

Intro to Acids and Bases

Acids

- Acids can be strong or weak electrolytes in aqueous solutions.
- Acids (example HCl) react with certain metals to produce $H_2(g)$
- Acids cause color changes in acid-base indicators:
 - Blue litmus paper turns red in an acid
 - Phenolphthalein is colorless in an acid.
- Acids have a sour taste.
- Table K has a list of common acids and bases

Bases

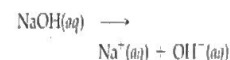
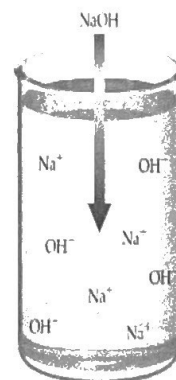
- Bases can be strong or weak electrolytes in aqueous solutions.
- Bases cause color change in acid-base indicators.
 - Red paper turns blue in a base.
 - Phenolphthalein is pink in a base.
- Bases feel slippery and taste bitter.
- Table L has a list of common bases

Arrhenius Acid

- An Arrhenius acid gives off H^+ (hydrogen ions) in aqueous solutions.
- Example: HCl, HBr, H_2SO_4
- The H^+ in solutions attaches to H_2O to form H_3O^+ (hydronium ion)
- $HCl + H_2O \rightarrow H^+ + Cl^- + H_2O \rightarrow Cl^- + H_3O^+$

Arrhenius Base

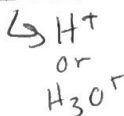
- An Arrhenius base has OH and give off OH^- (hydroxide ions) in an aqueous solution.
- Example: NaOH, KOH, $Ca(OH)_2$
- Group 1 metals react with water to produce bases.
- $2Na(s) + 2H_2O(l) \rightarrow 2NaOH(aq) + H_2(g)$



Check Point Questions

1. Which substance can be classified as an Arrhenius acid?

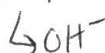
- a. HCl
 b. NaCl



- c. LiOH
 d. KOH

2. Which substance can be classified as an Arrhenius base?

- a. HCl
 b. NaOH



- c. $LiNO_3$
 d. $KHCO_3$

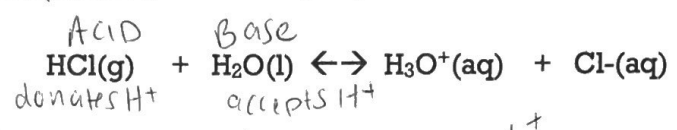
3. According to the Arrhenius theory, a substance that is classified as an acid will always yield

- a. $H^+(aq)$ acid
 b. $NH_4^+(aq)$

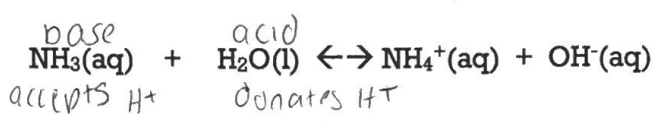
- c. $OH^-(aq)$ (base)
 d. $CO_3^{2-}(aq)$

Bronsted-Lowry Acids and Bases

- An acid is an H⁺ donor (proton donor).
- A base is an H⁺ acceptor (proton acceptor)



- HCl is an acid because it donates an H⁺ to the H₂O.



- NH₃ is a base because it accepts H⁺ from the H₂O.
- Water can either be an proton donor (acid) or proton acceptor (base), water is amphoteric.

Bases
Accept
Acids
Donate
(H⁺)

Check Point Questions

4. According to the Bronsted-Lowry theory, a chloride ion (Cl⁻), acts as a base when it combines with
- a. An OH⁻ ion
 - b. A K⁺ ion
 - c. An H⁺ ion
 - d. An H⁺ ion

BASE
(H⁺)

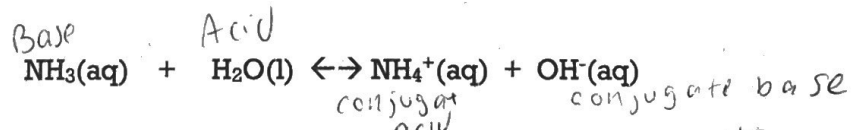
5. According to the Bronsted-Lowry theory, an acid is

- a. A proton donor, only
- b. A proton acceptor, only
- c. A proton donor & proton acceptor
- d. Neither a proton donor nor a proton acceptor

BASE

H⁺ = proton

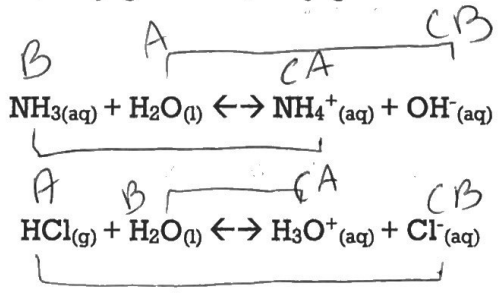
Conjugate Acids and bases



- A conjugate base is what is remaining after the acid gives up H⁺.
- A conjugate acid is what is formed when a base accepts a H⁺.

Conjugate Acid-Base Pairs Practice

- For each pair label acid, base, conjugate acid, conjugate base



Summary

- Acids
 - Arrhenius
 - → gives off H⁺ in water
 - Bronsted-Lowry
 - → H⁺ donor
- Bases
 - Arrhenius
 - → gives off OH⁻ in water
 - Bronsted-Lowry
 - → H⁺ acceptor