

6. ACIDS AND BASES IV – Salt Solutions

CHE 112 Q & 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	$\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$	1.8×10^{-5}	x	x
ascorbic acid	$\text{H}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{O}_6$	8.0×10^{-5}	1.6×10^{-12}	x
benzoic acid	$\text{HC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$	6.3×10^{-5}	x	x
carbonic acid	H_2CO_3	4.3×10^{-7}	5.6×10^{-11}	x
citric acid	$\text{H}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7$	7.4×10^{-4}	1.7×10^{-5}	4.0×10^{-7}
cyanic acid	HCNO	3.5×10^{-4}	x	x
hydrocyanic acid	HCN	4.9×10^{-10}	x	x
hydrofluoric acid	HF	6.8×10^{-4}	x	x
hypochlorous acid	HClO	3.0×10^{-8}	x	x
hypobromous acid	HBrO	2.5×10^{-9}	x	x
hypoiodous acid	HIO	2.3×10^{-11}	x	x
lactic acid	$\text{HC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$	1.4×10^{-4}	x	x
oxalic acid	$\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$	5.9×10^{-2}	6.4×10^{-5}	x
phosphoric acid	H_3PO_4	7.5×10^{-3}	6.2×10^{-8}	4.2×10^{-13}
sulfurous acid	H_2SO_3	1.7×10^{-2}	6.4×10^{-8}	x

Bases		
Name	Formula	K_b
ammonia	NH_3	1.8×10^{-5}
aniline	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$	4.3×10^{-10}
butylamine	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NH}_2$	5.9×10^{-4}
dimethylamine	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$	5.4×10^{-4}
ethylamine	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$	6.4×10^{-4}
hydroxylamine	NH_2OH	1.1×10^{-8}
methylamine	CH_3NH_2	4.4×10^{-4}
pyridine	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$	1.7×10^{-9}
trimethylamine	$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{N}$	6.4×10^{-5}

Questions

Indicate whether the following aqueous salt solutions are acidic, basic, or neutral:

- potassium fluoride, KF
- ammonium bromide, NH_4Br
- sodium lactate, $\text{NaC}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$
- aluminum nitrate, $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$
- anilinium hypobromite, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3\text{BrO}$
- sodium hydrogen oxalate, NaHC_2O_4
- iron(III) chloride, FeCl_3
- methylammonium perchlorate, $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{ClO}_4$
- dimethylammonium cyanide, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}_2\text{CN}$
- potassium iodide, KI

Calculate the pH for the following aqueous salt solutions:

- 0.350 M sodium hypochlorite, NaClO
- 0.0621 M potassium benzoate, $\text{KC}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$
- 0.566 M sodium oxalate, $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$
- 0.775 M butylammonium chloride, $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NH}_3\text{Cl}$
- 0.00215 M trimethylammonium nitrate, $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{NHNO}_3$
- 0.0543 M anilinium bromide, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3\text{Br}$

Answer the following questions.

17. What concentration of sodium cyanate, NaCNO gives a solution with pH = 8.19?
18. What concentration of potassium hypobromite, KBrO gives a solution with pH = 10.46?
19. What concentration of ammonium chloride, NH₄Cl gives a solution with pH = 4.88?
20. What concentration of ethylammonium iodide, C₂H₅NH₃I gives a solution with pH = 5.12?
21. A 0.18 M solution of the sodium salt of a certain acid (NaX) has a pH of 9.05. What is K_a for the acid (HX)?
22. A weak base, B, forms the salt BHCl (BH⁺ and Cl⁻). A 0.15 M solution of this salt has a pH of 4.28. What is K_b for the base?
23. Liquid chlorine bleach is typically an aqueous solution of sodium hypochlorite, NaClO. Usually, the concentration is approximately 5% NaClO by weight. Calculate the approximate pH of a bleach solution. Assume no other solutes are present in the solution, and that the density of the solution is 1.0 g/mL.

Answers

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

Note: minor differences in the final answer may be due to different ways of solving the problems and are not a cause for concern.

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| 1. basic | 13. 8.98 |
| 2. acidic | 14. 5.44 |
| 3. basic | 15. 6.23 |
| 4. acidic | 16. 2.96 |
| 5. acidic (K _a for cation > K _b for anion) | 17. 0.078 M NaCNO |
| 6. acidic (K _a for HC ₂ O ₄ ⁻ > K _b for HC ₂ O ₄ ⁻) | 18. 0.021 M KBrO |
| 7. acidic | 19. 0.30 M NH ₄ Cl |
| 8. acidic | 20. 3.6 M C ₂ H ₅ NH ₃ I |
| 9. basic (K _b for anion > K _a for cation) | 21. 1.5×10 ⁻⁵ |
| 10. neutral | 22. 5.6×10 ⁻⁷ |
| 11. 10.53 | 23. 10.7 |
| 12. 8.51 | |