

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  $8.3 \times 10^{-5}$  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 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>      1 M HCl      0.5 M glucose      0.5 M CaCl<sub>2</sub>      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<sup>-1</sup>, at what temperature would this water freeze?
5. Lactic acid (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), 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<sup>+</sup> ion is  $x$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>, 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 ( $3.7 \times 10^{-3}$  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.