



**vi. If a liquid has a pH of 7.**

- (a) It must be colourless  
(b) It has boiling point of 100°C.  
(c) It must be a solution  
(d) It must be neutral.

**vii. When air is bubbled through pure water, the pH is lowered from 7.0 to 5.6, which gas in the air is responsible for this change.**

- (a) Argon  
(b) Carbon dioxide  
(c) Nitrogen  
(d) Oxygen

**viii. Which of the following oxides is classified incorrectly!**

- (a) Zinc oxide (ZnO) amphoteric  
(b) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) acidic  
(c) Carbon monoxide neutral  
(d) Lead oxide (PbO) basic

**ix. If 25 cm<sup>3</sup> of 1 mol. dm<sup>-3</sup> nitric acid is added to 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.5 potassium hydroxide solution, what would be the pH of the resulting solution**

- (a) 5  
(b) 7  
(c) 9  
(d) 14

**x. If dry citric acid crystals are placed on dry litmus paper they will**

- (a) turn yellow  
(b) turn green  
(c) turn red  
(d) remains unchanged

**xi. A base is a substance which will neutralize an acid which of these substances is not a base:**

- (a) Aqueous ammonia  
(b) Copper oxide

- (c) Potassium chloride                      (d) Sodium carbonate

**xii. A strong acid:**

- (a) Is always partially ionized when in solution  
(b) is always fully ionized when in solution  
(c) Always decomposes carbonates.  
(d) Always contains oxygen

**xiii. Which one of the following oxides dissolves in water to form acidic solution:**

- (a) MgO    (b) NaO  
(c) SO    (d) SiO

**xiv. When crystals of copper sulphate are heated, the colour changes from blue to white. This is caused by:**

- (a) Loss of water only  
(b) Loss of water and SO  
(c) Reaction with CO<sub>2</sub> in the air.  
(d) Loss of water, sulphur dioxide and oxygen

**xv. The oxide of a metal was found to react with HCl along aqueous NaOH solution.**

**Which of the following is the best description of the oxide?**

- (a) Acidic    (b) Amphoteric  
(c) Basic    (d) Neutral

**xvi. Which one of the following statements must be true of an acid salt?**

- (a) It can only be formed from a weak acid

- (b) It is the only salt formed from a dibasic acid.
- (c) It is the salt of a non-metal
- (d) It contains hydrogen that is replaceable by a metal

xvii. One mole of each of the following compounds was dissolved in water to make one dm<sup>3</sup> of solution. Which of the solution would have the lowest pH value?

- (a)  $\text{NH}_3$
- (b)  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$
- (c)  $\text{NaCl}$
- (d)  $\text{NaOH}$
- (e)  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

xviii. Which salt could be obtained as the insoluble product of a reaction between a dilute acid and an aqueous salt?

- (a)  $\text{BaSO}_4$
- (b)  $\text{CuSO}_4$
- (c)  $\text{MgSO}_4$
- (d)  $\text{AgNO}_3$
- (e)  $\text{ZnCl}_2$

xix. Which one of the following oxides react with aqueous  $\text{NaOH}$  to give a salt.

- (a) Calcium oxide
- (b) Copper oxide
- (c) Iron oxide
- (d) Magnesium oxide
- (e) zinc oxide

xx. Which one of the following salts cannot be prepared by a reaction between a dilute acid and a metal?

- a)  $\text{CaCl}_2$
- (b)  $\text{CuCl}_2$
- (c)  $\text{FeCl}_2$
- (d)  $\text{MgSO}_4$

(e)  $ZnSO_4$ **Answers**

		b	d	b	d	b
d	b	d	c	b	c	a
b	d	e	a	c	b	

**Q.2 (i) What are acidic, basic and amphoteric substances? Give one example of each substance.**

**Ans:** J Bronsted and T. Lowry, independently elaborate acid base concept by defining them in a different manner.

According to these definitions,

A Bronsted acid is a proton donor

A Bronsted base is a proton acceptor

**Acidic substance:**

A substance which can donate a proton is called acidic substance. According to the following equation hydrochloric acid is a Bronsted acid since it donates a proton to water

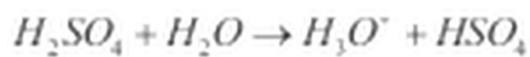


Acid base

Since water accepts a proton, it is a Bronsted base. After accepting a proton, water is converted to hydroxonium ion ( $H_3O^+$ ). The hydroxonium ion is in fact a hydrated proton.

**Basic substances:**

Those substance which can accept a proton are called basic substances. Thus, in the following equation, water is a Bronsted base since it accepts a proton from sulphuric acid,



Acid    Base

Also, in the equation below, ammonia accepts a proton from water. Therefore, ammonia is a base and a water is an acid here



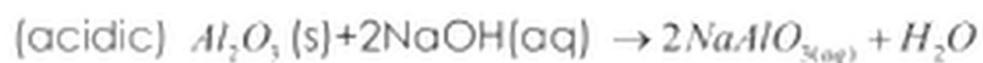
Base    Acid

### Amphoteric substance:

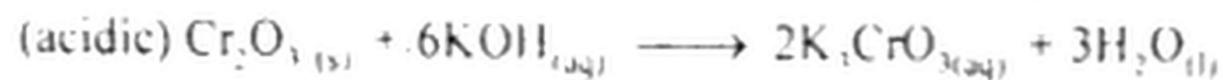
There are some substances which are on the border line of acids and bases these substances are called amphoteric substances. They show properties of both acids and bases.

#### Example:

Aluminium oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ) is amphoteric and it reacts with both acidic and basic solutions:



Also chromium trioxide is amphoteric since it reacts with both acids and bases



(ii) Elaborate with equations two compounds which are amphoteric in nature.

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**(iii) What is Bronsted - Lowry acid-base theory? Give examples.**

**Ans: Bronsted Lowry Concepts for Acids and Bases:**

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According to these definitions,

A Bronsted acids a proton donor

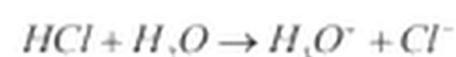
A Bronsted base is a proton acceptor

**Definition of proton:**

In this respect, a proton is defined as the nucleus of a hydrogen atom (H) and it has nothing to do with the protons in a carbon atom, or a sodium atom or any other atom.

