

Redes Biológicas y Biología de Sistemas - Task 1

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Working with functions

1. Write a simple computer program that consists of a single function that takes as input the equilibrium concentration of the reactants of the following reaction, $2\text{NO}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ and gives as output the K_{eq} (with the correct units) of the following reaction.
Test the function with the following equilibrium concentrations: $[\text{NO}_2] = 2$; $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_4] = 3$

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def equilibrium_constant(NO2, N2O4):  
    '''Calculates the equilibrium constant of the reaction  $2\text{NO}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}_4$   
    Parameters:  
    NO2 (int): Concentration of NO2 in Mol  
    N2O4 (int): Concentration of N2O4 in Mol  
  
    Returns:  
    k_eq (float): Equilibrium constant of the reaction  
    units (str): Units of the equilibrium constant  
    '''  
    k_eq = N2O4 / (NO2**2)  
    units = "M-1"  
    return k_eq, units
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NO2 = 2  
N2O4 = 3  
print(f'The equilibrium constant is {equilibrium_constant(NO2, N2O4)[0]}  
      {equilibrium_constant(NO2, N2O4)[1]}')  
#The equilibrium constant is 0.75 M-1
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2. Modify the previous function to calculate the K_{eq} with the correct units for the following reaction: $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{CaCl}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + 2\text{NaCl}$ with equilibrium concentrations: $[\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3] = 2$; $[\text{CaCl}_2] = 0.5$; $[\text{CaCO}_3] = 2$; $[\text{NaCl}] = 1.2$

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def equilibrium_constant2(reactives, products):  
    '''Calculate equilibrium constant of a reaction  
    Parameters:  
    reactives (dict): Dictionary with the reactives of the reaction and their stoichiometry  
    products (dict): Dictionary with the products of the reaction and their stoichiometry  
  
    Returns:  
    k_eq (float): Equilibrium constant of the reaction  
    units (str): Units of the equilibrium  
    '''  
    k_eq = products[0] * products[1]**2 / (reactives[0] * reactives[1])  
    units = "M1"  
    return k_eq, units
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reactives= {0: 2, 1: 0.5}  
products = {0: 2, 1: 1.2}  
print(f'The equilibrium constant is {equilibrium_constant2(reactives, products)[0]}  
      {equilibrium_constant2(reactives, products)[1]}')  
#The equilibrium constant is 2.88 M1
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