

Biochemistry Lecture 2 notes

Acid and Bases

Defention and Terms

There is alot of defentions for acids and bases but we don't care about all of them and this is the one we are going to deal with :

- **Acid** : A Substance that can produce H^+ (H_3O^+) when dissolved in water or reacts with other substances.

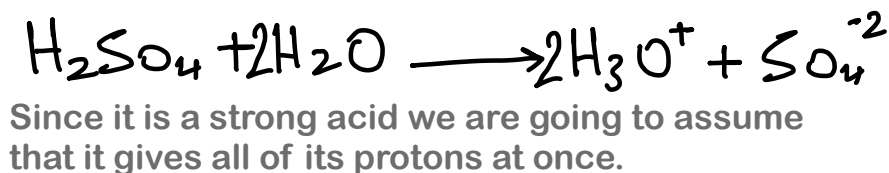
Acids differ in how many protons they can donate, some of them can donates one proton (**Monoprotic Acids**), some can donate more than one proton (**Multiprotic acids**), two protons (**Diprotic acids**), and others can donates three protones (**Triprotic acids**).

Examples

Monoprotic :
HCl, HNO₃, CH₃COOH.



Diprotic :
H₂SO₄



Triprotic :
H₃PO₄

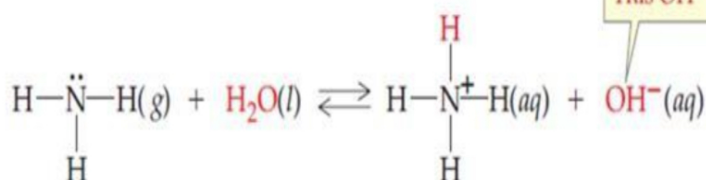


Since H₃PO₄ is a weak acid it donates one proton on each reaction.

- **Base** : A Substance that can accept H^+ when reacts with other substance or produces OH^- when dissolved in water.

Examples

NH₃



This OH^- ion comes from H_2O .

Amphoteric (Ampho means : dual or both)

Substances that can donate a proton on one reaction and accept a proton on other reaction depending on the other molecule it reacting with.

Example: water

- With ammonia (NH₃), water acts as an acid because it donates a proton (hydrogen ion) to ammonia.



Act as acid

- With hydrochloric acid, water acts as a base.



Acid/Base Strength

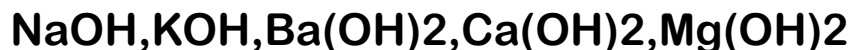
Acids/bases differ in their ability to release/accept protons.

Memorise strong acids/bases.

Strong acids :



Strong bases :



| ACID | BASE |
|---|---|
| Strong | Negligible |
| HCl | Cl ⁻ |
| H ₂ SO ₄ | HSO ₄ ⁻ |
| HNO ₃ | NO ₃ ⁻ |
| H ⁺ (aq) | H ₂ O |
| HSO ₄ ⁻ | SO ₄ ²⁻ |
| H ₃ PO ₄ | H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻ |
| HF | F ⁻ |
| HC ₂ H ₃ O ₂ | C ₂ H ₃ O ₂ ⁻ |
| H ₂ CO ₃ | HCO ₃ ⁻ |
| H ₂ S | HS ⁻ |
| H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻ | HPO ₄ ²⁻ |
| NH ₄ ⁺ | NH ₃ |
| HCO ₃ ⁻ | CO ₃ ²⁻ |
| HPO ₄ ²⁻ | PO ₄ ³⁻ |
| H ₂ O | OH ⁻ |
| Negligible | Strong |
| HS ⁻ | S ²⁻ |
| OH ⁻ | O ₂ ⁻ |
| H ₂ | H ⁺ |

- The stronger the acid the weaker its conjugated base.

Strong acids/bases ~> one way reaction (100% dissociation).



Weak acids/bases ~> reversible reaction (doesn't dissociate completely).



Any reaction in the universe seek to reach a balance state between reactants and products where rate of reactants making products is equal to rate of products making reactants, and reactants and products concentration are constant (not necessary to be equal), **This state is called equilibrium.**

Equilibrium

Why equilibrium happens ? Why every reaction seeks to

Because we want the difference in energy between reactants and products reactions to be zero. Why do we need difference in energy to be zero? Because it is more stable.

Equilibrium Constant K_{eq} and Acid dissociation constant

$$K_a = \frac{[H_3O^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$$

K_a indicates the direction of the reaction.

- If K_a greater than one \rightarrow products concentration is higher than reactants concentration \rightarrow reaction directed forward (toward products).
- If K_a is lesser than one \rightarrow reactants concentration is higher than products concentration \rightarrow reaction directed backward (toward reactants).

