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**TOPIC: ACID-BASE EQUILIBRIUM, BUFFERS AND SOLUBILITY**

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**Acid-Base Equilibrium**

1. Write the dissociation reaction and the corresponding  $K_a$  equilibrium expression for each of the following acids in water.
  - (i) HCN
  - (ii)  $\text{HOC}_6\text{H}_5$
  - (iii)  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3^+$
  
2. For each of the following aqueous reactions, **identify** the acid, the base, the conjugate base, and the conjugate acid.
  - (i)  $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^-$
  - (ii)  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NH}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$
  - (iii)  $\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NH}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$
  
3. At 40 °C the values of  $K_w$  is  $2.92 \times 10^{-14}$ .
  - (i) Calculate the  $[\text{H}^+]$  and  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in pure water at 40 °C.
  - (ii) What is the pH of pure water at 40 °C?
  - (iii) If the hydroxide ion concentration in solution is 0.10 M, what is the pH at 40°C?
  
4. A student prepared 0.10M acetic acid solution and experimentally measured its pH to be 2.88. Calculate  $K_a$  for acetic acid and determine its percent dissociation.
  
5. Consider a weak base like,  $\text{NH}_3$  in water:
  - (i) Write the base ionization constant,  $K_b$  expression.
  - (ii) Write the equation to calculate the  $\text{p}K_b$  of this base given above.
  - (iii) Using the above base dissociation process, show that  $K_b \times K_a = K_w$  for this base and its conjugate acid.
  
6. Calculate the:
  - (i) pH of  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$  HCl solution
  - (ii) percentage ionization of 0.75 M HF.  $K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$ .
  - (iii) pH of 1.5 M NaF solution.  $K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$ .
  - (iv) pH of a 0.25 M  $\text{NH}_3$  solution.  $K_b$  of  $\text{NH}_3$  is  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ .
  - (v) pH of a 0.10 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution. The  $K_b$  value for the  $\text{NH}_3$  is  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
  - (vi) pH of 0.100M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  solution [ $K_a(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ].

7. Consider the following list of salts which salts are neutral, acidic, or basic?
- $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$
  - $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$
  - Predict whether the aqueous solution of  $\text{NH}_4\text{CN}$  with acidic or basic.  $K_a(\text{HCN}) = 4.9 \times 10^{-10}$ ;  $K_b(\text{NH}_3) = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ .

8. The following values of  $K_w$  as a function of temperature are as follows:

Temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	$K_w$
0	$1.14 \times 10^{-15}$
25	$1.00 \times 10^{-14}$
35	$2.09 \times 10^{-14}$
40	$2.92 \times 10^{-14}$
50	$5.47 \times 10^{-14}$

- Is the autoionization of water exothermic or endothermic? Explain your answer.
  - Calculate  $[\text{H}^+]$  and  $[\text{OH}^-]$  in a neutral solution at  $50^\circ\text{C}$ .
9. For propanoic acid ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ),  $K_a = 1.30 \times 10^{-5}$ . Determine the concentration of all species and the pH of a 0.100M solution.
10. Calculate the percentage dissociation of the acid in each of the following solutions:
- 0.50 M Acetic acid
  - 0.050M Acetic acid
  - 0.0050M Acetic acid
11. The pH of a sample of gastric juice in a person's stomach is 2.1.
- Calculate the pOH,  $[\text{H}^+]$ , and  $[\text{OH}^-]$
  - The pH of a  $1.00 \times 10^{-2}$  M solution of cyanic acid ( $\text{HOCN}$ ) is 2.77 at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate  $K_a$  for  $\text{HOCN}$  from this result.
12. Write out the stepwise  $K_a$  reactions for the diprotic acid  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ .
13. Arsenic acid ( $\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_4$ ) is a triprotic acid with  $K_w = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $K_{a2} = 8 \times 10^{-8}$ ; and  $K_{a3} = 6 \times 10^{-10}$ . Calculate  $[\text{H}^+]$ ,  $[\text{OH}^-]$ ,  $[\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_4]$ ,  $[\text{H}_2\text{AsO}_4^-]$ ,  $[\text{HAsO}_4^{2-}]$ , and  $[\text{AsO}_4^{3-}]$  in 0.20M arsenic acid.
14. Phosphoric acid is common ingredient in traditional cola drinks. It is added to enhance taste. Assuming that in cola drinks the concentration of phosphoric acid is 0.007M, calculate the pH in this solution.
15. For each reaction, identify the **Lewis** acid and base
- $\text{Ni}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 6\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{2+}$
  - $\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$

