

INTRODUCTION INTO BIOCHEMISTRY

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QMA MEDICAL TEAM

1- Revision

3- Equilibrium constant

4- Calculations

2- Conjugate acid & base

- When an acid donate a proton, the new molecules is a proton acceptor so it a base, it's called base conjugate, and when a base accept a proton it becomes a proton donor, the new molecule is called conjugate acid
- strong acid is conjugated with a very weak base, that's why it's reaction is one way reaction
- strong base is conjugated with a very weak acid, that's why it's reaction is one way reaction
- weak acids and bases are two directional reactions because they have relative strong conjugates
- as a rule, the stronger the original molecule, the weaker the conjugate, and vice versa

Acid/base solutions are at constant equilibrium. We can write equilibrium constant (K_{eq}) for such reactions

$$K_a = \frac{[H_3O^+] \cdot [A^-]}{[HA]}$$

The value of the K_a indicates direction of reaction: (Higher K_a means stronger acid)
 >1 means forward, <1 is backward
 → What is pK_a

$$pK_a = -\log K_a$$

The values of K_a and pK_a are inversely proportional
 → For base there is K_b



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

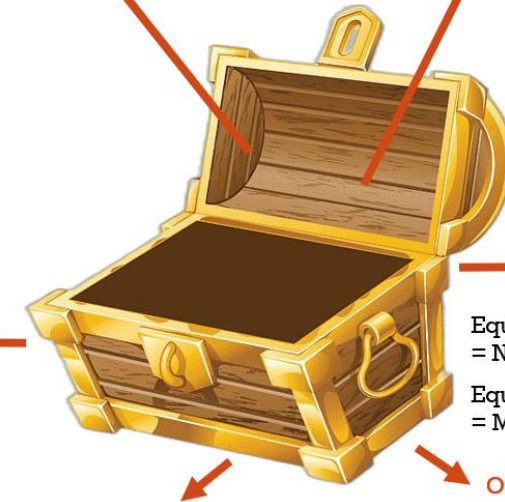
Equal to each other!

H_2O concentration is constant 55.5 M we cross it out for simplicity

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equivalence (Eq)

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 Equivalent (Eq of ions)
 = MW/charge

normality (N)

Others

Titration

$$n_1 M_1 V_1 = n_2 M_2 V_2$$

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$$K_a = \frac{[B][H^+]}{[BH^+]}$$

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5- Ionization of water



$$K_{eq} = \frac{[H^+][OH^-]}{[H_2O]} = 1.86 \times 10^{-16} M$$

$$K_{eq} (55.5 M) = [H^+][OH^-]$$

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} M^2$$

For pure water, there are equal concentrations of $[H^+]$ and $[OH^-]$, each with a value of $1 \times 10^{-7} M$.

Since K_w is a fixed value, the concentrations of $[H^+]$ and $[OH^-]$ are inversely changing.

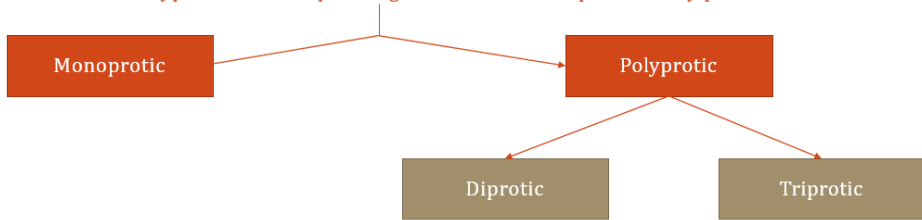
If the concentration of H^+ is high, then the concentration of OH^- must be low, and vice versa. For example, if $[H^+] = 10^{-2} M$, then $[OH^-] = 10^{-12} M$

1- REVISION

	Bronsted- lorry
Acid	H+ donors
Base	H+ Acceptor

- Types of acids depending on the number of protons they contain:
 - Monoprotic acid (1 proton): HCl, HNO₃, CH₃COOH.
 - Polyprotic acids (more than 1 proton):
 - A-Diprotic acid: H₂SO₄ / B-Triprotic acid: H₃PO₃

