

Question 3: Long Answer

10 points

A For the correct diagram:

Point 01

B (i) For a correct explanation:

Point 02

Because gas particles are more dispersed (have more microstates) than solids, the entropy decreases as the reactants (which include a gas) convert to the solid product.

(ii) For the correct answer and a valid justification:

Point 03

Yes. Given that $\Delta G_{rxn}^{\circ} = \Delta H_{rxn}^{\circ} - T\Delta S_{rxn}^{\circ}$, the reaction must have $\Delta G_{rxn}^{\circ} < 0$ to be favorable. Because the reaction is exothermic, $\Delta H_{rxn}^{\circ} < 0$ and enthalpy contributes to favorability. $\Delta S_{rxn}^{\circ} < 0$, so entropy does not contribute to favorability.

C (i) For the correct calculated value reported with the correct number of significant figures:

Point 04

$$q = mc\Delta T = (100.1 \text{ g})(4.18 \text{ J/(g}\cdot^{\circ}\text{C)})(22.38^{\circ}\text{C} - 22.00^{\circ}\text{C})$$

$$q = 160 \text{ J} = 0.16 \text{ kJ}$$

(ii) For the correct calculated value, consistent with part C (i):

Point 05

$$q_{rxn} = -q_{surr} = -0.16 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\Delta H_{rxn}^{\circ} = \frac{-0.16 \text{ kJ}}{0.100 \text{ g P}_4\text{O}_{10}} \times \frac{283.9 \text{ g P}_4\text{O}_{10}}{1 \text{ mol P}_4\text{O}_{10}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol P}_4\text{O}_{10}}{1 \text{ mol}_{rxn}} = -450 \text{ kJ/mol}_{rxn}$$

For the correct sign:

Point 06

$$-450 \text{ kJ/mol}_{rxn}$$

D For the correct answer and a valid justification:

Point 07

Less than. If less P_4O_{10} is present, less thermal energy will be transferred to the water during the reaction, causing the temperature increase to be less than it was with 0.100 g of P_4O_{10} .

E For the correct calculated value:

Point 08

Using Hess's law:

$$\Delta H_{f, \text{PCl}_5(\text{g})}^{\circ} = \frac{1}{4}\Delta H_1^{\circ} + \Delta H_2^{\circ}$$

$$\Delta H_{f, \text{PCl}_5(\text{g})}^{\circ} = \frac{1}{4}(-1148) + (-88) = -375 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

F (i) For the correct calculated value:

Point 09

$$K_p = \frac{P_{\text{PCl}_5}}{(P_{\text{PCl}_3})(P_{\text{Cl}_2})} = \frac{4.00}{(2.00)(6.00)} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.333$$

(ii) For the correct answer and a valid justification:

Point 10

Decrease. The negative value of ΔH_2° indicates that the reaction is exothermic. Because exothermic reactions favor reactant formation at higher temperature, the value of K_p decreases.

Question 2: Long Answer

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(a) (i) For the correct calculated value: 1 point

$$0.0114 \text{ mol CO}_2 \times \frac{44.01 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ mol}} = 0.502 \text{ g CO}_2$$

(ii) For the correct calculated value: 1 point

$$PV = nRT$$

$$V = \frac{nRT}{P} = \frac{(0.0114 \text{ mol})(0.08206 \frac{\text{L}\cdot\text{atm}}{\text{mol}\cdot\text{K}})(293 \text{ K})}{1.25 \text{ atm}} = 0.219 \text{ L}$$

Total for part (a) 2 points

(b) (i) For a correct claim: 1 point

The surface area of the solid reactants increases.

(ii) For the correct answer and a valid justification: 1 point

Shorter than. The powdered solids have a larger surface area than the solid chunks, thus collisions between water and the surface particles occur more frequently, resulting in a faster rate of dissolution and a shorter amount of time to dissolve the solids.

(iii) For the correct answer and a valid justification: 1 point

Equal to. Both experiments begin with the same amount of reactants, so they will produce the same number of moles of $\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$ under the same conditions of pressure and temperature; therefore, the final volume will be the same.

