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PCAT SUPER REVIEW

Acid-Base Chemistry and Solubility

Today's Agenda

- ▶ **Welcome to this Super Review!**
- ▶ **Introduction**
- ▶ **Gen Chem Study Strategy**
 - ▶ **Acid-Base Chemistry**
 - ▶ **Solubility**
- ▶ **What Next?**

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Introduction

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Introduction to Super Reviews

Thanks for coming to today's review!

These sessions are meant to be:

- ▶ Interactive
- ▶ Problem-focused

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1. Turn on your mic
2. Locate the hand-raise button
3. Locate the Question and Chat boxes
4. Let me know if you're having at tech issues!

Gen Chem Study Strategy

Today we're going to focus on maximizing your gen chem performance. Let's reflect on our experiences with chemistry:

- ▶ *How do you typically study?*
- ▶ *What concepts have been difficult to master?*
- ▶ *What formulas and equations give you trouble?*
- ▶ *Have you found strategies that work for you?*

Gen Chem Study Strategy

Connecting the dots

- ▶ *How does each topic relate to other gen chem concepts?*
- ▶ *What's the big picture?*

Start with the basics

- ▶ *Understanding periodic trends, stoichiometry, etc. helps build toward "harder" material*
- ▶ *Many students miss questions on "easy" topics*

Review, review, review!

Topic #1: Acid-Base Chemistry

Strong acids to know

p prefix = $-\log$

Acid-Base Chemistry

How do you find the pH of a strong acid solution?

- ▶ *What is the pH of a 1 M solution of H_2SO_4 ?*

How do you find the pH of a weak acid solution?

- ▶ *The K_a of acetic acid is 1.8×10^{-5} . What is the pOH of a 0.05 M solution of acetic acid?*



Acid-Base Chemistry

K_a = acid dissociation constant

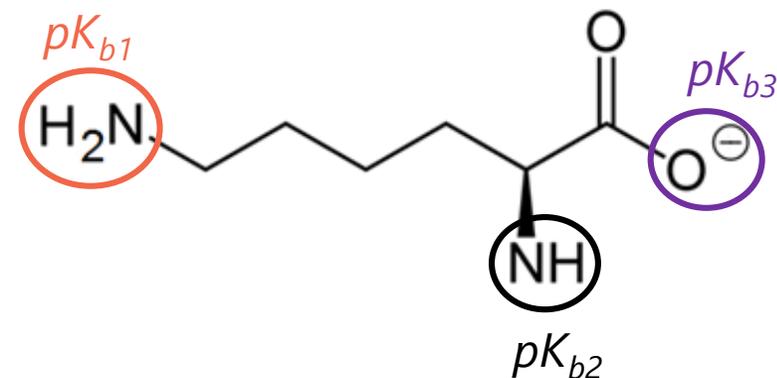
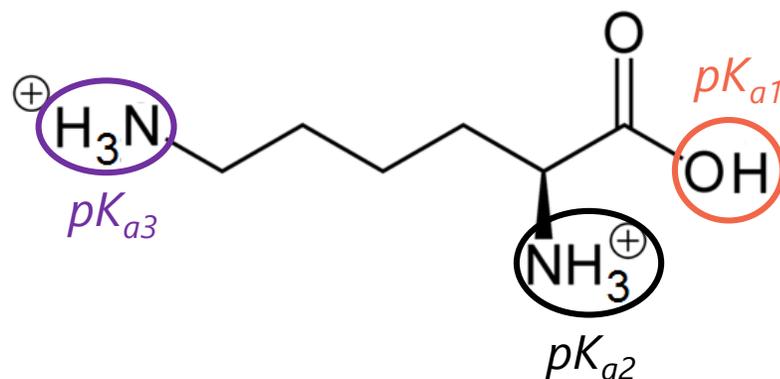
K_b = base dissociation constant

K_w = water ionization constant

What is the expression for the K_b of NH_3 ?

