

Water and pH

Water

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- ❑ Water is the predominant chemical component of living organisms.
- ❑ Its unique physical properties include:
 - ❑ The ability to solvate a wide range of organic and inorganic molecules by its exceptional capacity for forming hydrogen bonds.
 - ❑ An excellent nucleophile, water is a reactant or product in many metabolic reactions.
 - ❑ Water has a slight propensity to dissociate into hydroxide ions and protons.

H^+

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OH^-

- ❑ Normal blood pH ranges from 7.35-7.45
- ❑ Acidosis (blood pH < 7.35) include diabetic ketosis and lactic acidosis.
- ❑ Alkalosis (pH > 7.45) may, for example, follow vomiting of acidic gastric contents.

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1- metabolism
2- respiratory

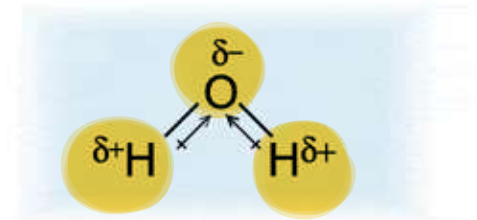
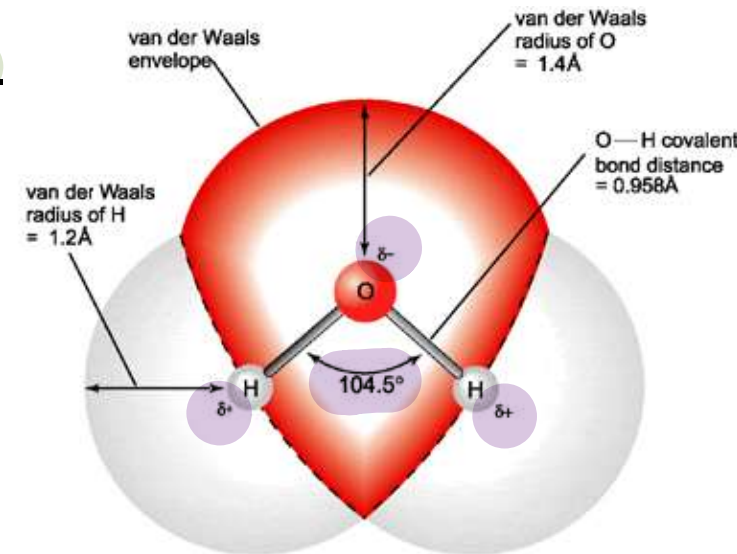
Water Is an Ideal Biologic Solvent

Water Molecules Form Dipoles

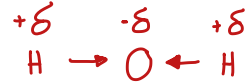
- ❑ A water molecule is an irregular, slightly skewed tetrahedron with oxygen at its center.

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- ❑ Water is a **dipole**, a molecule with electrical charge distributed asymmetrically about its structure.
- ❑ The strongly electronegative oxygen atom pulls electrons away from the hydrogen nuclei, leaving them with a partial positive charge, while its two unshared electron pairs constitute a region of local negative charge.



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The dielectric constant tells us how well a substance reduces electrical attraction between charges.

- Water, a strong dipole, has a high dielectric constant. As described quantitatively by Coulomb's law, the strength of interaction between oppositely charged particles is inversely proportionate to the dielectric constant of the surrounding medium.

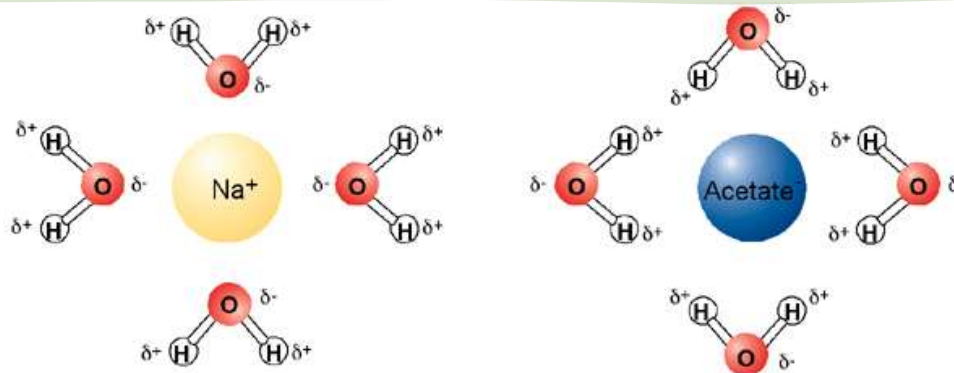
$$F \propto \frac{1}{\epsilon \text{ (dielectric constant)}}$$

vacuum dielectric constant = 1

water dielectric constant = 78.5

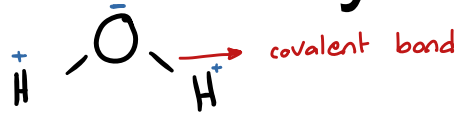
- The dielectric constant for a vacuum is unity; and for water it is 78.5. Water therefore greatly decreases the force of attraction between charged and polar species relative to water-free environments with lower dielectric constants.