Total for part (b) 3 points

(c) For the correct answer and a valid justification: 1 point

Accept one of the following:

- NaHCO_3 is the limiting reactant because changing the mass of NaHCO_3 alters the amount of CO_2 produced.
- NaHCO_3 is the limiting reactant because the amount present has a smaller theoretical yield of the CO_2 product.

$$1.543 \text{ g H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4}{116.07 \text{ g}} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol CO}_2}{1 \text{ mol H}_2\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4} = 0.02659 \text{ mol CO}_2$$

$$1.251 \text{ g NaHCO}_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol NaHCO}_3}{84.01 \text{ g}} \times \frac{2 \text{ mol CO}_2}{2 \text{ mol NaHCO}_3} = 0.01489 \text{ mol CO}_2$$

(d) For a valid explanation: 1 point

The entropy change is positive because the aqueous reactants produce 2 moles of gas particles, according to the balanced chemical equation. Gases are far more dispersed (occupy a greater number of microstates) than condensed phases, so the entropy of the products is greater than that of the reactants.

(e) For the correct answer and a valid justification: 1 point

Accept one of the following:

- Disagree. The reaction is endothermic and has a positive entropy change. Thus, the reaction is only thermodynamically favorable at a high enough temperature such that the magnitude of $-T\Delta S$ is greater than that of ΔH .
- Disagree. For the reaction to be thermodynamically favorable ($\Delta G < 0$) at all temperatures, the reaction must be exothermic ($\Delta H < 0$) and have a positive entropy change ($\Delta S > 0$).

(f) For the correct calculated value: 1 point

$$\text{p}K_{a2} = -\log(8.5 \times 10^{-7}) = 6.07$$

(g) For the correct calculated value: 1 point

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_{a2} + \log \frac{[\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}]}{[\text{HC}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^-]}$$

$$\frac{[\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}]}{[\text{HC}_4\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^-]} = 10^{(\text{pH} - \text{p}K_{a2})} = 10^{(7.00 - 6.07)} = 8.5$$

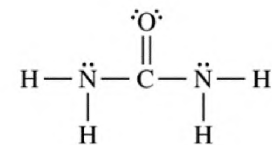
Total for question 2 10 points

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Question 1

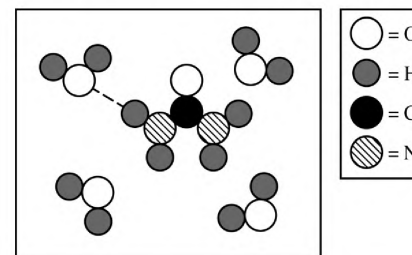


The compound urea, H_2NCONH_2 , is widely used in chemical fertilizers. The complete Lewis electron-dot diagram for the urea molecule is shown above.

- (a) Identify the hybridization of the valence orbitals of the carbon atom in the urea molecule.

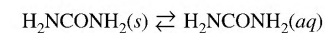
sp^2	1 point is earned for the correct answer.
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- (b) Urea has a high solubility in water, due in part to its ability to form hydrogen bonds. A urea molecule and four water molecules are represented in the box below. Draw ONE dashed line (---) to indicate a possible location of a hydrogen bond between a water molecule and the urea molecule.



A dashed line should connect a hydrogen atom in water to a nitrogen or oxygen atom in urea or an oxygen atom in water to a hydrogen atom in urea. One possible correct response is shown above.

1 point is earned for a correct answer.



The dissolution of urea is represented by the equation above. A student determines that 5.39 grams of H_2NCONH_2 (molar mass 60.06 g/mol) can dissolve in water to make 5.00 mL of a saturated solution at 20.°C.

