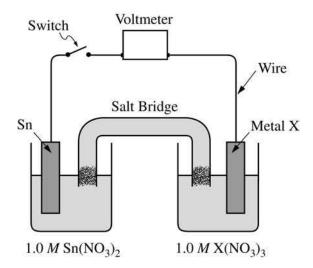
2004 AP® CHEMISTRY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS



6. An electrochemical cell is constructed with an open switch, as shown in the diagram above. A strip of Sn and a strip of an unknown metal, X, are used as electrodes. When the switch is closed, the mass of the Sn electrode increases. The half-reactions are shown below.

$$\operatorname{Sn^{2+}}(aq) + 2 e^{-} \to \operatorname{Sn}(s)$$
 $E^{\circ} = -0.14 \text{ V}$
 $X^{3+}(aq) + 3 e^{-} \to X(s)$ $E^{\circ} = ?$

- (a) In the diagram above, label the electrode that is the cathode. Justify your answer.
- (b) In the diagram above, draw an arrow indicating the direction of the electron flow in the external circuit when the switch is closed.
- (c) If the standard cell potential, E_{cell}° , is +0.60 V, what is the standard reduction potential, in volts, for the X^{3+}/X electrode?
- (d) Identify metal X.
- (e) Write a balanced net-ionic equation for the overall chemical reaction occurring in the cell.
- (f) In the cell, the concentration of $\mathrm{Sn^{2+}}$ is changed from 1.0 M to 0.50 M, and the concentration of $\mathrm{X^{3+}}$ is changed from 1.0 M to 0.10 M.
 - (i) Substitute all the appropriate values for determining the cell potential, E_{cell} , into the Nernst equation. (Do <u>not</u> do any calculations.)
 - (ii) On the basis of your response in part (f) (i), will the cell potential, E_{cell} , be greater than, less than, or equal to the original E_{cell}° ? Justify your answer.

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