Chapter 2

1. Meaning and Measurement of Rate

- Rate is defined as the change in concentration of products or reactants in a course of time.

$$\text{Average Reaction Rate} = \frac{\text{change in concentration}}{\text{change in time}}$$

- Reaction rate is the maximum at the beginning of reaction.
- The reaction rate decreases as the concentration of reactants decrease.
- The study of reaction rates and reaction mechanisms is chemical kinetics.

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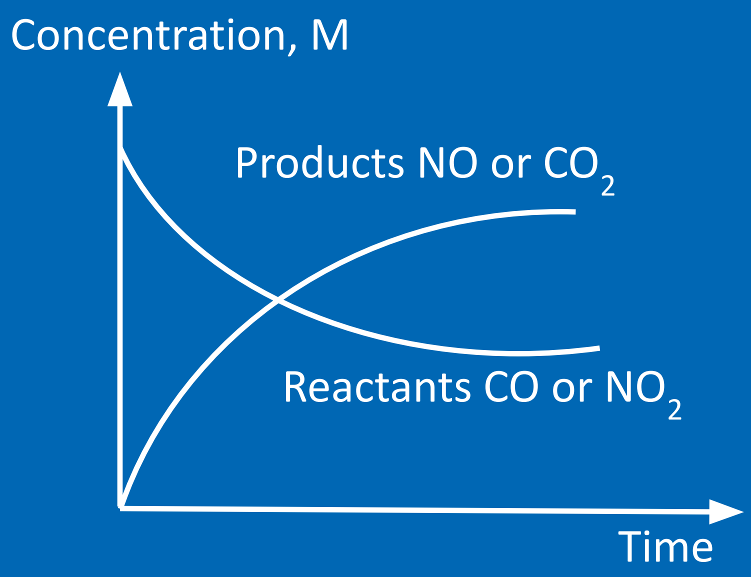
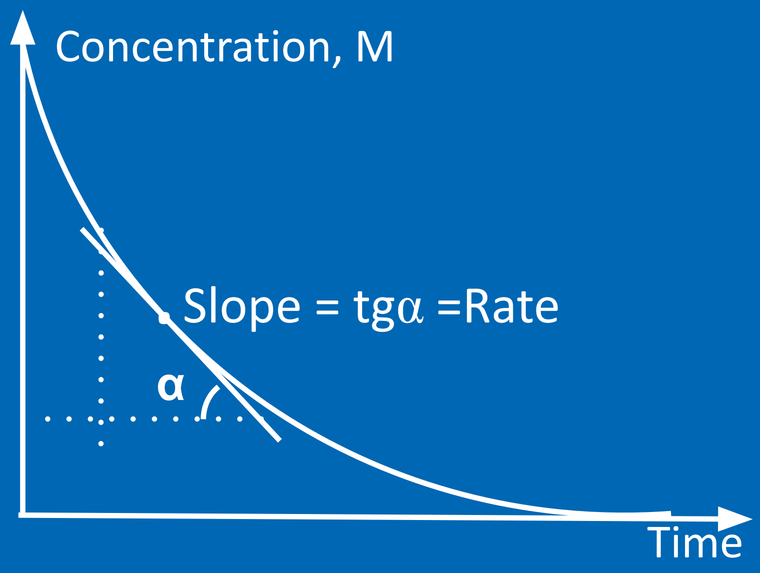
Lets have closer look to the reaction below.

$$NO_2(g) + CO(g) \longrightarrow NO(g) + CO_2(g)$$





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$$NO_2(g) + CO(g) \longrightarrow NO(g) + CO_2(g)$$

Rate expressions as follows;

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{\Delta[CO]}{\Delta t} \qquad \text{Rate} = -\frac{\Delta[NO_2]}{\Delta t}$$

$$\text{Rate} = +\frac{\Delta[CO_2]}{\Delta t} \qquad \text{Rate} = +\frac{\Delta[NO]}{\Delta t}$$

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Example 1

Find the rate relationship of reactants and products for the given reaction.

