



# Acids & Bases

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## Acids

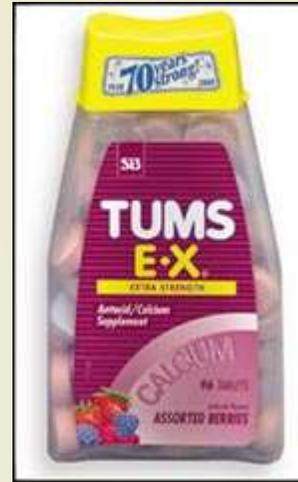
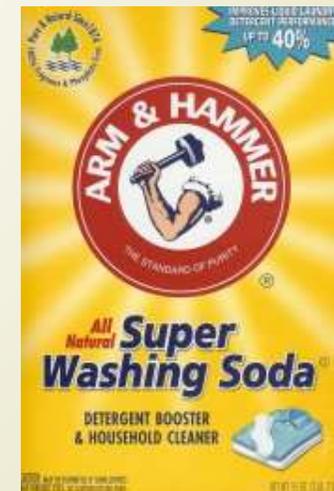


1. Tastes sour.
2. Turns litmus red
3. React with metals to produce  $H_2$  gas
4. Conduct electricity
5.  $pH < 7$



## Bases

1. Taste bitter
2. Feel slippery
3. Turns litmus blue
4. Conduct electricity
5.  $pH > 7$

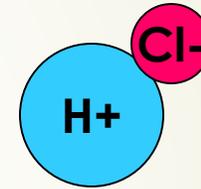


# Definitions of Acids & Bases: *Please Write*

## Arrhenius Acids & Bases:

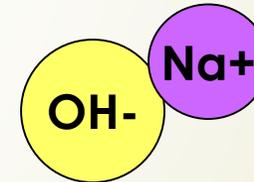
### ➔ Acid:

➔ produces  $H^+$  ions in water



### ➔ Base:

➔ produces  $OH^-$  ions in water



➔ When combined they neutralize each other:

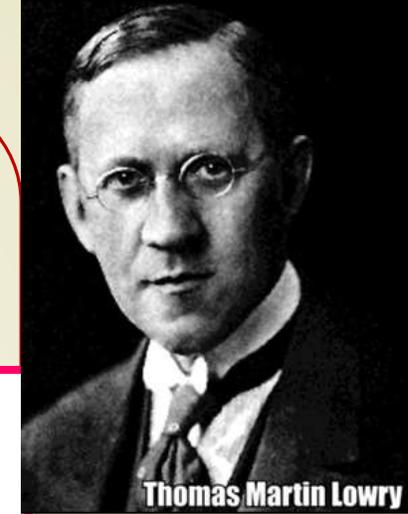


This definition is too limiting! It ignores ammonium  $NH_3$  that is a base ... and salts that can act as acids or bases but do not have  $H^+$  or  $OH^-$ !





