

Chapter 8 Review Problems

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- For multiple choice questions, you can simply write the letter (a, b, c, or d) of the correct response.
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EXPLANATION: When a chemical reaction reaches equilibrium, the rate of the forward reaction **is equal to** the rate of the reverse reaction. The amount of products and reactants that are present at equilibrium are usually not equal and *depend on the particular reaction*.

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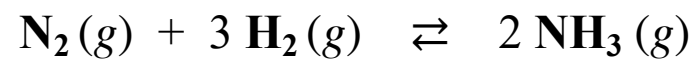
EXPLANATION: When a chemical reaction reaches equilibrium, the forward and reverse reactions are still occurring; however, they are occurring at the same rate and therefore the amounts (concentration) of products and reactants are not changing.

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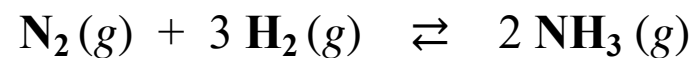
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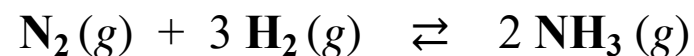
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where a , b , c , and d are the *stoichiometric coefficients* for substances A, B, C, and D respectively, the concentrations of reactants and products must satisfy the *law of mass action*:

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EXPLANATION:

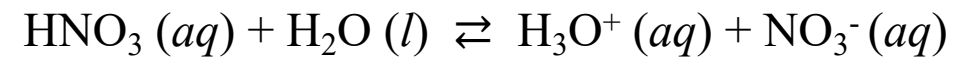
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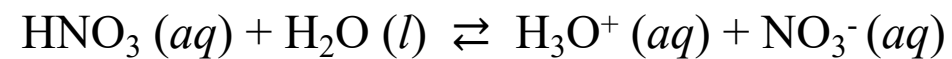
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HINT:

Are the concentrations for liquid substances included in the equilibrium expression?

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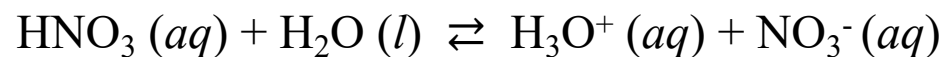
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$$K_{eq} = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{NO}_3^-]}{[\text{HNO}_3]}$$

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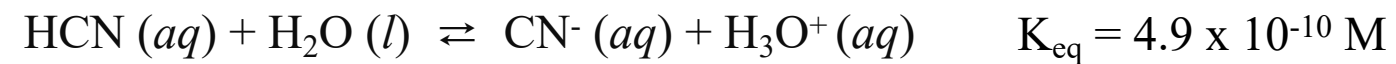
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When **solids** (*s*) or **liquids** (*l*) are present as reactants and/or products, **they are omitted** from the equilibrium expression. The only substances that appear in the equilibrium expression are gases (*g*), aqueous (*aq*) solutes, or solutes dissolved in non-aqueous solutions. It is for this reason that $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ does not appear in the equilibrium expression.

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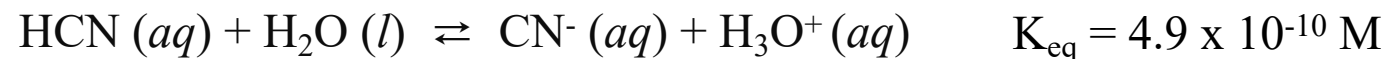
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HINT:

The value of the equilibrium constant allows us to know the relative amounts of products vs. reactants that are present at equilibrium for a particular reaction.

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$$K_{eq} = \frac{[\text{C}]^c [\text{D}]^d}{[\text{A}]^a [\text{B}]^b}$$

← *products*

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If we consider the reaction of HCN and water in this problem, we see that the value of K_{eq} is **much less than 1** ($4.9 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$).

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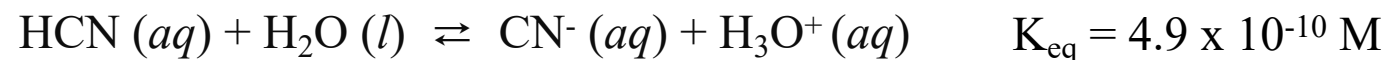
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 *products*
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If K_{eq} is much **greater than 1**, then there are many more product species than reactant species present at equilibrium.

- In this case, we say that the **products** are *predominant* at equilibrium.

Conversely, if K_{eq} is much **less than 1**, then there are many more reactant species than product species present at equilibrium.

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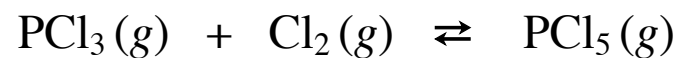
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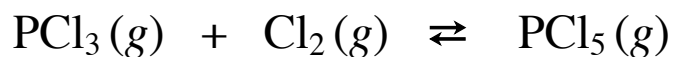
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How will these responses *change* the concentrations of products and reactants?

