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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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- Complete: Weak acids and strong acids.
- Getting weak acid  $K_a$  values.
- Using  $K_a$  to get  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

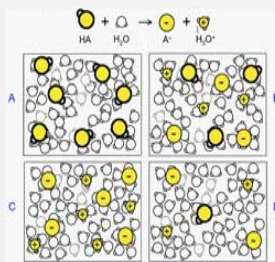
Next:  $\text{p}K_a = -\log(K_a)$ . Titration: What happens when some  $\text{OH}^-$  is added to an acid

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[TP] The reason for your choice of the **most dilute solution** was that it showed the ...

0% 1. highest proportion of  $\text{A}^-$   
 0% 2. lowest proportion of  $\text{A}^-$   
 0% 3. highest  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$   
 0% 4. lowest  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$   
 0% 5. highest  $[\text{HA}] + [\text{A}^-]$   
 0% 6. lowest  $[\text{HA}] + [\text{A}^-]$   
 0% 7. equal  $[\text{HA}]$  and  $[\text{A}^-]$

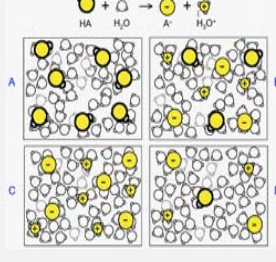


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[TP] Which solution in the diagram contains the **strongest acid**?

0% 1. A  
 0% 2. B  
 0% 3. C  
 0% 4. D



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**[Quiz]** Which solution in the diagram contains the **weakest** acid?

0% 1. A  
0% 2. B  
0% 3. C  
0% 4. D

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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  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} \ll c_a$ , the acid reacts with water ...

$$\text{HA}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{A}^-(aq)$$

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

**much less than 100%.**

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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?

$$\text{HA}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(aq) + \text{A}^-(aq)$$

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

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

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

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

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### Weak acid $K_a$ values

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

	$HA(aq)$	$H_3O^+(aq)$	$A^-(aq)$	$Q$
Initial	$c_a$	?	?	?

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[TP] Before the reaction  $HA(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+(aq) + A^-(aq)$  takes place,  $[H_3O^+] = \dots$

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

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[TP] Before the reaction  $HA(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+(aq) + A^-(aq)$  takes place, at 25 °C,  $[H_3O^+] = \dots$

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

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	$HA(aq)$	$H_3O^+(aq)$	$A^-(aq)$	$Q$
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If we assume 25 °C.



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	$HA(aq)$	$H_3O^+(aq)$	$A^-(aq)$	$Q$
Initial	$c_a$	$10^{-7}$	0	0
Change	?	?	?	

What change is needed to achieve equilibrium?



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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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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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## Weak acid $K_a$ values

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	HA(aq)	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> (aq)	A <sup>-</sup> (aq)	Q
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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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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Equilibrium	$c_a - x$	$10^{-7} + x$	$x$	$K_a$
Approximate	?	?	$x$	$K_a$

Let's see how we can **approximate** the equilibrium concentrations, to simplify equation we need to solve for  $x$ .



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Equilibrium	$c_a - x$	$10^{-7} + x$	$x$	$K_a$
Approximate	?	?	$x$	$K_a$

Since  $K_a \ll 1$ , what is a good approximation to  $c_a - x$ ?



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Equilibrium	$c_a - x$	$10^{-7} + x$	$x$	$K_a$
Approximate	$c_a - x \approx c_a$	?	$x$	$K_a$

Since  $K_a \ll 1$ , the acid reacts with water **only a little bit**.

Therefore  $c_a - x \approx c_a$



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Approximate	$c_a - x \approx c_a$	?	$x$	$K_a$

Since  $K_a \gg K_w$ , what is a good approximation to  $10^{-7} + x$ ?



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Equilibrium	$c_a - x$	$10^{-7} + x$	$x$	$K_a$
Approximate	$c_a - x \approx c_a$	$10^{-7} + x \approx x$	$x$	$K_a$

Since  $K_a \gg K_w$ , HA is a **much greater source** of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> than water itself.

Therefore  $10^{-7} + x \approx x$



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Approximate	$c_a - x \approx c_a$	$10^{-7} + x \approx x$	$x$	$K_a$

With these simplifications, the acid equilibrium constant is ...

$$K_a = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] [\text{A}^-] / [\text{HA}] = x^2 / c_a = (10^{-\text{pH}})^2 / c_a$$



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Approximate	$c_a - x \approx c_a$	$10^{-7} + x \approx x$	$x$	$K_a$

For example, if  $c_a = 0.10$  and  $\text{pH} = 4$ , then ...

$$K_a = (10^{-\text{pH}})^2 / c_a = (10^{-4.0})^2 / 0.10 = 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$$



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## Using $K_a$ to get [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>]

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

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Change	$-x$	$+x$	$+x$	
Equilibrium	$c_a - x$	$10^{-7} + x$	$x$	$K_a$
Approximate	$c_a - x \approx c_a$	$10^{-7} + x \approx x$	$x$	$K_a$

Once we know  $K_a$ , we can rearrange  $K_a = x^2 / c_a = (10^{-\text{pH}})^2 / c_a$  to calculate the value of  $x = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  for different acid molarities ...

$$x = \sqrt{c_a K_a}$$



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[TP] An acid has  $K_a = 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  at 25 °C.

In a  $c_a = 0.40$  M solution of this acid solution,  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \dots$

- 0% 1. 0.40
- 0% 2. 0.040
- 0% 3. 0.0010
- 0% 4. 0.0020
- 0% 5. 0.00020
- 0% 6. 0.00040
- 0% 7. Something else

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For example, if  $c_a = 0.40$  and  $K_a = 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ , then ...

$$x = \sqrt{c_a K_a} = \sqrt{4.0 \times 10^{-8}} = 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$$



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