

## 5. ACIDS AND BASES III – Weak Acids and Bases

CHE 112 Q &amp; A

These problems are intended to *supplement* the problems in the textbook, not *replace* them.

### Data:

| Acids             |  |                       |                       |                       |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Name              | Formula                                    | $K_{a1}$              | $K_{a2}$              | $K_{a3}$              |
| acetic acid       | $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$          | $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  | x                     | x                     |
| ascorbic acid     | $\text{H}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{O}_6$ | $8.0 \times 10^{-5}$  | $1.6 \times 10^{-12}$ | x                     |
| benzoic acid      | $\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$          | $6.3 \times 10^{-5}$  | x                     | x                     |
| carbonic acid     | $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$                    | $4.3 \times 10^{-7}$  | $5.6 \times 10^{-11}$ | x                     |
| citric acid       | $\text{H}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7$ | $7.4 \times 10^{-4}$  | $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  | $4.0 \times 10^{-7}$  |
| cyanic acid       | HCNO                                       | $3.5 \times 10^{-4}$  | x                     | x                     |
| hydrocyanic acid  | HCN  | $4.9 \times 10^{-10}$ | x                     | x                     |
| hydrofluoric acid | HF   | $6.8 \times 10^{-4}$  | x                     | x                     |
| hypochlorous acid | HClO                                       | $3.0 \times 10^{-8}$  | x                     | x                     |
| hypobromous acid  | HBrO                                       | $2.5 \times 10^{-9}$  | x                     | x                     |
| hypoiodous acid   | HIO  | $2.3 \times 10^{-11}$ | x                     | x                     |
| lactic acid       | $\text{HC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$          | $1.4 \times 10^{-4}$  | x                     | x                     |
| oxalic acid       | $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$           | $5.9 \times 10^{-2}$  | $6.4 \times 10^{-5}$  | x                     |
| phosphoric acid   | $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$                    | $7.5 \times 10^{-3}$  | $6.2 \times 10^{-8}$  | $4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ |
| sulfurous acid    | $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$                    | $1.7 \times 10^{-2}$  | $6.4 \times 10^{-8}$  | x                     |

| Bases          |                                   |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Name           | Formula                           | $K_b$                 |
| ammonia        | $\text{NH}_3$                     | $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  |
| aniline        | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ | $4.3 \times 10^{-10}$ |
| butylamine     | $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NH}_2$ | $5.9 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| dimethylamine  | $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$        | $5.4 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| ethylamine     | $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ | $6.4 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| hydroxylamine  | $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}$            | $1.1 \times 10^{-8}$  |
| methylamine    | $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2$          | $4.4 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| pyridine       | $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$    | $1.7 \times 10^{-9}$  |
| trimethylamine | $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{N}$         | $6.4 \times 10^{-5}$  |

### Questions

Calculate the pH and percent ionization for the following aqueous solutions:

- 0.150 M acetic acid
- 0.220 M lactic acid
- 0.00800 M hypobromous acid
- 0.500 M ammonia
- 0.135 M ethylamine
- 0.0475 M aniline

Calculate the dissociation constant ( $K_a$  or  $K_b$ ) for the following weak acid and base solutions at 25 °C (assume all acids are monoprotic):

- a 0.375 M acid solution has a pH of 2.89
- a 1.00 M acid solution has a pH of 3.67
- a solution is initially 0.0884 M in an acid which is 21.4% ionized at equilibrium
- a solution is initially 0.500 M in an acid which is 4.7% ionized at equilibrium
- a 6.38 M base solution has a pH of 13.88

12. a 0.00975 M base solution has a pH of 8.95
13. a solution is initially 0.0325 M in a base which is 63.7% ionized at equilibrium

**Answer the following questions.**

14. What molarity of hydrocyanic acid is needed for a pH of 4.97?
15. What molarity of hydrofluoric acid is needed for a pH of 2.75?
16. How many grams of lactic acid are needed to make 5.00 L of a solution with pH = 3.00?
17. What molarity of trimethylamine is needed for a pH of 12.00?
18. How many grams of pyridine are needed to make 100.0 mL of a solution with a pH of 8.75?

**Answers**

If you cannot figure out how to get the correct answer, go to your instructor, Science Tutoring Center, etc.

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| 1. 2.80, 1.1%                  | 10. $K_a = 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$              |
| 2. 2.26, 2.5%                  | 11. $K_b = 0.10$                            |
| 3. 5.35, 0.056%                | 12. $K_b = 8.1 \times 10^{-9}$              |
| 4. 11.48, 0.60%                | 13. $K_b = 3.63 \times 10^{-2}$             |
| 5. 11.95, 6.7%                 | 14. 0.25 M HCN                              |
| 6. 8.65, 0.0095%               | 15. 0.0066 M HF                             |
| 7. $K_a = 4.5 \times 10^{-6}$  | 16. 3.6 g $\text{HC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ |
| 8. $K_a = 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$  | 17. 1.6 M $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{N}$         |
| 9. $K_a = 5.14 \times 10^{-3}$ | 18. 0.14 g $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$   |