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightarrow 2NH_3(g)$$

Solution

Rate expressions as follows;

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{\Delta[N_2]}{\Delta t} \quad \text{Rate} = -\frac{\Delta[H_2]}{\Delta t} \quad \text{Rate} = +\frac{\Delta[NH_3]}{\Delta t}$$

Rate relationship

$$\text{Rate} = -\frac{\Delta[N_2]}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\Delta[H_2]}{3\Delta t} = +\frac{\Delta[NH_3]}{2\Delta t}$$

- The decomposition of dinitrogen pentoxide can be represented by the equation;
- $$2N_2O_5 \longrightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$$
- The concentration of dinitrogen pentoxide decreases from 0,008 M to 0,004 M in 20 seconds. Find the average rate of consumption of dinitrogen pentoxide

- RateN_2O_5 = (0.008 – 0.004)/20 = 0.0002 = 2.10^{-4} mol/L. s

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Example 2

In the following decomposition reaction,

$$2N_2O_5 \rightarrow 4NO_2 + O_2$$

oxygen gas is produced at the average rate of 9.1×10^{-4} mol · L^{-1} · s^{-1}. Over the same period, what is the average rate of the following:

- the production of nitrogen dioxide.
- the loss of nitrogen pentoxide.

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Solution

rate NO_2 production = $4 \times (9.1 \times 10^{-4}\ mol \cdot L^{-1} \cdot s^{-1})$

= **$3.6 \times 10^{-3}\ mol \cdot L^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$**

rate loss of N_2O_5 = $2 \times (9.1 \times 10^{-4}\ mol \cdot L^{-1} \cdot s^{-1})$

= **$1.8 \times 10^{-3}\ mol \cdot L^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$**

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3. Rate Expression and Rate Constant

Consider the one step following reaction;

$$mA + nB \rightarrow \text{products}$$

- The rate expression is proportional to the product of [A] (to some power *m*) and [B] (to some power *n*). To create an equation instead of a proportion, use the rate constant *k*.

$$\text{Rate} = k[A]^m[B]^n$$

- m and n are order of reaction with respect to related substance, and k depends only on temperature and activation energy.
- Solids and liquids are not included in the expression, only gaseous and aqueous ions are indicated in the rate expression.

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Example 10

Write the possible rate expression of the following reactions.

a. $Cl_2(g) + H_2(g) \rightarrow 2HCl(g)$

b. $Fe(s) + Cl_2(g) \rightarrow FeCl_3(g)$

c. $Fe_2O_3(s) + 3H_2SO_4(aq) \rightarrow Fe_2(SO_4)_3(s) + 3H_2O(l)$

d. $Ca(s) + 2Ag^{+}(aq) \rightarrow 2Ca^{+2}(aq) + Ag(s)$

Solution

a. Rate = $k[Cl_2][H_2]$

b. Rate = $k[Cl_2]$

c. Rate = $k[H_2SO_4]^3$

d. Rate = $k[Ag^{+}]^2$

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Example 11

Write the rate expression of the following one step reaction, determine the order of reaction in terms of N_2 and H_2, and overall order.

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightarrow 2NH_3(g)$$

Solution

Rate = $k[N_2][H_2]^3$

Order in terms of N_2 is 1 and 3 in terms of H_2

Overall order is 1+3 = 4

Temperature

- The increase in temperature increases rate of reaction. And rate can be calculated by the formula below.
  $Vt_2 = Vt_1 . \gamma^{(t2 - t1)/10}$ γ is a constant and given in the question.

Vt_1 = velocity at initial temperature,

Vt_2 = velocity at final temperature

Ex: If temperature increases 10 ^{0}C, rate increases 3 times. How many ^{0}C must the temperature be increased so that rate can increase 27 times?

If $t_2 - t_1 = 10$ $\qquad$ $\mathbf{Vt_2 = 3Vt_1}$

Then $\frac{Vt_2}{Vt_1} = 3 = \gamma^{10/10}$ $\qquad$ $3 = \gamma^1$ $\qquad$ so $\gamma = 3$

If $\mathbf{Vt_2} = 27.\mathbf{Vt_1}$ $\qquad$ then $\frac{Vt_2}{Vt_1} = 27 = 3^{(t2 - t1)/10}$

$(t_2 - t_1)/\ 10 = 3$

So $\mathbf{t_2 - t_1 = 30\ ^0C}$