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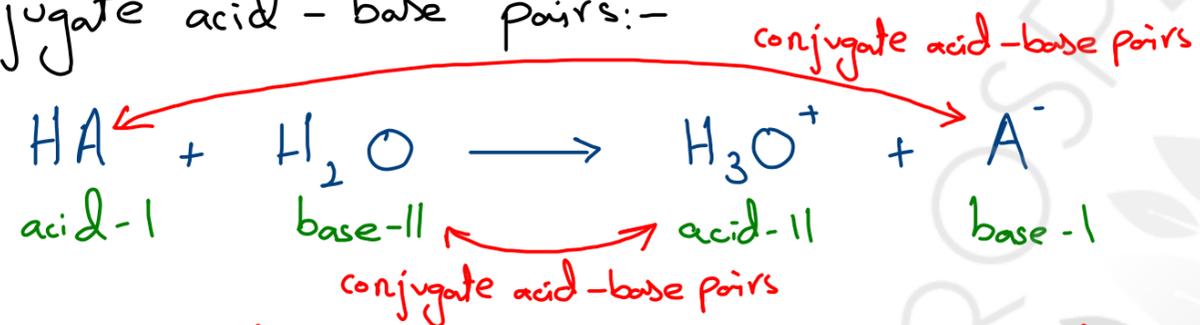
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# Bronsted Lowry theory of acids and bases:-

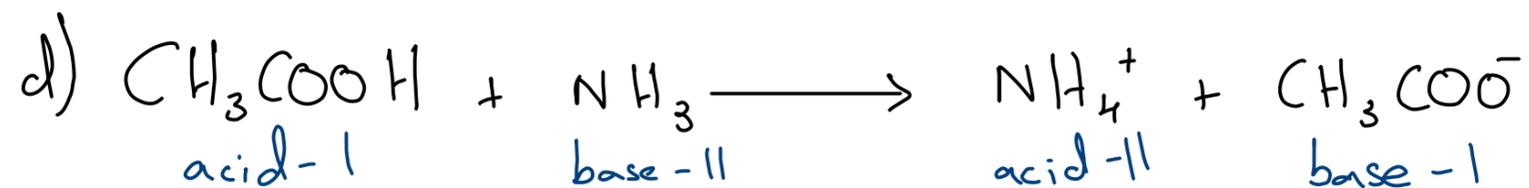
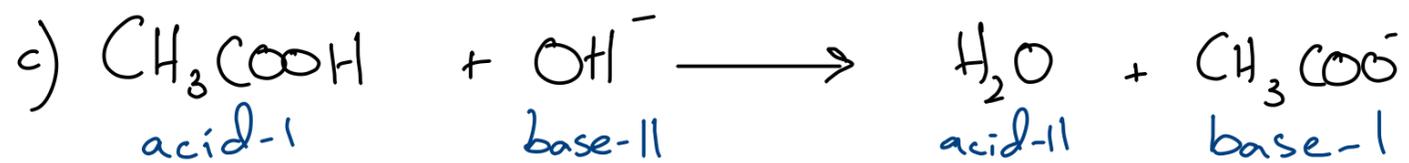
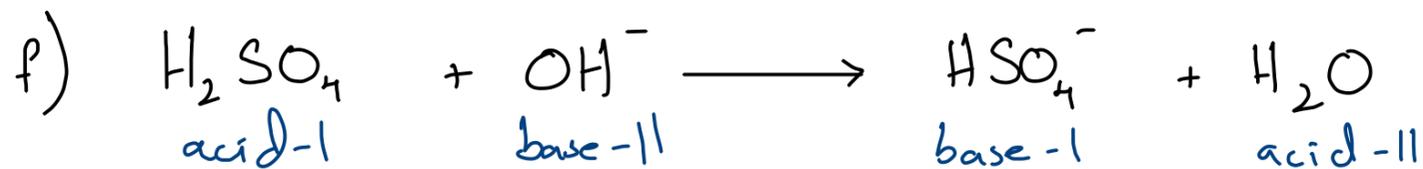
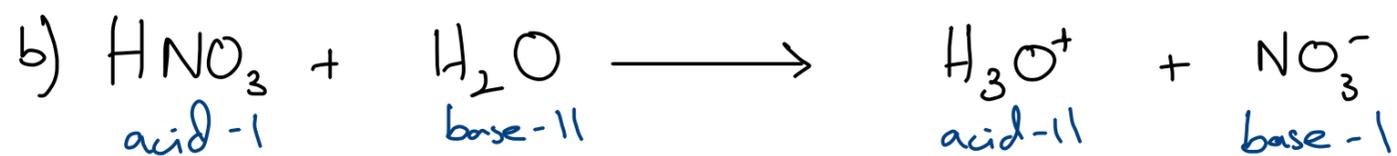
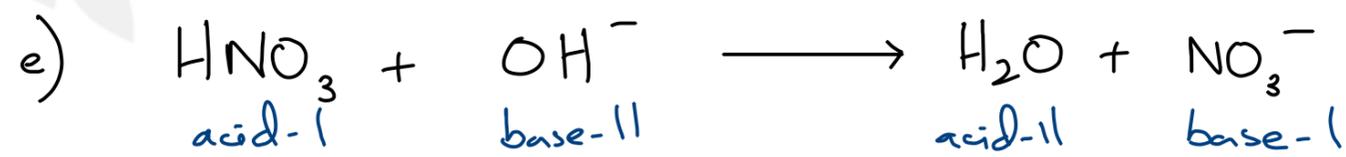
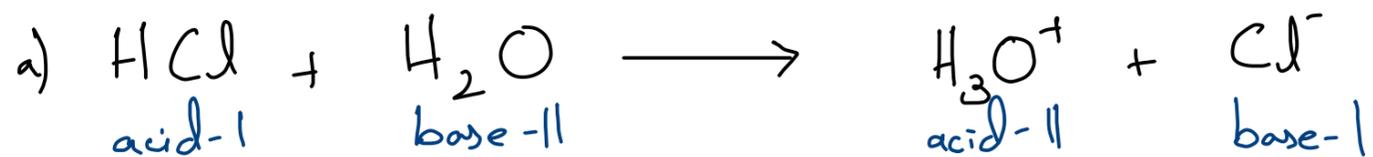
- An acid is a  $H^+$  donor ( $H^+$  is only a proton)
- A base is a  $H^+$  acceptor

