Chapter 17 — Problem Set 2

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- 1. (a) K is the better reducing agent
 - (b) Al is the better reducing agent
 - (c) Co is the better reducing agent
 - (d) Cr is the better reducing agent
- 2. (a) Cl₂ is the better oxidizing agent
 - (b) Au^{3+} is the better oxidizing agent
 - (c) F_2 is the better oxidizing agent
 - (d) Ag⁺ is the better oxidizing agent
- 3. (a) $\operatorname{MnO}_2(s) + 4\operatorname{H}^+(aq) + 2\operatorname{I}^-(aq) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Mn}^{2+}(aq) + 2\operatorname{H}_2O + \operatorname{I}_2(s)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
1.229 \\
-0.534 \\
\hline
0.695[V]
\end{array} \tag{1}$$

 $(b)\ I_2(s) + 2\operatorname{Cl}^-(aq) \longrightarrow 2\operatorname{I}^-(aq) + \operatorname{Cl}_2(g)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 .534 \\
 -1.36 \\
 \hline
 -.826[V]
 \end{array} \tag{2}$$

(c) $Pt + NO(g) + 2H^{+}(aq) + H_2O_2(aq) \longrightarrow NO_3^{-}(aq) + 4H^{+}(aq) + Pt$

$$\begin{array}{r}
1.763 \\
- .964 \\
\hline
0.799[V]
\end{array} \tag{3}$$

4. (a) $2 \operatorname{Cl}^-(aq) + \operatorname{Br}_2(g) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cl}_2(g) + 2 \operatorname{Br}^-(aq)$ is not spontaneous:

$$\begin{array}{r}
1.077 \\
-1.36 \\
\hline
-.283[V]
\end{array} \tag{4}$$

(b) $\operatorname{Sn}^{4+}(\operatorname{aq}) + \operatorname{Cu}^{2+}(\operatorname{s}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Sn}^{2+}(\operatorname{aq}) + \operatorname{Cu}(\operatorname{s})$ is not spontaneous:

$$\begin{array}{c}
.154 \\
-.339 \\
\hline{-.185[V]}
\end{array} \tag{5}$$

- 5. (a) $E^0 = .799 (-.141) = .94[V] \Rightarrow -(2) (9.648 \cdot 10^4) (.94) = -181.4[kJ]$
 - (b) $E^0 = 1.229 (.534) = .695[V] \Rightarrow -(2)(9.648 \cdot 10^4)(.695) = -134.1[kJ]$
- 6. (a) $E^0 = -.547 (.004) = -.551[V] \Rightarrow \frac{-.551(2)}{.0257} = -42.88 \Rightarrow e^{-42.88} = 2.39 \cdot 10^{-19}$
 - (b) $E^0 = 1.001 .799 = .202 \Rightarrow \frac{.202 \cdot 3}{.0257} = 23.58 \Rightarrow e^{23.58} = 1.74 \cdot 10^{10}$