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BIOCHEMISTRY

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Biochemistry= Understanding of life

- Know the chemical structures of biological molecules.
- Understand the biological function of these molecules. (Remember that always structure serves the function of any molecule and Biochemistry is going to explain this relationship).
- Understand interaction and organization of different molecules within individual cells and whole biological systems.

* Biochemistry is also important in medicine

- Explains all disciplines.
- Understand the molecular bases of diseases.

EX: A patient with cold, so what causes the fever and the other Symptoms?

Ans: This is because he had a viral infection which causes the release of **eicosanoids** (Lipids), and this molecule is produced by another enzyme called cyclooxygenase, so to treat this disease you have to inhibit the cyclooxygenase and stop the production of eicosanoids, so you will stop the fever and the inflammation (this is the way in which the Panadol and aspirin work).

- diagnose and monitor diseases.
 - When you carry out a blood test for a patient, you try to

determine the concentration of molecules in his blood such as **vitamins and Liver Enzymes** so any change in such molecules could indicate a disease.

- Also, it is important in monitoring diseases by carrying out these tests on different periods of times, so you can observe the difference in the concentration of these molecules.

➤ Design drugs (new antibiotics, chemotherapy agents)

- By studying the protein structures, you can design a molecule that can bind to this protein as **activator or even as an inhibitor**.

• living organisms on earth are composed mainly of 31 elements and are classified in different tiers according to their abundance.

➤ **First TIER:** > **1-Carbon** **2-Hydrogen**
3-Oxygen **4-Nitrogen**
 form **96.5%** of organisms weight.

➤ **Second TIER:** > **sulfur and phosphorus**
 (most biological compounds are made of only 6 elements: C, H, O, N, P, S).

➤ **THIRD/FOURTH TIERS:** (minor but essential elements) > mostly **metals**.

Element	Comment
First Tier Carbon (C) Hydrogen (H) Nitrogen (N) Oxygen (O)	Most abundant in <i>all organisms</i>
Second Tier Calcium (Ca) Chlorine (Cl) Magnesium (Mg) Phosphorus (P) Potassium (K) Sodium (Na) Sulfur (S)	Much less abundant but found in <i>all organisms</i>
Third Tier Cobalt (Co) Copper (Cu) Iron (Fe) Manganese (Mn) Zinc (Zn)	Metals present in small amounts in <i>all organisms</i> and essential to life
Fourth Tier Aluminum (Al) Arsenic (As) Boron (B) Bromine (Br) Chromium (Cr) Fluorine (F) Gallium (Ga) Iodine (I) Molybdenum (Mo) Nickel (Ni) Selenium (Se) Silicon (Si) Tungsten (W) Vanadium (V)	Found in or required by <i>some organisms</i> in trace amounts

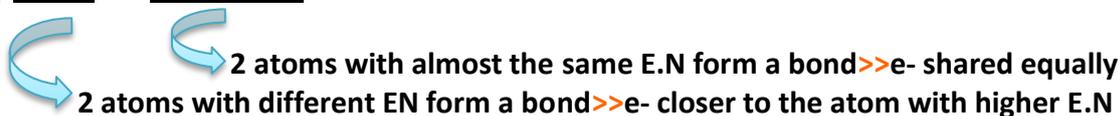
> Important Terms:

1-Electronegativity: the tendency of an atom to attract electrons of the bond.

2-Covalent bonds: strong bonds that occur by sharing electrons

> form macromolecules.

A) polar VS **non-polar** covalent bonds



> **NOTE:** the bonds in a molecule may be polar while the molecule itself is nonpolar; because of its geometry.

Ex: CO₂

→ the angle is Important in making the molecule polar. Ex: H₂O

B) single VS **multiple** >> depends on the number of the shared electrons (single bond, double bond or triple bond).

3- Non-covalent interactions: interactions between molecules (attraction or repulsion) that occur all the time >>> molecules can never function by themselves, instead, they function by interacting with other molecules, and these interactions are non-covalent (Ex: collagen)

- Electrostatic interactions**
- Hydrogen bonds**
- Van Der Waals interactions**
- Hydrophobic interactions**

→ hydrophobic VS hydrophilic
→ Making backbone of a molecules



4-Nucleophile Vs Electrophile

→ Nucleophile is a negatively charged molecule which prefers the interaction with the Positively charged molecules (**Electron Donor**).

