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

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

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- Complete and review: Weak acids and strong acids
- Getting weak acid K_a values
- pK_a

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

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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 **weakest acid**?

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[Quiz] 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 [H₃O⁺]
14% 4. lowest [H₃O⁺]
14% 5. highest [HA] + [A⁻]
14% 6. lowest [HA] + [A⁻]
14% 7. equal [HA] and [A⁻]

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Getting weak acid K_a values

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Weak acid K_a values

Dissolve c_a moles of acid in 1 liter of water, and then measure pH

If $[H_3O^+] = 10^{-pH} \ll c_a$, the acid reacts with water ...

$$HA(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+(aq) + A^-(aq)$$

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

much less than 100%.

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[TP] A $c_a = 0.10$ M acid solution has $\text{pH} = 4.0$. The % yield of the reaction $\text{HA}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{A}^-(aq)$ is ...

- 17% 1. 100%
 17% 2. 10%
 17% 3. 1%
 17% 4. 0.1%
 17% 5. 0.01%
 17% 6. Something else



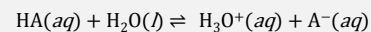
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Weak acid K_a values

If $c_a = 0.10$ and $\text{pH} = 4.0$, what is the percent yield of reaction?



$$\text{actual } [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-4.0} = 1 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{maximum possible } [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0.10$$

$$\% \text{ reaction} = 100\% \times \text{actual} / \text{maximum}$$

$$= 100\% \times (1 \times 10^{-4}) / 0.10 = 0.1\%$$



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Weak acid K_a values

We can get the numerical value of K_a by analyzing the acid equilibrium.

	$\text{HA}(aq)$	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$	$\text{A}^-(aq)$	Q
Initial	c_a	?	?	?



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[TP] Before the reaction $\text{HA}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{A}^-(aq)$ takes place, $[\text{A}^-] = \dots$

- 25% 1. 0
 25% 2. c_a
 25% 3. 10^{-7}
 25% 4. Further information needed



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[TP] Before the reaction $\text{HA}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{A}^-(aq)$ takes place, at 25 °C, $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \dots$

25% 1. 0
 25% 2. c_a
 25% 3. 10^{-7}
 25% 4. Further information needed

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We can get the numerical value of K_a by analyzing the acid equilibrium.

	$\text{HA}(aq)$	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$	$\text{A}^-(aq)$	Q
Initial	c_a	10^{-7}	0	0

If we assume 25 °C.

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	$\text{HA}(aq)$	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq)$	$\text{A}^-(aq)$	Q
Initial	c_a	10^{-7}	0	0
Change	?	?	?	

What change is needed to achieve equilibrium?

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Weak acid K_a values

We can get the numerical value of K_a by analyzing the acid equilibrium.

	HA(aq)	H ₃ O ⁺ (aq)	A ⁻ (aq)	Q
Initial	c_a	10^{-7}	0	0
Change	$-x$	$+x$	$+x$	

Since $Q = 0$ is less than K_a , more product must form.



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	HA(aq)	H ₃ O ⁺ (aq)	A ⁻ (aq)	Q
Initial	c_a	10^{-7}	0	0
Change	$-x$	$+x$	$+x$	
Equilibrium	$c_a - x$	$10^{-7} + x$	x	?

What is the value of Q ?



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Initial	c_a	10^{-7}	0	0
Change	$-x$	$+x$	$+x$	
Equilibrium	$c_a - x$	$10^{-7} + x$	x	K_a

The value of x is determined by requiring that $Q = K_a$.



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	HA(aq)	H ₃ O ⁺ (aq)	A ⁻ (aq)	Q
Initial	c_a	10^{-7}	0	0
Change	$-x$	$+x$	$+x$	
Equilibrium	$c_a - x$	$10^{-7} + x$	x	K_a

The result is a quadratic equation in x ,

$$K_a = (10^{-7} + x)(x) / (c_a - x)$$



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