

$$= -\log 0.1$$

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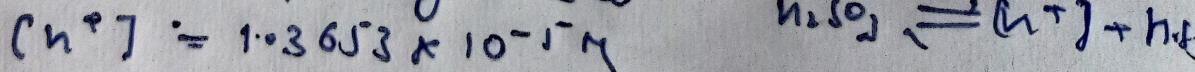
Q.] The avg. conc. of SO_2 in the atmosphere over a city on a certain day is 10 ppm. When the avg temp 298K. Given that the solubility of SO_2 in water at 298 K. Given the solubility of SO_2 in water at 298K is 1.365 mol/L & pKa of H_2SO_3 is 1.9. Estimate pH of rain [2005]

Sol'n

Partial Pressure of SO_2 (P_{SO_2}) = 10^{-5} atm

$$[\text{SO}_2]_{aq} = 1.365 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

$\text{OK}_a = 1.92$ & conc. of H_2SO_3 is very low,
it is almost completely ionized:



$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+] = -\log(1.3653 \times 10^{-5}) = \boxed{4.86}$$