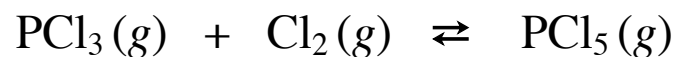
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EXPLANATION:

If the concentration of reactant Cl_2 is increased, this causes an increase in the rate of the *forward reaction* because there is now a greater probability of Cl_2 colliding with PCl_3 and then reacting.

Upon the addition of substance Cl_2 , PCl_3 and Cl_2 are converted to PCl_5 at a faster forward rate than the reverse rate, causing ***an increase the concentration of PCl_5*** .

This will continue to occur until enough PCl_5 is produced so that the reverse rate is once again equal to the forward rate and ***equilibrium is reestablished***.

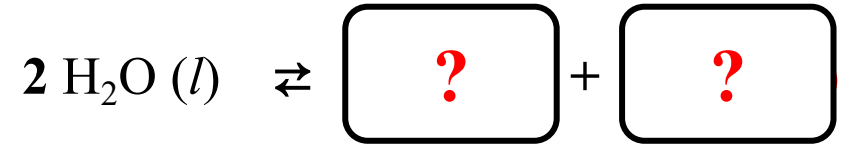
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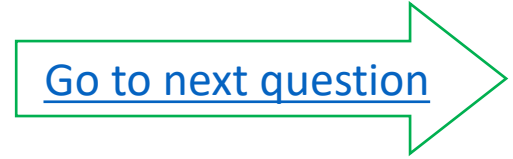
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products
reactants

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HINT: The value of the equilibrium constant (K_w) has been measured experimentally for this reaction.

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The value of the equilibrium constant has been measured experimentally for this reaction.

The unit for $\mathbf{K_w}$ is M^2 because we are multiplying two molarity concentrations ($M \cdot M = M^2$).

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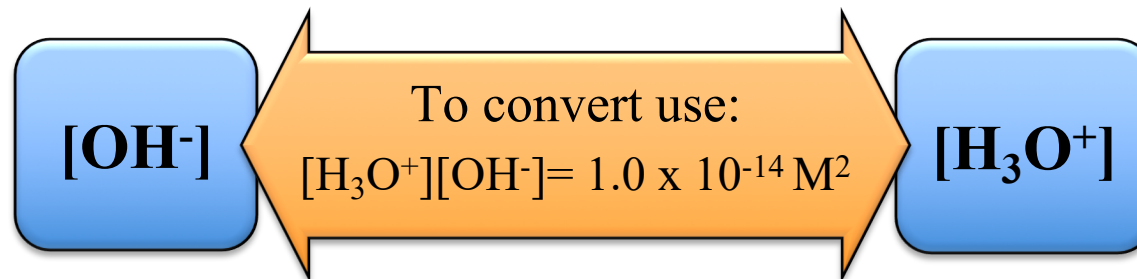


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In this problem, we know $[\text{OH}^-] = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$, we can calculate the concentration of $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$:

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{[\text{OH}^-]} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}} = \mathbf{5.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}}$$

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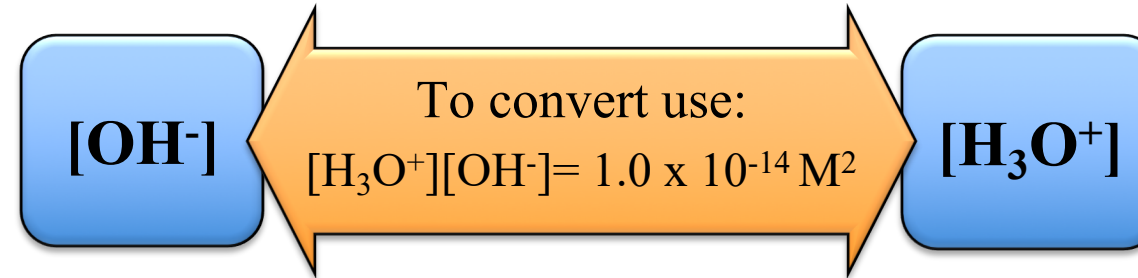


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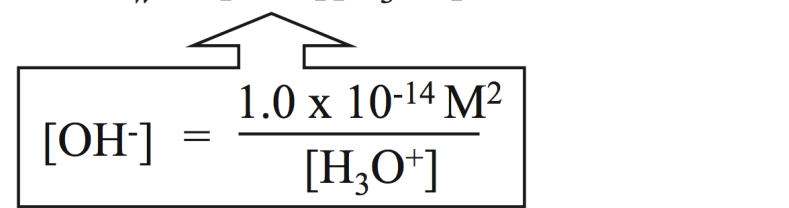
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8.10) What is the concentration of $[\text{OH}^-]$ in an aqueous solution when $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 9.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$? **ANSWER: $1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$**

We know the equilibrium constant for *the ionization of water*: $K_w = [\text{OH}^-][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2$

- Whenever we know $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ we can calculate the concentration of $[\text{OH}^-]$.

