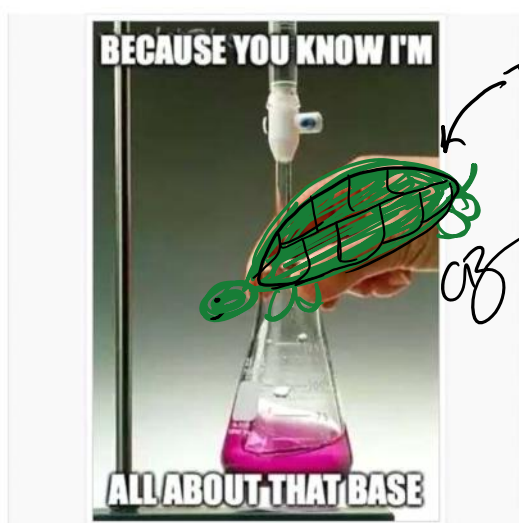


Chemistry 12

Unit V



Titration
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Acid/Base II

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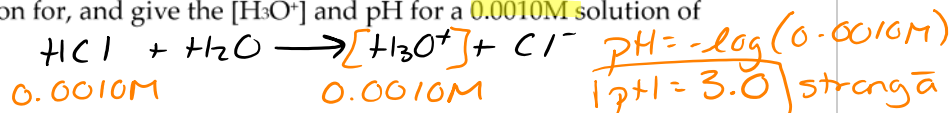
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D) Weak Acid Equilibrium and K_a

How do strong acids behave in water?

- dissociate 100% to create H_3O^+
- one-way rxn \rightarrow

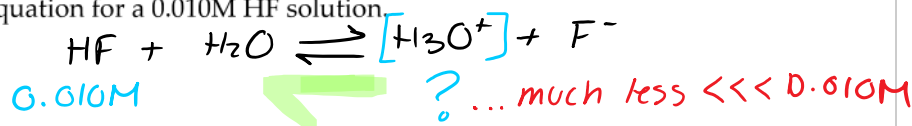
Write an equation for, and give the $[H_3O^+]$ and pH for a 0.0010M solution of HCl.



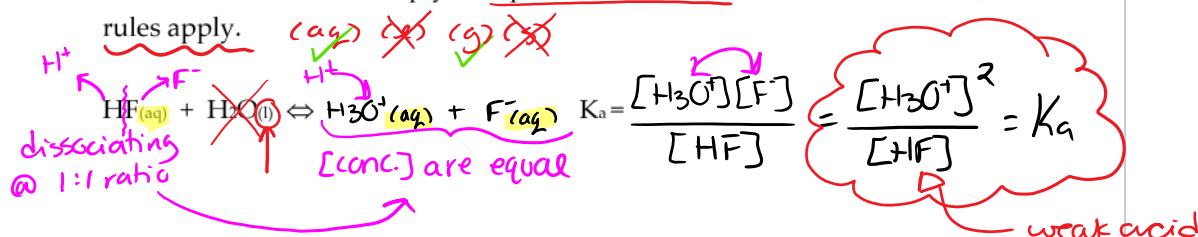
How do weak acids behave in water?

- dissociate into ions much less than 100% ~ 5%
- equilibrium rxns \rightleftharpoons

Write an equation for a 0.010M HF solution

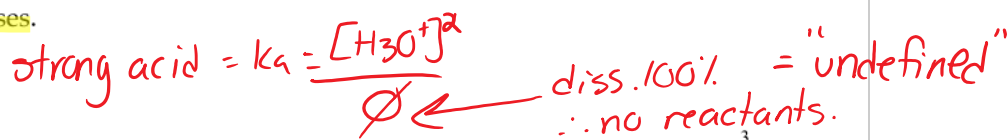


It is not as simple to find the pH of a 0.010M solution of a weak acid as you must first have information on the extent of dissociation for the weak acid in question. K_a , the weak acid equilibrium constant, helps to determine this information and provides a means to solve weak acid problems. K_a is a $K_{eq} = \frac{[P]}{[R]}$ for weak acids, so it is simply an equilibrium constant, and therefore all K_{eq} rules apply.



Notice the K_a values decrease as you go down the table because the acids are getting progressively weaker (creating less H_3O^+ in solution). $\uparrow K_a = \text{stronger weak acid}$.

In Chemistry 12, we work on quantitative problems that involve weak acids and weak bases.



Weak acid quantitative problems can be broken into three types.

Type 1 Problems: Finding pH of a weak acid solution

Example: For the reaction:



Calculate the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ and pH if the $[\text{H}_2\text{S}]_i = 0.050\text{M}$.

R	$\text{H}_2\text{S} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HS}^-$
I	0.050M 0M 0M
C	-x +x +x
E	0.050M - x x

products always start @ 0

Look up K_a in table

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]_{eq}^2}{[\text{H}_2\text{S}]_{eq}} = \frac{x^2}{0.050\text{M}} = 9.1 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\therefore x = \sqrt{(9.1 \times 10^{-8})(0.050\text{M})}$$

$$x = 6.745 \times 10^{-5}$$

*assume that $0.050\text{M} - x \approx 0.050\text{M}$

Check validity of assumption:
 $\frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]_{eq}}{[\text{H}_2\text{S}]_i} = \frac{6.7 \times 10^{-5}}{0.050} = 0.13\%$
 b/c it is less than 5% = VALID!

$\therefore [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 6.7 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$

$\text{pH} = -\log(6.745 \times 10^{-5})$
 $\text{pH} = 4.17$

Calculate the pH of a 0.450M solution of H_2PO_4^- .

*Consider only the first proton dissociating from a polyprotic weak acid, as the dissociation of the second proton is negligible compared to the first.

