

## Potentially Useful Information

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

## Questions

1. Carbonic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) is a diprotic acid.

The  $K_a$ s are as follows:

$$K_{a1} = 4.3 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$K_{a2} = 4.7 \times 10^{-11}$$

What is the pH of a 0.222 M solution of phosphoric acid?

A. 6.37

B. 7.92

**C. 3.57**

D. 2.46

E. 6.53

RICE table

Reaction	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightleftharpoons$	$\text{H}^+$	$\text{HCO}_3^-$
Initial	2.22	0	0
Change	-x	+x	+x
Equilibrium	2.22 - x	+x	+x

You will ignore  $K_{a2}$  because it is much smaller than  $K_{a1}$ .

$$4.3 \times 10^{-7} = \frac{x^2}{0.222 - x}$$

assume x is small

$$x = \sqrt{(4.3 \times 10^{-7})(0.222)} = 3.09 \times 10^{-4}$$

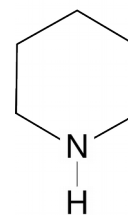
$$\text{pH} = -\log(3.09 \times 10^{-4}) = 3.57$$

2. Which of these compounds is the stronger base (the one more likely to become protonated?)

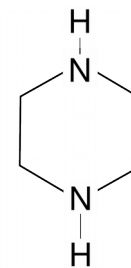
**A. Piperidine**

B. Piperazine

C. They are the same.



piperidine



piperazine

The electronegativity of the extra nitrogen in piperazine pulls electrons away from the hydrogens. This makes the nitrogens less likely to accept a proton.

piperidine  $\text{p}K_b = 2.79$

piperazine  $\text{p}K_b = 4.19$

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3. Which of the following will produce an acidic solution in water?

- X.  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$
- Y.  $\text{NaCl}$
- Z.  $\text{NaF}$

- A. X and Y
- B. X**
- C. Y
- D. Z
- E. Y and Z

$\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  are derived from a strong base ( $\text{NaOH}$ ) and a strong acid ( $\text{HCl}$ ) and so are neutral in solution.

$\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  produces  $\text{NO}_3^-$  which is derived from a strong acid and therefore neutral and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , which makes an acidic solution:



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4. Which of the following will produce an basic solution in water?

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- Y.  $\text{NaCl}$
- Z.  $\text{NaF}$

- A. X and Y
- B. X
- C. Y
- D. Z**
- E. Y and Z



5. Which of the following will produce an neutral solution in water?

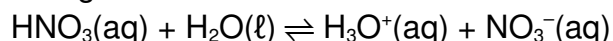
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- Y.  $\text{NaCl}$
- Z.  $\text{NaF}$

- A. X and Y
- B. X
- C. Y**
- D. Z
- E. Y and Z

See the answer to question 3.

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6. If you add 0.1 M  $\text{NaNO}_3$  to 0.1 M  $\text{HNO}_3$  (see the reaction below) will the pH change?



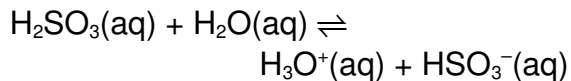
- A. No, because neither  $\text{Na}^+$  or  $\text{NO}_3^-$  will change the pH.
- B. No, because of Le Châtiliers Principle.
- C. Yes, because  $\text{Na}^+$  will change the pH.
- D. Yes, because of Le Châtiliers Principle.**
- E. Yes, because  $\text{NO}_3^-$  will change the pH.

When you add  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , you are adding a product, which, by Le Châtiliers Principle, will cause the reaction to shift toward reactants. Here, this causes a reduction in the  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ , which raises the pH. This is called the common ion effect ( $\text{NO}_3^-$  is the common ion.)

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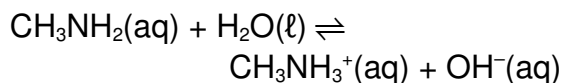
7. If you add 0.3 M NaHSO<sub>3</sub> to a solution of 0.1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (see reaction), how will the pH change?