→ Electrophile is a positively charged molecule which prefers the interaction with the Negatively charged molecules (**Electron acceptor**).

→

Properties of bonds: 😊

1. **Bond strength** ✓ the amount of energy that must be supplied to break a bond
 - ✓ depends on bond's length (inversely related)
 - ✓ covalent bonds are almost 20 times stronger than non-covalent
2. **Bond length:** ✓ the distance between 2 nuclei of the sharing atoms
 - ✓ depends on many factors such as:
 - a-EN
 - b-Atoms' size
 - c-Bond type; single, double or triple

NOTE: As the bond length increases, atoms go far away from each other, so the bond strength decreases 😊

3. **Bond orientation:**

✓ Bond angles and length determine the overall geometry of atoms

✓ It gives the shape to the molecule, creating the 3D structure that affects the molecule's function.

✓ Any change in the structure could change the function of proteins (sometimes leading to a mutation).

➡ These 3 properties create diversity in the formation of organisms.

polarity of covalent bond:

✓ Covalent bonds in which the electrons are shared unequally in this way are known as polar covalent bonds. The bonds are known as “dipoles”.

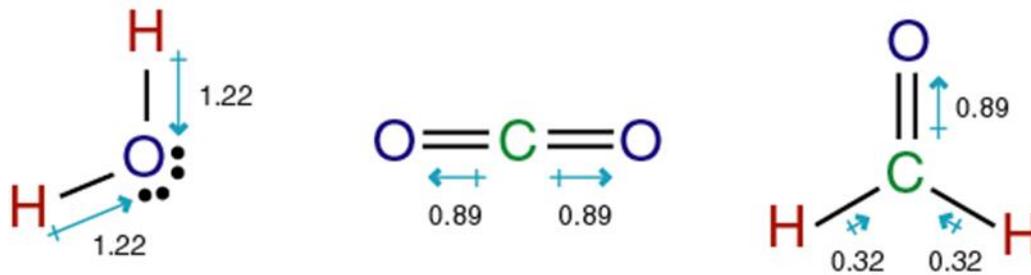
- Ex :
- . Oxygen and nitrogen atoms are electronegative
 - . Oxygen and hydrogen
 - . Nitrogen and hydrogen
 - . Not carbon and hydrogen

➤ not every polar bond forms a polar molecule. Ex: CO₂

➤ to say that a molecule is polar, you should be able to divide it to positive and negative parts by some line

➤ You cannot draw such line in linear molecules, so obviously the angle of the

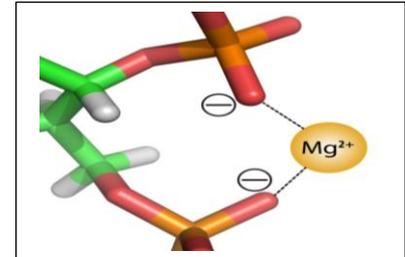
bonds affects the polarity as mentioned before. Ex: H₂O



noncovalent interactions: (they are reversible and relatively weak)

1- Electrostatic interactions: 😊

- charge-charge interactions:
- They are formed between two charged particles.
- These forces are quite strong in the absence of water



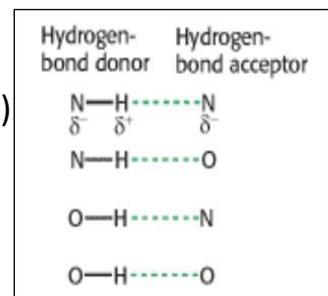
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For example: Mg²⁺ ions associate with the negatively charged phosphates of nucleotides and nucleic acids.

→ These electrostatic interactions make an especially large contribution to the folded structure of nucleic acids, because the monomers each carry a full negative charge.

