

Strong Acids and Bases

Z Ch 7.1-7.4

END OF WEEK SWITCHING TO HARRIS TEXT

- 7.1 The Nature of Acids and Bases**
- 7.2 Acid Strength**
- 7.3 The pH Scale**
- 7.4 Calculating the pH of Strong Acid Solutions**
- 7.6 Bases (just the strong ones)**

**FRIDAY QUIZ ON
CHEMICAL
EQUILIBRIUM – some
M ACID/BASE**

Le Châtelier's Principle – Change P (T Constant)

Law of Mass Action

For $aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD$ the equilibrium constant K is

$$K = \frac{P_C^c P_D^d}{P_A^a P_B^b}$$

2) **add inert gas** (one that does not participate in the chemical equilibrium)

Since $P_i = n_i RT/V$, the partial pressures of all gases participating in the equilibrium reaction are unaffected by the presence of the inert gas. Hence so is the equilibrium constant.

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3) add gaseous reactant or product

Since $P_i = n_i RT/V$, partial pressures of all other gases participating in the equilibrium reaction are unaffected. But K would change and it is a constant! Therefore if added gas were a reactant, K would decrease unless equilibrium shifts to products \Rightarrow equilibrium must shift to products. Similarly, were the added gas a product, the equilibrium would shift toward reactants.

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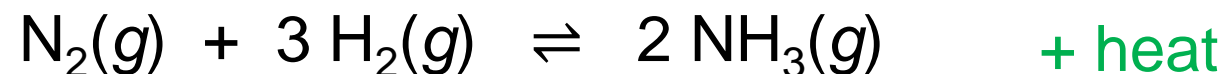
4) **decrease volume** by compression (consider 4-fold decrease)

Since $P_i = x_i P_{\text{TOT}}$, each P_i in K (actually Q until new equilibrium established) increases 4-fold. If total # of moles of reactant gases in balanced chemical equation same as total # of moles of product gases then no effect - powers that P_i are raised to in numerator of K same as in denominator. Otherwise, a P increase shifts equilibrium to side with fewer moles in balanced equation.

Le Châtelier's Principle – Change T (P Constant)

Exothermic reactions gives off heat, endothermic reactions require heat

a) the following reaction is exothermic



b) the following reaction is endothermic



analogy with the stress imposed by adding or removing a gaseous reactant if one were to consider heat as a “reactant” in the case of an endothermic reaction and as a “product” for an exothermic reaction.