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$$[\text{OH}^-] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}$$

In this problem, we know $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 9.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$, we can calculate the concentration of $[\text{OH}^-]$:

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{9.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}} =$$

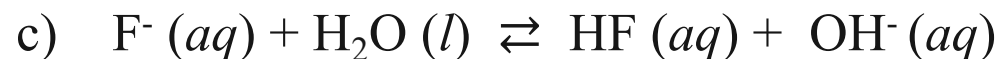
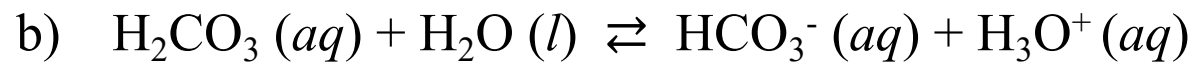
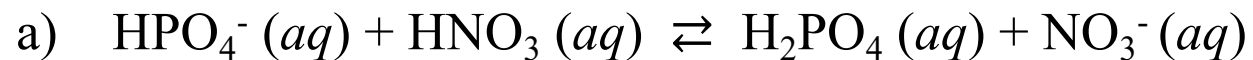
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8.11) A compound can be classified as an “**acid**” or a “**base**” depending on its ability to *gain or lose a hydrogen ion* (H^+) in a chemical reaction.

Determine which *reactant* is acting as the **acid** and which reactant is acting the **base** in each of the following reactions.



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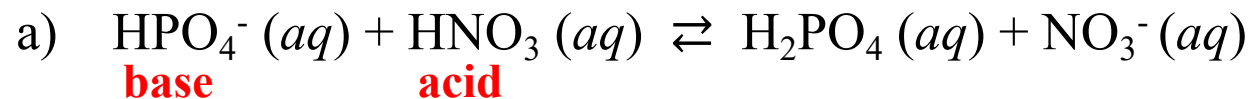
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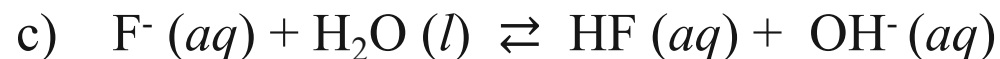
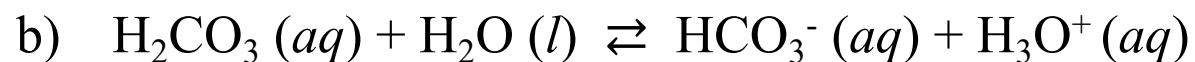
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HINT:

HNO_3 donated an H^+ , so it acted as the **acid**. HPO_4^- accepted an H^+ , so it acted as the **base**.



The *reactant* that acts as an **acid** *donates* an H^+ in a chemical reaction.

The *reactant* that acts as an a **base** *accepts* an H^+ in a chemical reaction.

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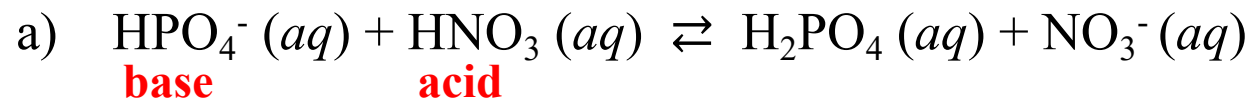
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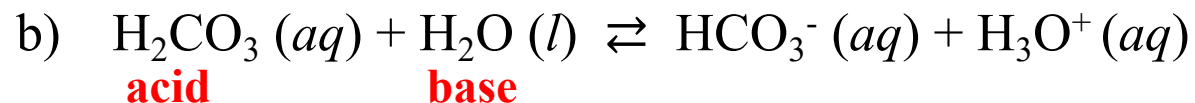
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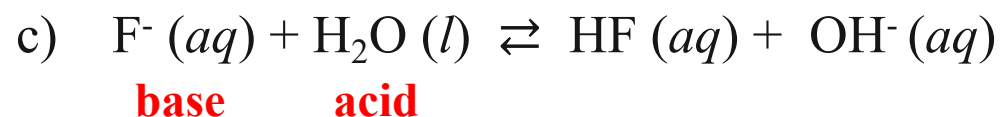
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H_2O donated an H^+ , so it acted as the **acid**. F^- accepted an H^+ , so it acted as the **base**.

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8.12) Compounds that can act as acids or as bases are called _____ compounds.

- a) binary
- b) amphoteric
- c) acid-base
- d) ionizing



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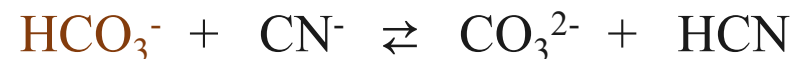
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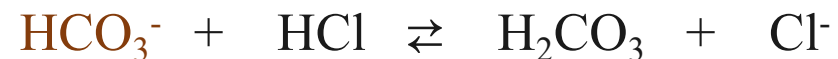
d) ionizing

An example of an **amphoteric compound** is the bicarbonate ion (HCO_3^-).

Bicarbonate acts as an *acid* in this reaction:



Bicarbonate acts as a *base* in this reaction:



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8.13) Pairs of chemical species, such as HCl and Cl⁻ *or* H₃PO₃ and H₂PO₃⁻, which differ only in the presence or absence of an H⁺ are called _____.

