Acid Base Chemistry & Metabolism



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HCl \longrightarrow H⁺ + Cl⁻ Completely dissociated

Weak Conjugate Base



Strong

 $K_a = Large$

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Relative Rates of Product Formation?



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HI > HBr > HCl > HF = Relative Strength of Acids



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Best leaving group

Worst leaving group

Acid/Base Catalysis as Leaving Groups



R-NH⁻ vs R-NH₂ leaving groups



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ICE Table:
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	[HA]	[H+]	[A ⁻]
Initial	0.2M	10 ⁻⁷ M	0 M
Change	- X	+ X	+ X
Final	0.2M -X	+ X	+ X

 $HA = H^+ + A^-$

1.8 X 10⁻⁴ = $\frac{[X][X]}{0.2M - X} = \frac{X^2}{0.2M}$

 $X^2 = 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$

X = .006

 $K_{A} = \frac{[H^{+}][A^{-}]}{HA} = \frac{[X][X]}{0.2M - X}$

Autoionization of water Is negligible

pH = -log [.006] = ??



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		[H*]	[pH]	
4. 3.	1.3 2.2	0.001 M	3.0	Log [.001] = -3.0
C. D.	3.4 4.1	0.006 M	2.22	
		0.01 M	2.0	Log [.01] = -2.0



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$$HCI \longrightarrow H^+ + CI^-$$
$$H_2O + H^+ \longrightarrow H_3O^+$$

NaOH \longrightarrow Na⁺ + OH⁻



Lewis Acid	Electron Pair Acceptor
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:NH₃ = Lewis Base (Nonbonding electrons)

F B F F

Nucleophile

Electrophile



3 Acid/Base Systems

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Relative Strengths of Acids

 $pK_a = -log [K_a] pK_a + pK_b = 14$

 $H_2O = H^+ + HO^- K_w = 10^{-14}$





Relative pK_a values





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Q: What is the fraction of histidine residues that are positively charged at pH = 7.4?



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than in acidic, positively charged form.



Titration of Strong Acid w/ Strong Base





moles of base added =
number of moles of acid
present in the solution



Titration Curves



Titrations

A compound was titrated as shown. What is the K_a value of the compound?





Titrations



The titration is between a weak base and an acid as the pH decreases with the addition of titrant.

Observe from the titration that the inflection point (where the slope = 0), represents the pK_b. Therefore, pOH = pK_b = 10. Recall that $K_b = 10^{-pKb} = 10^{-10}$ and $K_aK_b = K_w = 10^{-14}$. Therefore, $K_a = 10^{-14}/10^{-10} = 10^{-4}$.



Amino Acid Titrations

Which of the following amino acids best fits the titration profile shown below?





Lysine Titration





Isoelectric Point





What is the isoelectric point of arginine?

рКа₁ = 2.0 H₃N— **pKa₂ = 11.0** + =NH₂ **pKa₃ = 12.0** H_2N



Isoelectric point of arginine?



 $pl = (11 + 12) \times 0.5 = 11.5$



Relative pK_a Values

Which of the following forms of serine would fail to exist at any pH? Α В NH_2 NH_2 OH HO С Π + + NH_3 NH₃ ΩН OH HO



Relative pK_a Values





Carbonic Acid Buffering System















2 Pyruvate + 2 NADH + 6 ATP = Glucose + 2 NAD⁺ + 6 ADP + 6 P_i

Metabolic Acidosis: The Kidney

Physiological Goal: To Raise Blood pH levels

































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