

**FIRST EXAM**

Closed book, one page of notes allowed.

Answer all questions. Please state any additional assumptions you made, and show all work.  
You are welcome to use a graphical method of solution if it is appropriate.

Miscellaneous Information:

$$R = 1.987 \text{ cal/mole}^\circ\text{K} = 8.314 \text{ J/mole}^\circ\text{K}$$

$$\text{Absolute zero} = -273.15^\circ\text{C}$$

$$1 \text{ joule} = 0.239 \text{ calories}$$

$$540 \text{ calories} = 1 \text{ Big Mac}$$

1. (50%) What is the pH of a  $10^{-2.00}$  M solution of Sodium fluoride (NaF)? Calculate this for each of the three conditions below (obviously, the ionic strength will never be zero for this solution, but let's assume the ideal case for part "a" and "b" anyway).
- $25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $I = 0$
  - $100^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $I = 0$
  - $25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $I = 0.25$

**Preferred Approach**

- recognize that this is a simple base problem
- then adopt an appropriate set of assumptions, and solve for  $[\text{H}^+]$
- finally correct  $\text{pK}_a$  (and  $\text{pK}_w$ ) for temperature, ionic strength, and repeat
- check assumptions

**a.  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $I = 0$** 

Assume a weak base:  $[\text{F}^-] \gg [\text{HF}]$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \sqrt{K_b C + K_w}$$

if the  $\text{pK}_a$  for HF/F (at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and  $I=0$ ) is 3.2, then the  $\text{pK}_b$  is  $14-3.2$  or  $10.8$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \sqrt{10^{-10.8} 10^{-2.00} + 10^{-14}} = 4.105 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = \frac{K_w}{[\text{OH}^-]} = \frac{10^{-14}}{10^{-6.39}} = 10^{-7.61}$$

$$\text{pH} = 7.61$$

Check Assumptions:

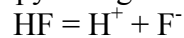
$$[\text{F}^-] \gg [\text{HF}] \text{ or: } \frac{[\text{F}^-]}{[\text{HF}]} \gg 1$$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{F}^-]}{[\text{HF}]}$$

$$\frac{[\text{F}^-]}{[\text{HF}]} = \frac{K_a}{[\text{H}^+]} = \frac{10^{-3.2}}{10^{-7.61}} = 10^{+4.4}, \quad \text{YES!!!}$$

**b. 100°C, I = 0**

determine enthalpy change for the HF dissociation reaction:



$$\begin{aligned} \Delta H^\circ &= \sum \nu_i \Delta H_f^\circ \\ &= \Delta H_{\text{F}^-}^\circ + \Delta H_{\text{H}^+}^\circ - \Delta H_{\text{HF}}^\circ \\ &= -80.15 + 0 - (-77.23) \\ &= -2.92 \text{ Kcal / mole} \end{aligned}$$

then re-estimate  $K_a$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{K_2}{K_1} &= \frac{\Delta H^\circ (T_2 - T_1)}{2.303 RT_2 T_1} \\ \log \frac{K_{100}}{K_{25}} &= \frac{-2.92 \text{ Kcal / mole} (373.15 - 298.15)}{2.303 (1.987 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Kcal / mole}) 373.15 (298.15)} \\ &= -0.430 \\ \log K_{100} &= \log K_{25} - 0.430 \\ &= -3.2 - 0.430 \\ &= -3.63 \end{aligned}$$

$$K_{100} = 2.34 \times 10^{-4}$$

Do the same for  $K_w$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta H^\circ &= \sum v_i \Delta H_f^\circ \\
&= \Delta H_{OH^-}^\circ + \Delta H_{H^+}^\circ - \Delta H_{H_2O}^\circ \\
&= -54.957 + 0 - (-68.317) \\
&= 13.36 \text{ Kcal / mole}
\end{aligned}$$

then re-estimate  $K_w$

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \frac{K_2}{K_1} &= \frac{\Delta H^\circ (T_2 - T_1)}{2.303 RT_2 T_1} \\
\log \frac{K_{100}}{K_{25}} &= \frac{-13.36 \text{ Kcal / mole} (373.15 - 298.15)}{2.303 (1.987 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Kcal / mole}) 373.15 (298.15)} \\
&= 1.97 \\
\log K_{100} &= \log K_{25} + 1.97 \\
&= -14 + 1.97 \\
&= -12.03
\end{aligned}$$

$$K_{w100} = 9.29 \times 10^{-13}$$

and now:

As before, assume a weak base:  $[F^-] \gg [HF]$

$$[OH^-] = \sqrt{K_b C + K_w}$$

if the  $pK_a$  for HF/F (at 100° C and  $I=0$ ) is 3.63, then the  $pK_b$  is 14-3.63 or 10.37

$$[OH^-] = \sqrt{10^{-10.37} 10^{-2.00} + 10^{-12.03}} = 6.36 \times 10^{-6} = 10^{-5.20}$$

$$[H^+] = \frac{K_w}{[OH^-]} = \frac{10^{-12.03}}{10^{-5.20}} = 10^{-6.84}$$

$$\text{pH} = 6.84$$

Check Assumptions:

$$[F^-] \gg [HF] \text{ or: } \frac{[F^-]}{[HF]} \gg 1$$

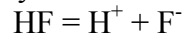
$$K_a = \frac{[H^+][F^-]}{[HF]}$$

$$\frac{[F^-]}{[HF]} = \frac{K_a}{[H^+]} = \frac{10^{-3.63}}{10^{-6.84}} = 10^{+3.21}, \quad \text{YES!!!}$$

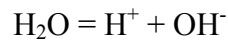
If you had not adjusted  $K_w$  for the higher temperature, you would have calculated that  $\text{pH}=7.82$ .

**c. 25°C, I = 0.25**

determine activity coefficients for the species in the reaction:



And for



For this level, use the simple Davies equation for the charged species, and assume no change in the activity of the uncharged species:

$$\log f - 0.5(z)^2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{I}}{1 + \sqrt{I}} - 0.2I \right)$$

so:

$$\begin{aligned} \log f_{F^-} = \log f_{H^+} = \log f_{OH^-} - 0.5(1)^2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{0.25}}{1 + \sqrt{0.25}} - 0.2(0.25) \right) &= -0.142 \\ f_{F^-} = f_{H^+} = f_{OH^-} &= 0.722 \end{aligned}$$

then re-estimate  $K_a$  and  $K_w$  under this condition, i.e., the conditional  $K$ 's

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c K_a &= K_a \frac{\gamma_{HF}}{\gamma_{H^+} \gamma_{F^-}} \\ &= 10^{-3.2} \frac{1}{0.722 \times 0.722} \\ &= 1.2 \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 10^{-2.92} \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^c K_w &= K_w \frac{\gamma_{H_2O}}{\gamma_{H^+} \gamma_{OH^-}} \\
&= 10^{-14} \frac{1}{0.722 \times 0.722} \\
&= 1.92 \times 10^{-14} \\
&= 10^{-13.72}
\end{aligned}$$

and now:

As before, assume a weak base:  $[F^-] \gg [HF]$

$$[OH^-] = \sqrt{K_b C + K_w}$$

if the  $pK_a$  for HF/F (at 25° C and  $I=0.25$ ) is 2.92, then the  $pK_b$  is 13.72-2.92 or 10.80

$$[OH^-] = \sqrt{10^{-10.80} 10^{-2.00} + 10^{-13.72}} = 4.22 \times 10^{-7} = 10^{-6.38}$$

$$[H^+] = \frac{K_w}{[OH^-]} = \frac{10^{-13.72}}{10^{-6.38}} = 10^{-7.34}$$

now we must recognize that pH is related to proton activity not concentration

$$\begin{aligned}
pH &= -\log\{H^+\} = -\log(f_{H^+} [H^+]) = -\log(0.722 \times 10^{-7.34}) \\
&\quad \text{pH} = 7.48
\end{aligned}$$

Check Assumptions:

$$[F^-] \gg [HF] \text{ or: } \frac{[F^-]}{[HF]} \gg 1$$

$${}^c K_a = \frac{[H^+][F^-]}{[HF]}$$

$$\frac{[F^-]}{[HF]} = \frac{{}^c K_a}{[H^+]} = \frac{10^{-2.92}}{10^{-7.34}} = 10^{+4.42}, \quad \text{YES!!!}$$

2. (40%) What is the complete composition of a 1-liter volume of water containing  $10^{-2}$  M of ammonium bisulfide ( $\text{NH}_4\text{HS}$ )? Approximate values ( $\pm 0.2$  log units) will suffice.