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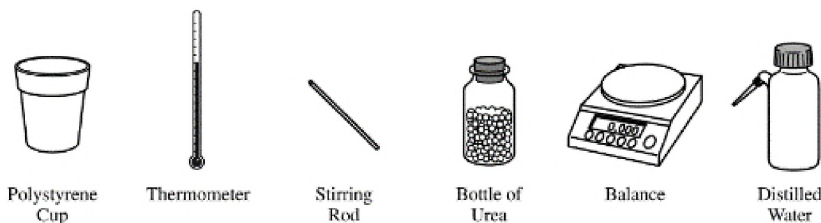
Question 1 (continued)

- (c) Calculate the concentration of urea, in mol/L, in the saturated solution at 20.°C.

$5.39 \text{ g H}_2\text{NCONH}_2 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{60.06 \text{ g}} = 0.0897 \text{ mol}$ $\frac{0.0897 \text{ mol}}{0.00500 \text{ L}} = 17.9 \text{ M}$	1 point is earned for the correct number of moles of urea (may be implicit). 1 point is earned for the correct molarity.
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- (d) The student also determines that the concentration of urea in a saturated solution at 25°C is 19.8 M. Based on this information, is the dissolution of urea endothermic or exothermic? Justify your answer in terms of Le Chatelier's principle.

The increased solubility at the higher temperature implies that the dissolution of urea is endothermic. If a saturated solution of urea is heated, then the equilibrium system is stressed. The stress is counteracted by the endothermic dissolution of more urea.	1 point is earned for the correct answer with an appropriate justification.
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- (e) The equipment shown above is provided so that the student can determine the value of the molar heat of solution for urea. Knowing that the specific heat of the solution is 4.18 J/(g·°C), list the specific measurements that are required to be made during the experiment.

mass of urea, mass of water, initial temperature of water, final temperature of solution	1 point is earned for the masses. 1 point is earned for the temperatures.
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Question 1 (continued)

	S° (J/(mol·K))
$\text{H}_2\text{NCONH}_2(\text{s})$	104.6
$\text{H}_2\text{NCONH}_2(\text{aq})$	?

- (f) The entropy change for the dissolution of urea,
- $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{soln}}$
- , is 70.1 J/(mol·K) at 25°C. Using the information in the table above, calculate the absolute molar entropy,
- S°
- , of aqueous urea.

$\Delta S^\circ_{\text{soln}} = S^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{NCONH}_2(\text{aq})) - S^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{NCONH}_2(\text{s}))$ $70.1 \text{ J/(mol·K)} = S^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{NCONH}_2(\text{aq})) - 104.6 \text{ J/(mol·K)}$ $S^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{NCONH}_2(\text{aq})) = 174.7 \text{ J/(mol·K)}$	1 point is earned for the correct answer.
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- (g) Using particle-level reasoning, explain why
- $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{soln}}$
- is positive for the dissolution of urea in water.

Urea molecules in solution have a greater number of possible arrangements than in solid urea. This increased number of arrangements corresponds to a positive $\Delta S^\circ_{\text{soln}}$.	1 point is earned for a correct explanation.
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- (h) The student claims that
- ΔS°
- for the process contributes to the thermodynamic favorability of the dissolution of urea at 25°C. Use the thermodynamic information above to support the student's claim.

Thermodynamic favorability for a process at standard conditions is determined by the sign of ΔG° , with $\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$. Since ΔS° is positive, the $T\Delta S^\circ$ term makes the value of ΔG° smaller and thus makes the dissolution more thermodynamically favorable.	1 point is earned for the correct answer.
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Question 2

Answer the following questions relating to the chemistry of the halogens.

- (a) The molecular formulas of diatomic bromine, chlorine, fluorine, and iodine are written below. Circle the formula of the molecule that has the longest bond length. Justify your choice in terms of atomic structure.



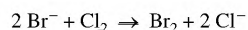
I₂ has the longest bond length because the radius of the I atom is greater than the radii of the other halogen atoms. Thus, the distance between the nuclei of atoms in I₂ is greater than it is in smaller halogens.

1 point is earned for circling I₂ and providing a valid explanation.