K_a vs pK_a

Both gives us an indication about the strength of an acid.

Since K_a numbers are hard to deal with and hard to feel them, scientists have introduced pK_a which is : $pK_a = -\log(K_a)$.

PKa gives us numbers that we can feel since we are dealing with them every day : 2.7/ 11.2/ 3.1 while ka numbers are things like : 1.7×10^{-10} / 4.25×10^{-11}

- The higher the Ka The lower the PKa and the greater the strength of an acid (stronger).

- The lower the Ka The higher the PKa and the lesser the strength of an acid (weaker).

Molarity

Moles = grams/molecular weight

Molarity = moles/volume(L)

Grams = molecular weight X moles = molecular weight X Volume X Molarity

Equivalents

When we deal with acid and bases its a little bit diffecult to deal with them with terms of molarity / grams all the time espically when you are talking about multiprotic acids and bases that have more than one OH group, so we are going to spdeal with them in terms of Equivalents.

Equivalents?

The number of different charge that I need to neutralize the chatge that I have.

Also it can be defined as the number of moles of H^+ that the acid can produced or a base can accept.

For acids :

$1 \text{ mole of } HCl = 1 \text{ mole of } H^+ = 1 \text{ equivalents}$

$1 \text{ mole of } H_2SO_4 = 2 \text{ moles of } H^+ = 2 \text{ equivalents}$

$1 \text{ equivalent of } H_2SO_4 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mole of } H_2SO_4$

For bases :

1 mole of $\text{NaOH} = 1 \text{ mole of } \text{OH}^- = 1 \text{ equivalent.}$

1 mole of $\text{NH}_3 = 1 \text{ mole of } \text{OH}^- = 1 \text{ equivalent.}$

1 mole of $\text{Ca(OH)}_2 = 2 \text{ moles of } \text{OH}^- = 2 \text{ eq}$

1 eq of $\text{Ca(OH)}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ mole of } \text{Ca(OH)}_2$

For ions :

1 mole of $\text{Na}^+ = 1 \text{ equivalent} = 23.1 \text{ g}$

1 mole of $\text{Cl}^- = 1 \text{ equivalent} = 35.5 \text{ g}$

Equivalents = n x Molarity x Volume

The little n is representing the number of OH^-/H^+ it can produce or H^+ it can accept.

One equivalents of an acid is neutralized by one equivalents of a base.

Examples :

How many equivalents are in the following:

~> 5.0 g HNO_3 MW = 63

1 mole of $\text{HNO}_3 = 1 \text{ equivalents.}$

$\frac{5.0}{63} \text{ mole of } \text{HNO}_3 = 0.0794 \text{ equivalents.}$

~> 12.5 g Ca(OH)_2 MW = 74

1 mole of $\text{Ca(OH)}_2 = 2 \text{ equivalents}$

$\frac{12.5}{74} \text{ mole of } \text{Ca(OH)}_2 = 0.34 \text{ equivalents}$

~> 4.3 g H_3PO_4 MW = 98

$\frac{4.3}{98} \text{ mole of } \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 = \frac{4.3}{98} \times 3 = 0.132 \text{ equivalents.}$

•The typical concentration of Mg^{+2} in blood is 3 mEq/L.

How many milligrams of Mg^{+2} are in 250 mL of blood? MW = 24

لنرمز نغول من equivalents الى moles بجدول من
grams الى moles 1 mole = 2 equivalents
X mole = 3 equivalents

$$X = \frac{3}{2} \text{ mole}$$

$$3 \text{ Eq/L} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} \text{ mmol/L}$$

$$\text{grams} = \frac{24}{1000} \times 0.250 \text{ L} \times \frac{3}{2} \frac{\text{mmol}}{\text{L}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{grams} = 9 \text{ mg}} \quad \text{gram}$$

- Calculate milligrams of Ca^{+2} in blood if total concentration of Ca^{+2} is 5 mEq/L.

Note: atomic weight of Ca^{+2} is 40.1 grams/mole

$$1 \text{ mole} = 2 \text{ equivalents}$$

$$X \text{ mole} = \frac{5 \text{ mequivalents}}{L}$$

$$X = \frac{5}{2} \text{ meq/L} \Rightarrow \text{grams} = \text{moles} \times \text{MW}$$

$$\frac{5}{2} \text{ meq/L} \times 40.1$$

$$\text{grams} = 100.25 \text{ mg/L}$$

Or you can simply just say :

$$40.1 \text{ gram} = 1 \text{ mole} = 2 \text{ equivalents}$$

$$y \text{ gram} = x \text{ mole} = 5 \text{ meq/L}$$

$$\frac{40.1 \times 5}{2} = y \Rightarrow y = 100.25 \text{ mg/L}$$

- Titration of a 12.0 mL solution of HCl requires 22.4 mL of 0.12 M NaOH. What is the molarity of the HCl solution?

