

**\*Assume room temperature for all reactions\***

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**Things you should know when you leave Discussion today:**

- $K_w < K_b < 1$ ;
- $K_w < K_a < 1$ ;
- Significant figures for logarithms use Mahafy 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Appendix I, page I-4

1. 2 M of HCN has a  $K_a = 5 \cdot 10^{-10}$ . What is the pH at equilibrium and the percent reaction of the acid?

2. A 0.1M solution of HA has pH=3.0 at room temperature.

a. Based on the information given do you have a reaction of acid with water or base with water? Why?

b. Write the chemical equation for the acid-base reaction that occurs in this solution. What are the conjugate acid and base pairs in the solution?

c. Write the expression for equilibrium constant K: (does your expression represent  $K_a$  or  $K_b$ ?)

d. Calculate equilibrium concentration of hydronium.

e. What percent of the acid reacted in solution? Is this a strong or weak acid?

f. Based on the information given will you expect the equilibrium constant to be: (choose one)

$K_a \ll 1$       or       $K_a \gg 1$

3. A 0.1M solution of NaA has pH = 9.0 at room temperature.
- Based on the information given do you have a reaction of acid with water or base with water? Why?
  - When salts that also contain an acid or base, like NaA, dissolve in water they ionize before they react. Write the reaction for NaA dissolving in water.
  - Write the chemical equation for the acid-base reaction that occurs in this solution. What are the conjugate acid and base pairs in the solution? *NEVER include spectator ions in equilibrium reactions.*
  - Write the expression for equilibrium constant K: (does your expression represent  $K_a$  or  $K_b$ ?)
  - What percent of the base reacted in solution? Is this a strong or weak base?
  - Based on the information given will you expect the equilibrium constant to be: (choose one)
 
$$K_b \ll 1 \quad \text{or} \quad K_b \gg 1$$
4. Using the equilibrium constants in questions 2 and 3 derive the expression for equilibrium constant for autoionization of water.
- Write the chemical equation for autoionization of water:
  - Write the expression for equilibrium constant  $K_w$ :
  - Use questions 2c and 3d to derive the expression for  $K_w$  using  $K_a$  and  $K_b$ :
5. A 0.1 M solution of an acid, HB, is found to have a pH of 3.52 (This suggests that it is an equilibrium pH).
- Based on the information given do you have a reaction of acid with water or base with water? Why? What is the chemical reaction?

Calculate equilibrium concentration of hydronium:

What is the equilibrium expression for K?

ICE table:

What was the percent reaction of the acid?

Calculate the value of  $K_a$ :

6. 0.5 M solution of NaD ( $D^-$  is a salt of the weak acid HD with the  $K_a = 2.5 \times 10^{-10}$ ).
- a. Based on the information given do you have a reaction of acid with water or base with water? Why?

Write the net chemical reaction:

What is the equilibrium expression? (Is that a  $K_a$ ,  $K_b$  or neither?)

Calculate the value of K for the reaction of  $D^-$  and water? (*Hint: use the connection between  $K_a$ ,  $K_b$  and  $K_w$* )

ICE table:

Fill in the data from the ICE table into your equilibrium expression  $K_b$ :

pOH (at equilibrium) =

pH (at equilibrium) =

7. Equal volumes of a 0.10 M solution of a weak acid, HC, with  $K_a = 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ , and a 0.20 M solution of NaOH are combined. What is the pH of the resulting solution? *Hint: what will react first? What will react completely? What is the limiting reagent?*

8. When 0.1 mol of NaA is dissolved in 1L of pure water at room temperature, the pH is measured to be 7.0. Is HA a strong or weak acid?

- a. Based on the information given will you expect the equilibrium constant to be: (choose one)

$K_a \ll 1$                       or                       $K_a \gg 1$

9. Rank the acids HA, HB, HC, and HD from questions 5 through 8 in order of increasing acid strength.

10. You have a 1M solution of each of the salts below. Which of the salts will give the highest pH? Which of the salts will give the lowest pH?

$\text{NH}_4\text{CH}_3\text{COO}$  (ammonium acetate),  
 $\text{NH}_4\text{CN}$  (ammonium cyanide),  
 $\text{NH}_4\text{HC}_2\text{O}_4$  (ammonium oxalate).

	$K_a$	$K_b$
$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	
HCN	$6 \cdot 10^{-10}$	
$\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$	$6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	
$\text{NH}_3$		$2 \cdot 10^{-5}$

11. 250. mL of an 0.8 M solution of NaAc (salt of the weak acid HAc with the  $K_a$  of  $2.5 \times 10^{-10}$ ) is added to 250. mL of water.