Conjugate acid - base pairs:-



- Every base has a conjugate acid
  - Every acid has a conjugate base
- formed by transfer of only 1  $H^+$

- $H_2O$  behaved as base, HA behaved as acid.
- $A^-$  is the conjugate base of HA
- $H_3O^+$  is the conjugate acid of  $H_2O$



pH:-

pH is defined as:-  $\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [\text{H}^+]$  where  $[\text{H}^+]$  is the concentration of  $\text{H}^+$  ions in solution

- pH is lower for a stronger acid and higher for a weak acid.

$$-\log_{10} [\text{H}^+] = \text{pH} \Rightarrow 10^{-\text{pH}} = [\text{H}^+]$$

Calculating the pH of strong acids  $\rightarrow$  dissociate fully

a)  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of HCl (monoprotic)  
dissociates fully so  
 $[\text{HCl}] = [\text{H}^+]$   
 $\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [0.1]$   
 $= 1$

b)  $0.5 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of HCl (monoprotic)  
dissociates fully so  
 $[\text{HCl}] = [\text{H}^+]$   
 $\text{pH} = -\log_{10} (0.5)$   
 $= 0.3$

c)  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (diprotic)  
dissociates fully so  
 $2 [\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4] = [\text{H}^+]$   
 $\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [0.2]$   
 $= 0.7$

- This method is suitable for strong acids as they dissociate completely

# Ionic Product of water:-

- Water ionises slightly :-  $H_2O \rightleftharpoons [H^+][OH^-]$

-  $K_c = \frac{[H^+]_{eqm}[OH^-]_{eqm}}{[H_2O]_{eqm}} \longrightarrow K_w \text{ (ionic product of water)} = [H^+][OH^-]$

$[H_2O]_{eqm} \rightarrow$  too large in comparison to  $[H^+]$  and  $[OH^-]$  so we take this as constant and remove it

Calculating  $K_w$  at  $25^\circ C$  :-

pH of distilled water = 7

$[H^+] = 10^{-7} \rightarrow$  as water is neutral  $[H^+] = [OH^-]$  so  $[OH^-] = 10^{-7}$

$K_w = [H^+][OH^-] = 10^{-7} \times 10^{-7} \Rightarrow K_w = 10^{-14}$  at  $25^\circ C$  Remember this!

$K_w$  is constant for a constant temp

Calculating pH of strong alkalis:-

a)  $0.025 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of NaOH  
strong alkali so dissociates fully  
 $[NaOH] = [OH^-]$

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

$$10^{-14} = [H^+][0.025]$$

$$[H^+] = 4 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$pH = -\log_{10}[H^+] = -\log_{10}[4 \times 10^{-13}] = 12.4$$

b)  $0.025 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of  $Ba(OH)_2$   
strong alkali so dissociates fully

$$2[Ba(OH)_2] = [OH^-]$$

$$10^{-14} = [H^+][2 \times 0.025]$$

$$[H^+] = 2 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$pH = -\log_{10}[2 \times 10^{-13}]$$

$$pH = 12.7$$

## Neutrality:-

- Neutrality is achieved when  $[H^+] = [OH^-]$
- $pH = 7$  is neutral only for  $25^\circ C$

At  $100^\circ C$ ,  $K_w = 51 \times 10^{-14}$  of pure water. Calculate pH of water at  $100^\circ C$ .

$$K_w = [H^+][OH^-]. \text{ As neutral so } [H^+] = [OH^-] \text{ so } K_w = [H^+]^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{51 \times 10^{-14}} = [H^+]$$

$$pH = -\log_{10} [\sqrt{51 \times 10^{-14}}] = 6.15 \quad (\text{At } 100^\circ C, \text{ pH of neutrality is } 6.15!)$$

## Weak acids and $K_a$ :-

- Weak acids only partially ionise:-  $HA \rightleftharpoons H^+ + A^-$  where  $[H^+] = [A^-]$  if only weak acid present in solution

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$$

$$pK_a = -\log_{10} K_a$$

$pK_a$  is just like  $pH$

- lower  $pK_a$  means strong acid

- higher  $pK_a$  means weak acid

- If we have only a weak acid in solution, then  $[H^+] = [A^-]$  so,

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][H^+]}{[HA]} \Rightarrow K_a = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[HA]} \Rightarrow [H^+] = \sqrt{[HA] \times K_a} \Rightarrow pH = -\log_{10} (\sqrt{[HA] \times K_a})$$

## Calculating pH of weak acids:-

a)  $0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of ethanoic acid,  $K_a = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][OH^-]}{[HA]}, \quad [H^+] = [A^-]$$

$$[H^+]^2 = K_a \times [HA] \Rightarrow [H^+] = \sqrt{(1.7 \times 10^{-5}) \times (0.1)}$$

$$[H^+] = 1.3038 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[1.3038 \times 10^{-3}] = 2.88 \approx 2.9$$

b) Calculate  $K_a$  and  $\text{p}K_a$  of  $0.15 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of propanoic acid  
( $\text{pH} = 2.85$ )

$$[H^+] = 10^{-2.85} = 1.412 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

