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- Review: K_w versus T
- Composition of liquid water
- Weak acids and strong acids.

Next: Getting weak acid K_a values.
 $pK_a = -\log(K_a)$; Using K_a to get $[H_3O^+]$. Titration: What happens when some OH^- is added to an acid

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Equilibrium constants change with temperature

If $A \rightleftharpoons B$ is **endothermic** (gains energy from its surroundings),
its K **increases with temperature**.

If $A \rightleftharpoons B$ is **exothermic** (loses energy to its surroundings),
its K **decreases with temperature**.

Later, we'll learn **why** K is related to $\Delta_r H$ in this way.

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[TP] The pH of pure water at 50 °C is 6.63.
The pH of pure water at 25 °C is 7.00.
This means the autoionization of water,
 $H_2O(l) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$
is ...

0% 1. Exothermic
0% 2. Endothermic
0% 3. More information needed to know

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Composition of liquid water

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Liquid water

Using chevrons (\wedge) to represent water molecules, make a sketch of liquid water. Show about **50 water molecules in your sketch**. Remember to represent **liquid water** rather than solid water (ice).

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[Quiz] Based on your sketch (rather than on what you anticipate to be the correct answer), calculate to one significant figure the pH of the water.

0% 1. -1
0% 2. 1
0% 3. 7
0% 4. 10
0% 5. 14
0% 6. ∞
0% 7. Something else

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Using chevrons (\wedge) to represent water molecules, make a sketch of liquid water. Show about **50 water molecules in your sketch**. Remember to represent **liquid water** rather than solid water (ice).

If there are no hydronium ions, then $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 0$, and so ...

$$\text{pH} = -\log([\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]) = -\log(0) = -\log(10^{-\infty}) = -(-\infty) = +\infty$$

since we can represent 0 as $\frac{1}{10^{+\infty}} = 10^{-\infty}$

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$\log(x)$ is power 10 is raised to equal x

$\log(1) = \log(10^0) = 0$
 $\log(10) = \log(10^1) = 1$
 $\log(100) = \log(10^2) = 2$
 $\log(\infty) = \log(10^\infty) = \infty$

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$\log(x)$ is power 10 is raised to equal x

$\log(0.1) = \log(10^{-1}) = -1$
 $\log(0.01) = \log(10^{-2}) = -2$
 $\log(0.001) = \log(10^{-3}) = -3$
 $\log(0) = \log(10^{-\infty}) = -\infty$

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Liquid water

Modify your sketch of liquid water to add 5 hydronium ions (represented as a circled "+") and 5 hydroxide ions (represented as a circled "-").

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[TP] **Modify your sketch** of liquid water to add 5 hydronium ions (represented as a circled "+") and 5 hydroxide ions (represented as a circled "-"). Based on your **modified sketch** (rather than on what you anticipate to be the correct answer), calculate to one significant figure the pH of the water.

- 1
- 1
- 7
- 10
- 14
- ∞

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Liquid water

Further modify your sketch of liquid water so that it corresponds to $\text{pH} = 7$.

$$\frac{10^{-7} \text{ mol ions}}{1 \text{ L}} \times \frac{10^7}{10^7} \times \frac{1 \text{ L}}{55 \text{ mol water}} \approx \frac{1 \text{ ion}}{55 \times 10^7 \text{ waters}}$$

This means neutral water contains only about **1 hydronium ion for every half (0.55) billion water molecules**. Nonetheless, this tiny, tiny amount has dramatic consequences.



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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?

A $c_a \text{ M}$ aqueous solution of an acid HA has $\text{pH} = x$ and so $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-x}$.

From this, how can we know whether HA is a strong acid or a weak acid?



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Key idea:

Strong acids react nearly 100%:
 $\text{HA}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{A}^-(aq)$

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

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

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Is an acid strong or **weak**?

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From this, how can we know whether HA is a strong acid or a weak acid?

Key idea:

Weak acids react much less than 100%:
 $\text{HA}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{A}^-(aq)$

The **closer** $[\text{HA}]$ is to c_a M, the **weaker** the acid.

The **smaller** $K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$, the **weaker** the acid.

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