

# Arrhenius Acids and Bases

What are the definitions of acids and bases?

## Arrhenius Acids

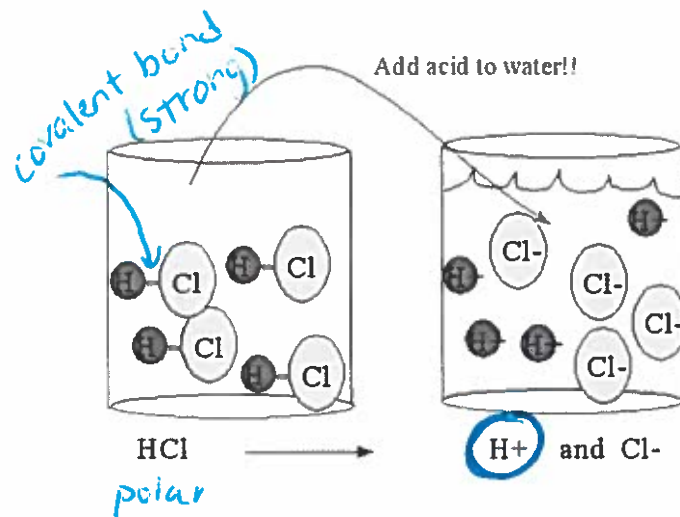
- All the compounds listed on Table K are Arrhenius acids
- What are some similarities you notice between the acids listed on that table?
  - all aqueous
  - all have hydrogen
- Those similarities help define Arrhenius acids:

### Arrhenius acid:

Compound that "gives off" (hydronium)  $H_3O^+ \rightarrow H^+$  in water (aq)

### Physical Properties of Acids:

- Sour, stinging taste
- burning
- can conduct electricity (ELECTROLYTES)



## Arrhenius Bases

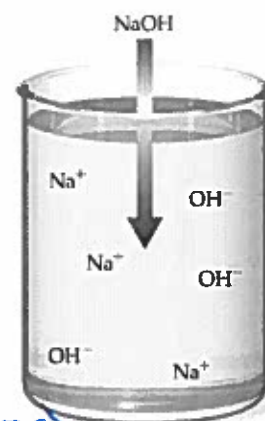
- All the compounds listed on Table L are Arrhenius bases
- What are some similarities you notice between the bases listed on that table?
  - all have OH
  - all aqueous
- Those similarities help define Arrhenius bases:

### Arrhenius base:

compound that "gives off" hydroxide ion  $\rightarrow OH^-$  in water (aq)

### Physical Properties of Bases:

- bitter tasting
- corrosive
- can conduct electricity (ELECTROLYTES)



# The pH scale

How can we quantify how acidic or basic a compound is?

Recall the definitions of Arrhenius acids and bases:

Arrhenius acid: compound that gives off  $H^+$  ( $H_3O^+$ ) ions in water

Arrhenius base: compound that gives off  $OH^-$  ions in water

So to determine how acidic or basic a substance is, we have to know how many  $H^+$  or  $OH^-$  ions are present.

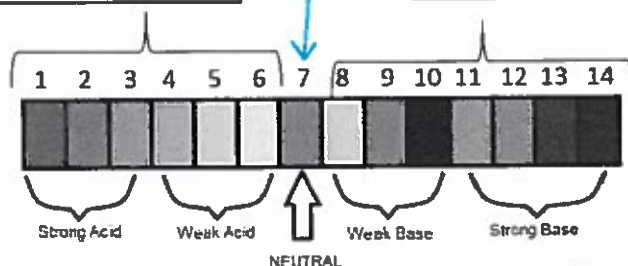
## 1. Concentration of $H^+$ (hydronium, $H_3O^+$ ) ions

acid  $> 1.0 \times 10^{-7} M H^+$   $>$  base

## 2. The pH scale

Acids have more  $H^+$  ions than  $OH^-$  ions

Bases have more  $OH^-$  ions than  $H^+$  ions



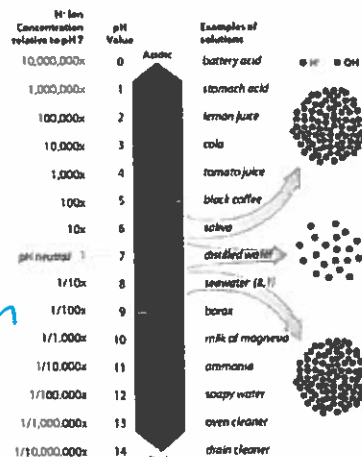
What does each "jump" up or down the pH scale represent?  $\rightarrow$  Small drop in pH means big change in acidity

The pH scale is **not** linear, it's logarithmic

So, each "jump" down the pH scale represents a  $10 \times$  increase in  $H^+$  ( $H_3O^+$ ) concentration

Each "jump" up the pH scale represents a  $10 \times$  decrease in  $H^+$  ( $H_3O^+$ )

\*the lower the pH, the higher the  $H^+$  concentration



## Practice Regents Questions

1. Which change in the  $H^+$  ion concentration of an aqueous solution represents a decrease of one unit on the pH scale?