Nature of Acids and Bases

acid: accepts electron pair

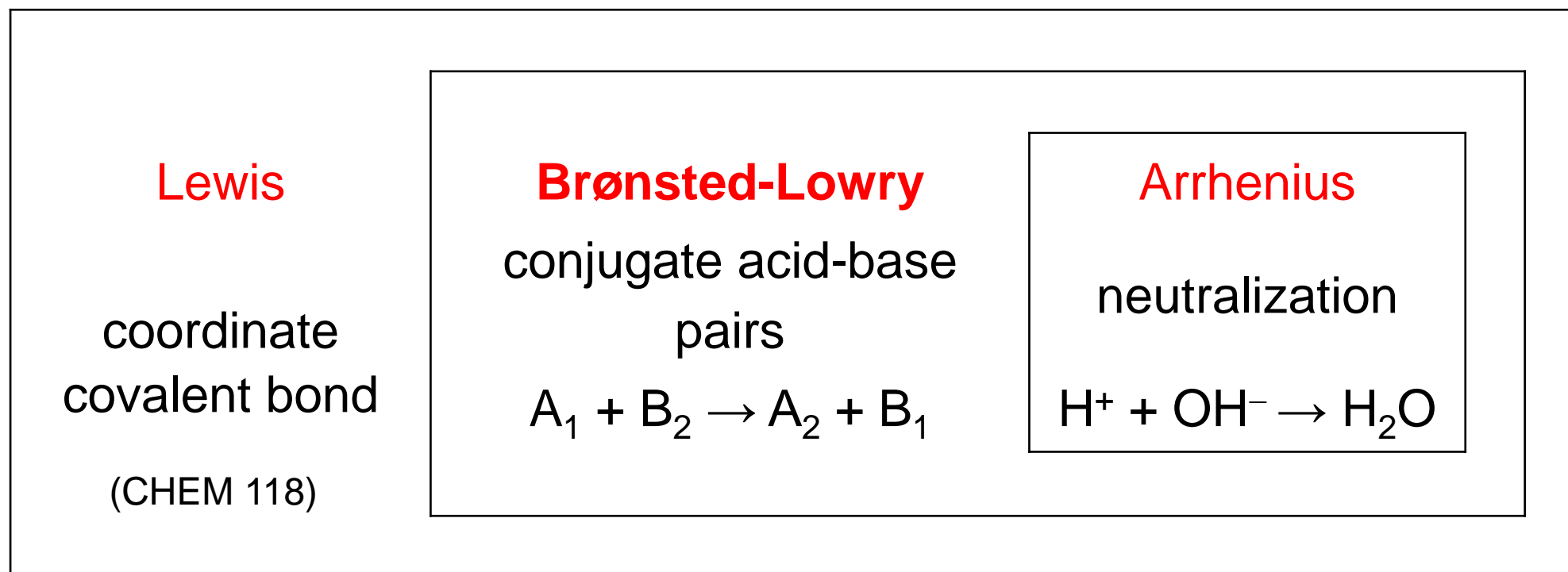
base: donates electron pair

donates H⁺

accepts H⁺

produces H⁺

produces OH⁻

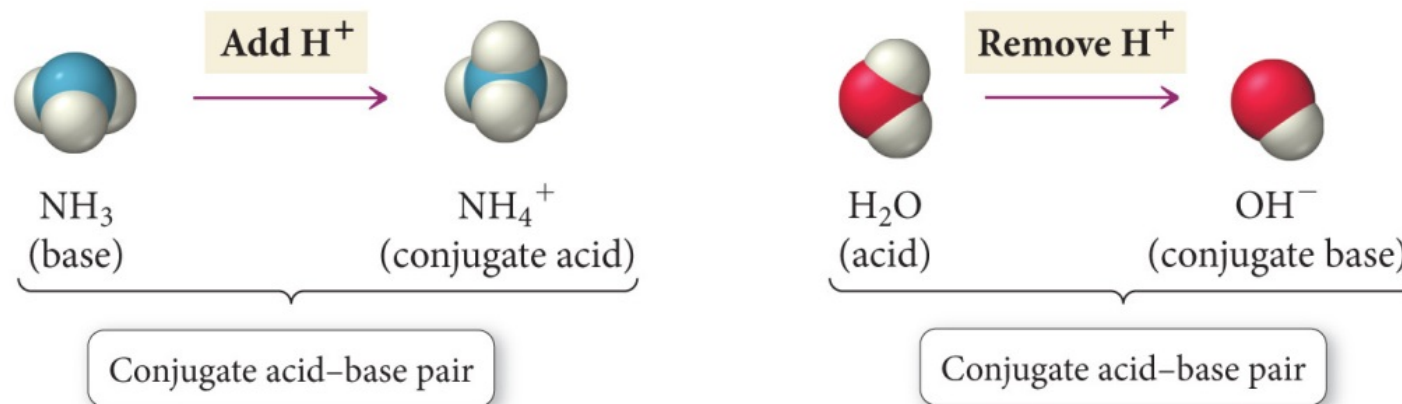


problem: most general

must have H

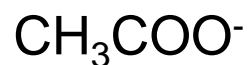
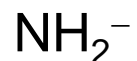
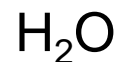
need aqueous solution

Brønsted-Lowry: Conjugate Acid-Base Pairs

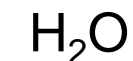
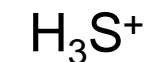
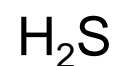


EX 1. For each of the following write the formula of its conjugate.