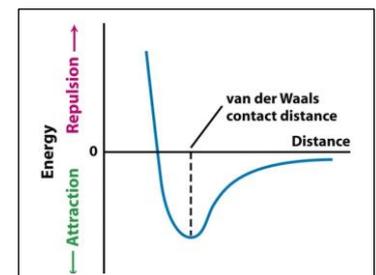
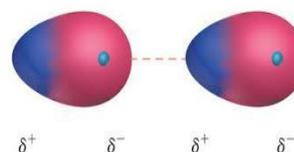
2-Hydrogen bonds: 😊

- must involve a hydrogen atom which is donated
- this hydrogen must be associated with a highly EN atom (ex; O/N)
- the molecule which has this hydrogen is called “DONOR” and the other is called the “ACCEPTOR”.



3-Van Der Waals interactions: 😊 (the weakest)

- Arises from the Unequal distribution of electronic charge around an atom which causes the molecule to have 2 charges at the same time
- The strength of the attraction is affected by distance.
- The more Van Der Waals interactions, the stronger it gets
- They mostly give the protein its shape.



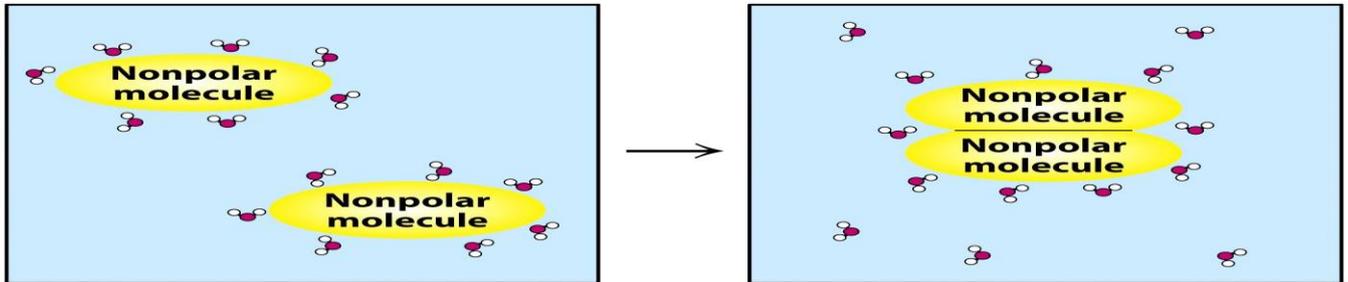
4- Hydrophobic interactions: 😊

- Not true interactions
- What makes it different is that we are talking here about the interactions between atoms which are involved in nonpolar bonds (carbon and hydrogen)
- Self-association of nonpolar compounds in an aqueous environment
- let's take an example:
 - Consider we have 2 separate droplets of oil in a bowl of water, they will eventually

come together to form one big drop.

Now try to pull them apart, you will notice that they immediately come back together. Why? ☺

Ans: Because they are more stable together, since it helps reduce the unfavorable interactions between nonpolar groups and water by decreasing the surface area composed to hydrophilic solution ☺



properties of noncovalent interactions:

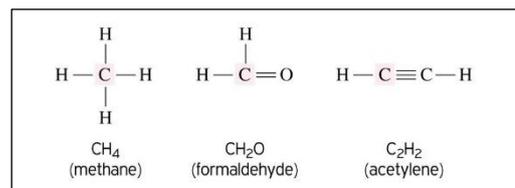
Reversible

- ✓ Relatively weak. 1-30 kJ/mole vs. 350 kJ/mole in C–C bond.
- ✓ Molecules interact and bind specifically.
- ✓ Noncovalent forces significantly contribute to the structure, stability, and functional competence of macromolecules in living cells.
- ✓ Can be either attractive or repulsive.
- ✓ Involve interactions both within the biomolecule and between it and the water of the surrounding environment. (remember, molecules cannot function by themselves, they need to interact with other molecules and even with the environment itself).