- A) a tenfold increase  
B) a tenfold decrease  
C) a hundredfold increase  
D) a hundredfold decrease

2. When the hydronium ion concentration of an aqueous solution is increased by a factor of 10, the pH value of the solution

- A) decreases by 1  
B) decreases by 10  
C) increases by 1  
D) increases by 10

3. The pH of a solution is 7. When acid is added to the solution, the hydronium ion concentration becomes 100 times greater. What is the pH of the new solution?

- A) 1 B) 5 C) 9 D) 14

4. When the pH of an aqueous solution is changed from 1 to 2, the concentration of hydronium ions in the solution is

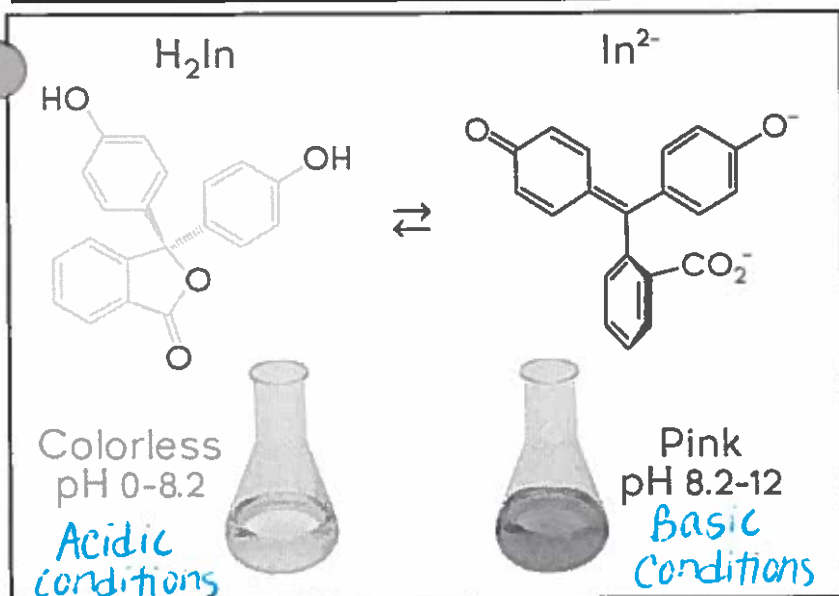
- A) decreased by a factor of 2  
B) decreased by a factor of 10  
C) increased by a factor of 2  
D) increased by a factor of 10

pH  $\uparrow$  1 unit  
 $H^+ \downarrow 10 \times$

$100 = 10 \times 10$   
2 jumps down  
 $\therefore 7 - 2 = 5$

# Chemical Indicators and Table M

How can we determine the pH of a substance?



What is going on in the image to the left?

Certain substances, such as the one shown to the left (phenolphthalein), will change their structure as environmental conditions change (i.e. from acidic to basic).

Recall that STRUCTURE determines PROPERTIES; so a new structure will lead to new properties, such as a new color. These color-changing compounds are known as indicators.

**Indicator:** compound that can indicate (show) whether a solution is above or below a certain pH range

★ TABLE M ★

pH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Methyl orange	RED		trans- ition	YELLOW										
Bromthymol blue	YELLOW				trans- ition			BLUE						
Phenolphthalein	colorless									PINK				
Litmus	RED							BLUE						
Bromcresol green	YELLOW					BLUE								
Thymol blue	YELLOW									BLUE				

Vinegar has a pH of around 3.0. What color will bromthymol blue be when added to a sample of vinegar? yellow

Identify the pH range in which methyl orange would be yellow AND phenolphthalein would be colorless. 4.4-8.0

