

## Review Questions: pH and pOH

1. Calculate the pH and pOH of lake water which was found to have  $[H^+] = 3.2 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L

**Ans** pH = 4.49, & pOH = 9.51

2. The pH of a soil sample is 8.3. What is the  $[H^+]$  and  $[OH^-]$  of the sample?

**Ans**  $[H^+] = 5.0 \times 10^{-9}$  mol/L

$[OH^-] = 2.0 \times 10^{-6}$  mol/L

3. What is the pH of a sodium hydroxide, a strong base, solution that has a concentration of 0.0026 mol/L?

**Ans** pH = 11

4. Calculate  $[H^+]$ , and  $[OH^-]$  for the following:

a) pOH = 9.561

**Ans**  $[H^+] = 3.64 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L

**Ans**  $[OH^-] = 2.75 \times 10^{-10}$  mol/L

b) pH = 3.176

**Ans**  $[H^+] = 6.67 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L

**Ans**  $[OH^-] = 1.50 \times 10^{-11}$  mol/L

1. Calculate pH and pOH for the following:

a)  $[H^+] = 8.52 \times 10^{-10}$  mol/L

**Ans** pH = 9.07, & pOH = 4.93

b)  $[OH^-] = 9.50 \times 10^{-10}$  mol/L

**Ans** pH = 10.9, & pOH = 3.10

### $K_w$ , $[H^+]$ , and $[OH^-]$ Questions

1. Calculate  $[H^+]$ , and  $[OH^-]$  for each of the following solutions:

a) 0.001 mol/L HCl, a strong acid

**Ans**  $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L

$[OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-11}$  mol/L

b) 4.0 mol/L NaOH, a strong base

**Ans**  $[H^+] = 2.5 \times 10^{-15}$  mol/L

$[OH^-] = 4.0$  mol/L

c)  $6.00 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L  $Ca(OH)_2$ , a strong base

**Ans**  $[H^+] = 8.3 \times 10^{-13}$  mol/L

$[OH^-] = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$  mol/L

d)  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L  $HNO_3$ , a strong acid

**Ans**  $[H^+] = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L

$[OH^-] = 4.0 \times 10^{-11}$  mol/L

## K<sub>a</sub> & K<sub>b</sub> Questions

1. The value of K<sub>a</sub> for H<sub>2</sub>S  $\rightleftharpoons$  H<sup>+</sup> + HS<sup>-</sup> is 1.0 x 10<sup>-7</sup>. What is the value of [H<sup>+</sup>] in a 0.050 mol/L solution of HS is a weak acid.

**Ans** [H<sup>+</sup>] = 7.1 x 10<sup>-5</sup> mol/L

2. The value of K<sub>a</sub> for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  $\rightleftharpoons$  H<sup>+</sup> + HO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is 2.4 x 10<sup>-12</sup>. What is the pH of a 0.20 mol/L solution of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>? H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is a weak acid.

**Ans** pH = 6.2

3. K<sub>b</sub> for NH<sub>3</sub>, a weak base, is 1.8 x 10<sup>-5</sup>. Calculate the [H<sup>+</sup>], [OH<sup>-</sup>], pH, and pOH of a 0.0200 mol/L solution.

**Ans** [H<sup>+</sup>] = 1.67 x 10<sup>-11</sup> mol/L  
[OH<sup>-</sup>] = 6.00 x 10<sup>-4</sup> mol/L  
pH = 10.8  
pOH = 3.22

4. K<sub>a</sub> for HNO<sub>2</sub>, a weak aci, is 5.1 x 10<sup>-4</sup>. What is the [H<sup>+</sup>], [OH<sup>-</sup>], pH, and pOH of a 0.400 mol/L HNO<sub>2</sub> solution?

**Ans** [H<sup>+</sup>] = 1.43 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mol/L  
[OH<sup>-</sup>] = 6.99 x 10<sup>-13</sup> mol/L  
pH = 1.84  
pOH = 12.2

5. Calculate K<sub>a</sub> for a 0.100 mol/L solution of formic acid, HCHO<sub>2</sub>, a weak acid, if the pH is 2.38

**Ans** K<sub>a</sub> = 1.8 x 10<sup>-4</sup>

6. When butter turns rancid, its foul odour is mostly butyric acid, a weak acid. A 0.0100 mol/L solution of butyric acid has a pH of 3.40. Using Hbu and Bu<sup>-</sup>, claculate the K<sub>a</sub> of Butyric acid.

**Ans** K<sub>a</sub> = 1.7 x 10<sup>-5</sup>

7. Nicotinic acid, HC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, is a B vitamin. It is also a weak acid with K<sub>a</sub> = 1.4 x 10<sup>-5</sup>. What is the [H<sup>+</sup>] and the pH of a 0.100 mol/L solution?

**Ans** [H<sup>+</sup>] = 1.8 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mol/L  
pH = 2.9

## Conjugate Acid and Base Pairs

1. Write the conjugate acid for each of the following:

- a) NO<sub>2</sub>  
b) HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>  
c) HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>-2</sup>  
d) OH<sup>-</sup>  
e) H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>  
f) CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>

**Ans**  
HNO<sub>2</sub>  
H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>  
H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>  
H<sub>2</sub>O  
H<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>  
CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>

2. Write the conjugate base for each of the following:

- a) HF  
b) HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>  
c) NH<sub>3</sub>  
d) N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup>  
e) HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>-2</sup>  
f) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>

**Ans**  
F<sup>-</sup>  
CO<sub>3</sub><sup>-2</sup>  
NH<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>  
N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>  
PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-3</sup>  
(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH