

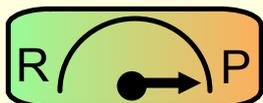
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Strong Acid - has 100% ionization



I	0.062		
S	-0.062	+0.062	+0.062
E	0	0.062	0.062

\nearrow all products
 $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log(\mathbf{0.062}) = \mathbf{1.21}$$

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Weak acid - ionizes slightly
 $K_a = 7.2 \text{ E-}5$



I	0.062		
S	-x	+x	+x
E	0.062-x	x	x

\nearrow
 $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

$$K_a = 7.2 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{NO}_2^{-1}]}{[\text{HNO}_2]}$$

$$7.2 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{[x][x]}{[0.062 - x]}$$

\nearrow negligible

$$(7.2 \times 10^{-4})(0.062) = x^2$$

$$x = \mathbf{0.00668} \text{ M} = [\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = -\log(\mathbf{0.00668}) = \mathbf{2.18}$$