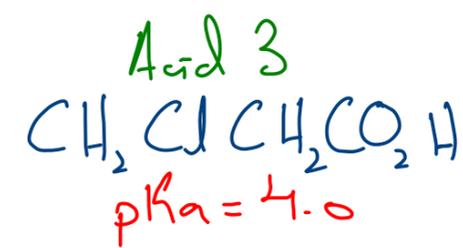
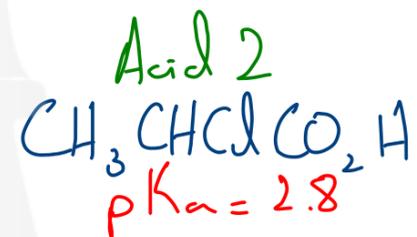
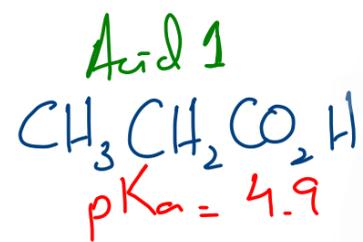
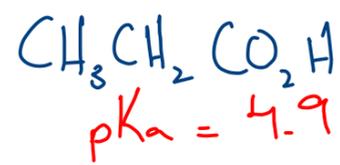
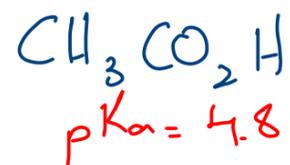
$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]} = \frac{[H^+]^2}{[HA]} = \frac{(1.412 \times 10^{-3})^2}{0.15}$$

$$K_a = 1.33 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log_{10}(1.33 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.876$$

$$K_a = 1.3 \times 10^{-5} \quad \text{p}K_a = 4.9$$

## Strengths of Carboxylic acids:-



gets weaker  $\rightarrow$

- Alkyl chain pushes electron density towards OH bond making it stronger and difficult to break

- Acid 2 is stronger than Acid 1 as chlorine pulls electron density from O-H bond making it weaker and easier to break
- Acid 3 is weaker than Acid 2 as the Cl is further away from O-H bond so it pulls electron density less strongly so the O-H bond does not break easily

5 Dicarboxylic acids dissociate in stages.



(a) The  $\text{p}K_a$  values for stage 1 and stage 2 for some dicarboxylic acids are listed below.

n in $\text{HO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	$\text{p}K_a(1)$ for stage 1	$\text{p}K_a(2)$ for stage 2
1	2.83	5.69
2	4.16	5.61
3	4.31	5.41

For comparison, the  $\text{p}K_a$  of ethanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ , is 4.76.

(i) State the mathematical relationship between  $\text{p}K_a$  and the acid dissociation constant  $K_a$ .

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log_{10}(K_a) \quad [1]$$

(ii) With reference to the table above, suggest why the  $\text{p}K_a(1)$  values

- are all smaller than the  $\text{p}K_a$  of ethanoic acid,

The  $\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  group pulls electron density towards it making the O-H bond weaker and easier to dissociate

- become larger as n increases.

The  $\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  group gets further away and so pulls  $e^-$  density less strongly

(iii) Suggest why all the  $\text{p}K_a(2)$  values in the table above are larger than the  $\text{p}K_a$  of ethanoic acid.

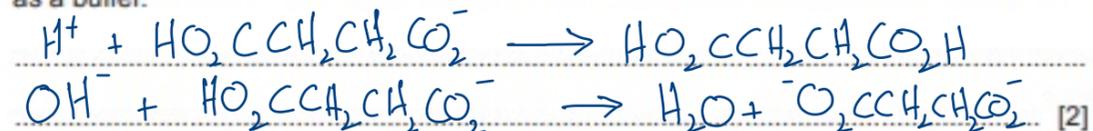
The removal of  $\text{H}^+$  from an anion which attracts it due to its negative charge is more difficult

(b) The monosodium salts of edible dicarboxylic acids are added to some foodstuffs as buffers.

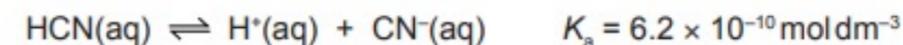
(i) Explain what is meant by the term *buffer solution*.

A solution that maintains an almost constant pH on addition of small amounts of acid or alkali

(ii) Write two equations to show how monosodium butanedioate,  $\text{HO}_2\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Na}$ , acts as a buffer.



3 (a) Hydrogen cyanide, HCN, is a weak acid in aqueous solution.



(i) Calculate the pH of  $0.10 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  HCN(aq).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pH} &= -\log_{10} [\text{H}^+] \rightarrow \text{pH} = -\log_{10} [7.874 \times 10^{-6}] \\ &= 5.1 \\ K_a &= \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = \frac{[\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{HA}]} \\ \sqrt{(6.2 \times 10^{-10} \times 0.10)} &= [\text{H}^+] \\ [\text{H}^+] &= 7.874 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{pH} = 5.1 \quad [2]$$

(c) When sodium oxide reacts with water an alkaline solution is obtained.

(i) Explain why the solution obtained is alkaline. You should use the Brønsted-Lowry theory of acids and bases in your answer.



