

Chapter 15

Study Guide – Answers

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1. The autoionization of pure water can be described by the equation: $\underline{\text{H}_2\text{O}(l) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)}$. When pure water is ionized the concentrations of $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ and $[\text{OH}^-]$ are equal. The exact concentration of each at 25°C is $\underline{1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}}$. Because water is a weak acid/base system its equilibrium position can be described using the equilibrium expression $\underline{K_{\text{eq}} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-]}$. The constant calculated in this case is referred to as the water ionization constant, $\underline{K_w}$, instead of K_{eq} . The value of the water ionization constant at 25°C is $\underline{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}$. In any aqueous solution the product of $\underline{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}$ x $\underline{[\text{OH}^-]}$ will be equal to this value. This fact explains the following formulas for determining concentration of unknowns in aqueous solution:

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{[\text{OH}^-]} \quad \text{and} \quad [\text{OH}^-] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}$$

2. The formulas for calculating pH and pOH are:

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

$$\text{pOH} = -\log [\text{OH}^-]$$

3. The pH and the pOH of a solution always add up to 14.
4. Calculate the pH of the following solutions:
- a. $[\text{H}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ 5.00
- b. $[\text{H}^+] = 3.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ 4.52
- c. $[\text{OH}^-] = 3.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$ 6.49
- d. $[\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$ 4.00
5. Calculate the pOH of the following solutions:
- a. $[\text{H}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ 11.00
- b. $[\text{H}^+] = 5.7 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}$ 13.76
- c. $[\text{OH}^-] = 3.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ 2.49
- d. $[\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$ 8.00
6. When the pH or pOH of the solution is known, the $[\text{H}^+]$ or $[\text{OH}^-]$ concentrations may be calculated using antilogs and the formulas:

$$[\text{H}^+] = \text{antilog}(-\text{pH})$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \text{antilog}(-\text{pOH})$$

7. Strong acids ionize completely, therefore the concentration of the acid will be equal to the concentration of $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ in solution and the $-\log$ of the acid's concentration will be its pH. Strong bases dissociate completely, but some contain more than one hydroxide (OH^-) ion per formula unit. The concentration of hydroxide, $[\text{OH}^-]$, will be equal to the concentration of the base x the number of hydroxide ions (OH^-) in the formula.
8. Weak acids do not ionize completely and the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ must be calculated using the K_a .
9. A(n) indicator is a substance that changes color based on pH. They are typically weak acids or weak bases that exist at equilibrium. The addition of acid or base shifts the equilibrium causing a color change. The color changes over a range of pHs called the transition interval.
10. The technique used to determine the concentration of an unknown acid or base is called titration. It uses a(n) indicator to indicate when a neutralization reaction has occurred. The known solution in the process is called the titrant and the solution being tested is called the analyte. The process is carried out until the solution changes color at a point known as the end point. This is different than the point at which the $[\text{H}^+]$ and $[\text{OH}^-]$ are equal, which is known as the equivalence point. The pH of the solution at that point will

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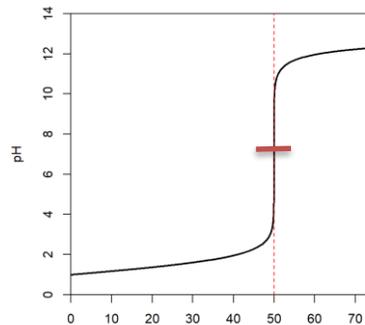
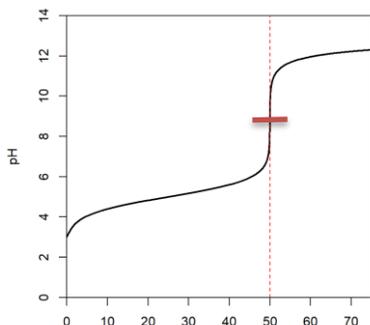
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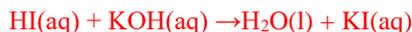
depend on the combination of the acid and based being used. When a strong acid is titrated with a strong base or vice versa, the pH at this point will be approximately 7. When a strong base is titrated with a weak acid, the pH will be greater than 7. When a strong acid is titrated with a weak base the pH will be less than 7.

11. The titration curve located on the left below represents the titration of a weak acid with a strong base. The curve on the right represents the titration of a strong acid with a strong base. Label the equivalence point for each graph.



12. Calculate the molarity of a KOH solution if 25.0mL of the solution is neutralized by 14.2mL of 0.5M HI.

a. Write the balanced equation representing the neutralization reaction.



b. Since the acid-base reaction exists in a 1:1 mole ratio, the titration formula may be used.

$$M_b = ? \quad M_a V_a = M_b V_b$$

$$V_b = 25.0 \text{ ml}$$

$$V_a = 14.2 \text{ ml}$$

$$M_a = 0.5 \text{ M}$$

$$M_b = \frac{M_a V_a}{V_b} = \frac{(0.5 \text{ M})(14.2 \text{ ml})}{(25.0 \text{ ml})} = 0.284 \Rightarrow 0.3 \text{ M}$$

13. A buffer is made from a weak acid/base and its conjugate base/acid. Buffers work by absorbing or releasing hydrogen ions. The amount of acid or base that a buffer can neutralize is called the buffer capacity.