**Bronsted acid:**

Hydrochloric acid is a Bronsted acid since it donates a proton to water according to the following equation



Acid Base

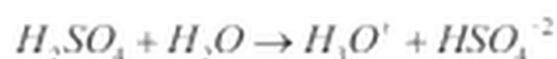
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**Example:**

Some more common Bronsted acids are sulphuric acid ( $H_2SO_4$ ), phosphoric acid ( $H_3PO_4$ ) and acetic acid ( $CH_3COOH$ ) etc.

**Bronsted bases:**

The Bronsted bases have been defined as those species which accept a proton. Thus, in the following equation water is a Bronsted base since it accepts a proton from sulphuric acid.



Acid Base

Also in the equation below, ammonia accepts a proton from water.

Therefore, ammonia is a Bronsted base and water is a Bronsted acid here.



Base Acid

**(iv) What are conjugate acid-base pairs? Explain with examples.**

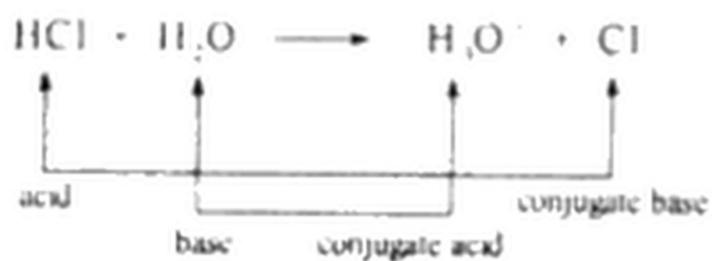
**Ans: Conjugate acids:**

Conjugate acid is a species which is formed as a result of acceptance of a proton by a base. Every Bronsted acid has a conjugate base.

**Conjugate bases:**

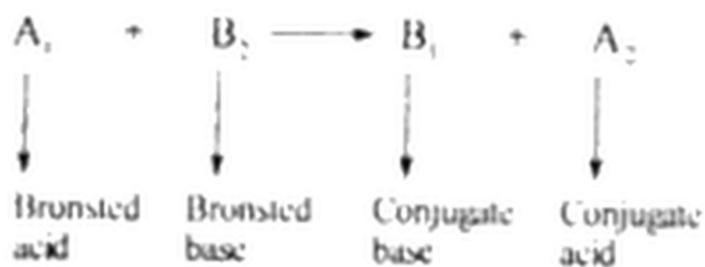
Conjugate base is a species which is left behind after donation of a proton from the acid.

e.g. Ionization of HCl in water



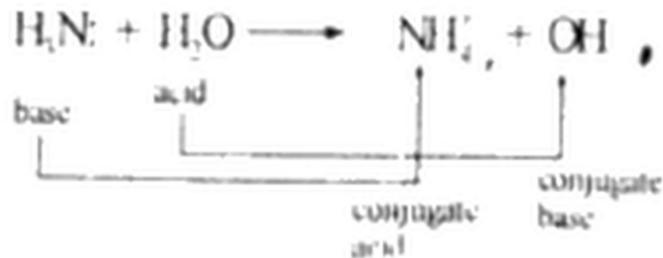
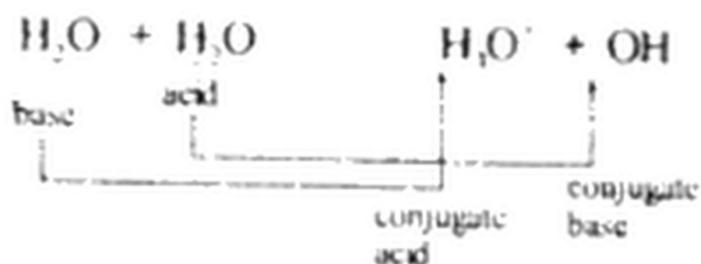
**Conjugate Acid-Base Pairs (Major Concepts):**

In an acid-base reaction, an acid yields a base (conjugate) and base after accepting proton yields a conjugate acid. The acid-base reaction is represented as



The conjugate acid-base pairs are species on opposite sides of an equation that differ by a proton

The weaker acids have strong conjugate base pairs and stronger acids have weaker conjugate bases e.g.



The water is amphoteric in nature i.e it is acidic as well as basic in nature

**General notation:**

The general notation of conjugate acid-base pair is



Each acid has a conjugate base and each base has a conjugate acid

**Particular Examples of Conjugate Acid-Base Pairs:**



A<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, and B<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, are known as conjugate acid-base pairs

**(v) How preservatives are used in food products and allergic reactions**

**In people**

**Ans: Preservatives:**

Preservatives are used to preserve food from bacteria. They are chemicals that inhibit the growth of bacteria and fungi. It prevents decomposition of food from microbial growth or by chemical changes.

Most commonly used preservatives are

- i. Benzoates in bakery products
- ii. Nitrates in meat products
- iii. Sulphites in drinks.
- iv. Potassium bromate.
- v. Ammonium sulfate
- vi. Benzoic acid and Parabens.
- vii. Nitrates and Nitrites.

**Allergic reactions in people:**

The preservatives can cause severe allergic reactions in people. They increase the rate of cancer, childhood illness and auto-immune diseases sulphites can cause wheezing, chest tightness and coughing, Benzoates may cause urticaria, asthma etc

**(vi) Define Lewis acid and Lewis bases. Give one example in each case.**

**Ans: Lewis Definitions of Acid and Base (Major Concept):**

GN Lewis in 1932, put forward his acid-base theory on the basis of electron pair.

**Base:**

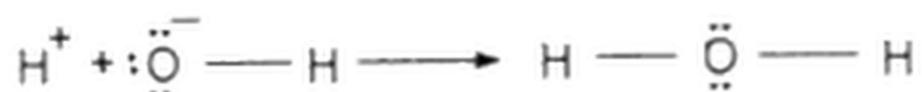
According to Lewis definition, a base is a substance that donates a pair of electrons

**Acid:**

According to Lewis definition, an acid is a substance which can accept a pair of electrons.

