



Key Equations, Numerical Relationships

- $[H^+][HO^-] = 1.00 \times 10^{-14}$
- $pH = -\log[H^+]$ $pOH = -\log[OH^-]$ $[H^+] = 10^{-pH}$ $[OH^-] = 10^{-pOH}$
- $pH + pOH = 14$

Weak acid problems (assuming simplifying assumption)

- $[H^{\oplus}] = \sqrt{K_a \times [HA]_{init}}$
- $K_a = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[HA]_{init}}$
- $pK_a = -\log K_a$ $pK_b = -\log K_b$ $K_a = 10^{-pK_a}$ $K_b = 10^{-pK_b}$

Weak base problems (assuming simplifying assumption)

- $[HO^{\ominus}] = \sqrt{K_b \times [Base]_{init}}$
- $K_b = \frac{[HO^-]^2}{[Base]_{init}}$

Conjugate $K_a K_b$

- $K_a K_b = 10^{-14}$ for a conjugate acid/base pair.

Some Calculation Logic Scenarios

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| 1. Strong acid \rightarrow pH | [Strong acid] \rightarrow $[H^{\oplus}] \rightarrow$ pH |
| 2. Strong base \rightarrow pH | [Strong base] \rightarrow $[HO^{\ominus}] \rightarrow$ pOH \rightarrow pH |
| 3. Weak acid + $K_a \rightarrow$ pH | [Weak acid] + $K_a \rightarrow$ $[H^{\oplus}] \rightarrow$ pH |
| 4. pH of weak acid \rightarrow K_a | pH \rightarrow solve for $[H^{\oplus}] \rightarrow$ K_a |
| 5. Weak base + $K_b \rightarrow$ pH | [Weak base] + $K_b \rightarrow$ $[HO^{\ominus}] \rightarrow$ pOH \rightarrow pH |
| 6. pH of weak base \rightarrow K_b | pH \rightarrow solve for $[HO^{\ominus}] \rightarrow$ pOH \rightarrow pH |
| 7. Weak base + K_a of conjugate acid \rightarrow pH | $K_a \rightarrow$ $K_b \rightarrow$ $[HO^{\ominus}] \rightarrow$ pOH \rightarrow pH |

- Many of these can be further lengthened by adding a $pK_a \rightarrow K_a$ or $pK_b \rightarrow K_b$ step.
- Many can also be further lengthened by having you calculate your molarity of a starting strong or weak acid.
 - Dilution: Given an original concentration, what is the concentration after diluting?
 - Grams in solvent, use grams and molecular weight to find moles, then moles and volume to determine molarity.