The  $\text{OH}^-$  ions formed can accept  $\text{H}^+$  and form  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and therefore function as Brønsted Lowry base

(ii) Calculate the pH of the solution obtained when 3.10 g of sodium oxide are added to  $400 \text{ cm}^3$  of water.

$$n \text{ of } \text{Na}_2\text{O} = \frac{3.1}{2(23) + 16} = 0.05 \text{ mol}$$

$$n \text{ of } \text{OH}^- = 0.10 \text{ mol}$$

$$c \text{ of } \text{OH}^- = \frac{n}{V} = \frac{0.1}{400 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.25 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

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

$$10^{-14} = [\text{H}^+][0.25]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 4 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pH} &= -\log_{10} [\text{H}^+] \\ &= -\log_{10} [4 \times 10^{-14}] = 13.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{pH} = 13.4 \quad [3]$$

Buffer Solutions:- A solution which maintains an almost constant pH on the addition of small amounts of acid or alkali.

Buffer solutions can be made in 2 ways:-

1) A weak acid + its salt (this contains the acid's conjugate base)

for e.g.  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  (Acid:  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ , conjugate base:  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$ )

-  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  partially dissociates -  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  completely dissociates

- An equilibrium is established  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^- + \text{H}^+$

• if small amount of acid is added:-



• if small amount of alkali is added:-



2) A weak base + its salt (this contains the base's conjugate acid)

for e.g.  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (Acid:  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , conjugate base:  $\text{NH}_3$ )

Equilibrium is established:-  $\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{OH}^-$

• if small amounts of acid is added:-

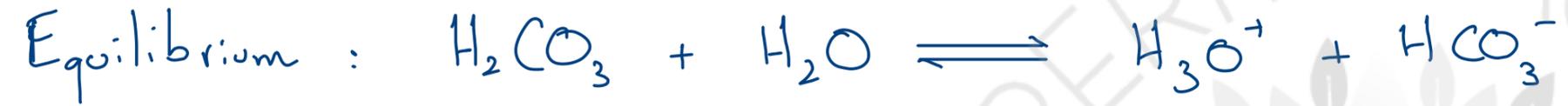


• if small amounts of alkali is added:-



# The Buffering of blood:-

This is done by Carbonic Acid i.e.  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ , its conjugate base i.e.  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  and a bit of help from the respiratory system.



On addition of small amounts of acid (lactic acid being produced during exercise)



↳ not stable so dissociates to

equilibrium shifts to left hand side (acid is not removed!)

On addition of small amounts of alkali:



if this is too much

$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  is unstable and dissociates to  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and forms equilibrium:-



if  $\text{CO}_2$  is not removed, then it will build up too much and equilibrium will shift to left hand side

$\text{CO}_2$  is removed by respiratory system

Calculating pH of buffer solution:-

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$$

for buffers  $[H^+] \neq [A^-]$  as acid partially dissociates while salt completely dissociates

$$\Rightarrow [H^+] = \frac{K_a \times [HA]}{[A^-]}$$

$$\Rightarrow pH = -\log_{10} [H^+]$$

\*  $[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a \times [HA]}$  only applies if weak acid is used! DONOT USE FOR BUFFERS!

\* If equal concentrations of weak acid and its salt is mixed then:-

-  $[HA] = A^-$  → produced by complete dissociation of salt  
↓  
partially dissociates which is negligible

$$- K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]} \Rightarrow K_a = [H^+] \text{ and } pK_a = pH$$

5 The phosphate buffer system operates in biological cells. The buffer contains dihydrogen phosphate,  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ , which acts as a weak acid.



(a) Write an expression for the  $K_a$  of  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ .

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{HPO}_4^{2-}][\text{H}^+]}{[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]} \quad [1]$$

(b) (i) Explain what is meant by the term buffer solution.

Done already

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(ii) Write two equations to show how a solution containing a mixture of  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  and  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  acts as a buffer.



(c) The pH in many living cells is 7.40.

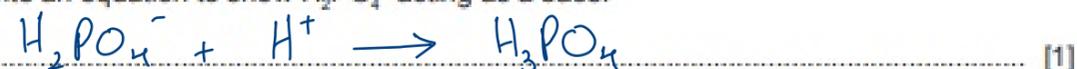


Calculate the value of  $[\text{HPO}_4^{2-}]/[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-]$  needed to give a pH of 7.40 in the cells.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pH} &= -\log_{10} [\text{H}^+] \\ [\text{H}^+] &= 10^{-7.4} = 3.981 \times 10^{-8} \\ K_a &= \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} \Rightarrow \frac{6.31 \times 10^{-8}}{3.981 \times 10^{-8}} = \frac{[\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} = 1.585 \\ [\text{HPO}_4^{2-}]/[\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-] &= 1.59 \quad [3] \end{aligned}$$

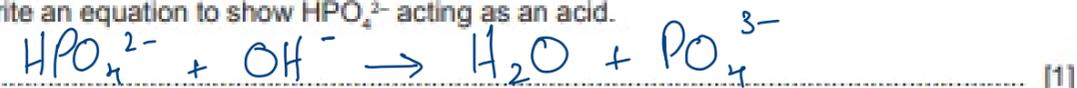
(d) (i) The  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  ion can also act as a base.

Write an equation to show  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  acting as a base.



(ii) The  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  ion can also act as an acid.

Write an equation to show  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  acting as an acid.



(b) (i) Isocyanic acid is a weak acid.  $[\text{H}^+] = [\text{A}^-]$



Calculate the pH of a  $0.10 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  solution of isocyanic acid.

$$\begin{aligned} K_a &= \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} \\ K_a \times [\text{HA}] &= [\text{H}^+]^2 \\ \sqrt{1.2 \times 10^{-4} \times 0.10} &= [\text{H}^+] \\ \text{pH} &= -\log_{10} (1.2 \times 10^{-4} \times 0.10) \\ \text{pH} &= 2.46 \\ \text{pH} &= 2.5 \quad [2] \end{aligned}$$

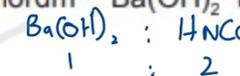
(ii) Sodium cyanate,  $\text{NaNCO}$ , is used in the production of isocyanic acid. Sodium cyanate is prepared commercially by reacting urea,  $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}$ , with sodium carbonate. Other products in this reaction are carbon dioxide, ammonia and steam.