## Buffers

1. Calculate the pH of a solution containing 0.20M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  and 0.30 M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$ .  
[ $K_a$  of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ]
2. What would be the pH of 0.20 M solution, if no salt was present in question (b) above?
3. How would you prepare a phosphate buffer with a pH of 7.40.
4. Calculate the pH of the following buffer solutions:
  - (i) 0.10 M acetic acid /0.25M sodium acetate
  - (ii) 0.25 M acetic acid/0.10 M sodium acetate
5. Consider a solution that contains both  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$  and  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NH}^+\text{NO}_3^-$ . Calculate the ratio  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}]/[\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NH}^+]$  if the solution has the following pH values:
  - (i) pH = 4.50
  - (ii) pH = 5.23
6. Consider the titration of 40.0 mL of 0.200 M  $\text{HClO}_4$  by 0.100 M KOH. Calculate the pH of the resulting solution after the following volumes have been added:
  - (i) 0.00 mL
  - (ii) 10.00 mL
  - (iii) 40.0 mL
7. Explain why the equivalence point is greater than 7 in a weak acid and a strong base titration.
8. Calculate the pH in the titration of 25.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.15 cm<sup>3</sup> acetic acid by NaOH after the addition of:
  - (i) 10.0 ml of 0.150 M NaOH
  - (ii) 35.0 ml of 0.150 M NaOH
9. Which of the following are buffer systems
  - (i)  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4/\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$
  - (ii)  $\text{NaClO}_4/\text{HClO}_4$
  - (iii)  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NHCl}/\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$   
( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N} = K_b = 1.7 \times 10^{-9}$ )
  - (iv)  $\text{HCO}_3^-/\text{CO}_2^-$
  - (v)  $\text{HOCl}/\text{KOCl}$
  - (vi)  $\text{H}_2\text{NNH}_2/\text{H}_2\text{NNH}$

### Solubility Product

1. A Solution is prepared by adding 750.0 mL of  $4.00 \times 10^{-3}$  M  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  to 300 mL of  $2.00 \times 10^{-2}$  M  $\text{KIO}_3$ . Will  $\text{Ce}(\text{IO}_3)_3$  ( $K_{\text{sp}}=1.9 \times 10^{-10}$ ) precipitate from this solution?
2. A solution contains  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$  what is the minimum concentration of silver nitrate ( $\text{AgNO}_3$ ) that would cause precipitation of solid  $\text{Ag}_3\text{PO}_4$  ( $K_{\text{sp}}= 1.8 \times 10^{-18}$ )
3. The solubility of  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$  is  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  at 25 °C. Calculate the pH of a solution of a saturated solution of  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$  at 25 °C
4. What is the concentration of copper ion ( $\text{Cu}^+$ ) and Iodide ions ( $\text{I}^-$ ) in a saturated copper iodide ( $\text{CuI}$ ) solution.  $K_{\text{sp}}(\text{CuI}) = 5.1 \times 10^{-12}$ .
5. Will a precipitate of Barium sulphate form when 200  $\text{cm}^3$  of 0.0040 M  $\text{BaCl}_2$  is added to exactly 600  $\text{cm}^3$  of 0.0080M  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$ ?  $K_{\text{sp}}(\text{BaSO}_4)= 1.1 \times 10^{-10}$ .