A chemistry teacher wants to prepare Br₂. The teacher has access to the following three reagents: NaBr(aq), Cl₂(g), and I₂(s).

Half-Reaction	E° at 25°C (V)
Br ₂ + 2 e ⁻ → 2 Br ⁻	1.07
Cl ₂ + 2 e ⁻ → 2 Cl ⁻	1.36
I ₂ + 2 e ⁻ → 2 I ⁻	0.53

- (b) Using the data in the table above, write the balanced equation for the thermodynamically favorable reaction that will produce Br₂ when the teacher combines two of the reagents. Justify that the reaction is thermodynamically favorable by calculating the value of E° for the reaction.



1 point is earned for the correct balanced equation.

$$E^\circ = E^\circ(\text{reduced species}) - E^\circ(\text{oxidized species}) \\ = 1.36 \text{ V} - 1.07 \text{ V} = +0.29 \text{ V}.$$

Because E° for the reaction has a positive value, the reaction is thermodynamically favorable.

1 point is earned for the correct calculation of E°.

Br₂ and Cl₂ can react to form the compound BrCl.

- (c) The boiling point of Br₂ is 332 K, whereas the boiling point of BrCl is 278 K. Explain this difference in boiling point in terms of all the intermolecular forces present between molecules of each substance.

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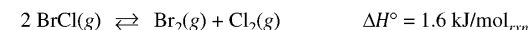
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The only intermolecular attractions in Br₂(l) are London forces, while those in BrCl(l) include both London forces and dipole-dipole forces. However, due to the greater polarizability of the electron cloud of Br₂ compared to that of BrCl, the London forces in Br₂(l) are stronger than the combined intermolecular forces in BrCl(l). Thus, the boiling point of Br₂(l) is greater than that of BrCl(l).

1 point is earned for identifying the intermolecular forces in each substance.

1 point is earned for a valid explanation.

The compound BrCl can decompose into Br₂ and Cl₂, as represented by the balanced chemical equation below.



A 0.100 mole sample of pure BrCl(g) is placed in a previously evacuated, rigid 2.00 L container at 298 K. Eventually the system reaches equilibrium according to the equation above.

- (d) Calculate the pressure in the container before equilibrium is established.

$$P = \frac{nRT}{V} = \frac{(0.100 \text{ mol})(0.08206 \text{ L atm mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1})(298 \text{ K})}{2.00 \text{ L}} = 1.22 \text{ atm}$$

1 point is earned for a correct pressure with consistent units.

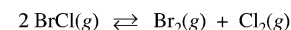
- (e) Write the expression for the equilibrium constant, K_{eq}, for the decomposition of BrCl.

$$K_{eq} = \frac{[\text{Br}_2][\text{Cl}_2]}{[\text{BrCl}]^2} \quad \text{or} \quad K_{eq} = \frac{P_{\text{Br}_2} P_{\text{Cl}_2}}{(P_{\text{BrCl}})^2}$$

1 point is earned for a correct equilibrium expression.

After the system has reached equilibrium, 42 percent of the original BrCl sample has decomposed.

- (f) Determine the value of K_{eq} for the decomposition reaction of BrCl at 298 K.



I	1.22	0	0
C	-2x	+x	+x
E	0.71	0.26	0.26

$$P_{\text{BrCl decomposed}} = (0.42)(1.22 \text{ atm}) = 0.51 \text{ atm}$$

$$2x = 0.51 \text{ atm} \Rightarrow x = 0.26 \text{ atm}$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{(0.26)(0.26)}{(0.71)^2} = 0.13$$

Note: The solution is in terms of pressures. Solutions in terms of molar concentrations also earn full credit.

1 point is earned for correct stoichiometric values at equilibrium.

1 point is earned for a consistent value of K_{eq}.

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Calculate the bond energy of the Br-Cl bond, in kJ/mol, using ΔH° for the reaction (1.6 kJ/mol information in the following table.