**Example:**

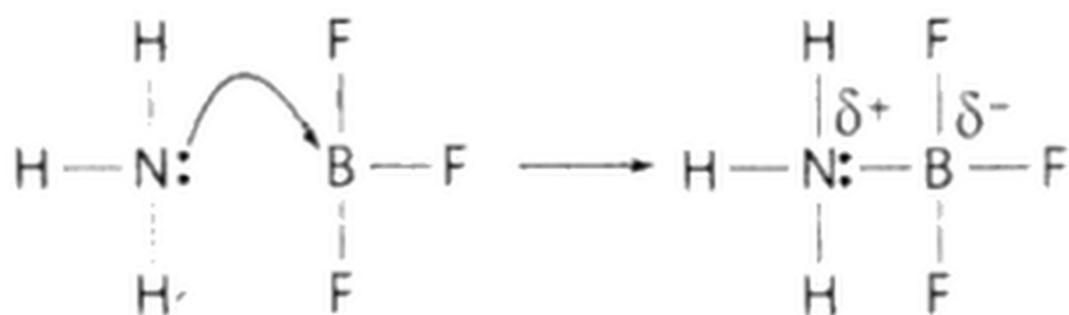
The hydroxide ion (OH) is a Lewis base because it donates a pair of electron and the proton (H) is a Lewis acid-since it accepts a pair of electrons.



**Significance:**

The significance of the Lewis acid-base concept is that it is much more general than other concepts. It may include such acid, base reactions which are not

covered by the Bronsted-Lowery theory. One such example is the reaction between ammonia and boron trifluoride (BF<sub>3</sub>) illustrated by the following equation:



The vacant, unhybridized 2p orbital of boron atom in boron trifluoride accepts the electron pair from ammonia. Thus in this reaction ammonia is a Lewis-base and boron trifluoride is a Lewis acid although no proton transfer is observed here.

Some common Lewis acids and bases are listed in the table.

Lewis Acids		Lewis Bases	
Name	Formula	Name	Formula
Hydrogen ion		Hydroxide ion	
Boron trifluoride		Ammonia	$NH_3$
Aluminium chloride	$AlCl_3$	Carbon monoxide	
Mercury cation	*	Water	$H_2O$
Carbon dioxide	$C=O$	Cyanide ion	$CN^-$

### Conclusion:

According to this table Lewis acids have the ability to accept electron pair whereas the Lewis bases are capable of donating electron pair

(vii) Classify each of the following as Bronsted acid or Bronsted base,

(1)  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  (ii)  $\text{HBr}$  (iii)  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$

Ans:

Bronsted acid	Bronsted base
A Bronsted acid is a proton donor	A Bronsted base is a proton acceptor
<p>∴</p> <p><math>\text{HBr}</math> is a Bronsted acid as it donates a proton to water</p> $\text{HBr} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{Br}^-$	<p><math>\text{HCO}_3^-</math> is a Bronsted base because it accepts a proton from water</p> $\text{HCO}_3^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{OH}^-$ <p><math>\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-</math> is a Bronsted base as it accepts a proton from water</p> $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{OH}^-$

(viii) Explain gastric acidity and use of anti-acid drug.

**Ans:** Human stomach produces HCl. It helps us to digest food. Production of excess HCl by stomach is called gastric acidity. It is generally caused by eating spicy foods.

**Anti-acid drug:**

This problem can be deduced by taking anti-acidic drugs like Milk of Magnesia ( $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ ) or the medicines in which sodium bicarbonate ( $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ) and  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$  are present. These bases react with acid to neutralize it. In this way acidity can be removed by taking anti-acidic drugs. These are generally present in a single

medicinal preparation

**(ix) Write briefly about the ionization of water.**

**Ans: Auto Ionization of Water:**

Water is a unique compound due to its ability to accept or donate proton under different environments. It has been mentioned earlier that water acts as a Bronsted acid in presence of ammonia, in fact water itself undergoes ionization to a small extent.



This reaction is regarded as auto ionization of water.

**Explanation:**

Here a molecule of water donates a proton to another molecule of water and two species a hydronium ion and a hydroxide ion, are formed.

In this equation there are two acid-base conjugate pairs, the first one is water-hydroxide ion (acid-conjugate base) and the second water hydronium ion (base conjugate acid)

In fact there is an equilibrium between water molecules (on the left side of the equation) and the hydronium ions and hydroxide ions on the right side of the equation)

**Equilibrium constant (K):**

The equilibrium constant (K) for this equilibrium can be expressed by the following equation

$$K = \frac{[H_3O^+][OH^-]}{[H_2O]^2}$$

In this equation  $[H_3O^+][OH^-]$  and  $[H_2O]$  are the concentration of hydronium

ion, hydroxide ion and water at equilibrium stage

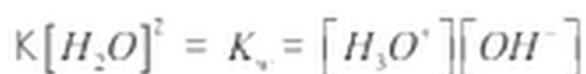
**Large excess of water:**

Since water is a solvent the concentration of water,  $[H_2O]$  is in large excess, therefore it remains constant. The above equation may be re-written as.



**Ion-product constant of water:**

The term  $K_{TH}$  is the product of two constants,  $K$  and  $[H_2O]$ . Therefore this term is another constant represented by  $K_w$  in the following equation where



$K_w$  is termed as the ion-product constant of water. Since 1.0 is the concentration of hydrated protons at equilibrium, the above equation corresponds

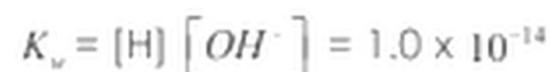


**Applications:**

in pure water at 25°C, the concentration of  $H^+$  and  $OH^-$  are equal and found to be  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  M each. Thus:



It has been noted that whether in pure water or in a solution of dissolved species, the following relationship always holds



**(x) Define pH what are the values of pH for acidic, basic and neutral solutions.**

**Ans: pH:**

Since the concentration of  $[H] [OH^-]$  are usually very small numbers and inconvenient to work with a more practical measure called pH was proposed and defined as

It means that pH of a solution is given by the negative logarithm of the  $[H^+]$  concentration (in mol/dm<sup>3</sup>).

$$pH = -\log [H^+]$$

**No units:**

However it must be kept in mind that pH being a logarithmic value, does not have any units.

