Verify this behavior algebraically using the reaction quotient, Q

 $BrO_3^- + 2Cr^{3+} + 4H_2O \implies Br^- + Cr_2O_7^{2-} + 8H^+$ Bromate Chromium(III) Dichromate

In one particular equilibrium state of this system,

 $\rightarrow$  the following concentrations exist:

 $[H^+] = 5.0 \text{ M}$   $[Cr_2O_7^{2^-}] = 0.10 \text{ M}$   $[Cr^{3^+}] = 0.003 \text{ 0 M}$  $[Br^-] = 1.0 \text{ M}$   $[BrO_3^-] = 0.043 \text{ M}$ 

$$K = \frac{[\text{Br}^-][\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{-2}][\text{H}^+]^8}{[\text{Br}\text{O}_3^-][\text{Cr}^{3+}]^2} = 1 \times 10^{11} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

- $BrO_{3}^{-} + 2Cr^{3+} + 4H_{2}O \rightleftharpoons Br^{-} + Cr_{2}O_{7}^{2-} + 8H^{+}$ Bromate Chromium(III) Dichromate  $K = \frac{[Br^{-}][Cr_{2}O_{7}^{2-}][H^{+}]^{8}}{[BrO_{3}^{-}][Cr^{3+}]^{2}} = 1 \times 10^{11} \text{ at } 25^{\circ}C$
- Suppose that the equilibrium is disturbed by adding dichromate to the solution to increase the concentration of [Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup>] from 0.10 to 0.20 M.
   → In what direction will the reaction proceed to reach equilibrium?

$$Q = \frac{(1.0) (0.20)(5.0)^8}{(0.043)(0.003 \ 0)^2} = 2 \times 10^{11} > K$$

Because Q > K

 $\rightarrow$  the reaction must go to the left to decrease the numerator and increase the denominator, until Q = K

## $a\mathbf{A} + b\mathbf{B} \rightleftharpoons c\mathbf{C} + d\mathbf{D}$

- If a reaction is at equilibrium and products are added (or reactants are removed),
  - $\rightarrow$  the reaction goes to the left.
- If a reaction is at equilibrium and reactants are added (or products are removed),
  - $\rightarrow$  the reaction goes to the right

• The effect of temperature on K:

$$K = e^{-\Delta G^{\circ}/RT} = e^{-(\Delta H^{\circ} - T\Delta S^{\circ})/RT} = e^{(-\Delta H^{\circ}/RT + \Delta S^{\circ}/R)}$$
$$= e^{-\Delta H^{\circ}/RT} \cdot e^{\Delta S^{\circ}/R}$$

• The term  $e^{\Delta S^{\circ}/R}$  is independent of T

 $\rightarrow \Delta S$  is constant at least over a limited temperature range

- If  $\Delta H^{\circ}$  is positive,
  - $\rightarrow$  The term e<sup>- $\Delta$ H°/RT</sup> increases with increasing temperature
- If ΔH° is negative,
  - $\rightarrow$  The term e<sup>- $\Delta$ H°/RT</sup> decreases with increasing temperature

• The effect of temperature on K:

$$K = e^{-\Delta G^{\circ}/RT} = e^{-(\Delta H^{\circ} - T\Delta S^{\circ})/RT} = e^{(-\Delta H^{\circ}/RT + \Delta S^{\circ}/R)}$$
$$= e^{-\Delta H^{\circ}/RT} \cdot e^{\Delta S^{\circ}/R}$$

- If the temperature is raised,
  - → The equilibrium constant of an endothermic reaction ( $\Delta H^{\circ}$ >0) increases
  - → The equilibrium constant of an exothermic reaction ( $\Delta h^{\circ}$ <0) decreases
- If the temperature is raised,
  - $\rightarrow$  an endothermic reaction is favored
- If the temperature is raised, then heat is added to the system.
  - $\rightarrow$  The reaction proceeds to partially offset this heat
  - $\rightarrow$  an endothermic reaction
  - → Le Châtelier's principle

