



## Weak Acids

- The higher percent ionization, the stronger the acid.
- Percent ionization of a weak acid decreases as the molarity of the solution increases.
- For acetic acid, 0.05 M solution is 2.0 \% ionized whereas a 0.15 M solution is 1.0 \% ionized.

| Weak Acids |
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| Percent Ionization |

## QUESTION

Nitric acid, $\mathrm{HNO}_{3}$, is considered to be a strong acid whereas nitrous acid, $\mathrm{HNO}_{2}$, is considered to be a weak acid. Which of the statements here is fully correct?
A. Nitric acid has an aqueous equilibrium that lies far to the right and $\mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$is considered a weak conjugate base.
B. Nitric acid has a stronger conjugate base than nitrous acid.
C. The dissociation of nitrous acid compared to an equal concentration of nitric acid produces more $\mathrm{H}^{+}$
D. The equilibrium of nitrous acid lies far to the left and the conjugate base is weaker than the conjugate base of nitric acid.


## Bases

(continued)

- Weak bases have very little dissociation, $K_{b}<$ 1 (little ionization with water)
$\rightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{NH}_{2}(\mathrm{aq})+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l}) \stackrel{\leftarrow}{\leftrightarrows}$
$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{NH}_{3}^{+}(\mathrm{aq})+\mathrm{OH}^{-}(\mathrm{aq})$


## QUESTION

Aniline, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}$, was isolated in the 1800 s and began immediate use in the dye industry. What is the formula of the conjugate acid of this base?
A. $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{2}{ }^{+}$
B. $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}_{3}^{+}$
C. $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}^{-}$
D. $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NH}^{+}$


| The Relations Among $\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right.$], pH, [ $\mathrm{OH}^{-}$], and pOH |  |  | $\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]$ | pH | [ $\mathrm{OH}^{-}$] | pOH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-15}$ | 15.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{1}$ | -1.00 |
|  |  |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ | 14.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{0}$ | 0.00 |
|  | \% |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-13}$ | 13.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.00 |
|  | m | BASIC | $1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ | 12.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ | 2.00 |
|  | $\stackrel{\widetilde{1}}{0}$ |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-11}$ | 11.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ | 3.00 |
|  | $\sum$ |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-10}$ | 10.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ | 4.00 |
|  |  |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-9}$ | 9.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ | 5.00 |
|  |  |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ | 8.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ | 6.00 |
|  |  | NEUTRAL | $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ | 7.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ | 7.00 |
|  |  |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ | 6.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ | 8.00 |
|  |  |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ | 5.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-9}$ | 9.00 |
|  | $\frac{\square}{O}$ |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ | 4.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-10}$ | 10.00 |
|  | $0$ | IDIC | $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ | 3.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-11}$ | 11.00 |
|  |  | Cidic | $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ | 2.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ | 12.00 |
|  | $\stackrel{\square}{2}$ |  | $1.0 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-13}$ | 13.00 |
|  |  |  | $1.0 \times 10^{0}$ | 0.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ | 14.00 |
|  |  |  | $1.0 \times 10^{1}$ | -1.00 | $1.0 \times 10^{-15}$ | 15.00 |



## QUESTION

An environmental chemist obtains a sample of rainwater near a large industrial city. The $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$was determined to be $3.5 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{M}$. What is the $\mathrm{pH}, \mathrm{pOH}$, and $\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]$of the solution?
A. $\mathrm{pH}=5.46 ; \mathrm{pOH}=8.54 ;\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=7.0 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{M}$
B. $\mathrm{pH}=5.46 ; \mathrm{pOH}=8.54 ;\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=2.9 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{M}$
C. $\mathrm{pH}=12.56 ; \mathrm{pOH}=1.44 ;\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=3.6 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{M}$
D. $\mathrm{pH}=8.54 ; \mathrm{pOH}=5.46 ;\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=2.9 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{M}$


| The pH Scale |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$ | $\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]$ | pH | pOH | acidic <br> or basic? |
| $7.5 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$ | $1.3 \times 10^{-12}$ | 2.1 | 11.9 | Acid |
| $2.8 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.6 \times 10^{-10} \mathrm{M}$ | 4.6 | 9.4 | Acid |
| $5.62 \times 10^{-9}$ | $1.78 \times 10^{-6}$ | 8.25 | 5.75 | Base |
| $5.00 \times 10^{-9}$ | $2.00 \times 10^{-6}$ | 8.30 | 5.70 | Base |



## Titrations: Indicators \& ( pH )

 Curves-pH Curve is a plot of pH of the solution being analyzed as a function of the amount of titrant added.

