



2. Acids and Bases

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考点一：酸碱定义

- 2.1 classify substances as **acids**, **bases**, **amphoteric** or **salts**, based on their **characteristics**, **name**, and **formula**
- 2.4 describe various acid-base definitions up to the **Brønsted-Lowry** definition including **Arrhenius**, **Brønsted-Lowry** and **Lewis**
- 2.6 compare **strong** and **weak acids** and bases using the concept of **equilibrium**

1. Acid and base

1.1 Arrhenius

Acid ionizes to produce H^+ ions.



Base dissociates to produce OH^- ions.



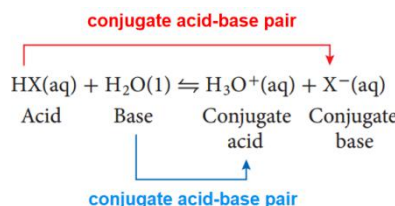
1.2 Brønsted-Lowry

Acid is a **proton donor**. eg, ammonium ions (NH_4^+).

Base is a **proton acceptor**. eg, hydroxide ions (OH^-).

Brønsted-Lowry conjugate acid-base pairs

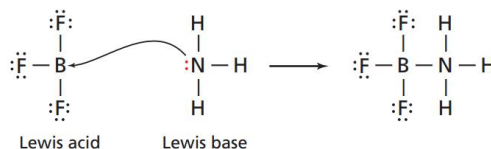
- A **conjugate acid** is the species produced when a base **accepts** a hydrogen ion(接受到了 H^+ 后).
- A **conjugate base** is the species produced when an acid **donates** a hydrogen ion(失去了 H^+ 后).
- A **conjugate acid-base pair** consists of two substances related to each other by donating and accepting a single hydrogen ion.



“acid-base pair 差且仅差了一个 H^+ ”

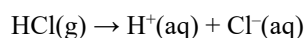
1.3 Lewis

A **Lewis acid** is an **electron-pair acceptor** and a **Lewis base** is an **electron pair donor**.



2. Strong acid and weak acid

--A **strong acid** is **completely dissociates** to ions when in solution, with pH 0-1.



HCl (盐酸)、 H_2SO_4 (硫酸)、 HNO_3 (硝酸)、 HBr (氢溴酸)、 HI (氢碘酸)

--A **weak acid** only **slightly dissociates** when in solution, with pH between 3 and 7.



--The same definitions are true for **strong** and **weak bases**. 弱碱： $NH_3 \cdot H_2O$

3. Amphoteric

A substances that can act as acids or bases are called **amphoteric** (两性的).





考点二: pH 计算

2.7 calculate the pH of a **strong** or **weak acid** or **base** given its concentration, and vice versa

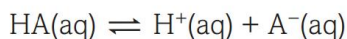
1. pH of a strong acid&base

求 pH 就是求 [H⁺]

$$pH = -\log[H^+]; \quad pOH = -\log[OH^-];$$

$$pH + pOH = 14$$

2. pH of a weak acid&base



$$K_a = \frac{[H^+(aq)][A^-(aq)]}{[HA(aq)]} = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[HA]} \quad [H^+(aq)] = \sqrt{K_a \times [acid]}$$

$$[OH^-(aq)] = \sqrt{K_b \times [base]}$$

3. Ka & pKa

$$pK_a = -\log_{10} K_a$$

$$K_a = 10^{-pK_a}$$

The **larger** the value of K_a the **stronger** the acid. The **smaller** the value of pK_a the **stronger** the acid.

Ka 越大越好, pKa 越小越好!

3. Kw & pKw

Water slightly dissociates to form **hydroxide** and **hydrogen ions** as an equilibrium with its own **equilibrium constant**, K_w

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-]$$

At **25°C**, **room temperature**, K_w has a constant value of **1.0 x 10⁻¹⁴**. However, as temperature changes, this value changes

2, Use K_w to Find the pH of a Strong Base

$K_w = [OH^-][H^+]$
 Rearrange K_w to find $[H^+]$: $[H^+] = \frac{K_w}{[OH^-]}$
 Use $K_w = 10^{-14}$ and the concentration of the base to find $[H^+]$.
 Finally, calculate pH using: $pH = -\log_{10}[H^+]$

$$pK_w = -\log_{10} K_w$$

$$K_w = 10^{-pK_w}$$

The higher temperature, the higher K_a , the smaller pK_w

Ka, 和 pKw 的变化趋势总算相反!!



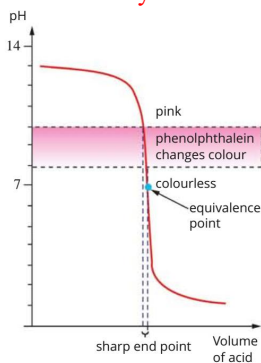
考点三：Neutralization and Titration

- 2.2 describe how **neutralization** involves **tempering the effects chemical characteristics** of an **acid** with a base or vice versa
- 2.3 demonstrate a knowledge of **WHMIS standards** by selecting and applying **proper techniques** for **handling** and **disposing** of lab materials (e.g., use appropriate techniques for handling and disposing of acids and bases)
- 2.5 predict **products** of acid-base reactions
- 2.8 describe the interactions between **H⁺ ions** and **OH⁻ ions** using **Le Châtelier's principle**
- 2.9 determine the **concentration** of an acid or base solution using **stoichiometry**
- 2.10 explain how acid-base **indicators** function

1. End point & equivalence point

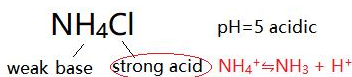
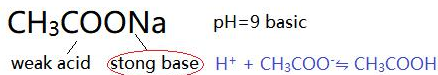
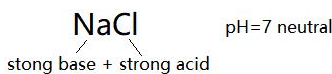
The **end point** (变色点) is the point during the titration at which the indicator **changes colour**

The **equivalence point** (完全反应点) is the point when the amount in **moles of the reactant** added from a burette is just enough to **react exactly with** all of the **measured amount of chemical** in the flask



“end point”不一定是
“equivalence point”!

