

c.  $6.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{M Sr(OH)}_2$

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## XII) pH

What does pH stand for?

"power of H", meaning the exponent (logarithm) of the  $\text{H}^+$  molarity.

pH is an indication of the acidity/basicity of a solution.

pH is the negative logarithm of  $[\text{H}^+]$  or  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  in a solution:  $-\log[\text{H}^+]$  or  $-\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

For example, take a solution with  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{M}$ . The log is -7, so negative log (the pH) is  $-(-7)$ , or 7.

What kind of solution has  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{M}$ ?

pH = 7 is neutral, such as pure water

What is the pH of a solution that has  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ , and is the solution acidic, basic, or neutral?

pH =  $-\log(1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}) = 4.00$  solution is acidic  
 $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] > [\text{OH}^-]$   
 $[\text{OH}^-]$  would =  $1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{M}$

What is the pH of a solution that has  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{M}$  and is the solution acidic, basic, or neutral?

pH =  $-\log(1.0 \times 10^{-11}) = 11.00$   $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] < [\text{OH}^-]$   
 BASIC

\* The pH scale is generally considered to be from 0 to 14 at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

pH values can sometimes be below 0 (very acidic solutions) or above 14 (very basic solutions).

\*animation\*

Complete the table below (Remember:  $K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ )

$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ (M)	$1.0 \times 10^1$	$1 \times 10^0$	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-8}$	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-10}$	$10^{-11}$	$10^{-12}$	$10^{-13}$	$10^{-14}$	$10^{-15}$
pH	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$[\text{OH}^-]$	$1.0 \times 10^{-15}$	$10^{-14}$	$10^{-13}$	$10^{-12}$	$10^{-11}$	$10^{-10}$	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-8}$	$10^{-7}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-1}$	$10^0$	$10^1$
acidic, basic, or neutral?	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	N	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B

Remember that  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  and  $[\text{OH}^-]$  are inversely related (as one goes up, the other goes down). Thus, a high  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  in a solution corresponds to a low  $[\text{OH}^-]$ , as their product must always equal the  $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

If pH decreases by 1, what happens to  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ ?  $[\text{OH}^-]$ ?

remember  
 $-\log$  of a  
 - exponent

pH  $\downarrow$  by 1 =  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  increase by  $10 \times$   
 =  $[\text{OH}^-]$  decrease by  $10 \times$

If pH increases by 1, what happens to  $[H_3O^+]$ ?  $[OH^-]$ ?

$pH \uparrow 1 = [H_3O^+] \text{ decreases by } 10x$   
 $[OH^-] \text{ increases by } 10x$

What is the pH of a  $1.0 \times 10^{-6} M H_3O^+$  solution?

$\hat{p}H = 6.00 \quad (-\log(1.0 \times 10^{-6}) = 6.00)$

Is the pH of a  $4.2 \times 10^{-6} M H_3O^+$  solution greater than 6 or less than 6? How do you know?

$pH: 4.2 \times 10^{-6} M > 1.0 \times 10^{-6} M \therefore \text{more } [H_3O^+] \therefore \text{more acidic}$   
 This means the pH must be less than 6.

pH is defined as  $-\log [H_3O^+]$ , and can be found using a calculator:

press (-) ... then log ... then 4.2 EXP/EE/x10^-6 ... then "="  
 (or 4.2 EXP-6, then log ... then you change the sign)  $pH = 5.38$

How do 'sig figs' work when calculating pH?

$4.2 \times 10^{-6} M$   
 2 s.f.

now ever many sig figs in Molarity,  
 that is how many digits go  
AFTER decimal in pH.

Find the pH of each solution below with proper sig figs:

$[H_3O^+](M)$	$2.15 \times 10^{-2}$	$8 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.334 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-13}$	3.500
pH	1.668	8.1	4.0299	12.30	-0.5441
A, B, or N	A	B	A	B	A

$[H_3O^+]$  is calculated from pH by the following:

$[H_3O^+] = 2^{nd} \log (-pH)$  \*2<sup>nd</sup> same as shift or inv on calc

don't forget the (-) sign!!

(or the  $10^x$  button.)

Find  $[H_3O^+]$  for each with proper sig figs:

$[H_3O^+](M)$	$4.78 \times 10^8$	$2.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.0 \times 10^{14}$	$2.368 \times 10^{-16}$
pH	7.321	4.56	1.3	13.22	15.6257
A, B, or N	B	A	A	B	B

$10^{(-7.321)} = 4.77529 \times 10^{-8} M$

pH has 3 d.p.

$[H_3O^+]$  needs 3 sig figs

number of sig figs needed in [conc.]



\* pH + pOH = 14 \* always

**pOH**

What is pOH?

"power of hydroxide" OH<sup>-</sup>

How do you calculate it if you know [OH<sup>-</sup>]?

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

How do you calculate [OH<sup>-</sup>] if you know the pOH?