ACIDS

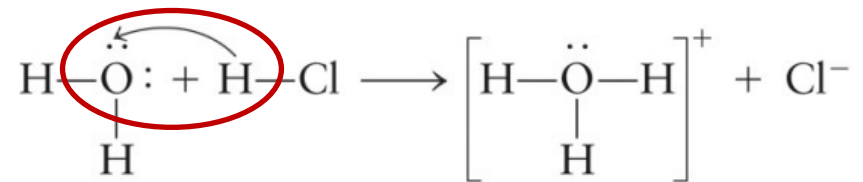


BASES

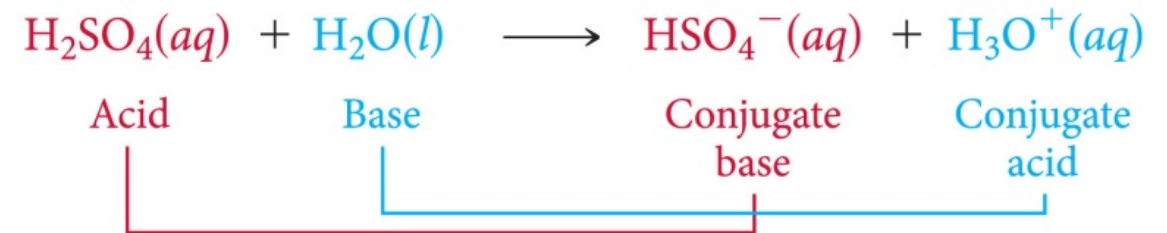


Brønsted-Lowry: Acid-Base Pair Chemistry

acids – proton donors => form a species [acid – H⁺] called **conjugate base**

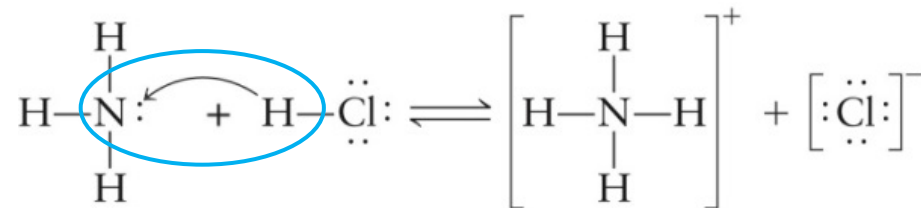


strong acid or base often uses reaction arrow



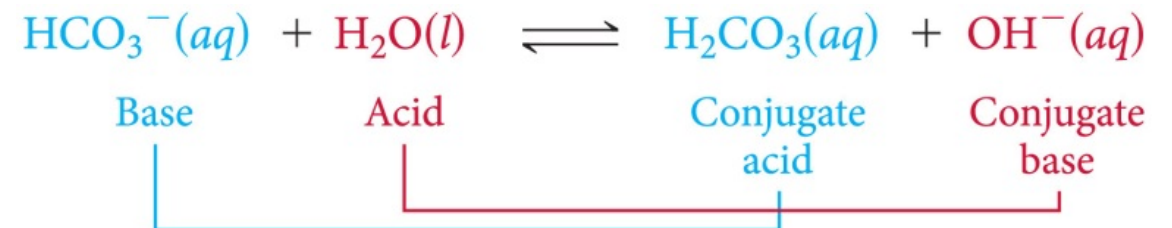
reaction when acid dissolved in water

bases – proton acceptors => form a species [base + H⁺] called **conjugate acid**



nonaqueous reaction in liquid ammonia

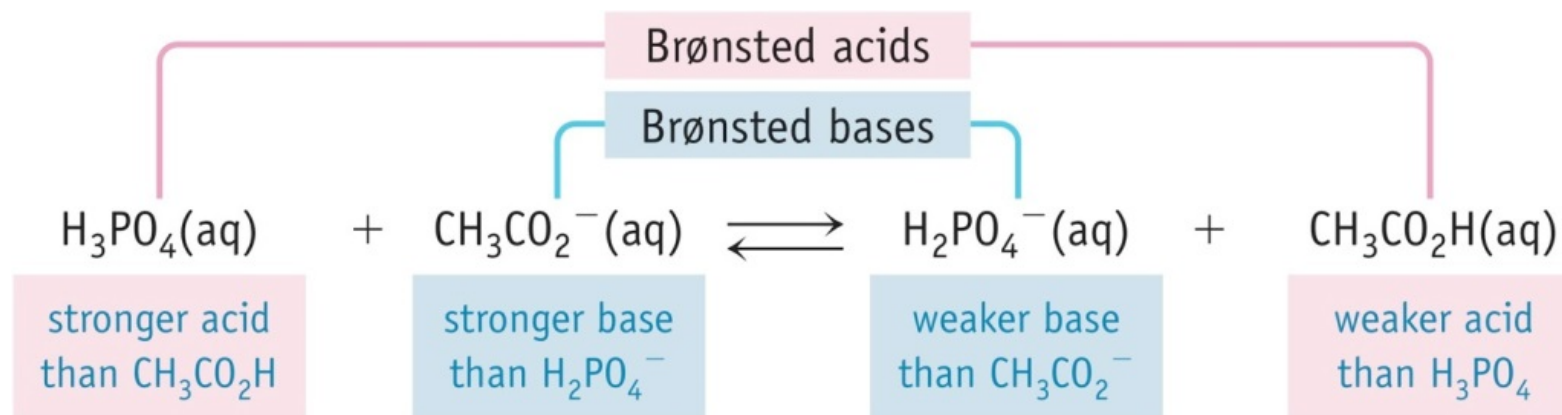
weak acid or base uses equilibrium arrow



reaction when base dissolved in water

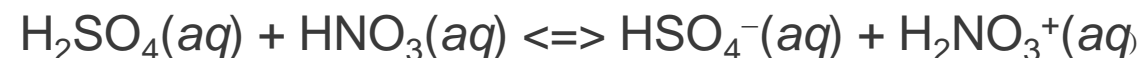
Brønsted-Lowry: Acid-Base Pair Chemistry

two acids competing to give up H^+ – the stronger acid “wins”



