

CONCEPT: DIPROTIC ACIDS AND BASES CALCULATIONS

pH of Sulfuric Acid

- Sulfuric acid represents the only _____ diprotic acid.
 - In terms of acidity, the 1st acidic proton dissociates _____ and the 2nd acidic proton only _____.

EXAMPLE: Calculate the pH of a 0.0550 M H₂SO₄ solution. $K_{a1} = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ and $K_{a2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-2}$.

- STEP 1:** Use the Bronsted-Lowry definition to predict the products formed when H₂SO₄ reacts with _____.
- H₂SO₄ completely dissociates initially, meaning [H₂SO₄] _____ [H₃O⁺] and the **Intermediate Form**.

- STEP 2:** Setup an ICE Chart for the **Intermediate Form** created in STEP 1 and react it with _____.

ICE Chart (Intermediate Form)					
	HSO ₄ ⁻ (aq)	+	_____ ()	⇌	_____ (aq) + _____ (aq)
I	_____				
C	_____				
E	_____				

- STEP 3:** Using the **INITIAL ROW**, place the amounts from STEP 1 for the **Intermediate Form** and [H₃O⁺].
- Place a 0 for the **basic form**.

- STEP 4:** We _____ reactants to _____ products.
- Using the **CHANGE ROW**, place a _____ for the reactants and a _____ for the products.

- STEP 5:** Using the **EQUILIBRIUM ROW**, setup the equilibrium constant expression with K_{a2} and solve for _____.

- STEP 6:** To solve for pH add the [H₃O⁺] from STEPS 1 and 5 to determine its _____ concentration.

pH Formula

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

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pH of Weak Diprotic Acids

- Utilize only _____ to calculate the pH of the acidic form of a weak diprotic acid.

EXAMPLE: Calculate the pH of a 0.115 M carbonic acid, H_2CO_3 , solution. $K_{a1} = 4.3 \times 10^{-7}$ and $K_{a2} = 5.6 \times 10^{-11}$.

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

- Use the Bronsted-Lowry definition to predict the products formed.

ICE Chart (Diprotic Acid)				
	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{aq})$	+	_____ ()	\rightleftharpoons _____ (aq) + _____ (aq)
I	_____			
C	_____			
E	_____			

STEP 2: Using the **INITIAL ROW**, place the amount given for the weak diprotic 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	
500 Approximation Method	Quadratic Formula
When the ratio of [] ₀ to K is $>$ 500 you can ignore the -x .	
$\frac{[\text{]}_0}{K} = \frac{0.115 \text{ M}}{4.3 \times 10^{-7}} =$	$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
$4.3 \times 10^{-7} = \frac{[x^2]}{[0.115 - x]}$	

STEP 5: The _____ variable will equal [] and can be used to solve pH.

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

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Calculate Concentration of the Basic Form

- Special Case:** When given the initial $[H_2A]$ the $[A^{2-}] =$ the _____ value.

EXAMPLE: Determine the $[CO_3^{2-}]$ when given 0.115 M carbonic acid, H_2CO_3 , solution. $K_{a1} = 4.3 \times 10^{-7}$ and $K_{a2} = 5.6 \times 10^{-11}$.

STEP 1: Setup an ICE Chart to calculate the $[HA^-]$ and $[H_3O^+]$ using _____.

ICE Chart (Diprotic Acid)				
	$H_2CO_3(aq)$	+	_____ ()	\rightleftharpoons _____ (aq) + _____ (aq)
I	_____			
C	_____			
E	_____			

STEP 2: Setup another ICE Chart and using the **INITIAL ROW**, place the calculated amounts for $[HA^-]$ and $[H_3O^+]$.

- Place a _____ for the $[A^{2-}]$.

ICE Chart (Intermediate)				
	$HCO_3^-(aq)$	+	_____ ()	\rightleftharpoons _____ (aq) + _____ (aq)
I	_____			
C	_____			
E	_____			

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	
500 Approximation Method	Quadratic Formula
When the ratio of $[]_0$ to K is ≥ 500 you can ignore the +x and -x .	
$\frac{[]_0}{K} = \frac{2.22 \times 10^{-4}}{5.6 \times 10^{-11}} =$	$5.6 \times 10^{-11} = \frac{[x][2.22 \times 10^{-4} + x]}{[2.22 \times 10^{-4} - x]}$
	$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

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PRACTICE: Which of the following diprotic acid would produce the most acidic solution when dissolved?

- a) 0.200 M H_2SO_3 ($K_{a1} = 1.6 \times 10^{-2}$; $K_{a2} = 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$)
- b) 0.200 M H_3PO_4 ($K_{a1} = 7.5 \times 10^{-3}$; $K_{a2} = 6.2 \times 10^{-8}$; $K_{a3} = 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$)
- c) 0.200 M H_2CO_3 ($K_{a1} = 4.3 \times 10^{-7}$; $K_{a2} = 5.6 \times 10^{-11}$)
- d) 0.200 M H_2S ($K_{a1} = 8.9 \times 10^{-8}$; $K_{a2} = 1.0 \times 10^{-19}$)
- e) 0.200 M $\text{HC}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_4$ ($K_{a1} = 3.3 \times 10^{-4}$)

PRACTICE: Determine the pH of 0.115 M Na_2S . Hydrosulfuric acid, H_2S , possesses $K_{a1} = 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ and $K_{a2} = 9.1 \times 10^{-8}$.