ELECTROCHEMISTRY - EN 314

Problem Set-2

Thermodynamics of Cells

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Q.1. The measured electromotive force (EMF) for the cell

$$Pt_{(s)}/H_{2(g,p=1atm)}/H_{(aq,a=1)}^{+}\|Cu_{(aq,a=1)}^{2+}/Cu_{(s)}$$

is +0.337 V. Write down the cell reaction and calculate the value of ΔG^{θ} for this reaction.

Q.2. For the following cell,

$$Cu_{(s)}/Cu_{(aq)}^{2+} \|Ag_{(aq)}^+/Ag_{(s)}\|$$

at 298K:

- I. State the cell reaction.
- II. Give the Nernst equation for the cell
- III. Calculate the cell EMF when the ions are present at activities of a)1.0 and b) 0.1.

The standard electrode potentials are:

$$E_{Ag/Ag^+}^{\theta} = +0.80 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{Cu/Cu^{+}}^{\theta} = +0.34 \text{ V}$$

Q.3. For a hypothetical cell,

$$Al_{(s)}/Al_{(aq)}^{3+} \parallel Cu_{(aq)}^{2+}, Cu_{(aq)}^{+}/Pt_{(s)}$$

at 298 K:

- I. State the cell reaction.
- II. Give the Nernst equation for the cell

III. Calculate the cell EMF when

a)
$$a_{Al3+} = a_{Cu2+} = a_{Cu+} = 1.0$$

b)
$$a_{Al3+} = a_{Cu2+} = a_{Cu+} = 0.1$$

The standard electrode potentials are:

$$E_{Cu^{+}/Cu^{2+}}^{\theta} = +0.15 \text{ V}$$

$$E_{Al/Al^{3+}}^{\theta} = -1.61 \text{ V}$$

Q.4. Consider a galvanic cell that uses the reaction:

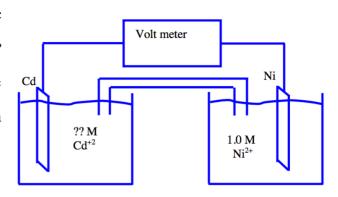
$$Cu(s) + 2Fe^{3+}(aq) \longrightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Fe^{2+}(aq)$$

What is the potential of a cell at 25° C that has the following concentrations?

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m Fe}3+] = 0.0001 \; {
m M} \hspace{0.5cm} [{
m Cu}2+] = 0.25 \; {
m M} \hspace{0.5cm} [{
m Fe}2+] = 0.2 \; {
m M}.$$

What is the reaction quotient?

Q.5. The potential for a voltaic cell shown below is 0.240 V at 25° C standard potential is E° cell = 0.170V. What is the concentration of cadmium ion solution?



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