#### Solubility product

- The equilibrium constant for the reaction in which a solid salt dissolves to give its constituent ions in solution.
  - → Solid is omitted from the equilibrium constant because it is in its standard state.
- Consider the dissolution of mercury(I) chloride (Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, also called mercurous chloride) in water.
  - $\rightarrow$  The reaction is

$$Hg_2Cl_2(s) \rightleftharpoons Hg_2^{2+} + 2Cl^-$$

 $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$  for which the solubility product,  $K_{sp,}$  is

$$K_{\rm sp} = [{\rm Hg}_2^{2^+}] [{\rm Cl}^-]^2 = 1.2 \times 10^{-18}$$

- The physical meaning of the solubility product is:
- If an aqueous solution is left in contact with excess solid Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\rightarrow$  the solid will dissolve until the condition  $K_{sp} = [Hg_2^{2+}][Cl^{-}]^2$  is satisfied.
- Thereafter, the amount of undissolved solid remains constant.
- If Hg<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>and Cl<sup>-</sup> are mixed together (with appropriate counterions) such that the product [Hg<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>][Cl<sup>-</sup>]<sup>2</sup> exceeds K<sub>sp</sub>,
  - $\rightarrow$  then Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> will precipitate

See Appendix F

 We most commonly use the solubility product to find the concentration of one ion when the concentration of the other is known or fixed by some means.

For example,

 What is the concentration of Hg<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup> in equilibrium with 0.10 M Cl<sup>-</sup> in a solution of KCl containing excess, undissolved Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(s)?

 $\rightarrow$  To answer this question,

$$[\text{Hg}_2^{2^+}] = \frac{K_{\text{sp}}}{[\text{Cl}^-]^2} = \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-18}}{0.10^2} = 1.2 \times 10^{-16} \text{ M}$$

Because Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> is so slightly soluble,

 $\rightarrow$  additional Cl<sup>-</sup> obtained from Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> is negligible compared with 0.10 M Cl<sup>-</sup>.

- Most salts form soluble **ion pairs** to some extent.
  - $\rightarrow$  That is, MX(s) can give MX(aq) as well as M<sup>+</sup>(aq) and X<sup>-</sup>(aq).
  - $\rightarrow$  MX(aq): ion pair
  - → the ion pair is a closely associated pair of ions that behaves as one species in solution
- In a saturated solution of CaSO<sub>4</sub>,
  - $\rightarrow$  two-thirds of the dissolved calcium is Ca<sup>2+</sup>
  - $\rightarrow$  one third is CaSO<sub>4</sub>(aq).

#### **Common Ion Effect**

For the ionic solubility reaction

$$CaSO_4(s) \rightleftharpoons Ca^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} \qquad K_{sp} = 2.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

- In the presence of excess solid CaSO<sub>4</sub>,
  - $\rightarrow$  the product [Ca<sup>2+</sup>][SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>] is constant at equilibrium
- If the concentration of [Ca<sup>2+</sup>] were increased by adding another source of Ca<sup>2+</sup>, such as CaCl<sub>2</sub>,
  - → then the concentration of  $[SO_4^2]$  must decrease so that the product remains constant.
  - → In other words, less CaSO<sub>4</sub>(s) will dissolve if  $[Ca^{2+}]$  or  $[SO_4^{2-}]$  is already present from some other source.

$$CaSO_4(s) \rightleftharpoons Ca^{2+} + SO_4^{2-} \qquad K_{sp} = 2.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

 Figure 6-1 shows how the solubility of CaSO<sub>4</sub> decreases in the presence of dissolved CaCl<sub>2</sub>.

#### Le Châtelier's principle

- → A salt will be less soluble if one of its constituent ions is already present in the solution.
- → called the **common ion effect**.

