Thiosulfate Reactions

Subject & topics: Chemistry | Physical | Kinetics **Stage & difficulty:** A Level P2

Sodium thiosulfate is an immensely useful chemical. It is on the World Health Organisation's List of Essential Medicines, a list of the most important medications needed in a basic health system.

It is also used in hand warmers and, usefully for this question, kinetics experiments.

Part A

Reaction equation

When sodium thiosulfate solution reacts with dilute hydrochloric acid, the solution becomes cloudy. The equation for this reaction is given below.

$$\mathrm{Na_2S_2O_3\,(aq) + 2\,HCl\,(aq) \longrightarrow 2\,NaCl\,(aq) + H_2O\,(l) + SO_2\,(g) + S\,(s)}$$

Which species causes the solution to become cloudy?

- $\mathrm{NaCl\,(aq)}$
- $\mathrm{H_2O\,(l)}$
- $\mathrm{S\,(s)}$
- $\mathrm{SO_2\,(g)}$

Part B

Rate estimate

A chemist conducted an experiment to investigate how the concentration of $S_2O_3^{2-}(aq)$ affects the time taken for the solution to become cloudy. Their results are as follows:

Concentration of sodium thiosulfate / mol dm^{-3}	Time taken for the solution to become cloudy / seconds
0.040	69
0.060	44
0.080	35

Given that a good estimate of the rate of the reaction is given by:

$$\frac{1}{\text{time taken for solution to become cloudy}}$$

Calculate the rate when the concentration of sodium thiosulfate is $0.040\ \text{mol dm}^{-3}$.

Part C

Introduction to orders

The order of reaction with respect to a reactant indicates how much the rate changes with a change in the concentration of a reactant.

- In a zeroth order reaction, doubling the concentration of the reactant has no effect on the rate of the reaction.
- In a first order reaction, doubling the concentration of the reactant doubles the rate of reaction.
- In a second order reaction, doubling the concentration of the reactant quadruples the rate of reaction.
- And so on.

By calculating the rate of reaction when the concentration of $S_2O_3^{2-}$ is $0.080\ \text{mol dm}^{-3}$, and comparing this with the value when the concentration is $0.040\ \text{mol dm}^{-3}$, calculate the order of the reaction with respect to sodium thiosulfate.

Part D

Variability

Other than mistakes in measurement, which of the following options may have caused the non-exactness of the order you found in the previous question?

- Sulfur can dissolve in the water.
- Temperature variation during the experiment.
- The sulfur formed can begin to react with the dilute hydrochloric acid.
- The SO_2 formed is denser than air, so will sit in the flask and make the solution look more cloudy.

Initial Rates

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In an investigation to determine the order of reaction with respect to various reactants, the initial concentrations of the reactants were varied, and then the experiment was repeated. The reaction investigated was

$$\mathrm{A} + \mathrm{B} + \mathrm{C} \longrightarrow \mathrm{D}$$

A table of the results is given below.

Experiment number	Initial concentration of $\mathrm{A}/\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	Initial concentration of $\mathrm{B}/\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	Initial concentration of $\mathrm{C}/\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	Initial rate/ $\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}\,s^{-1}}$
1	0.900	1.80	0.100	3.24
2	1.20	0.900	0.100	0.810
3	0.600	1.80	0.200	6.48
4	0.300	0.200	0.300	?

Part A

Order with respect to A

What is the order of reaction with respect to A?

Part B

Order with respect to B

With respect to B?

Part C

Order with respect to C

And with respect to C?

Part D

Initial rate

Predict the initial rate of experiment 4.

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Concentration and Rate

Subject & topics: Chemistry | Physical | Kinetics **Stage & difficulty:** A Level P2

The following data were obtained for the reaction between KOH and $\mathrm{CH_3COOCH_2CH_3}$ (its IUPAC name is ethyl ethanoate, but it is more commonly called ethyl acetate) in water at $50\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$.

