

1. (5 points each) The following kinetic data were obtained for the reaction $2 \text{ICl}(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{I}_2(\text{g}) + 2 \text{HCl}(\text{g})$:

Experiment	Initial concentration, millimole $\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$		Initial rate, mole $\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$
	$[\text{ICl}]_0$	$[\text{H}_2]_0$	
1	1.5	1.5	3.7×10^{-7}
2	3.0	1.5	7.4×10^{-7}
3	3.0	4.5	22×10^{-7}

a) Write the rate law for the reaction.

Doubling $[\text{ICl}]$ doubles the rate
 Tripling $[\text{H}_2]$ triples the rate $\Rightarrow R = k [\text{ICl}]^1 [\text{H}_2]^1$

b) From the data, determine the value of the rate constant.

$$R_0 = k [\text{ICl}]_0 [\text{H}_2]_0$$

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$$3.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} = k [1.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}] [1.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}]$$

\Rightarrow

$$k = 0.16 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

2. (10+5+5 points) The rate constant for the decomposition of N_2O_5 at 45°C is $k = 5.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The activation energy for the reaction is $103 \text{ kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$.

a) Determine the value of the rate constant at 50°C .

$$\frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{A \exp(-E_a/RT_2)}{A \exp(-E_a/RT_1)} = \exp\left(-E_a/R \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right)\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{50} = 5.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1} \exp\left(\frac{-103 \times 10^3 \text{ J/mol}}{8.314 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}} \left(\frac{1}{273+50} - \frac{1}{273+45}\right)\right)$$

$$= 9.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

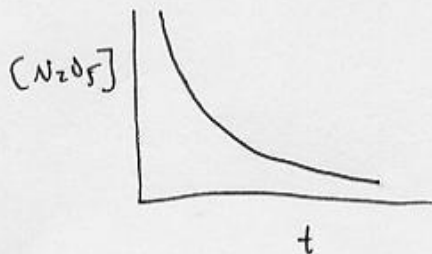
b) Calculate the half-life of N_2O_5 at 45°C .

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k} \quad \text{since units of } k \Rightarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order reaction}$$

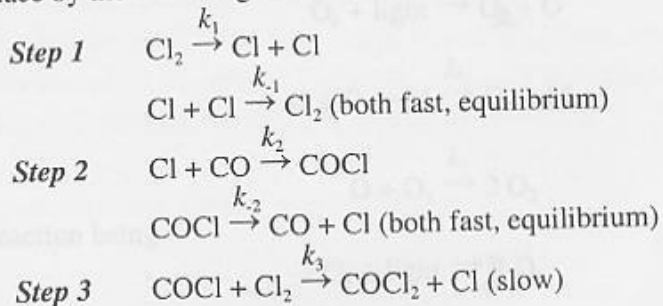
$$= \frac{\ln 2}{9.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}}$$

$$= 1400 \text{ s}$$

c) Sketch a graph of $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$ vs. time.



3. (10+5 points) The production of phosgene, COCl_2 , from carbon monoxide and chlorine is believed to take place by the following mechanism:



a) Write the rate law implied by this mechanism (eliminate any intermediates).

- Use 2 fast pre-equilibrium assumptions

$$\text{Step 1} \Rightarrow K_1 = \frac{[\text{Cl}]^2}{[\text{Cl}_2]} = \frac{k_1}{k_{-1}} \quad \text{eq (1)} \Rightarrow [\text{Cl}] = \left(\frac{k_1}{k_{-1}}\right)^{1/2} [\text{Cl}_2]^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Step 2} \Rightarrow K_2 = \frac{[\text{COCl}]}{[\text{Cl}][\text{CO}]} = \frac{k_2}{k_{-2}} \quad \text{eq (2)}$$

- Rate law comes from slow step, $R = k_3 [\text{COCl}][\text{Cl}_2]$

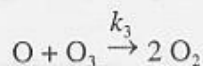
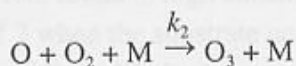
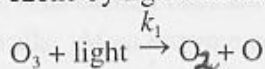
- Eliminate $[\text{COCl}]$ intermediate w/ (2) $\Rightarrow R = k_3 \frac{k_2}{k_{-2}} [\text{Cl}][\text{CO}][\text{Cl}_2]$

- Eliminate $[\text{Cl}]$ intermediate w/ (1) $\Rightarrow R = k_3 \frac{k_2}{k_{-2}} \left(\frac{k_1}{k_{-1}}\right)^{1/2} [\text{CO}][\text{Cl}_2]^{3/2}$

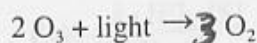
b) What is the order of the reaction in chlorine?

$$3/2, \text{ from } [\text{Cl}_2]^{3/2} \text{ above in final rate expression}$$

4. (15 points) The decomposition of ozone by light can be described by the mechanism.



with the overall reaction being



The rate constant k_1 depends on the light intensity and the type of light source used. By making a steady-state approximation for the concentration oxygen atoms, express the rate of formation of O_2 in terms of the O_2 , O_3 , and M concentrations and the elementary rate constants.