- Equivalence (stoichiometric) point:

Enough titrant has been added to react exactly with the solution being analyzed. An indicator provides a visible color change to determine an (end point) volume of titrant.



## QUESTION

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What are the respective equilibrium concentrations of $\mathrm{H}^{+}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)$?

- pH is calculated from the equilibrium concentration of $\mathrm{H}^{+}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}\right)$
- Using $\mathrm{K}_{2}$, and the starting molarity of acid, the equilibrium concentration of $\mathrm{H}^{+}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right)$can be estimated and then pH ); Strong acids $100 \%$, pH=1.00, Weak: less than $100 \%$


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$K_{\mathrm{a}}=\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{A}^{-}\right] /[\mathrm{HA}-x]=x^{2} /(0.100 \mathrm{M}-x)$
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$K_{a}$ and Calculating pH

- Write the balanced chemical equation clearly showing the equilibrium.
- Write the equilibrium expression. Use the value for $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}$
- Let $\mathrm{x}=\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$; substitute into the equilibrium constant expression and solve.
- Convert $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$to pH .


## QUESTION

Which of the following correctly compares strength of acids, pH , and concentrations?
A. A weak acid, at the same concentration of a strong acid, will have a lower pH .
B. A weak acid, at the same concentration of a strong acid, will have the same pH .
C. A weak acid, at a high enough concentration more than a strong acid, could have a lower pH than the strong acid.
D. A weak acid, at a concentration below a strong acid, could have a lower pH than a strong acid.

## Equilibrium Concentration Calculations pH from Initial Concentrations and $K_{a}$

What is the pH value for a 0.100 M solution of HF ( $K_{a}=3.53 \times 10^{-4}$ )?

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\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{HF}_{(\mathrm{aq})} & \rightleftarrows \mathrm{H}^{+}{ }_{(\mathrm{aq})}+\mathrm{F}^{-}{ }_{(\mathrm{aq})} \\
K_{\mathrm{a}} & =\frac{\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{F}^{-}\right]}{[\mathrm{HF}]}
\end{aligned}
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## QUESTION

Butyric acid is a weak acid that can be found in spoiled butter.
The compound has many uses in synthesizing other flavors.
The $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of $\mathrm{HC}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ at typical room temperatures is $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$.
What is the pH of a 0.20 M solution of the acid?
A. 5.52
B. 4.82
C. 2.76
D. -0.70

## QUESTION

A 0.35 M solution of an unknown acid is brought into a lab. The pH of the solution is found to be 2.67 . From this data, what is the $K_{\mathrm{a}}$ value of the acid?
A. $6.1 \times 10^{-3}$
B. $1.3 \times 10^{-5}$
C. $7.5 \times 10^{-4}$
D. $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$


| $K_{\mathrm{a}}$ Values of Some Hydrated Metal Ions at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ion | $K_{\mathrm{a}}$ |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Fe}^{3+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Sn}^{2+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Cr}^{3+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Al}^{3+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Be}^{2+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Cu}^{2+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Pb}^{2+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Zn}^{2+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Co}^{2+}(\mathrm{aq}) \\ & \mathrm{Ni}^{2+}(\mathrm{qq} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \times 10^{-3} \\ & 4 \times 10^{-4} \\ & 1 \times 10^{-4} \\ & 1 \times 10^{-5} \\ & 4 \times 10^{-6} \\ & 3 \times 10^{-8} \\ & 3 \times 10^{-8} \\ & 1 \times 10^{-9} \\ & 2 \times 10^{-10} \\ & 1 \times 10^{-10} \end{aligned}$ |  |

Oxides

* Acidic Oxides (Acid Anhydrides):
a-X bond is strong and covalent.
$\mathrm{SO}_{2}, \mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{CrO}_{3}$
- Basic Oxides (Basic Anhydrides):
$\mathrm{O}-X$ bond is ionic.
$\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{CaO}$


## Structure and Acid-Base Properties

- Two important factors that effect acidity in binary compounds, eg. HCl (aq):
a Bond Polarity (smaller e.n. differences favor higher acidities)
a Bond Strength (weak bonds favor higher acidity: more protons [hydronium ions] in solution)
a Select \& explain which is the stronger acid: HBr vs. HF.