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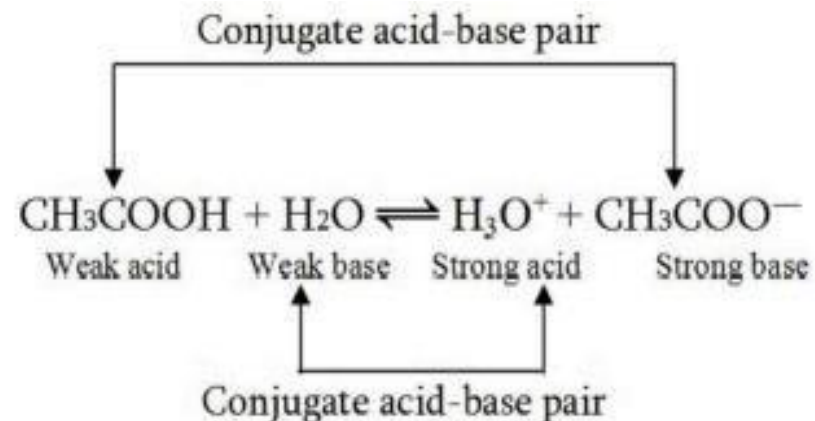


Acids differ in their ability to release protons/ Strong acids dissociate 100%/ Bases differ in their ability to accept protons/ Strong bases have strong affinity for protons /For multi-protic acids (H₂SO₄, H₃PO₄), each proton is donated at different strengths/ Rule The stronger the acid, the weaker the conjugate base.

2- CONJUGATE ACID AND BASE

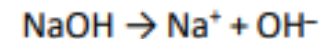
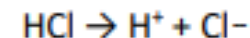
Rule:

The stronger the acid, the weaker the conjugate base.

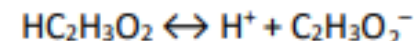


Strong vs. weak acids

- Strong acids and bases have one-way reactions** because their disassociation is very high, it's almost 100%.



- Weak acids and bases do not ionize completely (two-way reactions).**



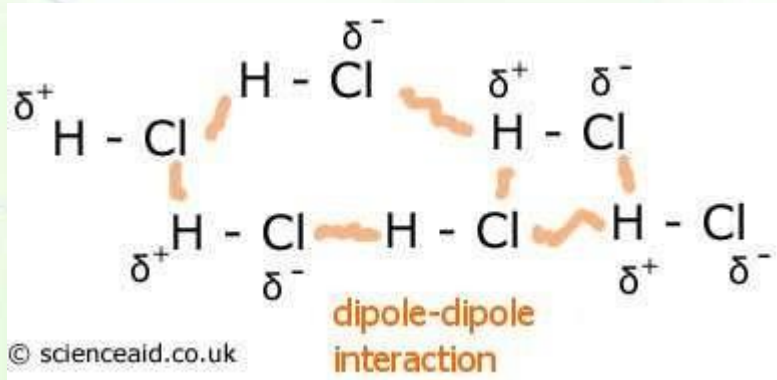
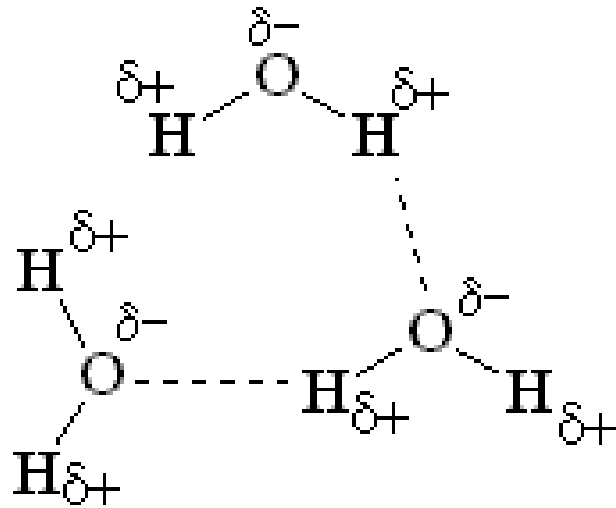
The double headed arrow indicates a two-way reaction.

whether the acid is strong (has complete disassociation) or weak (partial disassociation), it donates its proton to the solution, and the newly formed proton-lacking molecule would be the conjugate base.

Generally, there's an opposite relationship between the acid or the base and its conjugate partner. Acids produce conjugate bases and bases produce conjugate acids. Strong acids produce weak conjugate bases and weak acids produce strong conjugate bases and the same principle applies to bases and their conjugate acids.