**Conditions:**

The pH concept implies that at 25°C, the different types of solutions will show the following behaviour:

Acid solution:  $[H^+] > 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ ,  $pH < 7.00$

Basic solution:  $[H^+] < 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ ,  $pH > 7.00$

Neutral solution  $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ ,  $pH = 7.00$

**(xi) Define  $K_a$  and  $pK_a$  and their applications,**

**Ans:  $K_a$**

$K_a$  is termed as the acid dissociation constant it is a measure of the extent to which acid is ionized or dissociated at the equilibrium state

$$K_a = \frac{[H_3O^+][X^-]}{[HX]}$$

**$pK_a$  :**

The negative Logarithm of  $K_a$  value is called  $pK_a$ . The relationship between  $K_a$  and  $pK_a$  is as follows:

$$pK_a = -\log K_a$$

**Applications:**

- i.  $pK_a$  value is also used to determine the strength of acid
- ii. Smaller the value  $pK_a$  value stronger will be the acid and vice versa. It is

because smaller  $pK_a$  value means greater  $K_a$  value.

iii. The  $K_a$  values are also used to determine the percentage dissociation of an acid

iv. The greater the value of  $K_a$  the stronger is the acid and vice versa.

$$pK_a \propto \frac{1}{K_a}$$

**(xii) Explain curdling of milk with lemon juice,**

**Ans:**

- i. Milk is actually made up of a lot of different components, the main ones being protein, fat, and water.
- ii. When it comes to curdling, we're mainly concerned with one specific milk protein called casein.
- iii. Normally, little groupings of casein float around in the milk without bonding to anything
- iv. These groupings (technically called micelles) have a negative charge, which makes them repel other groupings of casein and keeps the casein evenly dispersed in the milk.
- v. When milk becomes too acidic, like when we add lemon juice or when it goes sour, the negative charge on the casein groupings becomes neutralized.
- vi. Now instead of pushing each other apart, the casein starts to clump together.
- vii. Eventually large enough clumps are formed that we can actually see the separation, and then we have curdled milk

**(xiii) What are  $K_b$  and  $pK_b$  and their applications.**

**Ans:**  $K_b$

Base dissociation constant is known as  $K_b$ . The extent of ionization and the base dissociation constant  $K_b$  is used to distinguish between strong and weak bases.

### Derivation of base dissociation constant $K_b$ :

Consider a base B, an equilibrium reaction with water can be represented by the following equation



Since water is a solvent, it is present in excess and therefore its concentration may be regarded as constant. Thus,  $K [H_2O]$  is another constant and is designated as  $K_b$  thus,

$$K_b = \frac{[BH^+][OH^-]}{[B]}$$

$K_b$  value will be large if degree of ionization of the base B is high i.e. if the base B is strong. The value of  $K_b$  will be small for a weak base B.

### $pK_b$ :

$pK_b$  is defined as the negative logarithm of  $K_b$ .

$$pK_b = -\log K_b$$

### Applications:

- i.  $pK_b$  also measures the strength of a base.
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$$pK_b \propto \frac{1}{K_b}$$

- iii.  $K_b$  values are used to determine the strength of different bases.
- iv. The greater the value of  $K_b$  the stronger is the base.

**(xiv) What is an iodized salt? What is its use in practical life.**

**Ans: iodized Salt:**

A mixture of sodium chloride (NaCl) that contain some amount of NaI (Sodium iodide) or KI (Potassium iodide) is called iodized salt.

Use in practical life:

**i. Improved Thyroid Function:**

Body needs iodine for the thyroid to produce a couple of essential hormones called thyroxine and triiodothyronine. These hormones help to regulate the metabolism and the growth and development of the body. Moreover, the deficiency of iodized salt can cause a disease called goiter. In this disease, the throat swells up due to enlargement of the thyroid gland.

**ii. Improved Brain Function:**

Iodized salt can improve the functions of the brain, such as memory concentration and the ability to learn. An iodine deficiency can lower the IQ by as much as 15 points.

**iii. Fights Depression:**

Depression and feelings of anxiety and frustration may be the result of an iodine deficiency. Iodized salt can help to ensure that you are getting enough iodine to prevent these emotional feelings from occurring.

**iv. Weight Control:**

Iodine is important for regulating the metabolism. When it is too high, you may not be able to gain a healthy weight, and if it is too low, you may gain weight or be unable to lose it. Additionally, iodized salt can increase your energy levels so that you will exercise more.

**v. Improved Appearance:**

It can help to cure dry and flaky skin, and improve the growth of your hair and nails. It also plays a role in developing and maintaining healthy teeth.

**vi. Removes Toxins:**

Iodized salt can help to remove harmful metals such as lead and mercury as well as other harmful toxins from our body. This can help to restore a healthy pH.

level in your body

**vii. Heart Health:**

Iodized salt can help to create hormones which regulate the heart rate and blood pressure. It can also help the body to burn extra fat deposits that contribute to heart disease.

**(xv) What is the relationship between  $K_a$  and  $K_b$**

**Ans:** As we know that

$$K_a \times K_b = K_w$$

and

$$K_a = \frac{K_w}{K_b}$$

And

$$K_b = \frac{K_w}{K_a}$$

Conclusion

Since  $K_w$  is constant at a given temperature, it may be deduced that  $K_a$  is inversely proportional to  $K_b$

$$K_a \propto \frac{1}{K_b}$$

Thus, stronger the acid, weaker is its conjugate base. It can also be said that stronger a base, weaker is its conjugate acid.

**(xvi) Calculate concentrations of ions of slightly soluble salts.**

**Ans:** Slightly soluble salts are partially ionized on dissolving in water.

product of the equilibrium concentrations of ions, each raised to a power which is the coefficient of the ion in the balanced equation is called solubility

product.

