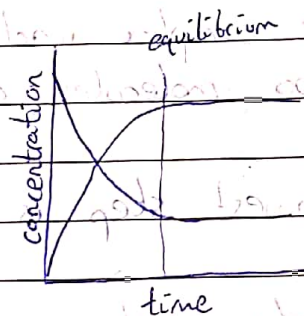
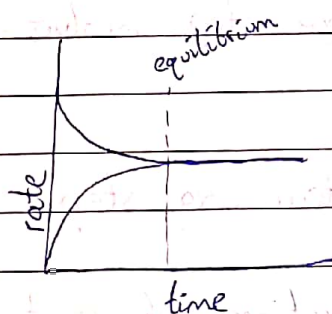


# Equilibrium

- A system has reached equilibrium when no further change appears to occur - all concentrations remain constant.
- In dynamic equilibrium, macroscopic properties are constant (concentrations of all reactants and products remain constant) and the rate of the forward reaction is equal to the rate of the reverse reaction.



- At equilibrium the concentration of all reactants and products remain constant.
- The rate of forward reaction is equal to backward reaction.
- Equilibrium is only attained in a closed system.
- All species in the chemical equation are present in the equilibrium reaction mixture.
- Equilibrium can be attained from either direction.
- Equilibrium doesn't imply 50% reactants and 50% products.
- If a system at equilibrium is subjected to a change, the position of equilibrium will shift in order to

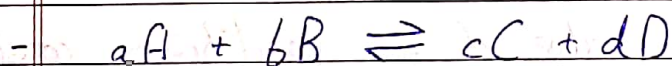
minimise the effect of the change. - Le Chatelier's principle.

- Heat reaction mixture: the position of the equilibrium is shifted in the endothermic direction.

- Cool reaction mixture: position of equilibrium is shifted in the exothermic direction.

- If a reaction involves a change in the number of gas molecules, an increase in pressure results in the position of equilibrium shifting in the direction that gives a decrease in the number of gas molecules.

- In general, if the concentration of one product/species is increased in an equilibrium mixture, the position of equilibrium shifts to the opposite direction to reduce the concentration of this species.



$$K_c = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b} = \frac{[\text{products}]}{[\text{reactants}]}$$

$K_c$  is the constant for a particular reaction at a particular temperature.

$K_c > 1$  - the reaction proceeds almost towards the products.

$K_c < 1$  - the reaction hardly proceeds towards the products.

The reaction quotient,  $Q$ , is the ratio of concentrations of the reactants and products at any point in time.



- $Q < K_c$ , then the reaction must proceed towards the products to reach equilibrium.
- $Q > K_c$  then the reaction must proceed towards the reactants to reach the equilibrium.

$$K_c = \frac{[HI]^2}{[H_2][I_2]}$$

reverse the reaction  
halve the coefficients  
double the coefficients  
triple the coefficients  
Sum of equations

Equilibrium Constant

$K_c^{-1}$   
 $\sqrt{K_c}$   
 $K_c^2$   
 $K_c^3$   
 $K_{c1} \times K_{c2}$

- The value of the  $K_c$  for a particular reaction is only affected by a change in temperature.
- Exothermic reaction, the value of the equilibrium constant decreases as the temperature is increased.
- Endothermic reaction, the value of the  $K_c$  increases as the temperature increases.
- The catalyst increases the rate of forward and reverse reactions equally. It doesn't affect the value of  $K_c$  and the position of equilibrium, it just reduces the time taken for reaction.
- $K_c$  - gives information about how far a reaction would proceed
- $k$  - indicates how quickly equilibrium is attained.  
↳ rate constant

- The value of the equilibrium constant is not affected by a change in concentration.
- The position of equilibrium corresponds to the mixture of reactants and products that produces the minimum value of the Gibbs free energy and the maximum value of entropy.

$$\Delta G = -RT \ln K$$

$\Delta G$	$K$	Position of Equilibrium
negative	$> 1$	closer to products than reactants
positive	$< 1$	closer to reactants than products