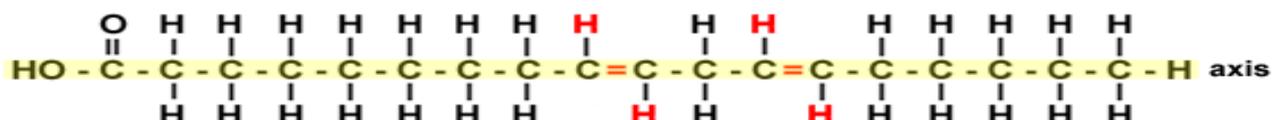
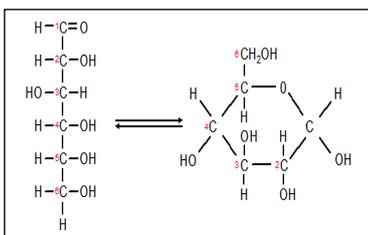
Carbon: (The road to diversity and stability)

Properties of carbon:

➤ Can form 4 bonds

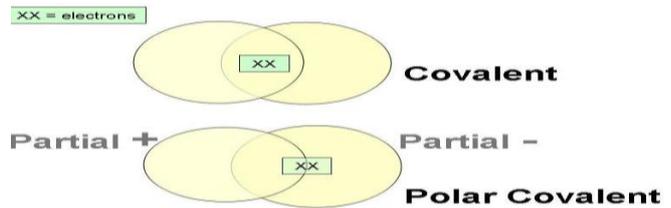


- ✓ may be with the same atom or different atom
- ✓ can form single, double, or triple bonds.
(Remember, our bodies don't contain triple bonds)
- ✓ Each bond is very stable.
(Strength of bonds: triple > double > Single)
- ✓ They link C atoms together in chains and rings.
(These serve as backbones)

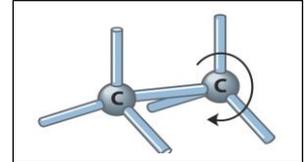


- Has an intermediate E.N → It can form a bond with hydrogen forming a nonpolar bond, as well, it may form a bond with oxygen creating a polar bond

➡ This facilitates diversity.



- Can form bonds with different angles, forming molecules with different 3D shapes and these bonds can rotate, again, increasing the level of diversity inside our bodies.



- Pure carbon is not water soluble, but when carbon forms covalent bonds with other elements like O or N; the molecule as a whole is what makes the carbon compounds to be soluble.

Functional groups (Groups of atoms attached to a carbon skeleton):

General Structure ^a	Functional Group Structure	Functional Group Name	Example
RCH ₂ -CH ₃		Carbon-carbon and carbon-hydrogen single bonds	H ₃ C-CH ₃
RCH=CH ₂		Carbon-carbon double bond	H ₂ C=CH ₂
ROH	-OH	Hydroxyl group	CH ₃ OH
RSH	-SH	Thiol or sulfhydryl group	CH ₃ SH
R-O-R	-O-	Ether group	CH ₃ -O-CH ₃
RNH ₂ R ₂ NH R ₃ N		Amino group	H ₃ C-NH ₂
R=NH		Imino group	
		Carbonyl group	CH ₃ C(=O)H
		Carbonyl group	CH ₃ C(=O)CH ₃
R-COOH		Carboxyl group	CH ₃ C(=O)OH

Ester			Ester group	
Amide			Amide group	
Phosphoric acid ^b			Phosphoric acid group	
Phosphoric acid ester ^b			Phosphoester group or phosphoryl group	
Phosphoric acid anhydride ^b			Phosphoric anhydride group	
Carboxylic acid-phosphoric acid mixed anhydride ^b			Acyl-phosphoryl anhydride	

^aR refers to any carbon-containing group.
^bThese molecules are acids or bases and are able to donate or accept protons under physiological conditions. They may be positively or negatively charged.

Properties of water:

→ Water is a polar molecule as a whole because of

1- the different of E.N between Hydrogen and oxygen.

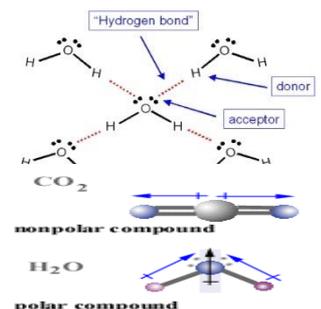
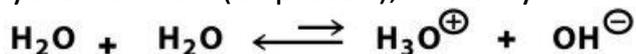
2- It is angular.

