO} = \underline{\underline{1.00 \text{ mmol}}} \text{ NaCH}_3\text{COO}$$

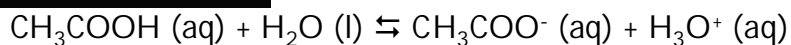
- ✓ Divide by new solution volume to get initial concentrations:

$$\frac{1.00 \text{ mmol}}{20.00 \text{ mL}} = 5.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M} \quad (\text{for both CH}_3\text{COOH and NaCH}_3\text{COO})$$

20.00 mL

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## ICE Time



<b>I</b>	0.0500 M	0.0500 M	0
<b>C</b>	-x	+x	+x
<b>E</b>	0.0500 - x	0.0500 + x	x

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]} = \frac{(x)(0.0500 + x)}{0.0500 - x} = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$$

Using Successive Approximations:  $x' = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$

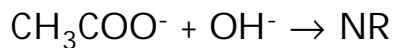
So:  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.76 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  and  $\text{pH} = \underline{\underline{4.75}}$

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## Let's Add Some NaOH

- What would happen to the pH if we added 10.00 mL of 0.0100 M NaOH to this soln?

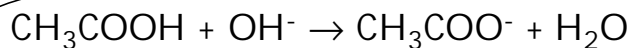
Two possible species to react with  $\text{OH}^-$ :



Base

Base

Is this reaction  
quantitative?



Acid

Base

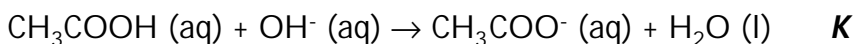
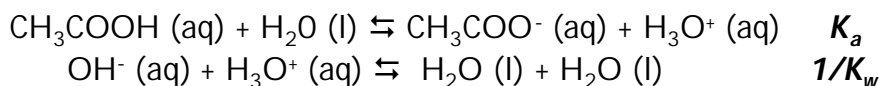
Conj. Base

Conj. Acid

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## What's K?

- Combine two reactions with *known values of K* to get K for the **unknown reaction**:



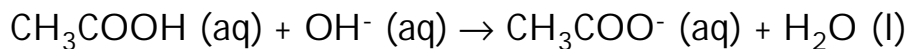
$$K = \frac{K_a}{K_w} = \frac{1.76 \times 10^{-5}}{1.0 \times 10^{-14}} = \underline{1.76 \times 10^9}$$

General result for reaction of a weak acid with a strong base

Huge!  
Reaction is *quantitative*.

## Assume Complete Reaction

- Since K is so large, assume reaction with OH<sup>-</sup> is *quantitative*:



**I** 1.00 mmol      0.100 mmol      1.00 mmol

**C** -0.100 mmol    -0.100 mmol    +0.100 mmol

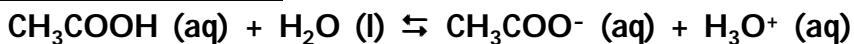
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**F** 0.90 mmol      0      1.10 mmol

**Note:** These are not *equilibrium* amounts!

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## Back to Equilibrium



<b>I</b>	0.90 mmol/30.00 mL	1.10 mmol/30.00 mL	-
<b>C</b>	-X	+X	+X
<b>E</b>	$3.0 \times 10^{-2} - x$	$3.67 \times 10^{-2} + x$	$x$

Substituting:

$$1.76 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{(3.67 \times 10^{-2} - x)(x)}{(3.0 \times 10^{-2} + x)}$$

Assume:  $x \ll 10^{-2}$

$$\frac{(3.67 \times 10^{-2})x'}{(3.0 \times 10^{-2})} = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$x' = \boxed{1.44 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}$$

(assumption holds:  $10^{-5} \ll 10^{-2}$ )  
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## Effect on pH?

➤  $\text{pH} = -\text{Log}[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \underline{4.84}$

➤ So:  $\Delta\text{pH} = 4.75 - 4.84 = \underline{-0.09}$

Compare with adding NaOH to water:

Add: 10.00 mL 0.0100 M NaOH

to 20.00 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \frac{0.100 \text{ mmol OH}^-}{30.00 \text{ mL}} = \underline{3.33 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}}$$

Very little change in pH!

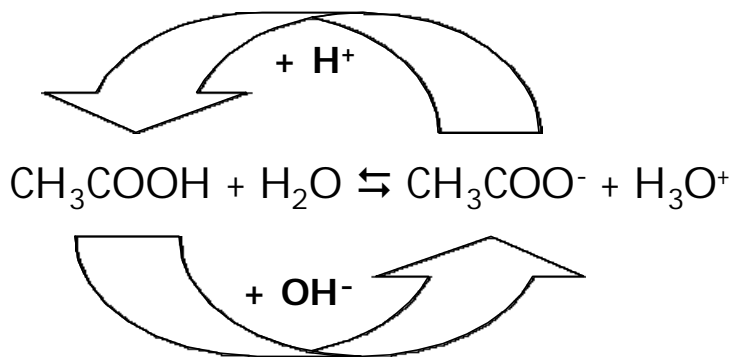
$$\begin{aligned} \text{pOH} &= 2.48 \\ \text{pH} &= 14.00 - 2.48 \\ \text{pH} &= \underline{11.52} \end{aligned}$$

