

Q. 1 What is zero order reaction? cite some examples. What is the molecularity of this type of reaction? Plot the decay and decay rate vs time for this kind of reaction.

Ans: Zero order reaction means rate of these reactions does not depend on the conc. of the reactants. Let us take the reaction represented as  
 $A \rightarrow \text{Product}$

Rate equation is  $-\frac{dC_A}{dt} = K_0 \cdot C_A^0$   
 i.e.  $-\frac{dC_A}{dt} = K_0$

2nd part Examples of zero order reaction

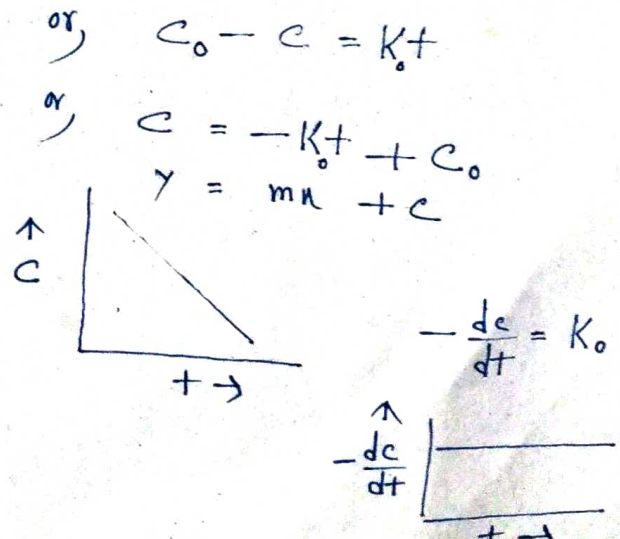
i) The enzyme catalysed reaction is found zero order reaction w.r.t substrate i.e. the rate equation for the reaction substrate  $\xrightarrow{\text{enzyme}}$  product

is  $\text{rate} = K \cdot C_{\text{enzyme}}^1 \cdot C_{\text{substrate}}^0$

ii) Heterogeneous catalysed reaction, like decomposition of HI on gold surface;  $\text{NH}_3$  on tungsten surface.

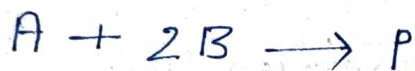
3rd part

$A \rightarrow \text{Product}$   
 initial conc  $a$                       0  
 after time interval  $t$ ,  $(a-x)$                        $x$   
 The rate equation in term of product,  
 $\frac{dx}{dt} = K_0$   
 or,  $\int_0^x dx = K_0 \int_0^t dt$   
 or,  $x = K_0 t$



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Q 2 Write the differential rate law for the following reaction  $A + 2B \rightarrow P$  and turn it into a pseudo 1st order and pseudo 2nd order rate law.



initial time  $a$   $b$   $0$

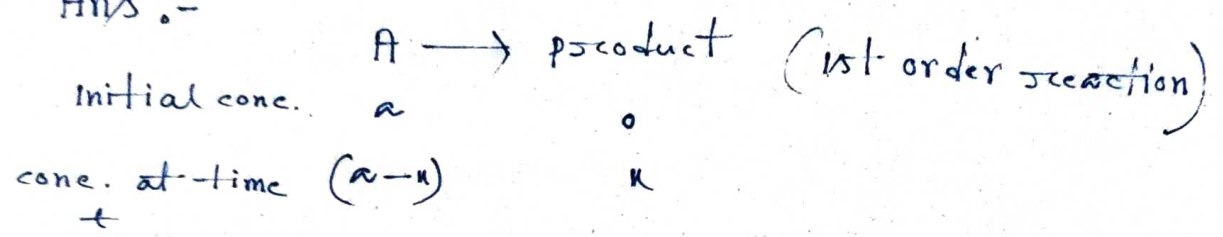
at a time  $t$   $(a-x)$   $(b-2x)$   $x$

The rate equation in terms of product

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k \cdot (a-x)(b-2x)^2$$

Q 5 } For a first-order process:  $A \rightarrow$  products,  
 show that the no. of molecules at a time  $t$  is given by  $N_t = N_0 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/t_{1/2}}$   
 where  $N_0$  is the no. of molecules at  $t=0$   
 and  $t_{1/2}$  is the time for half decomposition.

Ans :-



The rate equation  $\frac{dx}{dt} = k \cdot (a-x)$

Now separating the variable and integrating, we get.

$$\int \frac{dx}{(a-x)} = \int k \cdot dt$$

$$\therefore -\ln|a-x| = kt + I_c$$

When  $t=0$ ,  $x=0$  so,  $I_c = -\ln|a|$

putting the value, we get

$$\ln \left| \frac{a}{a-x} \right| = kt$$

Hence,  $a = C_0 =$  initial conc.

$$(a-x) = C_t = \text{conc. at time } t.$$

$$\therefore \ln \left| \frac{C_0}{C_t} \right| = kt = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}} \cdot t$$

$$\therefore \ln \left| \frac{C_t}{C_0} \right| = \frac{t}{t_{1/2}} \times \ln \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|$$

or  $\ln \left| \frac{N_t}{N_0} \right| = \ln \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|$

$\frac{N_t}{N_0} = \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|$

$N_t = N_0 \times \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|$  (proved)

Q 6 A first order reaction takes 30 min. for 50% completion. calculate the time when the conc. reduces to  $\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)$  of the initial conc.

