

- What are acids and bases? → the Brønsted–Lowry theory of acids and bases:
 - An acid is a chemical species that, in solution, donates a proton
 - Example in solution: $HA \rightarrow A(-) + H(+)$
 - $H(+)$ is seen as a proton
 - Bases are chemical species that, in solution, accepts a proton ($H(+)$)
 - Example reaction: $B(-) + H(+)$ → BH
 - In solution, when acids and bases meet:
 - HA (acid species) + $B(-)$ → $A(-)$ + BH
 - $A(-)$ = acid species that has donated $H(+)$
 - BH = Base species that has accepted an $H(+)$
 - An example of an acid-base reaction:
 - The dissociation reaction of Hydrochloric acid (HCl)
 - $HCl(aq) \rightarrow H(+)(aq) + Cl(-)(aq)$
 - $HCl(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow H_3O(+)(aq) + Cl(-)(aq)$
- Water as an acid and a base
 - Depending on the reaction, water can be an acid, base, or a product.
 - Water as a base → Example: The dissociation reaction of Hydrochloric acid (HCl)
 - $HCl(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow H_3O(+)(aq) + Cl(-)(aq)$
 - In this case, water accepts a proton from HCl to create Hydronium ions ($H_3O(+)$)
 - Water as an acid
 - $H_2O(l) + NH_3(aq) \rightarrow NH_4(+)(aq) + OH(-)(aq)$
 - In this case, water donates a proton to ammonia (NH_3) in order to create ammonium ions ($NH_4(+)$)
 - Water as a product of a reaction → created in some acid-base reactions
 - $CH_3COOH(aq) + OH(-)(aq) \rightarrow CH_3COO(-)(aq) + H_2O(l)$
 - Acetic acid reacts with hydroxide to create acetate and water
- Conjugate acid-base pairs
 - Reactant acids become conjugate bases in products
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 - In each acid-base reaction, there will be two conjugate pairs
 - These pairs are reversible
 - Example reaction:
 - Acid (A) + Base (B) → Conjugate acid (C.A) + Conjugate base (C.B)
 - Dissociation of Hydrochloric acid:
 - $HCl(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow H_3O(+)(aq) + Cl(-)(aq)$
 - HCl is the reactant acid
 - H_2O is the reactant base
 - $H_3O(+)$ is the conjugate acid of H_2O
 - $Cl(-)$ is the conjugate base of HCl
- Amphiprotic species
 - An amphiprotic species have the ability to accept or donate protons ($H(+)$)
 - Water is an amphiprotic species since it has the ability to accept protons to become $H_3O(+)$ or donate protons to become $OH(-)$
- Strong acids and strong bases
 - Strong acids completely dissociate into ions in solutions and all protons are donated to base
 - Some common strong acids:
 - HCl, HBr, H_2SO_4 , HI, $HClO_4$, HNO_3
 - Strong bases completely dissociate into ions in solutions and generate $OH(-)$ ions from reactant bases

▸ Some common strong bases:

- NaOH, LiOH, KOH, Ca(OH)₂, Ba(OH)₂