

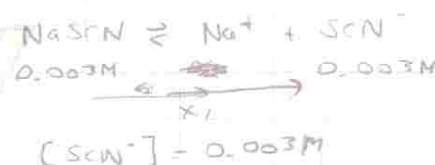
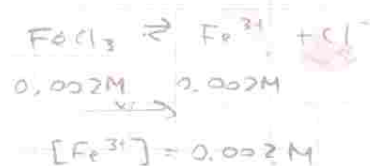
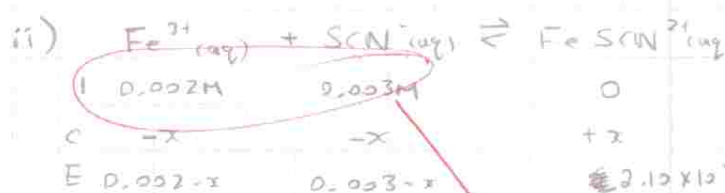
Purpose: To calculate the value of K_c for the reaction $\text{Fe}^{3+}(\text{aq}) + \text{SCN}^{-}(\text{aq}) \rightleftharpoons \text{FeSCN}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ from the initial concentration of the reactants and the concentration of the formed FeSCN^{2+} product determined using a spectrophotometer. To construct a calibration curve to determine the $[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$ formed at equilibrium.

Procedure: Please refer to the 2009 Chem 1A03/1E03 lab manual for detailed procedure.

↳ eyedropper used to transfer $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ to volumetric flask.

Pre-lab:

- i) You calibrate the spectrophotometer with a blank solution so that you can use the absorbance of the blank solution as a zero reference when measuring the absorbance of chemical samples. The calibration line is used as a reference point when measuring the absorbance of the unknown sample of chemical substances. So if the chemical substances are prepared in water, the spectrophotometer is blanked with water so that the measurements only reflect the concentration of the chemical substances in the solution. *relates conc. to absorbance.*



$$K_c = \frac{[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{SCN}^{-}]}$$

$$K_c = \frac{x}{(0.002-x)(0.003-x)}$$

$$K_c = \frac{2.10 \times 10^{-4}}{(0.002 - 2.10 \times 10^{-4})(0.003 - 2.10 \times 10^{-4})}$$

$$K_c = 42.1$$

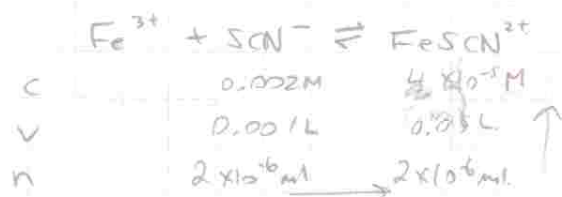
use final conc.

Observation:

	Before	During	After	Absorbance
1 mL KSCN + $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$	KSCN clear, liquid, transparent $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ colorless	- brown gas released - solution turned brown - solution turned light brown	- light brown - liquid - translucent	0.102
2 mL KSCN + $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$	both KSCN and $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ are colorless, transparent liquid	- brown gas released - solution turned brown after mixing	- brown - liquid - translucent	0.161
3 mL KSCN + $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$	both KSCN and $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ are colorless, transparent liquid	- brown gas released - solution turned brown - solution turned dark brown after mixing	- dark brown - liquid - translucent	0.237

Test tube	1	2	3	4	5
mL KSCN	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
mL $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
mL H_2O	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	—
Qualitative Observations	light brown light yellow translucent - light yellow brown - translucent - liquid	- light brown - translucent - liquid	- orange/brown - translucent - liquid	- brown - translucent - liquid	- dark brown - liquid - translucent
Absorbance	0.049	0.097	0.132	0.174	0.214

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1 mL of KSCN $A = 0.102$ 

$$A = y [\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$$

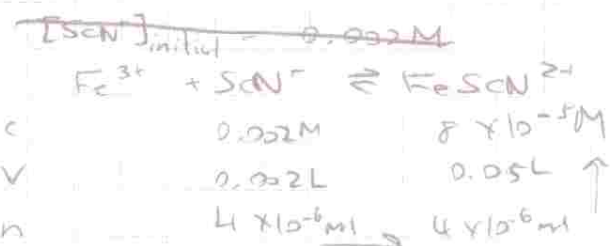
$$0.102 = y (4 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$y = 2550$$

$$V_f = 0.05 \text{L}$$

$$[\text{SCN}^-]_{\text{initial}} = C_f = \frac{n}{V_f} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-6} \text{mol}}{0.05 \text{L}} = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{M} = [\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$$

