

Physical properties of amines: →

1. It's lower members are gases (C₁ to C₂), onward or C₃ to C₁₀ are liquids and onward C₁₀ it becomes in solid state for aliphatic amines. Aniline is aromatic amine and it is in liquid state.
2. Aliphatic amines of C₁ to C₂ are gases & it has fishy smell.
3. Aniline is colourless but whenever it is oxidised it becomes coloured. Generally aryl amines are colourless whenever closed in containers.
4. Lower aliphatic primary amines or may be secondary amines are soluble in water because it can form hydrogen bond with water. In case of tertiary amines there is no hydrogen directly bonded with Nitrogen so it can not forms hydrogen bond with water hence it is insoluble in H₂O. As molecular mass increases or size of R₁R₂R₃ (R) group increases the solubility of amine (any degree) in water decreases because R is hydrophobic in nature so it decreases the tendency to form hydrogen bond with water.
5. In alcohol 'O' is present in functional group but in amine 'N' is present in functional group, the electronegativity of O' is more than N' so the hydrogen

bond formed by Oxygen is stronger than ~~the~~ Nitrogen hence Hydrogen bond formed by alcohol is stronger than amines, and hence if comparable molecular mass of 1° Alcohol & 1° amine is given for comparative study for the solubility in water, then no doubt 1° Alcohol will be more soluble than 1° amine having comparable molecular mass. Alcohols are more polar than amines.

5. Intermolecular association among amine molecules are more in primary amines than secondary amines, but not possible in tertiary amines. Hence the boiling point in primary (1°) amine $>$ secondary (2°) amines $>$ tertiary (3°) amines.

So boiling point of 1° Amine $>$ 2° Amine $>$ 3° Amine

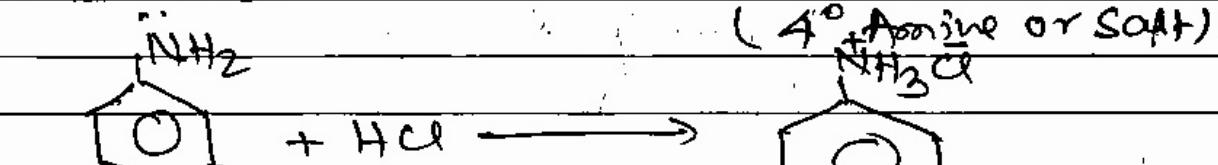
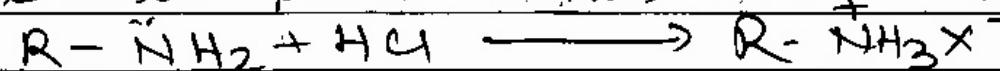
Chemical properties :-

Amine of any degree either 1° or 2° or 3° contains lone pair of electron on nitrogen atom so according Lewis it is electron pair donor and it behaves as Lewis base.

Basic character of amines: →

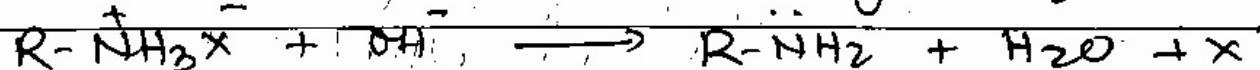
1 Reaction with acid (Hydrochloric acid): →

Due to presence of lone pair of electron on nitrogen atom, amine behave as lewis base, so when it react with mineral acids like HCl it forms salt. This reaction proves amine are + base in nature.

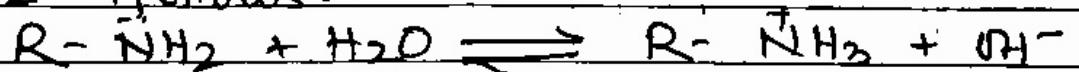


The formed 4° Amine or salt formed is soluble in water but insoluble in organic solvents like ether, carbon tetrachloride etc.

Amine Salt on treatment with a base like NaOH, or KOH it again gives 1° Amine



We can explain the basic nature of amine by the help of K_b and pK_b also as follows:-



$$K = \frac{[R-\overset{\cdot}{N}H_3^+][OH^-]}{[R-\overset{\cdot}{N}H_2][H_2O]}$$

Where K = Equilibrium Constant.

$$\text{or } K_b \times [\text{H}_2\text{O}] = \frac{[\text{R}-\ddot{\text{N}}\text{H}_3^+] [\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{R}-\ddot{\text{N}}\text{H}_2]}$$

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$$pK_b = -\log_{10} K_b$$

$$\text{or } pK_b = \log_{10} \frac{1}{K_b}$$

$K_b \propto$ strength of base

$$pK_b \propto \frac{1}{\text{Strength of base}}$$

pK_b value of NH_3 is 4.75 but the pK_b value of methanamine is 8.38, and ethanamine is 3.29.

So Basic strength of ethanamine > Methanamine > Ammonium
Note: Aliphatic amines are stronger bases than ammonia due to $+I$ effect (Presence of R group), or due to e⁻ donating nature of alkyl (R) group, whereas aryl amines are weaker bases than ammonia due to electron withdrawing nature of aryl group.