2<sup>nd</sup>/inv log (-pOH) or  $10^{(-pOH)}$  } depending on calc. buttons.

If [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>] = 3.45 x 10<sup>-5</sup>M, find pH, [OH<sup>-</sup>], and pOH. Is solution A, B, or N?

①  $pH = -\log(3.45 \times 10^{-5}M)$   
 $pH = 4.462$  s.f.

②  $K_w = [H_3O^+][OH^-]$   
 $\therefore [OH^-] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{3.45 \times 10^{-5}M}$   
 $[OH^-] = 2.9 \times 10^{-10}M$

③  $pOH = -\log(2.9 \times 10^{-10}M)$   
 $pOH = 9.54$  **acidic**

If [OH<sup>-</sup>] = 7.2 x 10<sup>-3</sup>M, find pOH, [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>], and pH. Is solution A, B, or N?

①  $pOH = -\log(7.2 \times 10^{-3}M)$   
 $pOH = 2.14$  s.f.

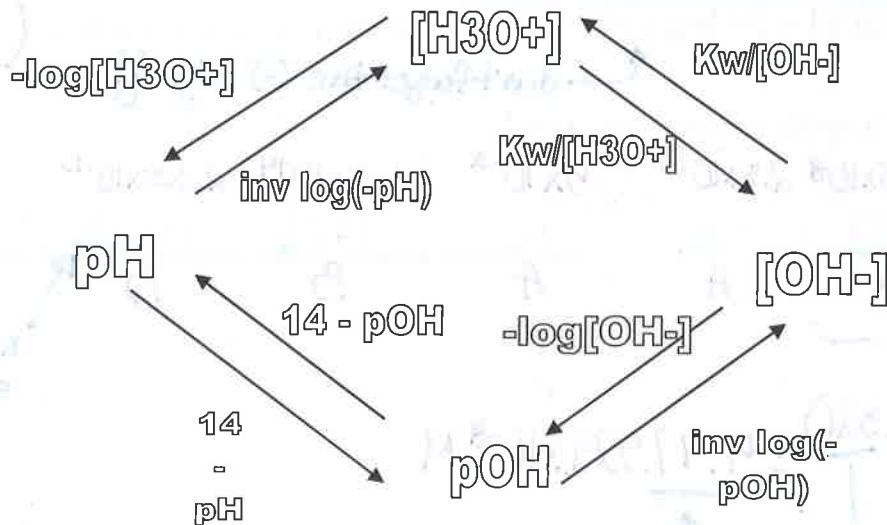
②  $K_w = [H_3O^+][OH^-]$   
 $\therefore [H_3O^+] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{7.2 \times 10^{-3}M}$   
 $[H_3O^+] = 1.4 \times 10^{-12}M$

③  $pH = -\log(1.4 \times 10^{-12}M)$   
 $pH = 11.86$  **basic**

Using the results of the last two examples what relationship exists between pH and pOH at 25°C?

$pH + pOH = 14$

Therefore if pH < 7, then pOH > 7 and the solution is **ACIDIC**.  
 If pH > 7, then pOH < 7 and the solution is **BASIC**.



known:  $pOH = 8.421 \therefore pH = 5.579$   
 (14 - 8.421)

Example: Find the pH,  $[H_3O^+]$ , and  $[OH^-]$  of a solution that has a pOH of 8.421.

$[OH^-] = 10^{(-8.421)}$

$[H_3O^+] = 10^{(-5.579)}$

$[OH^-] = 3.79 \times 10^{-9} M$

$[H_3O^+] = 2.64 \times 10^{-6} M$

Assignment 8: pH/pOH Exercises

\*QUIZZ3 for practice\*

- Find the pH, pOH, and  $[OH^-]$  if
  - $1.0 \times 10^{-5} M H_3O^+$ .
  - $2.65 \times 10^{-7} M H_3O^+$ .
  - $6.744 \times 10^{-12} M H_3O^+$ .
- Find the  $[H_3O^+]$ , pOH, and  $[OH^-]$  if
  - pH = 2.35
  - pH = 6.456
  - pH = 10.76
- Find the  $[OH^-]$ ,  $[H_3O^+]$ , and pH if
  - pOH = 2.34
  - pOH = 12.59
  - pOH = 7.10
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pK<sub>w</sub>

The 'p' of any value is the  $-\log$  of that value. For example, the pH of  $[H_3O^+]$  is  $-\log[H_3O^+]$ , and the pOH of  $[OH^-]$  is  $-\log[OH^-]$ . Therefore, how would you calculate the pK<sub>w</sub> at 25°C if  $K_w = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$ ?

$pK_w = -\log K_w = -\log(1.0 \times 10^{-14}) = 14.00$   
 (with arrows pointing to the 14.00 and the text "sig. figs")

How do pH and pOH relate to each other?

pH and pOH  $pH + pOH = 14.00 \therefore pH + pOH = pK_w$

This is because when you multiply powers in math, the shortcut is to add their exponents!