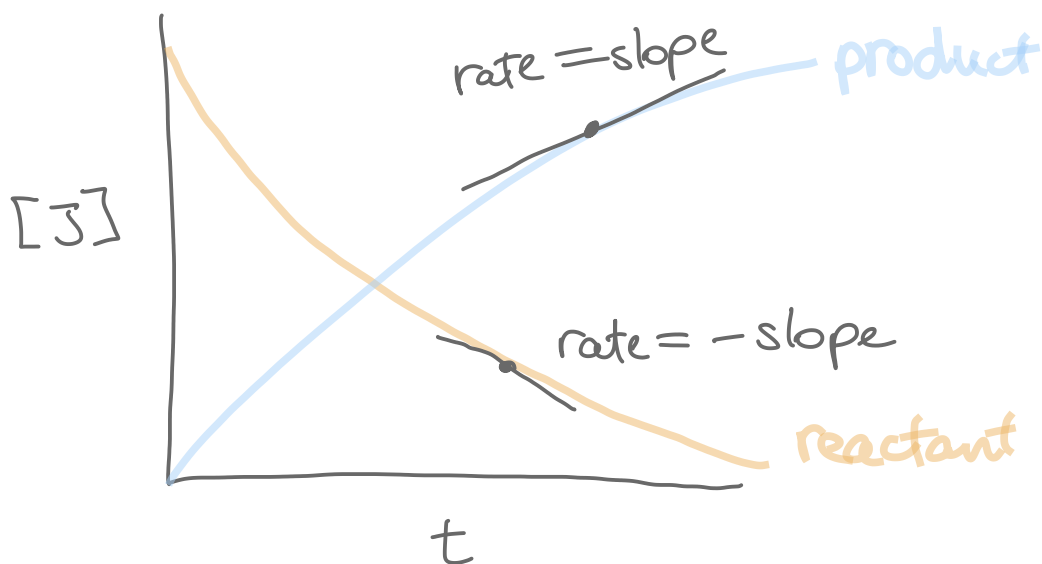


Lecture 17

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:08

Focus 17: Chemical Kinetics

Rates of Reactions



Instantaneous rate of consumption:

$$-\frac{d[R]}{dt}$$

Instantaneous rate of formation:

$$\frac{d[P]}{dt}$$

Example :



$$\frac{d[D]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{d[C]}{dt} = -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d[B]}{dt}$$

Extent of reaction ξ (x_i):

$$dn_j = \nu_j d\xi$$

Unique rate of reaction r

$$r = \frac{1}{V} \frac{d\xi}{dt}$$

$$d\xi = \frac{dn_j}{\nu_j}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{\nu_j} \cdot \frac{1}{V} \frac{dn_j}{dt}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{\nu_j} \frac{d[J]}{dt}$$

signed

Rate Laws and Rate Constants

$$r = k[A][B]$$

↑
rate constant

$$r = f([A], [B], \dots) \text{ generally}$$

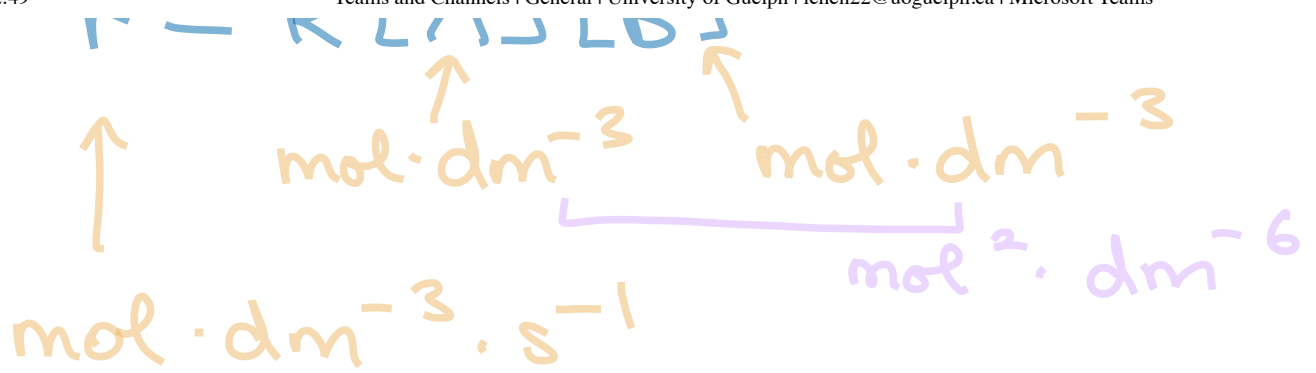


$$r = \frac{k_1 [\text{H}_2][\text{Br}_2]^{3/2}}{[\text{Br}_2] + k_2 [\text{HBr}]}$$

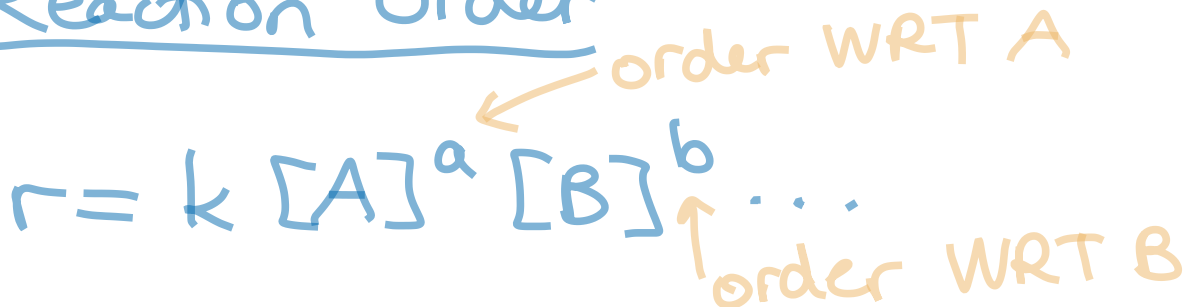
Rate laws are generally not based on overall reaction!