Johannes Nicolaus Brønsted



Thomas Martin Lowry

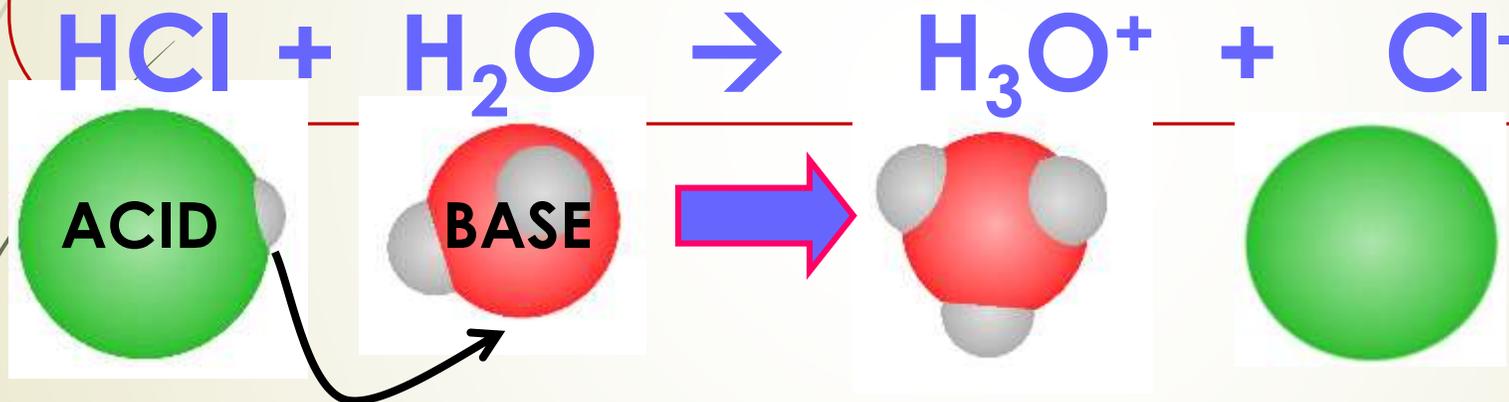
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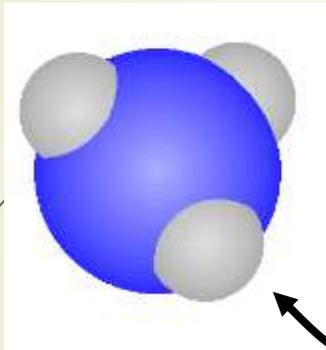
## Brønsted-Lowry Acids & Bases:

➤ **Acids** donates  $H^+$  ions

➤ **Bases** accept  $H^+$  ions

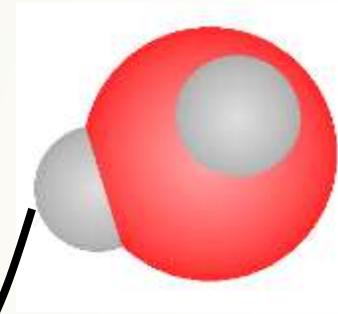
**Hydronium Ion**  
Can be written as  $H^+$





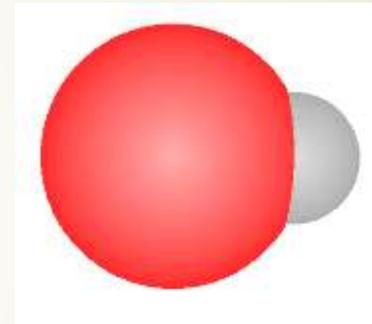
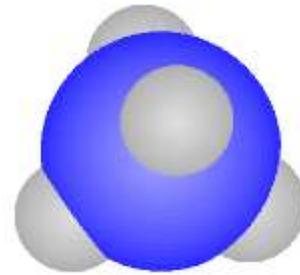
**BASE**

