

CHAPTER 10
THE RATES OF REACTIONS
CHAPTER OUTLINE

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Chapter 10 Homework

- 10.1** The rate law for a reaction is reported as: $\text{rate} = k[\text{A}][\text{B}][\text{C}]$, with the Molar Concentrations in mol/L (M) and the time in seconds. What are the units of k ?
- 10.2** In a study of the alcohol dehydrogenase catalysed oxidation of ethanol, the Molar concentration decreased in the first-order reaction from 220 mmol/L to 56.0 mmol/L in 1.22×10^4 s. What is the rate constant of the reaction?
- 10.3** In the study of a second-order gas phase reaction, it was found that the Molar concentration of a reactant fell from 220 mmol/L to 56. mmol/L in 1.22×10^4 s. What is the rate constant for the reaction?
- 10.4** The reaction $2 \text{A} \rightarrow \text{P}$ has a second-order rate law with $k = 1.24 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$. Calculate the time required for the concentration of A to change from 0.260 mol/L to 0.026 mol/L.
- 10.5** The Activation Energy for the decomposition of benzene diazonium chloride is 99.1 kJ/mol. At what temperature will the rate be 10% greater than its rate at 25 °C?
- 10.6** The Activation Energy of the first-order decomposition of dinitrogen oxide into N_2 and O is 251 kJ/mol. The half-life of the reactant is 6.5×10^6 s at 455 °C. What will the half-life be at 550 °C?
- 10.7** The rate law for the reaction, $\text{A} + \text{B} \rightarrow \text{Products}$, is of the form, $r = k[\text{A}]^x[\text{B}]^y$. From the initial rate data for this reaction given below, determine the reaction orders, “x” and “y”, and the rate constant, k (give units).

$[\text{A}_0]$	$[\text{B}_0]$	r_0
0.10 M	2.0 M	8.50 Ms^{-1}
0.30	2.0	2.83
0.30	3.0	7.80

- 10.8** The rate of a reaction, $\text{A} \rightarrow \text{Products}$, is second order with respect to $[\text{A}]$; i.e. $d[\text{A}]/dt = -k[\text{A}]^2$. When the initial concentration is 0.60 M, it takes 45 seconds for the concentration to decrease to 0.30 M.
- (a) Calculate the rate constant for this reaction.
 - (b) Calculate the concentration, $[\text{A}]$, 70 seconds after the start of the reaction.
 - (c) Calculate the time it takes for $[\text{A}]$ to decrease from 0.60 M to 0.15 M.
- 10.9** The natural abundance of ^{14}C in living matter is 1.1×10^{-12} mol %. Radiochemical analysis of an object obtained in an archaeological excavation revealed to the ^{14}C isotopic abundance to be 7.2×10^{-13} mol %. Calculate the age of the object ($t_{1/2}[^{14}\text{C}] = 5730$ years).

10.10 The half-life for the decay of $^{40}\text{K}(\text{sol})$ to $^{40}\text{Ar}(\text{g})$ is 1.25 billion years.

(b) If a rock is 3.2 billion years old, the ratio, $[^{40}\text{Ar}]/[^{40}\text{K}]$, is:

- (i) 0.75 (ii) 2.85 (iii) 4.90 (iv) 7.25

(b) If the ratio, $[^{40}\text{K}]/[^{40}\text{Ar}] = 0.75$, for a rock, the age of the rock is:

- (i) 0.90 by (ii) 1.50 by (iii) 2.45 by (iv) 4.50 by

10.11 The reaction, $\text{A} \rightarrow \text{Products}$, is of order “x” with respect to $[\text{A}]$; i.e. $d[\text{A}]/dt = -k[\text{A}]^x$. When $[\text{A}_0] = 0.90 \text{ M}$, the half-life is 150 seconds. When $[\text{A}_0] = 0.30 \text{ M}$, the half-life is 260 seconds. Calculate the order of the reaction, x.

- 10.12** The rate constant for a first order reaction is $1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 40°C and $8.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 80°C .
- Calculate the Arrhenius parameters, A and E_a , for this reaction.
 - Calculate the rate constant of this reaction at 130°C .
 - Calculate the temperature at which the half-life of this reaction is 200 s.

- 10.13** The rate constant for a first order reaction was measured as a function of temperature, and the Arrhenius plot ($\ln(k)$ vs. $1000/T$) is shown below.

Analysis of the graph shows that the Slope = 5000 K and Intercept = +19.0

Note: Determination of the slope and intercept is given in the solution. However, you will not be asked to perform the graphical analysis on a test.

Determine the Activation Energy, E_a , and Pre-Exponential Factor, A , for this reaction.

