

Lab Work 2: Determination of the K_a of ascorbic acid

1- The molecule of ascorbic acid:

3) The molecular formula of ascorbic acid is $C_6H_8O_6$.

$$M(C_6H_8O_6) = 6M(C) + 8M(H) + 6M(O)$$

$$M(C_6H_8O_6) = 6 \times 12,0 + 8 \times 1,0 + 6 \times 16,0 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$$

$$M(C_6H_8O_6) = 176 \text{ g.mol}^{-1} \quad (\text{ chiffres significatifs }).$$

$$4) m = M \times n \quad \text{or} \quad n = c \times V$$

$$V = 250 \text{ mL}$$

$$V = 250 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ L}$$

$$V = 25,0 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ L}$$

donc

$$m = M \times c \times V$$

$\text{g} \quad \text{g.mol}^{-1} \quad \text{mol.L}^{-1}$

$$c = 1,0 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$$

$$\text{AN: } m = 176 \times 1,0 \cdot 10^{-2} \times 25,0 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ g}$$

$$m = 0,44 \text{ g}$$

The mass of solid ascorbic acid that is necessary for this dissolution is 0,44 g.

II- Study of the "tableau d'avancement" and expression of the K_A :

$$2) [H_3O^+] = \frac{n(H_3O^+)}{V}$$

$$[H_3O^+] = \frac{x_f}{V}$$

3) At the equilibrium, H_3O^+ and $C_6H_7O_6^-$ have the same concentration: $[H_3O^+] = [C_6H_7O_6^-]$.

$$4) [C_6H_8O_6] = \frac{m(C_6H_8O_6)}{V}$$

$$[C_6H_8O_6] = \frac{C \times V - x_f}{V}$$

$$[C_6H_8O_6] = \frac{CV}{V} - \frac{x_f}{V}$$

$$[C_6H_8O_6] = c - [H_3O^+]$$

$$5) K_A = \frac{[C_6H_7O_6^-][H_3O^+]}{[C_6H_8O_6]}$$

$$K_A = \frac{[H_3O^+][H_3O^+]}{c - [H_3O^+]}$$

$$K_A = \frac{[H_3O^+]^2}{c - [H_3O^+]}$$

III - Conductivity of the solution:

$$1) \sigma = \lambda_{C_6H_7O_6^-} \times [C_6H_7O_6^-] + \lambda_{H_3O^+} \times [H_3O^+]$$

$$2) \sigma = \lambda_{C_6H_7O_6^-} \times [H_3O^+] + \lambda_{H_3O^+} [H_3O^+]$$

$$\sigma = (\lambda_{C_6H_7O_6^-} + \lambda_{H_3O^+}) [H_3O^+]$$

$$3) a) \sigma = (25,0 \cdot 10^{-4} + 35,0 \cdot 10^{-3}) [H_3O^+] \text{ S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma = 37,5 \cdot 10^{-3} [H_3O^+] \text{ S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$$

$$[H_3O^+] = \frac{\sigma}{37,5 \cdot 10^{-3}} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$$

$$[H_3O^+] = \frac{\overset{\text{S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}}{\sigma}}{\underset{\text{S} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}}{\lambda_{C_6H_7O_6^-} + \lambda_{H_3O^+}}} \underset{\text{mol}}{\text{mol}}$$

b) $1 \text{ m}^3 = 1000 \text{ L}$

so $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \frac{6}{\lambda_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_6^-} + \lambda_{\text{H}_3\text{O}^+}} \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$

Lab Work and conclusions:

2) a) $\text{pH} = 3,36$ so $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 10^{-3,36} \text{ mol/L}$

b) and $K_A = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2}{c - [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}$

A.N.: $K_A = \frac{(10^{-3,36})^2}{1,0 \cdot 10^{-2} - 10^{-3,36}}$

$K_A \approx 2,0 \cdot 10^{-5}$

so $\text{p}K_A = -\log K_A$
 $\text{p}K_A \approx -\log 2,0 \cdot 10^{-5}$
 $\text{p}K_A \approx 4,7$

c) group	J-V-C	P-H-C	H-C	C-G-M	R-S	A-J	B-R	T-T
pH	3,4	2,9	2,9	3,3	3,4	3,2	3,5	3,4
pK _A	4,6	3,7	3,7	4,6	4,7	4,3	4,9	4,8

Average
Value = 4

$\Delta \text{p}K_A = 2 \times \frac{S_{\text{exp}}}{\sqrt{n}}$

A.N.: $S_{\text{exp}} = \sqrt{\frac{(4,6-4,4)^2 + (3,7-4,4)^2 + (3,7-4,4)^2 + \dots + (4,8-4,4)^2}{7}}$

$S_{\text{exp}} = 0,47$ so $\Delta \text{p}K_A = 0,33$ so $\text{p}K_A = 4,4 \pm 0,4$
 $\Delta \text{p}K_A \approx 0,4$

conclusion: if we consider this error range, the value is in accordance with the data (pK_A = 4,1)

3) a) $\sigma = 0,35 \text{ mS} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$

b) $\sigma = \frac{0,35 \text{ mS}}{1 \text{ cm}}$

$\sigma = \frac{0,35 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ S}}{1 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ m}}$

$\sigma = 0,35 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 10^2 \text{ S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$

$\sigma = 0,35 \cdot 10^{-1} \text{ S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$

$\sigma = 3,5 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$

c) $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \frac{\sigma}{\lambda_{\text{H}_3\text{O}^+} + \lambda_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}^-}} \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$

A.N: $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \frac{3,5 \cdot 10^{-2}}{35 \cdot 10^{-3} + 25 \cdot 10^{-4}} \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$

$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = 9,3 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$

d) $K_A = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2}{c - [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}$

A.N: $K_A = 9,6 \cdot 10^{-5}$

so $pK_A = -\log K_A$

A.N: $pK_A = 4,0$

4) $pK_A = -\log K_A$

$pK_A = -\log \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]^2}{c - [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}$

and c is the concentration of the solute of the solution
so if the concentration change, the pK_A change.

To verify it, we have to prepare an other solution
with a different concentration and compare the value
of pK_A . $\Rightarrow$ see the results in the other report.

yes.

this is not so obvious, because
if c changes, $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ changes too...