Ans:

Given  $t_{1/2} = 30 \text{ min}$

$c = \frac{1}{e} \cdot c_0$

or  $\frac{c_0}{c} = e$

We have integrated rate equation

$\ln \left| \frac{c_0}{c} \right| = Kt$

but  $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{K_1}$

$t = \frac{1}{K_1} \times \ln \left| \frac{c_0}{c} \right|$

$K_1 = \frac{0.693}{30} \text{ min}^{-1}$

$= \frac{30}{0.693} \times \ln e \text{ min}$

$= 43.3 \text{ min. (Ans)}$

So, 43.3 min, time requires for reduction of conc. to  $\left(\frac{1}{e}\right)$  of the initial conc.

Q7. calculate the half-life for the decomposition of  $N_2O_5$  at  $25^\circ C$  and the fraction decomposed after 8 hrs.

given  $k_1 = 3.38 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sec}^{-1}$

1st part  $\rightarrow t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k_1}$   
 $= \frac{0.693}{3.38 \times 10^{-5}} \text{ sec}$

$= 20500 \text{ sec}$

2nd part

the integrated rate equation is

$$\ln \left| \frac{a}{a-x} \right| = k_1 t$$

$$\left( \frac{a-x}{a} \right) = e^{-k_1 t}$$

$$\frac{x}{a} = 1 - e^{-k_1 t}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-3.38 \times 10^{-5} \times 8 \times 60 \times 60}$$

$$= 0.622$$

So, the fraction decomposed after 8 hrs is 0.622.

Q.8 The isotope  $K^{42}$  has a  $t_{1/2}$  of 12 hrs. what fraction of the initial conc. of  $K^{42}$  remains after 60 hrs.

Ans. We know

$$\frac{N_t}{N_0} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{t_{1/2}}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{60}{12}} \quad (\text{used})$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{32}$$

So, the fraction remains after 60 hrs is  $\frac{1}{32}$ .

Ans. (1)

Q.9 The first order rate const of the reaction  $A \rightarrow B$  is  $k \text{ sec}^{-1}$ . Calculate the average life of A molecules.

$t_a$  = Average life of 1st order reaction

$$= \frac{1}{N_0} \int_0^\infty N_t \cdot dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{N_0} \int_0^\infty N_0 e^{-k_1 t} \cdot dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-k_1 t} \cdot dt$$

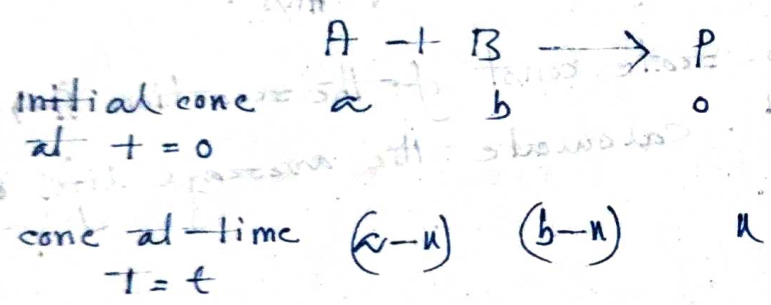
$$= \left[ \frac{e^{-k_1 t}}{-k_1} \right]_0^\infty$$

$$= \left[ \frac{e^{-k_1 t}}{k_1} \right]_0^\infty = \frac{1}{k_1}$$

q.10

obtain the integrated rate equation for the elementary reaction  $A + B \rightarrow \text{Product}$ , when the initial conc. of A and B, respectively 'a' and b are (i) different ( $b \neq a$ ) & (ii) same ( $b = a$ ). Show also that the 2nd result may be directly obtained from the 1st form under the limit  $b \rightarrow a$ , given that  $\ln(1+x) = x$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$

(i) Ans:



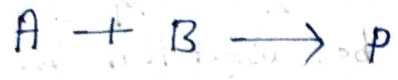
The initial conc. of A and B are a and b respectively. Let x conc. of product is formed after time t. Thus the conc. of A and B after time t are  $(a-x)$  and  $(b-x)$  respectively. The differential rate equation is

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k_2 \cdot C_A \cdot C_B = k_2 (a-x) \cdot (b-x)$$

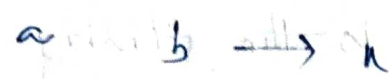
separating the variable and integrating, we get.

$$\frac{1}{(a-b)} \ln \left| \frac{b(a-x)}{a(b-x)} \right| = k_2 t$$

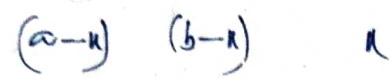
(ii)



initial conc  
at time  $t=0$



conc. at time  $t$



The differential rate equation is

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k_2 (a-x)(b-x)$$

but  $a=b$ , so we can write

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k_2 x (a-x)^2$$

separating the variable and integrating, we get

$$\frac{x}{a(a-x)} = k_2 t$$

part - 2

The first result is

$$\frac{1}{(a-b)} \times \ln \left| \frac{b(a-x)}{a(b-x)} \right| = k_2 t$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{(a-b)} \times \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{(a-b)x}{a(b-x)} \right] = k_2 t$$

since  $b \rightarrow a$ , hence  $\frac{(a-b)x}{a(b-x)} \rightarrow 0$

so taking approximation,  $\ln(1+x) = x$

$$\text{we get } \frac{1}{(a-b)} \times \frac{(a-b)x}{a(b-x)} = k_2 t$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{x}{a(b-x)} = k_2 t \quad \text{or } \frac{x}{a(a-x)} = k_2 t \quad (\text{since } b \rightarrow a)$$

finally we get the 2nd result from 1st result



9) Show that the ratio  $t_{1/2} : t_{3/4}$  of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  order reaction can be written as a function of  $n$  alone. What is the utility of this ratio? Calculate its value for 2nd order reaction.

