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| Volumetric Analysis | Objectives   |
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| 2. Acids and Bases  | -relate the properties of acids and bases to their household applications -recall that neutralisation is the formation of a salt from an acid and a base -relate their knowledge of neutralisation to everyday examples e.g. use of lime in agriculture, use of stomach powders -state the Arrhenius theory of acids and bases -apply the Arrhenius theory of acids and bases for aqueous solutions only |

# **ARRHENIUS THEORY**

*Def*<sup>n</sup>: An **Arrhenius acid** is a substance that dissociates in water to produce H<sup>+</sup> ions.

e.g.  $HCl \rightarrow H^+ + Cl^-$  (monobasic as one  $H^+$  produced)

 $H_2SO_4 \rightarrow 2H^+ + SO_4^{2-}$  (dibasic as two H<sup>+</sup> produced)

 $H_3PO_4 \rightarrow 3H^+ + PO_4^{3-}$  (tribasic as three H<sup>+</sup> produced)

Strong Arrhenius acids dissociate fully in water. e.g. HCl

Weak Arrhenius acids dissociate partially in water. e.g. Ethanoic acid, CH<sub>3</sub>COOH

**Note:**  $H^+$  ions (which are just protons) cannot exist on their own in water. They bond with a water molecule to form a **hydronium ion**,  $H_3O^+$ , as seen in the picture to the right.



 $Def^n$ : An **Arrhenius base** is a substance that dissociates in water to produce OH<sup>-</sup> ions.

e.g. 
$$NaOH \rightarrow Na^+ + OH^-$$
  
 $Mg(OH)_2 \rightarrow Mg^{2+} + 2OH^-$   
 $Ca(OH)_2 \rightarrow Ca^{2+} + 2OH^-$ 

Strong Arrhenius bases dissociate fully in water. e.g. NaOH

Weak Arrhenius bases dissociate partially in water. e.g. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

**Note:** Arrhenius's theory of acids and bases is limited to solutions dissolved in water. In reality, not all acid-base reactions need water, or even involve OH<sup>-</sup> ions. Today, we have a more modern theory for how acids and bases work.

### **NEUTRALISATION**

A salt is the substance formed when the H<sup>+</sup> from an acid is replaced with a metal or ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) ion.

e.g. when the H<sup>+</sup> in HCl is replaced with sodium, we form the salt NaCl, sodium chloride.

when the H<sup>+</sup> in HCl is replaced with ammonium, we form the salt NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, ammonium chloride.

 $Def^n$ : Neutralisation is the reaction between an acid and a base to form a salt and water.

Types of neutralisation reactions:

1. Acid + Metal → Salt + Hydrogen

e.g. 
$$2HCl + Zn \rightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2$$

2. Acid + Base → Salt + Water

3. Acid + Carbonate → Salt + Water + Carbon Dioxide

e.g. 
$$2HC1 + Na_2CO_3 \rightarrow 2NaC1 + H_2O + CO_2$$

Examples of neutralisation in everyday life:

### 1. Medicine:

Excess HCl in the stomach causes heartburn.

Gaviscon contains sodium hydrogenearbonate (a base) to neutralise the acid.

$$HC1 + NaHCO_3 \rightarrow NaC1 + H_2O + CO_2$$

# 2. Agriculture:

If soil is too acidic, lime (CaO, calcium oxide) is added to neutralise the acidity.

$$CaO + H_2O \rightarrow Ca(OH)_2$$

Lime and water make calcium hydroxide, a base. This base reacts with the acid in the soil.

$$H_2SO_4 + Ca(OH)_2 \rightarrow CaSO_4 + 2H_2O$$

### 3. Environmental Protection:

Some areas receive high amounts of acid rain, making lakes very acidic. Limestone is added to to these lakes to neutralise the acid.

$$H_2SO_4 + CaCO_3 \rightarrow CaSO_4 + CO_2 + H_2O$$