See Fig 6-1

Pbl<sub>2</sub>(s) in 0.030 M Nal (complete dissociate to Na<sup>+</sup> & I<sup>-</sup>), [Pb<sup>2+</sup>]?

	Pbl <sub>2</sub> (s)	⇒	Pb <sup>2+</sup> +	<u>- 21-</u>
initial conc	solid		0	0.030
final conc	solid		Х	2x+0.030

$$K_{\rm sp} = [Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^2 = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$$

i) Without Nal

$$[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{2} = (x) \cdot (2x)^{2} = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$$
$$x = [Pb^{2+}] = \underline{1.3 \times 10^{-3} M}$$

ii) With Nal

$$[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{2} = (x) \cdot (2x + 0.030)^{2} = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$$
  
expect  $2x < <0.030 \rightarrow (x) \cdot (0.030)^{2} = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$   
 $x = [Pb^{2+}] = 8.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ 

#### **Complex formation**

- If anion X<sup>-</sup> precipitates metal M<sup>+</sup>,
  - → it is often observed that a high concentration of X<sup>-</sup> causes solid MX to redissolve.
- The increased solubility arises from formation of complex ions, such as MX<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, which consist of two or more simple ions bonded to one another.

#### **Effect of Complex Ion Formation on Solubility**

- If Pb<sup>2+</sup> and I<sup>-</sup> only reacted to form solid PbI<sub>2</sub>,
  - → then the solubility of Pb<sup>2+</sup> would always be very low in the presence of excess I<sup>-</sup>

$$PbI_2(s) \rightleftharpoons K_{sp} Pb^{2+} + 2I^- K_{sp} = [Pb^{2+}][I^-]^2 = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$$

- However, we observe that high concentrations of I<sup>-</sup> cause solid Pbl<sub>2</sub> to dissolve.
  - $\rightarrow$  We explain this by the formation of a series of complex ions:

$$Pb^{2+} + I^{-} \xleftarrow{K_{1}} PbI^{+} \qquad K_{1} = [PbI^{+}]/[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}] = 1.0 \times 10^{2}$$

$$Pb^{2+} + 2I^{-} \xleftarrow{\beta_{2}} PbI_{2}(aq) \qquad \beta_{2} = [PbI_{2}(aq)]/[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{2} = 1.4 \times 10^{3}$$

$$Pb^{2+} + 3I^{-} \xleftarrow{\beta_{3}} PbI_{3}^{-} \qquad \beta_{3} = [PbI_{3}^{-}]/[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{3} = 8.3 \times 10^{3}$$

$$Pb^{2+} + 4I^{-} \xleftarrow{\beta_{4}} PbI_{4}^{2-} \qquad \beta_{4} = [PbI_{4}^{2-}]/[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{4} = 3.0 \times 10^{4}$$

$$Pb^{2+} + I^- \rightleftharpoons^{K_1} PbI^+$$
 $K_1 = [PbI^+]/[Pb^{2+}][I^-] = 1.0 \times 10^2$ 
 $Pb^{2+} + 2I^- \rightleftharpoons^{\beta_2} PbI_2(aq)$ 
 $\beta_2 = [PbI_2(aq)]/[Pb^{2+}][I^-]^2 = 1.4 \times 10^3$ 
 $Pb^{2+} + 3I^- \rightleftharpoons^{\beta_3} PbI_3^ \beta_3 = [PbI_3^-]/[Pb^{2+}][I^-]^3 = 8.3 \times 10^3$ 
 $Pb^{2+} + 4I^- \rightleftharpoons^{\beta_4} PbI_4^{2-}$ 
 $\beta_4 = [PbI_4^{2-}]/[Pb^{2+}][I^-]^4 = 3.0 \times 10^4$ 

- The species Pbl<sub>2</sub>(aq) is dissolved Pbl<sub>2</sub>, containing two iodine atoms bound to a lead atom.
- At low I<sup>-</sup> concentrations,
  - $\rightarrow$  the solubility of lead is governed by precipitation of PbI<sub>2</sub>(s).
- At high I<sup>-</sup> concentrations,
  - $\rightarrow$  the above reactions are driven to the right (Le Chatelier's principle)
  - → the total concentration of dissolved lead is considerably greater than that of Pb<sup>2+</sup> alone

#### As [I<sup>-</sup>] increases,

→ [Pb]<sub>total</sub> decreases because of the common ion effect.