Accepted  
H<sup>+</sup> ion



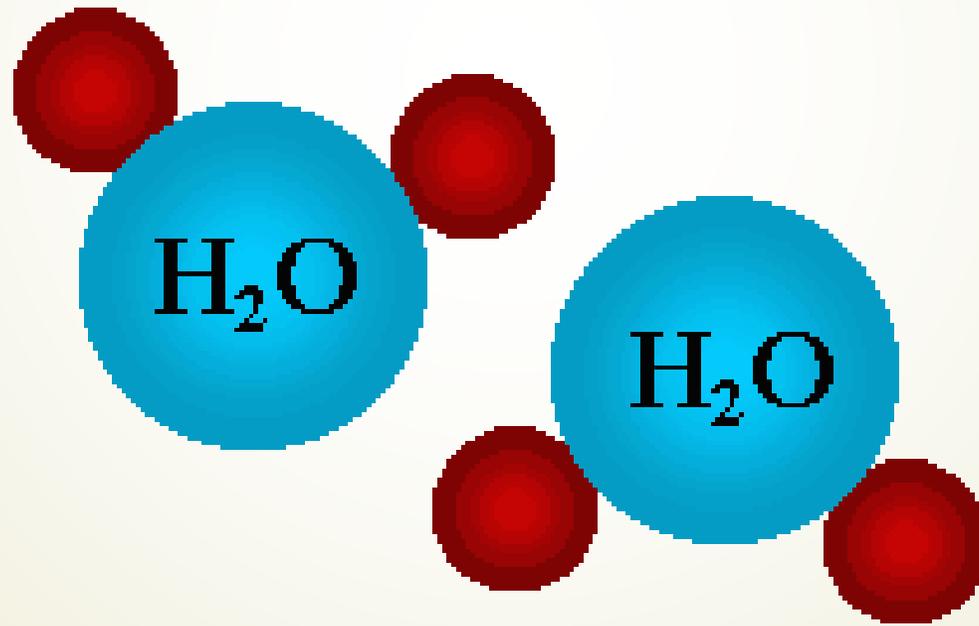
**ACID**

Donated  
H<sup>+</sup> ion



Water can accept & donate H<sup>+</sup>

Water is “**amphoteric**”, it can act like a **ACID** or a **BASE**



- Each **acid** has a corresponding base conjugate.  
It is the particle that remains after the  $H^+$  is lost.
- ..... **base** .....acid conjugate.  
It is the particle that is formed after the  $H^+$  is gained.

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## Conjugate Acid – Base Pair



**ACID**

**BASE**

**Conjugate  
ACID**

**Conjugate  
BASE**

Donates  
H<sup>+</sup> ion

Accepts  
H<sup>+</sup> ion

Donates H<sup>+</sup>  
ion in  
reverse rxn

Accepts  
H<sup>+</sup> ion in  
reverse rxn

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**BASE**

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**Conjugate  
ACID**

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H<sup>+</sup> ion

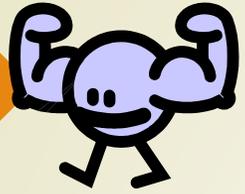
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**Conjugate Acid – Base Pair**

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## Strength

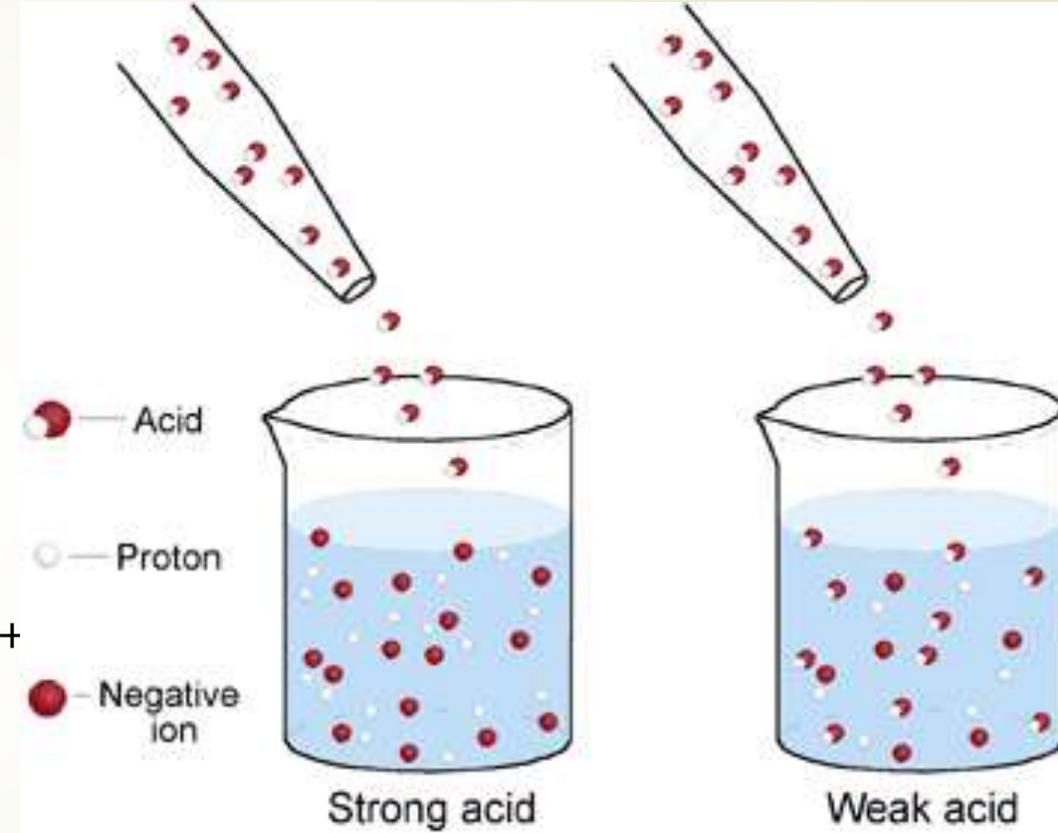
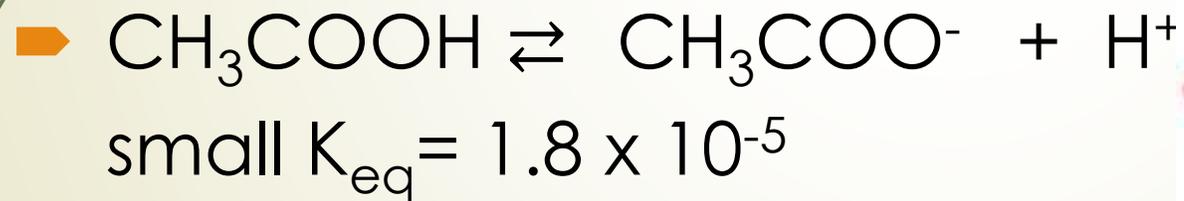
### ➤ A strong acid