- a) acid-base pairs
- b) complementary pairs
- c) acid twins
- d) conjugate pairs



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EXPLANATION:

For a conjugate pair, the species that contains the *extra* H⁺ is called the “**acid form**,” and the species with *one fewer* H⁺ is called the “**base form**.”

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8.14) For each conjugate pair, the species that contains the *extra* H^+ is called the “**acid form**,” and the species with *one fewer* H^+ is called the “**base form**.”

Identify the *acid form* and the *base form* in each of the conjugate pairs:



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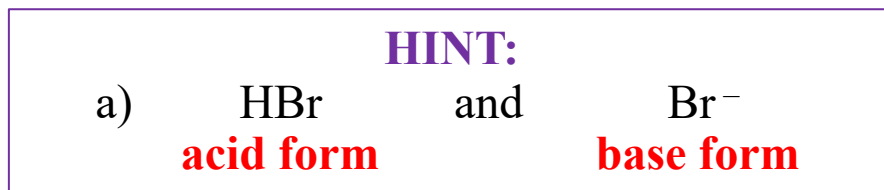
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8.15) What is the **acid form** of NO_3^- ?



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8.15) What is the **acid form** of NO_3^- ?

HINT:

The **acid form** of a conjugate pair contains *one more* H^+ than the “**base form.**”

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8.15) What is the **acid form** of NO_3^- ?

Answer: HNO_3

EXPLANATION:

The **acid form** of a conjugate pair contains *one more* H^+ than the **base form**.

The **acid form** is obtained by *adding* an H^+ to the **base form**.

- Note that when an H^+ is *added* to a species, its charge **increases** by one charge unit. NO_3^- has a 1- charge, however when an H^+ is added, it is converted to HNO_3 ; the charge increases by one charge unit.

Conversely, the **base form** is obtained by *removing* an H^+ from the **acid form**.

- Note that when an H^+ is *removed* from a species, its charge **decreases** by one charge unit.

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8.16) What is the **base form** of **H₂S**?



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8.16) What is the **base form** of H_2S ?

HINT:

The **base form** of a conjugate pair contains *one fewer* H^+ than the **acid form**.

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8.16) What is the **base form** of **H₂S**?

Answer: **HS⁻**

EXPLANATION:

The **base form** of a conjugate pair contains *one fewer* **H⁺** than the **acid form**.

The **base form** is obtained by *removing* an **H⁺** from the **acid form**.

- Note that when an **H⁺** is *removed* from a species, its charge **decreases** by one charge unit. **H₂S** has a **1+** charge, however when an **H⁺** is removed, it is converted to **HS⁻**; the charge decreases by one charge unit.

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8.17) What is the **acid form** of **NH₃**?



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8.17) What is the **acid form** of NH_3 ?

HINT:

The **acid form** of a conjugate pair contains *one more* H^+ than the “**base form.**”

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8.17) What is the **acid form** of NH_3 ?

Answer: NH_4^+

EXPLANATION:

The **acid form** of a conjugate pair contains *one more* H^+ than the **base form**.

The **acid form** is obtained by *adding* an H^+ to the **base form**.

- Note that when an H^+ is *added* to a species, its charge **increases** by one charge unit. NH_3 has a **zero** charge, however when an H^+ is added, it is converted to NH_4^+ ; the charge increases by one charge unit.

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8.18) What is the **base form** of **H₃O⁺**?



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8.18) What is the **base form** of H_3O^+ ?

HINT:

The **base form** of a conjugate pair contains *one fewer* H^+ than the **acid form**.

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8.18) What is the **base form** of H_3O^+ ?

Answer: H_2O

EXPLANATION:

The **base form** of a conjugate pair contains *one fewer* H^+ than the **acid form**.

The **base form** is obtained by *removing* an H^+ from the **acid form**.

- Note that when an H^+ is *removed* from a species, its charge **decreases** by one charge unit. H_3O^+ has a 1+ charge, however when an H^+ is removed, it is converted to H_2O ; the charge decreases by one charge unit.

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8.19) Determine whether the following statements are **true** or **false**.

- a) **pH** is most commonly defined as the “**negative logarithm of the *hydronium ion* concentration.**”
- b) The *greater* the concentration of H_3O^+ ions in solution, the *greater* the pH value.
- c) Numbers to the right of the decimal point are not significant in pH values.
- d) We do not use units in pH values.
- e) If we know the concentration of hydroxide ions $[\text{OH}^-]$ in a solution, we can determine the pH value.



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HINT: Consider the effect of the negative sign in our definition of pH: $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$.

c) Numbers to the right of the decimal point are not significant in pH values.

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HINT: $[\text{OH}^-][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2$

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- b) The **greater** the concentration of H_3O^+ ions in solution, the **greater** the pH value. **false**
- Because of the negative sign in our definition of pH ($\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$), the **greater** the hydronium ion concentration, the **lower** the pH value.
- c) Numbers to the right of the decimal point are not significant in pH values. **false**
- Numbers to the **left** of the decimal point are not significant in pH values.
 - **Another way to say this is**, “only numbers **to the right** of the decimal place **are** significant in pH values.”
- d) We do not use units in pH values. **true**
- e) If we know the concentration of hydroxide ions $[\text{OH}^-]$ in a solution, we can determine the pH value. **true**
- Because $[\text{OH}^-][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2$, whenever we know $[\text{OH}^-]$, we can calculate $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$. Once $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ is known, the pH can be calculated using: $\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$.