R	$\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HPO}_4^{2-}$
I	0.450M 0 0
C	-x +x +x
E	0.450 - x \approx 0.450M x

let $x = \Delta[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2}{[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]} = 6.2 \times 10^{-8} = \frac{x^2}{0.450}$$

$$\therefore x = \sqrt{(6.2 \times 10^{-8})(0.450)}$$

$$x = 1.67 \times 10^{-4}$$

$\therefore [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.7 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$

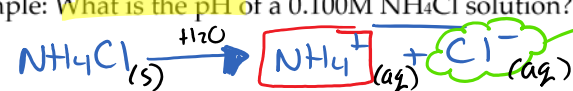
$\text{pH} = -\log(1.67 \times 10^{-4})$
 $\text{pH} = 3.78$

metal + non-metal \Rightarrow ionic compound.

dissociate 100%

Sometimes when salts dissolve in water, one of the ions can act as a weak acid in solution.

Example: What is the pH of a 0.100M NH_4Cl solution?



spectator ion \Rightarrow does nothing (aq)

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2}{[\text{NH}_4^+]} = 5.6 \times 10^{-10} = \frac{x^2}{0.100\text{M}}$$

$$x = \sqrt{(5.6 \times 10^{-10})(0.100\text{M})}$$

$$x = 7.483 \times 10^{-6}$$

R	$\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
I	0.100M 0 0
C	-x +x +x

strongest weak acid expect an acidic pH

let $x = \Delta[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

$x = \sqrt{(5.6 \times 10^{-10})(6.100M)}$
 $x = 7.483 \times 10^{-6}$
 $pH = -\log(7.483 \times 10^{-6})$
 $[H_3O^+] = 7.5 \times 10^{-6} M$ $pH = 5.13$

C	-x	+x	+x
E	$6.100M - x \approx 6.100M$ *assumption*		x

let $x = \Delta[H_3O^+]$

Type 2 Problems: Calculating the Initial Concentration of a Weak Acid

Example: What $[Fe(H_2O)_6^{3+}]_i$ would be required to produce a pH of 4.120?

R	$Fe(H_2O)_6^{3+} + H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + Fe(H_2O)_5(OH)^{2+}$
I	x 0M 0M
C	-7.586×10^{-5} $+7.586 \times 10^{-5}$ +
E	$(x - 7.586 \times 10^{-5})$ $7.586 \times 10^{-5} M$

$[H_3O^+]_{eq} = 10^{(-4.120)} = 7.586 \times 10^{-5} M$
 $6.0 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{(7.586 \times 10^{-5})^2}{(x - 7.586 \times 10^{-5})}$
 $6.0 \times 10^{-3} x - 4.552 \times 10^{-7} = 5.75 \times 10^{-9} + 4.552 \times 10^{-7}$
 $x = 7.68 \times 10^{-5} M$

① let $x = [Fe(H_2O)_6^{3+}]_i$
 ② $[H_3O^+]_{eq}$
 ③ 0M 0M
 ④ $(x - 7.586 \times 10^{-5})$
 ⑤ $K_a = \frac{[H_3O^+]^2}{[Fe(H_2O)_6^{3+}]}$

***Assignment 1:**

- Calculate the pH of a 0.50M solution of H_3BO_3 .
 - Calculate the pH of a 0.235M solution of NaH_2PO_4 .
- Hebden p.128 #33 & p. 152 #79, 76, 78

Type 3 Problems: Finding the K_a of an Unknown Weak Acid

Example: A 0.20M solution of the weak acid, HA, has a pH of 1.32.

Calculate the K_a of the weak acid and use this to identify it.

R	$HA_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(l)} \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+_{(aq)} + A^-$
I	0.20M 0 0
ΔC	$-4.786 \times 10^{-2} M$ $+4.78 \times 10^{-2} M$
E	0.152 $4.786 \times 10^{-2} M$

$K_a = \frac{[H_3O^+]^2}{[HA]_{eq}}$
 $K_a = \frac{(4.786 \times 10^{-2})^2}{0.152} = 1.5 \times 10^{-2}$
 Look up in K_a Table and match to an acid.
 unknown acid is H_2SO_3

① known: $[HA]_i = 0.20M$, products = 0M @ start
 ② $pH \rightarrow [H_3O^+] = 10^{(-1.32)} = 4.7863 \times 10^{-2} M$ (2 s.f. in conc.)
 ③ $[H_3O^+] = 4.7863 \times 10^{-2} M$
 ④ (4.78×10^{-2})
 ⑤ calc. $[HA]_{eq}$
 ⑥ $\therefore K_a = \frac{(4.786 \times 10^{-2})^2}{0.152}$
 ⑦ Look up in K_a Table and match to an acid.

Example: A 2.00M diprotic acid has a pH of 0.50. Calculate the K_a value.

students try this one on own

R	$H_2A_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(l)} \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + HA^-$
I	2.00M 0 0

knows: 2.00M

R	$H_2A_{(aq)} + H_2O_{(l)} \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + HA$
I	2.00M \emptyset \emptyset
C	-0.3162M +0.3162M
E	1.6838 0.3162M

knowns:
2.00M
pH = 0.50

$$pH = -\log[H_3O^+]$$

$$\therefore [H_3O^+] = 10^{(-0.50)}$$

$$= \underline{0.3162M}$$

2sf.

$$K_a = \frac{[H_3O^+]^2}{[H_2A]} = \frac{(0.3162)^2}{(1.6838)}$$

$$K_a = 5.9 \times 10^{-2}$$

unknown acid = $H_2C_2O_4$
(oxalic acid)