Bond	Bond Energy (kJ/mol)
Br – Br	193
Cl – Cl	243
Br – Cl	?

$$\Delta H^\circ = \sum (\text{bond energies})_{\text{broken}} - \sum (\text{bond energies})_{\text{formed}}$$

$$\text{J/mol} = 2(\text{Br-Cl bond energy}) - (193 \text{ kJ/mol} + 243 \text{ kJ/mol})$$

$$-36 + 1.6 \text{ kJ/mol} = 2(\text{Br-Cl bond energy})$$

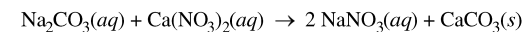
$$\text{Cl bond energy} = 219 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

1 point is earned for a correct calculation of the Br-Cl bond energy.

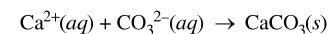
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Question 3

A student is given 50.0 mL of a solution of Na_2CO_3 of unknown concentration. To determine the concentration of the solution, the student mixes the solution with excess 1.0 M $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2(aq)$, causing a precipitate to form. The balanced equation for the reaction is shown below.

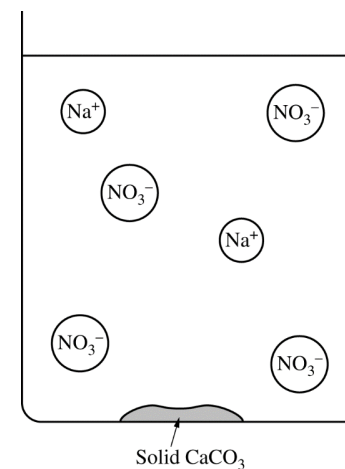


Write the net ionic equation for the reaction that occurs when the solutions of Na_2CO_3 and $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ are mixed.



1 point is earned for the correct equation.

The diagram below is incomplete. Draw in the species needed to accurately represent the major ionic species remaining in the solution after the reaction has been completed.



The drawing shows one Ca^{2+} ion.

1 point is earned for drawing a Ca^{2+} ion.

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The student filters and dries the precipitate of CaCO_3 (molar mass 100.1 g/mol) and records the data in the table below.

Volume of Na_2CO_3 solution	50.0 mL
Volume of 1.0 M $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ added	100.0 mL
Mass of CaCO_3 precipitate collected	0.93 g

Determine the number of moles of Na_2CO_3 in the original 50.0 mL of solution.

$0.93 \text{ g CaCO}_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol CaCO}_3}{100.1 \text{ g}} = 0.0093 \text{ mol CaCO}_3$	1 point is earned for the correct answer.
$0.0093 \text{ mol CaCO}_3 \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Na}_2\text{CO}_3}{1 \text{ mol CaCO}_3} = 0.0093 \text{ mol Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	

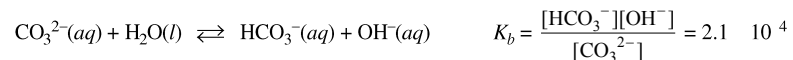
The student realizes that the precipitate was not completely dried and claims that as a result, the calculated Na_2CO_3 molarity is too low. Do you agree with the student's claim? Justify your answer.

Disagree. The presence of water in the solid will cause the measured mass of the precipitate to be greater than the actual mass of CaCO_3 . As a result, the calculated number of moles of CaCO_3 and moles of Na_2CO_3 will be greater than the actual moles present. Therefore the calculated concentration of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3(aq)$ will be too high.	1 point is earned for the correct answer with valid justification.
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After the precipitate forms and is filtered, the liquid that passed through the filter is tested to see if it can conduct electricity. What would be observed? Justify your answer.

The liquid conducts electricity because ions ($\text{Na}^+(aq)$, $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$, and $\text{NO}_3^-(aq)$) are present in the solution.	1 point is earned for the correct answer with valid justification.
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The student decides to determine the molarity of the same Na_2CO_3 solution using a second method. When it is dissolved in water, $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$ hydrolyzes to form $\text{HCO}_3^-(aq)$, as shown by the following equation.