→ Water is highly cohesive.

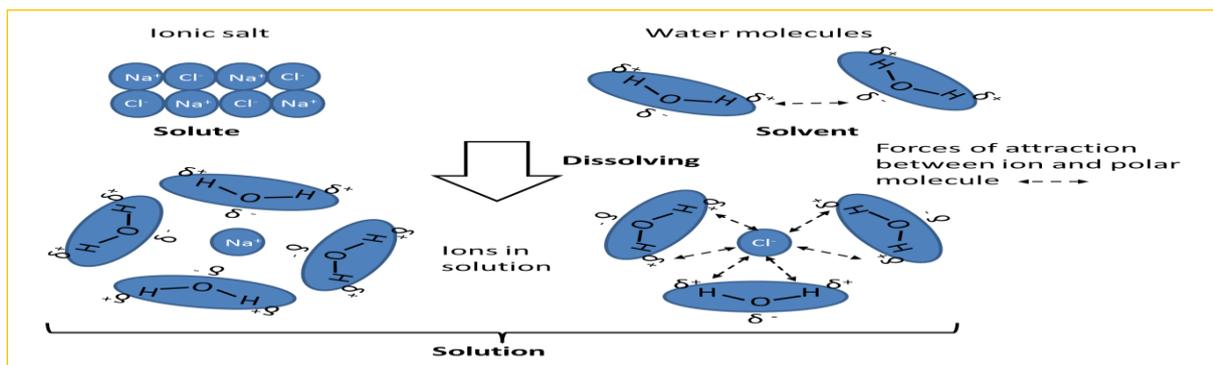
→ Water molecules produce a network thus increasing boiling point.

→ It is reactive because it is a nucleophile.

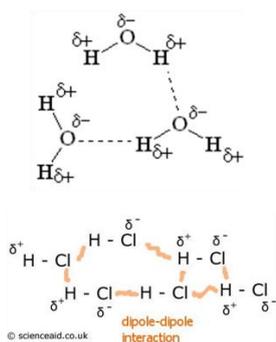
→ Water molecules are ionized to become a positively charged hydronium ion (or proton), and a hydroxide ion:



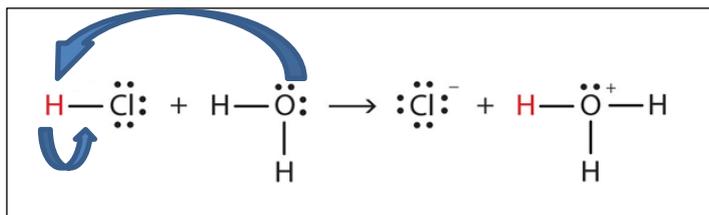
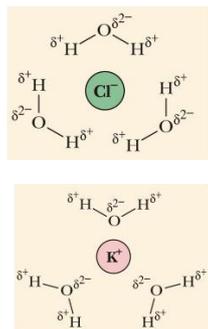
→ Water is an excellent solvent since it's small and is able to weaken electrostatic forces and hydrogen bonding between polar molecules.



Dipole-dipole interaction



Dipole-charge interaction

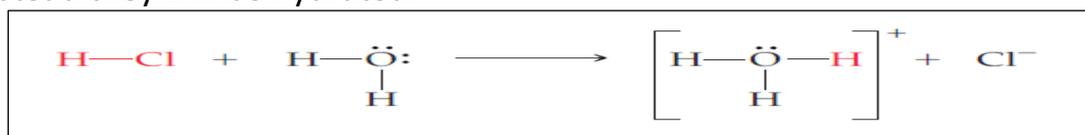


Brønsted-Lowry acids and bases: ^_^

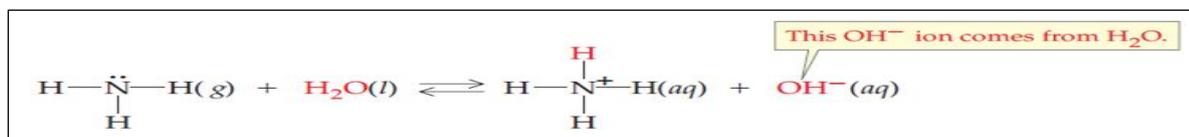
Acid ➤ A substance that produces H⁺ when dissolved in water

➤ H⁺ Reacts with water producing hydronium ion (H₃O⁺).