← mol⁻¹ · dm³ · s⁻¹

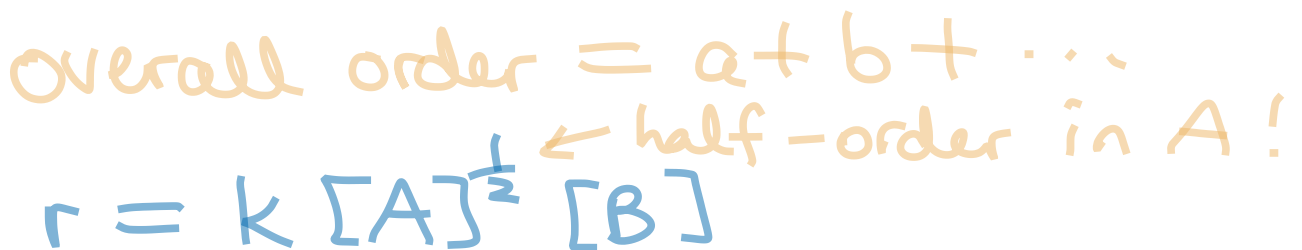
$$r = k[A][B]$$



Reaction Order



The power to which the concentration of a species is raised in a rate law is the order of the reaction WRT that species.



$$r = k \quad \leftarrow \text{zeroth-order rate law}$$

The Determination of the Rate Law

Isolation method: all reactants except one are present in large excess

$$r = k[A][B]^2$$

Keep $[B]$ in large excess

At any point in time, $[B] \approx [B]_0$

$$r = k_{\text{eff}}[A], \quad \text{where } k_{\text{eff}} = k[B]_0^2$$

pseudo-first order rate law

effective rate constant

Keep $[A]$ in large excess

At any point in time, $[A] \approx [A]_0$.

$r = k_{\text{eff}}' [B]^2$, where $k_{\text{eff}}' = k [A]$
pseudo-second order rate law

Method of Initial Rates: measure instantaneous rate at the beginning of the reaction for several different concentrations of the isolated reactant

$$r = k [A]^a$$

$$r_0 = k_{\text{eff}} [A]_0^a$$

$$\log r_0 = \log(k_{\text{eff}} [A]_0^a)$$

$$= \log k_{\text{eff}} + \log [A]_0^a$$

$$\log r_0 = a \log [A]_0 + \log k_{\text{eff}}$$

↑
↑
↑
y
mx
b

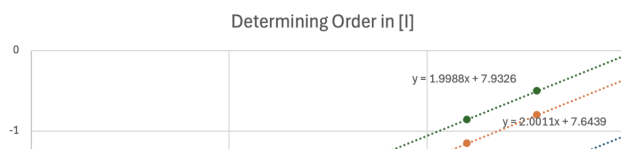
Example : find the rate law for the reaction $2\text{I}(\text{g}) + \text{Ar}(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{I}_2(\text{g}) + \text{Ar}_2(\text{g})$ in Excel.

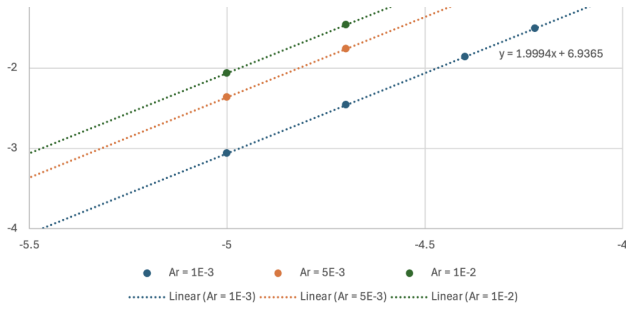
(Spreadsheet will be uploaded)

After doing linear fitting of the log / log data, we found the slope to be 2.

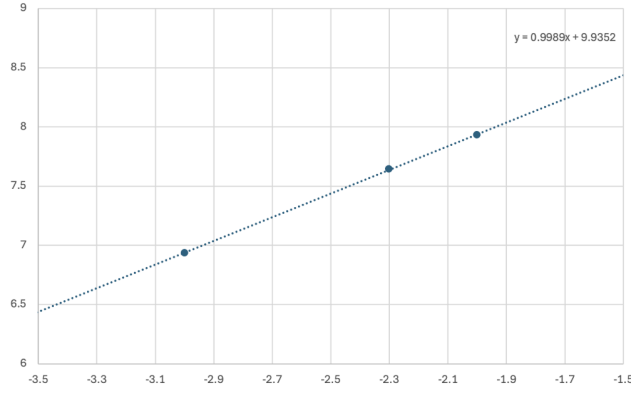
∴ The reaction is second - order in I.

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet for our work in class. The initial data investigating different values of $[\text{I}]_0$ give us the reaction order (slope) and effective rate constant (intercepts), and by plotting k_{eff} vs. $[\text{Ar}]_0$, we can then extract the true rate constant k itself.





Determining k



Initial Rates