$$K_w = K_a \times K_b$$

of acid of conjugate base



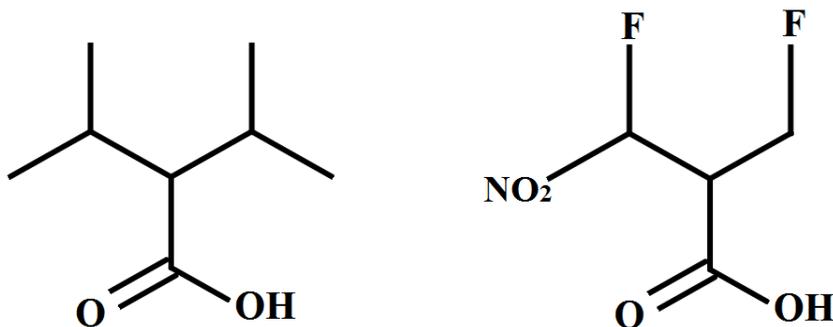
Acid-Base Chemistry

A student combines 50 mL of 0.80 M HF with 40 mL of 0.75 M KOH. The student predicts that the final pH of the solution will be greater than 7. What best explains the observation that a piece of blue litmus paper dipped into the beaker immediately turns red?

- A. HF is a strong acid, making the pH of this solution lower than expected.
- B. Since KOH is strong, it is the pOH of the solution that will be greater than 7, not the pH.
- C. pH depends on the concentrations of H^+ and OH^- , regardless of acid and base strength, and the final solution contains more moles of H^+ than OH^- .
- D. Blue litmus paper becomes red in basic solution.

Acid-Base Chemistry

The figure below shows two carboxylic acids. The acid with the lower pK_a is:



- A. the acid on the left, due to the presence of additional alkyl groups.
- B. the acid on the left, due to the stabilizing effects of resonance.
- C. the acid on the right, due to the electron-donating substituents.
- D. the acid on the right, due to the added inductive effect.

Buffers

Buffers resist changes in pH. How?

- ▶ Imagine adding 1 mol HNO_3 to 1 L H_2O .

Initial pH = 7

Final pH = $-\log(1 \text{ M}) = -\log(10^0)$

- ▶ Now imagine adding 1 mol HNO_3 to a 10 L solution containing 10 mol HCN and 10 mol CN^- .

1 mol H^+ → protonates 1 mol CN^-
pH hardly changes!

weak acid

conjugate base of the
SAME weak acid

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

- ▶ When $[\text{A}^-] > [\text{HA}]$:

- ▶ When $[\text{A}^-] < [\text{HA}]$:

- ▶ When $[\text{A}^-] = [\text{HA}]$:

Buffers

For carbonic acid, $K_{a1} = 4.3 \times 10^{-7}$ and $K_{a2} = 5.6 \times 10^{-11}$. What is the pH of a solution made with equimolar amounts of sodium bicarbonate and potassium carbonate?

- A. 5.6
- B. 6.37
- C. 10.25
- D. 11.44

Buffers

The pK_a of hydrofluoric acid is 3.14. What is the pH of a solution made by mixing 3 L of a 1.5 M solution of HF with 1 L of a 2.25 M solution of NaOH?