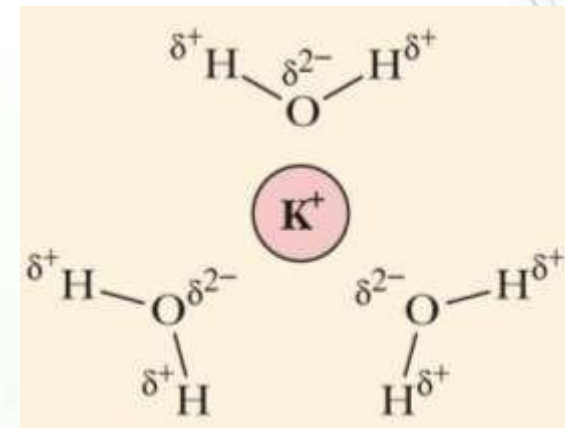


Dipole-dipole interaction



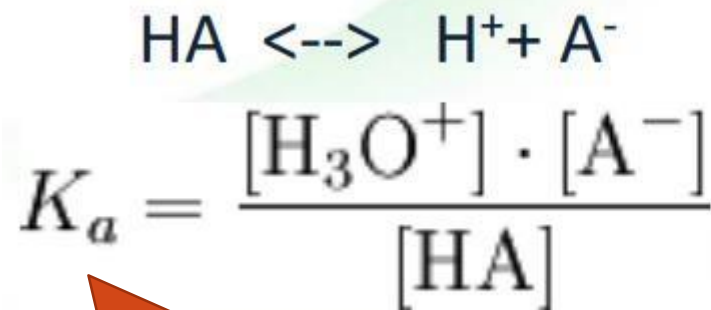
Dipole-charge interaction

A Ion-dipole interactions with water.



3- EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANT

ACID/BASE SOLUTIONS ARE AT CONSTANT EQUILIBRIUM. WE CAN WRITE EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANT (KEQ) FOR SUCH REACTIONS



Note: $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ = \text{H}^+$

The value of the K_a indicates direction of reaction:
a- When K_a is greater than 1 the product side is favored.
b- When K_a is less than 1 the reactants are favored



3- EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANT

What is pka ?

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a$$

Notice how the values of K_a especially those of weaker acids contain negative powers that are difficult to deal with. So, to avoid this complexity it's better to convert those values into integers and that is by taking the negative log of these values and we end up with pKa values. the K_a values of strong acids are very high but their pKa values are the smallest. The values of K_a and pKa are inversely proportional. The higher the K_a the lower the pKa and vice versa.

**Larger K_a means:
More dissociation
Smaller pKa
Stronger acid**

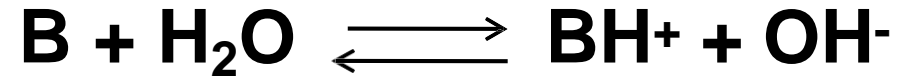
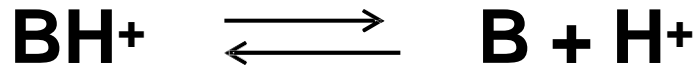
TABLE 2.4 Dissociation constants and pK_a values of weak acids in aqueous solutions at 25°C

Acid	K_a (M)	pK _a
HCOOH (Formic acid)	1.77×10^{-4}	3.8
CH ₃ COOH (Acetic acid)	1.76×10^{-5}	4.8
CH ₃ CHOHCOOH (Lactic acid)	1.37×10^{-4}	3.9
H ₃ PO ₄ (Phosphoric acid)	7.52×10^{-3}	2.2
H ₂ PO ₄ [⊖] (Dihydrogen phosphate ion)	6.23×10^{-8}	7.2
HPO ₄ ^{2⊖} (Monohydrogen phosphate ion)	2.20×10^{-13}	12.7
H ₂ CO ₃ (Carbonic acid)	4.30×10^{-7}	6.4
HCO ₃ [⊖] (Bicarbonate ion)	5.61×10^{-11}	10.2
NH ₄ [⊕] (Ammonium ion)	5.62×10^{-10}	9.2
CH ₃ NH ₃ [⊕] (Methylammonium ion)	2.70×10^{-11}	10.7

3- EQUILIBRIUM CONSTANT

BASE DISSOCIATION CONSTANT (K_B)

Reverse the reaction:



Equal to each other!

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{B}][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{BH}^+]}$$

Equal to each other!