Experiment number	Initial concentration of KOH/ $\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	Initial concentration of ethyl acetate/$\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	Initial rate/ $\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}\,min^{-1}}$
1	0.05	0.10	0.04
2	0.10	0.10	0.08
3	0.20	0.10	0.16
4	0.20	0.20	0.32
5	0.20	0.20	?

Part A

Balanced equation

Write the simplest balanced equation for this reaction, using molecular formulae. State symbols are not required.

Part B

Order of reaction

What is the order of reaction with respect to KOH?

What is the order of reaction with respect to ethyl acetate, $\mathrm{CH_3COOCH_2CH_3}$?

Hence, what is the overall order of this reaction?

Part C

Rate equation

Write the rate equation for this reaction, using A to denote the concentration of KOH, B to denote the concentration of $\mathrm{CH_3COOCH_2CH_3}$, k to denote the rate constant, and r to denote the rate.

The following symbols may be useful: `A, B, k, r`

Part D

Rate constant

Now, using the above equation, and the given data, calculate the rate constant.

Part E

Determining the initial rate

Predict the initial rate of experiment 5.

Part F

Effect of temperature

If the experiments were instead carried out at $30\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$, how would the rates change?

- The rates would stay the same.
- The rates would decrease.
- The rates of some of the experiments would increase, while the rates of the other experiments would decrease.
- We need to know if this is an exothermic or endothermic reaction before predicting this.
- The rates would increase.

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Graphing Concentration and Time

Subject & topics: Chemistry | Physical | Kinetics **Stage & difficulty:** A Level P2

The decomposition of dinitrogen pentoxide according to the equation

$$\mathrm{N_2O_5} \longrightarrow 2\,\mathrm{NO_2} + \frac{1}{2}\,\mathrm{O_2}$$

was studied as follows.

Using a solution of dinitrogen pentoxide in tetrachloromethane the concentration of the oxide, $\mathrm{N_2O_5}$, remaining at various times during the decomposition was measured at a temperature of $318\,\mathrm{K}$. We use the notation $b = [\mathrm{N_2O_5}]$.

t / min	b / mol dm^{-3}
0	3.0
10	2.0
20	1.4
30	0.95
40	0.63
50	0.42
60	0.29
70	0.19

Part A

Concentration time graph

Plot a graph of the concentration of $\mathrm{N_2O_5}$ against time, and from this determine the time taken for the concentration to fall to half its original value.

And to fall to a quarter of its original value?

And to an eighth?

Part B

Order of reaction

From these values, what is the order of this reaction?

Part C

Rate equation

Now you know the order of reaction, what is the rate equation for this reaction? Use r to denote the rate, k to denote the rate constant, and b to denote the concentration of $\mathrm{N_2O_5}$.

The following symbols may be useful: `b, k, r`

Part D

Rate constant

What is the value of the rate constant, k, at this temperature?

Part E

Effect of temperature

If the reaction was carried out at a constant temperature greater than $318\,\mathrm{K}$, how would the rate constant change?

- It would decrease.
- It would increase.
- It would stay the same.
- It depends on whether this is an exothermic or endothermic reaction.

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Rate Equations and Mechanisms

Subject & topics: Chemistry | Physical | Kinetics **Stage & difficulty:** A Level P2

The two steps in the gas phase reaction $\mathrm{X} + 2\,\mathrm{Y} \longrightarrow \mathrm{XY_2}$ are given below:

$$\mathrm{X} + \mathrm{Y} \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} \mathrm{XY}$$

$$\mathrm{XY} + \mathrm{Y} \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} \mathrm{XY_2}$$

What is the rate equation for the overall reaction?