Write an equation for the production of  $\text{NaNCO}$  by this method.



Formation of buffer solution

(c) Barium hydroxide,  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$ , is completely ionised in aqueous solutions. During the addition of  $30.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$   $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$  to  $20.0 \text{ cm}^3$  of  $0.100 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  isocyanic acid, the pH was measured.



(i) Calculate the  $[\text{OH}^-]$  at the end of the addition.

$$\begin{aligned} n \text{ of HNCO} &= c \times V = 0.1 \times 20 \times 10^{-3} = 2 \times 10^{-3} \\ n \text{ of Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \text{ neutralised} &= 1 \times 10^{-3} \\ n \text{ of Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \text{ added originally} &= c \times V = 0.1 \times 30 \times 10^{-3} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \\ n \text{ of Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \text{ remaining} &= (3 - 1) \times 10^{-3} = 2 \times 10^{-3} \\ n \text{ of OH}^- \text{ remaining} &= 4 \times 10^{-3} \\ [\text{OH}^-] &= \frac{4 \times 10^{-3}}{50 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.08 \\ [\text{OH}^-] &= 0.08 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \quad [2] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Use your value in (i) to calculate  $[\text{H}^+]$  and the pH of the solution at the end of the addition.

$$\begin{aligned} K_w &= [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] \\ 10^{-14} &= [\text{H}^+][0.08] \\ [\text{H}^+] &= 1.25 \times 10^{-13} \\ \text{pH} &= -\log_{10} (1.25 \times 10^{-13}) = 12.9 \\ \text{final } [\text{H}^+] &= 1.25 \times 10^{-13} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \\ \text{final pH} &= 12.9 \quad [2] \end{aligned}$$

(b) (i) Write the expression for  $K_w$ , the ionic product of water.

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

(ii) The numerical value of  $K_w$  increases with increasing temperature.



Place a tick (✓) in the appropriate column in each row to show the effect of increasing the temperature of water on the pH and on the ratio  $[H^+]:[OH^-]$ .

effect of increasing temperature of water	decrease	stay the same	increase
pH	✓		
ratio $[H^+]:[OH^-]$		✓	

(c) An aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide has a pH of 13.25 at 298K.

Calculate the concentration of this sodium hydroxide solution.

$$[H^+] = 10^{-13.25}$$

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

$$10^{-14} = [10^{-13.25}][OH^-]$$

$$[OH^-] = 0.1778$$

concentration = 0.178 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> [2]

(e) The  $K_a$  for ethanoic acid is  $1.75 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup> at 298K.

(i) When ethanoic acid is dissolved in water, an equilibrium mixture containing two acid-base pairs is formed.

Write an equation for this equilibrium. In the boxes label each species acidic or basic to show its behaviour in this equilibrium.



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(ii) A buffer solution was prepared by adding 30.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.25 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> ethanoic acid, an excess, to 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.15 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> sodium hydroxide.

Calculate the pH of the buffer solution formed at 298K. Give your answer to one decimal place.

$$n \text{ of NaOH} = c \times V = 0.15 \times 20 \times 10^{-3} = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} = [CH_3CO_2Na] = [CH_3CO_2^-] = [A^-]$$

$$n \text{ of } CH_3CO_2H = c \times V = 0.25 \times 30 \times 10^{-3} = 7.5 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$n \text{ of } CH_3CO_2H \text{ remaining} = (7.5 - 3) \times 10^{-3} = 4.5 \times 10^{-3} = [HA]$$

$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]} \Rightarrow 1.75 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[H^+][3 \times 10^{-3}]}{[4.5 \times 10^{-3}]}$$

$$\Rightarrow [H^+] = 2.625 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$pH = -\log_{10} [2.625 \times 10^{-5}] = 4.58$$

pH = 4.6 [4]

3 (a) (i) Use mathematical expressions to define the following terms.

- $\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [\text{H}^+]$
- $K_a$  for a weak acid, HA =  $\frac{[\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{HA}]}$

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(ii) Write equations to show how a buffer solution consisting of a mixture of HA(aq) and NaA(aq) controls pH when an acid or an alkali is added.



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(b) When chlorine dissolves in water the following reaction occurs.