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

Similarly, Equilibrium constant for base dissociation K_b is equal to the concentration of the hydroxyl ion multiplied by the concentration of the conjugate acid over the concentration of the base. (Again, if there is water then it will be added to the denominator. However, since H_2O concentration is constant 55.5 M we cross it out for simplicity)

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TABLE 7.3 Values of K_b for Some Common Weak Bases

Name	Formula	Conjugate Acid	K_b
Ammonia	NH_3	NH_4^+	1.8×10^{-5}
Methylamine	CH_3NH_2	CH_3NH_3^+	4.38×10^{-4}
Ethylamine	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3^+$	5.6×10^{-4}
Aniline	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3^+$	3.8×10^{-10}
Pyridine	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}$	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NH}^+$	1.7×10^{-9}



4- CALCULATIONS



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MOLARITY OF SOLUTIONS

- Moles of a solution are the amount in grams in relation to its molecular weight (MW or a.m.u.).

$$\text{moles} = \text{grams} / \text{MW}$$

- A molar solution is where the number of grams equal to its molecular weight (moles) in 1 liter of solution.

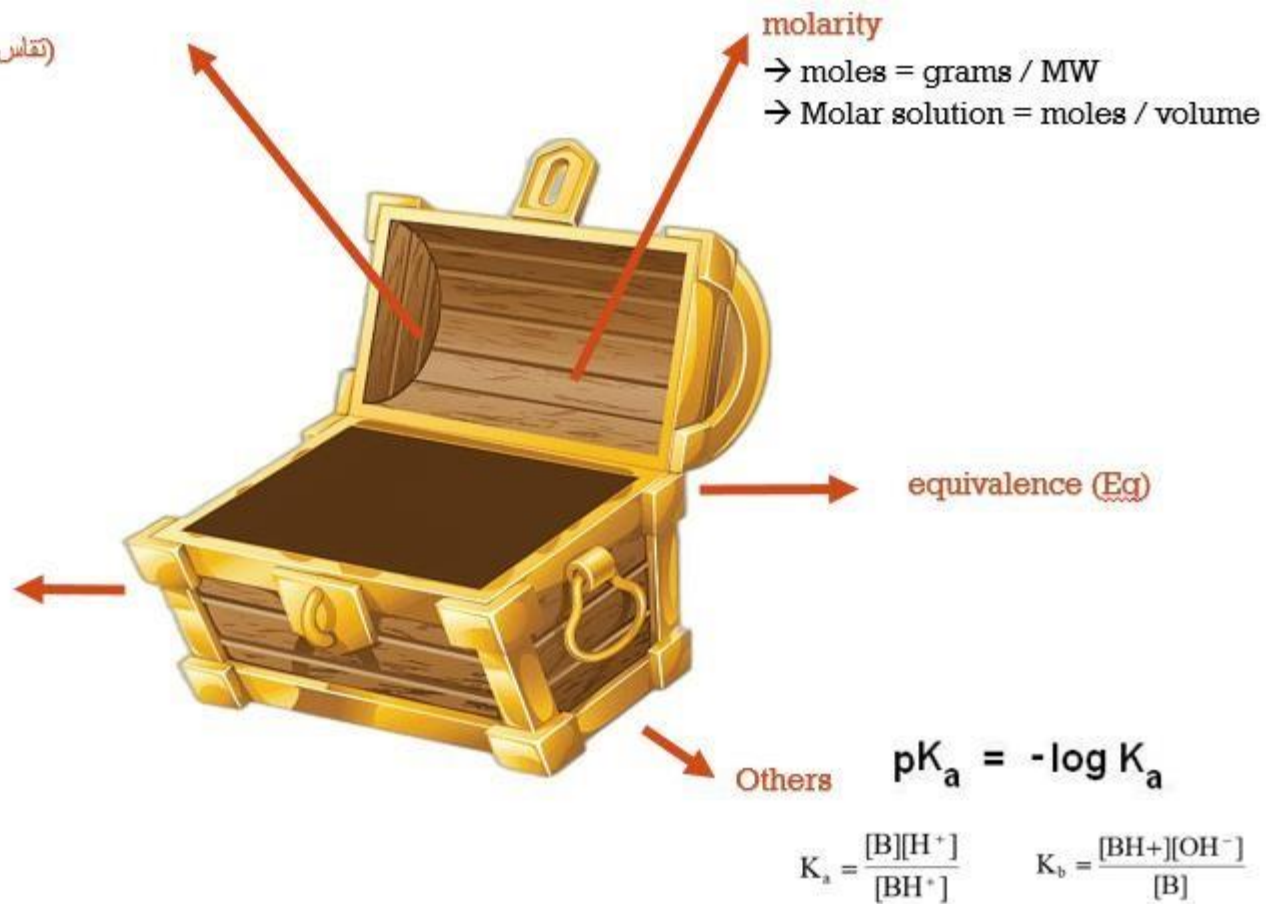
$$M = \text{moles} / \text{volume (L)}$$