**For example:**

When AgCl is mixed with water. Following equilibrium is established



**Mathematically:**

$K_c$  for this equilibrium can be written as

$$K_c = \frac{[Ag^+][Cl^-]}{[AgCl]}$$

Since  $CaF_2$  is slightly soluble salt its concentration almost remains constant.

Therefore,

$$K_c = \frac{[AgCl]}{[Ag^+][Cl^-]} = \frac{1}{K_{sp}}$$

Where  $K_{sp}$  is a constant known as the solubility product constant.

Therefore the value of concentrations of ions of slightly soluble salts can be determine by using the value of  $K_{sp}$ .

**(xvii) Give two examples of a buffer solution.**

**Ans:** A buffer solution contains a weak dissociating acid and the salt of that acid with a strong base.

**Examples of a buffer solution:**



ii. A solution containing a weak base e.g.  $NH_4OH$  and its salt with a strong acid like  $NH_4Cl$  can also act as a buffer.

**(xviii) Perform acid-base titrations to calculate molarity and strength of a**

**given sample solution.**

**Ans:** Consider a titration process in which  $25 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.12\text{M}$  NaOH is neutralized with  $30 \text{ cm}^3$  of HCl of unknown concentration.

Calculate concentration and strength of HCl solution.

Solution:  $\text{HCl} + \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

HCl    NaOH.

$$\frac{M_1 V_1}{n_1} = \frac{M_2 V_2}{n_2}$$

$$\frac{M_1 \times 30}{1} = \frac{0.12 \times 25}{1}$$

$$= 0.1\text{M}$$

Thus Molarity of HCl solution is  $0.1\text{M}$ .

Strength of solution = Molarity x Molar mass

$$\text{Strength of HCl solution} = 0.1 \times 36.5 = 3.65\text{g dm}^3$$

**(xix) Write two acidic, two basic and two neutral salts.****Ans: Acidic Salts:**

Salt formed by the reaction between strong acid and weak base is called "Acidic salt" these salts have pH is more than 7.

**Examples:**  $\text{CuSO}_4$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  etc.

**Basic Salts:**

Salt formed by the reaction between strong base and weak acid is called "basic salt" these salts have pH less than 7.

**Examples:**  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$ ,  $\text{NaCN}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  etc.

**Neutral Salts:**

A salt which is formed by the neutralization of strong acid and strong base is called neutral salts. They have  $\text{pH} = 7$ .

**Examples:**  $\text{NaCl}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{KNO}_3$  etc.

**(xx) Use the concept of hydrolysis to explain why aqueous solutions of some salts are acidic or basic.**

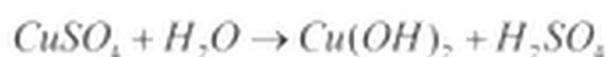
**Ans: Hydrolysis:**

The reaction of cations and anions of salts with water is called hydrolysis

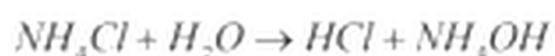
**Acidic Salts:**

Those salts which produce strong acid and weak base on hydrolysis are called acidic salts. The solution becomes acidic due to the presence of strong acid and the hydrolysis is called acidic hydrolysis

**Examples:**  $CuSO_4$ ,  $NH_4Cl$ ,  $NH_4NO_3$  etc.



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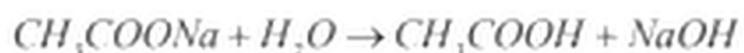


(Strong acid) (Weak base)

**Basic Salts:**

Those salts which produce weak acid and strong base on hydrolysis are called basic salts. The solution becomes basic due to the presence of strong base and the hydrolysis is called basic hydrolysis

**Examples:**



(Weak acid) (Strong base)



(Weak acid) (Strong base)

**Q3. Elaborate the ionization equation of water. How does it lead to the ion-product, constant of water? Describe an important application**

**of the ion-product of water,**

**Ans: Auto Ionization of Water:**

Water is a unique compound due to its ability to accept or donate proton under different environments. It has been mentioned earlier that water acts as a Bronsted acid in presence of ammonia, and as a Bronsted base in presence of hydrochloric acid. In fact, water itself undergoes ionization to a small extent as shown in the following equation



This reaction is regarded as auto ionization of water

**Explanation:**

Here, a molecule of water (which is acting as an acid) donates a proton to another molecule of water (which is acting as a base) and two species, a hydronium ion and a hydroxide ion, are formed.

**Acid-base conjugate pairs:**

In this equation there are two acid-base conjugate pairs the first one is water-hydroxide ion (acid-conjugate base) and the second water hydronium ion (base conjugate acid).

In fact, there is equilibrium between water molecules (on the left side of the equation) and the hydronium ions and hydroxide ions on the right side of the equation)

**Equilibrium constant (K):**

The equilibrium constant (K) for this equilibrium can be expressed by the following equation

$$K = \frac{[H_3O^+][OH^-]}{[H_2O]^2}$$

In this equation  $[H_3O^+][OH^-]$  and  $[H_2O]$  are the concentration of hydronium ion, hydroxide ion and water at equilibrium stage

**Large excess of water:**

Since water is a solvent the concentration of water,  $[H_2O]$  is in large excess, therefore it remains constant. The above equation may be re-written as,

$$K[H_2O]^2 = [H_3O^+][OH^-]$$

**Ion-product constant of water:**

The term  $K_{TH}$  is the product of two constants,  $K$  and  $[H_2O]$ . Therefore this term is another constant represented by  $K_w$  in the following equation where

$$K[H_2O]^2 = K_w = [H_3O^+][OH^-]$$

$K_w$  is termed as the ion-product constant of water. Since 1.0 is the concentration of hydrated protons at equilibrium, the above equation corresponds

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

in pure water at 25°C, the concentration of  $H^+$  and  $OH^-$  are equal and found to be  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  M each. Thus:

$$K_w = [1.0 \times 10^{-7}][1.0 \times 10^{-7}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

It has been noted that whether in pure water or in a solution of dissolved species, the following relationship always holds

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

 **$K_w$  is temperature dependent:**

It is to be noted that, because  $K$  is an equilibrium constant, it is temperature dependent thus, at 40°C  $K = 3.8 \times 10^{-14}$  which corresponds to

$$[H^+] = 1.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M and } [OH^-] = 1.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M as } [H^+] = [OH^-]$$

**Application:**

- i. pH scale is based on the ionic product of water.
- ii. It tells us about the behavior of water.