➤ Remember there is no naked protons (free hydrogen ions in the solution), instead they will be hydrated.



Base: a substance that produces (OH⁻) when dissolved in water.



❖ Types of acids and bases:

The Brønsted-Lowry acid: Any substance (proton donor) able to give a hydrogen ion (H⁺ - a proton) to another molecule.

→ Monoprotic acid: HCl, HNO₃, CH₃COOH

→ Diprotic acid: H₂SO₄

→ Triprotic acid: H₃PO₃

Brønsted-Lowry base: any substance that accepts a proton (H+) from an acid.

→ NaOH, NH3, KOH.

➤ Substances that can act as an acid in one reaction and as a base in another are called **amphoteric substances** (ampho= dual, both).

Ex: water: → With ammonia (NH3), water acts as an acid because it donates a proton (hydrogen ion) to ammonia.



→ With hydrochloric acid, water acts as a base.



Acid/Base strength: ❖

Acids differ in their ability to release protons

→ Strong acids dissociate 100%

Bases differ in their ability to accept protons.

→ Strong bases have strong affinity for protons

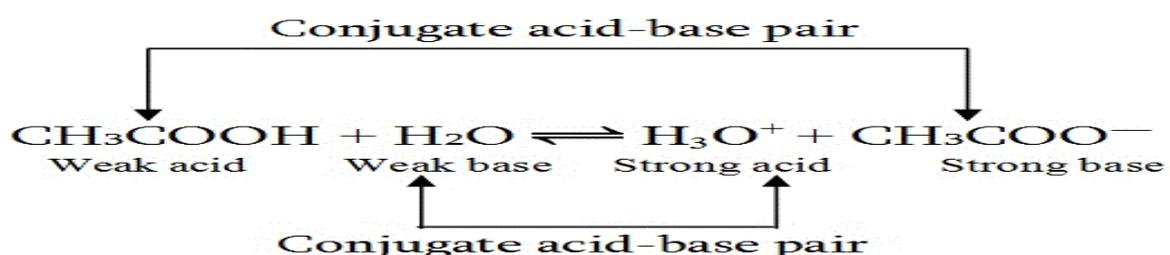
	ACID	BASE	
100 percent ionized in H ₂ O	Strong	HCl	Cl ⁻
	Strong	H ₂ SO ₄	HSO ₄ ⁻
		HNO ₃	NO ₃ ⁻
	Weak	H ⁺ (aq)	H ₂ O
		HSO ₄ ⁻	SO ₄ ²⁻
		H ₃ PO ₄	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻
		HF	F ⁻
		HC ₂ H ₃ O ₂	C ₂ H ₃ O ₂ ⁻
		H ₂ CO ₃	HCO ₃ ⁻
		H ₂ S	HS ⁻
H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻		HPO ₄ ²⁻	
NH ₄ ⁺		NH ₃	
HCO ₃ ⁻		CO ₃ ²⁻	
Negligible	HPO ₄ ²⁻	PO ₄ ³⁻	
	H ₂ O	OH ⁻	
	HS ⁻	S ²⁻	
	OH ⁻	O ₂ ⁻	
		H ⁻	Strong

↑ Acid strength increases (left side)
 ↓ Base strength increases (right side)
 100 percent protonated in H₂O (bottom right)

For **multi-protic acids** (H₂SO₄, H₃PO₄), each proton is donated at different strength.

For example, H₃PO₄ is a weak acid, now notice something that H₃PO₄ can release a proton forming (H₂PO₄⁻), this can also act as an acid as well so that it can donate a proton to form (HPO₄²⁻) that can as well act as an acid and donate another proton. Yet, the second proton donation will not be as easy as the first donation.