- Since ($\text{mol} = \text{grams} / \text{MW}$), you can calculate the grams of a chemical you need to dissolve in a known volume (L) of water to obtain a certain concentration (M) using the following formula:

$$\text{grams} = M \times \text{volume (L)} \times \text{MW}$$



Concentration (تقاس بالمولات/لتر)



- How many grams do you need to make 5M NaCl solution in 100 ml (MW 58.4)?

$$g = MW \times L \times M$$
$$58.4 \times 0.1 \times 5$$
$$= 29.2$$

- How many moles are in 100 ml that contains 5M NaCl (MW 58.4)?

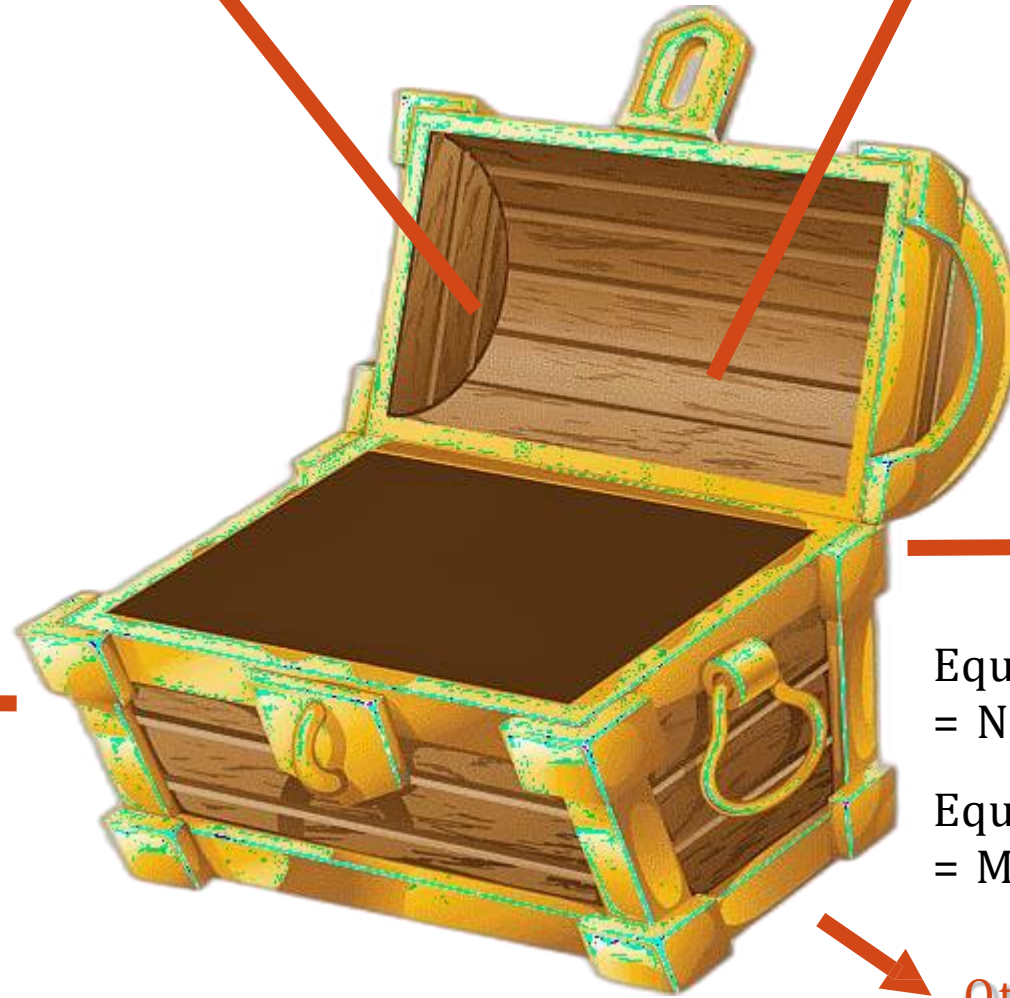


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EQUIVALENTS

- When it comes to acids, bases and ions, it is useful to think of them as equivalents.
- An equivalent is the amount of moles of hydrogen ions that an acid can donate .
 - or a base can accept.
- A 1 g-Eq of any ion is defined as the molar mass of the ion divided by the ionic charge.