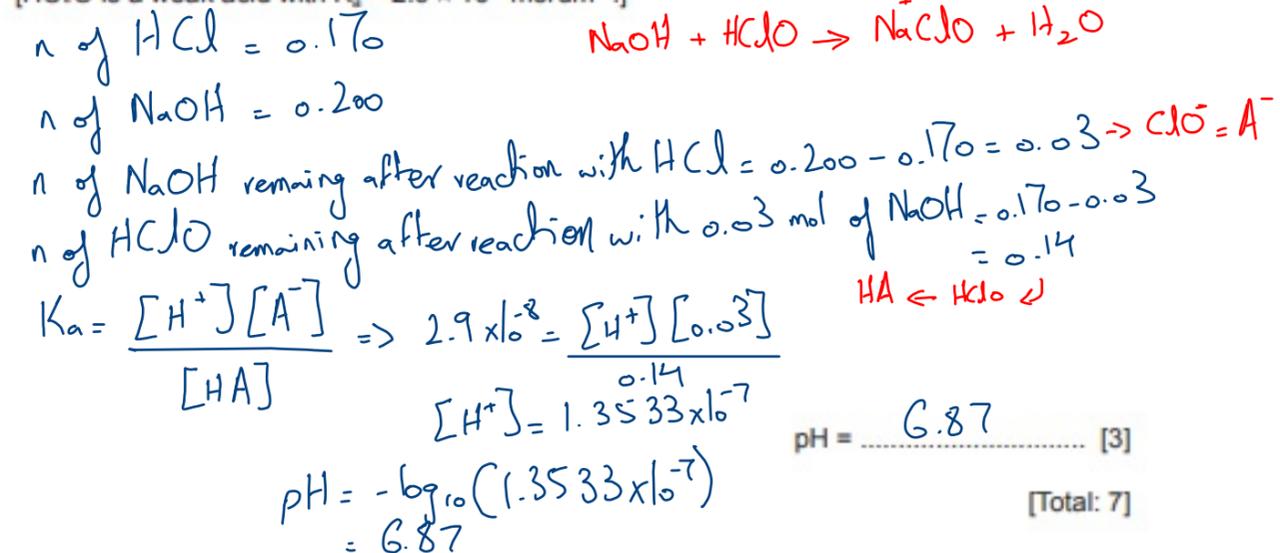
When solutions of chlorine are used for water purification, the pH of the solution of chlorine is kept near to pH 7 by the addition of a base.

Chlorine is dissolved in water to produce 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> of a solution containing 0.170 mol of HClO and 0.170 mol of HCl.

A buffer solution is then prepared by adding 0.200 mol of NaOH(s) to this solution. The NaOH reacts initially with the HCl.

Calculate the pH of the buffer solution.

[HClO is a weak acid with  $K_a = 2.9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .]



pH = 6.87 [3]

[Total: 7]

(b) Bromic(I) acid, HOBr(aq), is a weak acid. Its  $K_a$  is  $2.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

(i) Calculate the pH of 0.20 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HOBr(aq).

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+]^2}{[\text{HA}]}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{2 \times 10^{-9} \times [0.20]}$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}(2 \times 10^{-5}) = 4.7$$

pH = 4.7 [2]

(ii) 5.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.20 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> potassium hydroxide, KOH, are added to 20.0 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.20 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> HOBr(aq).

Calculate the pH of the buffer solution produced.

$n$  of KOH =  $c \times V = 0.20 \times 5 \times 10^{-3} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$   
 $n$  of HOBr =  $c \times V = 0.20 \times 20 \times 10^{-3} = 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$   
 $n$  of HOBr remaining =  $(4 - 1) \times 10^{-3} = 3 \times 10^{-3}$   
 $[\text{A}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-3} / 25 \times 10^{-3}$       $[\text{HA}] = 3 \times 10^{-3} / 25$   
 $\text{pH} = -\log_{10}(6 \times 10^{-9}) = 8.22$   
 $K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} \Rightarrow 2 \times 10^{-9} \times \frac{3 \times 10^{-3}}{25} = [\text{H}^+]$   
 $[\text{H}^+] = 6 \times 10^{-9}$   
 $\text{pH} = 8.2$

pH = 8.2 [2]

[Total: 9]

Solubility Product:- A sparingly soluble salt will establish an equilibrium with its aqueous ions in water.



$$- K_c = \frac{[\text{Ag}^+]_{(aq)} [\text{Cl}^-]_{(aq)}}{[\text{AgCl}_{(s)}]} \rightarrow \text{almost constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{sp} = [\text{Ag}^+] [\text{Cl}^-]$$

solubility product

$[\text{Ag}^+]$  : solubility of  $\text{Ag}^+$   
 $[\text{Cl}^-]$  : solubility of  $\text{Cl}^-$

$$[\text{Ag}^+] = [\text{Cl}^-]$$

- solubility product remains constant for a constant temperature

Q.  $\text{AgCl}_{(s)}$  is stirred into pure water at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  until equilibrium is reached, the concentration of silver chloride in the resulting solution is found to be  $1.41 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . Find  $K_{sp}$ .

$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ag}^+] [\text{Cl}^-] \quad [\text{AgCl}] = [\text{Ag}^+] = [\text{Cl}^-]$$

$$K_{sp} = (1.41 \times 10^{-5})^2 = 1.99 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$$

Q. The  $K_{sp}$  value of Zinc sulphide at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  is  $1.0 \times 10^{-24} \text{ mol}^2 \text{ dm}^{-6}$ , find its solubility



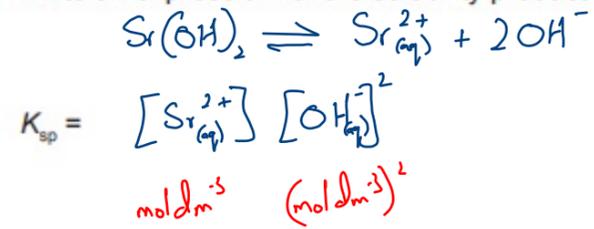
$$K_{sp} = [\text{Zn}^{2+}] [\text{S}^{2-}]$$

$$1 \times 10^{-24} = (x)(x) \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{1 \times 10^{-24}}$$

$$x = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

(b) The solubility of  $\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2$  is  $3.37 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .

(i) Write an expression for the solubility product of  $\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2$ .