pH 4.4 and up

pH 8.0 and below

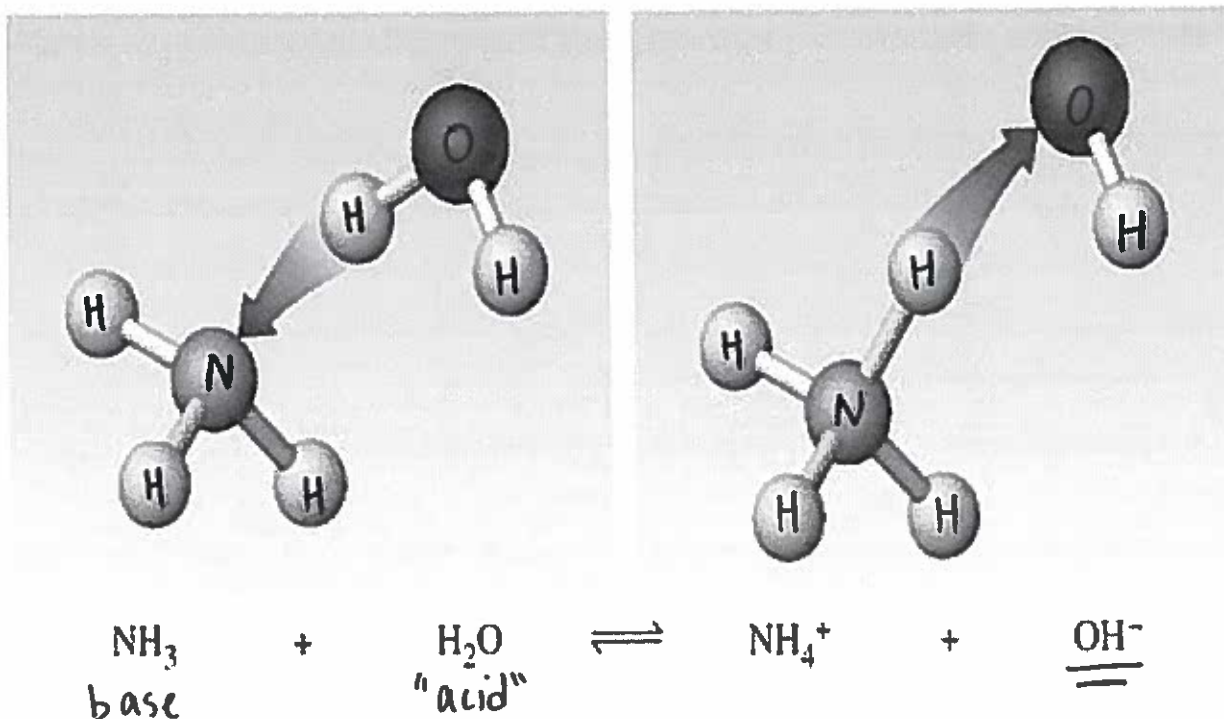
## Alternate Acid - Base Theory

Are there other definitions of acids and bases?

Recall when we first defined acids and bases, we used Arrhenius' theory. According to those definitions, acids "give off"  $\text{H}^+$  ( $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ) ions, and bases give off  $\text{OH}^-$  ions. Take a look at Table L. Notice that ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) is listed as a base. It doesn't quite fit Arrhenius' theory, does it? Well, it turns out there are other, more comprehensive definitions of acids and bases. The Regents likes to refer to them as "alternative acid - base theories," such as this one:

Acids are  $\text{H}^+$  donors.

Bases are  $\text{H}^+$  acceptors.

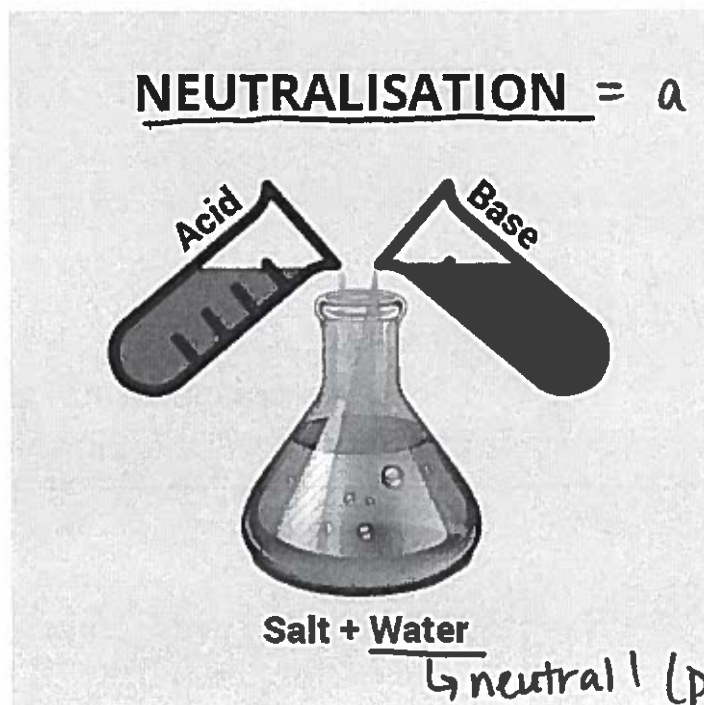


How is the alternative acid - base theory similar to Arrhenius'?

- Acids still "give up"  $\text{H}^+$  ions
- Bases still lead to more  $\text{OH}^-$  in solution

## Neutralization Reactions

What happens when you mix an acid and a base?



Which acid and which base, when mixed, will create water and table salt (sodium chloride)?



