

1. Find the pH of 0.1 M HClO₄

This is a strong acid, so $[H^+] = 0.1$ M.

$$\text{pH} = -\log(0.1) = 1$$

2. Find the pH of 0.1 M Ca(OH)₂

This is a strong base, and there are two OH's for every Ca(OH)₂, so $[OH^-] = 0.2$ M

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(0.2) = 0.699$$

$$\text{pH} = 14 - .699 = 13.3$$

3. Find the pH and % ionization of 0.1 M HNO₂, K_a = 4.5x10⁻⁴

K_a is too big to use $[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a C}$

$$\text{So use } [H^+] = \frac{-K_a + \sqrt{K_a^2 + 4K_a C}}{2}$$

$$[H^+] = \frac{-4.5 \times 10^{-4} + \sqrt{(4.5 \times 10^{-4})^2 + 4(4.5 \times 10^{-4})(0.1)}}{2} = 0.00649 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(0.00649) = 2.19$$

$$\% \text{ ionization} = (0.00649/0.1) \times 100 = 6.49\%$$

4. Find the pH and % ionization of 0.1 M NH₃, K_b = 1.8x10⁻⁵

K_b is small enough to use $[OH^-] = \sqrt{K_b C}$

$$[OH^-] = \sqrt{(1.8 \times 10^{-5})(0.1)} = 0.00134 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(0.00134) = 2.87$$

$$\text{pH} = 14 - 2.87 = 11.13$$

$$\% \text{ ionization} = (0.00134/0.1) \times 100 = 1.34\%$$

5. Find the pH and % hydrolysis of 0.1 M NaNO₂

Na⁺ is the salt of a strong base (NaOH) and NO₂⁻ is the salt of a weak acid (HNO₂).

Therefore this salt will make the solution basic.

Use the K_a of HNO₂ and switch it to a K_b.

$$K_b = 1 \times 10^{-14} / 4.5 \times 10^{-4} = 2.2 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$[OH^-] = \sqrt{K_b C}$$

$$[OH^-] = \sqrt{(2.2 \times 10^{-11})(0.1)} = 1.48 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(1.48 \times 10^{-6}) = 5.82$$

$$\text{pH} = 14 - 5.82 = 8.18$$

$$\% \text{ hydrolysis} = (1.48 \times 10^{-6} / 0.1) \times 100 = 0.00148\%$$

6. Find the pH and % hydrolysis of 0.1 M NH₄Cl

NH₄⁺ is the salt of a weak base (NH₄OH or NH₃) and Cl⁻ is the salt of a strong acid (HCl).

Therefore this salt will make the solution acidic.

Use the K_b of NH₃ and switch it to a K_a.

$$K_a = 1 \times 10^{-14} / 1.8 \times 10^{-5} = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$[H^+] = \sqrt{K_a C}$$

$$[H^+] = \sqrt{(5.6 \times 10^{-10})(0.1)} = 7.48 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(7.48 \times 10^{-6}) = 5.13$$

$$\% \text{ hydrolysis} = (7.48 \times 10^{-6} / 0.1) \times 100 = 0.00748\%$$

Note: question 5 could have asked “Find the pH and % hydrolysis of 0.1 M NO₂⁻” and it would mean the exact same thing. Similarly, question 6 could just as easily have asked “Find the pH and % hydrolysis of 0.1 M NH₄⁺”.