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8.20)

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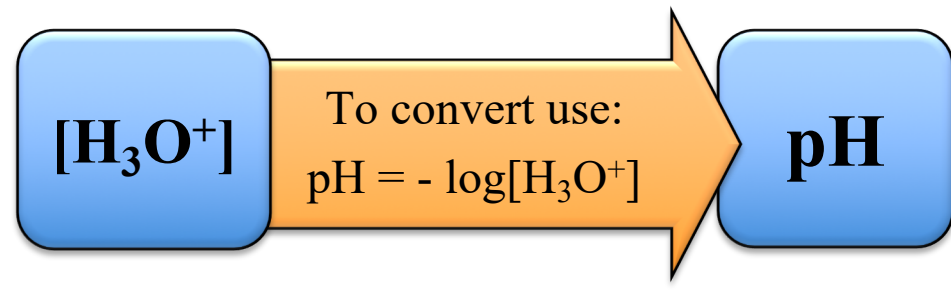


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8.20)

i) What is the pH of an aqueous solution with $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.001\text{M}$? **ANSWER: pH = 3.0**

Note: There is **one significant figure** in the concentration, so there will be **one significant figure** in the pH.

- Recall that only numbers *to the right* of the decimal place **are** significant in pH values.

ii) What is the pH of an aqueous solution with $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 4.6 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$? **ANSWER: pH = 4.34**

Note: There are **two significant figures** in the concentration, so there will be **two significant figures** in the pH.

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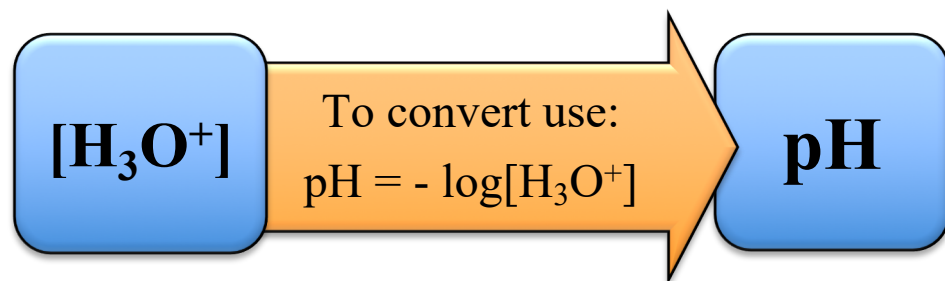
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$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log [0.001] = -(-3.0) = \mathbf{3.0}$$

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ANSWER: pH = 4.34

Note: There are **two significant figures** in the concentration, so there will be **two significant figures** in the pH.

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8.21)

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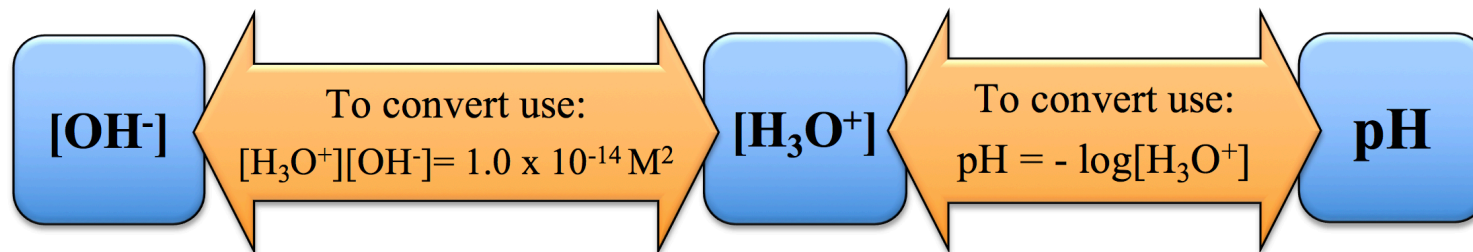


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i) What is the pH of an aqueous solution with $[\text{OH}^-] = 0.005 \text{ M}$?

HINT:



In these problems, we know $[\text{OH}^-]$, so we can calculate the concentration of $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$.

Once the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ is determined, it can be used to calculate the pH.

ii) What is the pH of an aqueous solution with $[\text{OH}^-] = 7.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$?

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8.21)

i) What is the pH of an aqueous solution with $[\text{OH}^-] = 0.005 \text{ M}$? **ANSWER: pH = 11.7**

Note: There is **one significant figure** in the concentration, so there will be **one significant figure** in the pH.

ii) What is the pH of an aqueous solution with $[\text{OH}^-] = 7.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$? **ANSWER: pH = 6.85**

Note: There are **two significant figures** in the concentration, so there will be **two significant figure** in the pH.