Wasp stings are slightly basic in nature, while bee stings are slightly acidic. Explain why vinegar can be used as a temporary treatment for a wasp sting, but not a bee sting.

↓  
acid

acid + base  $\rightarrow$  salt +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  \* neutralizes it

acid + acid would not be good!

# Titrations

How can we use neutralization reactions to determine molarity of an unknown solution?

Miss Virga found an unlabeled bottle of hydrochloric acid (HCl) in the stockroom. It's pretty important to know the concentration of this acid (there would be a big difference between 0.1 M and 12 M acid!) There is a way to figure this unknown concentration out in the laboratory, and it involves using the acid - base chemistry we learned previously: **neutralization reactions and indicators**. The laboratory technique is called **titration**.

**Titration:** a solution of KNOWN concentration is used to determine the concentration of an UNKNOWN solution. Typically, the known solution is added from a buret to a known volume of the unknown solution until the reaction is complete.

example

$$M_B = 0.15 \text{ M}$$

Base  
(OH<sup>-</sup>)

Base  
(OH<sup>-</sup>)

$V_B$

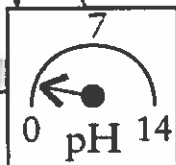
18.5 mL added

$$V_A = 25 \text{ mL}$$

unknown molarity

$$M_A = X$$

Acid  
(H<sup>+</sup>)



color change!  
(indicator!)

★ NEUTRAL  
solution  
(rxn is complete)

★ Table T

Titration	$M_A V_A = M_B V_B$	$M_A$ = molarity of H <sup>+</sup> $V_A$ = volume of acid	$M_B$ = molarity of OH <sup>-</sup> $V_B$ = volume of base
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$$\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}} \times \text{L}$$

$$M_A V_A = M_B V_B$$

$$X (25) = (0.15) (18.5)$$

$$\frac{X (25)}{25} = \frac{2.775}{25}$$

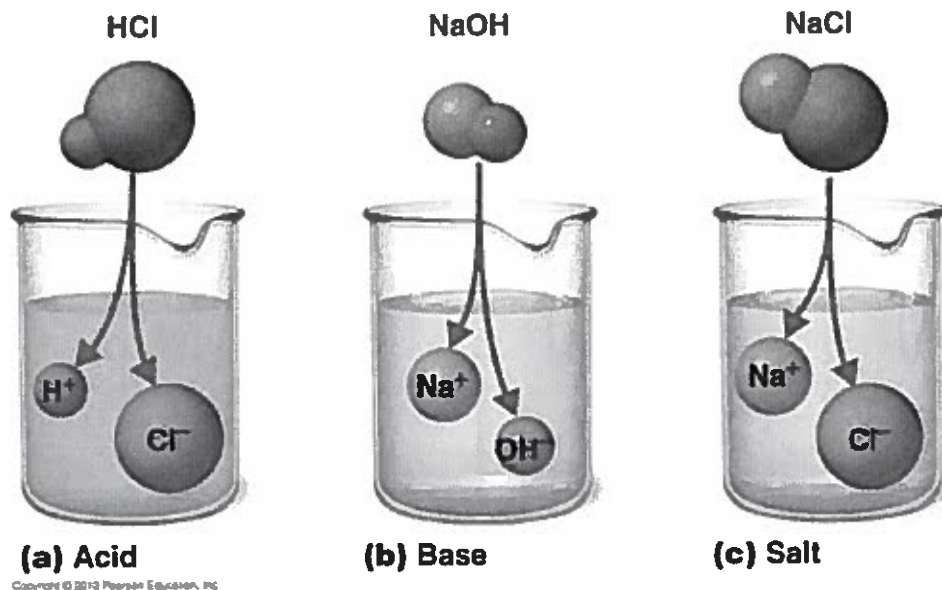
$$X = 0.11 \text{ M}$$



# Classifying Electrolytes

How can we identify and differentiate between electrolytes?

Electrolyte: a substance that can conduct electricity when dissolved in  $H_2O$  b/c of MOBILE IONS



Electrolyte	Description/Where to Find Them	Example
Acid	covalent Table K	$H_3PO_4 \xrightarrow{H_2O} 3H^+ + PO_4^{3-}$
Base	ionic Table L	$KOH \xrightarrow{H_2O} K^+ + OH^-$
Salt	Table F Soluble	$NaNO_3 \xrightarrow{H_2O} Na^+ + NO_3^-$

Don't forget: the higher concentration of mobile ions, the stronger  
the electrolyte (greater conductivity of electricity)

i.e. which would have greatest conductivity?

~~A~~ 0.1 M KCl ~~B~~ 1.0 M KCl C) 0.1 M  $K_3PO_4$  D) 1.0 M  $K_3PO_4$  19