- Its strong dipole and high dielectric constant enable water to dissolve large quantities of charged compounds such as salts



NaCl

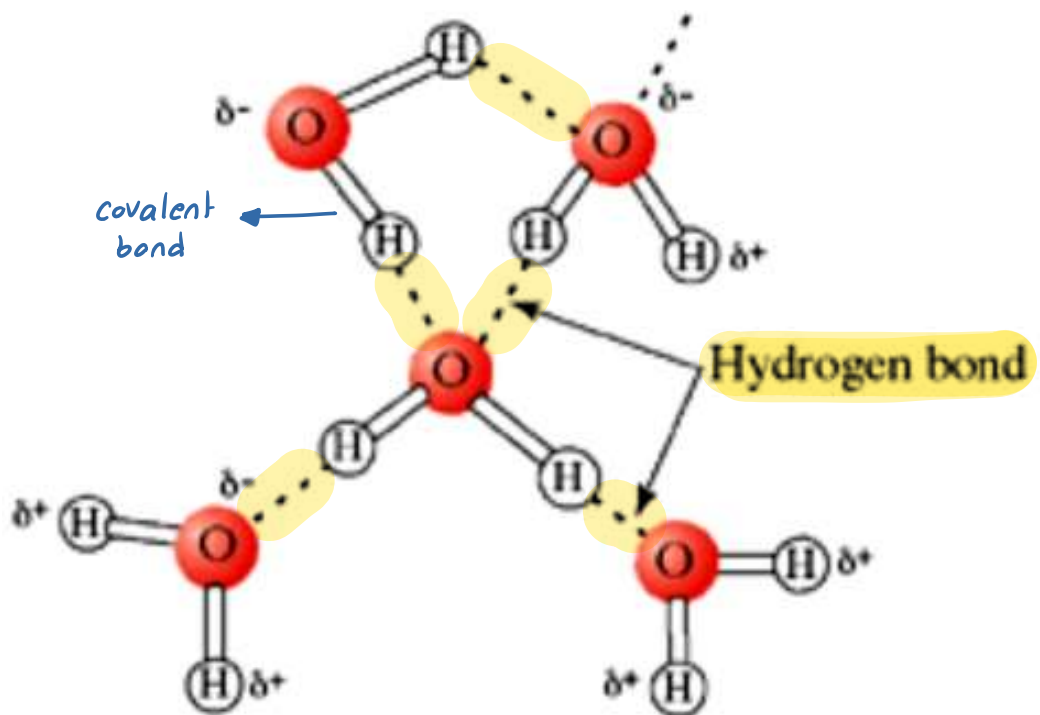
Water Molecules Form Hydrogen Bonds



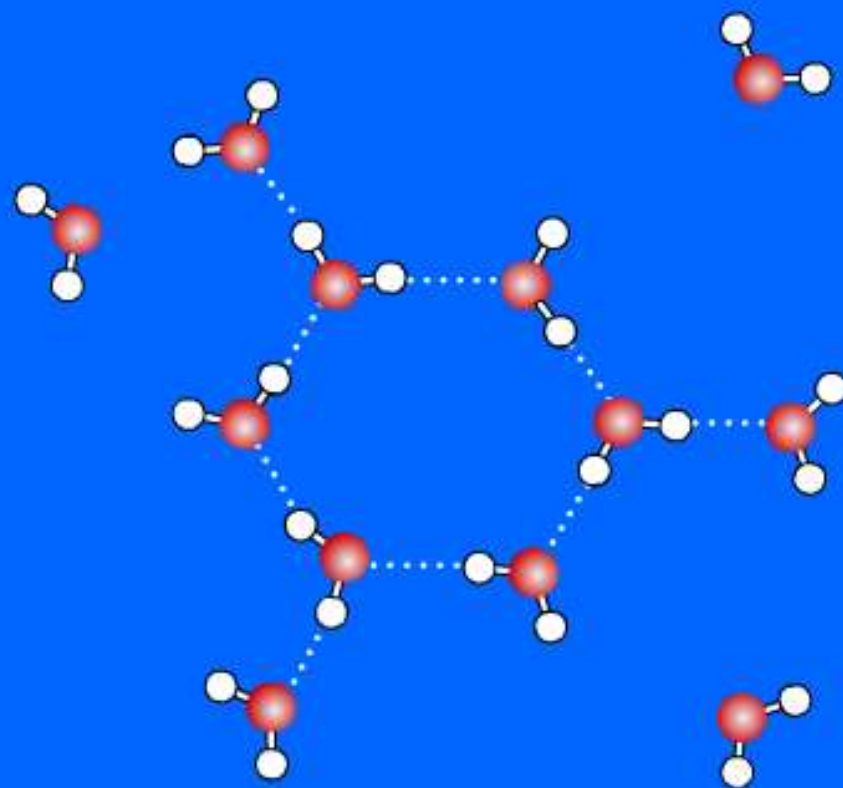
- ❑ A hydrogen nucleus covalently bound to an electron-withdrawing oxygen or nitrogen atom can interact with an unshared electron pair on another oxygen or nitrogen atom to form a **hydrogen bond**.
- ❑ Hydrogen bonding favors the self-association of water molecules into ordered arrays.
- ❑ Hydrogen bonding influences the physical properties of water and accounts for its exceptionally high viscosity, surface tension, and boiling point.
- ❑ These bonds are both relatively weak and transient, with a half-life of about one microsecond. Rupture of a hydrogen bond in liquid water requires only about 4.5 kcal/mol, less than 5% of the energy required to rupture a covalent O-H bond.

↑ viscosity
surface tension
boiling point

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Hydrogen Bonding in Water



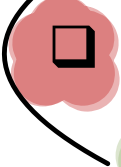
Describe the role of hydrogen bonding in determining water's physical properties.

- A. Hydrogen bonding enhances water's thermal conductivity, density, and viscosity.
- B. Hydrogen bonding leads to water's low surface tension and freezing point.
- C. Hydrogen bonding causes water's high viscosity, surface tension, and boiling point. ✓
- D. Hydrogen bonding reduces water's density, viscosity, and boiling point.


electron rich


Water Is an Excellent Nucleophile

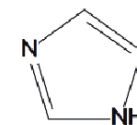
