

Mass and charge balance When you have complex equlibria

- ① write down all the unknowns
- ② create ~~the~~ # of equations = # of unknowns from K value and mass/charge balance.
- ③ back substitute and solve

Example. HA in H₂O makes H⁺, OH⁻, HA, A⁻ so need 4 equations.

① $K_w = [H^+][OH^-]$ ② $K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$

↑ from these

Plus ③ charge balance

$$[H^+] = [A^-] + [OH^-]$$

④ mass balance (take from known mass of starting material)

here $C_{HA} = [HA] + [A^-]$
 known acid total all the forms at equilibrium

Equilibria Calculations: dilute solutions

If a solution is dilute the approximations don't hold. Typically 10⁻⁵M or less. Why? K_w produces 10⁻⁷M H⁺ and OH⁻.

What to do with dilute solutions?

Solve the complex case as above.

Dilute strong acid ≡ makes quadratic } stick Ca in and solve for exact answer
~~Dilute~~ Dilute weak acid ≡ makes cubic }

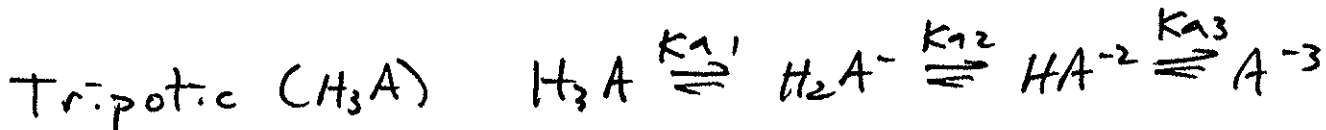
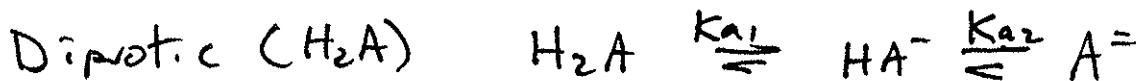
OR recognize that dilute acid or base makes pH close to neutral H₂O (around 7)

so 10⁻⁹M HA ≈ 7 (actually a little less)

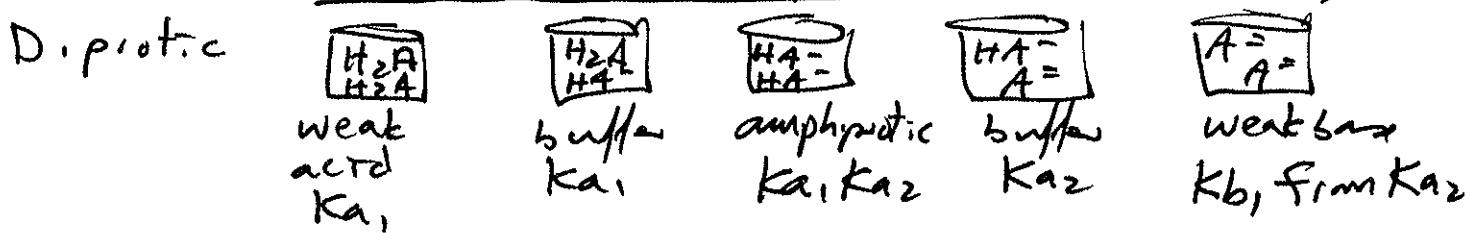
10⁻⁸M NaOH ≈ 7 (actually a little more)

Equilibrium Calculations: weak polyprotic acids (amphiprotic case)

There are two forms of polyprotic acids:



You can make buckets showing the possible calculation cases for each in which protons are removed by OH^- adding OH^- .



So if you know the kind of solution, you can crank out a pH.

Amphiprotic is easy. $H^+ = (K_{a1}K_{a2})^{1/2}$
diprotic

$H^+ = (K_{a1}K_{a2})^{1/2}$ $H^+ = (K_{a1}K_{a2})^{1/2}$
triprotic

Equilibrium Calculations: weak polyprotic acids (non-amphiprotic case)

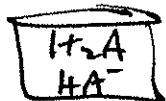
Note that if the K_s are far apart, polyprotic acid calculations become simple A/B calculations just like monoprotic case.