For  $n^{\text{th}}$  order reaction

$$t = \frac{1}{(n-1)k_m} \left[ \frac{1}{(a-x)^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{a^{n-1}} \right]$$

For  $t = t_{1/2}$ ,  $x = a/2$  and thus

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{(n-1)k_m} \left[ \frac{2^{n-1} - 1}{a^{n-1}} \right]$$

For  $t = t_{3/4}$ ,  $x = 3a/4$  and thus

$$t_{3/4} = \frac{1}{(n-1)k_m} \left[ \frac{4^{n-1} - 1}{a^{n-1}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(n-1)k_m} \left[ \frac{(2^{n-1} - 1)(2^{n-1} + 1)}{a^{n-1}} \right]$$

Therefore, the ratio

$$\frac{t_{1/2} : t_{3/4}}{2^{n-1} + 1} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1} + 1}$$

The ratio is thus a function of  $n$ .

2nd part: Knowing the ratio, we can determine the order ( $n$ ) of the reaction.

3rd part:

For 2nd order reaction,  $n = 2$

thus the ratio,

$$\frac{t_{1/2}}{t_{3/4}} = \frac{1}{n-1} = \frac{1}{2-1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

Q. 12) Discuss the principle of any one method for the determination of the order of a chemical reaction.

Ans: Method of Half-life period

Half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) is defined as the time for half-decomposition of the reactants. It is seen also that

$$t_{1/2} \propto \frac{1}{a^{n-1}}$$

where,  $a$  = initial conc. of the reactant for  $n$  order reaction.

Let us carry two sets of a reaction with different initial conc.  $a$  and  $a'$  of the reactant. Thus for the reaction

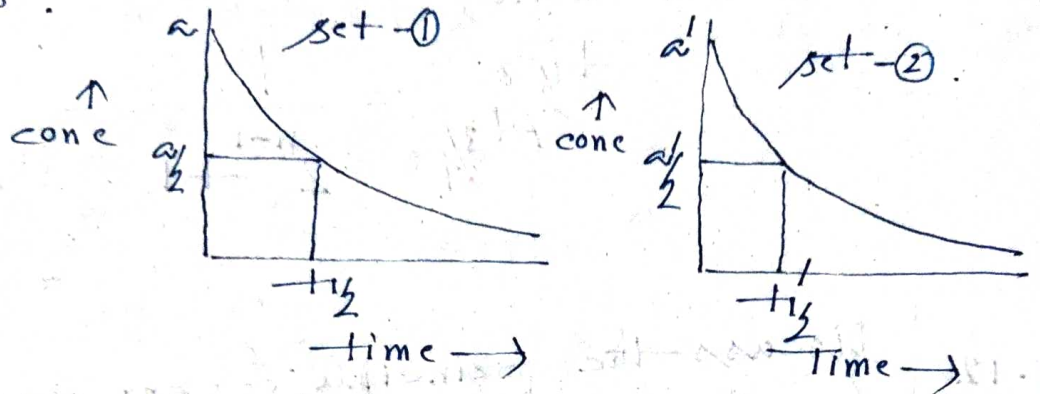
$$\frac{t_{1/2}'}{t_{1/2}} = \left(\frac{a'}{a}\right)^{n-1}$$

where,  $t_{1/2}$  and  $t_{1/2}'$  are the half-life periods of the reaction at the initial conc.  $a$  and  $a'$  of the reactant.

Taking Log and rearranging, we have

$$n = 1 + \frac{\log(t_{1/2}'/t_{1/2})}{\log(a'/a)}$$

using this relation, n can be evaluated provided half-life periods of the reaction are determined at the two sets.



Q.13 Decomposition of a subst A is studied at two different initial conc.  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ , where  $a_1 = 3a_2$ . If the observed half-lives  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  follow the ratio  $t_2 : t_1 = 2 : 1$ . Find the order of the decomposition process.

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \left(\frac{a_1}{a_2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{2}{1} = \left(\frac{3a_2}{a_2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$3^{n-1} = 2$$

$$(n-1) = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

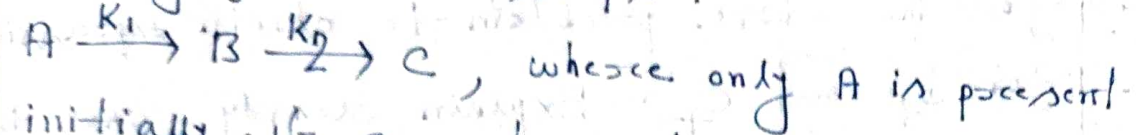
$$n = 1 + \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{.693}{1.098}$$

$$= 1 + .63$$

$$= 1.63$$

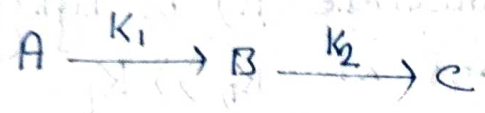
consider the simplest consecutive reaction involving first order steps:



Q.14.

If  $a_t$ ,  $b_t$  and  $c_t$  are the respective conc. of A, B and C at time  $t$ , show schematically the variation of these quantities with time.

