FINAL EXAM Solutions

Closed book, three pages of notes allowed.

Answer any 3 of the 4 Questions. Each is worth 331/3%. Please indicate clearly which 3 questions you wish to be graded. State any important assumptions you made, and show all work. If you don't have time to complete a section, please describe how you would solve the problem (without using a computer program such as MINEQL).

Miscellaneous Information:

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

Absolute zero = -273.15°C

1 joule = 0.239 calories

1. Alkalinity & Buffering (33 1/3%)

You have been asked to prepare a 10 mM phosphate buffer designed to hold pH at 7.0 (25°C, assume $I^{\sim}0$). The two chemicals at your disposal are Na₃PO₄ and HCl.

A. How much of each compound (in mM concentration) would you add to create your buffer?

This is essentially a titration between the base and the acid

$$Na_3PO_4 + xHCl = yHPO_4^{-2} + zH_2PO_4^{-} + 3Na^+ + xCl^-$$

Also note that to balance the protons in this equation, x=y+2z

The target pH or "endpoint" can be determined with empiricial Henderson Hasselbach Equation

$$pH = pK_a + log \frac{C_A}{C_{HA}}$$

Where C_A is the form of phosphate that is prevalent above the pK_a (i.e., HPO_4^{-2}) and C_{HA} is the prevalent form below the pK_a (i.e., $H_2PO_4^{-1}$).

$$\frac{C_A}{C_{HA}} = 10^{pH - pK_a}$$

$$\frac{C_A}{C_{HA}} = \frac{y}{z} = 10^{(7.0-7.2)} = 10^{-0.2} = 0.63096$$

Since the buffer is 10mM, the sum of the two forms of phosphate must equal 10⁻²M

$$C_A + C_{HA} = 10^{-2} = 0.01$$

And solving the two equations for the two unknowns gives us;

$$\frac{C_A}{0.01 - C_A} = 0.63096$$

$$C_A = 0.0063096 - 0.63096C_A$$

$$C_A + 0.63096C_A = 0.0063096$$

$$C_A = \frac{0.0063096}{1 + 0.63096} = \mathbf{0.00387}$$

$$C_{HA} = 0.01 - C_A = \mathbf{0.00613}$$

And since C_A (HPO_4^{-2})has one proton and C_{HA} ($H_2PO_4^{-1}$) has two protons, the total amount of HCl needed is $C_A + 2C_{HA}$

$$HCl = C_A + 2C_{HA} = 0.00387 + 2 * 0.00613 = 0.01613M$$

And of course,

$$H_3PO_4 = \mathbf{0.01}M$$

B. If you were to elevate the solution pH to 8.0, how much more Na₃PO₄ would you need to add to the pH 7.0 buffer prepared in part A (again in mM)?

Now recognize this is a similar problem but now the pH must be 8.0 and the titration is with a base. This titration is:

$$xNa_3PO_4 + 0.00387 HPO_4^{-2} + 0.00613 H_2PO_4^{-1} + 0.03 Na^+ + 0.01613 Cl^- = yHPO_4^{-2} + zH_2PO_4^{-1} + wNa^+$$

Also note that to balance the to balance the protons in this equation, 0.01613=y+2z, and to balance the phosphate, x + 0.01 = y + z

Again, the target pH or "endpoint" can be determined with empiricial Henderson Hasselbach Equation

$$pH = pK_a + log \frac{C_A}{C_{HA}}$$

Where, as before C_A is the form of phosphate that is prevalent above the pK_a (i.e., HPO_4^{-2}) and C_{HA} is the prevalent form below the pK_a (i.e., $H_2PO_4^{-1}$).