two bases competing for the acidic proton – the stronger base “wins”

EX 3. From the Brønsted-Lowry point of view, which is the stronger acid in the following reaction:



Amphoteric Nature of Water

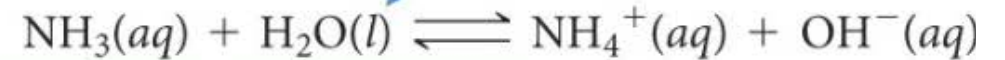
Water acting
as a base



Acid
(proton donor)

Base
(proton acceptor)

Water acting
as an acid



Base
(proton acceptor)

Acid
(proton donor)

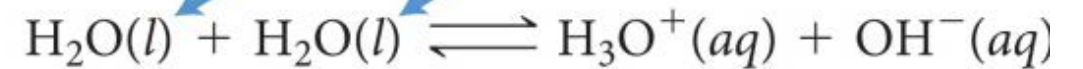
The pH scale in water depends upon this

Autoionization

A self-ionization process which depends upon the amphoteric nature of the solvent.. It is exactly this process which defines what acidity and basicity in a particular solvent is (via the autoionization reaction of the solvent).

of water:

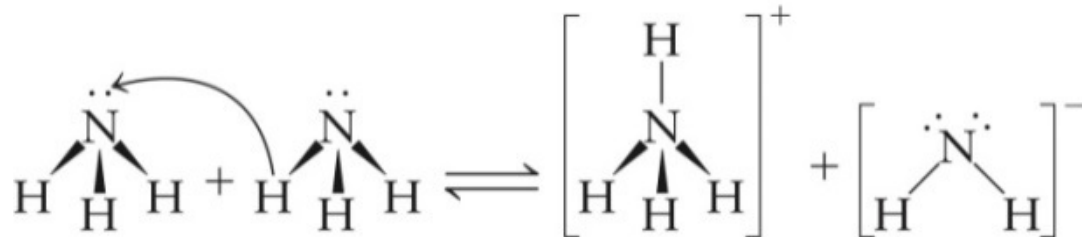
Water acting as both
an acid and a base



Acid
(proton donor)