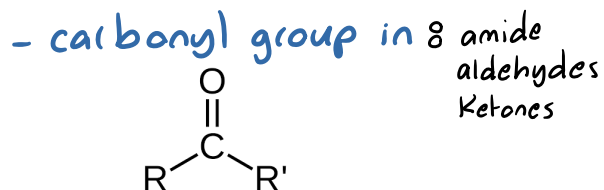
electron deficient

سنوات  Metabolic reactions often involve the attack by lone pairs of electrons on electron-rich molecules termed **nucleophiles** on electron-poor atoms called **electrophiles**. Nucleophiles and electrophiles do not necessarily possess a formal negative or positive charge.

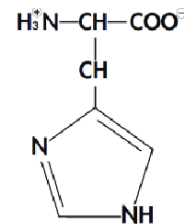
سنوات  Water, whose two lone pairs of electrons bear a partial negative charge, is an excellent nucleophile.

سنوات  Other nucleophiles of biologic importance include the oxygen atoms of phosphates, alcohols, and carboxylic acids; the sulfur of thiols; the nitrogen of amines; and the imidazole ring of histidine.

سنوات  Common electrophiles include the carbonyl carbons in amides, esters, aldehydes, and ketones and the phosphorus atoms of phosphoesters.



Imidazole



Histidine

Which of the following atoms commonly acts as an electrophile in biochemical reactions?

- A. Nitrogen in amines
- B. Carbonyl carbon in aldehydes
- C. Oxygen in alcohols
- D. Hydrogen in alkanes

Common electrophiles include amine groups and amide nitrogen atoms.

Answer: False.

Explain why water acts as an excellent nucleophile in biochemical reactions.

- A. Water's hydrogen atoms can form strong ionic bonds, limiting nucleophilic ability.
- B. Water's lone electron pairs bear partial negative charge, enabling nucleophilic attack.
- C. Water's high polarity allows it to stabilize charged intermediates during reactions.
- D. Water's molecular structure prevents it from acting as a nucleophile in reactions.