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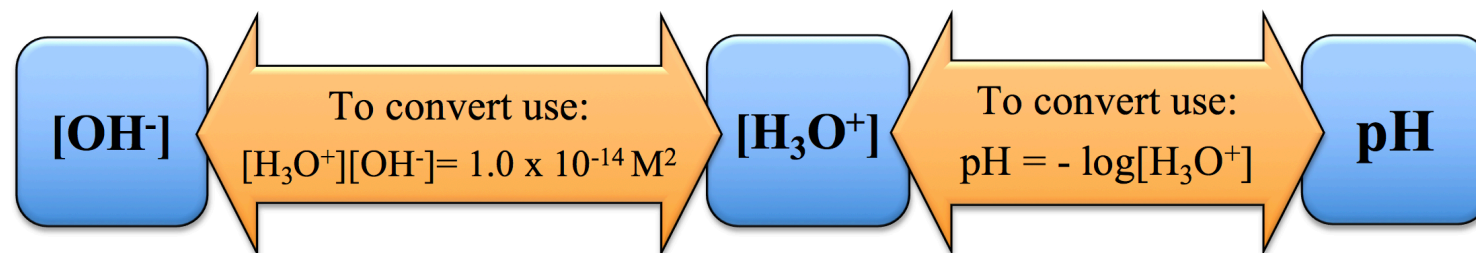
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In this problem, we know $[\text{OH}^-] = 0.005 \text{ M}$, we can calculate the concentration of $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$:

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{[\text{OH}^-]} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{0.005 \text{ M}} = 2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}$$

Once the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ is determined, it can be used to calculate the pH:

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log [2 \times 10^{-12}] = -(-11.7) = \mathbf{11.7}$$

ii) What is the pH of an aqueous solution with $[\text{OH}^-] = 7.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$? **ANSWER: pH = 6.85**

Note: There are **two significant figures** in the concentration, so there will be **two significant figure** in the pH.

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{[\text{OH}^-]} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2}{7.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}} = 1.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

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8.22)

i) What is the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ of an aqueous solution with $\text{pH} = 1.25$?

ii) What is the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ of an aqueous solution with $\text{pH} = 10.6$?



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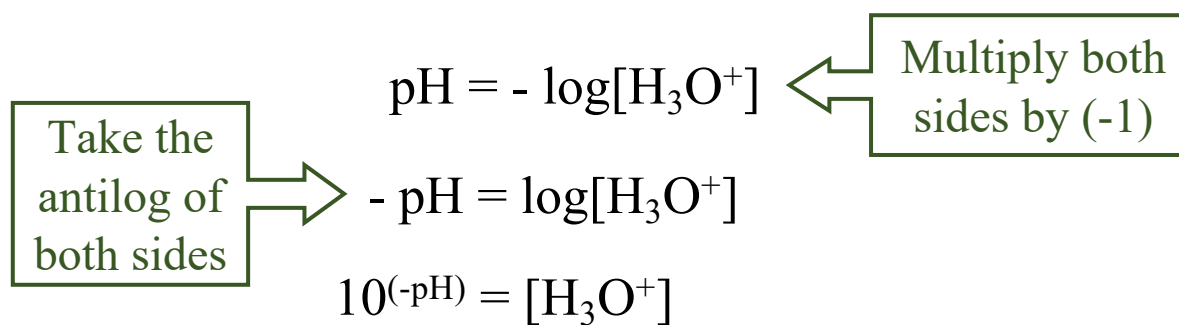
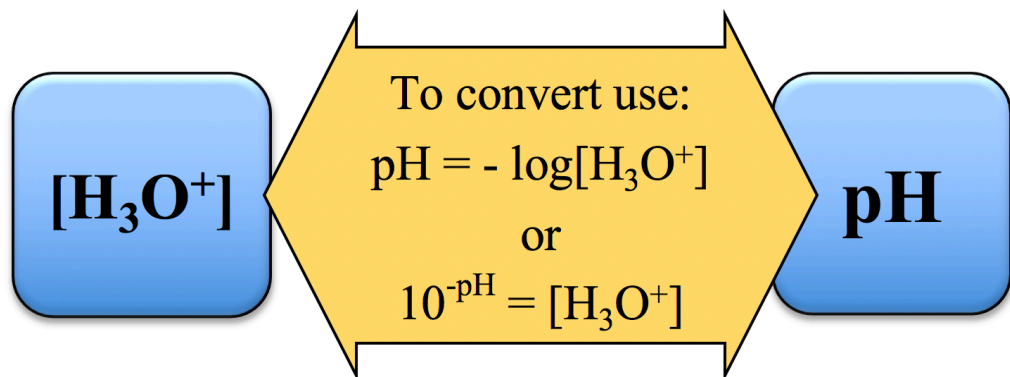


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8.22)

i) What is the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ of an aqueous solution with $\text{pH} = 1.25$?

ANSWER: 0.056 M

Note: There are **two significant figures** in the pH, so there will be **two significant figures** in the concentration.

- Recall that only numbers *to the right* of the decimal place **are** significant in pH values.
- Did you include the unit in your answer? The concentration units here are molar (M) *or* moles/L.

ii) What is the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ of an aqueous solution with $\text{pH} = 10.6$?