➤ dissociates completely



### ➤ A weak acid

➤ does not transfer all  $\text{H}^+$



➤ **A strong base**

➤ has a high affinity for H<sup>+</sup> ions

➤ ex.  $\text{NaOH} \rightleftharpoons \text{Na}^+ + \text{OH}^-$  large  $K_{\text{eq}}$  (many OH<sup>-</sup> to accept H<sup>+</sup>)

➤ **A weak base**

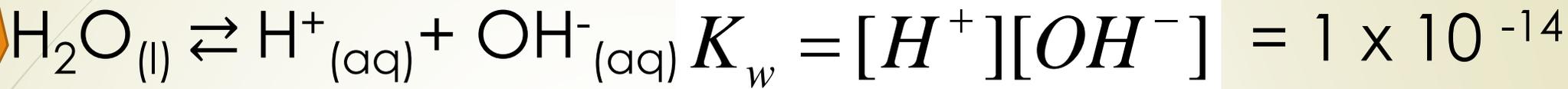
➤ has a low affinity for H<sup>+</sup> ions

➤ ex.  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{OH}^-$  small  $K_{\text{eq}}$

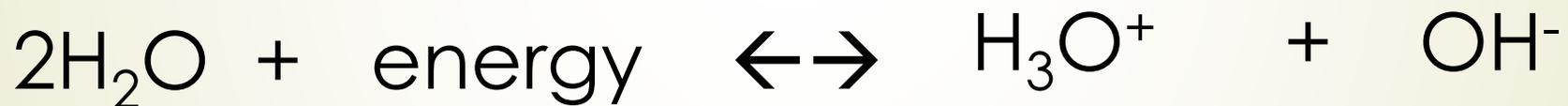
# K<sub>w</sub>:

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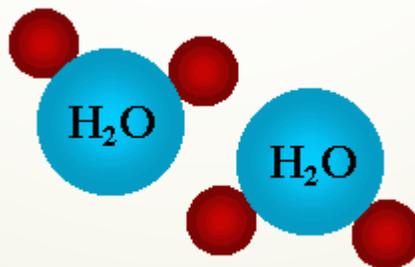
- Water is also in a equilibrium rxn:



- Few molecules are ionized.
- $[\text{H}^+] = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  when water is present