>>> Why protons are donated at different strengths? **ANS:** simply due to the acid dissociation constant (K_a) which gonna decrease after the loss of the first hydrogen



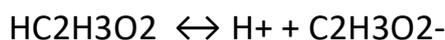
- > Whenever you have an acid, it releases a proton to form a conjugate base.
- > The stronger the acid, the weaker the conjugate base.

Strong vs. weak acids:

1) Strong acid and bases are one way direction



2) Weak acids and bases do not ionize completely

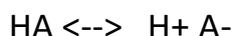


Equilibrium constant (K_{eq}) : 😊

Acid/base solutions are at constant equilibrium.

We can write equilibrium constant (K_{eq}) for such reactions.

- > The strength of acids can be measured by dissociation constant (K_a), which is basically concentration of products over concentration of reactants.



$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \cdot [\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

The value of the K_a indicates direction of reaction:

➤ When K_a is greater than 1 the product side is favored.

➤ When K_a is less than 1 the reactants are favored.

pK_a is a measure of acid's strength

$$\text{pK}_a = -\log K_a$$

> The larger the K_a, the lower the pK_a, the stronger the acid, the easier for it to dissociate into proton and conjugate base (and vice versa).

> Formic acid for example, K_a is equal to 1.77 * 10⁻⁴, this mean: for one molecule of formic acid, you have 1.77 * 10⁻⁴ of products.

What does “ $K_a = 1 \times 10^{-7}$ ” mean?
 you get 10 million protons and
 chloride ion for each molecule.

Remember: Scientists are sooo
 lazy ☹️ and they found out the pKa
 to ease the reading of Ka values.

TABLE 2.4 Dissociation constants and pK_a values of weak acids in aqueous solutions at 25°C

Acid	K_a (M)	pK_a
HCOOH (Formic acid)	1.77×10^{-4}	3.8
CH ₃ COOH (Acetic acid)	1.76×10^{-5}	4.8
CH ₃ CHOHCOOH (Lactic acid)	1.37×10^{-4}	3.9
H ₃ PO ₄ (Phosphoric acid)	7.52×10^{-3}	2.2
H ₂ PO ₄ [⊖] (Dihydrogen phosphate ion)	6.23×10^{-8}	7.2
HPO ₄ [⊖] (Monohydrogen phosphate ion)	2.20×10^{-13}	12.7
H ₂ CO ₃ (Carbonic acid)	4.30×10^{-7}	6.4
HCO ₃ [⊖] (Bicarbonate ion)	5.61×10^{-11}	10.2
NH ₄ [⊕] (Ammonium ion)	5.62×10^{-10}	9.2
CH ₃ NH ₃ [⊕] (Methylammonium ion)	2.70×10^{-11}	10.7

TABLE | 9.4 K_A AND pK_A VALUES FOR SELECTED ACIDS

Name	Formula	K_a	pK_a
Hydrochloric acid	HCl	1.0×10^7	-7.00
Phosphoric acid	H ₃ PO ₄	7.5×10^{-3}	2.12
Hydrofluoric acid	HF	6.6×10^{-4}	3.18
Lactic acid	CH ₃ CH(OH)CO ₂ H	1.4×10^{-4}	3.85
Acetic acid	CH ₃ CO ₂ H	1.8×10^{-5}	4.74
Carbonic acid	H ₂ CO ₃	4.4×10^{-7}	6.36
Dihydrogenphosphate ion	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	6.2×10^{-8}	7.21
Ammonium ion	NH ₄ ⁺	5.6×10^{-10}	9.25
Hydrocyanic acid	HCN	4.9×10^{-10}	9.31
Hydrogencarbonate ion	HCO ₃ ⁻	5.6×10^{-11}	10.25
Methylammonium ion	CH ₃ NH ₃ ⁺	2.4×10^{-11}	10.62
Hydrogenphosphate ion	HPO ₄ ²⁻	4.2×10^{-13}	12.38

THE ONLY WAY OF FINDING THE LIMITS OF THE
 POSSIBLE IS GOING BEYOND THEM RIGHT IN 
 THE IMPOSSIBLE