$$\frac{C_A}{C_{HA}} = \frac{y}{z} = 10^{(8.0 - 7.2)} = 10^{0.8} = 6.3096$$

Now we have 2 equations and 2 unknowns, so rearranging the proton mass balance we get y=0.01613-2z, and substituting this into the HH equation above

$$\frac{y}{z} = \frac{0.01613 - 2z}{z} = 6.3096$$

$$6.3096z = 0.01613 - 2z$$

$$8.3096z = 0.01613$$

$$z = \mathbf{0.000738}$$

$$y = 0.01613 - 2z = \mathbf{0.01465}$$

$$x = y + z - 0.01 = 0.000738 + 0.01465 - 0.01 = \mathbf{0.00539} \text{ M}$$

so, you need to add 5.39 mM Na3PO4 to get to pH 8

2. Redox (33 1/3%)

Ferrate (iron in the +VI oxidation state) is being considered for use in potable water treatment. You have been asked to pilot a ferrate treatment system on a small community in eastern MA. You will be adding about 25 μ M of ferrate to the water in the form of the oxyanion salt (FeO₄-2). Shortly after adding the ferrate you will need to add hypochlous acid (as NaOCI) to maintain a disinfectant residual. Your concern is that any unreacted ferrate might react with the added hypochlorous acid forming chlorite which is regulated by the EPA at 1 mg/L.

- 1. Write a balanced equation for the oxidation of hypochlorous acid (HOCl) to chlorite (ClO_2) by ferrate (FeO_4 -2).
- 2. Determine the overall standard potential (E_{net}⁰) for this reaction from the half cell potentials in the attached table.

First select the relevant half cell reactions from the table of data:

<u>Rcn</u>	Half Cell Reaction	ΔE° (Volts)
Α	$\frac{1}{3}\text{FeO}_4^{-2} + 2\frac{1}{3}\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- = \frac{1}{3}\text{Fe}^{+3} + \frac{1}{3}\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+2.20
В	$\frac{1}{2}$ HOCl + $\frac{1}{2}$ H ⁺ + e ⁻ = $\frac{1}{2}$ Cl ⁻ + $\frac{1}{2}$ H ₂ O	+1.48
С	$\frac{1}{4}CIO_{2}^{-} + H^{+} + e^{-} = \frac{1}{4}CI^{-} + \frac{1}{2}H_{2}O$	+1.61

Note that I chose three reactions as there was no single half cell reaction for the reduction of chlorite to hypochlorous acid, and that one would have to be created from the summation of the reduction of chlorite to chloride and then the oxidation of chloride to hypochlorous acid. This requies that we reverse equation C and multiply it by a factor of 2 so that the chloride is cancelled out.

A
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
HOCl + $\frac{1}{2}$ H⁺ + e⁻ = $\frac{1}{2}$ Cl⁻ + $\frac{1}{2}$ H₂O +1.48
-2C $\frac{1}{2}$ Cl⁻ + H₂O = $\frac{1}{2}$ ClO₂⁻ + 2H⁺ + 2e⁻ -2(+1.61)
D $\frac{1}{2}$ HOCl + $\frac{1}{2}$ H₂O = e⁻ + $\frac{1}{2}$ ClO₂⁻ + 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ H⁺ -1.74

Now add the new half cell reaction (D) to reaction A to get the overall balanced equation and the standard potential for the reaction

D
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
HOCl + $\frac{1}{2}$ H₂O = e⁻ + $\frac{1}{2}$ ClO₂⁻ + $\frac{1}{2}$ H⁺ -1.74
A $\frac{1}{2}$ FeO₄⁻² + $\frac{2}{3}$ H⁺ + e⁻ = $\frac{1}{3}$ Fe⁺³ + $\frac{1}{3}$ H₂O +2.20
E $\frac{1}{3}$ FeO₄⁻² + $\frac{1}{2}$ HOCl + $\frac{1}{2}$ H⁺ = $\frac{1}{2}$ ClO₂⁻ + $\frac{1}{3}$ Fe⁺³ + $\frac{1}{2}$ H₂O +0.46

3. Determine the equilibrium constant (K) for this reaction and comment on what thermodynamics tells you about whether this is a favorable reaction in a typical drinking water distribution system.

The equilibrium constant is then:

$$K = e^{(16.95*E_{net}^0)}$$

$$K = e^{(16.95*0.46)} = \mathbf{2.43}x\mathbf{10^3}$$

Which also means:

$$2.43x10^{3} = \frac{[ClO_{2}^{-}]^{0.5}[Fe^{+3}]^{0.33}}{[FeO_{4}^{-2}]^{0.33}[HOCl]^{0.5}[H^{+}]^{1.1667}}$$

In any case, the positive E_{net}^0 tells us that this reaction is **favorable** under standard state conditions, but it doesn't tell us specifically about other conditions.