Base
(proton acceptor)

of ammonia:



base

acid

conjugate acid

conjugate base

Strong Acids and Bases to Know

seven strong acids to know

hydrochloric acid	HCl
hydrobromic acid	HBr
hydroiodic acid	HI
perchloric acid	HClO ₄
chloric acid	HClO ₃
sulfuric acid	H ₂ SO ₄
nitric acid	HNO ₃

soluble strong bases to know

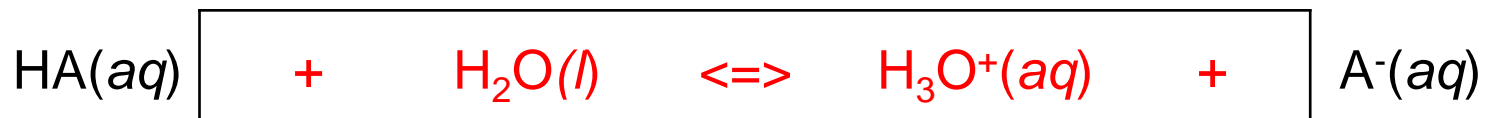
lithium hydroxide	LiOH
sodium hydroxide	NaOH
potassium hydroxide	KOH
rubidium hydroxide	RbOH
cesium hydroxide	CsOH
barium hydroxide	Ba(OH) ₂

strong bases - all Group I and Group II hydroxides except Be

Acid Strength

HA – generic way of writing a monoprotic acid (one acidic hydrogen)

acid strength – determined by extent of reaction of acid with water to form $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})$, or the extent of its ionization or dissociation, as shown by the magnitude of its equilibrium constant, K_a – then for any hydrogen-containing compound, HA



EQUATION FOR ACIDITY FOR ANY HA

EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANT

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

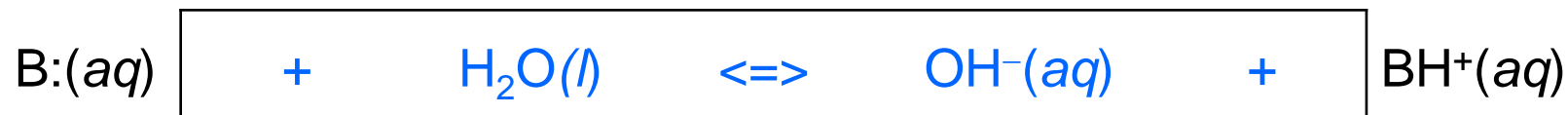
Various Ways to Describe Acid Strength

Property	Strong Acid	Weak Acid
K_a value	K_a is large	K_a is small
Position of the dissociation equilibrium	Far to the right	Far to the left
Equilibrium concentration of H^+ compared with original concentration of HA	$[\text{H}^+] \approx [\text{HA}]_0$	$[\text{H}^+] \ll [\text{HA}]_0$
Strength of conjugate base compared with that of water	A^- much weaker base than H_2O	A^- much stronger base than H_2O

Base Strength

B: – generic way of writing a monobasic base (one basic site)

base strength – (aside from Group I and II hydroxides) determined by extent of reaction of base with water to form $\text{OH}^-(aq)$, or extent of its ionization, as shown by the magnitude of its equilibrium constant, K_b – then for any base B:



EQUATION FOR BASICITY FOR ANY B:

EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANT

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{OH}^-][\text{BH}^+]}{[\text{B:}]}$$