- A. 1.50
- B. 2.14
- C. 3.14
- D. 4.14

$$(3 \text{ L})(1.5 \text{ M}) = 4.5 \text{ mol HF}$$

$$(1 \text{ L})(2.25 \text{ M}) = 2.25 \text{ mol NaOH}$$



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Titrations

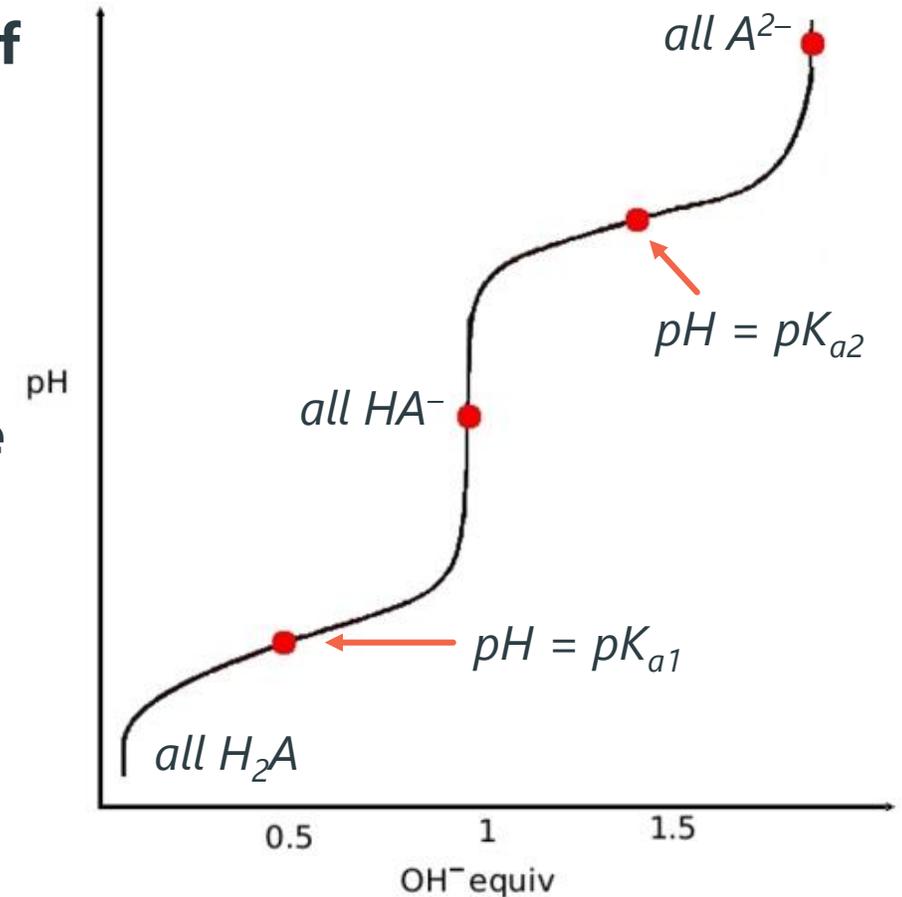
Titrations are used to measure the concentration of an unknown acid or base.

- ▶ Analyte = solution of unknown concentration
- ▶ Titrant = acid or base of known concentration

Understand the difference between an equivalence point and a half-equivalence point!

- ▶ mol original acid = mol conjugate base at...
- ▶ mol original acid = mol base added at...

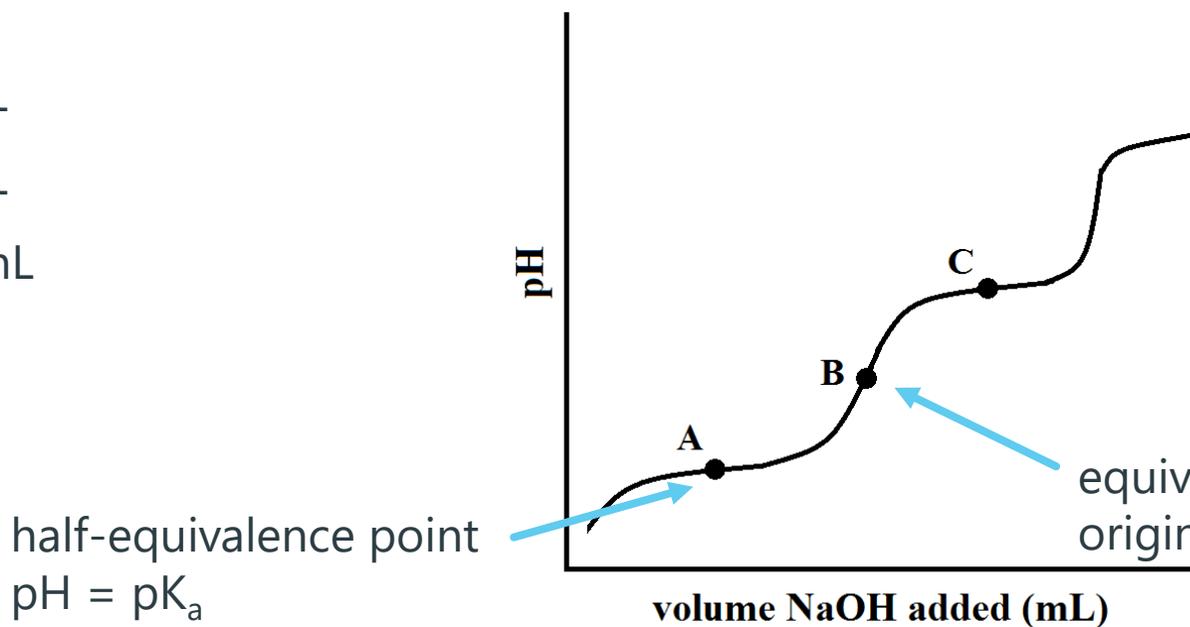
Imagine beginning with 1 L of 1 M H_2SO_4 .



Titration

Suppose 0.75 M H_2CO_3 is titrated with 2.25 M NaOH to generate the following titration curve. If the initial volume of H_2CO_3 was 500 mL, what volume of NaOH is required to reach point A on the curve?