- rate = $k[X]^1[Y]^2$
- rate = $k[X]^1[Y]^1$
- rate = $k[X]^0[Y]^1$
- rate = $k[XY]^1[Y]^1$
- rate = $k[X]^0[Y]^2$

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Rate Laws 1

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Equation 1: $\mathrm{A} \longrightarrow \mathrm{B}$
Equation 2: $\mathrm{A} + \mathrm{B} \longrightarrow \mathrm{C}$
Equation 3: $\mathrm{A} + \mathrm{B} \longrightarrow \mathrm{C} + \mathrm{D}$
Equation 4: $2\,\mathrm{A} + \mathrm{B} \longrightarrow \mathrm{C} + \mathrm{D}$

Rate law 1: rate = k
Rate law 2: rate $= k[\mathrm{A}]$
Rate law 3: rate $= k[\mathrm{A}]^2$
Rate law 4: rate $= k[\mathrm{A}][\mathrm{B}]$
Rate law 5: rate $= k[\mathrm{A}][\mathrm{B}]^2$
Rate law 6: rate $= k[\mathrm{A}][\mathrm{B}][\mathrm{cat}]$

Part A

Equation 1: order of reaction

A reaction described by equation 1 gets three times faster when the concentration of A is tripled. Give the order of reaction with respect to A.

Give the overall order of the reaction.

Part B

Equation 2: rate law

If equation 2 proceeds as a single step, which rate law will it follow?

Part C

Second order rate laws

Which rate law(s) is/are second order overall?

- 4 and 6
- 3 and 4
- 3 and 5
- 1 and 2

Part D

Units of k

In which rate law(s) is/are the units of the rate constant, k, $\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}\,s^{-1}}$? If your answer includes more than one rate law, please list them as one number in ascending order: to answer rates laws 2, 4 and 6, type 246.

Part E

Law 6: power of dm

In rate law 6, the rate constant, k, has units which include dm raised to which power?

Part F

Law 5: reaction order of B

What is the order of reaction with respect to B in rate law 5?

Part G

Constant half-life

Which rate law(s) describe a reaction in which reactant A always has constant half-life? If your answer includes more than one rate law, please list them as one number in ascending order: to answer rates laws 2, 4 and 6, type 246.

Part H

Law 2: rate constant

In rate law 2, if $[\mathrm{A}] = 0.020\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, and the $\mathrm{rate\ of\ reaction} = 1.2 \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}\,s^{-1}}$, find the value of k.

Part I

Law 2: rate of reaction

In rate law 2, if k has a value of $150\,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$, find the rate of reaction when $[\mathrm{A}] = 0.80\,\mathrm{mol\,dm}^{-3}$.

Part J

Law 3: $[\mathrm{A}]$

In rate law 3, find $[\mathrm{A}]$ at which the $\mathrm{reaction\ rate} = 0.025\,\mathrm{mol\,dm}^{-3}\,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ if $k = 0.0040\,\mathrm{dm}^{3}\,\mathrm{mol}^{-1}\,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$.

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Rate Laws 5

Essential Pre-Uni Chemistry M1.5

Subject & topics: Chemistry | Physical | Kinetics **Stage & difficulty:** A Level P2

Use the data in the table below to find the order of reaction with respect to A, B and the catalyst, X, the overall order of reaction, and the value and units of the rate constant, k.

$[\mathrm{A}]\ /\ \mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	$[\mathrm{B}]\ /\ \mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	$[\mathrm{X}]\ /\ \mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	$\mathrm{Rate}\ /\ \mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}\,s^{-1}}$
0.50	0.080	0.0020	3.2×10^{-3}
0.50	0.080	0.0010	8.0×10^{-4}
0.75	0.080	0.0010	1.2×10^{-3}
0.75	0.040	0.0010	6.0×10^{-4}

Part A

Order with respect to A

Order with respect to A:

Part B

Order with respect to B

Order with respect to B:

Part C

Order with respect to X

Order with respect to X:

Part D

Overall order

Overall order:

Part E

k

Value of k:

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Rate Laws 10

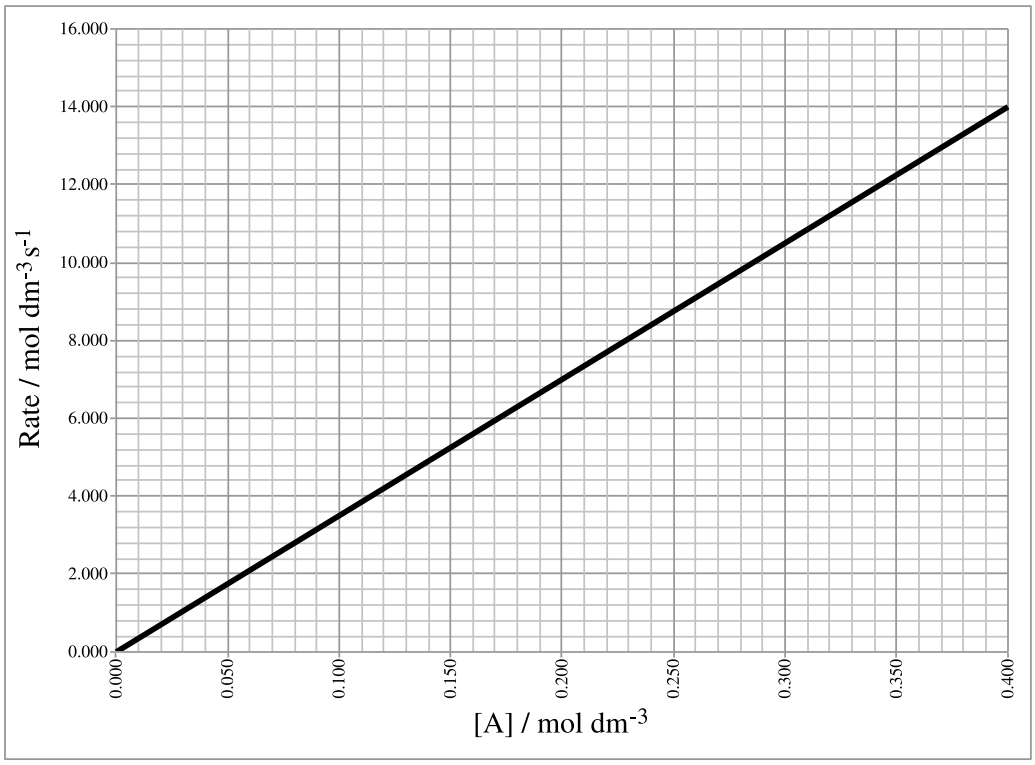
Essential Pre-Uni Chemistry M1.10

Subject & topics: Chemistry | Physical | Kinetics **Stage & difficulty:** A Level C2

Equation 2: $\mathrm{A} + \mathrm{B} \longrightarrow \mathrm{C}$

Rate law 4: rate $= k[\mathrm{A}][\mathrm{B}]$

A reaction described by equation 2 and obeying rate law 4 gave the following initial rates for different initial concentrations of A without varying the initial concentration of B:



Estimate the initial concentration of B if the rate constant is $140\ \mathrm{dm^3\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}}$. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

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Iodine Oxidation States

Subject & topics: Chemistry | Physical | Kinetics **Stage & difficulty:** A Level C2

Iodate and iodide ions react in aqueous solution as follows:

$$a\,\mathrm{IO_3}^-\,(\mathrm{aq}) + b\,\mathrm{I}^-\,(\mathrm{aq}) + c\,\mathrm{H}^+\,(\mathrm{aq}) \longrightarrow d\,\mathrm{I_2}\,(\mathrm{aq}) + e\,\mathrm{H_2O}\,(\mathrm{l})$$

The initial rates of the formation of iodine were found for different concentrations of iodate ions and iodide ions at $\mathrm{pH} = 7$ and $298\,\mathrm{K}$.