Various Ways to Describe Base Strength

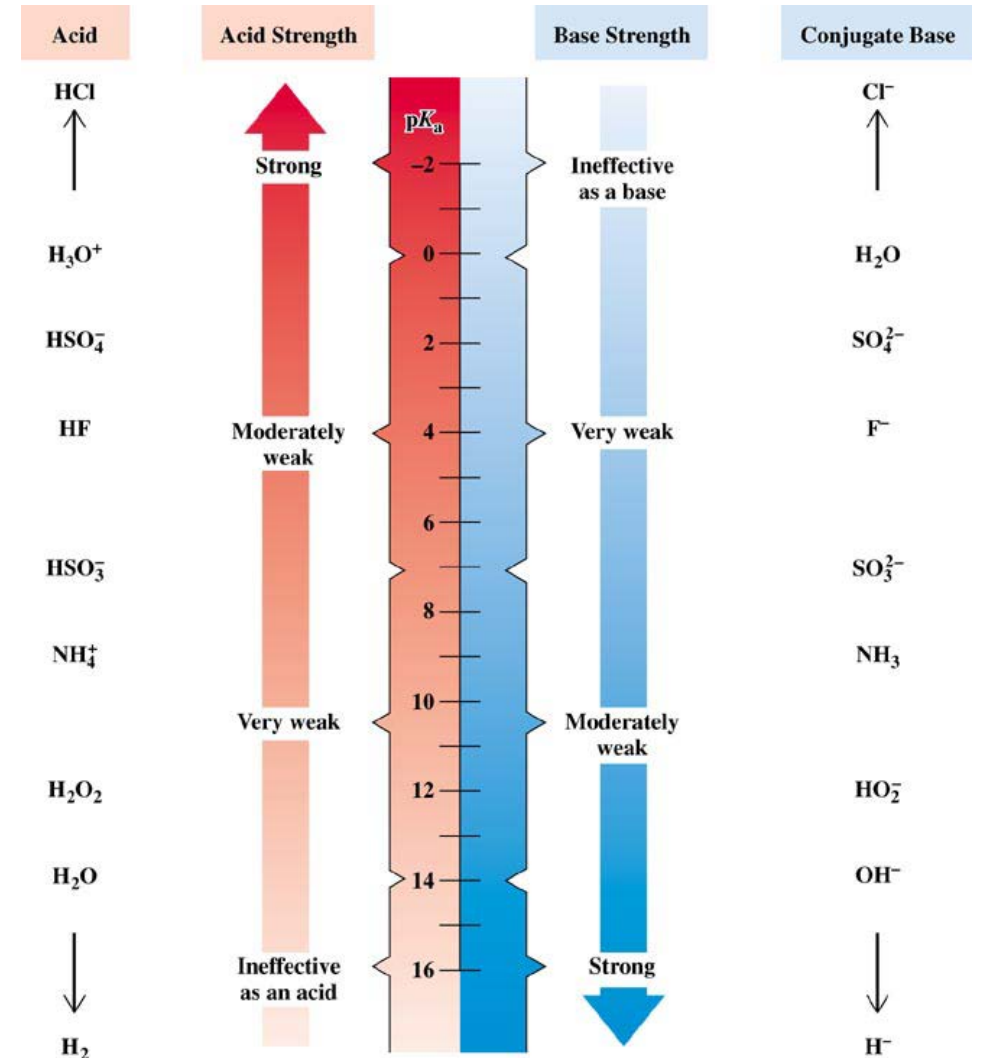
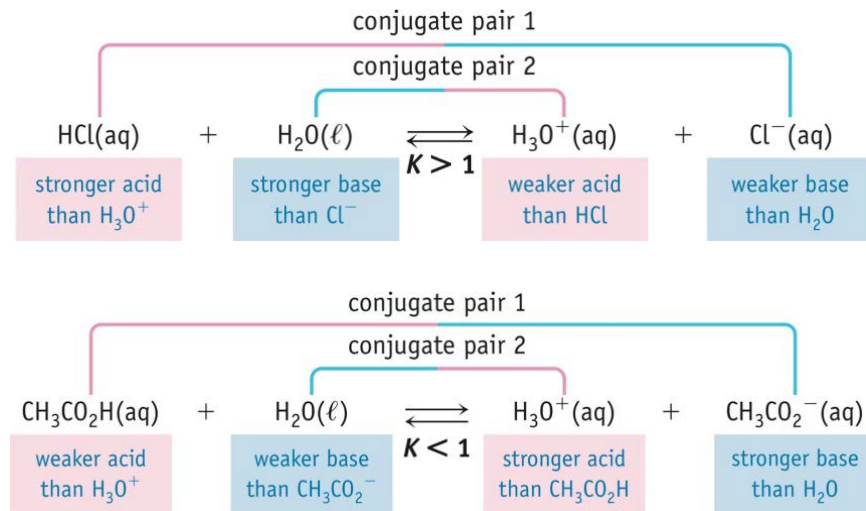
Property	Strong Base	Weak Base
K_b value	either 1) dissociates to give OH^- ions to the solution or 2) reacts with water in either case: $[\text{OH}^-] = [\text{B:}]_0$	K_b is small
Position of the dissociation equilibrium		Far to the left
Equilibrium concentration of OH^- compared with original concentration of B:		$[\text{OH}^-] \ll [\text{B:}]_0$
Strength of conjugate acid compared with that of water		BH^+ much stronger acid than water