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Question 3 (continued)

The student decides to first determine $[\text{OH}^-]$ in the solution, then use that result to calculate the initial concentration of $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$.

- (i) Identify a laboratory method (not titration) that the student could use to collect data to determine $[\text{OH}^-]$ in the solution.

Determine the pH of the solution using a pH meter.	1 point is earned for identifying a valid method.
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- (ii) Explain how the student could use the measured value in part (f)(i) to calculate the initial concentration of $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$. (Do not do any numerical calculations.)

First determine $[\text{OH}^-]$ using $\text{pOH} = 14 - \text{pH}$, then $[\text{OH}^-] = 10^{-\text{pOH}}$.

use the K_b expression and an ICE table (see example below) to determine $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ and $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ at equilibrium. The initial concentration of CO_3^{2-} , c_i , is equal to the sum of the equilibrium concentrations of CO_3^{2-} and HCO_3^- .

	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O}(l)$	$\rightleftharpoons$	$\text{HCO}_3^-(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)$
	c_i	---	0
	$-x$	---	$+x$
	$c_i - x$	---	x

$$K_b = \frac{(x)(x)}{c_i - x} \Rightarrow c_i = \frac{(x)(x)}{K_b} + x$$

1 point is earned for a valid method of determining $[\text{OH}^-]$ from the measured value.

1 point is earned for a valid method of determining the initial concentration of CO_3^{2-} .

In the original Na_2CO_3 solution at equilibrium, is the concentration of $\text{HCO}_3^-(aq)$ greater than, less than, or equal to the concentration of $\text{CO}_3^{2-}(aq)$? Justify your answer.

Less than. The small value of K_b , 2.1×10^{-4} , indicates the reactants are favored.	1 point is earned for the correct answer with a valid justification.
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The student needs to make a $\text{CO}_3^{2-}/\text{HCO}_3^-$ buffer. Is the Na_2CO_3 solution suitable for making a buffer with a pH of 6? Explain why or why not.

The Na_2CO_3 solution is not suitable. The $\text{p}K_a$ of HCO_3^- is 10.32. Buffers are effective when the required pH is approximately equal to the $\text{p}K_a$ of the weak acid. An acid with a $\text{p}K_a$ of 10.32 is not appropriate to prepare a buffer with a pH of 6.	1 point is earned for the correct answer with a valid explanation.
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Question 4

dent is doing experiments with $\text{CO}_2(g)$. Originally, a sample of the gas is in a rigid container at 299 K and 0.70 atm. The student increases the temperature of the $\text{CO}_2(g)$ in the container to 425 K.

Describe the effect of raising the temperature on the motion of the $\text{CO}_2(g)$ molecules.

average speed of the molecules increases as temperature increases.

1 point is earned for the correct answer.

Calculate the pressure of the $\text{CO}_2(g)$ in the container at 425 K.

Both the volume and the number of molecules are constant, therefore

$$\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2} \Rightarrow \frac{0.70 \text{ atm}}{299 \text{ K}} = \frac{P_2}{425 \text{ K}} \Rightarrow P_2 = 0.99 \text{ atm}$$

1 point is earned for the correct answer.

In terms of kinetic molecular theory, briefly explain why the pressure of the $\text{CO}_2(g)$ in the container changes as it is heated to 425 K.

Faster-moving gas particles collide more frequently with the walls of the container, thus increasing the pressure.

ster-moving gas particles collide more forcefully with the walls of the container, thus increasing the pressure.

1 point is earned for a correct explanation.

The student measures the actual pressure of the $\text{CO}_2(g)$ in the container at 425 K and observes that it is less than the pressure predicted by the ideal gas law. Explain this observation.