- A. 84 mL
- B. 167 mL
- C. 333 mL
- D. 1000 mL



$$(0.75 \text{ M})(0.5 \text{ L}) = 0.375 \text{ mol H}_2\text{CO}_3$$

$$(2.25 \text{ M})(x) = 0.375 \text{ mol NaOH}$$

$$0.375 = (2.25 \text{ M})(x)$$

$$x = 0.167 \text{ L or } 167 \text{ mL (at equiv. pt)}$$

84 mL at half-equiv. point

Topic #2: Solubility

K_{sp} = solubility product

- ▶ *What factors affect K_{sp} ?*
- ▶ *What factors do not change K_{sp} ?*

Q = ion product (NOT at equilibrium)

- ▶ If $Q < K_{sp}$, solid will dissolve more
- ▶ If $Q = K_{sp}$, at equilibrium
- ▶ If $Q > K_{sp}$, solid will precipitate

Molar solubility = moles of solute that can dissolve in 1 L solvent

- ▶ Suppose AgCl dissolves in water.

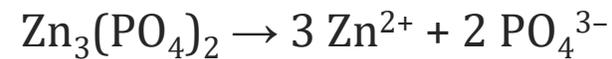


$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ag}^+][\text{Cl}^-]$$

Solubility

The K_{sp} of zinc phosphate is 9.0×10^{-33} . What is the molar solubility?

- A. 1.5×10^{-7}
- B. 4.6×10^{-9}
- C. 3.0×10^{-11}
- D. 2.1×10^{-11}



$$K_{sp} = [\text{Zn}^{2+}]^3[\text{PO}_4^{3-}]^2 = 9.0 \times 10^{-33}$$

$$K_{sp} = (3x)^3(2x)^2 = 9.0 \times 10^{-33}$$

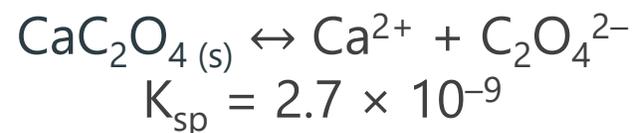
$$K_{sp} = (27x^3)(4x^2)$$

$$x^5 \approx 8.3 \times 10^{-35}$$

$$x \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-7}$$

Solubility

Calcium oxalate, a salt found in large amounts in kidney stones, dissociates according to the equilibrium below.



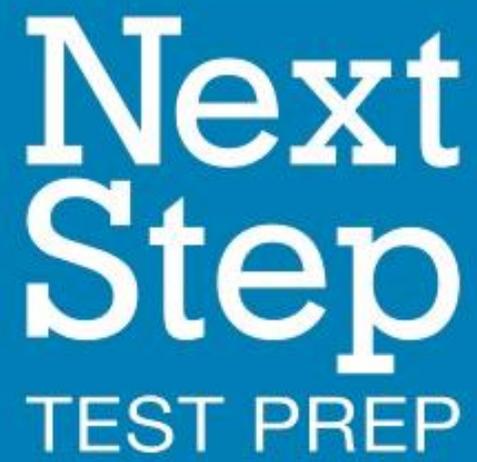
If 5 moles of calcium oxalate are added to 1 L of distilled water, what concentration of oxalate ion will exist in solution?

- A. $2.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$
- B. $5.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$
- C. $2.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$
- D. $1.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$

$$K_{\text{sp}} = [\text{Ca}^{2+}][\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}] = 2.7 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$x^2 = 2.7 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$x = 5.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