QUESTION
The following salts were all placed in separate solutions at the same temperature so that their concentrations were all equal. Arrange them in order from lowest pH to highest pH .
$\mathrm{NaCl} ; \quad \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3} ; \quad \mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{2} ; \quad \mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$
Additional information: $K_{\mathrm{b}}$ for $\mathrm{NH}_{3}=1.8 \times 10^{-5} ; \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}$ for $\mathrm{HC}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}=1.8 \times 10^{-5} ; K_{\mathrm{a}}$ for $\mathrm{Al}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)^{3+}=1.4 \times 10^{-5}$.
A. NaCl ;
B. $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$;
C. $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$; NaCl ; $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$;
D. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3} ; \mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$; NaCl ; $\mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{2}$
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- $\mathrm{HBrO}, \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}=2.1 \times 10^{-8}$
- $\mathrm{HIO}, \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}=2.3 \times 10^{-11}$
- $\mathrm{HClO}, \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}=3.0 \times 10^{-8}$
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|  | Strength of Acids |  |



## QUESTION



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| $\mathrm{Br}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{COOH}, \mathrm{l}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{COOH}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COOH}$ |  |  |  |
| - pKa=2.69 pKa=3.12 pKa=4.75 |  |  |  |
| 1) Is chloroacetic acid more or less acidic than bromoacetic acid? <br> 2) Will its pKa be higher or lower than bromoacetic acid? |  |  |  |
| A) 1.more 2.higher B) 1.1 less 2.10 wer C) 1.less 2 .higher D) 1.more 2.10 wer |  |  |  |


| QUESTION |
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| -Rank the following acids in order of <br> decreasing acidity. |
| 1) $\mathrm{Br}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{COOH}$, 2) $1-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COOH}$, 3) $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COOH}$ <br> $p K a=2.69 \quad p K a=3.12$ $p K a=4.75$ |
| A) $1>2>3$ B) $3>2>1$ C) $2>3>1$ <br> ANSWER: $2>3>2>1$; LOWER pKa HIGHER Acidity   |

## QUESTION

Ascorbic acid, also known as vitamin C, has two hydrogen atoms that ionize from the acid. $K \mathrm{a}_{1}=7.9 \times 10^{-5} ; \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}_{2}}=1.6 \times$ $10^{-12}$. What is the pH , and $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{6}{ }^{2-}$ concentration of a 0.10 M solution of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ ?
A. 2.55; $\left[\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{6}{ }^{2-}\right]=0.050 \mathrm{M}$
B. $2.55 ;\left[\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{6}{ }^{2}{ }^{2}\right]=1.6 \times 10^{-12} \mathrm{M}$
C. $1.00 ;\left[\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{6}{ }^{2-}\right]=1.6 \times 10^{-12} \mathrm{M}$
D. $5.10 ;\left[\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{6}{ }^{2-}\right]=0.050 \mathrm{M}$



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(This question relates to the titration of acetic acid.)

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Most acid-base indicators are weak acids. In a titration of 0.50 M acetic acid (at $\left.25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, K_{\mathrm{a}}=1.8 \times 10^{-5}\right)$ with KOH , which indicator would best indicate the pH at the equivalence point? The approximate $K_{\mathrm{a}}$ for each choice is provided.
A. Bromophenol blue; $K_{\mathrm{a}} \sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$
B. Methyl red; $K_{\mathrm{a}} \sim 1 \times 10^{-5}$
C. Bromothymol blue; $K_{\mathrm{a}} \sim 1 \times 10^{-7}$
D. Alizarin yellow; $K_{\mathrm{a}} \sim 1 \times 10^{-10}$
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