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- Above what concentration of H_3O^+ is a solution considered to be acidic at 25 °C?

Neutral at 25 °C corresponds to $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})] = 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ and $\text{pH} = 7.0$. Acidic solutions have $\text{pH} < 7.0$ and $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})] > 10^{-7} \text{ M}$

Answer: 10^{-7} M

At 95 °C the auto ionisation constant of water, K_w , is 45.7×10^{-14} . What is the pH of a neutral solution at 95 °C?

K_w refers to the auto ionisation reaction, $2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$ so that $K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$. As the solution is neutral, $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})] = [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$. Hence:

$$K_w = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})][\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})] = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})]^2 = 45.7 \times 10^{-14}$$

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})] = 6.76 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log_{10}[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+(\text{aq})] = -\log_{10}(6.76 \times 10^{-7}) = 6.17$$

pH = 6.17