Ans:



at a time  $a_t$ ,  $b_t$  and  $c_t$

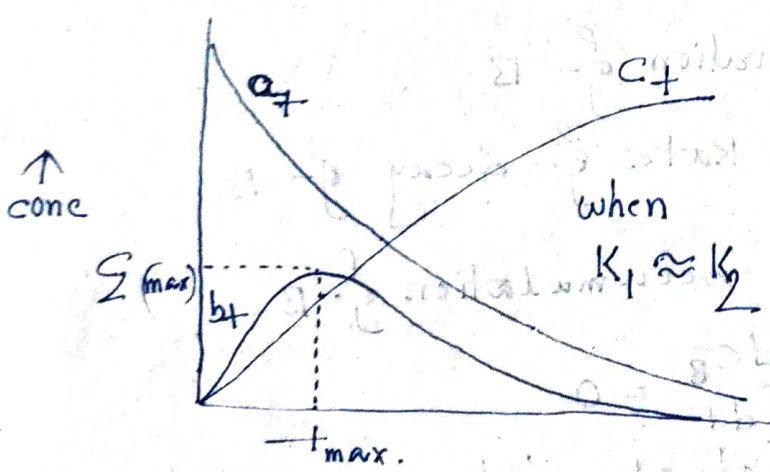
The initial conc. of A is  $c_0$ . We can write the (determine) the conc. of  $a_t$ ,  $b_t$  and  $c_t$  as below

$$a_t = c_0 \cdot e^{-K_1 t}$$

$$b_t = \frac{K_1 c_0}{K_2 - K_1} \left[ e^{-K_1 t} - e^{-K_2 t} \right]$$

$$c_t = c_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{K_2}{K_2 - K_1} \cdot e^{-K_1 t} - \frac{K_1}{K_1 - K_2} \cdot e^{-K_2 t} \right]$$

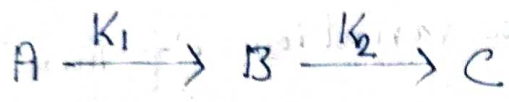
The conc. of A, B and C when plotted against  $t$ , the following type of curve are obtained.



The conc. of A ( $a_t$ ) decreases exponentially with time  $t$ . The conc. of intermediate B ( $b_t$ ) rises from zero to a max<sup>m</sup> and then drops back to zero

and finally C ( $c_t$ ) dominates in the mixture, reaching to the value of  $c_0$ .

15. Assume now a steady state approximation for the above problem to obtain expressions for  $b_1$  and  $c_+$ . Explain clearly when the approximation is valid.



When the intermediate (B) is highly reactive, the situation becomes as  $k_2 \gg k_1$  i.e. the intermediate B immediately breaks into product C as soon as it forms from A.

The conc. of B becomes as

$$c_2 = \frac{k_1 c_0}{k_2 - k_1} [e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-k_2 t}]$$

but  $k_2 \gg k_1$ , hence  $k_2 - k_1 = k_2$   
 $e^{-k_2 t} = 0$

Thus,  $c_2 = \frac{k_1 c_0}{k_2} e^{-k_1 t}$  since  $k_2 = \text{Large}$

"  $k_2 c_2 = k_1 c_1$  since  $c_1 = c_0 \cdot e^{-k_1 t}$

i.e. Rate of formation of B = Rate of decay of B

Thus, Rate of accumulation of B

i.e.  $\frac{dc_B}{dt} = 0$

This is known as steady state approximation,  $\frac{dc_{\text{intermediate}}}{dt} = 0$

The steady state approximation helps to simplify the kinetic calculation of multistep reaction.

$$\frac{dc_B}{dt} = k_1 c_A - k_2 c_B$$

But steady state approximation states that  $\frac{dc_B}{dt} = 0$ , since B is highly reactive.

$$0 = k_1 c_A - k_2 c_B$$

$$c_B = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \cdot c_A$$

$$c_B = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \cdot c_0 \cdot e^{-k_1 t}$$

$$b_t = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \cdot c_0 \cdot e^{-k_1 t}$$

Again,

$$\frac{dc_c}{dt} = k_2 \cdot c_B = k_2 \cdot b_t$$

$$\frac{dc_c}{dt} = k_2 \times \frac{k_1}{k_2} \times c_0 \cdot e^{-k_1 t}$$

$$\frac{dc_c}{dt} = k_1 \cdot c_0 \cdot e^{-k_1 t}$$

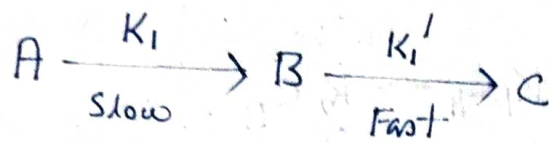
$$\int dc_c = k_1 c_0 \int e^{-k_1 t} \cdot dt$$

$$c_t = k_1 \cdot c_0 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{-k_1}\right) \cdot e^{-k_1 t} + I_c$$

When  $t=0$ ,  $c_t=0$ , so,  $I_c = c_0$

$$c_t = c_0 [1 - e^{-k_1 t}]$$

Q.16 | Slowest step in a multistep reaction is the rate determining step. Discuss giving one example.



The formulation of the kinetics of the consecutive reaction illustrate the above. Let the rate const. ( $K_1'$ ) is much greater than the rate const. ( $K_1$ ).