ANSWER: $3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$

Note: There is **one significant figure** in the pH, so there will be **one significant figure** in the concentration.

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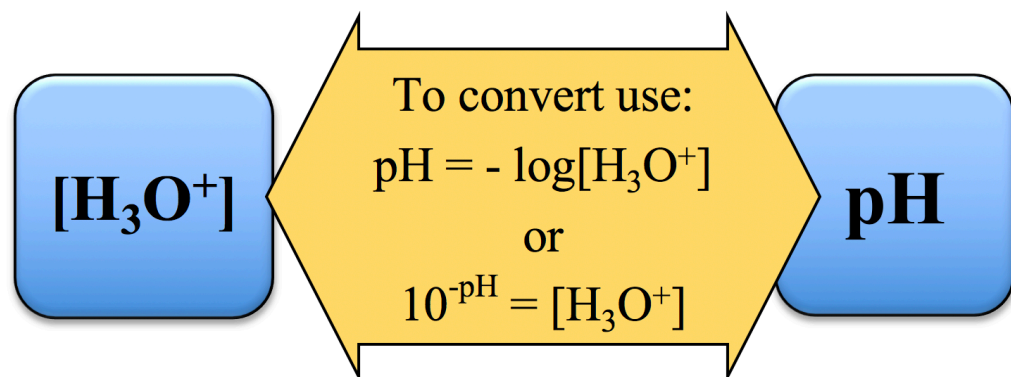
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i) What is the $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ of an aqueous solution with $\text{pH} = 1.25$?

ANSWER: 0.056 M

Note: There are **two significant figures** in the pH, so there will be **two significant figures** in the concentration.

- Recall that only numbers *to the right* of the decimal place **are** significant in pH values.



Take the
antilog of
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i) Solutions that contain more H_3O^+ than OH^- are called _____ solutions.

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A **buffer solution** is a solution that resists changes in pH when a small amount of acid or base is added.

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f) pH = 9.7 **basic**

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EXPLANATION:

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Acid Name	Acid Formula	K_a
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Chloric acid	HClO_3	$1 \times 10^3 \text{ M}$ (estimated)
Phosphoric acid	H_3PO_4	$7.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$
Hydrofluoric acid	HF	$6.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$
Acetic acid	$\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$
Carbonic acid	H_2CO_3	$4.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$
Dihydrogen phosphate ion	H_2PO_4^-	$6.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$
Boric acid	H_3BO_3	$5.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$
Ammonium ion	NH_4^+	$5.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$
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HINT:

The greater the K_a , the stronger the acid.

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ANSWER: *acetic acid* is the stronger acid

EXPLANATION:

The greater the K_a , the stronger the acid.

Acetic acid has a greater K_a than *boric acid*.

$$1.8 \times 10^{-5} > 5.7 \times 10^{-10}$$

When acids are placed in pure water, the stronger the acid, the greater the concentration of H_3O^+ .

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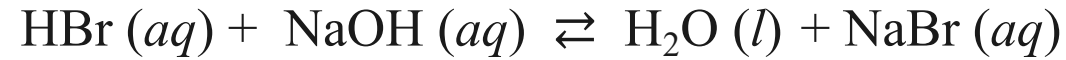
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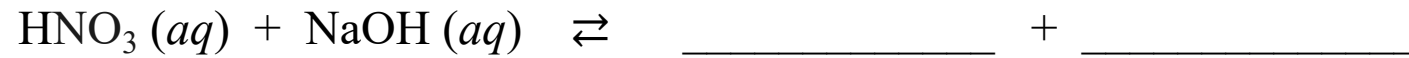
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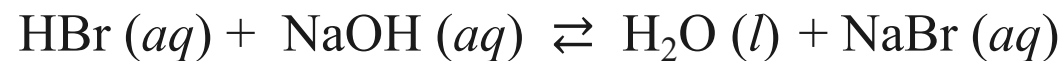
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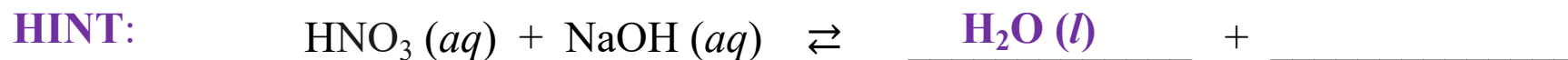
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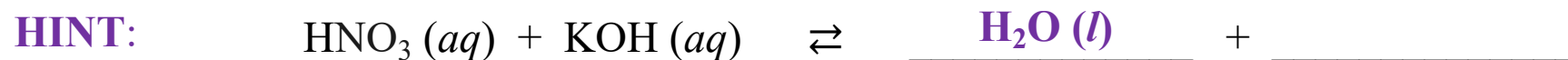


