

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

Experiment	Initial concentration (mmol·L ⁻¹)		Initial rate (mol·L ⁻¹ ·s ⁻¹)
	[ICl] ₀	[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	2.2 × 10 ⁻⁶
4	4.7	2.7	?

(a) Write the differential rate law for the reaction.

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{ICl}]^x[\text{H}_2]^y$$

$$\frac{\text{rate}_1}{\text{rate}_2} = \frac{k[\text{ICl}]^x[\text{H}_2]^y}{k[\text{ICl}]^x[\text{H}_2]^y} \Rightarrow \frac{3.7 \times 10^{-7}}{7.4 \times 10^{-7}} = \frac{[1.5]^x}{[3]^x} \quad \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x \quad x=1$$

$$\frac{\text{rate}_2}{\text{rate}_3} = \frac{k[\text{ICl}]^x[\text{H}_2]^y}{k[\text{ICl}]^x[\text{H}_2]^y} \Rightarrow \frac{7.4 \times 10^{-7}}{2.2 \times 10^{-6}} = \left(\frac{1.5}{4.5}\right)^y \quad \frac{1}{3} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^y \quad y=1$$

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

(b) From the data, determine the value of the rate constant (with proper units).

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

$$3.7 \times 10^{-7} = k [1.5 \times 10^{-3}] [1.5 \times 10^{-3}]$$

$$k = .16 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

units:

$$\frac{\text{M}}{\text{s}} = k [\text{M}][\text{M}]$$

$$k \rightarrow \text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

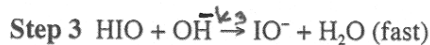
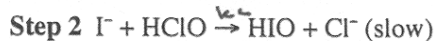
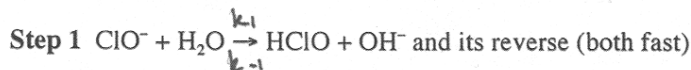
(c) Use the data to predict the reaction rate for Experiment 4.

$$R = 1.6 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1} [4.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}] [2.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}]$$

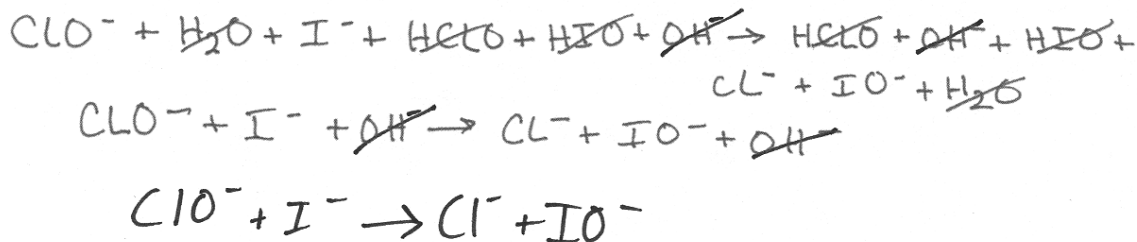
~~2.0 × 10⁻⁶ M/s~~

$$R = 2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M/s}$$

2. (5+15 points) The mechanism proposed for the oxidation of iodide ion by the hypochlorite ion in aqueous solution is as follows:



(a) Write down the balanced equation for the overall reaction.



(b) Write the rate law for the formation of HIO implied by this mechanism.

$$\text{Rate} = k_2 [\text{I}^-] [\text{HClO}] \text{ intermediate}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[\text{HClO}]}{dt} = 0 &= k_1 [\text{ClO}^-] [\text{H}_2\text{O}] - k_{-1} [\text{HClO}] [\text{OH}^-] - k_2 [\text{I}^-] [\text{HClO}] \\ k_1 [\text{ClO}^-] [\text{H}_2\text{O}] &= (k_{-1} [\text{OH}^-] + k_2 [\text{I}^-]) [\text{HClO}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{k_1 k_2 [\text{I}^-] [\text{ClO}^-] [\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{k_{-1} [\text{OH}^-] + k_2 [\text{I}^-]}$$

3. (15 points) Raw milk sours in about 4 h at 28°C but in about 48 h in a refrigerator at 5°C. What is the activation energy for the souring of milk?

$$\text{Rate} = k [\text{C}]^x \text{ so } k \propto R \text{ and } R = \frac{\Delta}{t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 28^\circ\text{C} &= 301 \text{ K} \\ 5^\circ\text{C} &= 278 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{4 \text{ h}} = .25 \text{ hr}^{-1} \quad R_2 = \frac{1}{48 \text{ h}} = .0208 \text{ hr}^{-1}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) = \frac{-E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1}\right) \quad \ln\left(\frac{.02}{.25}\right) = \frac{-E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{278} - \frac{1}{301}\right)$$

$$-2.52 = \frac{-E_a}{R} (2.67 \times 10^{-4})$$

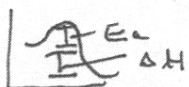
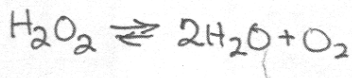
$$E_a = 78252 \text{ J/mol}$$

4. (5+10 points) The activation energy for the disproportionation of hydrogen peroxide is 76 kJ/mol and the process is exothermic by 285 kJ/mol.

(a) What is the activation energy for the reverse reaction?

$$E_a = 76 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta H = 285 \text{ kJ/mol}$$



$$\text{total reverse} = E_a + \Delta H = 361 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

(b) Calculate the fraction of peroxide molecules with sufficient energy to react at 25°C.

$$e^{-E_a/RT}$$

$$RT = 8.314 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K} \times 298 \text{ K} = 2477.5 \text{ J/mol}$$

$$E_a/RT = 76,000 / 2477.5 = 30.67$$

$$e^{-E_a/RT} = 4.8 \times 10^{-14}$$

5. (4 points each) Short Answer

(a) (True or False) The rates of all elementary reactions increase with increasing temperature.

True

(b) Define a "transition state" or "activated complex."



An unstable chemical species that is at the top of an energy/rc diagram. It can form either reactants or products.

(c) For a second order reaction, a plot of $\frac{1}{C}$ vs. time yields a straight line with

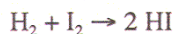
slope $2k$.

(d) What is the "Principle of Detailed Balance?"

at equilib rate forward rxn = rate of reverse rxn.

(e) The total world energy consumption is presently about 13-15 terra watts, 90% of which is obtained from chemical reactions.

6. (15 points) The rate of the gas-phase reaction



is given by

$$\text{rate} = -\frac{d[\text{I}_2]}{dt} = k[\text{H}_2][\text{I}_2]$$

With $k = 0.0242 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 400°C . If the initial concentration of H_2 is 0.081 mol L^{-1} and that of I_2 is 0.036 mol L^{-1} , calculate the initial rate at which heat is absorbed or emitted during the reaction. The enthalpy of the reaction as written is -9.48 kJ/mol .

$$R = k[\text{H}_2][\text{I}_2] \rightarrow 0.0242 \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}\cdot\text{s}} (0.081\text{M})(0.036\text{M}) \\ = 7.06 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}\cdot\text{s}}$$

$$\frac{+d[\text{HI}]}{2dt} = -\frac{d[\text{H}_2]}{dt} = -\frac{d[\text{I}_2]}{dt}$$

$$\text{Rate} \times \text{enthalpy} = 7.06 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{L}\cdot\text{s}} \times -9480 \text{ J/mol} \\ = -0.669 \text{ J/Ls} \leftarrow \text{amount rate of heat emitted.}$$