Can be simplified to





pH = 0	Battery acid
pH = 1	Sulfuric acid
pH = 2	Lemon juice, Vinegar
pH = 3	Orange juice, Soda
pH = 4	<b>Acid rain</b> (4.2-4.4) <b>Acidic lake</b> (4.5)
pH = 5	Bananas (5.0-5.3) <b>Clean rain</b> (5.6)
pH = 6	<b>Healthy lake</b> (6.5) Milk (6.5-6.8)
pH = 7	Pure water
pH = 8	Sea water, Eggs
pH = 9	Baking soda
pH = 10	Milk of Magnesia
pH = 11	Ammonia
pH = 12	Soapy water
pH = 13	Bleach
pH = 14	Liquid drain cleaner

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

$$1.0 \times 10^{-14} = [\text{x}][\text{x}]$$

$$1.0 \times 10^{-14} = [\text{x}]^2$$

$$1.0 \times 10^{-7} = [\text{x}]$$

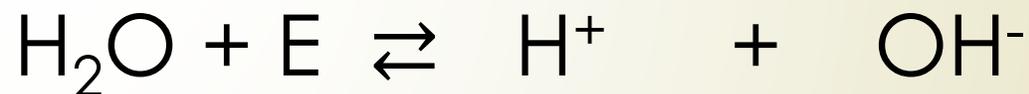
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➔ At 25°C

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M} \quad \text{pH} = 7$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

➔ At other temperatures?



➔ At lower temperatures  $K_w$  will be lower. (shift left, less products)

➔ Higher temperatures  $K_w$  will be higher.

▶ If you add NaOH to water.

▶  $[\text{OH}^-]$  goes up.

▶  $[\text{H}^+]$  goes down.

▶ What is the pH of the solution if you add enough NaOH such that  $[\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  what is the pH?

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

$$1.0 \times 10^{-14} = [\text{H}^+](1 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-9} \quad \text{pH} = 9$$

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	Strong acid	Weak acid	WATER	Weak base	Strong base
[H <sup>+</sup> ]	$1 \times 10^{-1} = 0.1M$	$1 \times 10^{-5}$	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	$1 \times 10^{-8}$	$1 \times 10^{-12}$
[OH <sup>-</sup> ]	$1 \times 10^{-13}$	$1 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^{-7}$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 \times 10^{-2}$
pH	1	5	7	8	12
pOH	13	9	7	6	2

**pH 2 vs pH 1 = 10x stronger**

**pH + pOH = 14**

$$[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-pH}$$

$$pH = -\log[H^+]$$

$$pOH = -\log[OH^-]$$

1. Find the  $[H^+]$  and  $[OH^-]$  of the following pH solutions **without** using a calculator:

- A) pH=4    B) pH=12    C) pH=9    D) pH=7    E) pH=8

2. Find the pH of the following solutions **without** a calculator:

- A)  $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol/L}$     B)  $[OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$   
C)  $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$     D)  $[OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mol/L}$

*Practice*

3. Find the  $[H^+]$  of these solutions:  **$[H^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$**

- A) pH=3.7    B) pH=9.8    C) pH=6.2    D) pH=4.0    E) pH=7.1

4. Find the pH of the following solutions:  **$\text{pH} = -\log [H^+]$** .

- A)  $[H^+] = 4.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$     B)  $[H^+] = 3.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol/L}$   
C)  $[H^+] = 3.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol/L}$     D)  $[H^+] = 2.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol/L}$

# Solutions to Problems 1- 4

*Check answers.*

## 1. Answers

A)  $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $[OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-10}$  mol/L    B)  $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-12}$ ,  $[OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-2}$  mol/L

C)  $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-9}$ ,  $[OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L    D)  $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $[OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-7}$  mol/L

E)  $[H^+] = 1 \times 10^{-8}$ ,  $[OH^-] = 1 \times 10^{-6}$  mol/L

## 2. Answers:

A) pH=8                      B) pOH=3  $\rightarrow$  pH= 11    C) pH=5                      D) pOH=9  $\rightarrow$  pH=5

## 3. Answers (in mol/L). remember: **$[H^+] = 10^{-pH}$**

A)  $10^{-3.7} = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L    B)  $10^{-9.8} = 1.6 \times 10^{-10}$  mol/L    C)  $6.3 \times 10^{-7}$  mol/L

D)  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L                      E)  $7.9 \times 10^{-8}$  mol/L

## 4. Answers: **pH = -log $[H^+]$ .**

A) pH= 2.3 (-log( $4.5 \times 10^{-3}$ ))    B) pH=7.5                      C) pH=6.5                      D) pH=1.6

# EX #1:

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What is the  $[H^+]$  of black coffee at  $25^\circ C$  if  $[OH^-]$  is  $1.3 \times 10^{-9} M$ ? What is the pH?