What is the chemical reaction?

What will be the concentration of  $\text{Ac}^-$  after dilution?

What is the equilibrium expression of  $K$  (Is it a  $K_a$  or  $K_b$ ?) for the reaction of  $\text{NaAc}^-$  and water:

Find the value of the  $K$ :

Based on the value of  $K_b$  is  $\text{Ac}^-$  a strong base or a weak base?

Based on the value of  $K_a$  is HAc a strong acid or a weak acid?

ICE table:

pOH (at equilibrium) =

pH (at equilibrium) =

### Really Challenging problems to do at home:

12. One liter solution has 4.4 mol of HCl, 4.6 mol of NaOH and 0.2 mol of HCN. What is the pH when the resulting solution reaches equilibrium? ( $K_a$  of HCN is  $5 \times 10^{-10}$ ) *Hint: What will react completely? What is the limiting reagent?*
13. If equal volumes of 4.4 M HCl, 4.6 M NaOH and 0.2 M HCN are mixed ( $K_a$  of HCN is  $5 \times 10^{-10}$ ), what is the pH when the resulting solution reaches equilibrium?
14. Determine the  $K_b$  of a base, at 25°C, if a 0.02 M aqueous solution of the base has a pH of 7.60 (This implies that it is an equilibrium pH). *Hint: compare pH of the solution with the pH of the water and decide if you can ignore the initial concentration of the  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ .*

**In preparation for next week's discussion section:**

1. You add HCl to a solution of equal moles of a weak acid and its conjugate base, and the number of moles of strong acid added is **smaller** than the number of moles of conjugate base initially present in the solution. Circle the correct answer(s) of the choices in the brackets.
  - a. The number of moles of  $A^-$  [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - b. The number of moles of HA [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - c. The number of moles of  $[HCl / HA / A^-] = 0$  after neutralization reaction took place but before an equilibrium is established because  $[HCl / HA / A^-]$  is the limiting reagent and will be used up completely.
  - d. When the strong acid has completely reacted with the solution, you have a [weak acid / weak base / strong acid / both weak acid and weak base] present.
2. You add an HCl to a solution of equal moles of a weak acid and its conjugate base and the number of moles of strong acid added is **equal to** the number of moles of conjugate base initially present in the solution. Circle the correct answer(s) of the choices in the brackets:
  - a. The number of moles of  $A^-$  [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - b. The number of moles of HA [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - c. The number of moles of  $[HCl / HA / A^-] = 0$  after neutralization reaction took place but before an equilibrium is established because  $[HCl / HA / A^-]$  is the limiting reagent and will be used up completely.
  - d. When the strong acid has completely reacted with the solution, you still have a [Weak acid / weak base / strong acid / both weak acid and weak base] present.
3. You add an HCl to a solution of equal moles of a weak acid and its conjugate base, and finally the number of moles of strong acid added is **greater than** the number of moles of conjugate base present in the solution initially. Circle the correct answer(s) of the choices in the brackets:
  - a. The number of moles of  $A^-$  [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - b. The number of moles of HA [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - c. The number of moles of  $[HCl / HA / A^-] = 0$  after neutralization reaction took place but before an equilibrium is established because  $[HCl / HA / A^-]$  is the limiting reagent and will be used up completely.
  - d. When the HCl has completely reacted with the solution, you still have a [Weak acid / weak base / strong acid / strong base] present.

4. You add NaOH to a solution of equal moles of a weak acid and its conjugate base, and the number of moles of strong base added is **smaller** than the number of moles of conjugate base initially present in the solution. Circle the correct answer(s) of the choices in the brackets.
- The number of moles of  $A^-$  [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - The number of moles of HA [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - The number of moles of  $[OH^- / HA / A^-] = 0$  after neutralization reaction took place but before an equilibrium is established because  $[OH^- / HA / A^-]$  is the limiting reagent and will be used up completely.
  - When NaOH has completely reacted with the solution, you still have a [Weak acid / weak base / strong acid / strong base / both weak acid and weak base] present.
5. You add a NaOH to a solution of equal moles of a weak acid and its conjugate base and the number of moles of strong base added is **equal to** the number of moles of conjugate base initially present in the solution. Circle the correct answer(s) of the choices in the brackets:
- The number of moles of  $A^-$  [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - The number of moles of HA [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - The number of moles of  $[OH^- / HA / A^-] = 0$  after neutralization reaction took place but before an equilibrium is established because  $[OH^- / HA / A^-]$  is the limiting reagent and will be used up completely.
  - When NaOH has completely reacted with the solution, you still have a [weak acid / weak base / strong acid / strong base / both weak acid and weak base] present.
6. You add a NaOH to a solution of equal moles of a weak acid and its conjugate base, and finally the number of moles of strong base added is **greater than** the number of moles of conjugate base present in the solution initially. Circle the correct answer(s) of the choices in the brackets:
- The number of moles of  $A^-$  [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - The number of moles of HA [decreases / increases] from the initial amount.
  - The number of moles of  $[OH^- / HA / A^-] = 0$  after neutralization reaction took place but before an equilibrium is established because  $[OH^- / HA / A^-]$  is the limiting reagent and will be used up completely.
  - When the NaOH has completely reacted with the solution, you still have a [weak acid / weak base / strong acid / strong base] present.