**pH:**

Since the concentration of  $[H^+]$  and  $[OH^-]$  are usually very small numbers

and inconvenient to work with, a more practical measure called PH was proposed and defined as

It means that pH of a solution is given by the negative logarithm of the  $H^+$  concentration (in mol/dm).

$$pH = -\log [H^+]$$

No units: However it must be kept in mind that pH being a logarithmic value, does not have any units

#### Conditions:

The pH concept implies that at 25°C, the different types of solutions will show the following behaviour.

Acid solution:  $[H^+] > 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ ,  $pH < 7.00$

Basic solution:  $[H^+] < 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ ,  $pH > 7.00$

Neutral solution  $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ ,  $pH = 7.00$

A scale analogous to the pH can be devised using the negative logarithm of the  $H^+$  concentration.

**Q.4 What are buffer solutions? Elaborate with suitable examples, their significance in acid-base reactions. Write three common applications of buffer solutions**

#### Ans: Definition:

Those solutions which resist the change in their pH when a small amount of an acid or a base is added them, are called buffer solutions. They have a specific constant value of PH.

#### Constitution of buffer:

A buffer solution contains a weak dissociating acid and the salt of that acid with a strong base





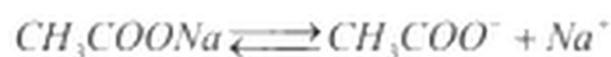
ii. A solution containing a weak base e.g.  $NH_4OH$  and its salt with a strong acid like  $NH_4Cl$  can also act as a buffer.

### Significance:

It resists the change in the pH of a solution even when a small amount of a strong acid and base is added in the solution

### Buffer action:

Let us take a buffer solution of  $CH_3COOH$  and  $CH_3COONa$ . Common ion effect helps us to understand how will buffer work.  $CH_3COOH$  being a weak electrolyte undergoes very little dissociation. When  $CH_3COONa$  a strong electrolyte is added to  $CH_3COOH$  solution, the dissociation of  $CH_3COOH$  is suppressed due to common effect of  $CH_3COO^-$



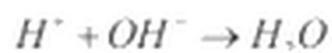
### Addition of strong acid:

Suppose we add a few drops of HCl to it. Its  $H^+$  ions are used up by  $CH_3COO^-$  and the equilibrium is shifted towards left.

Thus the addition of HCl will not change the pH of the buffer solution

### Addition of strong base:

in the same buffer solution if a strong base is added it is neutralized by the acid



Thus the addition of NaOH will not change value of pH.

### Applications of buffer solutions:

(i) Buffer solutions play an important role in several industrial processes For

example, they are used in the manufacture of photographic materials, leather and dyes

(ii) They are also used in the process of electroplating and analytical procedures.

(iii) The buffer solutions are also used for calibration of pH meters

**Q.5 Write detailed notes on each of the followings:**

**(a) Conjugate acid base pairs (b)  $pK_a$**

**(c)  $pK_b$**

**(d) Relative strength of acids.**

**Ans: (a) Conjugate acid base pairs**

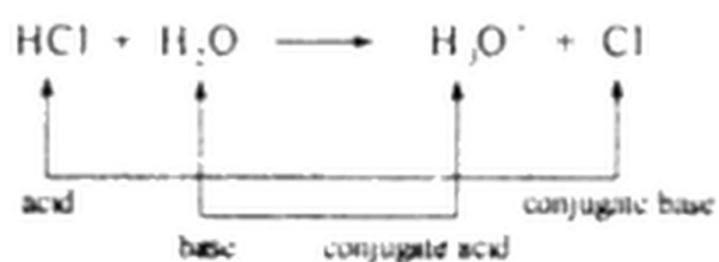
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Conjugate acid is a species which is formed as a result of acceptance of proton by a base. Every Bronsted acid has a conjugate base.

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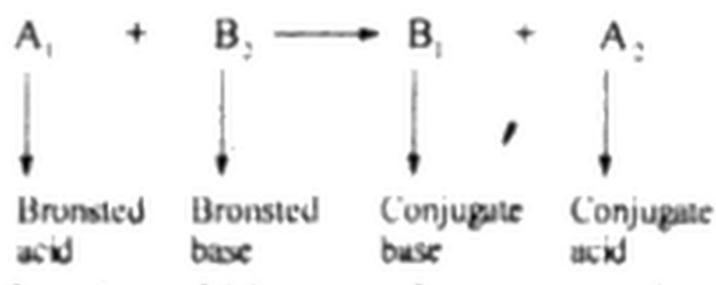
Conjugate base is a species which is left behind after donation of a proton from the acid.

e.g. ionization of HCl in water



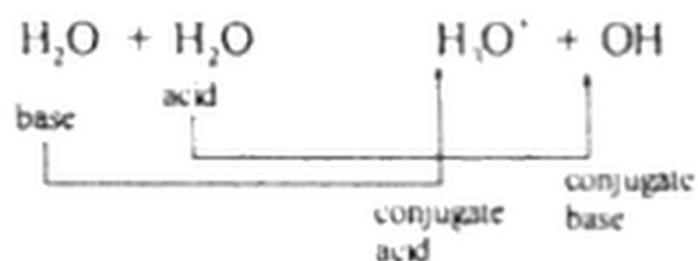
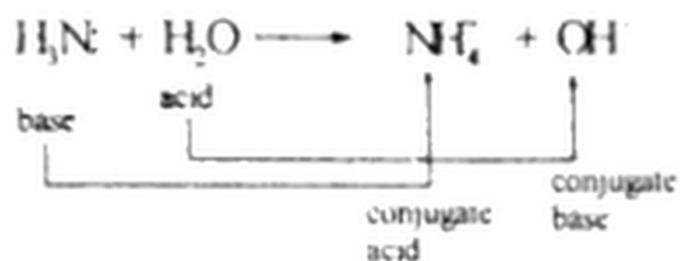
**Conjugate Acid-Base Pairs (Major Concepts):**

In an acid-base reaction, an acid yields a base (conjugate) and base after accepting proton yields a conjugate acid. The acid-base reaction is represented as



The conjugate acid-base pairs are species on opposite sides of an equation that differ by a proton.

