

## pH problems

### pH equations

- [ ] = concentration of, in molarity
- $\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$  or  $\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$
- $[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$
- $\text{pOH} = -\log [\text{OH}^-]$
- $[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-\text{pOH}}$
- $[\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-] = K_w = 1 \times 10^{-14}$
- $\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$
- pOH is the reverse of pH
- For pOH above 7 is acidic, below 7 is basic

### Sig Figs and pH

- The number of **decimal places** in a logarithmic value, pH or pOH, is equal to the number of **significant figures** in the number that we took the logarithm of, concentration.
- So  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 2.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$  3 sig figs
- $\text{pH} = -\log 2.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M} = 3.611$
- 3 decimal places
- And  $\text{pOH} = 14 - 3.611 = 10.389$

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- What is the  $\text{OH}^-$  concentration?
- What is the pOH?

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- What is the pH of a  $2.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M H}_3\text{O}^+$ ?
- $\text{pH} = -\log 2.4 \times 10^{-4}$
- $\text{pH} = 3.62$
- What is the  $\text{OH}^-$  concentration?
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$
- $2.4 \times 10^{-4} [\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$
- $[\text{OH}^-] = 4.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$
- What is the pOH?
- $\text{pOH} = -\log 4.16666 \times 10^{-11}$
- $\text{pOH} = 10.38$

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- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-(-\text{pH})}$
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-8.72}$
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}$
- $1.905 \dots \times 10^{-9} [\text{OH}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-14}$
- $[\text{OH}^-] = 5.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$
- $\text{pOH} + \text{pH} = 14$
- $\text{pOH} = 5.28$

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- What is the pH, pOH and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  of a soln. with a  $[\text{OH}^-]$  conc. of  $2.90 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ ?

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- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] 2.9 \times 10^{-4} = 1 \times 10^{-14}$
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 3.45 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$
- $\text{pH} = -\log 3.448275 \times 10^{-11}$
- $\text{pH} = 10.462$
- $10.462 + \text{pOH} = 14$
- $\text{pOH} = 3.538$

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- $11.1 + \text{pH} = 14$
- $\text{pH} = 2.9$
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \text{antilog}(-2.9)$
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$
- $[\text{OH}^-] = 8 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}$

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- What is the pH, pOH, and  $[\text{OH}^-]$  of a solution with a  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  of  $4.90 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$ ?

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- $\text{pH} = -\log 4.90 \times 10^{-8}$
- $\text{pH} = 7.310$
- $[\text{OH}^-] = 2.04 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$
- $\text{pOH} = 6.690$

### More

- What is the pH, pOH and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  of a solution with a  $[\text{OH}^-]$  of  $1.78 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}$ ?

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- $\text{pH} = 2.250$
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 5.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$
- $\text{pOH} = 11.750$

### Continuing

- What is the pOH,  $[\text{OH}^-]$  and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  of a solution with a pH of 9.43?

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- What is the pOH,  $[\text{OH}^-]$  and  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  of a solution with a pH of 9.43?
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \text{antilog}(-9.43)$
- $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 3.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ M}$
- $[\text{OH}^-] = 2.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$
- $\text{pOH} = 4.57$

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- What is the pH, pOH, and  $[\text{OH}^-]$  of a solution with a  $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$  of  $2.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ ?

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- What is the pH, pOH and [OH<sup>-</sup>] of a solution with a [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>] of 2.7x10<sup>-6</sup> M?
- pH = - log 2.7x10<sup>-6</sup>
- pH = 5.57
- [OH<sup>-</sup>] = 3.7 x10<sup>-9</sup> M
- pOH = 8.43