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 17% 4. 10
 17% 5. 14
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 Monday, February 27, 2017

- Complete: Composition of liquid water
- Weak acids and strong acids
- Getting weak acid K_a values

Next lecture: Continue ch14: Using K_a to get $[H_3O^+]$. Titration: What happens when some OH^- is added to an acid?


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Liquid water

Further modify your sketch of liquid water so that it corresponds to pH = 7.

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[Quiz] The pH of solution C is approximately ...

17% 1. 1
 17% 2. 7
 17% 3. 10
 17% 4. 14
 17% 5. ∞
 17% 6. Something else

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Weak acids and strong acids in aqueous solution

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What is an acid in aqueous solution?

An acid makes $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] > [\text{OH}^-]$



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Is an acid **strong** or weak?

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Key idea:

The closer $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ is to c_a M, the stronger the acid.

The larger $K_a = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] [\text{A}^-] / [\text{HA}]$, the stronger the acid.



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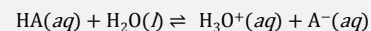
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Strong acids react **nearly 100%**, and so their $K_a \gg 1$

So almost all HA converted to H_3O^+ and A^-

So $[\text{HA}] \approx 0$, $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \approx c_a$ and therefore $\text{pH} \approx -\log(c_a)$



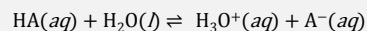
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$$K_a = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] [\text{A}^-] / [\text{HA}]$$

$$c_a = 0.05 \text{ M HA has } \text{pH} = 1.3$$

$$= -\log(c_a) = -\log(0.05) = 1.3$$

So HA is **strong**

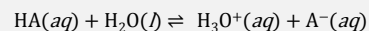
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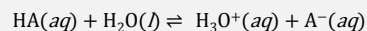
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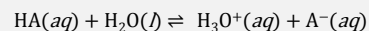
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$$K_a = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] [\text{OH}^-] / [\text{HA}]$$

 $c_a = 0.1$ M HA has $\text{pH} = 3$ and so ...

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-3} = 0.001 \ll c_a$$

So HA is **weak**

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[TP] Which solution in the diagram contains the **most dilute acid**?

25% 1. A
25% 2. B
25% 3. C
25% 4. D

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[TP] The reason for your choice in the previous question was that the solution showed the ...

14% 1. highest proportion of A^-
14% 2. lowest proportion of A^-
14% 3. highest $[H_3O^+]$
14% 4. lowest $[H_3O^+]$
14% 5. highest $[HA] + [A^-]$
14% 6. lowest $[HA] + [A^-]$
14% 7. equal $[HA]$ and $[A^-]$

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[TP] Which solution in the diagram contains the **strongest acid**?

25% 1. A
25% 2. B
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14% 7. equal $[HA]$ and $[A^-]$

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