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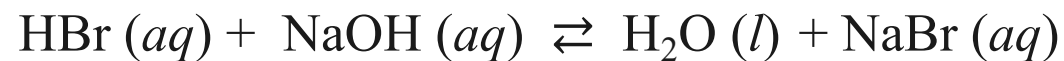
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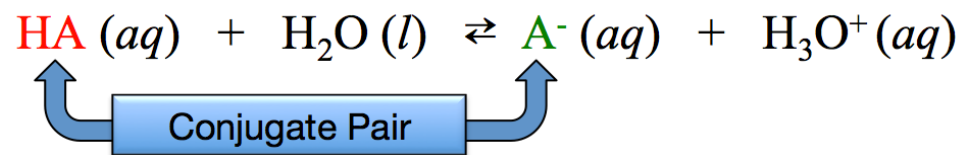
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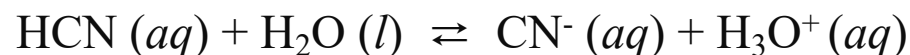
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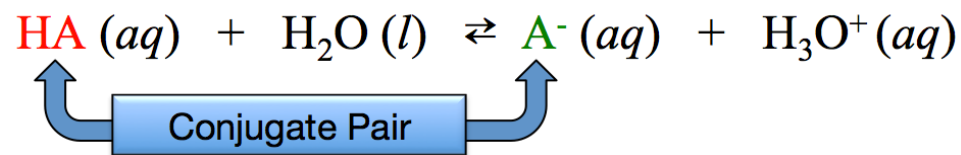
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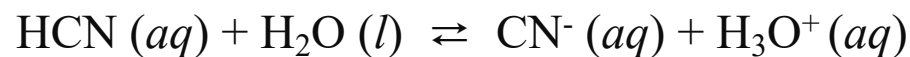
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HINT: Compare the pH to the pK_a.

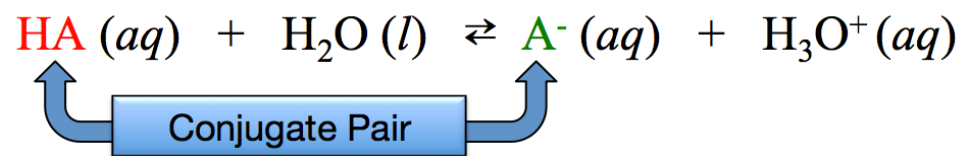
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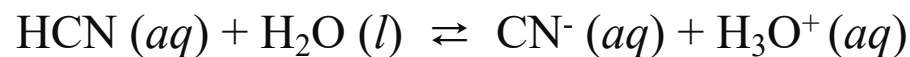
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ANSWER:

The *acid form* (**HCN**) is predominant.

EXPLANATION: The **pH** (7.4) is *less* than the **pK_a** (9.31), therefore the concentration of the *acid form*, [**HCN**], is *greater than* the concentration of the *base form*, [**CN⁻**]. In this case, we say that *the acid form is predominant*.

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8.29) For each of the following conjugate pairs, predict whether the *acid form* or the *base form* is predominant at the given pH.

a) HF/F⁻ at pH = 9.7

b) CH₃NH₃⁺/CH₃NH₂ at pH = 7.0

c) H₂CO₃/HCO₃⁻ at pH = 8.5

Acid Name	Acid Formula	K _a	pK _a pK _a = -log(K _a)
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HINT: Compare the pH to the pK_a

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 $\text{pH} < \text{pK}_a$

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EXPLANATION:

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HINT: The blood's buffering system does maintains the pH in the normal range. Do you recall the normal pH range for blood?

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- A buffer is a solution that is made with fairly **HIGH** concentrations of the acid and base forms of a conjugate pair.
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- The blood's buffering system maintains the pH in the normal range, which is **7.35 - 7.45**.

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8.31) Which of the following conjugate pairs are important *extracellular* (outside of cells) buffers?

(NOTE: There may be more than one correct choice.)

- a) hydrochloric acid (**HCl**)/chloride (**Cl⁻**)
- b) carbonic acid (**H₂CO₃**)/bicarbonate (**HCO₃⁻**)
- c) chloric acid (**HClO₃**)/chlorate (**ClO₃⁻**)
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HINT:

- a) ~~hydrochloric acid (HCl)/chloride (Cl⁻)~~
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b) carbonic acid (H_2CO_3)/bicarbonate (HCO_3^-)

c) chloric acid (HClO_3)/chlorate (ClO_3^-)

d) ammonium (NH_4^+)/ammonia (NH_3)

EXPLANATION:

Important *extracellular* (outside of cells) buffers, in solutions such as blood or interstitial fluids, are the carbonic acid (H_2CO_3)/bicarbonate (HCO_3^-) and the ammonium (NH_4^+)/ammonia (NH_3) conjugate pairs.

- In blood, the carbonic acid (H_2CO_3)/bicarbonate (HCO_3^-) buffering pair is especially useful because the buffer conjugate pair concentrations ($[\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3]$ and $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$) are replenished through cellular respiration and can be controlled through breathing.

An important *intracellular* (within cells) buffer is the dihydrogen phosphate/hydrogen phosphate conjugate pair. **Proteins** also act as *intracellular* buffers. In chapter 13 you will learn how proteins can donate or accept H^+ .

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