The weaker acids have strong conjugate base pairs and stronger acids have weaker conjugate bases e.g.



The water is amphoteric in nature i.e it is acidic as well as basic in nature.

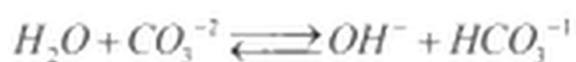
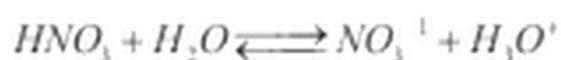
### General notation:

The general notation of conjugate acid-base pair is



Each acid has a conjugate base and each base has a conjugate acid

Particular Examples of Conjugate Acid-Base Pairs:



### (b) $pK_a$

The value of  $K_a$  are usually inconvenient numbers, therefore, for convenience these values are converted to  $pK_a$  values. The relationship between  $K_a$  and  $pK_a$  is as follows:

$$pK_a = -\log K_a$$

### Conclusion:

Since  $pK_a$  refers to the negative logarithm of  $K_a$ . Thus smaller the value  $pK_a$  stronger shall be the acid because smaller  $pK_a$  value corresponds to a greater  $K_a$  value

### (c) $pK_b$

For convenience, a parameter  $pK_b$  has been devised to express  $K_b$  value in convenient numbers. Thus,  $pK_b$  is defined as the negative logarithm of  $K_b$

$$pK_b = -\log K_b$$

**Table:  $K_b$  and  $pK_b$  Values of Some Common Bases:**

Name of Base	Formula	$K_b$	$pK_b$
Diethylamine	$(C_2H_5)_2NH$	$9.6 \times 10^{-4}$	3.02
Ethylamine	$C_2H_5NH_2$	$5.6 \times 10^{-4}$	3.25
Methylamine	$CH_3NH_2$	$4.5 \times 10^{-4}$	3.34
Ammonia	$NH_3$	$1.7 \times 10^{-5}$	4.76
Pyridine	$C_5H_5N$	$5.6 \times 10^{-9}$	8.25
Aniline	$C_6H_5NH_2$	$4.3 \times 10^{-10}$	9.37

**Conclusion:**

According to these values ammonia is a stronger base than pyridine and aniline but weaker than methylamine and ethylamine. Also, diethyl amine is a strongest base among all those listed in the table.

**(d) Relative strength of acids**

Different Bronsted acids donate proton to different extents.

The ability of an acid to donate proton is called 'strength of acid' or the 'acid strength'.

An acid which can donate proton to a higher degree than another acid is said to be relatively strong acid.

**Example:**

Hydrochloric acid is a relatively stronger acid than acetic acid. Also, acetic acid is relatively stronger than water.

**Q.6** What is hydrolysis? Discuss in detail, the behaviour of each of the following salts in their aqueous solutions.

(a)  $K_2CO_3$ , (b)  $NH_4Cl$ , (c)  $NaNO_3$

**Ans: Hydrolysis:**

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**Example:**

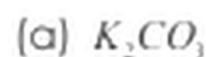
When a salt (MX) is dissolved in water, it splits up into its M and X ions.

These ions may react with water and give following reactions:



Since  $H^+$  and  $OH^-$  ions are produced in these reactions, the solution of the salt may be acidic or basic in salts anions are derived from acids and cations from bases. The anions of weak acids are strong conjugate bases. Such anions react with water producing basic solutions.

Hydrolysis of some salts.



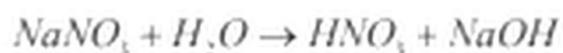
Strong base Weak acid

As strong base and weak acid is produced therefore the solution becomes basic.



Weak base Strong acid

As strong acid and weak bases produce therefore the solution becomes acidic



**Q.7 (a) Calculate the pH of formic acid-sodium formate buffer solution**

containing 1.0 mole of each component.

**(Ans: 3.7447)**

**(b) What will be the pH of the solution after addition of 0.10 mole of hydrochloric acid gas to 1.01 dm<sup>3</sup> volume of the buffer solution in part (a) Assume that the volume of solution remains unchanged on addition of hydrochloric acid ( $K_a$  for formic acid**

**is  $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$ )**

**(Ans: 3.6997)**

**Solution:** Let the volume of buffer solution is 1 dm<sup>3</sup>



$$K_a \text{ for formic acid} = 1.8 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$pK_a \text{ for formic acid} = -\log(1.8 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$pK_a = 3.745$$

Using Henderson's equation

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{\text{salt}}{\text{acid}}$$

$$pH = \log \frac{(\text{CH}_3\text{COONa})}{(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH})}$$

$$pH = 3.745 + \log \left( \frac{1.0}{0.1} \right)$$

$$pH = 3.745 + 0$$

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**Solution:**

As HCl is a strong acid it ionizes completely. Thus, it means that 0.1 moles of  $\text{H}^+$  produces! These  $\text{H}^+$  ions react with 0.1 moles of  $\text{HCOO}^-$  ions. Hence, out of 1.0 moles of salt ( $\text{HCOONa}$ ), 0.9 moles ( $1.0 - 0.1 = 0.9$ ) of salt are left behind

As the equilibrium is shifted towards the left therefore the concentration of acid ( $\text{HCOOH}$ ) is increased from 1.0 moles to 1.1 moles ( $1.0 + 0.1 = 1.1$ )