- A. It will stay the same.  
B. It will go down.  
C. It will go up.

By adding HSO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, you are adding a product, which, Le Châtliers Principle, shifts the reaction toward the reactants. This decreases the concentration of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> so the pH will go up. This is also the common ion effect.

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8. Consider the acid base reaction below and choose the base-conjugate acid pair from the list.



- |    | <u>base</u>                         | <u>conjugate acid</u>                           |
|----|-------------------------------------|---|
| A. | <u>CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub></u> | <u>CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>±</sup></u> |
| B. | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>     | OH <sup>-</sup>                                 |
| C. | H <sub>2</sub> O                    | OH <sup>-</sup>                                 |
| D. | H <sub>2</sub> O                    | CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>    |
| E. | None of the above.                  |   |

CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> accepts a proton so it is the base (Brønsted-Lowry). CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> is derived from the base, so it is the conjugate acid.

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# CHEM 1412 MWF Spring 2016

## Worksheet #25 – pH of Salts and the Common Ion Effect – Key

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### pH of Salts and the Common Ion Effect

#### Why?

The addition of some salts to water causes a change in pH. Other salts don't cause a change in pH. Which salts cause changes to the pH and does the pH go up or down? How can you calculate the pH? What happens to the pH when you add a neutral salt, such as  $\text{NaNO}_2$  to a dilute solution of  $\text{HNO}_2$ ? Stay tuned.

#### Learning Objectives

Students should be able to:

- Predict whether a salt solution will be acidic or basic.
- Calculate the pH of salt solutions.
- Predict whether the addition of a salt to an acid-base equilibrium will cause the pH of a solution to increase or decrease.
- Calculate the pH of solutions in the presence of added salt.

#### Resources

Gilbert, 16.6 and 16.7

#### ChemTours

No ChemTours today.

#### Videos

##### [pH of Salts](https://vimeo.com/20873043)

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This video summarizes the basic pH effects of salts. 10:12 minutes.

##### [Calculation of the pH of 0.1 M Sulfuric Acid](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6exH6k9k60o)

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This video works out the problem presented in the book on p 797. 12:11 minutes

#### Prerequisites

Equilibrium, algebra,  $K_a$ ,  $K_b$ ,  $K_w$ , conjugate acid, and conjugate base.

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### Vocabulary

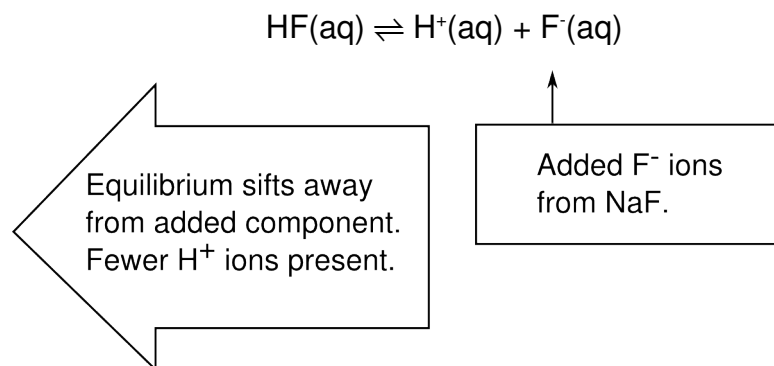
Common ion effect.

### Focus Information

#### Common Ion Effect

Good news! If you have been paying attention, you already know this! The common ion effect is just Le Chatlier's principle! In the common ion effect, the addition of salts that have a common ion with a weak acid can change the pH. For instance, consider what happens when you add NaF to the reaction below.

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That was easy! By the way, when the [H<sup>+</sup>] goes down, the pH goes up.

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### Key Questions

1. What is the pH of a 0.5 M solution of NaCl?

Answer pH 7.0

Salts that consist of the cations of strong bases and the anions of strong acids have no effect on pH when dissolved in water.

