



Chapter4: Acids, Bases, and pH

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Matter

Pure
substance

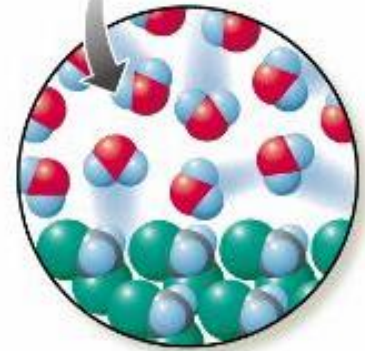
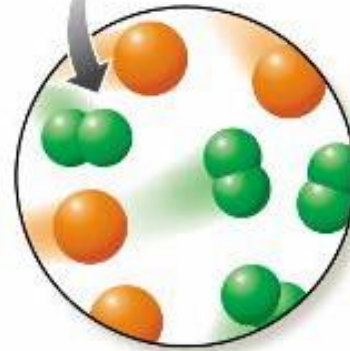
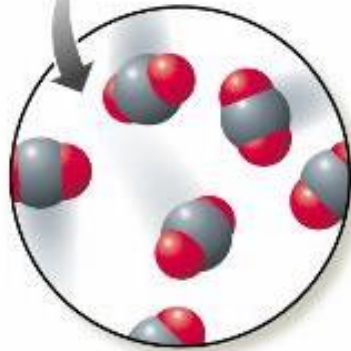
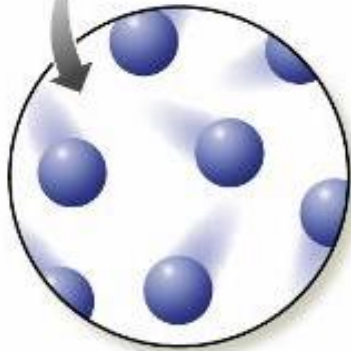
Mixture