4. Consider that this water will be at near neutral pH. Under this condition what would the Fe⁺³ concentration be? Explain.

We know that at neutral pH free ferric iron is low in concentration due to precipitation of ferric hydroxide

Equilibria Log K

$$Fe(OH)_{3 (s)} = Fe^{+3} + 3OH^{-}$$
 -38.8

So based on this equilibrium, the Fe⁺³ concentration at neutral pH can be calculated from:

$$10^{-38.8} = [Fe^{+3}][OH^{-}]^{3}$$
$$[Fe^{+3}] = 10^{-38.8}[OH^{-}]^{-3}$$

And at pH 7

$$[Fe^{+3}] = 10^{-38.8}[10^{-7}]^{-3} = 10^{-17.8}$$

5. How does this affect your judgment about the likelihood that ferrate will oxidized hypochlorous acid to chlorite under these conditions?

Based on the equilibrium expression:

$$\mathbf{2.43x10^3} = \frac{[ClO_2^-]^{0.5} [Fe^{+3}]^{0.33}}{[FeO_4^{-2}]^{0.33} [HOCl]^{0.5} [H^+]^{1.1667}}$$

So at neutral pH ([H $^+$] $\sim 10^{-7}$), we get:

$$\mathbf{2.43x10^3} = \frac{[ClO_2^-]^{0.5} [Fe^{+3}]^{0.33}}{[FeO_4^{-2}]^{0.33} [HOCl]^{0.5} [H^+]^{1.1667}}$$

$$\mathbf{1.67x10^{-5}} = \frac{[ClO_2^-]^{0.5} [Fe^{+3}]^{0.33}}{[FeO_4^{-2}]^{0.33} [HOCl]^{0.5}}$$

Now plugging the calculated value for free ferric iron we get:

$$\mathbf{1.67x10^{-5}} = \frac{[ClO_2^-]^{0.5}[10^{-17.8}]^{0.33}}{[FeO_4^{-2}]^{0.33}[HOCl]^{0.5}}$$

$$\mathbf{1.67x10^{-5}} = \frac{[ClO_2^-]^{0.5}10^{-5.87}}{[FeO_4^{-2}]^{0.33}[HOCl]^{0.5}}$$

14. **22** =
$$\frac{[ClO_2^-]^{0.5}}{[FeO_4^{-2}]^{0.33}[HOCl]^{0.5}}$$

Now taking an assumed ferrate concentration of 25 μ M and a typical chlorine concentration of 0.7 mg/L (10⁻⁵M), we can estimate the chlorite formed.

14. 22 =
$$\frac{[ClO_2^-]^{0.5}}{[2.5x10^{-5}]^{0.33}[10^{-5}]^{0.5}}$$
$$[ClO_2^-]^{0.5} = 0.00131$$
$$[ClO_2^-] = 1.7\mu M$$

The relatively low molar concentration tells us that this reaction is likely to occur, but under drinking water treatment conditions, it will not go to completion. Only about 20% of the chlorine is likely to form chlorite at equilibrium under these conditions.

3. Solubility (33 1/4%)

Schock, Wagner and Oliphant (1996)¹ published a careful study of lead solublity under conditions of relevance to water treatment systems. In their model they cite the equilibria below for 25°C and zero ionic strength.

<u>Equilibria</u>	Log K
$Pb^{+2} + H_2O = PbOH^+ + H^+$	-7.22
$Pb^{+2} + 2H_2O = Pb(OH)_2^0 + 2H^+$	-16.91
$Pb^{+2} + 3H_2O = Pb(OH)_3^- + 3H^+$	-28.08
$Pb_5(PO_4)_3OH_{(s)} = 5Pb^{+2} + 3PO_4^{-3} + H_2O$	-62.83

A. Using these equilibria, prepare a graph of log C vs pH for all soluble species over the pH range of 8 to 11. Assume there is a total phosphate concentration of 1 mg/L as P. Show the four soluble lead species as well as the total soluble lead that is in equilibrium with the lead hydroxyl phosphate solid from the table above $(Pb_5(PO_4)_3OH_{(5)})$.