The expression of conc of the product

$$C_3 = C_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{K_1}{K_1 - K_1'} e^{-K_1' t} - \frac{K_1'}{K_1' - K_1} e^{-K_1 t} \right]$$

But,  $K_1' \gg K_1$ , hence  $K_1' - K_1 \approx K_1'$

$$K_1 - K_1' \approx -K_1'$$

$$\text{and } e^{-K_1' t} = 0$$

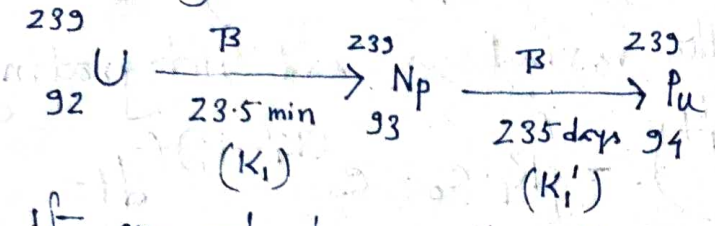
since  $K_1' = \text{Large}$ .

$$\text{Thus, } C_3 = C_0 \left[ 1 - e^{-K_1 t} \right]$$

This shows that the formation of C depends only on the smaller rate const. ( $K_1$ ).

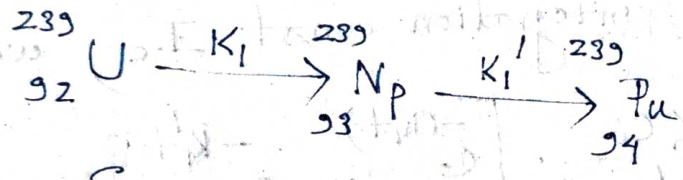
For this reason, the step with the slowest rate is called the rate-determining step of the reaction.

consider the following transuramic transformation with half lives as indicated



if one starts with  $10^{16}$  molecule number of uranium atoms initially, approximately how many Pu atoms will be created after 100 days? Describe the calculation that you employ in solving the problem.

Ans:  $A \xrightarrow{K_1} B \xrightarrow{K_1'} C$



initial conc  $C_0$

at a time  $t$

$C_1$

$C_2$

$C_3$

so, we can write

$$C_0 = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$

The rate law decomposition of  ${}^{239}_{92}\text{U}$  is

$$-\frac{dc_1}{dt} = K_1 \cdot c_1$$

separating the variable and integrating we get  $C_1 = C_0 \cdot e^{-K_1 t}$

Rate of accumulation of B is

$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = K_1 c_1 - K_1' c_2$$

$$n) \frac{dc_2}{dt} + K_1' c_2 = K_1 c_1$$

$$m) \frac{dc_2}{dt} \times e^{K_1' t} + K_1' c_2 e^{K_1' t} = K_1 c_1 \cdot e^{K_1' t}$$



or,  $\frac{d}{dt} (\Sigma \cdot e^{k_1' t}) = k_1 (c_0 \cdot e^{-k_1 t}) \cdot e^{k_1' t}$

separating the variables and integrating,

or,  $\int d(\Sigma \cdot e^{k_1' t}) = \int k_1 \cdot c_0 \cdot e^{(k_1' - k_1)t} dt$

or,  $\Sigma \cdot e^{k_1' t} = \frac{k_1 \cdot c_0}{k_1' - k_1} \cdot e^{(k_1' - k_1)t} + I_c$

When  $t=0$ ,  $\Sigma = 0$  and  $I_c = - \frac{k_1 \cdot c_0}{k_1' - k_1}$

Putting the integration const  $I_c$ , we get

$$\Sigma = \frac{k_1 c_0}{(k_1' - k_1)} \left[ e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-k_1' t} \right]$$

Now the conc of the product  $c$  is obtained as,

$$c_3 = c_0 - c_1 - c_2$$

$$c_3 = c_0 - c_0 \cdot e^{-k_1 t} - \frac{k_1 c_0}{k_1' - k_1} (e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-k_1' t})$$

$$c_3 = c_0 \left[ 1 - e^{-k_1 t} - \frac{k_1'}{k_1' - k_1} \cdot e^{-k_1 t} + \frac{k_1}{k_1' - k_1} \cdot e^{-k_1' t} \right]$$

$$c_3 = c_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{k_1'}{k_1' - k_1} \cdot e^{-k_1 t} - \frac{k_1}{k_1 - k_1'} \cdot e^{-k_1' t} \right]$$

This is the required relation for this problem.

$$K_1 = \frac{0.693}{23.5} \text{ min}^{-1}, \quad K_1' = \frac{0.693}{235} \text{ day}^{-1}$$

so,  $K_1 \gg K_1'$

using the approximation,  $(K_1 \gg K_1')$

we get  $C_3 = C_0 [1 - e^{-K_1' t}]$

$$N_3 = N_0 [1 - e^{-K_1' t}]$$

$$= 10^6 \times [1 - e^{-\frac{0.693}{235} \times 400}]$$

$$= 6.9 \times 10^{15}$$

so, the no. of Pu atoms created after 400 days =  $6.9 \times 10^{15}$

consider the consecutive reaction involving 1st order steps,  $A \xrightarrow{K_1} B \xrightarrow{K_2} C$ . The conc. of C at any time t is given by

$$C(t) = C(A_0) \left[ 1 - \frac{K_2 \cdot e^{-K_1 t}}{K_2 - K_1} - \frac{K_1 \cdot e^{-K_2 t}}{K_1 - K_2} \right]$$

Explain the significance of the result when  $K_1 \ll K_2$ .