So:  $\Delta\text{pH} = 7.00 - 11.52 = \underline{-4.52}$  (Hugel)

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# Buffers

A mixture of a *weak acid* and its *conjugate base* **buffers** pH:



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# The Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation

➤ Log formulation of the  $K_a$  expression:

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

Solve for  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ :

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = K_a \frac{[\text{HA}]}{[\text{A}^-]}$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \text{Log}([\text{A}^-]/[\text{HA}])$$

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# Titration

➤ If  $K_{\text{rxn}}$  is *large*, then it is useful for titrimetric determinations

➤ We can *predict the pH* of the solution resulting from each addition of titrant in an **acid/base** titration, if we know:

- ✓ Initial concentrations
- ✓ Equilibrium constants

### The Process:

- convert to *mmol*
- complete* reaction
- convert to *concentrations*
- ICE* to get  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$
- convert to pH

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# Example Titration

Let's titrate!

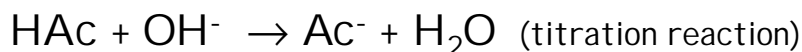
➤ **Analyte:**

50.00 mL 0.100 M Acetic Acid (HAc)

$K_a = 1.76 \times 10^{-5}$

➤ **Titrant:** 0.100 M NaOH

**The Chemistry:**

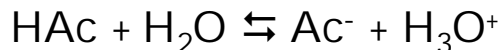


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## Initial pH (0.00 mL NaOH)

Just HAc (weak acid) alone in solution:



<b>I</b>	0.100 M	-	-
<b>C</b>	-x	+x	+x
<b>E</b>	0.100 - x	x	x

$$K_a = \frac{x^2}{0.100 - x}$$

$$x = 1.318 \times 10^{-3} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

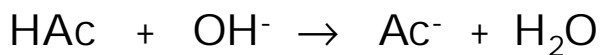
$$\text{pH} = \underline{\underline{2.88}}$$

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## 5.00 mL NaOH added

Convert to mmol:

- 5.00 mL (0.100 mol OH<sup>-</sup>/L) = 0.500 mmol OH<sup>-</sup>
- 50.00 mL (0.100 mol HAc/L) = 5.00 mmol HAc



Complete reaction:

<b>I</b>	5.00 mmol	0.500 mmol	-
<b>C</b>	-0.50 mmol	-0.500 mmol	+0.500 mmol
<b>F</b>	4.50 mmol	-	0.500 mmol

Convert to concentrations:

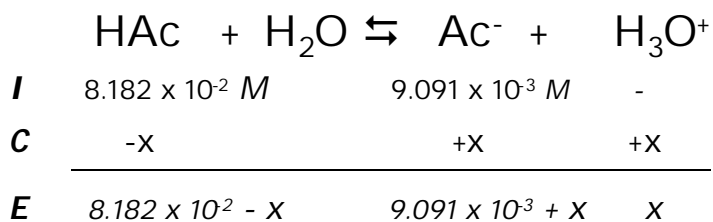
$$C_{\text{HAc}} = \frac{4.50 \text{ mmol}}{55.00 \text{ mL}} = 8.182 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$$

$$C_{\text{Ac}^-} = \frac{0.50 \text{ mmol}}{55.00 \text{ mL}} = 9.091 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

It's a Buffer!

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## On to Equilibrium!



$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \text{Log}([\text{Ac}^-]/[\text{HAc}])$$

$$\text{pH} = 4.754 + \text{Log} [(9.091 \times 10^{-3} + x)/(8.182 \times 10^{-2} - x)]$$

Assume:  $x \ll 10^{-2}$

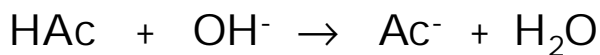
$$\text{pH} = 4.754 + \text{Log}(9.091 \times 10^{-3}/8.182 \times 10^{-2}) = 3.7998 = \underline{\underline{3.80}}$$

## 25.00 mL NaOH added

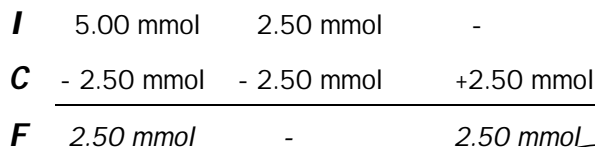
It's a Buffer!

Convert to mmol:

- 25.00 mL (0.100 mol OH<sup>-</sup>/L) = 2.50 mmol OH<sup>-</sup>
- 50.00 mL (0.100 mol HAc/L) = 5.00 mmol HAc



Complete reaction:



$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \text{Log}([\text{Ac}^-]/[\text{HAc}])$$

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \text{Log}(1) = 4.754 + 0 = \underline{\underline{4.75}}$$

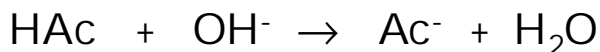
What are we assuming when we do this?

