

CHEM1612 Problem Sheet 5 (Week 6)

Work through the ChemCAL module “Acids and Bases”.

1. A solution prepared by dissolving 0.30 g of polyacrylamide in 100 mL of water has an osmotic pressure of 8.3×10^{-5} atm at 25 °C. What molar concentration of glucose would be isotonic with this solution?
2. Rank the following solutions in order of increasing osmotic pressure:
1 M H₂SO₄ 1 M HCl 0.5 M glucose 0.5 M CaCl₂ 0.5 M NaCl
3. A solution is prepared by dissolving 1.00 mg of an unknown protein in 1.00 mL of water. The osmotic pressure of the solution was measured to be 95 Pa at 25°C. What is the molecular weight of the protein?
4. Sea water from the Gulf of Mexico contains approximately 59 g salt per 1000 g water. Given the cryoscopic constant of water is 1.86 K kg mol⁻¹, at what temperature would this water freeze?
5. Lactic acid (C₃H₆O₃), a monoprotic acid, is a waste product that accumulates in muscle tissue during exertion, leading to pain ("cramp") and a feeling of fatigue. In a 0.100 M aqueous solution, lactic acid is 3.7% dissociated. If the equilibrium concentration of H⁺ ion is x mol L⁻¹, write the equilibrium expression for K_a in terms of x and thus work out the equilibrium concentrations, the value of pH and K_a for lactic acid.
6. Give the concentration of hydrogen ions present and hence calculate the pH of each of the following water solutions:
 - (a) hydrochloric acid (0.14 M)
 - (b) nitric acid (0.0025 M)
 - (c) sodium hydroxide (0.048 M)
 - (d) barium hydroxide (3.7×10^{-3} M)
7. In a titration experiment, 50.0 mL of 0.100 M HCl is reacted with NaOH.
 - (a) Calculate the pH when the following quantities of 0.100 M NaOH have been added:
 - (i) 0.0 mL (initial pH)
 - (ii) 25.0 mL
 - (iii) 45.0 mL
 - (iv) 50.0 mL
 - (v) 55.0 mL
 - (vi) 75.0 mL
 - (b) Using the calculated values, plot the pH curve for the titration.