EXAMPLES

- For acids:
- 1 mole HCl = 1 mole $[H^+]$ = 1 equivalent
- 1 mole H_2SO_4 = 2 moles $[H^+]$ = 2 equivalents
 - 1 eq of H_2SO_4 = $\frac{1}{2}$ mol (because 1 mole gives two H^+ ions)

- For ions:
- One equivalent of Na^+ = 23.1 g
- One equivalent of Cl^- = 35.5 g
- One equivalent of Mg^{2+} = $(24.3)/2 = 12.15$ g

Remember: One equivalent of any acid neutralizes one equivalent of any base.



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- Calculate milligrams of Ca+2 in blood if total concentration of Ca+2 is 5 mEq/L.

$$1 \text{ Eq} = \frac{40.08}{2} = 20$$

$$1 \text{ Eq} \rightarrow 20 \text{ g}$$

$$0.005 \text{ Eq} \rightarrow ?$$

$$20 \times 0.005 \times 10^3 = 100 \text{ mg}$$

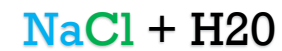
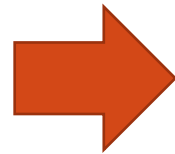


TITRATION

→ Titration: To neutralize a solution where it's nor acidic nor basic
 $n \times V_1 \times M_1 = n \times V_2 \times M_2$



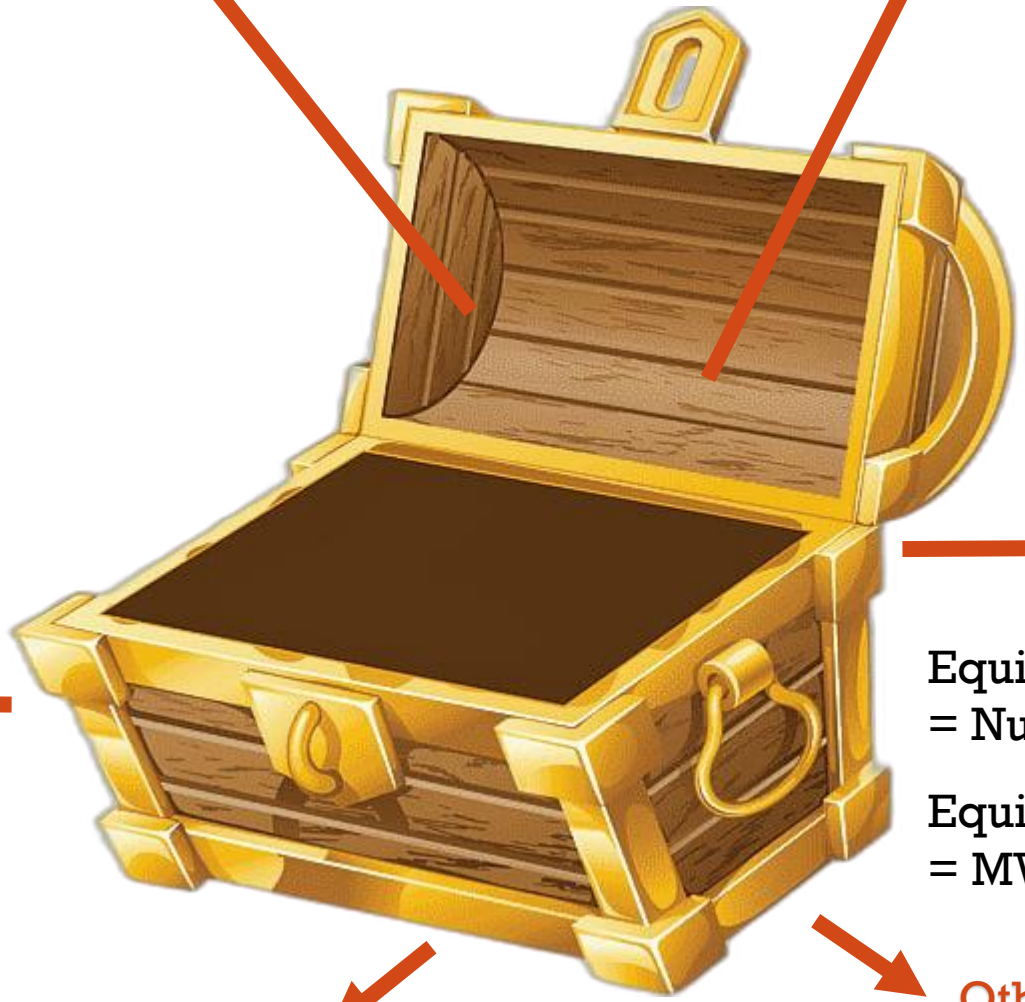
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MOLARITY AND EQUIVALENTS

