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Module 17

"Acids & Bases"

Lesson 2: "Strengths of acids and Bases"

Learning Outcomes:



- ▶ **Relate** the strength of an acid or base to its degree of ionization.
- **Compare** the strength of a weak acid with the strength of its conjugate base.
- **Explain** the relationship between the strengths of acids and bases and the values of their ionization constants.



Part 1

Acids and Bases

Lesson 2: Strengths of acids and bases



Learning objectives:

acid Ht Sains Ht

Define strong and weak acids using "Bronsted-Lowery model".

Use ionization equations of acids to wrote the acidity constant equation K_a.



Focus Question

What makes an acid or base strong or weak?

MAINIDEA In solution, strong acids and bases ionize completely, but weak acids and bases ionize only partially.

weak HY maybe acid HY north only 28% HT W

New Vocabulary

strong acid

weak acid

acid ionization constant

strong base

weak base

base ionization constant

Review Vocabulary

electrolyte: an ionic compound whose aqueous solution conducts an electric current

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Starter Activity

What is the K_{eq} for the following equilibrium?

$$AB \rightleftharpoons A^+ + B^-$$

$$\frac{[A][B]}{[AB]}$$

If the K_{eq} is 3.4 x10⁻⁹ or reactants?

At equilibrium, which is favored products

Reactants (A and B), because $K_{eq} < 1$

!!REMEMBER!!

The Equilibrium Constant (K_{eq})

- A value that relates the position of a reaction at equilibrium
- Calculated by inserting values into the equilibrium constant expression
- Keq does NOT have units
- Keq > 1
- Product favored More products 7 reactents
- Keq ≤1

- Reactant favored 11 reactants > Products

Quick Revision on Keq

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(1)

$$C_2H_5OH(\underline{l}) \rightleftharpoons C_2H_5OH(\underline{g})$$

$$K = \frac{[C_2H_5OH(g)]}{[C_2H_5OH(l)]}$$

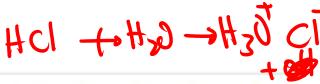
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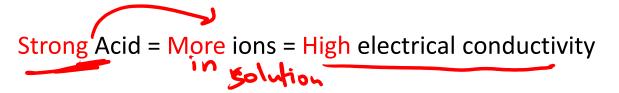
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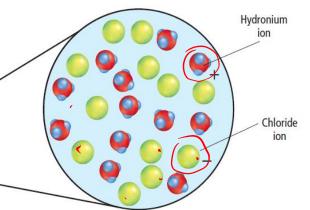
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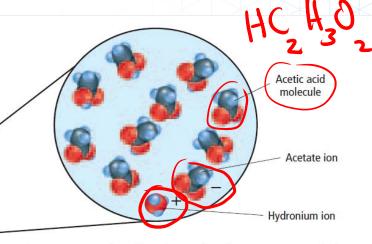
■ **Figure** ,**11** The light glows brightly when electrodes are placed in 0.10*M* hydrochloric acid solution because all of the HCl is in the form of hydronium ions and chloride ions.





HC21302 + 420 == H30+ + CH3600 CH3600H





■ **Figure** 12 When electrodes are placed in 0.10*M* acetic acid solution, the light is dim. Compare this illustration with **Figure 18.11.**

Explain the difference in the brightness of the bulbs in terms of the concentration of ions in solution.

- Acids that ionize completely are called strong acids.
- Ht or H35
- Because they produce the maximum number of hydrogen ions, strong acids are good conductors of electricity.
- Acids that ionize only partially in dilute aqueous solutions are called weak acids.





With a strong acid, the conjugate base is a weak base.

$$HX(aq) + H_2O(l) \longrightarrow H_3O^+(aq) + X^-(aq)$$
Acid Base Conjugate Conjugate acid base

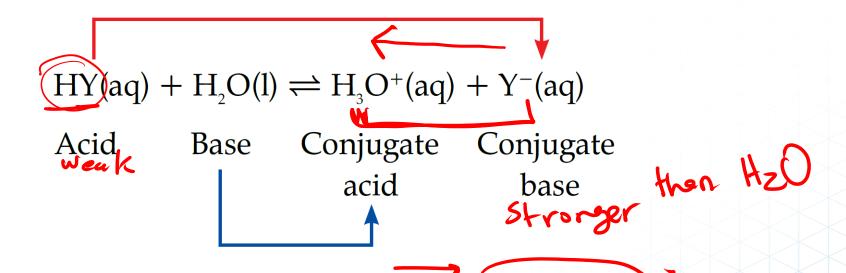
- Equilibrium lies almost completely to the right, because the conjugate base has a
 weaker attraction for the H⁺ ion than does the base in the forward reaction.
- Notice that the equation is shown with a single arrow to the right for strong acids.
 The reaction goes to completion (right).

