

## Section 8.5: Calculations Involving Basic Solutions

### Tutorial 1 Practice, page 527

1. **Given:**  $[\text{KOH}(\text{aq})] = 0.00100 \text{ mol/L}$

**Required:**  $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]$ ,  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$

**Analysis:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 0.00100 \text{ mol/L}$  because KOH is a strong base.

$$[\text{H}^+] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}$$

**Solution:**  $[\text{H}^+] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{0.00100}$

$$[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = 1.00 \times 10^{-11} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$$

2. **Given:**  $[\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2(\text{aq})] = 0.042 \text{ mol}/2.00\text{L} = 0.021 \text{ mol/L}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 0.042 \text{ mol/L}$  because  $\text{Sr}(\text{OH})_2$  is a strong base producing 2 mol  $\text{OH}^-$  per mole of compound

**Solution:**  $\text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$   
 $= -\log(0.042) = 1.688$

$$\text{pOH} = 1.377$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - \text{pOH}$$

$$\text{pH} = 12.64$$

### Tutorial 2 Practice, page 529

1. (a) From table,  $K_b(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-) = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$

(b) From table,  $K_a(\text{H}_3\text{BO}_3) = 5.8 \times 10^{-10}$

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

$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{5.8 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$K_b = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$$

2. **Given:**  $[\text{base}] = 0.20 \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $K_b = 3.82 \times 10^{-10}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**

	$\text{base}(\text{aq})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{base}^+(\text{aq})$	+	$\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
<b>I</b>	0.20		0		0
<b>C</b>	$-x$		$+x$		$+x$
<b>E</b>	$0.20 - x$		$x$		$x$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{base}^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{base}(\text{aq})]}$$

**Solution:**  $3.82 \times 10^{-10} = \frac{(x)(x)}{(0.20 - x)}$

$$3.82 \times 10^{-10} \approx \frac{(x)(x)}{0.20}$$

$$x^2 \approx 7.64 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$x = [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$$

$$\approx 8.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$$

pOH =  $-\log(8.74 \times 10^{-5})$

pOH = 4.06

pH = 14.00 - 4.06

pH = 8.94

**3. Given:**  $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_4] = 4.5 \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $K_b = 1.7 \times 10^{-6}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**

	$\text{N}_2\text{H}_4(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{N}_2\text{H}_5^+(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
<b>I</b>	4.5		-		0		0
<b>C</b>	-x		-		+x		+x
<b>E</b>	4.5 - x		-		x		x

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{N}_2\text{H}_4(\text{aq})]}$$

**Solution:**  $1.7 \times 10^{-6} = \frac{(x)(x)}{(4.5 - x)}$

$$1.7 \times 10^{-6} \approx \frac{(x)(x)}{4.5}$$

$$x^2 \approx 7.65 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$x = [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$$

$$\approx 2.77 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$$

pOH =  $-\log(2.77 \times 10^{-3})$

pOH = 2.56

pH = 14.00 - 2.56

pH = 11.44

### Section 8.5 Questions, page 530

1. (a) **Given:**  $[\text{NaOH (aq)}] = 0.00300 \text{ mol/L}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**  $[\text{OH}^- \text{(aq)}] = 0.00300 \text{ mol/L}$  because KOH is a strong base.

**Solution:**  $\text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^- \text{(aq)}]$   
 $= -\log(0.00300) = 2.523$

$\text{pH} = 14.000 - \text{pOH}$   
 $= 14.000 - 2.523$

$\text{pH} = 11.477$

(b) **Given:**  $[\text{Ba(OH)}_2 \text{(aq)}] = 0.0020 \text{ mol/L}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**  $[\text{OH}^- \text{(aq)}] = 0.0040 \text{ mol/L}$  because  $\text{Ba(OH)}_2$  is a strong base producing 2 mol  $\text{OH}^-$  per mole of compound

**Solution:**  $\text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^- \text{(aq)}]$   
 $= -\log(0.0040) = 2.40$

$\text{pOH} = 2.40$

$\text{pH} = 14.00 - \text{pOH}$

$\text{pH} = 11.60$

(c) **Given:**  $[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2 \text{(aq)}] = 0.010 \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $K_b = 9.6 \times 10^{-4}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**

	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2 \text{(aq)}$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+ \text{(aq)}$	+	$\text{OH}^- \text{(aq)}$
<b>I</b>	0.010		0		0
<b>C</b>	$-x$		$+x$		$+x$
<b>E</b>	$0.010 - x$		$x$		$x$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+ \text{(aq)}][\text{OH}^- \text{(aq)}]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2 \text{(aq)}]}$$

