<u>1.1</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	1	4	1	3	18	3	31

## Copper Ammonia Equilibria (CODS-CT Team Round Pt. 2 #1)

Perhaps the most famous complex of copper is the Copper (II) Ammonia complex. This system will be explored through the following 3 equilibria:

$Cu^{2+} + NH_3 \rightleftharpoons Cu(NH_3)^{2+}$	(1) $K_f = 2 \times 10^4$
$Cu^{2+} + H_2O \rightleftharpoons Cu(OH)^+ + H^+$	(2) $K_a = 1 \times 10^{-5}$
$NH_3 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+ + OH^-$	(3) $K_b = 2 \times 10^{-5}$

Further complexation of ammonia is ignored due to the low initial concentration of NH<sub>3</sub> present.

**<u>1.1</u>** What is the pH of a 0.012 M solution of  $NH_3$  in water? **<u>1.2</u>** What is the pH of a 0.01 M solution of  $Cu(NO_3)_2$  in water?

We can simplify the final problem we hope to study by *ignoring the complexation equilibria* (1) and considering only acid base reactions (2-3) for now.

To 1.0 L of solution, a student adds 0.01 moles of  $Cu(NO_3)_2$  and 0.012 moles of  $NH_3$  so that the final analytical concentrations are 0.01 M  $Cu^{2+}$  and 0.012 M  $NH_3$ . If we ignore the complexation equilibria, the pH of the solution thus prepared can be calculated to be 8.60.

<u>**1.3**</u> What are the concentrations of  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Cu(OH)^+$ ,  $NH_3$ , and  $NH_4^+$  in this solution? <u>**1.4**</u> What is the  $K_{eq}$  of the reaction  $Cu^{2+} + NH_3 + H_2O \rightleftharpoons Cu(OH)^+ + NH_4^+$ ?

To 1.0 L of solution, a student adds 0.01 moles of  $Cu(NO_3)_2$  and 0.012 moles of  $NH_3$  so that the final analytical concentrations are 0.01 M  $Cu^{2+}$  and 0.012 M  $NH_3$ . This time we will consider all 3 equilibria listed above.

**<u>1.5</u>** Write out all equations you can construct from the given information which you will use to solve the system.

<u>**1.6**</u> Determine the final concentrations of all 7 aqueous species (excluding  $NO_3^{-}$ )

<u>1.7</u> State all approximations which you used (if you used any)