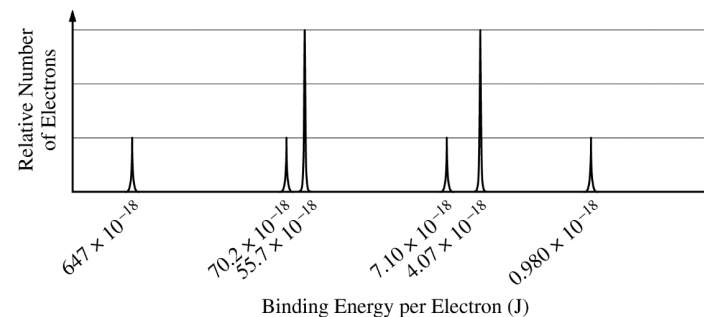
The attractive forces between CO_2 molecules result in a pressure that is lower than that predicted by the ideal gas law.

1 point is earned for a correct explanation.

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Question 5

The complete photoelectron spectrum of an element in its ground state is represented below.



Based on the spectrum,

(i) write the ground-state electron configuration of the element, and

$1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6 4s^2$ or $[\text{Ar}] 4s^2$

1 point is earned for the correct answer.

(ii) identify the element.

Ca

1 point is earned for the correct answer.

Calculate the wavelength, in meters, of electromagnetic radiation needed to remove an electron from the valence shell of an atom of the element.

Energy (E) required = $0.980 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}$

$$E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{hc}{E}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js})(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1})}{0.980 \times 10^{-18} \text{ J}}$$

$$\lambda = 2.03 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

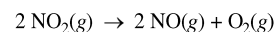
1 point is earned for the correct identification of the energy required to remove an electron from the valence shell (may be implicit).

1 point is earned for calculating the correct wavelength.

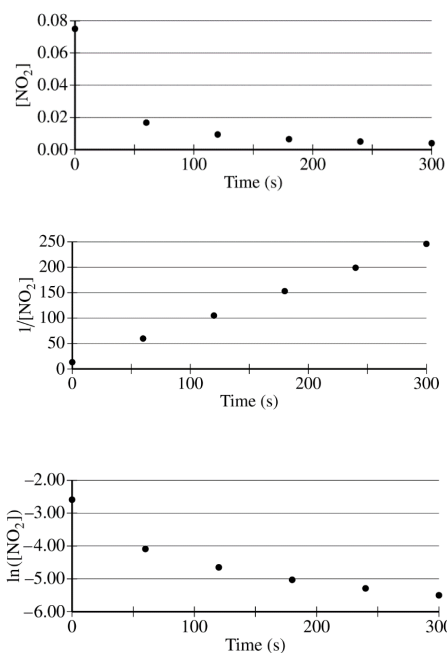
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Question 6

Nitrogen dioxide, $\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$, is produced as a byproduct of the combustion of fossil fuels in internal combustion engines. At elevated temperatures $\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$ decomposes according to the equation below.



The concentration of a sample of $\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$ is monitored as it decomposes and is recorded on the graph directly below. The two graphs that follow it are derived from the original data.



Explain how the graphs indicate that the reaction is second order.

The linear graph of $\frac{1}{[\text{NO}_2]}$ vs. time indicates a second-order reaction.

1 point is earned for the correct answer.

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Question 6 (continued)

Write the rate law for the decomposition of $\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$.

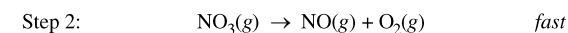
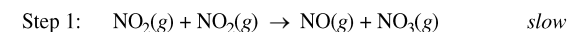
$$\text{rate} = k[\text{NO}_2]^2$$

1 point is earned for the correct answer.

Consider two possible mechanisms for the decomposition reaction.

- (i) Is the rate law described by mechanism I shown below consistent with the rate law you wrote in part (b)? Justify your answer.

Mechanism I

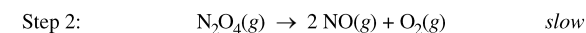


Step 1 is slow, therefore it is the rate-determining step of this mechanism. The rate law of this elementary reaction is $\text{rate} = k[\text{NO}_2][\text{NO}_2] = k[\text{NO}_2]^2$, which is consistent with the second-order rate law in part (b).

1 point is earned for the correct answer with justification.

- (ii) Is the rate law described by mechanism II shown below consistent with the rate law you wrote in part (b)? Justify your answer.