# At high values of [I<sup>-</sup>], → Pbl<sub>2</sub>(s) redissolves because it reacts with I<sup>-</sup> to form soluble complex ions, such as Pbl<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>.

$$PbI_{2}(s) \xleftarrow{K_{sp}} Pb^{2+} + 2I^{-} \qquad K_{sp} = [Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{2} = 7.9 \times 10^{-9}$$
$$Pb^{2+} + 4I^{-} \xleftarrow{\beta_{4}} PbI_{4}^{2-} \qquad \beta_{4} = [PbI_{4}^{2-}]/[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{4} = 3.0 \times 10^{4}$$

## See Fig 6-3

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- A most useful characteristic of chemical equilibrium is that all equilibria are satisfied simultaneously.
- If we know [I-],
- → we can calculate [Pb<sup>2+</sup>] by substituting the value of [I<sup>-</sup>] into the equilibrium constant expression for the reaction below, regardless of whether there are other reactions involving Pb<sup>2+</sup>
- The concentration of Pb<sup>2+</sup> that satisfies any one equilibrium must satisfy all equilibria.
  - $\rightarrow$  There can be only one concentration of Pb<sup>2+</sup> in the solution

#### EXAMPLE Effect of I<sup>-</sup> on the Solubility of Pb<sup>2+</sup>

Find the concentrations of PbI<sup>+</sup>, PbI<sub>2</sub>(aq), PbI<sub>3</sub>, and PbI<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> in a solution saturated with PbI<sub>2</sub>(s) and containing dissolved I<sup>-</sup> with a concentration of (**a**) 0.001 0 M and (**b**) 1.0 M.

**Solution** (a) From  $K_{sp}$  for Reaction 6-12, we calculate

$$[Pb^{2+}] = K_{sp}/[I^-]^2 = (7.9 \times 10^{-9})/(0.001 \ 0)^2 = 7.9 \times 10^{-3} M$$

From Reactions 6-13 through 6-16, we then calculate the concentrations of the other Pb[II] species:

$$[PbI^{+}] = K_{1}[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}] = (1.0 \times 10^{2})(7.9 \times 10^{-3})(1.0 \times 10^{-3})$$
  
= 7.9 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M  
$$[PbI_{2}(aq)] = \beta_{2}[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{2} = 1.1 \times 10^{-5} M$$
  
$$[PbI_{5}] = \beta_{3}[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{3} = 6.6 \times 10^{-8} M$$
  
$$[PbI_{6}^{2-}] = \beta_{4}[Pb^{2+}][I^{-}]^{4} = 2.4 \times 10^{-10} M$$

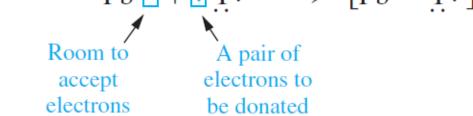
(b) If, instead, we take  $[I^-] = 1.0 \text{ M}$ , then analogous computations show that

$$\begin{split} [\text{Pb}^{2^+}] &= 7.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M} \qquad [\text{Pb}\text{I}_3^-] = 6.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M} \\ [\text{Pb}\text{I}^+] &= 7.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M} \qquad [\text{Pb}\text{I}_4^{2^-}] = 2.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M} \\ [\text{Pb}\text{I}_2(aq)] &= 1.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M} \end{split}$$