Conjugate Acid/Base Pairs

The conjugate base of a weak acid is a weak base. The weaker the acid, the stronger the base. However, if one member of a conjugate pair is weak, so is its conjugate.

The relation between K_a for an acid and K_b for its conjugate base in aqueous solution is $K_w = K_a \times K_b$.

When a strong acid (or base) is added to a weak base (or acid), they react nearly completely.



Water and the pH Scale

water autoionization: $2 \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$

$$K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1.01 \times 10^{-14} \text{ (at } 25^\circ\text{C)}$$

K_w is an equilibrium constant which depends upon temperature.

pH is temperature dependent

condition	concentrations	pH (only at 25°C)
acidic	$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] > [\text{OH}^-]$	pH < 7
neutral	$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{OH}^-]$	pH = 7
basic	$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] < [\text{OH}^-]$	pH > 7

Temperature Dependence of K_w	
Temperature (°C)	K_w
0	0.114×10^{-14}
10	0.292×10^{-14}
20	0.681×10^{-14}
25	1.01×10^{-14}
30	1.47×10^{-14}
40	2.92×10^{-14}
50	5.47×10^{-14}
60	9.61×10^{-14}

EX 6. $K_w = 2.4 \times 10^{-14}$ at body temperature ($98.6^\circ\text{C} = 37.0^\circ\text{C}$).

a) What is the hydrogen ion concentration?

$$K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = x^2 \Rightarrow x = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \sqrt{K_w} = \sqrt{2.4 \times 10^{-14}} = \mathbf{1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}}$$

b) What is the pH?

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log_{10} (1.549 \times 10^{-7}) = 6.80989 \Rightarrow \mathbf{6.81}$$

significant figures for logarithms:

3 significant digits

3 decimal places

$$\log(1.00 \times 10^{-3}) = 3.000$$

Water and the pH Scale

other "p" functions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] & \text{p}K_a = -\log_{10}K_a \\ \text{pOH} = -\log_{10}[\text{OH}^-] & \text{p}K_b = -\log_{10}K_b \\ \text{p}K_w = -\log_{10}K_w & \text{p}K_{sp} = -\log_{10}K_{sp} \end{array}$$

EX 7. Answer each of the following

a) $\text{pH} = 9.3$, $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = ?$

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \Rightarrow [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} = 10^{-9.3} = 5.01 \times 10^{-10} \Rightarrow \mathbf{5 \times 10^{-10}}$$

b) 0.40 moles of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ is dissolved in a liter of water, pOH ?