[1]

(ii) Calculate the value of  $K_{\text{sp}}$  at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . Include units in your answer.

$$[\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2] = 3.37 \times 10^{-2} = [\text{Sr}^{2+}] \quad [\text{OH}^-] = 2 \times 3.37 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$K_{\text{sp}} = (3.37 \times 10^{-2})(2 \times 3.37 \times 10^{-2})^2$$

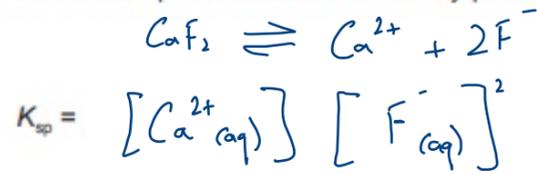
$$= 1.53 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$K_{\text{sp}} = \dots\dots\dots 1.53 \times 10^{-4} \quad \text{units} = \text{mol}^3 \text{dm}^{-9} \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

[2]

(d) The numerical value of the solubility product,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , of  $\text{CaF}_2$  is  $3.45 \times 10^{-11}$  at 298 K.

(i) Write an expression for the solubility product of  $\text{CaF}_2$ . Include its units.



$$\text{units} = \text{mol}^3 \text{dm}^{-9} \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

[2]

(ii) Calculate the solubility of  $\text{CaF}_2$  at 298 K.

$$[\text{Ca}^{2+}] = x \quad [\text{F}^-] = 2x$$

$$3.45 \times 10^{-11} = [x][2x]^2$$

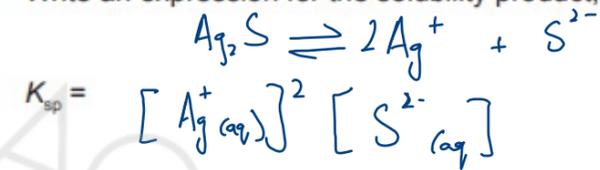
$$3.45 \times 10^{-11} = 4x^3 \Rightarrow x = 2.05 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{solubility} = \dots\dots\dots 2.05 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

[1]

5 Silver sulfide,  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$ , is very insoluble in water.

(a) (i) Write an expression for the solubility product,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}(\text{s})$ .



[1]

(ii) The solubility of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}(\text{s})$  in water at 298 K is  $1.16 \times 10^{-17} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

Calculate the numerical value of the solubility product,  $K_{\text{sp}}$ , of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}(\text{s})$  at 298 K.

$$K_{\text{sp}} = [2 \times 1.16 \times 10^{-17}]^2 \times [1.16 \times 10^{-17}]$$

$$= 6.243 \times 10^{-51} \text{ mol}^3 \text{dm}^{-9}$$

$$K_{\text{sp}} = \dots\dots\dots 6.24 \times 10^{-51} \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

[2]

(iii) Calculate the minimum volume of water needed to dissolve 1.00 g of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}(\text{s})$  under standard conditions.

$$n \text{ of } \text{Ag}_2\text{S} = \frac{1}{2(107.9) + 32.1} = 4.03388 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$1.16 \times 10^{-17} \times 1 \text{ dm}^3$$

$$4.03388 \times 10^{-3} : x \text{ dm}^3$$

$$x = 3.477 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$\text{volume} = \dots\dots\dots 3.48 \times 10^{-14} \text{ dm}^3 \quad \dots\dots\dots$$

[2]

# Common ion effect:-

- A salt is less soluble in a solution which already contains the ions present in the salt.
- If a solution containing one of the ions of the salt is added to a saturated solution of the salt, some of the salt must precipitate out.

For e.g. A saturated solution of  $MgCO_3$  is made



if  $Na_2CO_3$  solution is now added the  $[CO_3^{2-}]$  increases so equilibrium shifts to left hand side so  $MgCO_3$  is precipitated out

2 (a) The table lists values of solubility products,  $K_{sp}$ , of some Group 2 carbonates.

	solubility product in water at 298 K, $K_{sp} / \text{mol}^2 \text{dm}^{-6}$
$MgCO_3$	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$
$CaCO_3$	$5.0 \times 10^{-9}$
$SrCO_3$	$1.1 \times 10^{-10}$

Use the data in the table to describe the trend in the solubility of the Group 2 carbonates down the group.

solubility decreases

[1]

(b) (i) Write an equation to show the equilibrium for the solubility product for  $MgCO_3$ . Include state symbols.



[1]

(ii) With reference to your equation in (i), suggest what is observed when a few  $\text{cm}^3$  of concentrated  $Na_2CO_3(aq)$  are added to a saturated solution of  $MgCO_3$ . Explain your answer.

$MgCO_3$  precipitates out as addition of  $Na_2CO_3$  increases concentration of  $CO_3^{2-}$  in solution. The equilibrium shifts to the left hand side and so  $MgCO_3$  precipitates out.

[2]

(c) Use the data in the table to calculate the solubility of  $MgCO_3$  in water at 298 K, in  $\text{g dm}^{-3}$ .

$$K_{sp} = [Mg^{2+}][CO_3^{2-}] \quad \text{solubility (g/dm}^3) = \frac{\sqrt{1 \times 10^{-5}} \times Mr}{\text{dm}^3}$$
$$1 \times 10^{-5} = x^2 \quad = \frac{\sqrt{1 \times 10^{-5}} \times 84.3}{\text{dm}^3}$$
$$x = \sqrt{1 \times 10^{-5}} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \quad = 0.2666$$

solubility of  $MgCO_3 = 0.27 \text{ g dm}^{-3}$  [2]

# Partition Coefficients:-

- If a particular solute is dissolved in an immiscible mixture of 2 liquids such as  $I_2$  being dissolved in water and hexane

An equilibrium is established:  $I_2(aq) \rightleftharpoons I_2(\text{hexane})$

-  $K_{\text{partition}} = \frac{[I_2(\text{hexane})]_{\text{eqm}}}{[I_2(aq)]_{\text{eqm}}}$  (make sure you always show this expression as you could have defined it the other way round)

-  $K_{\text{partition}}$  has no units.

