

The letters "pH" represent the French words "pouvoir hydrogene" which means "hydrogen power".

- The definition of pH is *pH is equal to the negative log (logarithm) of the hydrogen ion concentration of a solution.*
- The logarithm of a number is the power to which 10 must be raised to equal that number.

A pH value of less than 7 indicates a(n) acidic solution. A pH value of 7 indicates a neutral solution. A pH value of more than 7 indicates a(n) basic solution.

PROBLEMS: Show all work and circle the final answer.

1. Determine the pH of a 0.010 M HNO₃ solution.

$$pH = -\log[H^+] = -\log[1.0 \times 10^{-2}] = -(-2.0) \quad \boxed{pH = 2.0}$$

2. What is the pH of a 2.5×10^{-6} M solution of HCl?

$$pH = -\log[2.5 \times 10^{-6}] = -(-5.6) \quad \boxed{pH = 5.6}$$

3. Calculate the pH of a solution of 0.0025M H₂SO₄.

$$pH = -\log[2(2.5 \times 10^{-3})] = -(-2.3) \quad \boxed{pH = 2.3}$$

4. Calculate the pH of a 0.0010 M NaOH solution.

$$[H^+][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \quad [H^+][1.0 \times 10^{-3}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \quad [H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$pH = -\log[1.0 \times 10^{-11} M] = -[-11] \quad \boxed{pH = 11}$$

5. What is the pH of a 0.020M Sr(OH)₂ solution?

$$[H^+][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \quad [H^+][(2)(2.0 \times 10^{-2})] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \quad [H^+] = 2.5 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$pH = -\log[2.5 \times 10^{-13}] = -(-12.6) \quad \boxed{pH = 13}$$

6. a) What is the hydrogen ion concentration of an aqueous HCl solution that has a pH of 3.0?

$$pH = -\log[H^+] \quad 3.0 = -\log[H^+] \quad \boxed{[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} M}$$

- b) What is the hydroxide ion concentration of this same solution?

$$[H^+][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \quad [1.0 \times 10^{-3}][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \quad \boxed{[OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-11} M}$$

- c) Which ion, H^+ or OH^- , is in greater concentration? H^+ ($1.0 \times 10^{-3} > 1.0 \times 10^{-11}$)

- d) Is this solution acidic or basic? acidic

7. Find the $[H^+]$ and the $[OH^-]$ of a solution with a pH of 3.494.

$$pH = -\log[H^+] \quad 3.494 = -\log[H^+] \quad \boxed{[H^+] = 3.206 \times 10^{-4} M}$$

$$[H^+][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \quad [3.206 \times 10^{-4}][OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} \quad \boxed{[OH^-] = 3.1 \times 10^{-11} M}$$

Is this solution acidic or basic? acidic