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## Introduction

- *pH - represents hydrogen ion potential.*
- It is defined as the common logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration.

$$pH = \log 1/[H^+]$$

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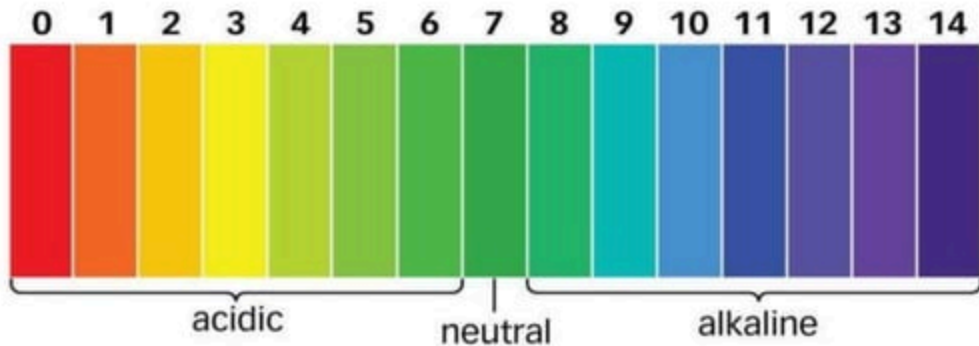
$$pH = -\log [H^+]$$

Sorensen suggested simplified method of expressing hydrogen ion concentration

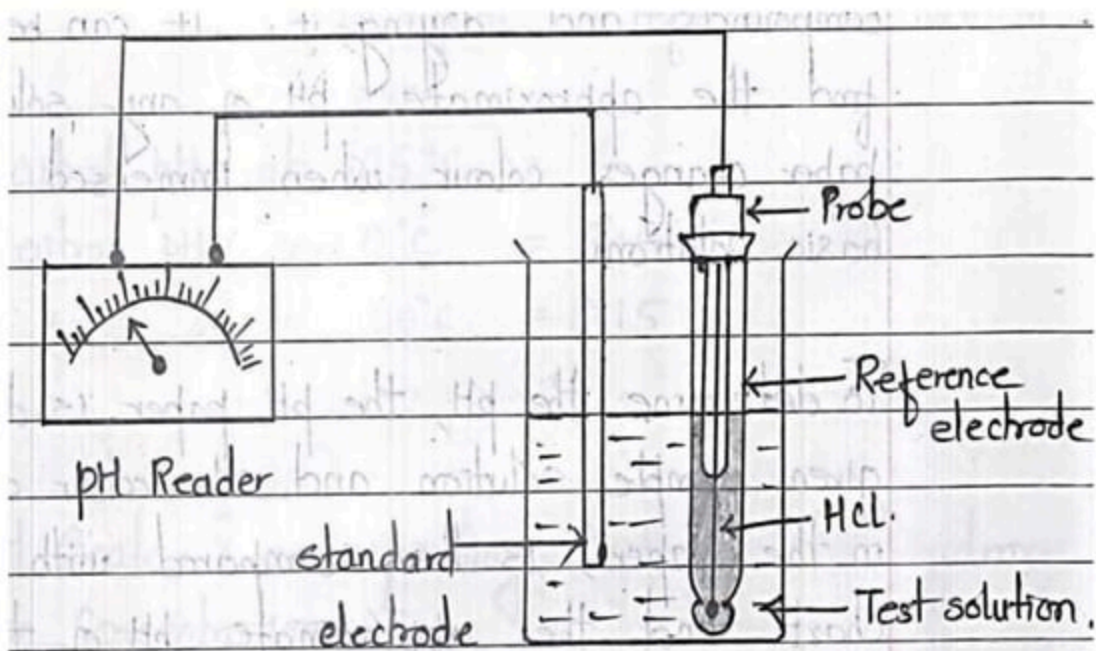
RANGE	COMMENT
0 to 7	ACIDIC
7 to 14	ALKALINE
7	NEUTRAL

# pH Determination

## 1) Colorimetric method – pH paper



## 2) Electrometric method –pH meter



## **Applications of Electrometric method**

- 1) To find out the concentration of  $H^+$  ion.
- 2) To find out the concentration of  $OH^-$  ion.
- 3) To find out the concentration of buffers to be added.
- 4) To improve the stability, solubility and purity of given solution.

