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- Composition of water
- Weak acids and strong acids

**Next:** Getting weak acid  $K_a$  values; Using  $K_a$  to get  $[H_3O^+]$ ;  $pK_a = -\log(K_a)$ ;  
Titration: What happens when some  $OH^-$  is added to an acid

**Review:** Logarithm Tutorial, <https://goo.gl/RtLg9X>

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Composition of liquid water

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### Liquid water

Using chevrons ( $\diagup$ / $\diagdown$ ) to represent water molecules, make a sketch of liquid water. Show about **50 water molecules in your sketch**. Remember to represent **liquid water** rather than solid water (ice).

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[Quiz] Based on your sketch (rather than on what you anticipate to be the correct answer), calculate to one significant figure the pH of the water.

- 0% 1. -1  
 0% 2. 1  
 0% 3. 7  
 0% 4. 10  
 0% 5. 14  
 0% 6.  $\infty$   
 0% 7. Something else

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## Liquid water

Using chevrons ( $\sim$ ) to represent water molecules, make a sketch of liquid water. Show about 50 water molecules in your sketch. Remember to represent liquid water rather than solid water (ice).

If there are no hydronium ions, then  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0$ , and so ...

$$\text{pH} = -\log([\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]) = -\log(0) = -\log(10^{-\infty}) = -(-\infty) = +\infty$$

$$\text{since we can represent 0 as } \frac{1}{10^{+\infty}} = 10^{-\infty}$$

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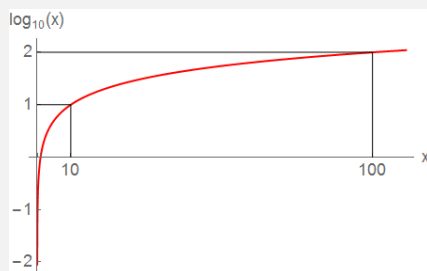
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$\log(x)$  is power 10 is raised to equal  $x$

$$\begin{aligned}\log(1) &= \log(10^0) = 0 \\ \log(10) &= \log(10^1) = 1 \\ \log(100) &= \log(10^2) = 2 \\ \log(\infty) &= \log(10^\infty) = \infty\end{aligned}$$

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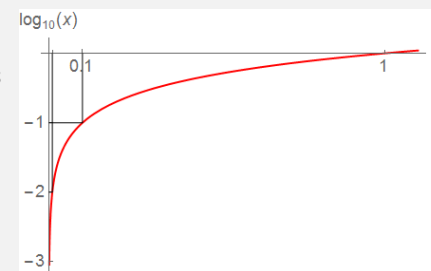
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$$\begin{aligned}\log(0.1) &= \log(10^{-1}) = -1 \\ \log(0.01) &= \log(10^{-2}) = -2 \\ \log(0.001) &= \log(10^{-3}) = -3 \\ \log(0) &= \log(10^{-\infty}) = -\infty\end{aligned}$$

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## Liquid water

Modify your sketch of liquid water to add 5 hydronium ions (represented as a circled "+") and 5 hydroxide ions (represented as a circled "-").



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[TP] Modify your sketch of liquid water to add 5 hydronium ions (represented as a circled "+") and 5 hydroxide ions (represented as a circled "-"). Based on your modified sketch (rather than on what you anticipate to be the correct answer), calculate to one significant figure the pH of the water.

0% 1. -1

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0% 5. 14

0% 6. ∞

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## Liquid water

Further modify your sketch of liquid water so that it corresponds to pH = 7.

$$\frac{10^{-7} \text{ mol ions}}{1 \text{ L}} \times \frac{10^7}{10^7} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{55 \text{ mol water}} \approx \frac{1 \text{ ion}}{55 \times 10^7 \text{ waters}}$$

This means neutral water contains only about 1 hydronium ion for every half (0.55) billion water molecules. Nonetheless, this tiny, tiny amount has dramatic consequences.



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Weak acids and strong acids in aqueous solution



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## What is an acid in aqueous solution?

An acid makes  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] > [\text{OH}^-]$



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## Is an acid **strong** or weak?

A  $c_a$  M aqueous solution of an acid HA has  $\text{pH} = x$  and so  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-x}$ .

From this, how can we know whether HA is a strong acid or a weak acid?



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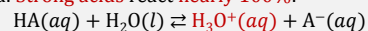
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From this, how can we know whether HA is a strong acid or a weak acid?

Key idea: **Strong acids** react **nearly 100%**:



The **closer**  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  is to  $c_a$  M, the **stronger** the acid.

The **larger**  $K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$ , the **stronger** the acid.



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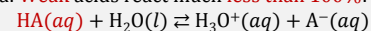
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## Is an acid strong or **weak**?

A  $c_a$  M aqueous solution of an acid HA has  $\text{pH} = x$  and so  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-x}$ .

From this, how can we know whether HA is a strong acid or a weak acid?

Key idea: **Weak acids** react much **less than 100%**:



The **closer**  $[\text{HA}]$  is to  $c_a$  M, the **weaker** the acid.

The **smaller**  $K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$ , the **weaker** the acid.



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[TP] The reason for your choice of the **most dilute solution** was that it showed the ...

0% 1. highest proportion of A-  
0% 2. lowest proportion of A-  
0% 3. highest [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>]  
0% 4. lowest [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>]  
0% 5. highest [HA] + [A-]  
0% 6. lowest [HA] + [A-]  
0% 7. equal [HA] and [A-]

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[Quiz] Which solution in the diagram contains the **weakest acid**?

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