**TEST YOURSELF** Find  $[Pb^{2+}]$ ,  $PbI_2(aq)$ , and  $[PbI_3^-]$ , in a saturated solution of PbI  $_2(s)$  with  $[I^-] = 0.10$  M. (*Answer:*  $7.9 \times 10^{-7}$ ,  $1.1 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $6.6 \times 10^{-6}$  M)

#### Lewis Acids and Bases

- In complex ions such as Pbl⁺, Pbl₃⁻, and Pbl₄²⁻,
   → iodide is said to be the <u>ligand</u> of Pb²+.
- A ligand is any atom or group of atoms attached to the species of interest.
- Pb<sup>2+</sup> acts as a Lewis acid and I<sup>-</sup> acts as a Lewis base in these complexes.
   → A Lewis acid accepts a pair of electrons from a Lewis base when the two form a bond:
   ++Pb□+: I: -→ [Pb-: I:]<sup>+</sup>



 $\rightarrow$  The product of the reaction between a Lewis acid and a Lewis base is called an **adduct**.

→The bond between a Lewis acid and a Lewis base is called a **coordinate** covalent bond.

#### **Protic Acids and Bases**

 The word protic refers to chemistry involving transfer of H+ from one molecule to another.

#### Arrhenius acids

- In aqueous chemistry, an acid is a substance that increases the concentration of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> (hydronium ion) when added to water.
- Conversely, a base decreases the concentration of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>.
  - → a decrease in  $H_3O^+$  concentration necessarily requires an increase in  $OH^-$  concentration.
  - $\rightarrow$  Therefore, a base increases the concentration of OH<sup>-</sup> in aqueous solution.

#### **Brønsted-Lowry Acids and Bases**

- Brønsted and Lowry classified
  - $\rightarrow$  acids as proton donors
  - $\rightarrow$  bases as proton acceptors.
- HCl is an acid (a proton donor), and it increases the concentration of  $H_3O^+$  in water:

 $HCl + H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + Cl^-$ 

The Brønsted-Lowry definition does not require that H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> be formed.
 → This definition can therefore be extended to nonaqueous solvents and to

the gas phase:

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \mathrm{HCl}(g) &+& \mathrm{NH}_3(g) &\rightleftharpoons & \mathrm{NH}_4^+\mathrm{Cl}^-(s) \\ \mathrm{Hydrochloric\ acid} & \mathrm{Ammonia} & \mathrm{Ammonium\ chloride} \\ (\mathrm{acid}) & (\mathrm{base}) & (\mathrm{salt}) \end{array}$ 

#### Salts

- Any ionic solid, such as ammonium chloride, is called a salt.
- In a formal sense, a salt can be thought of as the product of an acid-base reaction.
  - $\rightarrow$  When an acid and a base react, they are said to neutralize each other.
- Most salts containing cations and anions with single positive and negative charges are strong electrolytes
  - $\rightarrow$  they dissociate nearly completely into ions in dilute aqueous solution.

 $\mathrm{NH}_{4}^{+}\mathrm{Cl}^{-}(s) \rightarrow \mathrm{NH}_{4}^{+}(aq) + \mathrm{Cl}^{-}(aq)$ 

#### Autoprotolysis

Water undergoes self-ionization, called autoprotolysis,
 → it acts as both an acid and a base:

 $H_2O + H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + OH^$ or  $H_2O \rightleftharpoons H^+ + OH^-$ 

- Protic solvents have a reactive H<sup>+</sup>
  - $\rightarrow$  all protic solvents undergo autoprotolysis.
  - $\rightarrow$  An example is acetic acid:

$$2CH_{3}COH \rightleftharpoons CH_{3}C_{+}OH + CH_{3}C_{-}O^{-} \text{ (in acetic acid)}$$

• Examples of **aprotic solvents** (no acidic protons):

CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>CN Diethyl ether Acetonitrile

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• The autoprotolysis constant for  $H_2O$  has the special symbol  $K_{w}$ , where "w" stands for water:

Autoprotolysis of water:  $H_2O \rightleftharpoons^{K_w} H^+ + OH^- \qquad K_w = [H^+][OH^-]$ 

#### $\rightarrow$ H<sub>2</sub>O (the solvent) is omitted from the equilibrium constant

#### EXAMPLE Concentration of OH<sup>-</sup> When [H<sup>+</sup>] Is Known

What is the concentration of OH<sup>-</sup> if  $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M? (From now on, assume that the temperature is 25°C unless otherwise stated.)

