Answer on Question #81288, Chemistry, General Chemistry

What is the pH of a 6.50 x 10 $^{-3}$ M KOH solution?

Solution:

According to dissociation process:

 $\rm KOH \rightarrow \rm K^{\scriptscriptstyle +} + \rm OH^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$

Potassium hydroxide is a strong electrolyte. That's why concentration of KOH equals concentration of hydroxide – ion OH⁻:

 $[KOH] = [OH^{-}] = 6.50*10^{-3} M$

Determine the pOH value using expression:

 $pOH = - lg[OH^{-}]$

or:

 $pOH = -lg (6.50*10^{-3}) = 2.19$

Determine the pH value using known value of pOH:

pH = 14 - pOH

or:

pH = 14 - 2.19 = 11.81 (basic)

Answer: pH = 11.81.

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