CH1202: Physical Chemistry Laboratory Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata End-semester assignments

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(1) The structure of glutamic acid is:

$$H_2$$
 H_2 H_3

Write down its predominant forms in (a) strongly acidic and (b) strongly basic solutions, and (c) at its isoelectric point (pI = 3.2). 1+1+1

- (2) Explain why is the isoelectric point of glutamine (pI = 5.7) found to be much higher than that of glycine.
- (3) The ΔG^0 for decomposition of water: $H_2O(g) \rightarrow H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$ is +120 kJmol⁻¹ at 2500 K. Find out the degree of dissociation of H_2O at 2500 K and 1.00 bar pressure. (Given: R = 8.314 JK⁻¹mol⁻¹)
- (4) What is the effect of adding 0.25 g-mole of NH₄Cl to a litre of 0.1 M NH₄OH solution on the degree of dissociation of the base? $K_b = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$.
- (5) In the reaction at equilibrium: $N_2O_4(g) = 2NO_2(g)$, 18.46% of N_2O_4 is dissociated at 25°C and 1.00 bar. Calculate (a) the equilibrium constant K at 25°C and (b) ΔG^0 . (Given: $\Delta H^0 = +57.2 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$ over the temperature range)
- (6) Calculate the solubility product of silver chromate if its solubility be 2.5×10^{-2} g/L. Also find the solubility in 0.001 M potassium chromate solution. The activity coefficients may be taken as unity.
- (7) Assume that you are having a molecule that could be a potential pH indicator. Design a "complete" experimental procedure (required experimental steps in bullet points starting from the zero) to obtain the pK_{In} of the indicator. Note that it is totally a new molecule that you have synthesized. {Limit your answer to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page. Comprehensiveness need to be ensured / no need to elaborate the procedures}
- (8) In the experiment to obtain the order of a chemical reaction, you have determined the initial rates of the reactions. What was the reason to focus on the initial rate? (Max. 5 lines)
- (9) Consider the experiment no.7: Assume that you obtained the individual orders as 2 and 4 for I⁻ and $S_2O_8^{2^-}$ respectively. Construct a graph (time vs thiosulphate titration value) for the similar solutions (bottle 1-4) that you have performed in the experiment. {make a single plot with all the data and give a brief justification: Limit the whole answer with in $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page}

- (10) In experiment no. 4; if you had observed that these two species have considerable absorbance throughout the spectral range that you monitor, what would be the ways to proceed with the experiment using spectrophotometer? (max. ½ of a page)

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- (11) (a) In computational laboratory, you calculated the energies of a few small molecules. Which laws of mechanics are implemented in calculation of their energies?
- (b) (i) If you are given a protein structure, which laws of mechanics are expected to be implemented in order to study the energies of its folded and unfolded conformations?
 - (ii) Justify the implementation of such mechanics in studying the above problem.
- (c) Name two Computational Chemistry software used to study problems on protein structures.
- (d) Explain the geometry optimization (OPT) and single point (SP) calculation methods implemented in Gaussian09 software. 1+1+1+1+1
- (12) (a) Suppose two hydrogen atoms are separated by an interatomic distance 'r'. Qualitatively plot the potential energy of these atoms as a function of 'r'.
- (b) From this plot indicate the bond length ('re') of the hydrogen molecule.
- (c) In the laboratory you noticed that the program gave an error while trying to keep them close to each other beyond a certain 'r'.
 - (i) What could be the reason behind such error?
- (ii) Indicate the closest interatomic distance ('r₀') for hydrogen molecules in the above potential energy plot.
- (d) What is the unit of molecular energy that you calculated using Gaussioan09?

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