Rule :- One equivalents of an acid neutralize one equivalents of a Base

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{equivalents} & = & \text{equivalents} \\ \text{H}^+ & & \text{OH}^- \end{array} \rightarrow n_1 \times V_1 \times M_1 = n_2 \times V_2 \times M_2$$

$$1 \times 0.012 \times M_1 = 1 \times 0.0224 \times 0.12$$

$$M_1 = 0.224 \text{ M}$$

- What volume of 0.085 M HNO₃, is required to titrate 15.0 mL of 0.12 M Ba(OH)₂ solution?

Rule :- one equivalent of an acid neutralizes one equivalent of a Base.

equivalent H⁺ = equivalent OH⁻

$$n_1 \times V_1 \times M_1 = n_2 \times M_2 \times V_2$$

$$1 \times V_1 \times 0.085 = 2 \times 0.12 \times 0.015$$

$$V_1 = 0.0424 \text{ L}$$

$$V_1 = 42.4 \text{ mL}$$

Electrolytes

- Electrically charged minerals when dissolved in water.
- Examples : Sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, phosphate, and bicarbonate.
- Important for various bodily functions such as :

~> Nerve. Sodium ions (Na⁺)

~> Muscle contraction. Calcium ions (Ca²⁺)

~> Fluid balance. (All of them)

~> acid-base balance.

~> Blood pressure. (All of them)

→ Related to each other
Just think about it. (physiology final)
You remember?

Decreasing in sodium ions (Na⁺)

Hyponatremia : Can be caused by heavily and continuous diarrhea (this also causes dehydration)

Hypo = low
Hyper = high

Electrolytes are very important to our bodies.

They can be lost along with water during diarrhea, vomiting and sweating.

Excessive loss of electrolytes can lead to severe complications

therefore should be restored for example by IV electrolyte replacement in hospitals.

Also athletes drink electrolyte rich drinks to restore what is lost by excessive

sweating during strenuous exercise.



Antacids

Exactly as modifieds

- Alkaline (basic) compounds (neutralize HCl) of the stomach.

- Reduce stomach acidity and providing relief from heartburn and indigestion (dyspepsia) حُرقة في المعدة عُسْر الهضم

- Reduce digestion of proteins by pepsin (pH 1-2 vs 3.5-5) (activity of pepsin declines as PH reaches 3.5 and above)



Antacids neutralize (HCl). This raises the pH of the stomach. At a higher pH (less acidic), pepsin becomes less active or inactive. This can slow or reduce protein digestion in the stomach.

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- Examples:

Magnesium Hydroxide $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$

Aluminum Hydroxide $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$

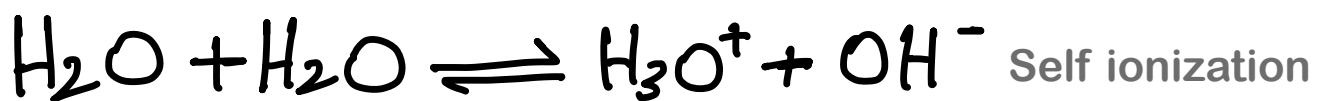
Calcium Carbonate $\text{Ca}(\text{CO}_3)_2$

Sodium Bicarbonate NaHCO_3

Memorise these (ولا عليك أمر)

Ionization of water

- H^+ exist in solution bonded to water as hydronium ion (H_3O^+)
- Whenever we write H^+ (for simplicity) understand it as H_3O^+



Equilibrium constant and ion product of



$$K_{eq} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{H}_2\text{O}]} \Rightarrow 1.86 \times 10^{-16} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]}{55.5}$$

\uparrow Constant 1.86×10^{-16}
 \uparrow Constant 55.5 mole/L
 Imagine you are dissolving water into 1 Liter of water its always going to be the same concentration.

$$[\text{OH}^-][\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2$$

This is called the ion product of water.
 It allows you to calculate $[\text{OH}^-]$ when you have $[\text{H}^+]$ known and vice versa.

- For pure water, there are equal concentrations of $[H^+]$ and $[OH^-]$, each with a value of $1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$.
- Since K_w is a fixed value, the concentrations of $[H^+]$ and $[OH^-]$ are inversely changing.
- If the concentration of H^+ is high, then the concentration of OH^- must be low, and vice versa. For example, if $[H^+] = 10^{-2} \text{ M}$, then $[OH^-] = 10^{-12} \text{ M}$

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