

Answer on Question #74581, Chemistry / General Chemistry :

1.50 grams of HNO_2 is added to water to obtain a final volume of 700.0 mL. What is the equilibrium concentration of H^+ ? k_a for $\text{HNO}_2 = 4.6 \times 10^{-4}$.

Solution.

$$m(\text{HNO}_2) = 1.50 \text{ g}$$

$$V = 700.0 \text{ ml}$$

$$M(\text{HNO}_2) = 47 \text{ g / mol}$$

$$K_a = 4.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = ?$$

Molarity of HNO_2 :

$$C(\text{HNO}_2) = \frac{m(\text{HNO}_2)}{M(\text{HNO}_2) \cdot V}$$

$$C(\text{HNO}_2) = \frac{1.50 \text{ g}}{0.7 \text{ l} \cdot 47 \text{ g / mol}}$$

$$C(\text{HNO}_2) = 0.0456 \text{ M}$$

Ostwald's dilution law is a relationship between the dissociation constant K_d and the degree of dissociation α of a weak electrolyte:

$$k_a = \frac{\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} \cdot C \approx \alpha^2 \cdot C$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{k_a}{C}}$$

The equilibrium concentration of H^+ :

$$[\text{H}^+] = \alpha \cdot C = \sqrt{\frac{k_a}{C}} \cdot C = \sqrt{k_a \cdot C}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = \sqrt{(4.6 \cdot 10^{-4}) \cdot 0.0456 \text{ M}}$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 9.82 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

Answer: $[\text{H}^+] = 9.82 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$.