

CH302 Practice Quiz 5 on Complex Equilibria

1.  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$  is the basic salt of sulfurous acid which is a weak diprotic acid. If  $K_{a1} = 1.5 \times 10^{-2}$  and  $K_{a2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-7}$ , what is the pH concentration in a sulfite,  $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$ , solution that is 0.025M?

- 1. 9.6 correct
- 2. 4.4
- 3. 10.1
- 4. 9.0

$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$  is the unprotonated base with  $K_{a2}$  far away from  $K_w \sim K_{a1}$ . So can do simple weak base.

$$\text{OH}^- = (K_b C_b)^{1/2} = \left[ \left( \frac{10^{-14}}{1.2 \times 10^{-7}} \right) (0.025) \right]^{1/2} = 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

so  $\text{pOH} = 4.3$   $\text{pH} = 9.7$

2. What is the pH of a 0.5M solution of an acid with  $K_a = 1.2 \times 10^{-12}$ ?

- 1. 0.71 correct
- 2. 3.05
- 3. 6.8
- 4. 11.08

① Note this is a weak acid

② You can't use  $(KC)^{1/2}$  because  $K \ll C > 10^{-4}$

③ must use quadratic  $K_a = \frac{x^2}{.5-x} = 1.2 \times 10^{-12}$   $x = .195 = \text{H}^+$   
 $\text{pH} = 0.71$

3. What is the pH of 0.15 M  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4(\text{aq})$  if  $K_{a1} = 7.6 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $K_{a2} = 6.2 \times 10^{-8}$  and  $K_{a3} = 2.1 \times 10^{-13}$ ?

- 1. 9.93 correct
- 2. 8.31
- 3. 7.82
- 4. 6.92
- 5. 3.02

① polyprotic acid

② amphiprotic form  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- \rightarrow \text{HPO}_4^{2-}$

③ equation is  $\text{pH} = (\text{p}K_2 + \text{p}K_3)/2$   $\text{p}K_2 = 7.2$   $\text{p}K_3 = 12.7$

④ use  $K_{a2} + K_{a3}$   $\text{pH} = \frac{7.2 + 12.7}{2} = 9.95$

4. Write the charge balance equation for a dilute aqueous solution of  $\text{HClO}_2$ .

- 1.  $[\text{ClO}_2^-] = [\text{OH}^-] + [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$
- 2.  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{OH}^-]$
- 3.  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{ClO}_2^-]$
- 4.  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = [\text{ClO}_2^-] + [\text{OH}^-]$  correct
- 5.  $[\text{HClO}_2]_{\text{initial}} = [\text{ClO}_2^-]$
- 5.  $[\text{HClO}_2]_{\text{initial}} = [\text{HClO}_2] + [\text{ClO}_2^-]$

①  $\text{HClO}_2$  is weak acid  $\text{HClO}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{ClO}_2^-$

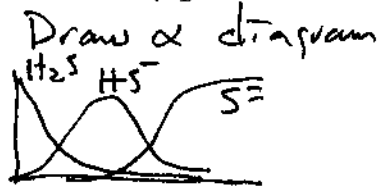
②  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in solution makes  $\text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$

③ put all + ions on left, - ions on right

$$[\text{H}^+] = [\text{ClO}_2^-] + [\text{OH}^-]$$

5 For a solution labeled 0.10 M  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}(\text{aq})$ ,

- 1.  $[\text{S}^{2-}] > 0.10 \text{ M}$ .
- 2.  $[\text{S}^{2-}] > [\text{HS}^-]$  correct
- 3.  $[\text{S}^{2-}] = [\text{HS}^-]$
- 4.  $[\text{OH}^-] = 0.10 \text{ M}$ .
- 5.  $[\text{OH}^-] > 0.10 \text{ M}$ .



1.  $S^{2-} > .1$  not possible, same forms  $\text{HS}^-$  so  $< .1$

2.  $S^{2-} > \text{HS}^-$  since it is weak and starts as  $S^{2-} = \sqrt{K_{a2} S^{2-}}$

3. only  $S^{2-}$  to start so no source of  $\text{HS}^-$  to make equal

6 A weakly basic solution with a pH near 7 is formed when a solution of  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  moles of  $\text{NH}_3$  is added to 1 liter of water. How many equations must be solved in order to accurately calculate all the unknown concentrations formed at equilibrium in solution?

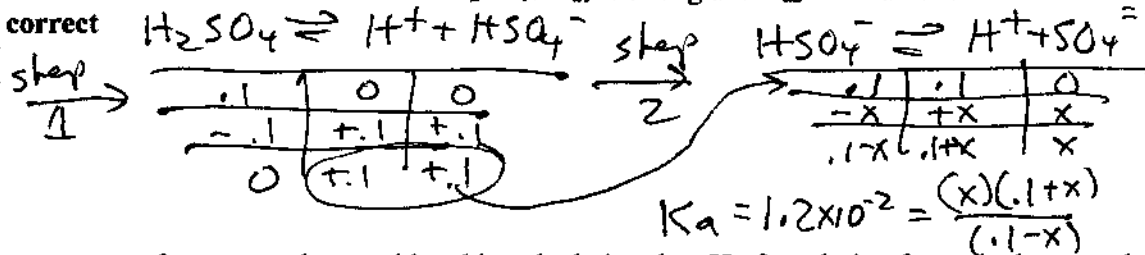
- 1. 1
- 2. 2
- 3. 3
- 4. 4 correct
- 5. 5
- 6. 6
- 7. 7

$\text{NH}_3, \text{NH}_4^+, \text{H}^+, \text{OH}^-$  are the four species in solution at equilibrium. To solve need 4 equations.

4.  $\text{OH}^-$  is small because  $S^{2-}$  is weak, it is  $< .1$   
 5. see #4

7. What is the concentration of sulfate ion in 0.1 M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ?  $K_{a1}$  is strong and  $K_{a2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$ .

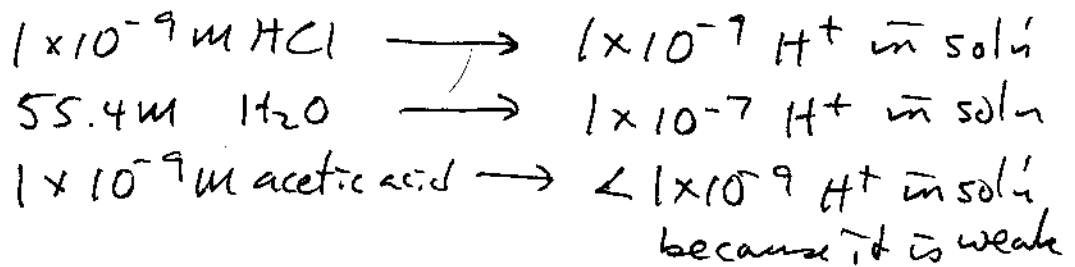
1.  $9.8 \times 10^{-3}$  M correct
2.  $1.2 \times 10^{-3}$  M
3.  $4.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M
4.  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M
5.  $4.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M



solve quadratic  
 $x = \text{SO}_4^{2-} = 9.8 \times 10^{-3}$

8. There are three sources of protons to be considered in calculating the pH of a solution formed when equal volumes of  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  M HCl and  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  M acetic acid (HAc) are added to water. Assume a  $K_a$  of  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  for acetic acid. Rank from most to least, the concentration of protons contributed at equilibrium from HCl, HAc and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

1. HCl, HAc,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
2. HAc, HCl,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
3. HAc,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , HCl
4.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , HCl, HAc correct
5. HCl,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , HAc



So  $\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{HCl} > \text{HAc}$  in generating  $\text{H}^+$