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<https://youtu.be/ZMTeqZLXBS0?si=Ai1vgI3nCprEDeNb>

- ❑ **Nucleophilic attack** by water generally results in the cleavage of the **amide, glycoside, or ester bonds** that hold biopolymers together. This process is termed **hydrolysis** .
water break
- ❑ Conversely, when **monomer units** are joined together to form biopolymers such as **proteins or glycogen**, water is a product

19. Water as a reactant

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Difficulty: 3 Ans: E

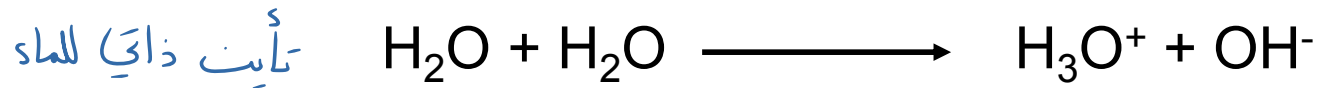
In which reaction below does water *not* participate as a reactant (rather than as a product)?

- A) Conversion of an acid anhydride to two acids.
- B) Conversion of an ester to an acid and an alcohol.
- C) Conversion of ATP to ADP.
- D) Photosynthesis
- E) Production of gaseous carbon dioxide from bicarbonate.

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Water Molecules Exhibit a Slight But Important Tendency to Dissociate

- ❑ The ability of water to ionize, is of central importance for life.
- ❑ Water can act both as an acid and as a base, its ionization may be represented as an intermolecular proton transfer that forms a hydronium ion (H₃O⁺) and a hydroxide ion (OH⁻)



- ❑ The transferred proton is actually associated with a cluster of water molecules. Protons exist in solution not only as H₃O⁺ but also as multimers such as H₅O₂⁺ and H₇O₃⁺
- ❑ Since hydronium and hydroxide ions continuously recombine to form water molecules, an individual hydrogen or oxygen cannot be stated to be present as an ion or as part of a water molecule. At one instant it is an ion; an instant later it is part of a molecule.

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Water Molecules Exhibit a Slight But Important Tendency to Dissociate

- Hydrogen ions and hydroxide ions contribute significantly to the properties of water.

- For dissociation of water

$$K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] [\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-14}$$

10^{-7} 10^{-7}

- where brackets indicates the molar conc. of ions, K_w is the dissociation constant of water and = 1×10^{-14} so

$$-\log K_w = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] + -\log [\text{OH}^-]$$

$$14 = \text{pH} + \text{pOH}$$

- **pH Is the Negative Log of the Hydrogen Ion Concentration**

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

✓ **Example:** If the concentration of H_3O^+ in solution is 1×10^{-7} calculate pH

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$= -\log (1 \times 10^{-7}) = 7$$

7. Ionization of water, weak acids, and weak bases

Page: 61 Difficulty: 2 Ans: A

The pH of a solution of 1 M HCl is:

- A) 0
- B) 0.1
- C) 1
- D) 10
- E) -1

سوال

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pKa

low pKa → stronger acid
high pKa → weaker acid

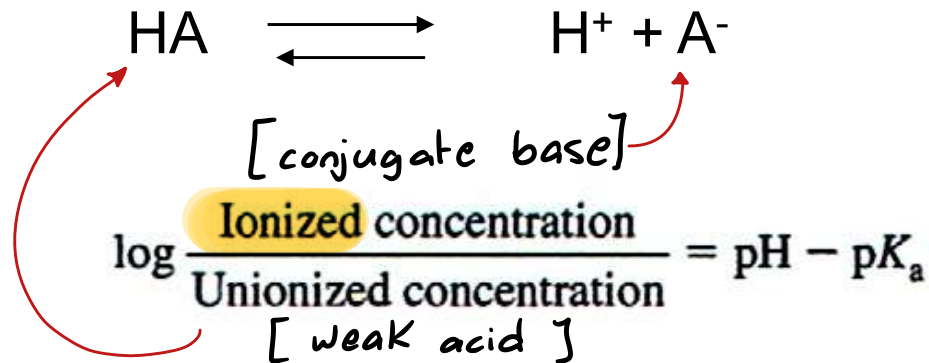
$$= -\log K_a$$

- ❑ Many biochemicals possess functional groups that are weak acids or bases.
- ❑ Carboxyl groups, amino groups, and phosphate esters, whose second dissociation falls within the physiologic range, are present in proteins and nucleic acids, most coenzymes, and most intermediary metabolites.
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- ❑ pKa is important for understanding the influence of intracellular pH on structure and biologic activity.
- ❑ Charge-based separations such as electrophoresis and ion exchange chromatography also are best understood in terms of the dissociation behavior of functional groups.
① حجرة كهرابائية ② technique
- ❑ We term the protonated species (eg, HA or R-NH₃⁺) the **acid** and the unprotonated species (eg, A⁻ or R-NH₂) its **conjugate base**.



The Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation Describes the Behavior of Weak Acids

- For a weak acid:



$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log \frac{[\text{base}]}{[\text{acid}]}$$

general formula

- For a weak base:

$$\log \frac{\text{Unionized concentration}}{\text{Ionized concentration}} = \text{pH} - \text{pK}_a$$

[base]

[conjugate acid]

$$\log \frac{\text{Unionized concentration}}{\text{Ionized concentration}} = \text{pH} - \text{pK}_a$$

The Henderson-Hasselbalch equation:

- A) allows the graphic determination of the molecular weight of a weak acid from its pH alone.
- B) does not explain the behavior of di- or tri-basic weak acids
- C) employs the same value for pK_a for all weak acids.
- D) is equally useful with solutions of acetic acid and of hydrochloric acid.
- E) relates the pH of a solution to the pK_a and the concentrations of acid and conjugate base.

Values of the pKa depend Properties of the Medium

- ❑ The medium may either raise or lower the pKa depending on whether the undissociated acid or its conjugate base is the charged species.

The dielectric constant tells us how well a substance reduces electrical attraction between charges.

- ❑ The effect of dielectric constant on pKa may be observed by adding ethanol to water.

- ❑ The pKa of a carboxylic acid *increases*, whereas that of an amine *decreases* because ethanol decreases the ability of water to solvate a charged species.

- ❑ The pKa values of dissociating groups in the interiors of proteins thus are profoundly affected by their local environment, including the presence or absence of water.

Question

- Calculate the pH of 0.1 M solution of acetic acid, $pK_a = 4.76$, calculate the percentage of ionized and unionized forms.



- Calculate the percentage of ionized and unionized for histidine in hemoglobin at physiological pH knowing that pK_a for the side chain of histidine is 6.0. If the pH of blood decreased to 7.1, calculate the percent ionized.

Basic Amino Acid

طب
غذاء

7.35 - 7.45
Average 7.40
acidosis

all amino acids in human body found in ionized form except histidine

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glutamic acid $pK_a = 4.3$

conjugate base glutamate

pH blood = 7.4

Aspirin $pK_a = 3.5$

$$7.4 - 4.3 = \log \frac{\text{base}}{\text{acid}}$$

$$3.1 = \log \frac{\text{base}}{\text{acid}}$$

$$\frac{[\text{base}]^{\text{ionized}}}{[\text{acid}]} = \frac{1258.93}{1} \quad \text{ratio}$$

$$\text{ionized \%} = \frac{[\text{base}]}{\text{Total}} \times 100\%$$

$$\boxed{99.85\%} = \frac{1258.93}{1259.93} \times 100\%$$

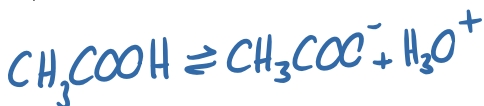
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pH = ?!

$$\log \frac{\text{Ionized concentration} \quad [\text{conjugate base}]}{\text{Unionized concentration} \quad [\text{weak acid}]} = \text{pH} - \text{pK}_a$$

pH = -log H₃

pK_a = 4.76



0.1

x

x

Acetic acid

$\log \frac{x}{10}$	$-\log \frac{10^{-1}}{10}$
$\log x$	-1
$\log x$	$+1$

$$\log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = -\log x - 4.76$$

$$\log \frac{x}{10^{-1}} = -\log x - 4.76$$

$$\log x + 1 = -\log x - 4.76$$

$$2 \log x = -5.76$$

$$-\log x = 2.88$$

pH = 2.88 #

$$\log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = \text{pH} - \text{pK}_a$$

$$\log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = 2.88 - 4.76 = -1.88$$

$$\frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = \frac{0.0132}{1}$$

total = 1.0132

ionized = $\frac{0.0132}{1.0132} \times 100\%$
= 1.3 %

unionized = 98.7 %

Q3:

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$$pK_a = 6$$

$$pH = 7.40$$

$$\log \frac{\text{Unionized concentration}}{\text{Ionized concentration}} = pH - pK_a$$

$$\log \frac{[B]}{[BH^+]} = 7.40 - 6$$

$$\text{ionized \%} = \frac{1}{26.12} \times 100\%$$

$$= 3.83\%$$

$$\text{unionized} = 100 - 3.83$$
$$= 96.17\%$$

$$\log \frac{[B]}{[BH^+]} = 1.40$$

calculator

$$\frac{[B]}{[BH^+]} = \frac{25.12}{1}$$

ratio 25.12 : 1

$$\text{total} = 26.12$$

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$$pH = 7.1 \text{ Acidosis}$$

$$pK_a = 6$$

$$\log \frac{[B]}{[BH^+]} = 7.1 - 6 = 1.1$$

$$\frac{[B]}{[BH^+]} = \frac{12.59}{1}$$

$$\text{total} = 13.59$$

$$\text{ionized \%} = \frac{1}{13.59} \times 100\%$$

$$= 7.36\%$$

$$\text{unionized} = 92.64\%$$

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Q.2 Calculate the %ionized of the acidic drug aspirin (pKa=3.5) in the intestine where pH=6.8?

$$pH - pK_a = \log \frac{\text{ionized}}{\text{unionized}}$$

$$6.8 - 3.5 = \log \frac{\text{ionized}}{\text{unionized}}$$

3.3

$$\frac{\text{ionized}}{\text{unionized}} = \text{Anti log } 3.3 = \frac{1995.3}{1} \quad \text{total} = 1996.3$$

$$\text{ionized } \% = \frac{1995.3}{1996.3} \times 100 \% = 99.95 \%$$

union/ion = 15.6

فكم ال %union بتطلع %6

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$$\frac{\text{ionized}}{\text{unionized}} = \frac{15.6}{1} \quad \text{total} = 16.6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{unionized} &= \frac{1}{16.6} \times 100 \% \\ &= 6 \% \end{aligned}$$

سوالات

basic

له نكوت حامضيت histadine

اذا كانت قيمة ال $\text{ph}=7.8$ وال $\text{pka}=6$

احسب ال %unionized

م base/acid

$$pH - pK_a = \log \frac{\text{unionized}}{\text{ionized}}$$

$$\frac{7.8 - 6}{1.8} = \log \frac{[B]}{[BH^+]}$$

$$\frac{[B]}{[BH^+]} = \frac{63.1}{1} \quad \text{total} = 64.1$$

$$\text{unionized} = \frac{63.1}{64.1} \times 100\%$$

$$= \underline{98.44\%}$$

تتقائه حلك مع الأنيون histadine

نسبته الأكبر unionized

سؤال حسابات على قانون ال hasalbalch

equation

أعطت كل القيم وطلبت ال Pk

Draw the titration curve for a weak acid, HA, whose pK_a is 3.2. Label the axes properly. Indicate with an arrow where on the curve the ratio of salt (A^-) to acid (HA) is 3:1. What is the pH at this point?

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{conjugate base}]}{[\text{acid}]} = 3.2 + \log 3 = 3.2 + 0.48 = 3.68$$

30. Buffering against pH changes in biological systems

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What is the pH of a solution containing 0.2 M acetic acid ($pK_a = 4.7$) and 0.1 M sodium acetate?

Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pH} &= pK_a + \log \frac{[\text{conjugate base}]}{[\text{acid}]} = 4.7 + \log (0.1/0.2) \\ &= 4.7 - 0.3 = 4.4 \end{aligned}$$

31. Buffering against pH changes in biological systems

Pages: 66–67 Difficulty: 2

You have just made a solution by combining 50 mL of a 0.1 M sodium acetate solution with 150 mL of 1 M acetic acid ($pK_a = 4.7$). What is the pH of the resulting solution?

Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pH} &= pK_a + \log \frac{[\text{conjugate base}]}{[\text{acid}]} = 4.7 + \log (5/150) \\ &= 4.7 - 1.48 = 3.22 \end{aligned}$$

32. Buffering against pH changes in biological systems

Pages: 66–67 Difficulty: 2

For a weak acid with a pK_a of 6.0, show how you would calculate the ratio of acid to salt at pH 5.

Ans:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pH} &= pK_a + \log \frac{[\text{conjugate base}]}{[\text{acid}]}, \text{ so } pK_a - \text{pH} = -\log \frac{[\text{conjugate base}]}{[\text{acid}]} \\ &= \log \frac{[\text{acid}]}{[\text{conjugate base}]} \\ 6.0 - 5.0 &= \log \frac{[\text{acid}]}{[\text{conjugate base}]} ; \frac{[\text{acid}]}{[\text{conjugate base}]} = \text{antilog } 1 = 10 \end{aligned}$$