Mechanism II

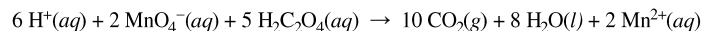


Step 2 is slow; therefore, it is the rate-determining step of this mechanism. The rate law of this elementary reaction is $\text{rate} = k[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]$. Because N_2O_4 is an intermediate, it cannot appear in the rate law of the overall reaction. Because $K_{eq} = \frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]}{[\text{NO}_2]^2}$ in step 1, $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4] = K_{eq}[\text{NO}_2]^2$. Then, substituting $K_{eq}[\text{NO}_2]^2$ for $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4]$ in the rate law of step 2 gives $\text{rate} = (k K_{eq})[\text{NO}_2]^2$, which is consistent with the rate law in part (b).

1 point is earned for the correct answer with justification.

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Question 7



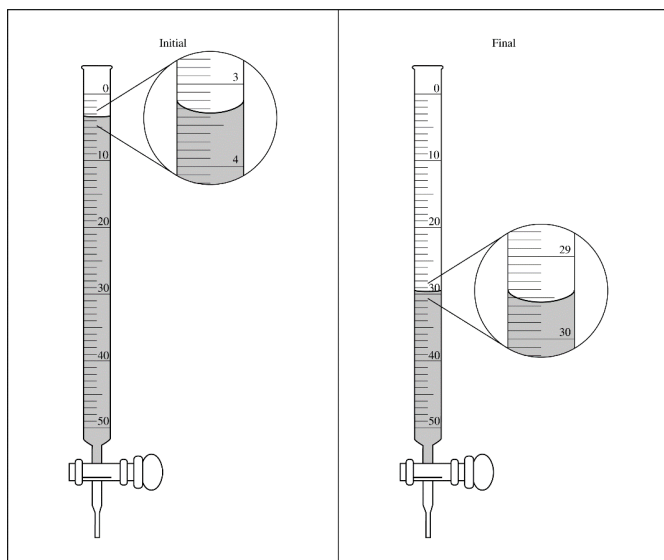
A student dissolved a 0.139 g sample of oxalic acid, $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$, in water in an Erlenmeyer flask. Then the student titrated the $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ solution in the flask with a solution of KMnO_4 , which has a dark purple color. The balanced chemical equation for the reaction that occurred during the titration is shown above.

Identify the species that was reduced in the titration reaction. Justify your answer in terms of oxidation numbers.

MnO_4^- is reduced to Mn^{2+} as the oxidation number of Mn changes from +7 to +2, indicating a gain of 5 electrons.

1 point is earned for the correct answer with justification.

The student used a 50.0 mL buret to add the $\text{KMnO}_4(aq)$ to the $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4(aq)$ until a faint lavender color was observed in the flask, an indication that the end point of the titration had been reached. The initial and final volume readings of the solution in the buret are shown below. Write down the initial reading and the final reading and use them to determine the volume of $\text{KMnO}_4(aq)$ that was added during the titration.



$$29.55 \text{ mL} - 3.35 \text{ mL} = 26.20 \text{ mL}$$

1 point is earned for the correct answer.

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Question 7 (continued)

Given that the concentration of $\text{KMnO}_4(aq)$ was 0.0235 M, calculate the number of moles of MnO_4^- ions that completely reacted with the $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$.

$$(0.02620 \text{ L})(0.0235 \text{ mol/L}) = 0.000616 \text{ mol}$$

1 point is earned for the correct answer.

The student proposes to perform another titration using a 0.139 g sample of $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$, but this time using 0.00143 M $\text{KMnO}_4(aq)$ in the buret. Would this titrant concentration be a reasonable choice to use if the student followed the same procedure and used the same equipment as before? Justify your response.

No. The 0.00143 M titrant solution is so diluted that volume of titrant needed to reach the end point would be much greater than the 50 mL capacity of the buret.

1 point is earned for the correct answer with appropriate justification.