Element

Compound

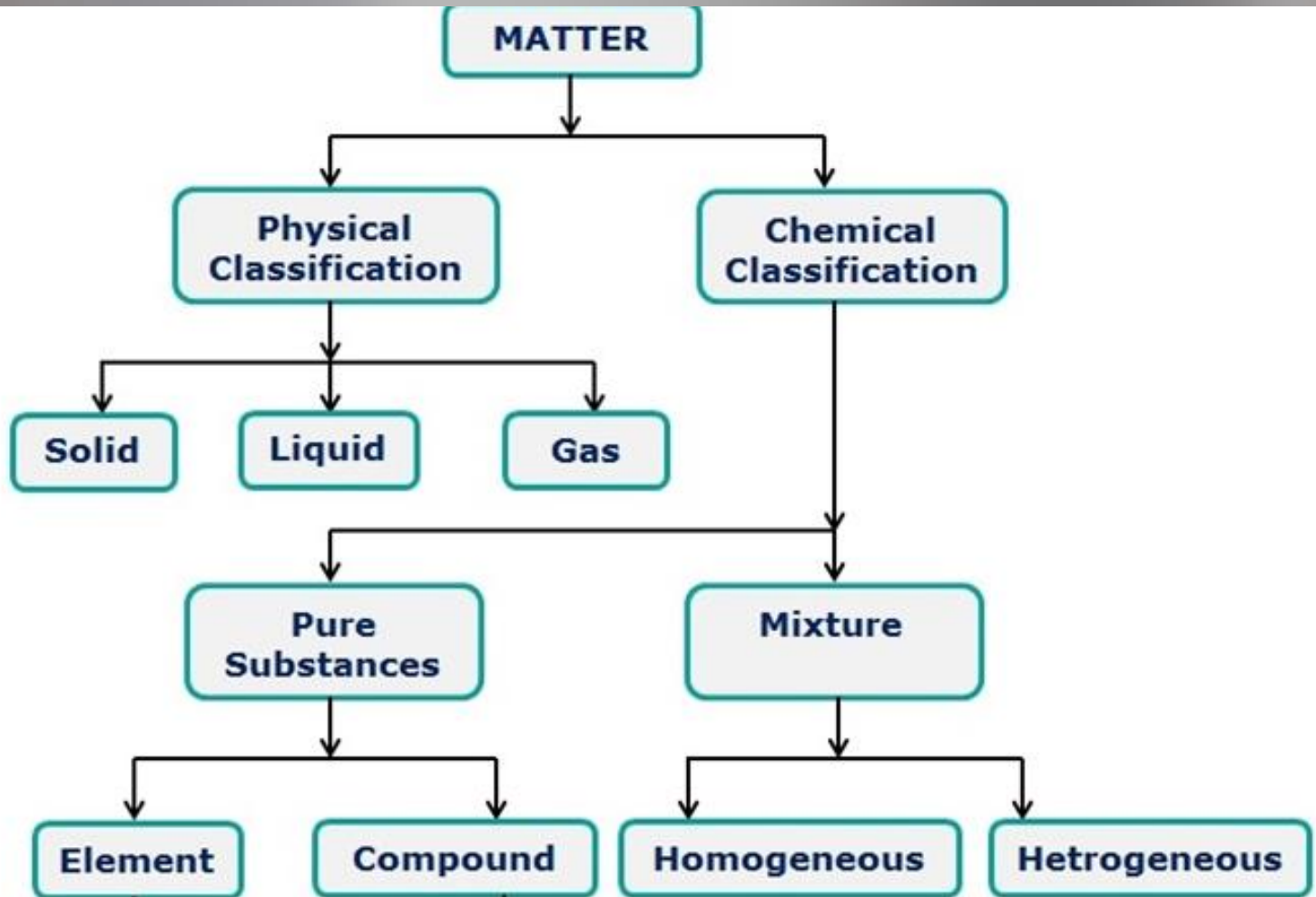
Homogeneous
mixture

Heterogeneous
mixture





Revision





introduction

- Chemicals are classified into :
- A- Acids
- B- Bases
- C- neutrals

Acids

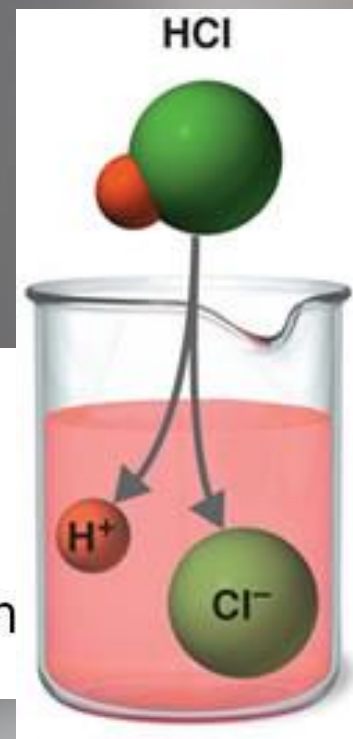
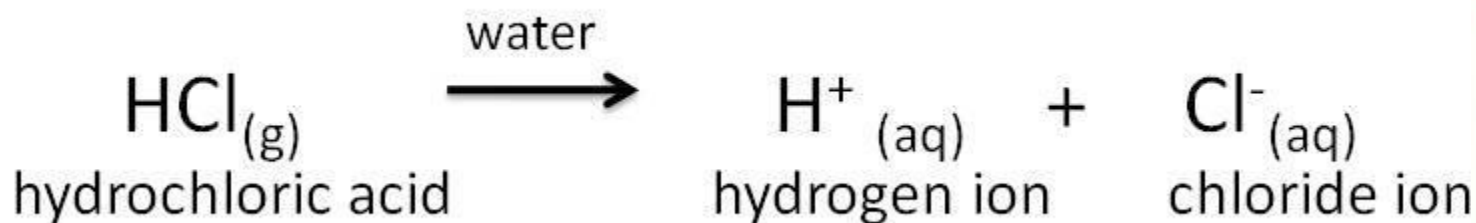




4.2: What are acids?

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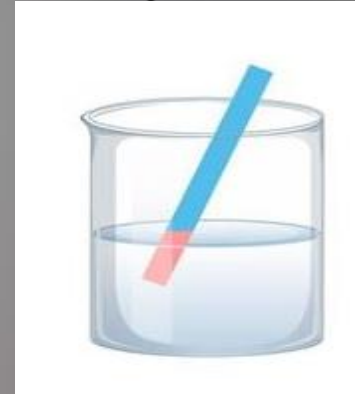
- Solutions that have a sour taste and Give hydrogen ions, H^{+1} in water.





Characteristics of acids

1. All acids are solutions.
2. Acids taste sour.
3. Acids conduct electricity well, as they have positive and negative ions in the solution.