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-]$$

$$1.0 \times 10^{-14} = [H^+] [1.3 \times 10^{-9}]$$

$$7.7 \times 10^{-6} = [H^+]$$

$$pH = -\log [H^+]$$

$$pH = -\log (7.7 \times 10^{-6})$$

$$pH = 5.1$$

**ACIDIC**



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vinegar/acetic acid

➔  $K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$

➔  $K_a = \text{small } (\leq 10^{-5}) = \text{low } [\text{H}^+] = \text{weak acid}$

➔  $K_a = \text{large} = \text{high } [\text{H}^+] = \text{strong acid}$

➔ Nitrous acid  $K_a = 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$  vs vinegar  $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

Nitrous acid is stronger!

➔ Percent dissociation  $\text{---}\% = \frac{[\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]} \times 100$

# Simplifying I.C.E. tables (the 5% rule)

When doing an ICE table you may have to subtract a **very small value** from a relatively large value...

for example  $2.0 \text{ mol/L} - 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L}$ .

In this case, don't bother doing the subtraction, since by the time you change it to show significant digits, the result will be the same:

$$2.0 \text{ mol/L} - 0.0001 \text{ mol/L} = 1.9999 \text{ mol/L} \approx 2.0 \text{ mol/L}.$$

**SHORTCUT:** If the number you subtract is less than 5% of the original number, you can usually skip the subtraction.

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**Ex.2**

Calculate the  $[H^+]$  & pH of a 0.25M solution of  $CH_3COOH$ .

$K_a = 1.80 \times 10^{-5}$ .



	$CH_3COOH$	$H^+$	$CH_3COO^-$
<b>I</b>	0.25	0	0
<b>C</b>	- x	+ x	+ x
<b>E</b>	$0.25 - x$	x	x

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][CH_3COO^-]}{[CH_3COOH]}$$

$$1.80 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[x][x]}{[0.25 - x]}$$

$$[H^+] = 2.1 \times 10^{-3}M$$

How do you know?

$x/0.25 \leq 5\%$  then the difference will be insignificant and the short cut is justified!

$$pH = -\log (2.1 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$pH = 2.7$$

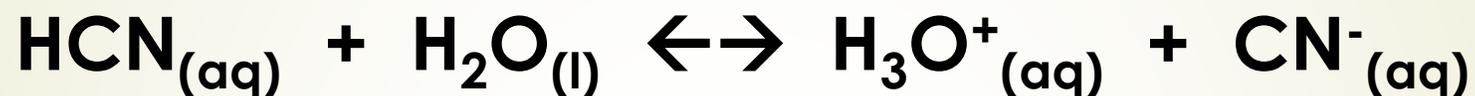


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**Ex.3**

Calculate the  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  of a 0.55M HCN solution. Also calculate the % dissociation.

$$K_a = 4.8 \times 10^{-10}$$



	HCN	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$	$\text{CN}^-$
<b>I</b>	0.55	0	0
<b>C</b>	- x	+ x	+ x
<b>E</b>	<del>0.55 - x</del>	x	x

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

$$4.80 \times 10^{-10} = \frac{[x][x]}{[0.55 - x]}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.62 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$$

**Shortcut?**




$$\% \text{ Dissociation} = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{HCN}]} \times 100$$

$$\% \text{ Dissociation} = \frac{[1.62 \times 10^{-5}]}{[0.55]} \times 100$$

$$\% \text{ Dissociation} = 2.94 \times 10^{-3} \%$$

**Very Small %  
Weak Acid!**

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ammonia

➤  $K_b = \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{NH}_3]}$

➤  $K_b = \text{small} (\leq 10^{-5}) = \text{low } [\text{OH}^-] = \text{weak base}$

➤  $K_b = \text{large} = \text{high } [\text{OH}^-] = \text{strong base}$

Hydrazine ( $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4$ )  $K_b = 1.7 \times 10^{-6}$  vs ammonia  $K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

Ammonia is a stronger base!