Strengths of Acids

makes a Stronger Acid strength and the Brønsted-Lowry model

conjugate Lase

In a weak acid, the ionization equilibrium lies to the far left because the conjugate base has a greater attraction for H⁺ ions than does the base in the forward reaction.



Notice that the equation is shown with equilibrium arrows for weak acids.

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Table 3 Ionization Equations

Strong Acids			Weak Acids	
Name	Ionization Equation	Name		Ionization Equations
Hydrochloric	$HC \longrightarrow H^+ + CI^-$	Hydrofluoric		HF (€) H+ + F-
Hydroiodic	$HI \longrightarrow H^+ + I^-$	Acetic		$HC_{2}H_{3}O_{2} = H^{+} + C_{2}H_{3}O_{2}^{-}$
Perchloric	$HCIO_4 \longrightarrow H^+ + CIO_4^-$	Hydrosulfuric		H₂S⊕H+ HS⁻
Nitric	HNO_3 \rightarrow $H^+ + NO_3^-$	Carbonic		H ₂ CO ₃ H+ + HCO ₃ -
Sulfuric	$H_2SO_4 \rightarrow H^+ + HSO_4^-$	Hypochlorous		HCIQ ⇒H+ + CIO-

Quiz

1. _____ acids dissociate completely in aqueous solutions.

- Only strong
- B Only weak
- **c** Both strong and weak
- Neither strong nor weak



• The equilibrium constant, K_{eq} provides a measure of the degree of ionization of an acid. $K_{eq} = \frac{[H_3O^{\dagger}][CN]}{[HCN]K}$

$$HCN(aq) + H2O(I) \Rightarrow H3O+(aq) + CN-(aq)$$

$$K_{-} \neq \frac{[H_3O^+][CN^-]}{[HCN][H_2O]}$$

The acid ionization constant, Kos is the value of the equilibrium constant expression for the ionization of a weak acid.

$$K_a = K_{aq}[H_2O] = \frac{[H_3O^+][CN^-]}{[HCN]} = 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$$

- K_a indicates whether **products (lons)** or **reactants(Acid)** are favored (**more**) at equilibrium.
- For weak acids, the products tend to be smaller compared to the un-ionized (More Acid and less ions) molecules (reactant).
- Weaker acids have a smaller K_a . < 1

(Ka 7771) strong Acid

Table 4 Ionization Constants for Weak Acids

Acid	Ionization Equation	(K _a)298 K)		
Hydrosulfuric, first ionization	$H_2S \rightleftharpoons H^+ + HS^-$	8.9 × 10 ⁻⁸		
Hydrosulfuric, second ionization	HS¬(⇒)H+ + S²−	1 × 10 ⁻¹⁹ C		
Hydrofluoric	HF(⇒)H+ + F-	6.3 × 10 ^{−4} << 1		
Hydrocyanic	HCN⊕H+ + CN-	6.2 × 10 ⁻¹⁰		
Acetic	CH₃COOH(⇒ H+ + CH₃COO−	1.8 × 10 ⁻⁵ 444 1		
Carbonic, first ionization	$H_2CO_3 \rightleftharpoons H^+ + HCO_3^-$	4.5 × 10 ⁻⁷ 44 1		
Carbonic, second ionization	$HCO_3^- \rightleftharpoons H^+ + CO_3^{2-}$	4.7 × 10 ⁻¹¹		

Quiz

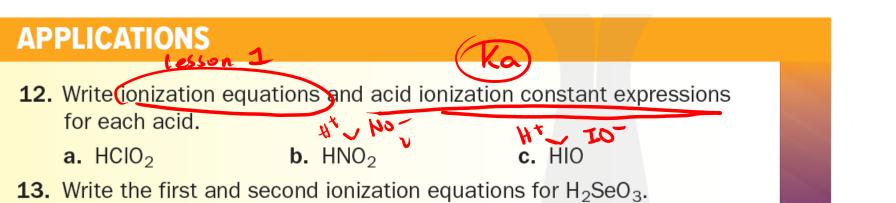
HC2 H302

2. In the equation below, CH₃COOH is a ______

$$CH_3COOH \rightleftharpoons H^+ + CH_3COO^-$$

- A strong acid
- **B** weak acid
- **c** strong base
- weak base

Practice Problems:



- **14. Challenge** Given the expression $K_a = \frac{[AsO_4^{3-}][H_3O^+]}{[HAsO_4^{2-}]}$, write the balanced equation for the corresponding reaction.