¹ Chapter 4 from: <u>Internal Corrosion of Water Distribution System</u>, (2nd ed) by Snoeyink, Wagner et al., 1996 (AWWARF, Denver, CO)

- B. Estimate the pH where the soluble lead level exceeds the EPA regulatory action level
- C. Explain in qualitative terms how an increase in the phosphate dose would affect soluble lead in this pH range
- D. Explain in qualitative terms how high levels of carbonate might impact soluble lead levels

First the pH dependence of PO₄⁻³ is given by the alpha-3:

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{\frac{[H^+]^3}{K_1 K_2 K_3} + \frac{[H^+]^2}{K_2 K_3} + \frac{[H^+]}{K_3} + 1}$$

But in the pH range of 8-11 you are between the pK2 and pK3, so that K_1 , $K_2 >> [H+] >> K_3$. This means that the third term in the denomator will dominate, and the alpha-3 can be simplified to:

$$\alpha_3 \approx \frac{1}{\underline{[H^+]}} = \frac{K_3}{K_2} / [H^+]$$

So:

$$[PO_4^{-3}] \approx P_T^{K_3}/_{[H^+]}$$

$$log[PO_4^{-3}] \approx pH - pP_T - pK_3$$

And since phosphorus has MW of 30.97, the 1 mg-P/L concentration is equal to 10^{-4.49} M. Therefore:

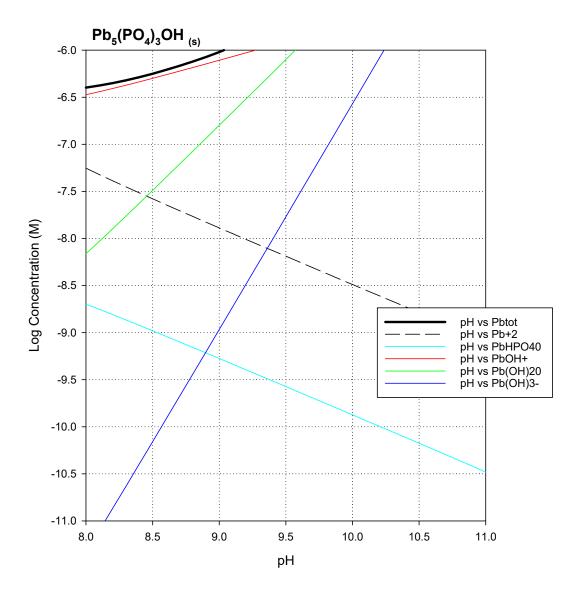
$$log[PO_4^{-3}] \approx pH - 4.49 - 12.3$$

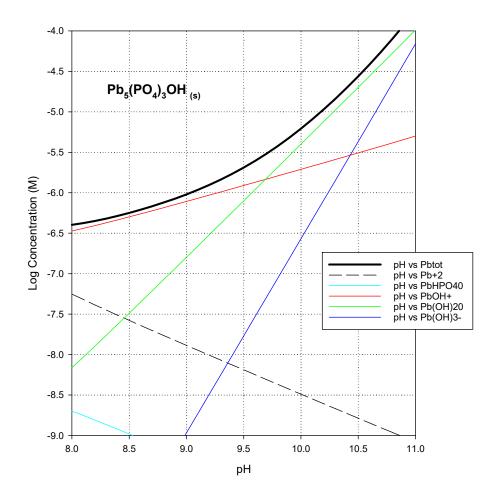
 $log[PO_4^{-3}] \approx pH - 16.79$

Now from the solubility product equation

$$5 \log[Pb^{+2}] = -62.83 - 3 \log[PO_4^{-3}]$$
$$\log[Pb^{+2}] = \frac{-62.83}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \log[PO_4^{-3}]$$
$$\log[Pb^{+2}] \approx \frac{-62.83}{5} - \frac{3}{5} (pH - 16.79)$$

 $10^{-62.83} = [Pb^{+2}]^5 [PO_4^{-3}]^3$





4. Multiple Choice and True/False (33 1/2%)

Answer all 20 of the following questions. The first 10 are multiple choice. Please indicate which of the options is the best choice.

