| To "p" $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{pH}=-\log \left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right] \\ \mathrm{pOH}=-\log \left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right] \\ \mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}} \end{gathered}=-\log \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}} .$ | pH is pHun and other bad puns $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{pH}+\mathrm{pOH}=14 \\ & \mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}+\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{b}}=14 \end{aligned}$ | Calculations: weak acids $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right][\mathrm{A}-] /[\mathrm{HA}] \\ \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]^{2} /[\mathrm{HA}] \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To "un-p" $\begin{gathered} {\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]=10^{-\mathrm{pH}}} \\ {\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=10^{-\mathrm{pOH}}} \\ \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{a}}=10^{-\mathrm{pKa}} \\ \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{b}}=10^{-\mathrm{pKb}} \\ \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{w}}=10^{-\mathrm{pKw}} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} {\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=1 \times 10^{-14}} \\ \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{w}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=1 \times 10^{-14} @ 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{a}} \times \mathrm{K}_{b}=1 \times 10^{-14} \\ \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{a}} \times \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{b}}=\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{w}} \end{gathered}$ | Calculations: weak bases $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{b}}=\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]^{2} /[\mathrm{B}]$ <br> Note: <br> You are not normally given $K_{b}$; Instead you will get given $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}$ or $\mathrm{pK} \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of the conjugate acid. <br> Calculate the $K_{b}$ value from this!! |
| $K w$ is the ionic product for water $2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}+\mathrm{OH}^{-}$ <br> Or more simply..... $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{H}^{+}+\mathrm{OH}^{-} \\ \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{w}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]=1 \times 10^{-14} \end{gathered}$ | Calculator Warning!! <br> Enter a number like $1.05 \times 10^{-3}$ as 1.05EXP (-) 3 <br> Significant figures!! <br> It will usually be 3 e.g. $0.0150,2.04 \times 10^{-8}$, 4.50, 12.8 etc | Calculations: <br> salt solutions that affect the pH of water <br> ones that make the water acidic e.g. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}=\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}\right]^{2} /[\text { salt }]$ <br> ones that make the water alkaline e.g. $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COONa}^{-} \\ \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{b}}=\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right]^{2} /[\text { salt }] \end{gathered}$ |