### Approach

- prepare a logC vs pH diagram for ammonia system ( $C_T=0.01$  M) and the acetic acid system ( $C_T = 0.01\text{M}$ ) superimposed over it.
- write the PBE and find a solution
- read off concentrations from the graph

This is a good problem for the graphical solution (no acid/base conjugates added, nor any strong acids or bases). The first task is then to prepare the species lines on our usual log C vs pH axes (see below)

Recall that we're adding ammonium cation ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ) and the partially deprotonated bisulfide ( $\text{HS}^-$ ). These are simple solutions of two unrelated acids/bases. Therefore we don't have any acid/conjugate base mixtures, nor do we have an acids or bases that have been partly titrated with a strong acid or base. This means we are free to use the PBE, and in fact, should use the PBE (an ENE won't give us a "clean" or identifiable intersection).

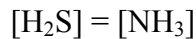
Thus, the PBE is:

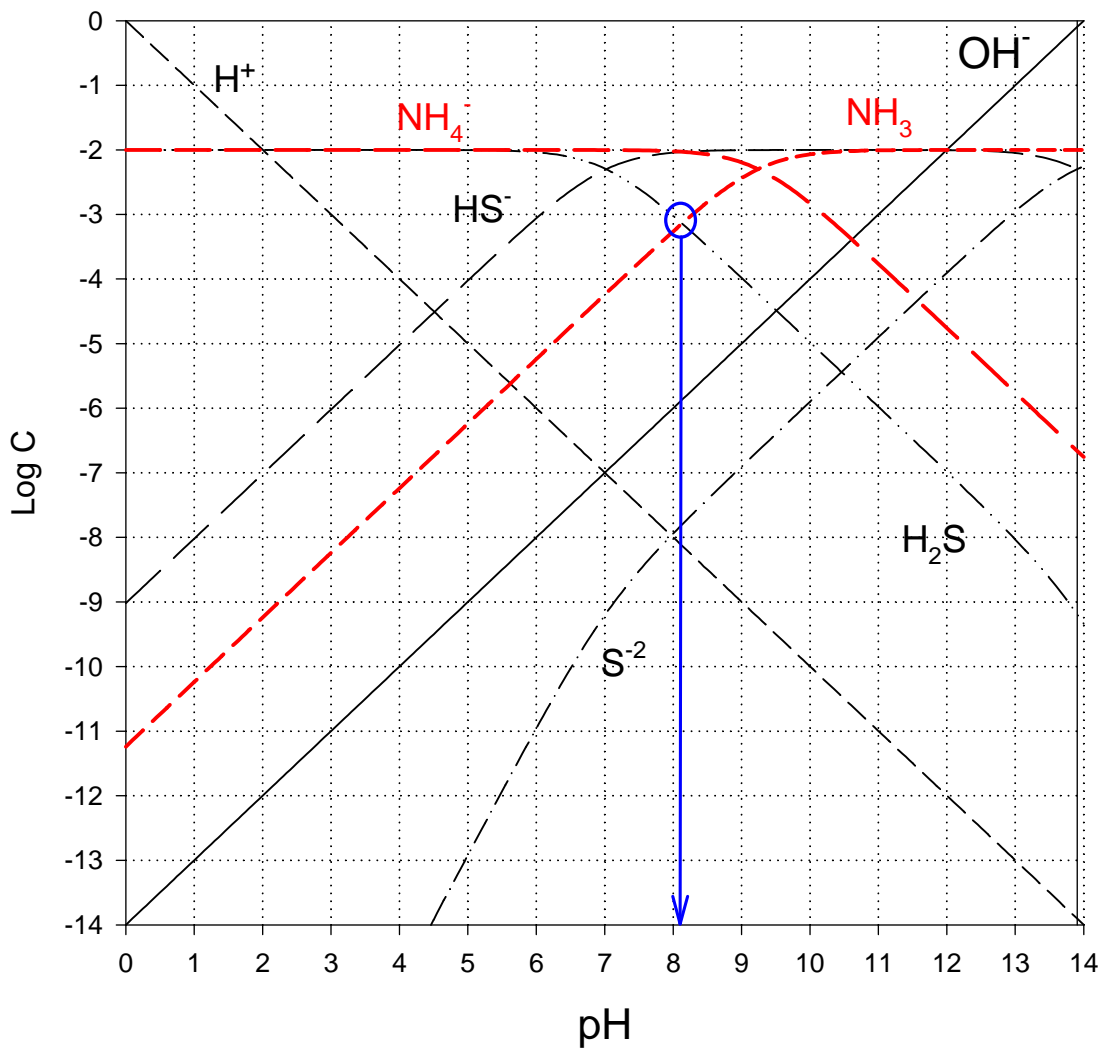


And if we presume that  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$  are insignificant, we get:



And going a step further we might presume that the sulfide is small as well. This gives us the PBE intersection





pH  $\approx$  8.15  
 log [H<sub>2</sub>S]  $\approx$  -3.15  
 log [HS<sup>-</sup>]  $\approx$  -2.0  
 log [S<sup>-2</sup>]  $\approx$  -7.8  
 log [NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>]  $\approx$  -2.0  
 log [NH<sub>3</sub>]  $\approx$  -3.1  
 log [OH<sup>-</sup>]  $\approx$  -5.85

[H<sup>+</sup>]  $\approx$  7.1 x 10<sup>-9</sup>  
 [H<sub>2</sub>S]  $\approx$  7.0 x 10<sup>-4</sup>  
 [HS<sup>-</sup>]  $\approx$  1 x 10<sup>-2</sup>  
 [S<sup>-2</sup>]  $\approx$  2 x 10<sup>-8</sup>  
 [NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>]  $\approx$  1 x 10<sup>-2</sup>  
 [NH<sub>3</sub>]  $\approx$  8 x 10<sup>-4</sup>  
 [OH<sup>-</sup>]  $\approx$  1.4 x 10<sup>-6</sup>

Check assumptions:

[H<sub>2</sub>S]  $\gg$  [H<sup>+</sup>]  
 10<sup>-3.15</sup>  $\gg$  10<sup>-8.15</sup>, YES

[NH<sub>3</sub>]  $\gg$  [OH<sup>-</sup>]  
 10<sup>-3.1</sup>  $\gg$  10<sup>-5.85</sup>, again YES

3. (10%) True/False. Mark each one of the following statements with either a "T" or an "F".

- a.   **T**   Water is an amphoteric substance.
- b.   **F**   A nano gram is equivalent to one-thousandths of a milligram.
- c.   **T**   The third most common gas in the atmosphere is argon
- d.   **T**   Non-carbonate hardness only exists in waters with alkalinities less than than their total hardness.
- e.   **T**   Mass defects are directly proportional to nuclear binding energy
- f.   **T**   The Guntelberg Approximation says that activity coefficients are dependent on charge and ionic strength, but not on ion size.
- g.   **F**   The reactivity of neutral species is unaffected by changes in ionic strength.
- h.   **F**   Increases in ionic strength cause a increase in the pKa of an acid, if the fully-protonated form of the acid is an uncharged species.
- i.   **T**   The standard assumption used for calculating the pH of buffer solutions is that [H+] and [OH-] are negligible.
- j.   **T**   The value of  $\alpha_0$  plus  $\alpha_1$  must always equal unity for a monoprotic acid.