➤ Percent dissociation  $\text{---}\% = \frac{[\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{NH}_3]} \times 100$

# Relationship between $K_a$ & $K_b$ :

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$$K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]}$$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}$$

$$K_a \times K_b = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]} \times \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}$$

$$K_a \times K_b = [\text{H}^+] \times [\text{OH}^-] = K_w$$

$$K_a \times K_b = K_w$$

*Please Write*

Ex. 1 Calculate the  $K_b$  for  $\text{CN}^-$  acting as a base in water, if the  $K_a$  of  $\text{HCN} = 4.8 \times 10^{-10}$ .

$$K_a \times K_b = K_w$$

$$K_b = \frac{K_w}{K_a}$$

$$K_b = \frac{1 \times 10^{-14}}{4.8 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$K_b = 2.08 \times 10^{-5}$$

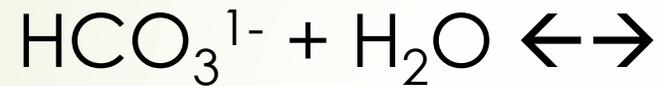
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$\text{HCO}_3^{1-}$  is amphoteric.

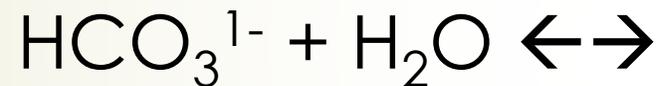
**Ex. 2.**

If  $\text{HCO}_3^{1-}$  was placed in water, would the solution be acting as an acid or a base?

Step 1: Write out the equations acid & base rxns:



$$K_a = 4.7 \times 10^{-11}$$



$$K_b = 2.13 \times 10^{-4}$$

Step 2: Calculate  $K_b$  & compare to  $K_a$

$$K_a \times K_b = K_w \quad K_b = \frac{K_w}{K_a}$$

$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{4.7 \times 10^{-11}}$$

$$K_b = 2.13 \times 10^{-4}$$

$K_b > K_a$  Therefore solution is **BASIC**

# Naming acids:

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- ▶ Arrhenius developed a naming method that indicates the # of ionization hydrogen.
  - ▶ Monoprotic  $\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$
  - ▶ Diprotic  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + \text{SO}_4^{2-}$
  - ▶ Triprotic  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \rightarrow 3\text{H}^+ + \text{PO}_4^{3-}$
- ▶ Rules:
  - ▶ H bonded with \_\_\_\_\_ide  $\rightarrow$  hydro\_\_\_\_ic acid.
    - ▶ Hydrogen chloride  $\rightarrow$  hydrochloric acid (HCl)
  - ▶ H bonded with \_\_\_\_\_ate  $\rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_ic acid.
    - ▶ Hydrogen sulphate  $\rightarrow$  sulphuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ )
  - ▶ H bonded with \_\_\_\_\_ite  $\rightarrow$  \_\_\_\_ous acid.
    - ▶ Hydrogen sulphite  $\rightarrow$  sulphurous acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ )

*Please Write*

List the following acids from weakest to strongest.

ACID	Concentration (M)	pH
HX	0.10	2.1
HY	0.0010	3.1
HZ	0.10	3.1

$$K_a = 6.9 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$K_a = 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$K_a = 6.4 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$[H^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$$
$$[H^+] = 10^{-2.1}$$
$$= 7.943 \times 10^{-3}$$
$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][X^-]}{[HX]}$$
$$= \frac{[x]^2}{[0.10 - x]}$$
$$= \frac{[7.943 \times 10^{-3}]^2}{[0.10 - 7.943 \times 10^{-3}]}$$
$$K_a = 6.854 \times 10^{-4}$$

**HZ** weakest  
**HX**  
**HY** strongest