## 50.00 mL NaOH added

Equiv.  
Point

Convert to  
mmol:

- 50.00 mL (0.100 mol OH<sup>-</sup>/L) = 5.00 mmol OH<sup>-</sup>
- 50.00 mL (0.100 mol HAc/L) = 5.00 mmol HAc



Complete  
reaction:

<b>I</b>	5.00 mmol	5.00 mmol	-
<b>C</b>	- 5.00 mmol	- 5.00 mmol	+ 5.00 mmol
<b>F</b>	-	-	5.00 mmol

Convert to  
concentrations:

$$C_{\text{Ac}^-} = \frac{5.00 \text{ mmol}}{100.00 \text{ mL}} = 5.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$$

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## Equilibrium: Weak Base



<b>I</b>	5.00 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> M	-	-
<b>C</b>	-x	+x	+x
<b>E</b>	5.00 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> M - x	x	x

$$K_b = K_a/K_w = 5.68 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$K_b = \frac{x^2}{0.0500 - x}$$

$$x = 5.33 \times 10^{-6} = [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$\text{pOH} = 5.27$$

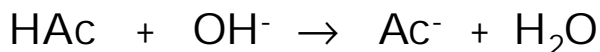
$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 5.27 = \underline{\underline{8.73}}$$

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## 60.00 mL NaOH added

Convert to mmol:

- 60.00 mL (0.100 mol OH<sup>-</sup>/L) = 6.00 mmol OH<sup>-</sup>
- 50.00 mL (0.100 mol HAc/L) = 5.00 mmol HAc



Complete reaction:

<b>I</b>	5.00 mmol	6.00 mmol	-
<b>C</b>	- 5.00 mmol	- 5.00 mmol	+ 5.00 mmol
<b>F</b>	-	1.00 mmol	5.00 mmol

Two bases - which one will control pH?

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## Excess OH<sup>-</sup> Rules!

$$[\text{OH}^-] = [\text{OH}^-]_{\text{NaOH}} + [\text{OH}^-]_{\text{Ac}^-} + [\text{OH}^-]_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \frac{1.00 \text{ mmol}}{110.00 \text{ mL}} + (<10^{-6}) + (<10^{-7})$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 9.091 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pOH} = \mathbf{2.04}$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 2.04 = \mathbf{11.96}$$

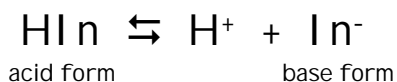
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## Equivalence Point Detection

➤ Inflection Point of titration curve

- Plot *pH versus mLs titrant*

➤ Indicator



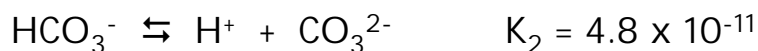
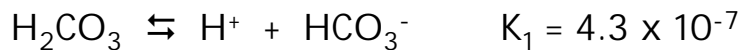
- Color change observed when:  $[\text{HIn}] = [\text{In}^-]$   
(when  $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a$  of indicator)
- Choose indicator so that:  
*Indicator  $\text{pK}_a \gg \text{Equiv Pt pH}$*

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## Polyprotic Acids

- What if an acid has more than one acidic proton?

Example:  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$



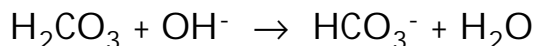
**If  $K_1 \gg K_2$ :** Treat as *separate acids*

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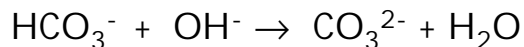
## Titration of $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$

Reaction with  $\text{OH}^-$  occurs *stepwise*:

$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  reacts first:



$\text{HCO}_3^-$  reacts only once all  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  is gone:



$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ : Weak Acid       $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{HCO}_3^-$ : Buffer  
 $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ : Weak Base       $\text{HCO}_3^-/\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ : Buffer

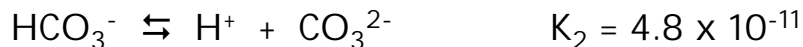
$\text{HCO}_3^-$ : *Amphoteric* (acts as both acid and a base)

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## Dealing with $\text{HCO}_3^-$

➤ Will a solution of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  be acidic or basic?

Two equilibria:



$K_b > K_2$ , so  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  is a stronger *base* than acid  
(solution will be basic)

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## Quantitatively?

➤ It can be shown that:

$$[H^+] = \left[ \frac{K_1 K_2 [HA^-] + K_1 K_w}{K_1 + [HA^-]} \right]^{1/2}$$

✓ But  $HCO_3^-$  is such a weak acid/base that it dissociates very little:  $[HCO_3^-] \approx C_{HCO_3^-}$

✓ Also, if:  $C_{HCO_3^-} \gg K_1$  and  $K_2 \gg K_w$

THEN:  $[H^+] = (K_1 K_2)^{1/2}$  (pH =  $\frac{1}{2}[pK_1 + pK_2]$ )

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