a.)
$$HC10_2 = H^+ + C10_2$$

or $HC10_2 + H_20 = H_30^+ + C10_2^-$

[HT] [CCO_J

Answers: Applications

12. Write ionization equations and acid ionization constant expressions for the following acids.

a.
$$HCIO_2$$

$$HCIO_2(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow H_3O^+(aq) + CIO_2^-(aq)$$

$$K_a = \frac{[H_3O+][CIO_2]}{[HCIO_2]}$$

✓ **b.** HNO₂ $HNO_{2}(aq) + H_{2}O(I) \leftrightarrow H_{3}O^{+}(aq) + NO_{2}^{-}(aq)$ $K_{a} = \frac{[H_{3}O^{+}][NO_{2}^{-}]}{[HNO_{2}]}$ **c.** HIO

 $HIO(aq) + H₂O(I) \leftrightarrow H₃O⁺(aq) + IO⁺(aq)$

$$K_{a} = \frac{[H_{3}O^{+}][IO^{-}]}{[HIO]}$$

13. Write the first and second ionization equations for H₂SeO₃.

$$H_2SeO_3(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow HSeO_3^-(aq) + H_3O^+(aq)$$

 $HSeO_3^-(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow SeO_3^{2-}(aq) + H_3O^+(aq)$

14. Challenge Given the expression

$$K_{\rm a} = \frac{[{\rm ASO_4}^{3-}][{\rm H_3O^+}]}{[{\rm HAsO_4}^{2-}]}$$
, write the balanced

equation for the corresponding reaction.

$$HAsO_4^{2-}(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow H_3O^+(aq) + AsO_4^{3-}$$

Part 2

Module 17: Acids and Bases

Lesson 2: Strengths of acids and bases

Learning Objectives

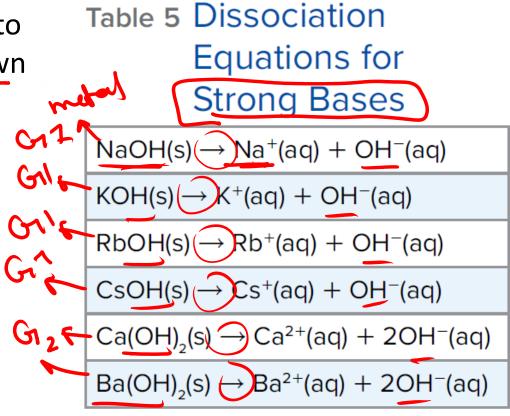
Define strong and weak bases using "Bronsted-Lowery model".

Use ionization equations of bases to wrote the basicity constant equation (K_b)

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 A base that dissociates completely into metal ions and hydroxide ions is known as a strong base.

A weak base ionizes only partially in dilute aqueous solution.



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- The base ionization constant, (K_p) is the value of the equilibrium constant expression for the ionization of a base.
- For example, for Methylamine CH₃NH₂ (Reaction is below in Table 6):

$$CH_3NH_3^{+} + H_3O = CH_3NH_3^{+} + OH_3O + OH_3OH_3$$

$$[CH_3NH_2]$$

The smaller the value of K_b , the weaker the base.

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Base	Ionization Equation	(K _b)298 K)	0.0000
Ethylamine	$C_{2}H_{5}NH_{2}(aq) + H_{2}O(I) \bigcirc C_{2}H_{5}NH_{3}^{+}(aq) + OH^{-}(aq)$	5.0 × 10 ⁻⁴	
Methylamine	$(CH_3NH_2)aq) + H_2O(I) + CH_3NH_3^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$	4.3 × 10 ⁻⁴	
Ammonia	$NH_{3}(aq) + H_{2}O(I) \bigcirc NH_{4}^{+}(aq) + OH^{-}(aq)$	2.5 × 10 ⁻⁵	
Aniline	$C_6H_5NH_2(aq) + H_2O(I) C_6H_5NH_3^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$	4.3×10^{-10}	

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APPLICATIONS

- 15. Write ionization equations and base ionization constant expressions for the following bases.
- base a. hexylamine (C₆H₁₃NH₂) (c.) carbonate ion (CO_3^{2-}) **b.** propylamine (C₃H₇NH₂) d. hydrogen sulfite ion (HSO₃⁻)
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$$+1-2 = -1$$