Ans :

$$C(c) = C(A_0) \left[ 1 - \frac{k_2}{k_2 - k_1} e^{-k_1 t} + \frac{k_1}{k_2 - k_1} e^{-k_2 t} \right]$$

This is the expression of conc of the product. When  $k_1 \ll k_2$

$$k_2 - k_1 \approx k_2$$

$$\text{and } e^{-k_2 t} \approx 0$$

So, the equation reduces to

$$C(c) = C(A_0) \left[ 1 - e^{-k_1 t} \right]$$

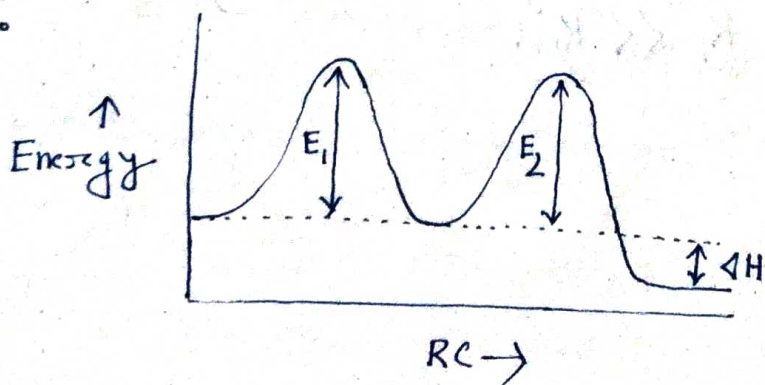
This shows that the formation of c depends only on the smallest rate const ( $k_1$ ). For this reason, the step with slowest step is called the rate-determining step of the reaction.

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Draw a typical diagram showing energy as a function of reaction coordinate. Indicate in the diagram the following.

The consecutive reaction  $A \xrightarrow{k_1} B \xrightarrow{k_2} c$  with  $k_1 \approx k_2$  and overall  $A \rightarrow c$  exothermic.

Ans :



consider the opposing reaction



$t=0, a$

$t=t, (a-x)$

both the forward and backward reaction are 1st order. Write the rate equation and integrate. Show that

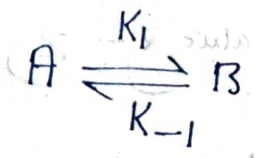
the expression may be written as

$$\ln \left| \frac{x_e}{x_e - x} \right| = (k_1 + k_{-1})t$$

where  $x_e$  is the equilibrium value of  $x$ . Discuss the case where  $k_1 \gg k_{-1}$ .

Ans:

In case of opposing reaction



initial conc  
 $T=0$

$a$

at-time  
 $T=t$

$(a-x)$

so,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \text{Rate of formation of } B$

$\rightarrow \text{Rate of decomposition of } B$

$$= k_1(a-x) - k_{-1}x$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k_1a - (k_1 + k_{-1})x$$

Separating the variable and integrating we get,

$$\int \frac{dx}{k_1a - (k_1 + k_{-1})x} = \int dt \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Let  $K_1 a - (K_1 + K_{-1}) u = z$

i)  $dz = -(K_1 + K_{-1}) du$

ii)  $du = -\frac{1}{(K_1 + K_{-1})} \times dz$

Putting the value of  $z$  and  $du$  in the equation (1), we get

$$-\frac{1}{(K_1 + K_{-1})} \int \frac{dz}{z} = \int dt$$

iii)  $-\frac{1}{(K_1 + K_{-1})} \times \ln z = t + I_c$

Putting the value of  $z$ , we get

iv)  $-\frac{1}{(K_1 + K_{-1})} \times \ln |K_1 a - (K_1 + K_{-1}) u| = t + I_c$

When  $t = 0$ ,  $u = 0$ , so  $I_c = -\frac{1}{(K_1 + K_{-1})} \times \ln K_1 a$

Now putting the value of  $I_c$  and we get

v)  $\frac{1}{(K_1 + K_{-1})} \ln \left| \frac{K_1 a}{K_1 a - (K_1 + K_{-1}) u} \right| = t$

vi)  $\ln \left| \frac{K_1 a}{K_1 a - (K_1 + K_{-1}) u} \right| = (K_1 + K_{-1}) t$  — (2)

At equilibrium,  $\left[ \frac{du}{dt} \right]_e = 0$

so,  $\left( \frac{du}{dt} \right)_e = K_1 (a - u_e) - K_{-1} u_e = 0$   
 $= K_1 a - (K_1 + K_{-1}) x_e = 0$

so,  $K_1 a = (K_1 + K_{-1}) x_e$

putting this value in the equation 2, we get

$$\ln \left| \frac{(K_1 + K_{-1}) x_e}{(K_1 + K_{-1}) x_e - (K_1 + K_{-1}) x} \right| = (K_1 + K_{-1}) t$$

or  $\ln \left| \frac{x_e}{x_e - x} \right| = (K_1 + K_{-1}) t$   
(proved)

2nd part.

When  $K_1 \gg K_{-1}$

then,  $K_1 a - (K_1 + K_{-1}) x = K_1 a - K_1 x$   
 $K_1 + K_{-1} = K_1$   
neglecting the value of  $K_{-1}$

Now, the equation (2) changes to

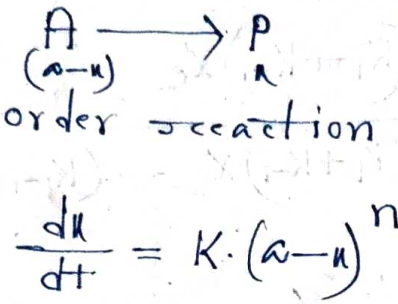
$$\ln \left| \frac{K_1 a}{K_1 a - K_1 x} \right| = K_1 \cdot t$$

or  $\ln \left| \frac{a}{a - x} \right| = K_1 t$

Thus, we see that when the reverse reaction is very slow compare to forward reaction ( $K_1 \gg K_{-1}$ ), the integrated rate equation becomes that of simple 1st order reaction.

Q.21 Specific rate const. of a reaction has the unit litre<sup>2</sup>.mole<sup>-2</sup>. Sec<sup>-1</sup>. What is the order?