New concentrations of salt and acid:

$$\text{Number of moles of HCOONa} = 0.9 \text{ moles}$$

$$\text{Number of moles of HCOOH} = 1.1 \text{ moles}$$

Since volume of the buffer solution is 1.01 dm, therefore the molar concentrations will be

$$[\text{HCOONa}] = \frac{0.9}{1.01} = 0.891 \text{ mole dm}^{-3}$$

$$[\text{HCOOH}] = \frac{1.1}{1.01} = 1.089 \text{ mole dm}^{-3}$$

$$K_a \text{ of formic acid} = 1.84 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$pK_a = -\log K_a$$

$$= -\log (1.84 \times 10^{-4}) = 3.745$$

Using Henderson's eq. pH of buffer will be

$$pH = pK_a + \log a$$

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[HCOO^-]}{[HCOOH]}$$

$$pH = 3.745 + \log [0.891]$$

$$pH = 3.745 - 0.0872$$

$$pH = 3.658$$

**Q.8 (a) Calculate the  $H^+$  ion concentration of an aqueous solution having pH 10.6.**

**(Ans:  $2.5 \times 10^{-11}$  moles/dm<sup>3</sup>)**

**(b) An aqueous solution contains  $1.0 \times 10^{-9}$  moles/dm of hydronium ions. Calculate the pOH of these solutions. (Ans: 5.0)**

**Solution: (a)**

$$pH = 10.6$$

$$[H^+] = ?$$

$$\text{As } pH = -\log[H^+]$$

$$10.6 = -\log[H^+]$$

Taking antilog on both sides

$$[H^+] = \text{antilog}(-10.6)$$

$$[H^+] = 2.51 \times 10^{-11}$$

**(b) Hydronium ion ( $H_3O^+$ ) is actually the hydrated proton,**

Therefore

$$[H] = 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$pOH = ?$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log[H^+]$$

$$\text{PH} = -\log[1.0 \times 10^{-9}]$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(10^{-9})$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(10)$$

$$\text{PH} = 9 \times 1 = 9$$

$$\text{As, pH} + \text{DOH} = 14$$

$$9 + \text{POH} = 14$$

$$\text{pOH} = 14.9$$

$$\text{pOH} = 5$$

**Q.9 (a) What is acid dissociation constant? How is it related to pk.**

**Write equation to elaborate.**

**(b) Define and briefly describe the levelling effect of water in acid-base reactions.**

**Solution:**

**(a) What is acid dissociation constant? How is it related to pk**

**Write equation to elaborate**

**Ans: Acid dissociation constant:**

Consider the case of ionization of a general acid HX in water in this aqueous solution the established equilibrium may be represented as follows



The equilibrium constant K for this ionization process may be written as follows.

$$K = \frac{[H_3O^+][X^-]}{[H_2O][HX]}$$

$$K [H_2O] = \frac{[H_3O^+][X^-]}{[HX]}$$

Since water is a solvent. It is present in excess and therefore its

concentration may be regarded as constant. Thus,  $K_a$  (HO) is another constant and is designated as  $K_a$ , thus,

$$K_a [H_2O] = K_a = \frac{[H_3O^+][X^-]}{[HX]}$$

$K_a$  is termed as the acid dissociation constant. It is a measure of the extent to which an acid is ionized or dissociated at the equilibrium state

"The greater the value of  $K_a$ , the stronger is the acid".

Relationship between  $pK_a$  and  $K_a$

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#### Conclusion:

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#### (b) Define and briefly describe the levelling effect of water in acid-base reactions.

##### The levelling Effect:

Whenever acid react with water hydroxonium ion ( $H_3O^+$ ) will produce which is acidic in nature and is form in each case. The equal behavior of water, levels the strength of the acids and this leveling of strength is called leveling effect

##### Explanation:

The reaction between any stronger acid and water produce hydroxonium ion ( $H_3O^+$ ) and water goes completely to the right. Strong acids like perchloric acid, hydrochloric acid, nitric acid and Sulphuric acid in water appear to be of equal strength. Thus, water as a base, is unable to differentiate among the relative acid

strength of acids stronger than hydroxonium ion. Such inability of any solvent to differentiate among the relative strength of all acids is termed as the levelling effect. Because the solvent is said to level the strength of all the acids, making them appear identical

**effect of water compensated:**

The leveling effect of water can be compensated for, if a more weak basic solvent like acetic acid is employed in place of water. Since acetic acid is a much weaker base than water it is not easily protonated. Thus, appreciable differences in proton donation of acids are observed in acetic acid (solvent)

The relative acid strength is



It may be pointed out that all these acids are of identical strength in water (solvent) due to the levelling effect



Hydroxonium ion ( $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ) which is acidic in nature, is formed in each case

The equal behaviour of such ions formed levels the strength of the acid

**Q.10 (a) What is hydrolysis? Write the equations of hydrolysis**

**equilibrium for each of the followings:**

(i)  $\text{Li}^+$  (ii)  $\text{NH}_4^+$  (iii)  $\text{CN}^-$

**(b) Write a unique property of buffer solution. What types of acids are required to prepare buffer solutions? Name two such acids.**

**Ans: (a)**

"The reaction of cations and anions of salts with water is called hydrolysis."

### Explanation:

These observations can be explained on the base of Bronsted-Lowry acid-Base theory. When a salt (MX) is dissolved in water, it splits up into its M and X ions. These ions may react with water and give following reactions

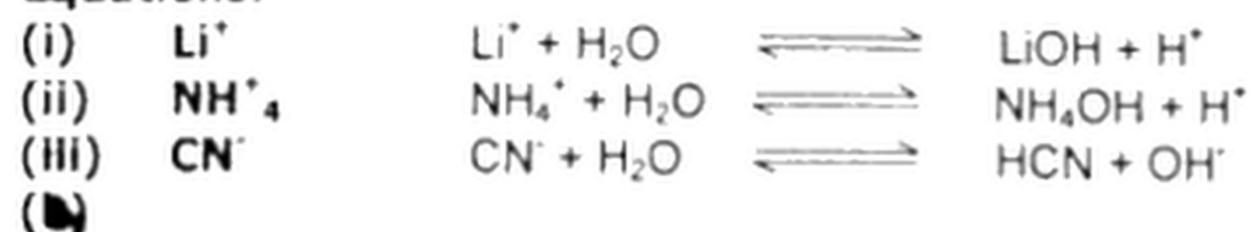


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### Examples:



### Reactions:



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