## **CONCEPT:** AUTO-IONIZATION

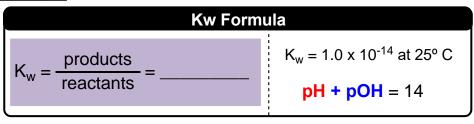
• Auto-Ionization occurs when \_\_\_\_\_ molecules react with one another in an aqueous solution.

Base

□ Recall: water is amphoteric 
$$H_2O(I) + H_2O(I) = H_3O^+(aq) + OH^-(aq)$$

Acid

• **Kw**: ionization of water:



Pure water: [H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>] [OH<sup>-</sup>]

□ As temperature \_\_\_\_\_, Kw \_\_\_\_

Kw & Temperature	
T (°C)	Kw
0	1.14 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>
10	2.93 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>
20	6.81 x 10 <sup>-15</sup>
30	1.471 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>
50	5.476 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>
100	51.3 x 10 <sup>-14</sup>

**EXAMPLE:** A particular aqueous solution at 50°C contains 3.7 x 10<sup>-4</sup> M of hydronium ions. Calculate the [OH-] and identify solution as acidic, basic, or neutral.

**PRACTICE:** Chemistry student prepared an aqueous solution at 30°C. If the solutions contains 7.42 x 10<sup>-9</sup> M of hydroxide ions, calculate the pH.

**PRACTICE:** Calculate the  $K_w$  of pure water given the pH = 6.34.