For an  $n$ th order reaction the rate equation is



$k = \frac{dx}{(a-x)^n} \times \frac{1}{dt}$

so, the unit of  $k = \frac{\text{conc}}{(\text{conc})^n} \times \frac{1}{\text{Time}}$   
 $= (\text{conc})^{1-n} \times \text{Time}^{-1}$   
 $= \left(\frac{\text{mole}}{\text{litre}}\right)^{1-n} \times \text{Sec}^{-1}$

$= \text{mole}^{1-n} \times \text{litre}^{n-1} \times \text{Sec}^{-1}$

so, we can write

$\text{litre}^{n-1} \times \text{mole}^{1-n} \times \text{Sec}^{-1} = \text{litre}^2 \times \text{mole}^{-2} \times \text{Sec}^{-1}$

Hence, from this equation, we get

$n-1 = 2$

$n = 3$

so, the order is 3.

Q. 22 While it is expected that larger amount of subst. would take a longer time to decompose, the dependence of half life on the initial conc. do not indicate so in general.

Ans: Decomposition rate is not usually const. except for zero order reaction. According to mass action law, larger amt of subst. requires the decomposition rate and smaller time is required for its half-decomposition. ie smallest will be the half-life. only for the case of zero order reaction, rate = k and thus larger amt. of subst, longer time requires to decompose and so half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ )  $\propto$  initial conc.

Q. 23 The decomposition of a gas at an initial pressure of 600 mmHg was studied in a closed vessel at a certain temp. the gas was found to be 50% decomposed in 30 min and 75% decomposed in 90 min. Show that the reaction is 2nd order, and calculate the rate const.

Ans: given  $t_{1/2} = 30$  min and  $t_{3/4} = 90$  min.

The ratio  $t_{1/2} : t_{3/4} = 30 : 90 = \frac{1}{3}$   
 we have, ratio =  $\frac{1}{2^{n-1} + 1} = \frac{1}{3}$

$2^{n-1} + 1 = 3$

$2^{n-1} = 2 = 2^1$

$n-1 = 1$

$n = 2$

~~$2^{n-1} + 1 = 3 \implies 2^{n-1} = 2 \implies n-1 = 1 \implies n = 2$~~

~~$n-1 = 2 \implies n = 3$~~

Show the reaction is 2nd order reaction.



again,

$$k_2 = \frac{1}{v_2} \times \frac{v}{v_2 - v}$$

$$= \frac{1}{600 \times 30} \times \frac{300}{600 - 300} (\text{mm Hg})^{-1} \text{min}^{-1}$$

$$= 5.5 \times 10^5 \text{ mm.Hg}^{-1} \times \text{min}^{-1}$$

Q. 24) For a reaction  $A \rightarrow B + C$  it is found that the rate increases by a factor 2.25 when the conc. of A is increased by a factor of 1.5 at the same temp. what is the order w.r.t to A?

Ans: we have,

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \left(\frac{C_1}{C_2}\right)^n$$

$$2.25 = (1.5)^n$$

$$(1.5)^2 = (1.5)^n, \quad n = 2$$

Q. 25

Rate of a reaction,  $A + B \rightarrow \text{Product}$  is given below as a function of different initial conc. of A and B.

[A] mole lit <sup>-1</sup>	[B] mole lit <sup>-1</sup>	initial rate mole.lit <sup>-1</sup> .min <sup>-1</sup>
0.01	0.01	0.005
0.02	0.01	0.010
0.01	0.02	0.005

Determine the order of the reaction w.r.t A and w.r.t B. what is the half life of A in the reaction.

Q.26 | comment on the statements:  
 i) order of a reaction is always integral.  
 ii) Stoichiometry of the reaction indicates its order.

Ans: The given statements are wrong. order is not always an integer. It may be fraction, zero or even negative. Furthermore it is an experimentally determinable quantity. So it can not be known from stoichiometry.

Q.27 | For a given reaction rate is independent of conc, will it go to completion?

Ans: If the rate of a reaction does not depend on concentration of reactant, then it is a zero order reaction. We know zero order reactions go to completion.

Q.28 | Are all reactions characterized by some order?

Ans: All reactions are not characterized by some order. chain reactions follow some complicated mechanism. Expression for rate for such reactions consists of reactant term in both numerator and denominator, product terms are also found in rate expressions. So they are can not be characterized by order.

Q.29 | A certain reactant A gives two products B and C; how can you know that the path is (i) parallel (ii) consecutive?

Ans: When a reactant A gives two products B and C the path may be parallel  $\left[ A \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow B \\ \rightarrow C \end{array} \right]$  or consecutive  $(A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C)$ . In first case the concentration ratio  $C_B/C_C$  will remain same at any time, in the second case the ratio  $C_B/C_C$  will vary with time.

Q.30 | What is the significance of  $E_1 - E_2$  ( $E =$  activation energy) for a reversible reaction.

Ans: During derivation of Arrhenius equation from van't Hoff's equation it can be shown that  $E_1 - E_2 = \text{Heat of reaction } (\Delta H)$ .