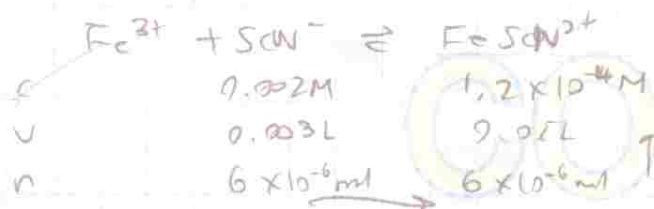
$$\frac{4 \times 7}{10}$$

2 mL of KSCN $A = 0.161$ 

$$A = y [\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$$

$$0.161 = y (8 \times 10^{-5} \text{M})$$

$$y = 2010$$

3 mL of KSCN $A = 0.232$ 

$$A = y [\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$$

$$0.232 = y (1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{M})$$

$$y = 1930$$

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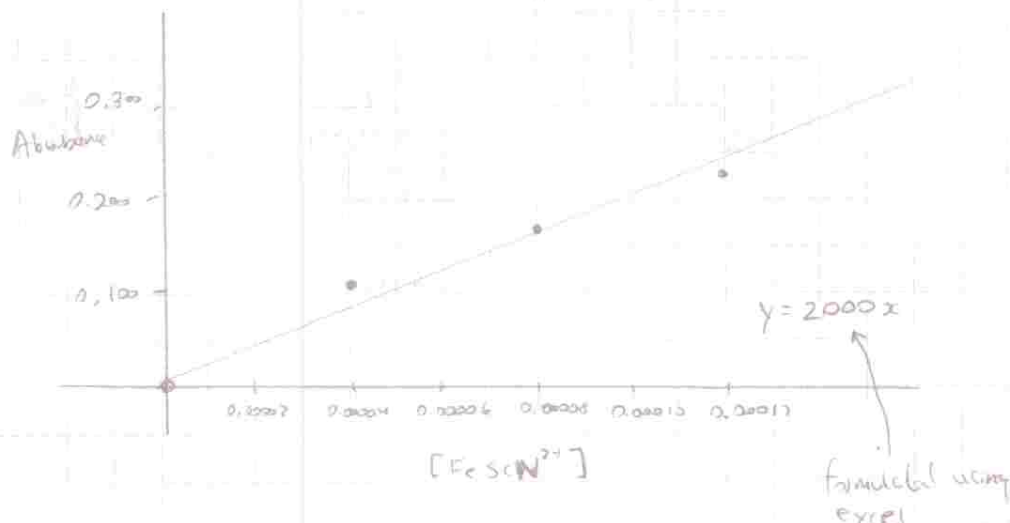
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Calibration Curve

[FeSCN ²⁺]	Absorbance
0	0
0.0004	0.102
0.0008	0.161
0.0012	0.232



Part B

Test tube 1 Absorbance of Test tube 1 = 0.049
 y (formulated from graph) = 2000

$$A = y [\text{Conc}]$$

$$0.049 = 2000 [\text{Conc of FeSCN}^{2+} \text{ at eq}]$$

$$[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}] = \frac{0.049}{2000} = 2.45 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

Test tube 2 $A = y [\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]$

$$[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}] = \frac{0.097}{2000} = 4.85 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

Test tube 3 $[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}] = \frac{0.132}{2000} = 6.60 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$

Test tube 4 $[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}] = \frac{0.174}{2000} = 8.70 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$

Test tube 5 $[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}] = \frac{0.214}{2000} = 1.07 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$