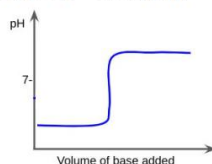
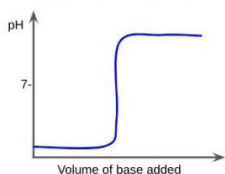
2, Salt



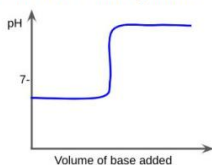
3. Titration Curves

A pH titration curve shows how pH of a solution **changes** during an **acid-base reaction**. When an acid and base react, a **neutralisation point** is reached, identified as a large **vertical section** of the graph the pH titration curve.

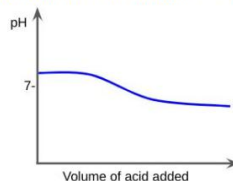
- Strong Acid + Strong Base = pH 7
- Strong Acid + Weak Base = < pH 7 (more acidic)



- Weak Acid + Strong Base = > pH 7 (more basic)



- Weak Acid + Weak Base = normally pH 7 but hard to determine

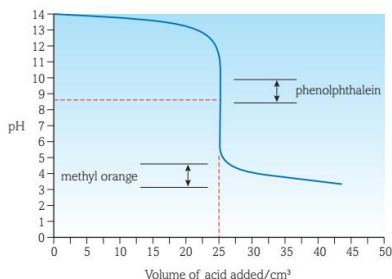




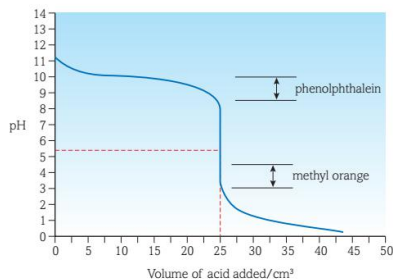
4, Indicators

Specific chemical indicators have to be used for specific reactions as they can **only indicate a pH change within a certain range**
The two most common indicators used at A-Level are **methyl orange** and **phenolphthalein** :

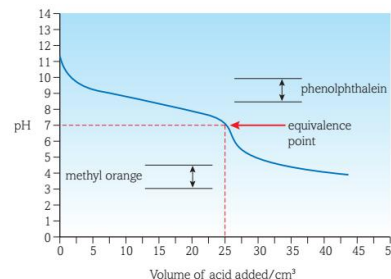
Indicator	pH at colour change	Colour in acid	Colour in base
Methyl orange	3-5	Red	Yellow
Phenolphthalein	8-10	Colourless	Pink
Litmus	5-8	Red	Blue



the pH range of phenolphthalein falls within the steep section



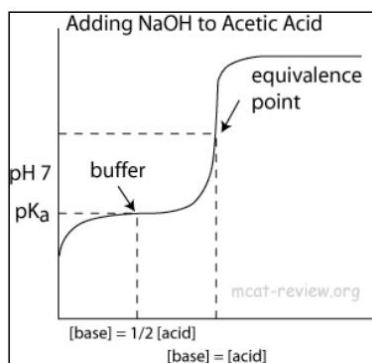
pH range of methyl orange falls within the steep section



no prominent steep section

5. Calculating Ka from Titration Curve

The vertical region of a titration curve is the **equivalence point**. At **half-equivalence point** (when half the volume of acid/base at the equivalence point is added) the **pH is equal to pKa**, by definition.



Therefore, by reading the pH at half the equivalence point, Ka can be easily calculated from pKa.

$$[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(\text{aq})] = [\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-(\text{aq})]$$

$$\text{So: } [\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = \frac{K_a \times [\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(\text{aq})]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-(\text{aq})]} = K_a$$

Hence, at this point: $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = K_a$

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a$$

考点四 : Buffer

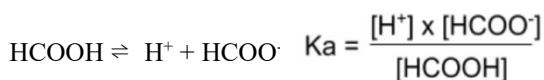
2.11 explain how buffers function

Calculating the pH of a buffer solution

Example: A buffer solution contains 0.35 mol dm^{-3} methanoic acid and 0.67 mol dm^{-3} sodium methanoate. For methanoic acid, $K_a = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$. Find the pH of this buffer.

We assume that the sodium methanoate completely dissociates so that the equilibrium concentration of HCOO^- is the same as the initial concentration of HCOO^-Na^+ . Similarly, HCOOH only slightly dissociates so we assume that the equilibrium concentration is equal to the initial concentration.

1) First find the expression for Ka for methanoic acid





2) Rearrange the expression to find $[H^+]$

$$[H^+] = \frac{K_a \times [HCOOH]}{[HCOO^-]}$$

$$[H^+] = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \times (0.35/0.07) = 8.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

3). Convert $[H^+]$ to pH

$$pH = -\log_{10} (8.4 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.08$$

$$[H^+] = K_a \times \frac{[\text{acid}]}{[\text{salt}]}$$

记忆:
“Ka(acid)/b(base)”