Q.31 | A certain reaction takes place in three steps with rate constants  $k_1, k_2$  and  $k_3$  and activation energy  $E_1, E_2$  and  $E_3$ . If overall rate const.  $K = k_1 k_3 / k_2$  show that overall activation energy  $E = E_1 - E_2 + E_3$

Ans: Overall rate const. ( $K$ ) is related with stepwise rate constants as -

$$K = \frac{k_1 k_3}{k_2}$$

So,  $\ln K = \ln K_1 - \ln K_2 + \ln i_3$

Putting the Arrhenius equation

$$\ln K = \ln A - \frac{E}{RT}$$

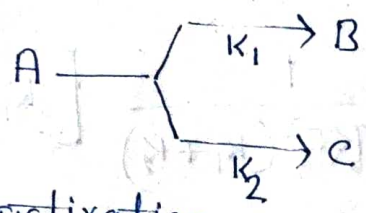
$$\ln A - \frac{E}{RT} = \ln \frac{A_1 A_3}{A_2} - \frac{E_1 - E_2 + E_3}{RT}$$

comparing between like terms

$$E = E_1 - E_2 + E_3$$

Q. 32

consider the reaction

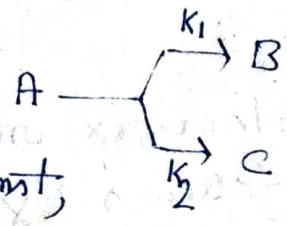


Show that activation energy ( $E_a$ ) for the disappearance of A is  $E_a = \frac{k_1 E_1 + k_2 E_2}{k_1 + k_2}$

Where  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are activation energies for paths with rate constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ .

Ans:

For the reaction



if  $K$  is overall rate const,

then  $K = (k_1 + k_2)$ . Now from Arrhenius equation

$$\frac{d \ln K}{dt} = \frac{E_a}{RT^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{d \ln (k_1 + k_2)}{dt} = \frac{E_a}{RT^2}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{(k_1 + k_2)} \times \frac{d}{dt} (k_1 + k_2) = \frac{E_a}{RT^2}$$

pulling  $K_1 = A_1 \cdot e^{-E_1/RT}$  and  $K_2 = A_2 \cdot e^{-E_2/RT}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d \ln(K_1 + K_2)}{dt} &= \frac{1}{(K_1 + K_2)} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (K_1 + K_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(K_1 + K_2)} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} (A_1 \cdot e^{-E_1/RT}) + \frac{d}{dt} (A_2 \cdot e^{-E_2/RT}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(K_1 + K_2)} \left[ A_1 \cdot e^{-E_1/RT} \cdot \frac{E_1}{RT^2} + A_2 \cdot e^{-E_2/RT} \cdot \frac{E_2}{RT^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{RT^2 (K_1 + K_2)} [K_1 E_1 + K_2 E_2] \\ &= \frac{1}{RT^2} \left[ \frac{K_1 E_1 + K_2 E_2}{K_1 + K_2} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

comparing the equation ① and ②, we get

$$E_{\sim} = \left( \frac{K_1 E_1 + K_2 E_2}{K_1 + K_2} \right) \quad (\text{proved})$$

q. 33

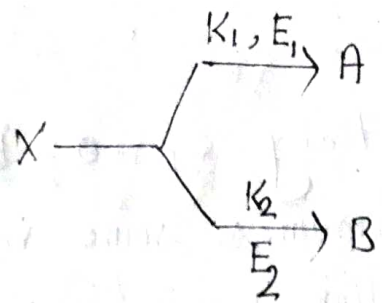
Substance X undergoes parallel reaction as follows

$$X \rightarrow A (K_1, E_1); \quad X \rightarrow B (K_2, E_2)$$

$$X \rightarrow A + B \quad (\text{overall}) \quad (K, E)$$

show that  $E = f_1 E_1 + f_2 E_2$

[  $K_i$  are rate constants,  $E_i$  are energies of activation and  $f_i = K_i / K$  ]



The overall activation energy/mole

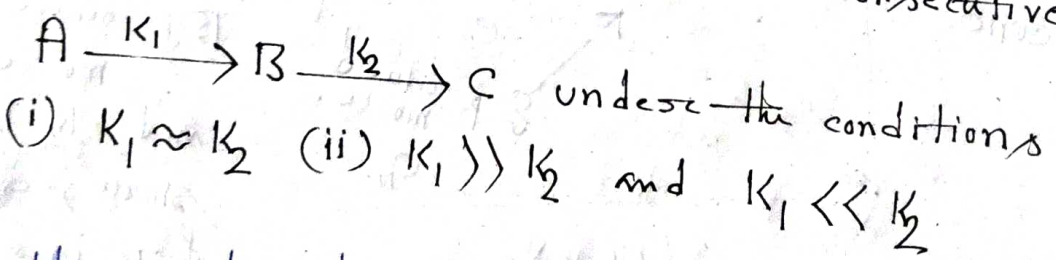
$$E = \frac{K_1 E_1 + K_2 E_2}{K_1 + K_2}$$

But for parallel reaction overall rate const  $K = K_1 + K_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } E &= \frac{K_1 E_1 + K_2 E_2}{K} \\
 &= \frac{K_1}{K} \cdot E_1 + \frac{K_2}{K} \cdot E_2 \\
 &= f_1 E_1 + f_2 E_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Q. 34

Draw conc. vs time for three species A, B, C undergoing first order consecutive reaction.



Ans: It can be shown by calculation that for a consecutive reaction  $A \xrightarrow{K_1} B \xrightarrow{K_2} C$ , the concn of A, B and C after time  $t$  are

$$C_A = C_0 \cdot e^{-K_1 t}$$

$$C_B = \frac{K_1 C_0}{K_2 - K_1} \left[ e^{-K_1 t} - e^{-K_2 t} \right]$$

$$\text{and } C_C = C_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{K_2}{K_2 - K_1} e^{-K_1 t} - \frac{K_1}{K_1 - K_2} e^{-K_2 t} \right]$$