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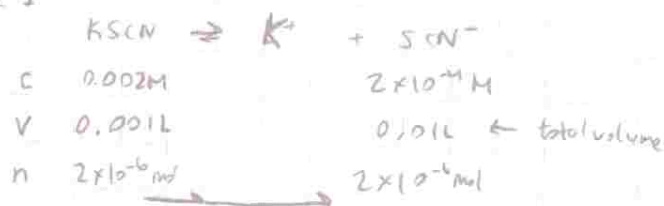
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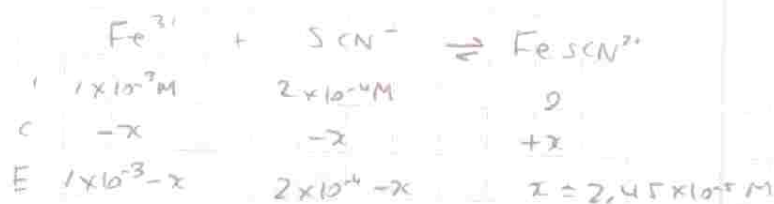
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Calculation for Part B

Test tube 1



$$[\text{SCN}^-]_{\text{initial}} = 2 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$

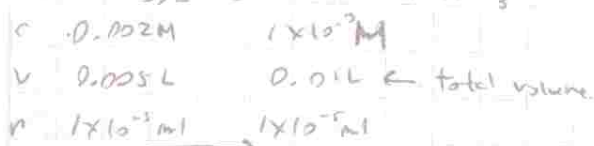


$$[\text{Fe}^{3+}]_{\text{eq}} = 1 \times 10^{-3} - 2.45 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$= 9.755 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$

$$[\text{SCN}^-]_{\text{eq}} = 2 \times 10^{-4} - 2.45 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$= 1.755 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$



$$[\text{Fe}^{3+}]_{\text{initial}} = 1 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$$

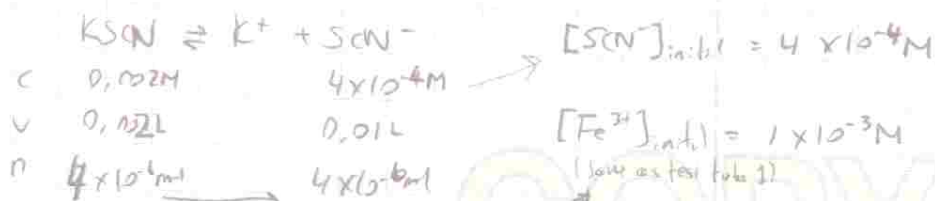
$$[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]_{\text{eq}} = 2.45 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$$

$$K_c = \frac{[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{SCN}^-]}$$

$$= \frac{2.45 \times 10^{-5}}{(9.755 \times 10^{-4})(1.755 \times 10^{-4})}$$

$$K_c \approx 143$$

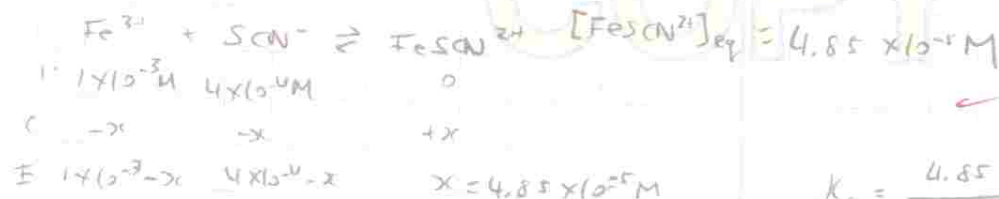
Test tube 2



$$[\text{SCN}^-]_{\text{initial}} = 4 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$

$$[\text{Fe}^{3+}]_{\text{initial}} = 1 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$$

(same as test tube 1)



$$[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]_{\text{eq}} = 4.85 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$$

$$[\text{Fe}^{3+}]_{\text{eq}} = 1 \times 10^{-3} - 4.85 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$= 9.515 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$

$$[\text{SCN}^-]_{\text{eq}} = 4 \times 10^{-4} - 4.85 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$= 3.515 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$

$$K_c = \frac{4.85 \times 10^{-5}}{(9.515 \times 10^{-4})(3.515 \times 10^{-4})}$$