- 1. The molar ratio of carbon to nitrogen to phosphorus in algae:
 - a. is about 106:16:1
 - b. is called the Redfield Ratio
 - c. is used to predict nutrient limitation in natural waters
 - d. all of the above
 - e. none of the above
- 2. The third most prevalent gas in the atmosphere is:
 - a. argon
 - b. helium
 - c. carbon dioxide
 - d. ozone
 - e. none of the above
- 3. On Dalton is
 - a. the weight of a proton
 - b. one 12th the weight of Carbon-12
 - c. the weight of a hydrogen atom
 - d. a mass unit developed by Timothy Dalton
 - e. a mass unit developed in Dalton, MA
- 4. V-SMOW is:
 - a. a standard established by the IAEA in Vienna
 - b. associated with a precise ratio of deuterium to ¹H
 - c. a value that can be used to estimate the age of water
 - d. all of the above
 - e. none of the above
- 5. The law of mass action states that:
 - a. all matter can be converted to energy
 - b. all chemical processes can be reduced to a series of elementary reactions
 - c. atoms and molecules are always in motion
 - d. all of the above
 - e. none of the above
- 6. The Van't Hoff equation:
 - a. can be used to estimate ratios of base and acid in producing a buffer solution
 - b. can be used to adjust equilibrium constants to changes in temperature
 - c. is one of many models for adjusting activity for different ionic strengths
 - d. all of the above
 - e. none of the obove

7. The strong acid assumption is most effectively used when:	
a. you've added a large amount of acid to water	
b. the pKa of acid you've added is well below the pH of the water	
c. the pH of your water is low	
d. the solution contains several acids	
e. you have not added any strong bases	
8. The "f" value in a titration is:	
a. always equal to one	
b. never exceeds one	
c. the reciprocal of the "g" value	
d. directly proportional to number of the base equivalents added	
e. used as a direct measure of the pH, when there are no colorime	tric indicators
9. The local maximum of a buffer intensity curve for a pure acid/base system	m occurs at:
a. the very end of the titration of that system	
 b. the pH where this acid/base system must be used, if it is to buffer 	pe used as a laboratory
c. the pH of the pure acid	
d. a point where the acid can no longer neutralize any more base	
e. the pH equal to the pKa of the acid/base system	
10. Phenolphthalein	
a. is used whenever you don't have a pH meter	
b. is one of the strongest ligands ever discovered	
c. can be used to estimate hardness	
d. changes color at about pH 8.3	
e. precipitates at high pH	

The 10 below are true/false. Mark each one of the following statements with either a "T" or an "F"

11. _____F A nanogram is 10⁻⁹ milligrams.

12. _____T Noncarbonate hardness can be calculated from the total hardness, the total alkalinity and the pH

13. _____F There are 100,000 mg of alkalinity in one equivalent of alkalinity

14. _____F First order reactions are inherently slower than second order reactions

15. _____T When the enthalpy of a reaction is less than zero, it is called an endothermic

reaction.

16	_T	Increasing temperature on a water that is saturated with respect to calcium carbonate causes it to precipitate
17	_T	Conditional equilibrium constants describe equilibria where one or more of the participating species are in molar units whereas the rest are in units of activity
18	F	The sum of all of the alpha values for an acid system equal the number of exchangeable protons for that acid
19	_T	Buffer intensity is the reciprocal of the slope of the pH vs f curve
20.	F	Carbon in the -IV oxidation state is termed inorganic carbon.

Some important equilibrium constants:

