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WORK SHEET

ACIDS & BASES

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Acids and Bases – Lowry Concept

The Bronsted-Lowry theory, which is a fundamental concept in chemistry, defines an

- Acid is a substance that donates a proton (H⁺)
- Base is a substance that accepts a proton (H⁺).

An acid-base reaction involves the transfer of a proton from the acid to the base. This transfer of the proton results in the formation of a new acid and a new base.

Please identify the acids and bases mentioned in the table provided below.

Exercise 1

	Acid	Base
i) $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^{++} + \text{HSO}_4^+$		
ii) $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^{++} + \text{Cl}^-$		
iii) $\text{HBr} + \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{Br} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$		
iv) $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} + \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{NO}_3^+ + \text{CH}_3\text{OH}_2$		
v) $\text{NH}_3 + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$		
vi) $\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$		
vii) $\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$		
viii) $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{HSO}_4^- + \text{H}_2\text{NO}_3^*$		

Monoprotic & Diprotic acids

Monoprotic acids are acids that release one proton (H⁺) per molecule.

Examples include hydrochloric acid (HCl), nitric acid (HNO₃), and ethanoic acid (CH₃COOH).

Diprotic acid is an acid that releases two hydrogen ions per molecule.

For instance, H₂SO₄ (sulfuric acid) and H₂C₂O₄ (ethanedioic acid) are examples of diprotic acids.

Exercise 2

Moles Of Acid	Moles Of H ⁺
3 moles of HNO ₃	
2 moles of HCL	
4 moles of H ₂ SO ₄	
0.3 moles of HNO ₃	
0.3 moles of H ₂ SO ₄	

Calculating PH and [H+] ions.

It is a scale used to specify the acidity or basicity of an aqueous solution. The formula to calculate the PH is:

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

If the pH is known and [H+] needs to be calculated, use the following formula,

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-\text{pH}}$$

Exercise 3

[H ⁺]	0.00300		2.50		1.25×10^{-3}		3.5×10^{-12}		
pH		1.75		2.20		11.40		2.55	-0.50

Calculate the pH of Strong Acids

Use the formula mentioned above to calculate the pH of strong acids. Remember that strong acids are going to dissociate fully.

Example:

Calculate the pH of $0.700 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ HClO}_3$?

As it is a monoprotic strong acid, H^+ concentration would be the same as the acid's.

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{H}^+] &= 0.7 \text{ mol/dm}^3 \\ \text{pH} &= -\log [0.7] \\ &= 0.15 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4(a)

Calculate the pH of the following solutions

a) $0.7 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ HClO}_4$

b) $0.15 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ HNO}_3$

c) $0.24 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ HBr}$

d) $1.75 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ H}_2\text{SO}_3$

e) $0.45 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ HI}$

Example:

$[\text{HNO}_3]$ with pH 1.20?

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{H}^+] &= 1 \times 10^{-1.2} \\ &= 0.63 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 4(b)

Calculate the concentration of the following acids.

a) HBr with pH 2.55

b) H_2SO_4 with pH 1.10

c) HClO_4 with pH 2.25

d) HCl with pH 1.97

e) HClO_3 with pH 3.66

f) H_2SO_4 with pH -0.50

PH calculation of diluted solution of a strong acid

Calculate the pH of the solution formed when 200 cm^3 of water is added to 150 cm^3 of $0.200 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ HCl.

$[\text{H}^+]$ in original HCl solution = 0.200

$[\text{H}^+]$ in diluted solution = $0.200 \times \frac{\text{old volume}}{\text{new volume}} = 0.200 \times \frac{150}{350} = 0.0857$

pH = $-\log 0.0857 = \underline{1.067}$

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Exercise 4(c)

Calculate the pH of the solutions formed in the following way.

a) addition of 150 cm³ of water to 25 cm³ of 0.400 mol dm⁻³ HBr

b) addition of 250 cm³ of water to 120 cm³ of 0.300 mol dm⁻³ HNO₃

c) adding water to 110 cm³ of 4.00 mol dm⁻³ H₂SO₄ to make 700 cm³ of solution

d) adding water to 25 cm³ of 1.50 mol dm⁻³ HClO₄ to make 650 cm³ of solution

Calculate the pH of the Solutions

Sometimes, you would be given concentration of acid in grams which needs to be converted to moles, and then you would be asked to calculate the pH.