$$\text{Equivalents} = n \times M \times \text{volume (L)}$$

One equivalent of any acid neutralizes one equivalent of a base.

Based on the equation above, since x eq of an acid is neutralized by the same x eq of a base, then $(n \times M \times \text{vol})$ of an acid is neutralized by $(n \times M \times \text{vol})$ of a base.

This is done in a process known as Titration.

Titration is the slow addition of one solution of a known concentration to a known volume of another solution of unknown concentration until the reaction reaches neutralization.



10.92 Titration of a 12.0 mL solution of HCl requires 22.4 mL of 0.12 M NaOH. What is the molarity of the HCl solution?

- Note that each one produces 1 mole of H^+ or OH^- , so 1M of HCl is equal to 1M of NaOH, so 1M HCl produces 1M of H^+ , which is neutralized by 1M NaOH, which produces 1M OH^-

Eq of acid = Eq of base

$$N \times M_1 \times \text{Vol}_1 = n \times M_2 \times \text{Vol}_2$$

$$1 \times 0.12 \times 22.4 = 1 \times M_2 \times 12$$

$$M_2 = (0.12 \times 22.4) / 12$$

$$M_2 = 0.224 \text{ M}$$



10.93 What volume of 0.085 M HNO_3 is required to titrate 15.0 mL of 0.12 M $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ solution?

- Note that 1 mole of HNO_3 produces 1 mole of H^+ , but 1 mole of $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ produces 2 moles of OH^- . In other words, the n is different.
- Also, remember that **Equivalents = $n \times M \times \text{volume (L)}$** , where n is the number of charges or the number of H^+ + (or OH^-) the acid or base can produce or accept.
- Titration means that we add an acid to a base slowly. At one point during titration, the acid and the base neutralize or cancel each other. In other words, “to titrate” means “to neutralize”. At the point of neutralization, the concentration of H^+ is equal to the concentration of OH^- . The best way to calculate how much acid is needed to neutralize a base (or the opposite) is to calculate the equivalents.

Eq of acid = Eq of base

$$N \times M_1 \times \text{Vol}_1 = n \times M_2 \times \text{Vol}_2$$

$$1 \times 0.085 \times \text{Vol} = 2 \times 0.12 \times 15$$

$$\text{Vol} = (2 \times 0.12 \times 15) / 1 \times 0.085$$

$$\text{Vol} = 42.35 \text{ mL}$$



5- IONIZATION OF WATER



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- Water dissociates into hydronium (H_3O^+) and hydroxyl (OH^-) ions.
- For simplicity, we refer to H_3O^+ as H^+ and write the reaction equilibrium as:



- The equilibrium constant K_{eq} of the dissociation of water is:

$$K_{\text{eq}} = \frac{[\text{H}^{\oplus}] [\text{OH}^{\ominus}]}{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

- The equilibrium constant for water ionization under standard conditions is 1.8×10^{-16} M.



K_w

- Since there are 55.6 moles of water in 1 liter, the product of the hydrogen and hydroxide ion concentrations results in a value of 1×10^{-14} for:

$$K_{eq} (55.5 \text{ M}) = [\text{H}^{\oplus}] [\text{OH}^{\ominus}]$$

- This constant, K_w , is called the ion product for water

$$K_w = [\text{H}^{\oplus}] [\text{OH}^{\ominus}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^2$$



[H⁺] AND [OH⁻]

- For pure water, there are equal concentrations of [H⁺] and [OH⁻], each with a value of 1×10^{-7} M.
- Since K_w is a fixed value, the concentrations of [H⁺] and [OH⁻] are inversely changing.
- If the concentration of H⁺ is high, then the concentration of OH⁻ must be low, and vice versa. For example, if [H⁺] = 10^{-2} M, then [OH⁻] = 10^{-12} M