<u>Equilibria</u>	Log K
$Mg(OH)_{2 (s)} = Mg^{+2} + 2OH^{-}$	-11.6
$Mg^{+2} + H_2O = MgOH^+ + H^+$	-11.44
$MgCO_{3(s)} = Mg^{+2} + CO_{3}^{-2}$	-7.5
$CaCO_{3(s)} = Ca^{+2} + CO_3^{-2}$	-8.34
$Ca(OH_2)_{(s)} = Ca^{+2} + 2OH^{-}$	-5.19
$CaSO_4 \cdot 2H_2O_{(s)} = Ca^{+2} + SO_4^{-2} + 2H_2O$	-4.62
$CaOH^+ = Ca^{+2} + OH^-$	-1.15
$Fe(OH)_{3 (s)} = Fe^{+3} + 3OH^{-}$	-38.8
$FeCO_{3(s)} = Fe^{+2} + CO_3^{-2}$	-10.7
$AIOH^{+2} = AI^{+3} + OH^{-}$	-9.01
$CdOH^{+} = Cd^{+2} + OH^{-}$	-3.92
$CoOH^{+} = Co^{+2} + OH^{-}$	-4.80
$CuOH^{+} = Cu^{+2} + OH^{-}$	-6.00
$HgOH^+ = Hg^{+2} + OH^-$	-10.60
$NiOH^+ = Ni^{+2} + OH^-$	-4.14
$Pb^{+2} + H_2O = PbOH^+ + H^+$	-7.22
$Pb^{+2} + 2H_2O = Pb(OH)_2^0 + 2H^+$	-16.91
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$Pb_5(PO_4)_3OH_{(s)} = 5Pb^{+2} + 3PO_4^{-3} + H_2O$	-62.83
$ZnOH^+ = Zn^{+2} + OH^-$	-5.04
$HgS_{(s)} = Hg^{+2} + S^{-2}$	-42.7

Some important half-cell reactions

Half Cell Reaction	ΔE° (Volts)
$O_2(aq) + 4H^+ + 4e^- = 2H_2O$	+1.23
$Mn^{+3} + e^{-} = Mn^{+2}$	+1.51
$Mn^{+4} + e^{-} = Mn^{+3}$	+1.65
$MnO_4^- + 8H^+ + 5e^- = Mn^{+2} + 4H_2O$	+1.49
$\frac{1}{3}\text{FeO}_4^{-2} + \frac{2}{3}\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- = \frac{1}{3}\text{Fe}^{+3} + \frac{1}{3}\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+2.20
$Fe^{+3} + e^{-} = Fe^{+2}$	+0.77
$Cu^{+2} + e^{-} = Cu^{+}$	+0.16
$\frac{1}{2}HOBr + \frac{1}{2}H^{+} + e^{-} = \frac{1}{2}Br^{-} + \frac{1}{2}H_{2}O$	+1.33
$O_{3(g)} + 2H^+ + 2e^- = O_{2(g)} + H_2O$	+2.07
$AI^{+3} + 3e^{-} = AI_{(s)}$	-1.68
$\frac{1}{2}HOCI + \frac{1}{2}H^{+} + e^{-} = \frac{1}{2}CI^{-} + \frac{1}{2}H_{2}O$	+1.48
$\frac{1}{4}CIO_{2}^{-} + H^{+} + e^{-} = \frac{1}{4}CI^{-} + \frac{1}{2}H_{2}O$	+1.61
$\frac{1}{2}OCl^{-} + H^{+} + e^{-} = \frac{1}{2}Cl^{-} + \frac{1}{2}H_{2}O$	+1.64
$BrO_{3}^{-} + 5H^{+} + 4e^{-} = HOBr + 2H_{2}O$	+1.45

$\frac{1}{2}NH_{2}CI + H^{+} + e^{-} = \frac{1}{2}CI^{-} + \frac{1}{2}NH_{4}^{+}$	+1.40
$Fe(OH)_{3(am)} + 3H^+ + e^- = Fe^{+2} + 3H_2O$	+0.95
$SO_4^{-2} + 9H^+ + 8e^- = HS^- + 4H_2O$	+0.25
$S_{(s)} + 2H^+ + 2e^- = H_2S_{(g)}$	+0.17
$Zn^{+2} + 2e^{-} = Zn(s)$	-0.76
$Ni^{+2} + 2e^{-} = Ni(s)$	-0.24
$Pb^{+2} + 2e^{-} = Pb(s)$	-0.126
$CIO_2 + e- = CIO_2-$	+0.95
$PbO_2(s) + 4H^+ + 2e^- = Pb^{+2} + 2H_2O$	+1.451