So if $pK_a = 3$ and 9

Then



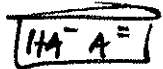
is a weak acid $H^+ = (K_{a1}C_a)^{1/2}$



is a buffer $H^+ = K_{a1} \frac{C_a}{C_b}$

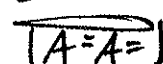


is amphiprotic



is a buffer $H^+ = K_{a2} \frac{C_a}{C_b}$

← from K_{a2}



is a weak base $OH^- = (K_b C_b)^{1/2}$

What is pH of 0.2 M $NaHCO_3$ if $pK = 3, 9$

Answer:

$H^+ = (K_{a1}K_{a2})^{1/2}$

$H^+ = (10^{-3} \times 10^{-9})^{1/2} = 10^{-6}$

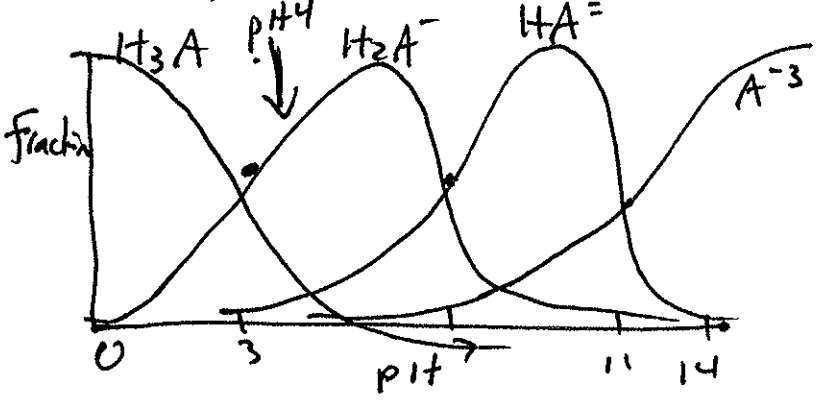
pH = 6

Polyprotic acid calculations (estimates using alpha diagrams)

α -diagrams make it possible to quickly order the relative concentration of species at equilibrium in solution. This is especially true of polyprotic acids.

1. create pH scale 2. make dots where $pH = pK$ 3. swoop

Example draw the α diagram of H_3A where $pK_a = 3, 7, 11$



What is relative concentration of H_3A species at pH 4?
 $H_2A^- > H_3A > HA^- > A^{-3}$

Equilibrium Calculations: sulfuric acid case

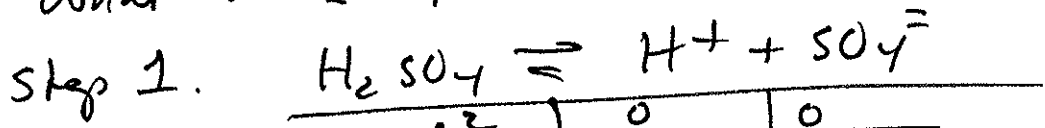
H_2SO_4 is a special case because

1. it is strong
 $K_{a1} \approx \infty$

2. The second K is large so the weak acid approximation doesn't work
 $K_{a2} = 1.1 \times 10^{-2}$

Need to work stepwise to solve.

What is $[SO_4^{2-}]$ concentration for 0.2 M H_2SO_4 ?