$$K_c \approx 145$$

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Test tube 3



C 0.002M

6 x 10⁻⁴ M

V 0.003L

0.01L

n 6 x 10⁻⁶ ml6 x 10⁻⁶ ml

$$[SCN^-]_{initial} = 6 \times 10^{-4} M$$

$$[Fe^{3+}]_{initial} = 1 \times 10^{-3} M$$

$$[FeSCN^{2+}]_{eq} = 6.6 \times 10^{-5} M$$

C 1 x 10⁻³6 x 10⁻⁴

0

V -x

-x

+x

n 1 x 10⁻³ - x6 x 10⁻⁴ - xx = 6.6 x 10⁻⁵

$$[Fe^{3+}]_{eq} = 1 \times 10^{-3} - 6.6 \times 10^{-5} \\ = 9.34 \times 10^{-4} M$$

$$[SCN^-]_{eq} = 6 \times 10^{-4} - 6.6 \times 10^{-5} \\ = 5.34 \times 10^{-4} M$$

$$K_c = \frac{6.6 \times 10^{-5}}{(9.34 \times 10^{-4})(5.34 \times 10^{-4})}$$

$$K_c \approx 132$$

Test tube 4



C 0.002M

8 x 10⁻⁴ M

V 0.004L

0.01L

n 8 x 10⁻⁶ ml8 x 10⁻⁶ ml

$$[SCN^-]_{initial} = 8 \times 10^{-4} M$$

$$[Fe^{3+}]_{initial} = 1 \times 10^{-3} M$$

$$[FeSCN^{2+}]_{eq} = 8.7 \times 10^{-5} M$$

C 1 x 10⁻³8 x 10⁻⁴

0

V -x

-x

+x

n 1 x 10⁻³ - x8 x 10⁻⁴ - xx = 8.7 x 10⁻⁵

$$[Fe^{3+}]_{eq} = 1 \times 10^{-3} - 8.7 \times 10^{-5} \\ = 9.13 \times 10^{-4} M$$

$$[SCN^-]_{eq} = 8 \times 10^{-4} - 8.7 \times 10^{-5} \\ = 7.13 \times 10^{-4} M$$

$$K_c = \frac{8.7 \times 10^{-5}}{(9.13 \times 10^{-4})(7.13 \times 10^{-4})}$$

$$K_c \approx 134$$

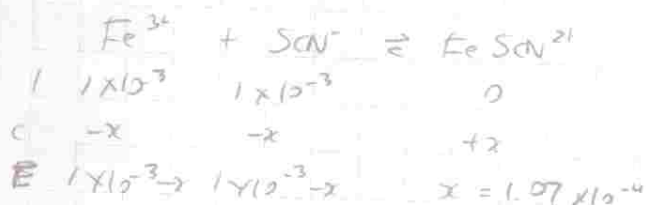
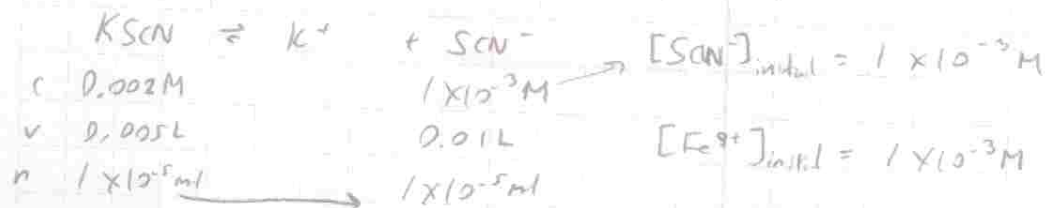
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Test tube 5



$$[\text{FeSCN}^{2+}]_{\text{eq}} = 1.07 \times 10^{-4}\text{M}$$

$$K_c = \frac{1.07 \times 10^{-4}}{(8.93 \times 10^{-4})^2}$$

$$K_c \approx 134$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\text{Fe}^{3+}] &= [\text{SCN}^-] = 1 \times 10^{-3} - 1.07 \times 10^{-4} \\
 &= 8.93 \times 10^{-4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Calculated K_c values

Test tube	K_c
1	143
2	145
3	132
4	134
5	134

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Average } K_c &= \frac{143 + 145 + 132 + 134 + 134}{5} \\
 &\approx 138
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The K_c for the reaction $\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{SCN}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{FeSCN}^{2+}$ is 138

Discussion / Sources of error:

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