**Solution:**  $9.6 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{(x)(x)}{(0.010 - x)}$

$$9.6 \times 10^{-4} \approx \frac{(x)(x)}{0.010}$$

$$x^2 \approx 9.6 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$x = [\text{OH}^- \text{(aq)}]$$

$$\approx 3.10 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(3.10 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$\text{pOH} = 2.51$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 2.51$$

$$\text{pH} = 11.49$$

(d) **Given:**  $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_4] = 0.0250 \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $K_b = 1.7 \times 10^{-6}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**

	$\text{N}_2\text{H}_4(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{N}_2\text{H}_5^+(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
<b>I</b>	0.0250		–		0		0
<b>C</b>	– $x$		–		$+ x$		$+ x$
<b>E</b>	$0.0250 - x$		–		$x$		$x$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{H}_5^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{N}_2\text{H}_4(\text{aq})]}$$

**Solution:**  $1.7 \times 10^{-6} = \frac{(x)(x)}{(0.0250 - x)}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1.7 \times 10^{-6} &\approx \frac{(x)(x)}{0.0250} \\ x^2 &\approx 4.25 \times 10^{-8} \\ x &= [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] \\ &\approx 2.06 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(2.06 \times 10^{-4})$$

$$\text{pOH} = 3.69$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 3.69$$

$$\text{pH} = 10.31$$

2. (a) From table,  $K_a(\text{H}_2\text{S}) = 1.1 \times 10^{-7}$

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

$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{1.1 \times 10^{-7}}$$

$$K_b = 9.1 \times 10^{-8}$$

(b)  $K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4}$

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

$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{7.2 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$K_b = 1.4 \times 10^{-11}$$

(c) From table,  $K_a(\text{HCN}) = 6.2 \times 10^{-10}$

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

$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{6.2 \times 10^{-10}}$$

$$K_b = 1.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

(d) From table,  $K_a(\text{HF}) = 6.6 \times 10^{-4}$

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

$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{6.6 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$K_b = 1.5 \times 10^{-11}$$

3. (a) **Given:**  $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3(\text{aq})] = 0.01 \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $K_b = 7.5 \times 10^{-7}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**

	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3^+(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
<b>I</b>	0.01		–		0		0
<b>C</b>	– $x$		–		$+ x$		$+ x$
<b>E</b>	$0.01 - x$		–		$x$		$x$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_3^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3(\text{aq})]}$$

**Solution:**  $7.5 \times 10^{-7} = \frac{(x)(x)}{(0.01 - x)}$

$$7.5 \times 10^{-7} \approx \frac{(x)(x)}{0.01}$$

$$x^2 \approx 7.5 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$x = [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$$

$$\approx 8.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(8.7 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$\text{pOH} = 4.06$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 4.06$$

$$\text{pH} = 9.94$$

(b) **Given:**  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq})] = 0.001 \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $K_b = 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$

**Required:** pH

**Analysis:**

	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
<b>I</b>	0.001		–		0		0
<b>C</b>	– $x$		–		$+ x$		$+ x$
<b>E</b>	$0.001 - x$		–		$x$		$x$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq})]}$$

**Solution:**  $1.0 \times 10^{-6} = \frac{(x)(x)}{(0.001 - x)}$

$$1.0 \times 10^{-6} \approx \frac{(x)(x)}{0.001}$$

$$x^2 \approx 1.0 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$x = [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$$

$$\approx 3.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(3.2 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$\text{pOH} = 4.50$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 4.50$$

$$\text{pH} = 9.50$$

**4. (a) Given:**  $[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{N}(\text{aq})] = 0.20 \text{ mol/L}; K_b = 4.0 \times 10^{-4}$

**Required:**  $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})], [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})], \text{pH}$

**Analysis:**

	$(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{N}(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}^+(\text{aq})$	$+$	$\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
<b>I</b>	0.20		–		0		0
<b>C</b>	– x		–		+ x		+ x
<b>E</b>	$0.20 - x$		–		x		x

$$K_b = \frac{[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{NH}^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{N}(\text{aq})]}$$

**Solution:**  $4.0 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{(x)(x)}{(0.20 - x)}$

$$4.0 \times 10^{-4} \approx \frac{(x)(x)}{0.20}$$

$$x^2 \approx 8.00 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$x = [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$$

$$\approx 8.94 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{8.94 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = 1.12 \times 10^{-11} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(1.12 \times 10^{-11})$$

$$= 11.95$$

**Statement:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 8.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}; [\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = 1.1 \times 10^{-11} \text{ mol/L};$

$\text{pH} = 11.95$

(b) **Given:**  $[\text{HONH}_2(\text{aq})] = 0.20 \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $K_b = 1.1 \times 10^{-8}$

**Required:**  $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]$ ,  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$ , pH