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$$\frac{9 \sin Ht}{CO_3^{2}} + H_2O = HCO_3$$

$$= \frac{10 \cos Ht}{CO_3^{2}} + HCO_3$$

$$= \frac{10 \cos Ht}{HCO_3} + HCO_3$$

$$= \frac{10 \cos HcO_3}{HCO_3} + HCO_3$$

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 - **a.** hexylamine $(C_6H_{13}NH_2)$

$$C_6H_{13}NH_2(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow C_6H_{13}NH_3^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

$$K_{b} = \frac{[C_{6}H_{13}NH_{3}^{+}][OH^{-}]}{[C_{6}H_{13}NH_{2}]}$$

b. propylamine (C₃H₇NH₂)

$$C_3H_7NH_2(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow C_3H_7NH_3^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

$$K_{b} = \frac{[C_{3}H_{7}NH_{3}^{+}][OH^{-}]}{[C_{3}H_{7}NH_{2}]}$$

c. carbonate ion (CO_3^{2-})

$$CO_3^{2-}(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow HCO^{3-}(aq) + OH^{-}(aq)$$

$$K_{b} = \frac{[HCO_{3}^{-}][OH^{-}]}{[CO_{3}^{2-}]}$$

d. hydrogen sulfite ion (HSO₃⁻)

$$HSO_3^-(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow H_2SO_3(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

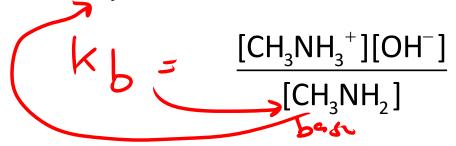
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16. Challenge Write an equation for a base equilibrium in which the base in the forward reaction is PO₄³⁻ and the base in the reverse reaction is OH⁻

$$PO_4^{3-}(aq) + H_2O(I) \leftrightarrow HPO_4^{2-}(aq) + OH^{-}(aq)$$

Quiz

3. The expression shown below is the _____ for methylamine.



A equilibrium constant

c base ionization constant

- **B** acid ionization constant
- ionization equation

Strongest = highest K

Quiz

4. Which is the weakest base shown in the table below?

Table 6 Ionization Constants of Weak Bases

Base	Ionization Equation	К _ь (298 К)	
Ethylamine	$C_2H_5NH_2(aq) + H_2O(I) \rightleftharpoons C_2H_5NH_3^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$	5.0×10^{-4}	
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Aniline	$C_6H_5NH_2(aq) + H_2O(I) \rightleftharpoons C_6H_5NH_3^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$	4.3 × 10 ⁻¹⁰	

A ethylamine

c ammonia

B methylamine

analine

Section Summary

- Strong acids and strong bases are completely ionized in a dilute aqueous solution. Weak acids and weak bases are partially ionized in a dilute aqueous solution.
- For weak acids and weak bases, the value of the acid or base ionization constant is a measure of the strength of the acid or base.

- **17. MAINI**DEA **Describe** the contents of dilute aqueous solutions of the strong acid HI and the weak acid HCOOH.
- **18. Relate** the strength of a weak acid to the strength of its conjugate base.
- **19. Identify** the conjugate acid-base pairs in each equation.
 - **a.** $HCOOH(aq) + H_2O(I) \rightleftharpoons HCOO^-(aq) + H_3O^+(aq)$
 - **b.** $NH_3(aq) + H_2O(I) \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$
- **20. Explain** what the K_b for aniline (C₆H₅NH₂) tells you ($K_b = 4.3 \times 10^{-10}$).
- **21. Interpret Data** Use the data in **Table 4** to put the seven acids in order according to increasing electrical conductivity.

SECTION 2 REVIEW

Answers

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 Describe the contents of dilute aqueous solutions of the strong acid HI and the weak acid HCOOH.

The solution of HI contains only H₃O⁺ and I⁻ ions and water molecules. The solution of HCOOH contains H₃O⁺ and HCOO⁻ ions, and HCOOH and H₂O molecules.

Relate the strength of a weak acid to the strength of its conjugate base.

The stronger the acid is, the weaker its conjugate base. The weaker the acid is, the stronger its conjugate base.

- Identify the conjugate acid-base pairs in each equation.
 - a. HCOOH(aq) + H₂O(l) ↔ HCOO⁻(aq) + H₃O⁺(aq)
 acid: HCOOH; conjugate base: HCOO⁻; base: H₂O; conjugate acid: H₃O⁺;
 - b. NH₃(aq) + H₂O(l) ↔ NH₄⁺(aq) + OH⁻(aq) acid: H₂O; conjugate base: OH⁻; base: NH₃; conjugate acid: NH₄⁺
- **20. Explain** what the K_b for aniline tells you. $(K_b = 4.3 \times 10^{-10})$.

The size of aniline's K_b indicates that aniline is a weak base.

21. Interpret Data Use the data in Table 18.4 to put the seven acids in order according to increasing electrical conductivity.

HS⁻, HCO₃⁻, H₂S, H₂CO₃, CH₃COOH, HCOOH, HF