

- **Common Ion Effect**

- **LeChâtelier's Principle:** The shift in equilibrium that occurs by adding a compound that has an ion in common with the dissolved substance.
- The presence of a common ion suppresses the ionization of a weak acid or base.
 - E.g. 1 Assume we have a solution of acetic acid happily at equilibrium $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}(aq) \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+(aq) + \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-(aq)$. What happens if we add some solid sodium acetate? $\text{NaCH}_3\text{COO}(aq) \rightarrow \text{Na}^+(aq) + \text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-(aq)$

← Addition of CH_3COO^- shifts equilibrium concentrations, lowering $[\text{H}^+]$

- E.g. 2 Assume we have a solution of ammonia happily at equilibrium. $\text{NH}_3(aq) \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$ What happens if we add some solid ammonium chloride? $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(aq) \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+(aq) + \text{Cl}^-(aq)$
 - Addition of NH_4^+ shifts reaction left, and the solution is LESS BASIC.
- **Calculation**
 - What is the pH of 1.0 L of a 0.30 M acetic acid solution *before* and *after* adding 0.30 mol sodium acetate?
 - Before: $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]} = \frac{x^2}{0.30 - x}$
 $x = 2.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M} = [\text{H}^+]$, pH = 2.63 (Ignoring x in denominator)
 - After:

	$[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}] (M)$	$[\text{H}^+] (M)$	$[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-] (M)$
Initial (M)	0.30	0	0.30
Change (M)	-x	+x	+x
Equilibrium (M)	$0.30 - x$	x	$0.30 + x$

- $K_a = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}]} = \frac{x(0.30 + x)}{0.30 - x}$
 $x = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} = [\text{H}^+]$, pH = 4.74

- **Acid-Base Buffers**

- A buffer is a mixture of a weak acid and its conjugate base.
- Adding a small amount of H^+ or OH^- reacts only slightly with one component of the buffer, so the pH doesn't change much.
- $HA \rightleftharpoons H^+(aq) + A^-(aq)$
 1. Add OH^- , react with HA
 $HA + OH^- \rightleftharpoons H_2O + A^-$ (neutralization)
 2. Add H^+ , react with A^-
 $H^+ + A^- \rightleftharpoons HA$ (remove H^+ from the solution)

- **Henderson–Hasselbalch equation**

- $$-\log[H^+] = -\log K_a + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$
 - Take $-\log$ of both sides: $K_a = [H^+][A^-] / [HA]$
- 1. To calculate the pH of a solution when $[HA]$, $[A^-]$, and pK_a are known.
- 2. To calculate the pK_a of any weak acid when $[HA]$, $[A^-]$, and pH are known.
- 3. To calculate the ratio of HA to A^- needed to construct a buffer system at a specific pH.