If 0.35 g of iodine is shaken with 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of water and 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of hexane and the mixture allowed to establish equilibrium, the concentration of iodine in the aqueous layer is found to be  $4.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.

Find the number of moles of iodine used initially.

$$n = \frac{0.35}{2(126.9)} = 1.379 \times 10^{-3}$$

Find the number of moles of iodine present in the aqueous layer.

$$n = c \times V = 4 \times 10^{-3} \times 100 \times 10^{-3} = 4 \times 10^{-4}$$

Find the concentration of iodine in the hexane layer.

$$n \text{ of } I_2(\text{hexane}) = 1.379 \times 10^{-3} - 4 \times 10^{-4} = 9.79 \times 10^{-4}$$
$$[I_2(\text{hexane})] = \frac{9.79 \times 10^{-4}}{100 \times 10^{-3}} = 9.79 \times 10^{-3}$$

Hence find the partition coefficient.

For  $I_2(aq) \rightleftharpoons I_2(\text{hexane})$

$$K_{\text{partition}} = \frac{[I_2(\text{hexane})]}{[I_2(aq)]} = \frac{9.79 \times 10^{-3}}{4 \times 10^{-3}} = 2.4475$$
$$= 2.4$$

(d) (i) Explain what is meant by the term *partition coefficient*,  $K_{\text{partition}}$ .

Ratio of concentration of solute in 2 immiscible solvents at equilibrium.

$$\text{For: } X(y) \rightleftharpoons Z(a) \quad K_{\text{partition}} = \frac{[Z(a)]}{[X(y)]} \quad [2]$$

(ii) The partition coefficient of organic compound H between dichloromethane and water is 4.75.

- 2.50 g of compound H was dissolved in water and made up to 100 cm<sup>3</sup> in a volumetric flask.
- 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of this aqueous solution were shaken with 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of dichloromethane.

Calculate the mass of compound H that was extracted into the dichloromethane.

in 50 cm<sup>3</sup>, 1.25 g of H would be present

$$H_{(\text{aq})} \rightleftharpoons H_{(\text{dichloromethane})} \Rightarrow K_{\text{partition}} = \frac{[H_{(\text{dichloromethane})}]}{[H_{(\text{aq})}]}$$

lets say x g was extracted

$$4.75 = \frac{x/10}{\frac{1.25-x}{50}} \Rightarrow 0.11875 - 0.095x = 0.1x$$

$$0.11875 = 0.195x$$

$$x = 0.60897 \text{ g}$$

mass of compound H extracted = 0.61 g [2]

[Total: 14]

Successive extractions:- Using successive extractions with less amount of solvent portions will extract more mass.

(ii) When 100 cm<sup>3</sup> of an aqueous solution containing 0.50 g of an organic compound X was shaken with 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of hexane, it was found that 0.40 g of X was extracted into the hexane.

Calculate the partition coefficient of X between hexane and water.



$$K_{\text{partition}} = \frac{[X_{(\text{hexane})}]}{[X_{(\text{aq})}]} = \frac{0.40/20}{0.10/100} = 20 \text{ (no units)}$$

(iii) If two 10 cm<sup>3</sup> portions of hexane were used instead of a single 20 cm<sup>3</sup> portion, calculate the total amount of X extracted and compare this with the amount extracted using one 20 cm<sup>3</sup> portion.

$$K_{\text{partition}} = \frac{[X_{(\text{hexane})}]}{[X_{(\text{aq})}]}$$

lets say x gets extracted in 1st time and y gets extracted 2nd time

$$20 = \frac{x/10}{\frac{0.5-x}{100}}$$

$$0.1 - 0.2x = 0.1x$$

$$0.1 = 0.3x$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \text{ g}$$

$$20 = \frac{y/10}{\frac{0.5 - \frac{1}{3} - y}{100}}$$

$$0.1 - \frac{1}{15} - 0.2y = 0.1y$$

$$\frac{1}{30} = 0.3y \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\text{extracted} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} = 0.44 \text{ g}$$

0.44 > 0.40 so more extracted!

[5]

- (b) When 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of ethoxyethane were shaken with 75 cm<sup>3</sup> of an aqueous solution containing 5.00 g of an organic compound, J, in 75 cm<sup>3</sup> of water, it was found that 2.14 g of J were extracted into the ethoxyethane.

Calculate the partition coefficient,  $K_{\text{partition}}$ , of J between ethoxyethane and water.

$$J_{(\text{aq})} \rightleftharpoons J_{(\text{ethoxyethane})}$$

$$K_{\text{partition}} = \frac{[J_{(\text{ethoxyethane})}]}{[J_{(\text{aq})}]} = \frac{2.14/20}{5-2.14} = 2.8059$$

$$K_{\text{partition}} = 2.8 \text{ no units} \quad [2]$$

- (c) In a new experiment

- 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of ethoxyethane were shaken with 75 cm<sup>3</sup> of an aqueous solution containing 5.00 g of J and the layers were separated.
- The aqueous layer was shaken with a second 10 cm<sup>3</sup> portion of ethoxyethane and the layers were separated.
- The two organic layers were combined.

Use the value of  $K_{\text{partition}}$  you calculated in (b) to calculate the total mass of J extracted by this procedure.

lets say x extracted 1st time

$$2.8 = \frac{x/10}{5-x} \Rightarrow \frac{14}{75} - \frac{14}{375}x = \frac{x}{10}$$

$$x = 1.359$$

y extracted 2nd time

$$2.8 = \frac{y/10}{3.64-y} = 0.136 - \frac{14}{375}y = \frac{y}{10}$$

$$y = 0.9909$$

$$\text{total mass of J} = 2.35 \quad [2]$$