





## Acid-Base Chemistry (Section 1.13-18)

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Acidity/Basicity Table								
Entry	<u>Class</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Ka</u>	<u>Acid</u> Strength	Base	<u>Base</u> <u>Strength</u>	Base Stability	
1	Strong Acids	H-Cl, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	10 <sup>2</sup>	ſ	CI <sup>⊖</sup> , HO−S−O 0		1	
2	Hydronium	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> , ROH <sup>+</sup> cationic	10 <sup>0</sup>		H <sub>2</sub> O, HOR neutral			
3	Carboxylic Acid	R OH	10-5		R <sup>↓</sup> O⊖			
4	Ammonium Ion (Charged)	R,⊕,H R <sup>-N</sup> `R Charged, but only weakly acidic!	10 <sup>-12</sup>		R <sup>'</sup> N R <sup>'</sup> ··`R Neutral, but basic!			
5	Water	НОН	10 <sup>-16</sup>		<sub>но</sub> Ө			
6	Alcohol	ROH	10 <sup>-17</sup>		RO <sup>Ө</sup>			
7	Ketones and Aldehydes	Ομαμ	10 <sup>-20</sup>		o (			
8	Amine (N-H)	(iPr) <sub>2</sub> N-H	10 <sup>-33</sup>		$(iPr)_2 N^{\bigcirc} Li^{\oplus}$			
9	Alkane (C-H)	RCH₃	10 <sup>-50</sup>					

## Quick Checklist of Acid/Base Factors

1. Charge

1. Cations more acidic than neutrals; anions more basic than neutrals

- 2. Electronegativity 3. Resonance/Conjugation
- 2. Carbanions < nitrogen anions < oxyanione < halides in stability 3. resonance anions more stable than anions without resonance

When neutral acids are involved, it's best to draw the conjugate anionic bases, and then think from the anion stability side.

- The above three factors will be needed this semester. The following three will also ٠ become important in Organic II.
- 4. Hybridization
- 5. Impact of Electron Donors/Withdrawers
- 6. Amines/Ammoniums

## More Detailed Discussion of Acid/Base Patterns/Factors to remember

- 1. Charge Factor: central atom being equal, cations are more acidic than neutrals  $(H_3O^+ > H_2O, NH_4+ > NH_3)$ , and anions more basic than neutrals (hydroxide > water).
- 2. Electronegativity Factor:

• Acidity	H-C < H-N < H-O < H-X (halogen)
Anion Stability	$C < N < O < X^{\ominus}$
Basicity	C > N > O > X
• Electronegativity	C < N < O < X

- Why: All neutral acids produce an anion after losing an H
- <u>The more stable the anion Z<sup>-</sup> that forms, the more acidic the parent H-Z will be</u>. (The Product Stability/Reactivity principle).
- The anion stability correlates the love for electrons (electronegativity).
- Summary of Key Relationships:
  - ANION STABILITY and the ACIDITY of a neutral acid precursor.
  - ANION STABILITY and the BASICITY of the anion (inverse relationship)
  - ANION BASICITY and the ACIDITY OF THE CONJUGATE ACID are inversely related (the stronger the acidity of the parent acid, the weaker the basicity of the conjugate anion)
- KEY: WHEN THINKING ABOUT ACIDITY AND BASICITY, FOCUS ON THE STABILITY OF THE ANION.
- 3. Resonance/Conjugation: Anion resonance is stabilizing, so <u>an acid that gives a</u> <u>resonance-stabilized anion is more acidic.</u> And an anion that forms with resonance will be more stable and less basic.
  - Oxygen Series Examples: Acidity: sulfuric acid > carboxylic acid > water or alcohol

• Note: Resonance is normally useful as a tiebreaker between oxygen anions, nitrogen anions, or carbon anions