## Buffers

- Buffers are compounds or mixtures of compounds that resist changes in pH, even after the addition of small quantities of acids or alkali.
- Buffers are classified as:

### 1) Acidic buffer –pH less than 7

- Its combination of weak acid and its salt. Eg:  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  &  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$ .

### 2) Basic buffer –pH more than 7

- Its combination of weak base and its salt. Eg:  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  &  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .

## **Applications of Buffers**

- Maintenance of life
- Biochemical assay
- In shampoos
- In brewing industry
- In textile industry
- In baby lotions



- **Buffer equation-** Also referred as Henderson Haselbalch equation. It is used to calculate the pH of the solution or to find out the concentration of  $H^+$  ions.
- **Buffer Capacity-** It is defined as the resistance offered by the buffer in the change pH on addition of small amount of acid or Base.
- It is also defined as the ratio of small increment caused by strong acid or strong bases causing small changes in the pH on its addition

## Buffer Capacity

- *Is defined as the resistance offered by the buffer in the change in pH on addition of small amount of acid or base.*
- It is denoted by  $\beta$ .
- **Buffer capacity** is also defined as the *ratio of small increment caused by strong acids or strong bases causing small change in the pH on its addition.*

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta B}{\Delta pH}$$

# **Buffers in Pharmaceutical and Biological systems**

## **• *Buffers in Pharmaceutical systems***

- 1) Solid dosage form- to reduce gastric irritation caused by acidic drugs ( Sodium bicarbonate, Mg Carbonate and sodium citrate.)
- 2) Semi solid dosage forms- to maintain the stability during storage. (citric acid,sodium citrate or phosphoric acid)

- 3) Parenteral Products- to maintain the pH near about blood pH 7.4, hence reduces tissue necrosis( pH> 10) and pain ( pH< 3). (Citrate, Glutamate, Pthalate and acetate)
- 4) Ophthalmic Products- to prevent increase in pH for maintaining of solubility and stability.

## ***Buffers in Biological systems***

- Primary buffer- in plasma ( Carbonic acid/ bicarbonate and acid/ alkali sodium salts of phosphoric acid.)
- Secondary buffer – in erythrocytes (hemoglobin/ oxyhemoglobin and acid/alkali Potassium salts of phosphoric acid .
- Lacrimal fluid- tear (7.4) with pH range 7-8. Eye drop (4-10) not harm to cornea. pH ranges below 6.6 and above 9 may cause discomfort and flow of tear.

## Buffered Isotonic solution

- ***Isotonic solution:*** refers to solutions having same osmotic pressure across a semipermeable membrane. Eg: 0.9% NaCl solution.
- ***Hypertonic solution:*** refers to solution where the concentration of solutes is greater outside the cell than inside it. Eg: 2% NaCl solution. It leads to cell shrinkage or crenation.
- ***Hypotonic solution:*** refers to solution where the concentration of solutes is greater inside the cell than outside it. Eg: 0.2% NaCl solution. It leads to swelling and finally hemolysis.

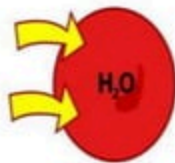
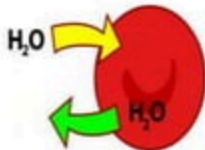
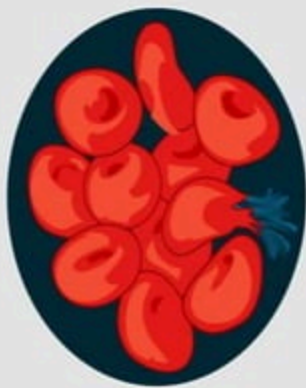
Hypertonic



Isotonic



Hypotonic



## Tonicity and Measurements of tonicity

- Is the concentration of only the solutes that cannot cross the membrane since these solutes exert osmotic pressure on that membrane.
- **Methods:**
  - 1) Hemolytic method
  - 2) Measurement of slight temperature differences.
  - 3) Calculating tonicity using Liso values.



## Methods of adjusting Tonicity & pH

### **CLASS I METHOD**

- Sodium chloride is added to drug solution to make it isotonic with body fluids.

### **CLASS II METHOD**

- Water is added to drug solution to make it isotonic with body fluids.