**Solution** Putting [H<sup>+</sup>] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M into the  $K_w$  expression gives

$$K_{\rm w} = 1.0 \times 10^{-14} = (1.0 \times 10^{-3})[\text{OH}^-] \Rightarrow [\text{OH}^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$$

A concentration of  $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$  gives  $[OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$ . As the concentration of  $H^+$  increases, the concentration of  $OH^-$  necessarily decreases, and vice versa. A concentration of  $[OH^-] = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$  gives  $[H^+] = 1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ M}$ .

**TEST YOURSELF** Find [OH<sup>-</sup>] if [H<sup>+</sup>] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M. (*Answer:*  $1.0 \times 10^{-10}$  M)

 An approximate definition of pH is the negative logarithm of the H<sup>+</sup> concentration.

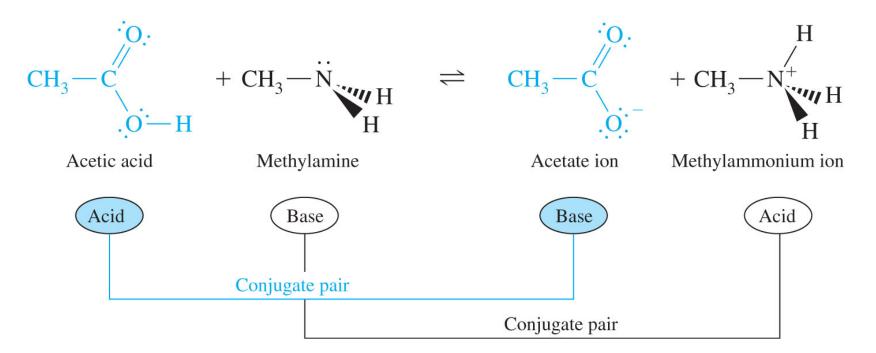
Approximate definition of pH:  $pH \approx -\log[H^+]$  $pH + pOH = -\log(K_w) = 14.00 \text{ at } 25^{\circ}C$  $pOH = -log[OH^-]$  $\rightarrow$  if pH = 3.58, then pOH = 14.00 - 3.58 = 10.42,  $\rightarrow$  [OH<sup>-</sup>] = 10<sup>-10.42</sup> = 3.8 × 10<sup>-11</sup> M.  $pH \xrightarrow{-1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10 \ 11 \ 12 \ 13 \ 14 \ 15}$   $\longleftarrow Acidic \longrightarrow \uparrow \longleftarrow Basic \longrightarrow$ acidic if  $[H^+] > [OH^-]$  Neutral **basic** if  $[H^+] < [OH^-]$ 

- Pure water at 25°C should have a pH of 7.00.
- Distilled water from the tap in most labs is acidic
  - $\rightarrow$  because it contains CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.
  - $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub> is an acid by virtue of the reaction

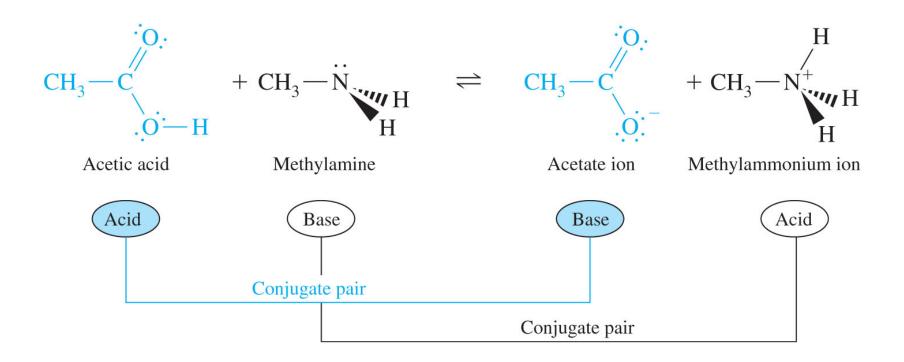
$$CO_2 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons HCO_3^- + H^+$$
  