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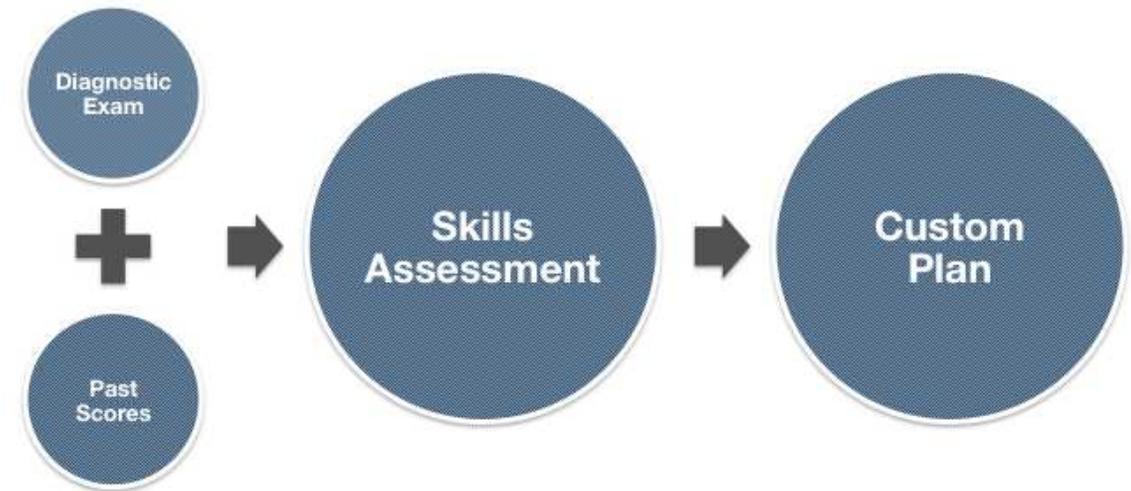
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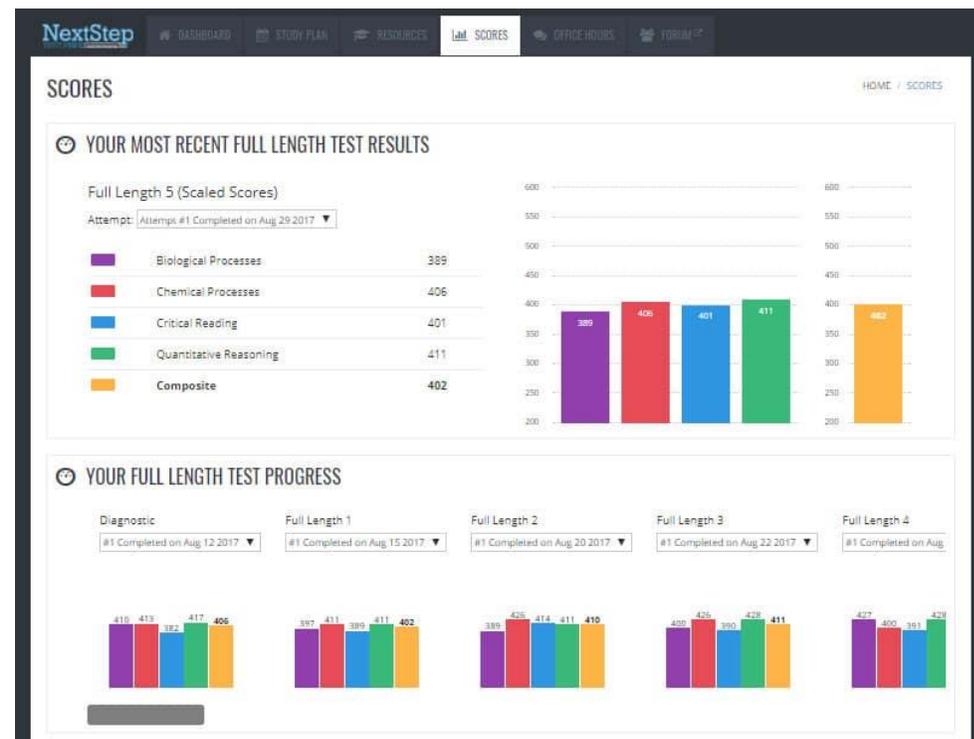


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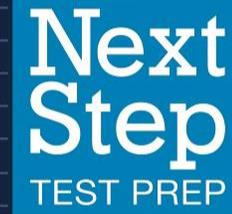
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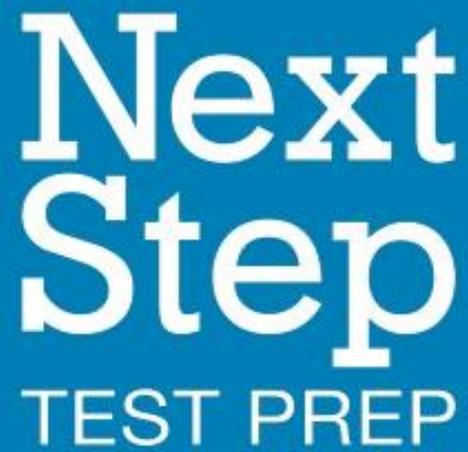
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