## Selected Acidity Constants (Aqueous Solution, 25°C, I = 0)

NAME	FORMULA	pK <sub>a</sub>
Perchloric acid	$\text{HClO}_4 = \text{H}^+ + \text{ClO}_4^-$	-7 STRONG
Hydrochloric acid	$\text{HCl} = \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$	-3
Sulfuric acid	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 = \text{H}^+ + \text{HSO}_4^-$	-3 (&2) ACIDS
Nitric acid	$\text{HNO}_3 = \text{H}^+ + \text{NO}_3^-$	-0
Hydronium ion	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ = \text{H}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0
Trichloroacetic acid	$\text{CCl}_3\text{COOH} = \text{H}^+ + \text{CCl}_3\text{COO}^-$	0.70
Iodic acid	$\text{HIO}_3 = \text{H}^+ + \text{IO}_3^-$	0.8
Bisulfate ion	$\text{HSO}_4^- = \text{H}^+ + \text{SO}_4^{2-}$	2
Phosphoric acid	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 = \text{H}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	2.15 (&7.2,12.3)
o-Phthalic acid	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{COOH})_2 = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{COOH})\text{COO}^-$	2.89 (&5.51)
Citric acid	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}(\text{COOH})_3 = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{O}(\text{COOH})_2\text{COO}^-$	3.14 (&4.77,6.4)
Hydrofluoric acid	$\text{HF} = \text{H}^+ + \text{F}^-$	3.2
Aspartic acid	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{N}(\text{COOH})_2 = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{N}(\text{COOH})\text{COO}^-$	3.86 (&9.82)
m-Hydroxybenzoic acid	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})\text{COOH} = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})\text{COO}^-$	4.06 (&9.92)
p-Hydroxybenzoic acid	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})\text{COOH} = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})\text{COO}^-$	4.48 (&9.32)
Nitrous acid	$\text{HNO}_2 = \text{H}^+ + \text{NO}_2^-$	4.5
Acetic acid	$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} = \text{H}^+ + \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$	4.75
Propionic acid	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COOH} = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO}^-$	4.87
Carbonic acid	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 = \text{H}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^-$	6.35 (&10.33)
Hydrogen sulfide	$\text{H}_2\text{S} = \text{H}^+ + \text{HS}^-$	7.02 (&13.9)
Dihydrogen phosphate	$\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- = \text{H}^+ + \text{HPO}_4^{2-}$	7.2
Hypochlorous acid	$\text{HOCl} = \text{H}^+ + \text{OCl}^-$	7.5
Boric acid	$\text{B}(\text{OH})_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{H}^+ + \text{B}(\text{OH})_4^-$	9.2 (&12.7,13.8)
Ammonium ion	$\text{NH}_4^+ = \text{H}^+ + \text{NH}_3$	9.24
Hydrocyanic acid	$\text{HCN} = \text{H}^+ + \text{CN}^-$	9.3
p-Hydroxybenzoic acid	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})\text{COO}^- = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{O})\text{COO}^{2-}$	9.32
Phenol	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH} = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}^-$	9.9
m-Hydroxybenzoic acid	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})\text{COO}^- = \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{O})\text{COO}^{2-}$	9.92
Bicarbonate ion	$\text{HCO}_3^- = \text{H}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{2-}$	10.33
Monohydrogen phosphate	$\text{HPO}_4^{2-} = \text{H}^+ + \text{PO}_4^{3-}$	12.3
Bisulfide ion	$\text{HS}^- = \text{H}^+ + \text{S}^{2-}$	13.9
Water	$\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$	14.00
Ammonia	$\text{NH}_3 = \text{H}^+ + \text{NH}_2^-$	23
Methane	$\text{CH}_4 = \text{H}^+ + \text{CH}_3^-$	34

Species	$\Delta \overline{H}_f^o$ kcal/mole	$\Delta \overline{G}_f^o$ kcal/mole
Ca <sup>+2</sup> (aq)	-129.77	-132.18
CaCO <sub>3</sub> (s), calcite	-288.45	-269.78
CaO (s)	-151.9	-144.4
C(s), graphite	0	0
CO <sub>2</sub> (g)	-94.05	-94.26
CO <sub>2</sub> (aq)	-98.69	-92.31
CH <sub>4</sub> (g)	-17.889	-12.140
H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (aq)	-167.0	-149.00
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-165.18	-140.31
CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> (aq)	-161.63	-126.22
CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> , acetate	-116.84	-89.0
H <sup>+</sup> (aq)	0	0
H <sub>2</sub> (g)	0	0
HF (aq)	-77.23	-71.63
F <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-80.15	-67.28
Fe <sup>+2</sup> (aq)	-21.0	-20.30
Fe <sup>+3</sup> (aq)	-11.4	-2.52
Fe(OH) <sub>3</sub> (s)	-197.0	-166.0
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-49.372	-26.43
NH <sub>3</sub> (g)	-11.04	-3.976
NH <sub>3</sub> (aq)	-19.32	-6.37
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> (aq)	-31.74	-19.00
HNO <sub>3</sub> (aq)	-49.372	-26.41
O <sub>2</sub> (aq)	-3.9	3.93
O <sub>2</sub> (g)	0	0
OH <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-54.957	-37.595
H <sub>2</sub> O (g)	-57.7979	-54.6357
H <sub>2</sub> O (l)	-68.3174	-56.690
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-3</sup> (aq)	-305.30	-243.50
HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup> (aq)	-308.81	-260.34
H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-309.82	-270.17
H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (aq)	-307.90	-273.08
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	-216.90	-177.34
HS <sup>-</sup> (aq)	-4.22	3.01
H <sub>2</sub> S(g)	-4.815	-7.892
H <sub>2</sub> S(aq)	-9.4	-6.54