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2. Are solutions of the following salts acidic, basic or neutral? For acidic or basic solutions write the appropriate chemical equation.



Note  $\text{NH}_4^+$   $\text{pK}_a = 9.25$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^-$   $\text{pK}_b = 10.85$

$\text{NH}_4^+$  is a stronger acid than  $\text{NO}_2^-$  is a base.  $\text{pK}_a < \text{pK}_b$



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3. Arrange the following 0.10 M solutions in order of most acidic to most basic.

$\text{KOH}$ ,  $\text{KNO}_3$ ,  $\text{KCN}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{HCl}$

Answer  $\text{HCl} > \text{NH}_4\text{Cl} > \text{KNO}_3 > \text{KCN} > \text{KOH}$

$\text{HCl}$  = strong acid

$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  –  $\text{NH}_4^+$  is the conjugate acid of a weak base – produces an acid solution

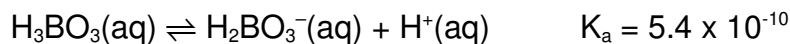
$\text{KNO}_3$  –  $\text{NO}_3^-$  is the conjugate base of a strong acid – this is neutral

$\text{KCN}$  –  $\text{CN}^-$  is the conjugate base of a weak acid – produces a basic solution

$\text{KOH}$  – strong base

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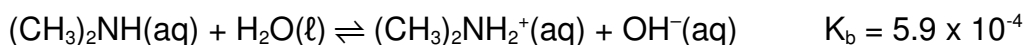
4. a. What are  $K_b$  and  $pK_b$  for  $H_2BO_3^-$ ?



$$K_b = \underline{1.9 \times 10^{-5}} \quad pK_b = \underline{4.72}$$

$$K_b = \frac{K_w}{K_a} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-14}}{5.4 \times 10^{-10}} = 1.9 \times 10^{-5} \quad pK_b = -\log(1.9 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.72$$

b. What are  $K_a$  and  $pK_a$  for  $(CH_3)_2NH_2^+$ ?



$$K_b = \underline{1.7 \times 10^{-11}} \quad pK_b = \underline{10.77}$$

$$K_b = \frac{K_w}{K_a} = \frac{1 \times 10^{-14}}{5.9 \times 10^{-4}} = 1.7 \times 10^{-11} \quad pK_b = -\log(1.7 \times 10^{-11}) = 10.77$$

5. Calculate the pH of a 0.10 M solution of NaOCl. The  $pK_a$  of HOCl is  $3.5 \times 10^{-8}$ .

Answer 10.23

The reaction is:  $OCl^- + H_2O \rightleftharpoons HOCl + OH^-$

You need to calculate the  $K_b$  from the  $K_a$ :

$$K_b \text{ for } OCl^- = \frac{K_w}{K_a} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{3.5 \times 10^{-8}} = 2.86 \times 10^{-7}$$

RICE table

Reaction	$OCl^-(\ell) + H_2O(\ell) \rightleftharpoons$	HOCl	$OH^-$
Initial	0.10	0	0
Change	-x	+x	+x
Equilibrium	0.10-x	x	x

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$$K_b = \frac{(x)(x)}{0.1-x} \quad \text{assume } x \text{ is small}$$

$$2.86 \times 10^{-7} = \frac{x^2}{0.1} \quad x = \sqrt{2.86 \times 10^{-8}} = 1.69 \times 10^{-4}$$

check x is small  $\frac{1.69 \times 10^{-4}}{0.1} \times 100 = 0.17\%$  so x is small!

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 1.69 \times 10^{-4} \quad \text{pOH} = 3.77 \quad \text{pH} = 14.00 - 3.77 = 10.23$$

6. Calculate the pH of a 0.25 M solution of methylamine chloride ( $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$ ) in water. The  $K_b$  for methylamine ( $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$ ) is  $4.38 \times 10^{-4}$ .