**Analysis:**

	$\text{HONH}_2(\text{aq})$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{NH}_2^+(\text{aq})$	+	$\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
<b>I</b>	0.20		0		0
<b>C</b>	$-x$		$+x$		$+x$
<b>E</b>	$0.20 - x$		$x$		$x$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{NH}_2^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{HONH}_2(\text{aq})]}$$

**Solution:**  $1.1 \times 10^{-8} = \frac{(x)(x)}{(0.20 - x)}$

$$1.1 \times 10^{-8} \approx \frac{(x)(x)}{0.20}$$
$$x^2 \approx 2.2 \times 10^{-9}$$
$$x = [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$$
$$\approx 4.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{4.7 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = 2.1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(2.1 \times 10^{-10})$$
$$= 9.67$$

**Statement:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 4.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] = 2.1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ mol/L}$ ; pH = 9.7

5. **Given:**  $[\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2] = 0.00040 \text{ mol/L}$ ;  $K_b = 5.0 \times 10^{-11}$

**Required:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$ , pOH, pH

**Solution:**

$[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 0.00080 \text{ mol/L}$  because  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  is a strong base.

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(0.00080)$$
$$= 3.10$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 3.10$$

$$\text{pH} = 10.90$$

**Statement:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 0.00080 \text{ mol/L}$ ; pOH = 3.10; pH = 10.90

6. (a) **Given:**  $[\text{KOH}] = 25 \text{ g/L}$

**Required:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$ , pOH, pH

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{25 \cancel{\text{g}}}{\text{L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{56.0 \cancel{\text{g}}} = 0.45 \text{ mol/L}$$

$[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 0.45 \text{ mol/L}$  because KOH is a strong base.

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(0.45)$$

$$= 0.35$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 0.35$$

$$\text{pH} = 13.65$$

**Statement:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 0.45 \text{ mol/L}$ ; pOH = 0.35; pH = 13.65

(b) **Given:**  $[\text{NaOH}] = 150.0 \text{ g/L}$

**Required:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$ , pOH, pH

$$\text{Solution: } \frac{150.0 \cancel{\text{g}}}{\text{L}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{40.00 \cancel{\text{g}}} = 3.75 \text{ mol/L}$$

$[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 3.75 \text{ mol/L}$  because NaOH is a strong base.

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(3.75)$$

$$= -0.57$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - (-0.57)$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.57$$

**Statement:**  $[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 3.75 \text{ mol/L}$ ; pOH = -0.57; pH = 14.57

7. **Given:** pH = 11.80;  $K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

**Required:**  $[\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})]$

**Analysis:**  $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$

**Solution:**

$$\text{pOH} = 14.00 - 11.80 = 2.20$$

$$[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 10^{-2.20}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 6.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})]}$$

$$1.8 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{(6.3 \times 10^{-3})(6.3 \times 10^{-3})}{[\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})]}$$

$$[\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})] = \frac{(6.3 \times 10^{-3})(6.3 \times 10^{-3})}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$[\text{NH}_3] = 2.2 \text{ mol/L}$$

8. Answers will vary. Sample answer: Use chemical safety goggles and/or a full face shield where splashing is possible. Wear protective clothing, including gloves, lab coat, or apron. Work in fume hood.



$$9. (a) K_b = \frac{[\text{HCO}_2\text{H}(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{HCO}_2^-(\text{aq})]}$$

$$(b) K_a = \frac{[\text{HCO}_2^-(\text{aq})][\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]}{[\text{HCO}_2\text{H}(\text{aq})]}$$

$$(c) K_b \times K_a = \frac{[\text{HCO}_2\text{H}(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{HCO}_2^-(\text{aq})]} \times \frac{[\text{HCO}_2^-(\text{aq})][\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]}{[\text{HCO}_2\text{H}(\text{aq})]}$$

$$K_b \times K_a = \frac{[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{1} \times \frac{[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})]}{1} = K_w$$

10. (a) **Given:** pH = 11.2;  $K_b = 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$

**Required:**  $[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(\text{aq})]$

**Analysis:**  $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$

**Solution:**

$$\text{pOH} = 14.00 - 11.20 = 2.80$$

$$[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 10^{-2.80}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L}$$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]}{[\text{NH}_3(\text{aq})]}$$

$$4.4 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-3})(1.6 \times 10^{-3})}{[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(\text{aq})]}$$

$$[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2(\text{aq})] = \frac{(1.6 \times 10^{-3})(1.6 \times 10^{-3})}{4.4 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$[\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_2] = 0.0058 \text{ mol/L}$ ; this is not the correct concentration.

(b) The solution is too dilute.

(c) Answers may vary. Sample answer: A Coast Guard cocktail is a combination of drugs, including ephedrine that is used to prevent seasickness. The ephedrine prevents the drowsiness that is a side effect of the other drug. It is not now generally used because ephedrine can cause nausea, insomnia, confusion, and occasionally hypertension.