### Answers:

1. pH = 4.5; 0.00158%
2.
  - a. acid; pH < 7
  - b.  $\text{HA}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightleftharpoons \text{A}^{-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^{+}_{(\text{aq})}$ ;  
acid base conj. base conj. acid
  - c.  $K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^{+}][\text{A}^{-}]}{[\text{HA}]}$
  - d. 0.001 M
  - e. 1%; weak
  - f.  $K_a \ll 1$
3.
  - a. base; pH > 7
  - b.  $\text{NaA}_{(\text{s})} \rightleftharpoons \text{A}^{-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{Na}^{+}_{(\text{aq})}$
  - c.  $\text{A}^{-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightleftharpoons \text{HA}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{OH}^{-}_{(\text{aq})}$ ;  
base acid conj. acid conj. base
  - d.  $K_b = \frac{[\text{OH}^{-}][\text{HA}]}{[\text{A}^{-}]}$
  - e. 0.01%; v weak
  - f.  $K_b \ll 1$
4.
  - a.  $2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^{+}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{OH}^{-}_{(\text{aq})}$
  - b.  $K_w = [\text{OH}^{-}][\text{H}_3\text{O}^{+}]$
  - c.  $K_w = K_b K_a$  will equal  $K_w = [\text{OH}^{-}][\text{H}_3\text{O}^{+}]$
5.  $\text{HB}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightleftharpoons \text{B}^{-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^{+}_{(\text{aq})}$ ;  $K = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^{+}][\text{B}^{-}]}{[\text{HB}]}$ ; 0.32%;  $9.12 \times 10^{-7}$
6.  $\text{D}^{-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightleftharpoons \text{HD}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{OH}^{-}_{(\text{aq})}$ ;  $K = \frac{[\text{OH}^{-}][\text{HD}]}{[\text{D}^{-}]}$ ;  $4.0 \times 10^{-5}$ ; pOH = 2.3; pH = 11.7
7. 12.7
10. highest— $\text{NH}_4\text{CN}$ ; lowest— $\text{NH}_4\text{HC}_2\text{O}_4$
11.  $\text{Ac}^{-}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} \rightleftharpoons \text{HAc}_{(\text{aq})} + \text{OH}^{-}_{(\text{aq})}$ ;  $[\text{Ac}^{-}] = 0.4 \text{ M}$ ;  $K_b = \frac{[\text{OH}^{-}][\text{HD}]}{[\text{D}^{-}]}$ ;  $K_b = 4 \times 10^{-5}$ ; weak base; v weak acid; pOH = 2.25; pH = 11.75
12. 11.3
13. 11.1
14.  $K_b = 6 \times 10^{-12}$

### In preparation for next week's discussion section:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Decreases</li> <li>b. Increases</li> <li>c. HCl, HCl</li> <li>d. Both weak acid and weak base</li> </ol> </li> <li>2.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Decreases</li> <li>b. Increases</li> <li>c. HCl/A, HCl/A</li> <li>d. Weak acid</li> </ol> </li> <li>3.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Decreases</li> <li>b. Increases</li> <li>c. A, A</li> <li>d. Weak acid, strong acid</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Increases</li> <li>b. Decreases</li> <li>c. OH, OH</li> <li>d. Strong base/ Both weak acid and weak base</li> </ol> </li> <li>5.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Increases</li> <li>b. Decreases</li> <li>c. OH, OH</li> <li>d. Weak base</li> </ol> </li> <li>6.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Increases</li> <li>b. Decreases</li> <li>c. HA, HA</li> <li>d. Weak base/ Strong base</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
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