CHAPTER 14 ACIDS AND BASES

c.  $C_5H_5NHClO_4 \rightarrow C_5H_5NH^+ + ClO_4^-$  acidic;  $C_5H_5NH^+$  is a weak acid, and  $ClO_4^-$  has no effect on pH.

$$C_5H_5NH^+ \implies H^+ + C_5H_5N$$
  $K_a = \frac{K_w}{K_{b,C_5H_5N}} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{1.7 \times 10^{-9}} = 5.9 \times 10^{-6}$ 

d.  $NH_4NO_2 \rightarrow NH_4^+ + NO_2^-$  acidic;  $NH_4^+$  is a weak acid ( $K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$ ), and  $NO_2^-$  is a weak base ( $K_b = 2.5 \times 10^{-11}$ ). Because  $K_{a, NH_4^+} > K_{b, NO_2^-}$ , the solution is acidic.

$$NH_4^+ \implies H^+ + NH_3 K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}; NO_2^- + H_2O \implies HNO_2 + OH^- K_b = 2.5 \times 10^{-11}$$

e.  $KOCl \rightarrow K^+ + OCl^-$  basic;  $OCl^-$  is a weak base, and  $K^+$  has no effect on pH.

$$OCl^- + H_2O \implies HOCl + OH^ K_b = \frac{K_w}{K_{a, HOCl}} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{3.5 \times 10^{-8}} = 2.9 \times 10^{-7}$$

f.  $NH_4OCl \rightarrow NH_4^+ + OCl^-$  basic;  $NH_4^+$  is a weak acid, and  $OCl^-$  is a weak base. Because  $K_{b,OCl^-} > K_{a,NH_4^+}$ , the solution is basic.

$$NH_4^+ \implies NH_3 + H^+ \quad K_a = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}; \ OCI^- + H_2O \implies HOCI + OH^- \quad K_b = 2.9 \times 10^{-7}$$

## Relationships Between Structure and Strengths of Acids and Bases

- 131.
- a. HIO<sub>3</sub> < HBrO<sub>3</sub>; as the electronegativity of the central atom increases, acid strength increases.
- b. HNO<sub>2</sub> < HNO<sub>3</sub>; as the number of oxygen atoms attached to the central nitrogen atom increases, acid strength increases.
- c. HOI < HOC1; same reasoning as in a.
- d.  $H_3PO_3 < H_3PO_4$ ; same reasoning as in b.
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- a.  $H_2O < H_2S < H_2Se$ ; as the strength of the H-X bond decreases, acid strength increases.
- b. CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H < FCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H < F<sub>2</sub>CHCO<sub>2</sub>H < F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H; as the electronegativity of neighboring atoms increases, acid strength increases.
- c.  $NH_4^+ < HONH_3^+$ ; same reason as in b.
- d.  $NH_4^+ < PH_4^+$ ; same reason as in a.
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In general, metal oxides form basic solutions when dissolved in water, and nonmetal oxides form acidic solutions in water.

- a. Basic;  $CaO(s) + H_2O(1) \rightarrow Ca(OH)_2(aq)$ ;  $Ca(OH)_2$  is a strong base.
- b. Acidic;  $SO_2(g) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow H_2SO_3(aq)$ ;  $H_2SO_3$  is a weak diprotic acid.
- c. Acidic;  $Cl_2O(g) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow 2 \ HOCl(aq)$ ; HOCl is a weak acid.

## Lewis Acids and Bases

(137.) A Lewis base is an electron pair donor, and a Lewis acid is an electron pair acceptor.

a.  $B(OH)_3$ , acid;  $H_2O$ , base

b. Ag<sup>+</sup>, acid; NH<sub>3</sub>, base

c. BF<sub>3</sub>, acid; F<sup>-</sup>, base

139.)

 $Al(OH)_3(s) + 3 H^+(aq) \rightarrow Al^{3+}(aq) + 3 H_2O(l)$  (Brønsted-Lowry base, H<sup>+</sup> acceptor)

 $Al(OH)_3(s) + OH^-(aq) \rightarrow Al(OH)_4^-(aq)$  (Lewis acid, electron pair acceptor)

Fe<sup>3+</sup> should be the stronger Lewis acid. Fe<sup>3+</sup> is smaller and has a greater positive charge. Because of this, Fe<sup>3+</sup> will be more strongly attracted to lone pairs of electrons as compared to Fe<sup>2+</sup>.

## **Additional Exercises**

143. At pH = 2.000, 
$$[H^+] = 10^{-2.000} = 1.00 \times 10^{-2} M$$

At pH = 
$$4.000$$
, [H<sup>+</sup>] =  $10^{-4.000} = 1.00 \times 10^{-4} M$ 

Moles H<sup>+</sup> present = 
$$0.0100 L \times \frac{0.0100 \text{mol H}^+}{L} = 1.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol H}^+$$

Let V = total volume of solution at pH = 4.000:

$$1.00 \times 10^{-4} \,\text{mol/L} = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-4} \,\text{mol H}^+}{V}$$
,  $V = 1.00 \,\text{L}$ 

Volume of water added = 1.00 L - 0.0100 L = 0.99 L = 990 mL

- 145. The light bulb is bright because a strong electrolyte is present; that is, a solute is present that dissolves to produce a lot of ions in solution. The pH meter value of 4.6 indicates that a weak acid is present. (If a strong acid were present, the pH would be close to zero.) Of the possible substances, only HCl (strong acid), NaOH (strong base), and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl are strong electrolytes. Of these three substances, only NH<sub>4</sub>Cl contains a weak acid (the HCl solution would have a pH close to zero, and the NaOH solution would have a pH close to 14.0). NH<sub>4</sub>Cl dissociates into NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and Cl ions when dissolved in water. Cl is the conjugate base of a strong acid, so it has no basic (or acidic properties) in water. NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, however, is the conjugate acid of the weak base NH<sub>3</sub>, so NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> is a weak acid and would produce a solution with a pH = 4.6 when the concentration is ~1.0 M. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl is the solute.
- 147. a. In the lungs there is a lot of  $O_2$ , and the equilibrium favors  $Hb(O_2)_4$ . In the cells there is a lower concentration of  $O_2$ , and the equilibrium favors  $HbH_4^{4+}$ .
  - b.  $CO_2$  is a weak acid,  $CO_2 + H_2O \implies HCO_3^- + H^+$ . Removing  $CO_2$  essentially decreases  $H^+$ , which causes the hemoglobin reaction to shift right.  $Hb(O_2)_4$  is then favored, and  $O_2$  is not released by hemoglobin in the cells. Breathing into a paper bag increases  $CO_2$  in the blood, thus increasing  $[H^+]$ , which shifts the hemoglobin reaction left.