Bicarbonate

#### **Conjugate Acids and Bases**

 The products of a reaction between an acid and a base are also classified as acids and bases



- Acetate is a **base** because it can accept a proton to make acetic acid.
- Methylammonium ion is an acid because it can donate a proton and become methylamine.



- Acetic acid and the acetate ion are said to be **a conjugate acid-base pair**.
- Methylamine and methylammonium ion are likewise conjugate.

→ Conjugate acids and bases are <u>related to each other by the gain or loss</u> of one H<sup>+</sup>

#### **Strengths of Acids and Bases**

- Acids and bases are commonly classified as strong or weak, depending on whether they react nearly "completely" or only "partially" to produce H<sup>+</sup> or OH<sup>-</sup>.
- Although there is no sharp distinction between weak and strong,
   → a strong acid or base is completely dissociated in aqueous solution.
  - $\rightarrow$  that is, the equilibrium constants for the strong acids and bases are large

 $\operatorname{HCl}(aq) \rightleftharpoons \operatorname{H}^{+} + \operatorname{Cl}^{-}$  $\operatorname{KOH}(aq) \rightleftharpoons \operatorname{K}^{+} + \operatorname{OH}^{-}$ 

• by convention, everything else is termed weak.

#### **Strong Acids and Bases**

- Common strong acids and bases are listed in Table 6-2
  - Even though the hydrogen halides HCl,
     HBr, and HI are strong acids,
     → HF is not a strong acid
  - HF does completely give up its proton to H<sub>2</sub>O:

See Table 6-2

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathrm{HF}(aq) & \rightarrow & \mathrm{H_3O^+} & + & \mathrm{F^-} \\ & & \mathrm{Hydronium} & & \mathrm{Fluoride} \\ & & \mathrm{ion} & & \mathrm{ion} \end{array}$$

- Fluoride forms the strongest hydrogen bond of any ion.
- The hydronium ion remains tightly associated with F through a hydrogen bond.
  - $\rightarrow$  We call such an association an ion pair.

$$H_3O^+ + F^- \rightleftharpoons F^- \cdots H_3O^+$$
  
An ion pair

• HF does not behave as a strong acid

 $\rightarrow$  because F<sup>-</sup> and H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> remain associated with each other.

- Dissolving one mole of the strong acid HCl in water creates one mole of free H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>.
  - → Dissolving one mole of the "weak" acid HF in water creates little free  $H_3O^+$ .

#### Weak Acids and Bases

All weak acids, denoted HA, react with water by donating a proton to H<sub>2</sub>O:

Dissociation of weak acid:  $HA + H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + A^-$ 

Dissociation of weak acid:  $HA \rightleftharpoons K_a = \frac{[H^+][A^-]}{[HA]}$ 

- The equilibrium constant is called K<sub>a</sub>, the acid dissociation constant.
- By definition, a weak acid is one that is only partially dissociated in water,
   → so K<sub>a</sub> is "small.".

• Weak bases, B, react with water by abstracting a proton from H<sub>2</sub>O:

Base  
hydrolysis: 
$$B + H_2O \rightleftharpoons BH^+ + OH^- \qquad K_b = \frac{[BH^+][OH^-]}{B}$$

- The equilibrium constant K<sub>b</sub> is the base hydrolysis constant,
  - $\rightarrow$  which is "small" for a weak base.