First, ~~write~~ write differential rate expression for $[\text{O}_2] \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d[\text{O}_2]}{dt} = k_1[\text{O}_3] - k_2[\text{O}][\text{O}_2][\text{M}] + 2k_3[\text{O}][\text{O}_3]$$

Next, eliminate $[\text{O}]$ through steady state approximation:

$$\frac{d[\text{O}]}{dt} \approx 0 = k_1[\text{O}_3] - k_2[\text{O}][\text{O}_2][\text{M}] - k_3[\text{O}][\text{O}_3] \Rightarrow$$

$$[\text{O}] = \frac{k_1[\text{O}_3]}{k_2[\text{O}_2][\text{M}] + k_3[\text{O}_3]}$$

Now, plug $[\text{O}]$ expression back into $\frac{d[\text{O}_2]}{dt}$ balance:

$$\frac{d[\text{O}_2]}{dt} = k_1[\text{O}_3] - k_2 \left[\frac{k_1[\text{O}_3]}{k_2[\text{O}_2][\text{M}] + k_3[\text{O}_3]} \right] [\text{O}_2][\text{M}] + 2k_3 \left[\frac{k_1[\text{O}_3]}{k_2[\text{O}_2][\text{M}] + k_3[\text{O}_3]} \right] [\text{O}_3]$$

5. (10 points) The enzyme lysozyme kills certain bacteria by attacking a sugar called *N*-acetylglucosamine (NAG) in their cell walls. At an enzyme concentration of $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$, the maximum rate for substrate (NAG) reaction, found at high substrate concentration, is $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The rate is reduced by a factor of 2 when the substrate concentration is reduced to $6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$. Determine the Michaelis-Menten constants K_m and k_2 for lysozyme.

The Michaelis-Menten rate law for enzyme catalysis is:

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k_2 [E]_0 [S]}{[S] + K_m}$$

When $[S]$ is large $\text{Rate} = \frac{k_2 [E]_0 [S]}{[S] + K_m} = k_2 [E]_0 \Rightarrow k_2 = \frac{\text{Rate}_{\text{CSJ6ry}}}{[E]_0}$

$$= \frac{1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}}{2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}}$$

$$k_2 = 0.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (R_{\text{CSJ6ry}}) = \frac{k_2 [E]_0 [6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}]}{K_m + [6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}]}$$

solve for $K_m = 6 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}}$

6. (5 points each) Consider the collision theory result for the bimolecular reaction of H_2 with Cl_2 at 273 K.

a) Calculate the reduced molar mass (in kg).

$$\frac{2 \cdot 71}{2 + 71} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}} = 1.9 \text{ g/mol} = 1.9 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{mol}}$$

- b) Calculate the average relative speed
- $(8RT/\pi\mu)^{1/2}$
- .

$$\bar{c} = \left(\frac{8 \cdot 8.3145 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol K}} \cdot 273 \text{ K}}{3.14 \cdot 1.9 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{mol}}} \right)^{1/2} = 1.7 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Using the steady-state approximation, derive the rate law appropriate for diffusion-controlled reactions.

$$Rate = k_2[A][B]$$

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = 0 = k_1[A][B] - k_2[A][B]$$

- c) Calculate A (
- $A = \sigma \bar{c}_{rel} N_0$
-) given that the collision cross section is
- $3.0 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}^2$
- .

$$A = (3 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}^2) (1.7 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}) (6.02 \times 10^{23} \frac{1}{\text{mol}}) = 3.1 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{mol s}}$$

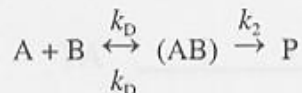
$$= 3.1 \times 10^{11} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{mol s}}$$

- d) The measured value of A is
- 1.2×10^8
- and
- E_a
- is 180 kJ/mol. Compute the steric factor for the reaction.

$$P = \frac{\sigma_{exp}}{\sigma_{theo}}$$

$$\frac{A_{exp}}{A_{theo}} = \frac{\sigma_{exp} \bar{c}_{rel} N_0}{\sigma_{theo} \bar{c}_{rel} N_0} = P = \frac{1.2 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{mol s}}}{3.1 \times 10^{11} \frac{\text{L}}{\text{mol s}}} = 3.8 \times 10^{-4} = P$$

7. (10 points) A mechanism for reactions in liquids is:



Using the steady-state approximation, derive the differential rate law appropriate for diffusion-controlled reactions.

$$\text{Rate} = k_2 [AB]$$

$$\frac{d[AB]}{dt} \approx 0 = k_D [A][B] - k_D [AB] - k_2 [AB] \Rightarrow$$

$$[AB] = \frac{k_D [A][B]}{k_D + k_2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k_2 k_D [A][B]}{k_D + k_2}$$

Diffusion controlled $\Rightarrow k_D \ll k_2 \Rightarrow$

$$\text{Rate} \approx \frac{k_D k_2 [A][B]}{\cancel{k_D} + k_2} \cong \boxed{k_D [A][B] = R}$$

Notes:

- Work all problems to three significant figures.
- No letters, names or text are permitted.
- No word processing calculators.
- Time: 90 minutes.
- Show all work to get partial credit.
- Periodic Table, Tables of Physical Constants, and Conversion Factors included.