

CONCEPT: PH OF WEAK ACIDS

- Recall, **Weak Acids** represent _____ electrolytes that only partially dissociate into aqueous ions.
 - They require the use of an **ICE** (I _____, C _____, E _____) **Chart** to calculate equilibrium amounts.
 - The units of an ICE Chart will be in _____ and use _____.

EXAMPLE: Calculate the hydronium ion concentration for 0.30 M HCN. The acid dissociation constant, K_a , for HCN is 4.9×10^{-10} .

Calculating Equilibrium Amount

STEP 0: Use the following steps when asked to determine the [_____] of any compound in your equation.

STEP 1: Setup an ICE Chart for the weak acid that has it reacting with _____.

- Use the Bronsted-Lowry definition to predict the products formed.
 - Make sure that _____ is used in the presence of the weak acid.

ICE Chart (Weak Acid)				
	HCN (aq)	+	_____ ()	\rightleftharpoons _____ (aq) + _____ (aq)
I	_____			
C	_____			
E	_____			

STEP 2: Using the **INITIAL ROW**, place the amount given for the weak acid.

- Place a _____ for any substance not given an initial amount.

STEP 3: We _____ reactants to _____ products.

- Using the **CHANGE ROW**, place a _____ for the reactants and a _____ for the products.

STEP 4: Using the **EQUILIBRIUM ROW**, setup the equilibrium constant expression with _____ and solve for _____.

- Check if a shortcut can be utilized to avoid the _____ formula.

ICE Chart Shortcut	
_____ Approximation Method	_____ Formula
When the ratio of [_____] ₀ to K is _____ 500 you can ignore the _____.	
$\frac{[\quad]_0}{K} = \frac{0.30 \text{ M}}{4.9 \times 10^{-10}} =$	$\frac{- \pm \sqrt{\quad - \quad}}{2a}$
$4.9 \times 10^{-10} = \frac{[x^2]}{[0.30 - x]}$	

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Calculating pH

- The pH or pOH of a weak acid can be calculated once the [equilibrium] of _____ is found.
 - Determined by using the **EQUILIBRIUM ROW** of an ICE Chart.

EXAMPLE: What is the pH of a 0.074 M nitrous acid, HNO_2 , solution? The K_a value for the compound is 4.6×10^{-4} .

Use **STEPS 1 to 3** to setup the ICE Chart.

ICE Chart (Weak Acid)				
	$\text{HNO}_2 (\text{aq})$	+	_____ ()	\rightleftharpoons _____ (aq) + _____ (aq)
I	_____			
C	_____			
E	_____			

STEP 4: Using the **EQUILIBRIUM ROW**, setup the equilibrium constant expression and solve for _____.

- Check if a shortcut can be utilized to avoid the _____ formula.

ICE Chart Shortcut	
500 Approximation Method	Quadratic Formula
When the ratio of [] ₀ to K is _____ 500 you can ignore the _____.	
$\frac{[\text{I}]_0}{K} = \frac{0.074 \text{ M}}{4.6 \times 10^{-4}} =$	$4.6 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{[x^2]}{[0.074 - x]}$
	$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

STEP 5: The _____ variable will equal [] and can be used to solve pH. Add H_3O^+ too purple box

pH Formula
$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log[\quad] = \underline{\quad}$

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Calculating Percent Ionization/Dissociation

- The _____ of a weak acid that can become ionized when placed in an aqueous solution.

☐ **Weak Acids** ionize < _____

☐ **Strong Acids** ionize _____

Percent Ionization Formula

$$\% \text{ Ionization} = \frac{\text{_____}}{[\text{HA}]_0} \times 100$$

EXAMPLE: Calculate the percent dissociation of 4.10×10^{-1} M acetic acid, $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$. The K_a value is 1.8×10^{-5} .

Use **STEPS 1 to 3** to setup the ICE Chart.

ICE Chart (Weak Acid)

	$\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ (aq)	+	_____ ()	\rightleftharpoons	_____ (aq)	+	_____ (aq)	
I _____								
C _____								
E _____								

STEP 4: Using the **EQUILIBRIUM ROW**, setup the equilibrium constant expression and solve for _____.

☐ Check if a shortcut can be utilized to avoid the _____ formula.

ICE Chart Shortcut

500 Approximation Method	Quadratic Formula
When the ratio of $\frac{[\text{]}_0}{K}$ to K is $>$ 500 you can ignore the -x .	
$\frac{[\text{]}_0}{K} = \frac{4.1 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}} =$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[\text{x}^2]}{[0.41 - \text{x}]}$
	$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

STEP 5: Use the _____ variable to calculate the percent ionization/dissociation.

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PRACTICE: Calculate the $[H^+]$ of a 0.50 M solution of methylammonium bromide, CH_3NH_3Br . The K_b of methylamine, CH_3NH_2 , is given as 4.4×10^{-4} .

PRACTICE: An unknown weak acid has an initial concentration of 0.55 M. What is the pH of the solution if the weak acid also has a pK_a of 5.79?