

Chemistry: Acid/Bases Assignment 3

Name: Answer key

Be sure to show all your work

1. If a solution has a $[H^+]$ concentration of $4.5 \times 10^{-7} M$, is this an acidic or basic solution? Explain.

Acidic $[OH^-] = \frac{K_w}{[H^+]} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{4.5 \times 10^{-7}} = 2.2 \times 10^{-8} M OH^- \Rightarrow [OH^-] < [H^+]$
 $2.2 \times 10^{-8} M < 4.5 \times 10^{-7} M$

2. An acidic solution has a pH of 4. If I dilute 10 mL of this solution to a final volume of 1000 mL, what is the pH of the resulting solution?

$[H^+] = 10^{-pH} = 10^{-4} M H^+$
 $M_1 V_1 = M_2 V_2$
 $1 \times 10^{-4} M H^+ \cdot 10 mL = x \cdot 1000 mL$
 $x = 1 \times 10^{-6} M H^+$
 $pH = -\log(1 \times 10^{-6}) = \boxed{6}$
 * A 10 mL / 1000 mL dilution is a 100-fold dilution.

3. Determine the pH and pOH of the following solutions:

- a. a $4.5 \times 10^{-3} M$ HBr solution. - HBr is strong (100% ionization)

$pH = -\log[H^+] = -\log[HBr] = -\log(4.5 \times 10^{-3}) = \boxed{2.35}$
 $pOH = 14 - pH = 14 - 2.35 = \boxed{11.65}$

- b. a $3.67 \times 10^{-5} M$ KOH solution. - KOH is strong! 100% dissociation

$pOH = -\log[OH^-] = -\log(3.67 \times 10^{-5}) = \boxed{4.435}$
 $pH = 14 - pOH = 14 - 4.435 = \boxed{9.565}$

- c. a solution made by diluting 25 mL of 6.0 M HCl until the final volume of the solution is 1.75 L.

$M_1 V_1 = M_2 V_2$
 $M_2 = \frac{M_1 V_1}{V_2} = \frac{6.0 M HCl \cdot 25 mL}{1.75 L \cdot 1000 mL} = 0.086 M HCl$
 $pH = -\log(0.086) = \boxed{1.07}$
 HCl is strong

4. Find the pH of a 0.095 M solution of formic acid. The acid dissociation constant (K_a) for formic acid is 1.8×10^{-4} .

$HCOOH + H_2O \rightarrow HCOO^- + H_3O^+$
 $K_a = \frac{[HCOO^-][H_3O^+]}{[HCOOH]} = \frac{x \cdot x}{0.095 - x}$ (assume 5% rule)
 $1.8 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{x^2}{0.095}$
 $x = 0.0041 M H^+$
 $pH = -\log(0.0041) = \boxed{2.38}$

5. If the pH of $HC_3H_5O_2$ is 4.2 and the $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$.

- a. what is the equilibrium concentration of $HC_3H_5O_2$?

$[H^+] = 10^{-pH} = 10^{-4.2} = 6.31 \times 10^{-5} M H^+$

$HC_3H_5O_2 + H_2O \rightarrow C_3H_5O_2^- + H_3O^+$
 $K_a = \frac{[C_3H_5O_2^-][H_3O^+]}{[HC_3H_5O_2]}$
 $1.8 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{(6.31 \times 10^{-5})(6.31 \times 10^{-5})}{x}$
 $x = [HC_3H_5O_2] = \boxed{2.21 \times 10^{-4} M}$

- b. what was the initial concentration of $HC_3H_5O_2$ before dissociation?

$[HC_3H_5O_2]_i = [HC_3H_5O_2]_{eq} + [C_3H_5O_2^-]_{eq}$
 $= 2.21 \times 10^{-4} + 6.31 \times 10^{-5}$
 $= \boxed{2.84 \times 10^{-4} M}$