4. Acids turn blue litmus paper into red
(Litmus paper is an indicator)

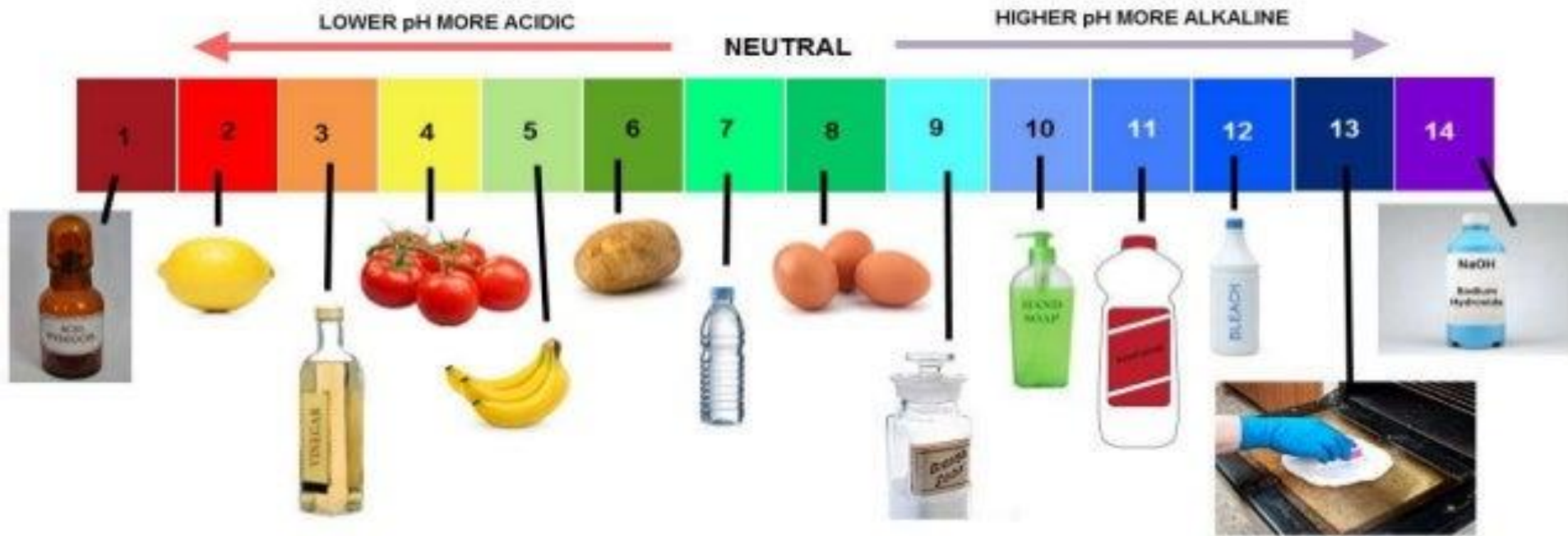
5. Corrosive: Can burn skin and react with metals.
(stored in glass containers)



6. All acids contain the element Hydrogen.
7. Acids have a pH ranging from 0-6



Acids, alkalis and neutrals





Acid Examples

Sulfuric Acid



Battery acid

Nitric Acid



Used to make fertilizers and explosives

Phosphoric Acid



Food flavoring

Hydrochloric Acid



Stomach acid

Acetic Acid



Vinegar

Carbonic Acid



Carbonated water



According to concentration acids are classified into :

- **A- Concentrated acids:** more number of acid particles dissolved in water, so more H ions present. (corrosive – can destroy skin and attack metals)
- **B- Diluted acids:** low number of acid particles dissolved in water, so less H ions present. (irritant/ harmful – skin may become red and blistered)

4.3. What are alkalis?

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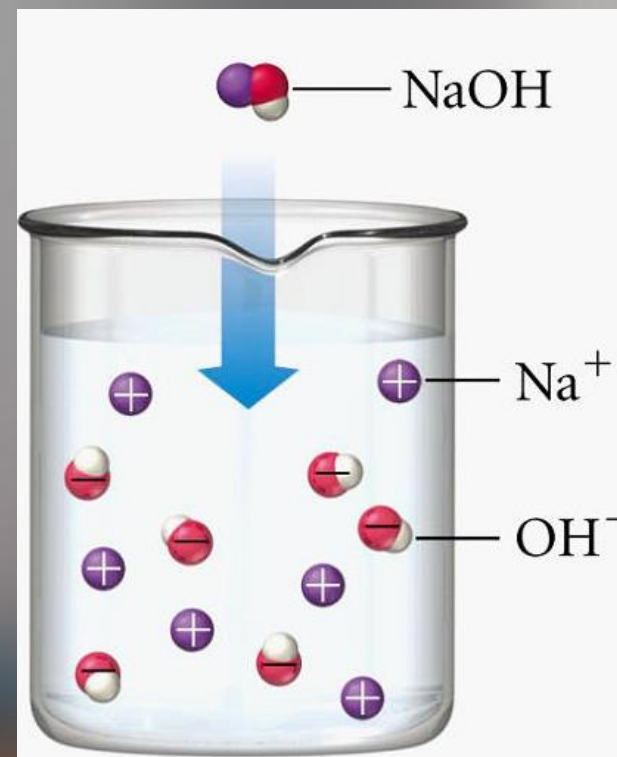




4.3. What are alkalis?

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-Substances that form hydroxide ions (OH^{-1}) ions **when dissolved in water.**



Examples of alkalis



What is a weak alkali?