Answer 5.622

methylamine chloride disassociates in water to  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$ . The chloride ion has no affinity for protons so the equilibrium we are interested in is:



so the equilibrium we want is:

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+]} \quad \text{so we need to calculate } K_a \text{ from the } K_b \text{ that we have:}$$

$$K_w = K_a \times K_b \quad \text{and} \quad K_a = \frac{K_w}{K_b} = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-14}}{4.38 \times 10^{-4}} = 2.283 \times 10^{-11}$$

RICE table

Reaction	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+ \rightleftharpoons$	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$	$\text{H}^+$
Initial	0.25	0	0
Change	-x	+x	+x
Equilibrium	0.25-x	x	x



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$$K_a = 2.283 \times 10^{-11} = \frac{x^2}{0.25 - x} \text{ assuming } x \text{ is small,}$$

$$x = \sqrt{0.25 \times 2.283 \times 10^{-11}} = 2.389 \times 10^{-6}$$

check x is small:  $\frac{2.389 \times 10^{-6}}{0.25} \times 100 = 0.0010$  Yes!

check x is correct:  $K_a = 2.283 \times 10^{-11} = \frac{(2.389 \times 10^{-6})^2}{0.25} = 2.2829 \times 10^{-11}$  Yes!

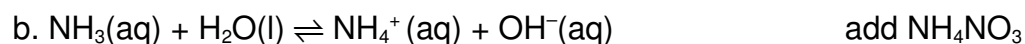
calculate the pH:  $= -\log [H^+] = -\log (2.389 \times 10^{-6}) = 5.6218 = 5.622$

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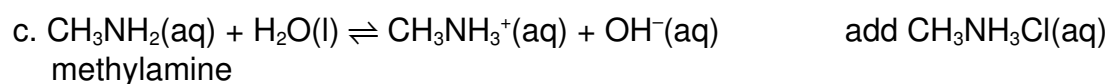
7. For each case below indicate whether the equilibrium shifts to the right or to the left with the addition of the compound indicated and say whether the pH increases or decreases after you add the compound.



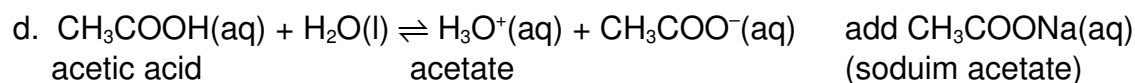
Reaction shifts left pH goes up



Reaction shifts left pH goes down



Reaction shifts left pH goes down



Reaction shifts left pH goes up

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8. You make two solutions

Solution A = 0.1 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$

Solution B = 0.1 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(\text{aq}) + 0.1 \text{ M } \text{NH}_3(\text{aq})$

a. Will solution A be acidic or basic?

Answer acidic       $\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \leftrightarrow \text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$

b. Which solution will have the lower pH?

Answer solution A

Solution A:  $\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$

In solution B, the addition of extra  $\text{NH}_3$  drives the equilibrium to the left, thus lowering the  $[\text{H}^+]$  and raising the pH.

9. Calculate the pH of a solution containing 0.20 M  $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$  (acetic acid)  $K_a$   $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  and 0.50 M  $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$  (sodium acetate).

Answer pH = 5.14



RICE table

Reaction	$\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons$	$[\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-]$	$[\text{H}^+]$
Initial	0.2	0.5	0
Change	-x	+x	+x
Equilibrium	0.2-x	0.5-x	+x

Note:  $[\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-]_0 = 0.5 \text{ M}$  because the  $\text{NaC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$  dissociates in solution.

$$K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-]}{[\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2]} = \frac{(x)(0.50+x)}{0.20-x} = \frac{(x)(0.50)}{(0.20)}$$

(assuming x is small in both cases)      Solving for x,

$$x = \frac{(1.8 \times 10^{-5})(0.2)}{(0.5)} = 7.2 \times 10^{-6} \quad \text{check x is small: } \frac{7.2 \times 10^{-6}}{0.20} \times 100\% = 3.6 \times 10^{-3}\%$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(7.2 \times 10^{-6}) = 5.14$$