

Learning how to calculate equilibrium constants for various acid-base reactions
Do these problems in your homework notebook.

- 1) Would a solution of the following salts be acidic, basic, or neutral. Justify your answer in each case:
 - a) K_2CO_3
 - b) NH_4Cl
 - c) $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$
 - d) NaCl
 - e) NaHCO_3
 - f) CsCN
 - g) MgHCO_3
 - h) LiNO_3
 - i) FeI_3
- 2) Using your textbook, explain how FeCl_3 could be acidic.
- 3) Will a solution of nitrous acid completely react with potassium hydroxide? To answer this question, write down the reactions sequentially as we did in class and add them together. Then using the K_a 's and K_b 's for the reactions, calculate the K for the overall reaction.
- 4) If weak acids can react completely with a strong base, then why are they called weak?
- 5) What is the equilibrium constant for the reaction between sodium fluoride and hydrochloric acid?
- 6) If Elizabeth mixes solutions of sodium acetate and ammonium chloride, will she smell a significant amount of ammonia gas? Prove your answer with an equilibrium calculation.