Properties of Selected Elements

Element	Symbol	Atomic #	Atomic Wt.	Valence	Electronegativity
Aluminum	Al	13	26.98	3	1.47
Bromine	Br	35	79.904	1,3,5,7	2.74
Calcium	Ca	20	40.08	2	1.04
Carbon	С	6	12.01	2,4	2.50
Chlorine	Cl	17	35.453	1,3,5,7	2.83
Copper	Cu	29	63.54	1,2	1.75
Hydrogen	Н	1	1.01	1	2.20
Iron	Fe	26	55.845	0,2,3	1.83
Magnesium	Mg	12	24.31	2	1.23
Manganese	Mn	25	54.94	2,3,4,6,7	1.60
Nitrogen	N	7	14.0047	3,5	3.07
Oxygen	0	8	16.00	2	3.50
Phosphorus	Р	15	30.97		
Potassium	K	19	39.10	1	0.91
Sodium	Na	11	22.99	1	1.01
Strontium	Sr	38	87.62	2	0.99
Sulfur	S	16	32.06	2,4,6	2.44
Zinc	Zn	30	65.39	2	1.65
Lead	Pb	82	207.19	2,4	

Atmospheric Gases

Gas	Atmospheric Abundance	Henry's Law Const ²
Nitrogen (N ₂)	780,840 ppmv (78.084%)	6.1 x 10 ⁻⁴
Oxygen (O ₂)	209,460 ppmv (20.946%)	1.3 x 10 ⁻³
Argon (Ar)	9,340 ppmv (0.9340%)	1.4 x 10 ⁻³
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	387 ppmv (0.0387%)	3.4 x 10 ⁻²
Neon (Ne)	18.18 ppmv (0.001818%)	4.5 x 10 ⁻⁴
Helium (He)	5.24 ppmv (0.000524%)	3.7 x 10 ⁻⁴
Methane (CH ₄)	1.79 ppmv (0.000179%)	
Krypton (Kr)	1.14 ppmv (0.000114%)	
Hydrogen (H ₂)	0.55 ppmv (0.000055%)	7.8 x 10 ⁻⁴
Nitrous oxide (N ₂ O)	0.3 ppmv (0.00003%)	
Xenon (Xe)	0.09 ppmv (9x10 ⁻⁶ %)	

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² In: moles/L/atm

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

NAME	FORMULA	рК _а
Perchloric acid	HClO ₄ = H ⁺ + ClO ₄ ⁻	-7
Hydrochloric acid	HCI = H ⁺ + CI ⁻	-3
Sulfuric acid	H ₂ SO ₄ = H ⁺ + HSO ₄ ⁻	-3
Nitric acid	HNO ₃ = H ⁺ + NO ₃ ⁻	0
Bisulfate ion	$HSO_4^- = H^+ + SO_4^{-2}$	2
Phosphoric acid	H ₃ PO ₄ = H ⁺ + H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	2.15
o-Phthalic acid	$C_6H_4(COOH)_2 = H^+ + C_6H_4(COOH)COO^-$	2.89
p-Hydroxybenzoic acid	$C_6H_4(OH)COOH = H^+ + C_6H_4(OH)COO^-$	4.48
Nitrous acid	HNO ₂ = H ⁺ + NO ₂ ⁻	4.5
Acetic acid	CH3COOH = H ⁺ + CH3COO ⁻	4.75
Aluminum ion	$AI(H_2O)_6^{+3} = H^+ + AI(OH)(H_2O)_5^{+2}$	4.8
Carbonic acid	H ₂ CO ₃ = H ⁺ + HCO ₃ ⁻	6.35
Hydrogen sulfide	H ₂ S = H ⁺ + HS ⁻	7.02
Dihydrogen phosphate	$H_2PO_4^- = H^+ + HPO_4^{-2}$	7.2
Hypochlorous acid	HOCI = H ⁺ + OCI ⁻	7.5
Hypobromous acid	HOBr = H ⁺ + OBr ⁻	8.71
Ammonium ion	NH ₄ ⁺ = H ⁺ + NH ₃	9.24
Bicarbonate ion	$HCO_3^- = H^+ + CO_3^{-2}$	10.33
Monohydrogen phosphate	$HPO_4^{-2} = H^+ + PO_4^{-3}$	12.3
Sulfide	HS ⁻ = H ⁺ + S ⁻²	13.9

 α_2 for a diprotic acid:

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{\frac{[H^+]^2}{K_1 K_2} + \frac{[H^+]}{K_2} + 1}$$

 α_3 for a triprotic acid:

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{\frac{[H^+]^3}{K_1 K_2 K_3} + \frac{[H^+]^2}{K_2 K_3} + \frac{[H^+]}{K_3} + 1}$$