- Alkalis are found in soaps and other materials used for cleaning.



It is safe to handle these alkalis, which can feel soapy. These alkalis are known as **weak alkalis**.



Common Alkalis:

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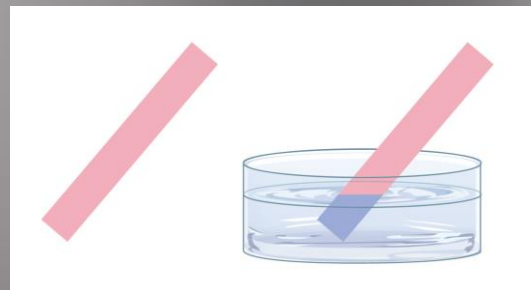
- a. KOH – potassium hydroxide
- b. NaOH – sodium hydroxide
- c. Ammonia (NH_3) is a base.
in water becomes Ammonium Hydroxide (NH_4OH).

A. Characteristics of Alkalis:

1. Taste bitter
2. Feel soapy to touch.
3. Can burn skin (caustic/ corrosive).
4. Alkalis change oil and fat into soluble soapy substance, that can be washed away with water.



5. Alkalis turn **red** litmus paper into **blue**



6. All Alkalis contain Hydroxide particles (**OH**)
7. **Alkaline solutions** conduct electricity well.



4.4: Indicators:

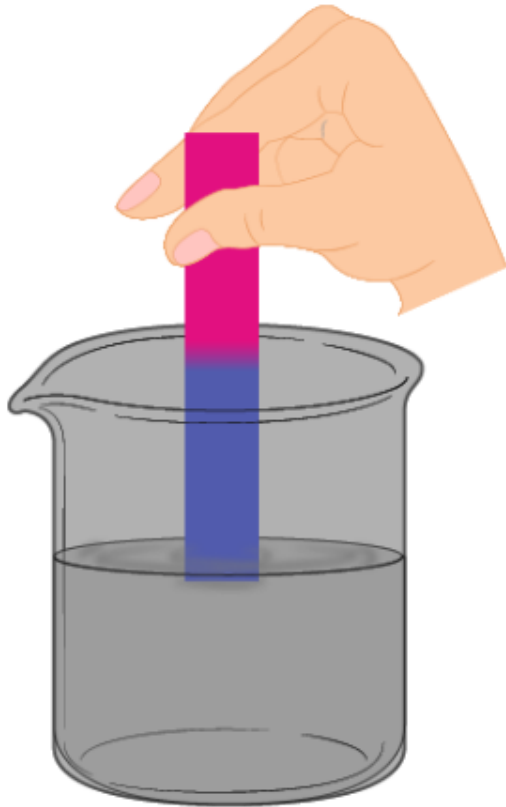
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- A substance that shows whether a solution is an acid or alkali by changing its colour.

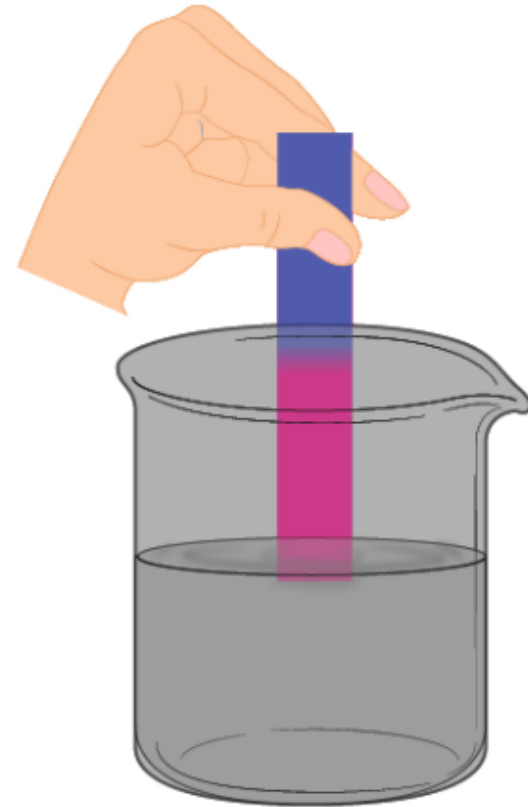




Litmus paper indicators:



In an alkali, red
litmus paper turns
blue.



In an acid, blue
litmus paper turns
red.



NATURAL INDICATORS





4.5: Universal Indicator: page 132

- A mixture of indicators that give range of colours, used to show how strong or weak an acid or an alkali is.