0.2	0	0
-0.2	+0.2	+0.2
0	+0.2	+0.2

complete dissociation

Step 2

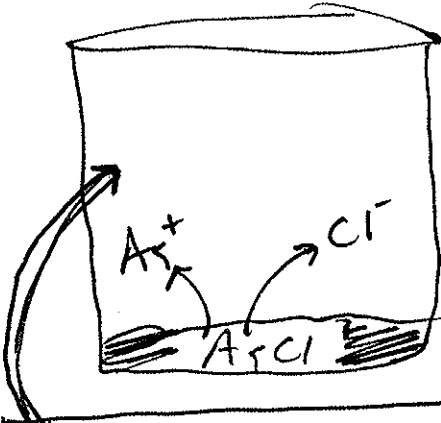
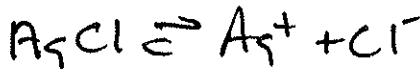
$H_2SO_4 \rightleftharpoons H^+ + SO_4^{2-}$

0.2	0.2	0
-x	+x	+x
0.2-x	0.2+x	x

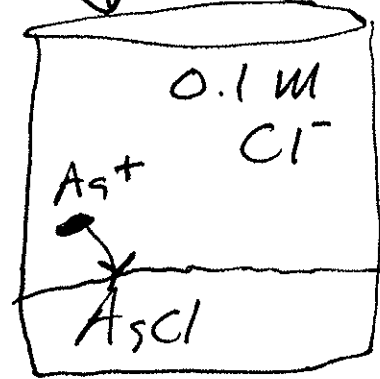
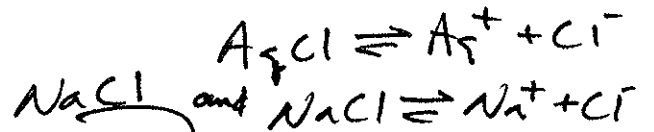
solve for x = SO_4^{2-}

$\therefore K_{a2} = 1.1 \times 10^{-2} = \frac{(0.2+x)(x)}{(0.2-x)}$

Common ion calculation (Ksp)



simple molar solubility problem



common ion problem

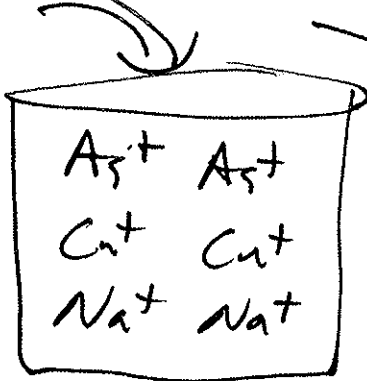
What is the $[Ag^+]$ in solution formed from saturation of $AgCl$ in H_2O if $K_{sp} = 1 \times 10^{-10}$?

Answer $K_{sp} = 1 \times 10^{-10} = [Ag^+][Cl^-] = (1 \times 10^{-5})(1 \times 10^{-5}) = x^2$

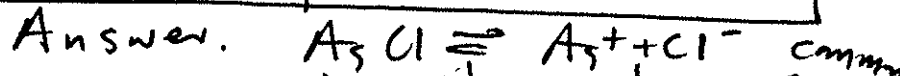
Now add 0.1 M $NaCl$ to that saturated solution what is new $[Ag^+]$ in saturated $AgCl$?

Selective precipitation (Ksp)

magic anion



a beaker filled with mixed cations



	0	0.1
Ag^+	$+x$	$+x$
Cl^-	x	$0.1+x$

$K_{sp} = (x)(.1+x)$
 $K_{sp} = (.1)(x)$
 $x = 10^{-9}$

Note Le Chatelier goes down from $10^{-5}M$ to $10^{-9}M$

ignores

Can I selectively remove the Ag^+ because its solubility with a magic anion is really small?

Give

$$[Ag^+][anion] = 10^{-12} \text{ for } Ag^+$$

$$[Cu^+][anion] = 10^{-4} \text{ for } Cu^+$$

$$[Na^+][anion] = 10^{-1} \text{ for } Na^+$$

this says that if I add 0.1 M anion, then at $10^{-11}M$ the Ag^+ comes out first. Then at $10^{-3}M$ the Cu^+ comes out, etc. An 8 order of magnitude separation of Ag^+ and Cu^+