Exercise 4(d)

Calculate the pH of the following solutions.

a) 20 g dm⁻³ HBr

b) 70 g dm⁻³ H₂SO₄

c) 0.04 mol dm⁻³ HCl

c) 140 g dm⁻³ HNO₃

d) 100 g dm⁻³ HClO₄

Ionic Product of water

The Ionic Product of Water, also known as K_w , refers to the equilibrium constant of the self-ionization reaction of water.

In simpler terms, it is the reaction between two water molecules resulting in the formation of hydronium (H_3O^+) and hydroxide (OH^-) ions.

The value of K_w always remains constant at $25^\circ C$ and equals 1.0×10^{-14} .

Formula for the ionic product of water is,

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-]$$

Exercise 4(e)

Calculate the pH of water at $40^\circ C$ given that $K_w = 2.916 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

Calculate the pH of water at $30^\circ C$ given that $K_w = 1.471 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

Calculate the pH of water at $20^\circ C$ given that $K_w = 0.681 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

Calculate the pH of water at $50^\circ C$ given that $K_w = 5.476 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

Calculate the pH of water at $100^\circ C$ given that $K_w = 51.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$

Calculate the PH of Strong Bases

- Calculate the pH of a strong base pH of $0.500 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ KOH?

$$[OH^-] = 0.500$$

$$[H^+] = \frac{K_w}{[OH^-]} = \frac{10^{-14}}{0.200} = 2 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$pH = -\log[H^+] = -\log(2 \times 10^{-14}) = 13.67$$

Exercise 4(f)

Calculate the concentration of the following bases.

a) KOH with pH 13.20

b) $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ with pH 12.90

c) NaOH with pH 11.20

d) CsOH with pH 10.88

e) LiOH with pH 12.13

- Calculate the concentration of base in the following solutions.

NaOH with a pH of 11.7?

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} = 10^{-11.70} = 1.995 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \frac{K_w}{[\text{H}^+]} = \frac{10^{-14}}{1.995 \times 10^{-12}} = 5 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$[\text{KOH}] = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

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Exercise 4(g)

Calculate the pH of the following solutions.

a) 40 g dm⁻³ LiOH

b) 150 g dm⁻³ NaOH

c) 175 g dm⁻³ Ba(OH)₂

d) 225 g dm⁻³ Ca(OH)₂

e) 30 g dm⁻³ Rb(OH)₂

PH calculation of diluted solution of a strong base

Calculate the pH of the solution formed when 150 cm³ of water is added to 100 cm³ of 0.100 mol dm⁻³ NaOH.

[OH⁻] in original NaOH solution = 0.100

[OH⁻] in diluted solution = 0.100 × $\frac{\text{old volume}}{\text{new volume}}$ = 0.200 × $\frac{100}{250}$ = 0.08

[H⁺] = $\frac{K_w}{[\text{OH}^-]}$ = $\frac{10^{-14}}{0.08}$ = 1.25 × 10⁻¹³

pH = -log (1.25 × 10⁻¹³) = 12.9

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Exercise 4(h)

Calculate the pH of the solutions formed in the following way.

a) addition of 200 cm³ of water to 35 cm³ of 0.150 mol dm⁻³ KOH

b) addition of 45 cm³ of water to 200 cm³ of 0.200 mol dm⁻³ Ca(OH)₂

c) adding water to 400 cm³ of 1.00 mol dm⁻³ LiOH to make 1.5 dm³ of solution.

d) addition of 175 cm³ of water to 65 cm³ of 0.250 mol dm⁻³ CsOH

e) addition of 270 cm³ of water to 75 cm³ of 0.150 mol dm⁻³ Sr(OH)₂

Calculate the pH of the solutions

Sometimes, you would be given concentration in grams, which need to be converted to moles and then you would be asked to calculate the pH.

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Exam Questions

Which is the concentration of NaOH(aq), in mol dm⁻³, that has pH = 14.30?

$$K_w = 1.00 \times 10^{-14} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6} \text{ at } 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

- A** -1.16
B 5.01×10^{-15}
C 2.00×10^{14}
D 2.00

Give the meaning of the term Brønsted–Lowry acid.

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Table 1 shows how K_w varies with temperature.

Table 1

Temperature / °C	$K_w / \text{mol}^2 \text{dm}^{-6}$
10	2.93×10^{-15}
20	6.81×10^{-15}
25	1.00×10^{-14}
30	1.47×10^{-14}
50	5.48×10^{-14}

Give the expression for pH.

Calculate the pH of pure water at 50 °C
Give your answer to 2 decimal places.

Explain why water is neutral at 50 °C

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