

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log[\text{OH}^-]$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-\text{pOH}}$$

$$\text{pH} + \text{pOH} = 14$$

$$K_w = 10^{-14} = K_a \cdot K_b$$

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a$$

$$K_a = 10^{-\text{p}K_a}$$

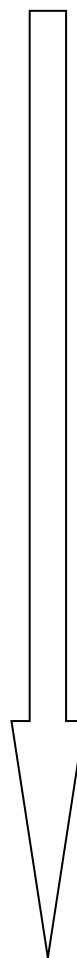
### $K_a$ Table (Chang)

(Acid)	(Base)	$K_a$
HClO <sub>4</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{ClO}_4^-$	very large
HI	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{I}^-$	large
HBr	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{Br}^-$	large
HCl	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{Cl}^-$	large
HNO <sub>3</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{NO}_3^-$	large
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HSO}_4^{2-}$	large
H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.0
HOOC <sup>-</sup> COOH	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HOOC}^-$	$6.5 \times 10^{-2}$
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HSO}_3^-$	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$
HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$
H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	$7.5 \times 10^{-3}$
Fe(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>3+</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{Fe}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5(\text{OH})^{2+}$	$6.0 \times 10^{-3}$
HF	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{F}^-$	$7.1 \times 10^{-4}$
HNO <sub>2</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{NO}_2^-$	$4.5 \times 10^{-4}$
HCOOH	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HCOO}^-$	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
Cr(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>3+</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5(\text{OH})^{2+}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_6^-$	$8.0 \times 10^{-5}$
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> COOH	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COO}^-$	$6.5 \times 10^{-5}$
HCOO <sup>-</sup> COO <sup>-</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + (\text{OOC}^-)_2$	$6.1 \times 10^{-5}$
CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$
Al(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> <sup>3+</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{Al}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5(\text{OH})^{2+}$	$1 \times 10^{-5}$
H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^-$	$4.2 \times 10^{-7}$
H <sub>2</sub> S	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HS}^-$	$9.5 \times 10^{-8}$
HSO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{SO}_3^{2-}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-8}$
H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HPO}_4^{2-}$	$6.2 \times 10^{-8}$
C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (aspirin)	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_4^-$	$3.0 \times 10^{-10}$
H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{BO}_3^-$	$7.3 \times 10^{-10}$
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{NH}_3$	$5.7 \times 10^{-10}$
HCN	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{CN}^-$	$4.9 \times 10^{-10}$
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}^-$	$1.3 \times 10^{-10}$
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{CO}_3^{2-}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-11}$
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HO}_2^-$	$2.4 \times 10^{-12}$
HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{PO}_4^{3-}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-13}$
H <sub>2</sub> O	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{OH}^-$	$1.0 \times 10^{-14}$
HS <sup>-</sup>	$\rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{S}^{2-}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-19}$



Strong acids;  
Conjugates that  
do not behave as bases

Moderate acids



Weak acids;  
Conjugates are bases;  
The weaker the acid,  
the stronger the  
conjugate base

**TABLE 15.5** Ionization Constants of Some Diprotic Acids and a Polyprotic Acid and Their Conjugate Bases at 25°C

Name of Acid	Formula	Structure	$K_a$	Conjugate Base	$K_b$
Sulfuric acid	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{S}-\text{O}-\text{H} \\ \parallel \\ \text{O} \end{array}$	very large	$\text{HSO}_4^-$	very small
Hydrogen sulfate ion	$\text{HSO}_4^-$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{S}-\text{O}^- \\ \parallel \\ \text{O} \end{array}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$7.7 \times 10^{-13}$
Oxalic acid	$\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\ \parallel \quad \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{H} \end{array}$	$6.5 \times 10^{-2}$	$\text{HC}_2\text{O}_4^-$	$1.5 \times 10^{-13}$
Hydrogen oxalate ion	$\text{HC}_2\text{O}_4^-$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\ \parallel \quad \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{O}^- \end{array}$	$6.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-10}$
Sulfurous acid*	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{S}-\text{O}-\text{H} \end{array}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$\text{HSO}_3^-$	$7.7 \times 10^{-13}$
Hydrogen sulfite ion	$\text{HSO}_3^-$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{S}-\text{O}^- \end{array}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
Carbonic acid	$\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{H} \end{array}$	$4.2 \times 10^{-7}$	$\text{HCO}_3^-$	$2.4 \times 10^{-8}$
Hydrogen carbonate ion	$\text{HCO}_3^-$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{O}^- \end{array}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-11}$	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-4}$
Hydrosulfuric acid	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$	$\text{H}-\text{S}-\text{H}$	$9.5 \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{HS}^-$	$1.1 \times 10^{-7}$
Hydrogen sulfide ion <sup>†</sup>	$\text{HS}^-$	$\text{H}-\text{S}^-$	$1 \times 10^{-19}$	$\text{S}^{2-}$	$1 \times 10^5$
Phosphoric acid	$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{O}-\text{H} \\   \\ \text{O} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	$7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$
Dihydrogen phosphate ion	$\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{O}^- \\   \\ \text{O} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	$6.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
Hydrogen phosphate ion	$\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{H}-\text{O}-\text{P}-\text{O}^- \\   \\ \text{O}^- \end{array}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-13}$	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-2}$

\* $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  has never been isolated and exists in only minute concentration in aqueous solution of  $\text{SO}_2$ . The  $K_a$  value here refers to the process  $\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l}) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{HSO}_3^-(\text{aq})$ .

<sup>†</sup>The ionization constant of  $\text{HS}^-$  is very low and difficult to measure. The value listed here is only an estimate.