$[\mathrm{IO_3}^-]\ /\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	$[\mathrm{I}^-]\ /\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	**Initial rate,** $\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}[\mathrm{I_2}]}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)\ /\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}\,s^{-1}}$
0.030	0.30	4.4×10^{-5}
0.030	0.60	7.0×10^{-4}
0.060	0.30	1.8×10^{-4}
0.060	0.60	2.8×10^{-3}

Part A

Coefficients

What are the coefficients of the reaction when using the lowest possible positive integers to balance the equation? Enter your answer in the form $abcde$ with no spaces (if the coefficient would normally be left out, as a one would be, still include 1 in the string).

Part B

Order of reaction

Use the data above to find the values of a and b in the rate equation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}[\mathrm{I_2}]}{\mathrm{d}t} = k[\mathrm{IO_3}^-]^a\,[\mathrm{I}^-]^b$$

Write your answer in the form ab with no space.

Part C

Time estimate

$10\,\mathrm{cm}^3$ of a solution containing $2.4 \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{mol}$ of potassium iodate is added to $10\,\mathrm{cm}^3$ of solution containing $3.0 \times 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{mol}$ of potassium iodide, $2.0 \times 10^{-5}\,\mathrm{mol}$ sodium thiosulfate and a little starch.

Estimate how long it takes for the solution to turn blue (give your answer to 2 s.f.).

Part D

Iodine question

In the presence of concentrated hydrochloric acid, iodate and iodide ions react in a different way. $20\,\mathrm{cm}^3$ of $0.050\,\mathrm{mol\,dm}^{-3}$ potassium iodide was mixed with $30\,\mathrm{cm}^3$ of $1\,\mathrm{M}$ concentrated hydrochloric acid. $0.050\,\mathrm{mol\,dm}^{-3}$ potassium iodate solution was added and initially the solution turned brown due to the formation of iodine. After $10\,\mathrm{cm}^3$ had been added, the solution turned colourless.

What is the iodine containing product of the reaction?

Determine the concentration of HCl which remains in the solution.

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Temperature Variation

Subject & topics: Chemistry | Physical | Kinetics **Stage & difficulty:** A Level C3

Two substances, X and Y, react in an inert solvent according to the following equation:

$$\mathrm{X} + 2\,\mathrm{Y} \longrightarrow \mathrm{XY_2}.$$

The following experiments were run to determine the order of the reaction between X and Y, at $20\,^\circ\mathrm{C}$.

Experiment number	Initial concentration of $\mathrm{X}/\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	Initial concentration of $\mathrm{Y}/\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$	Initial rate of formation of $\mathrm{XY_2}/\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}\,min^{-1}}$
1	0.10	0.10	0.0010
2	0.10	0.20	0.0040
3	0.10	0.30	0.0090
4	0.15	0.10	0.0010
5	0.20	0.20	?

Part A

Order of the reaction

What is the order of the reaction with respect to X and Y, respectively?

- 2; 1
- 1; 2
- 0; 1
- 1; 0
- -1; -1
- 0; 2

Part B

Rate constant

Calculate the numerical value for the rate constant k.

Part C

Initial rate of experiment 5

Predict the rate of formation of $\mathrm{XY_2}$ in experiment 5.

Part D

Greatest reaction rate

The rate constant has an Arrhenius dependence on temperature. Knowing that the activation energy for the reaction is $53\,\mathrm{kJ\,mol^{-1}}$, which of the following sets of conditions will give the greatest rate of reaction?

- $[X] = 0.3\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $[Y] = 0.1\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $T = 20\,^\circ\mathrm{C}$.
- $[X] = 0.1\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $[Y] = 0.2\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $T = 40\,^\circ\mathrm{C}$.
- $[X] = 0.1\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $[Y] = 0.3\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $T = 30\,^\circ\mathrm{C}$.
- $[X] = 0.2\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $[Y] = 0.2\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $T = 30\,^\circ\mathrm{C}$.
- $[X] = 0.3\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $[Y] = 0.1\,\mathrm{mol\,dm^{-3}}$, $T = 30\,^\circ\mathrm{C}$.

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