Acids and Bases

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Pearson chapter 17

Outcomes

- Properties of acids and bases
- Indicators
- The Arrhenius theory of Acids and Bases
- Strong and weak acids and bases



Common acids and bases

	d	Acid	Base	
common examples of strong forms	HCI	hydrochloric acid	LiOH	lithium hydroxide
	HNO ₃	nitric acid	NaOH	sodium hydroxide
	H ₂ SO ₄	sulfuric acid	КОН	potassium hydroxide
			Ba(OH) ₂	barium hydroxide
some examples of weak forms	CH ₃ COOH and other organic acids	ethanoic acid	NH3	ammonia
	H ₂ CO ₃	carbonic acid	C ₂ H ₅ NH ₂ and other amines	ethylamine
	H ₃ PO ₄	phosphoric acid		





Properties of acids and bases



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The colour of hydrangea flowers is dependent upon the pH of the soil

pH scale



Indicators

• Indicators are coloured compounds which change colour based on the pH of the solution





Indicators





lonisation of water

- Water (H₂O) is covalent molecular
- As we learnt previously, some covalent molecular compounds (such as ethanoic acid) ionise to form ions in aqueous solutions – we call these weak electrolytes.
- Water, to a small extent, self-ionises into H⁺_(aq) and OH⁻_(aq)

$$H_2O_{(I)} \longrightarrow H^+_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)} 2H_2O_{(I)} \longrightarrow H_3O^+_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)}$$

Recall: The double arrow means the process is reversible

lonisation of water

$$2H_2O_{(I)} \longrightarrow H_3O^+_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)}$$

- In pure water, we will form an equal amount of H⁺_(aq) and OH⁻_(aq)
- For this reason we say pure water is neutral.
- The ions rapidly recombine so the concentrations of the ions is low, the concentration of $H^+_{(aq)}$ and $OH^-_{(aq)}$ in pure water is 1.0 x 10⁻⁷ mol L⁻¹
- Concentration of H⁺_(aq) can be used to calculate pH of a solution

$$pH = -log[H^+] \qquad \qquad If \qquad [H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol } L^{-1} \\ Then \qquad pH = 7$$

The pH scale is a negative logarithmic scale. The logarithmic part means that pH changes by 1 unit for every factor of 10 change in concentration of H^+ . The negative sign in front of the log tells us that there is an *inverse relationship* between pH and $[H^+]$: when pH increases, $[H^+]$ decreases, and vice versa.



- An acid has H in its formula and dissolves in water to form hydrogen ions (H⁺)
- A base has OH in its formula and when added to water forms hydroxide ions (OH⁻)
- These ions are produced by a reversible reaction known as ionisation or dissociation

Examples

• An acid ionises to produce hydrogen ion

 $HNO_{3(I)} \longrightarrow H^{+}_{(aq)} + NO3^{-}_{(aq)}$

• A base dissociated to produce hydroxide ion

 $NaOH_{(s)} \longrightarrow Na^+_{(aq)} + OH^-_{(aq)}$

Arrhenius theory of acids and bases

- Arrhenius theory explains:
- Because all acids have H+ ions they all react with carbonates, hydrogen carbonates, and metals such as magnesium
- Solutions of acids can conduct electricity because of the H+ ions and negative ions
- When mixed together H^+ and OH^- form water H_2O

Arrhenius theory of acids and bases

- Limitations
- Some substances that behave as bases, (produce OH- ions in solution) do not contain OH (NH₃ and carbonates)
- Reactions such as $NH_3 + HCI \rightarrow NH_4CI$ cannot be explained
- Not all salts are neutral
- H+ ions cannot exist in water for a long time (H_3O+)

- According to Arrhenius theory, when strong acids are dissolved in water, all the acid molecules break up into hydrogen ions and negative ions
- 1 mole HCl \rightarrow 1 mole H⁺ + 1 mole Cl⁻
- When a weak acid is added to water only some of the molecules are ionised
- 1 mole HF \rightarrow 0.03 mole H⁺ + 0.03 mole F⁻
- (H⁺ are actually H_3O^+)

Strong and weak acids and bases

Strong Acids		Weak Acids		
Nitric acid	HNO ₃	Acetic acid	CH ₃ COOH	
Sulfuric acid	H ₂ SO ₄	Hydrofluoric acid	HF	
Hydrochloric acid	HCI	Phosphoric acid	H ₃ PO ₄	
Hydrobromic acid	HBr	Sulfurous acid	H_2SO_3	
Hydroiodic acid	HI	Ammonium ion	NH4 ⁺	
Perchloric acid HClO ₄		Hydrogen sulfate ion HSO ₄ -		
Strong Bases		Weak Bases		
Metal hydroxides	NaOH	Ammonia	NH ₃	
Metal oxides Na ₂ O		Hydrogen carbonate		
		Carbonate ion		
		Phosphate ion		

Polyprotic acids

 Monoprotic acid – each molecule of acid produces one hydrogen ion only during ionisation

$$HCI + H_2O \rightarrow H_3O^+ + CI^-$$

• Polyprotic acids:

Produce more than one hydrogen ion when dissolved in water

 $H_2SO_4 + H_2O \rightarrow H_3O + HSO_4^-$

>Hydrogen sulfate produced acts as a weak acid in the next process

 $HSO_4^- + H_2O \rightarrow H_3O^+ + SO_4^{2-}$

On going work

- Pearson chapter 17.1 and 17.2
- STAWA Sets
 - ➢ pH scale calculations SET 34
 - Acid and Base reaction stoichiometry SET 36