

CH 302 – Unit 5 Exam Review

ELECTROCHEMISTRY

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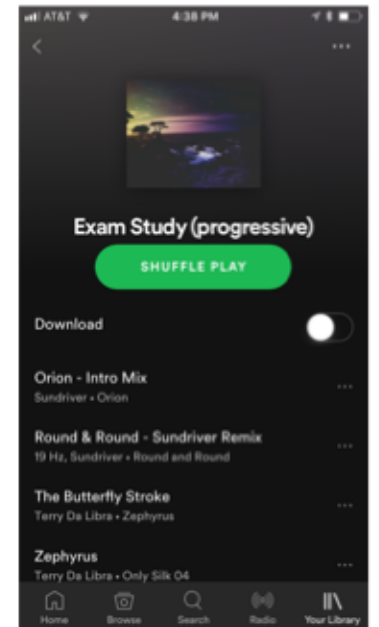
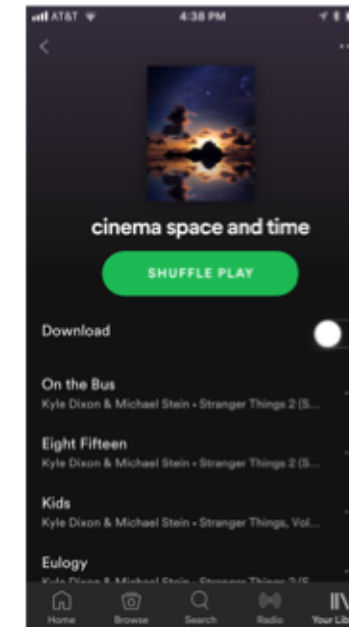
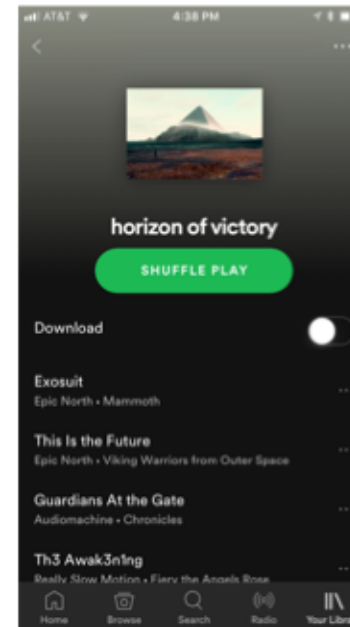
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Exam 5 Breakdown

22-26 Q's

~ 15 concept

~ 9 calc

46% fundamental, 20% very hard

46% medium

Remember.....

↳ $PV = nRT$

, $pH = -\log[H^+]$,

K_{sp} represents



Unit 5 Outline: Electrochemistry

- I. Understand fundamental redox reactions
 - Balancing redox reactions
 - Assigning oxidation numbers
 - Identifying the roles of the different species in the reaction
- II. Combine half-reactions into standard cells (voltaic and electrolytic)
 - Important: Electrolytic applications (electrolysis and electroplating)
- III. Apply the concepts of electrochemical cells to non-standard conditions
 - Concentration Cells
 - Nernst Potential
- IV. Complete the storylines of thermodynamics and equilibrium by converting electrical potential into K and ΔG .
- V. Common applications of batteries
 - Primary and secondary cells
 - Fuel Cells
 - Lead-Acid (car) Batteries

Main challenges

Unit 5 Mistakes (and how not to make them)

- I. **Make sure your answer makes sense with your sign convention**
 - Reflect on your answer and make sure it aligns with your fundamentals (voltaic is positive, work done on the system is positive ΔG , increasing Q means a decrease in E , etc.)
- II. **Make sure to use the correct number for “ n ” moles of electrons**
 - Knowing how to balance a reaction properly is essential for electrical work (ΔG), equilibrium constant calculations, and non-standard cell potentials
 - You can get away with using the “ n ” for your half-reaction when using Faraday’s Law for electrolysis and electroplating
- III. **Remember how to solve for Q using concentrations and pressures**
 - Both Q and K are based on the mass action expression, meaning you take the concentrations (or pressures) of the products raised to the powers of their coefficients divided by the concentrations (or pressures) of the reactants raised to the powers of their coefficients
 - Balance your reaction before solving for Q
 - Ignore liquids and solids, which have activities equal to 1
- IV. **Knowing your fundamental definitions will help**
 - Be able to put charge, voltage, and current into your own words

Unit 5 Equations

1. Electrochemical Cell Potential
2. Faraday's Law, plating a metal, electrolysis
3. Convert between electrical potential (ϵ) and free energy/ maximum electrical work (ΔG)
4. Convert between electrical potential (ϵ) and the equilibrium constant (K)
5. Non-standard Cell Potential

moles e^-
mol product

$$\mathcal{E}^{\circ}_{cell} = \mathcal{E}^{\circ}_{cathode} - \mathcal{E}^{\circ}_{anode}$$

$$\frac{I \cdot t}{n \cdot F} = \text{moles created}$$

$$\Delta G = -nF\mathcal{E} \quad \Delta G^{\circ} = -nF\mathcal{E}^{\circ}$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\circ} = \frac{RT}{nF} \ln K$$

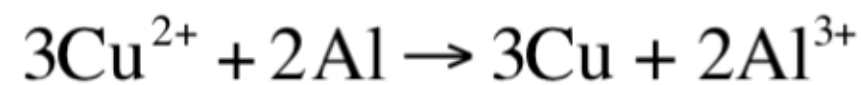
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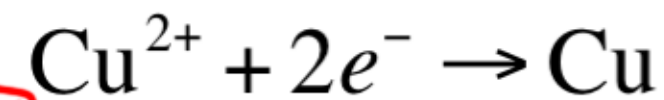
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Electrochemistry Definitions

1. **Redox Reaction:** a chemical reaction that involves the transfer of electrons from one species to another, resulting in a change in oxidation state. A redox reaction involves one species undergoing reduction and another undergoing oxidation.



2. **Reduction:** a species **gains electrons** in a half-reaction, resulting in a lower oxidation state



3. **Oxidation:** a species **loses electrons** in a half-reaction, resulting in a higher oxidation state



4. **Oxidizing Agent:** the species that drives the oxidation of another species in a redox reaction ; **the oxidizing agent is always the species undergoing reduction as a reactant**

5. **Reducing Agent:** the species that drives the reduction of another species in a redox reaction ; **the reducing agent is always the species undergoing oxidation as a reactant**

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Question

Which of the following species will reduce Cu^{2+} but not Pb^{2+} ?

- a. Fe^{2+}
- b. H_2
- c. Zn
- d. Fe^{3+}
- e. H^+

reduction in an electrolytic cell w/ answer

reduction in a voltaic cell w/ answer

Spontaneous

Looking for a reducing agent

Cl_2	+	2e^-	\rightleftharpoons	2Cl^-	+1.36 V
Ag^+	+	1e^-	\rightleftharpoons	Ag	+0.80 V
Fe^{3+}	+	1e^-	\rightleftharpoons	Fe^{2+}	+0.77 V
Cu^{2+}	+	2e^-	\rightleftharpoons	Cu	+0.34 V
2H^+	+	2e^-	\rightleftharpoons	H_2	0.00 V
Fe^{3+}	+	3e^-	\rightleftharpoons	Fe	-0.04 V
Pb^{2+}	+	2e^-	\rightleftharpoons	Pb	-0.13 V
Fe^{2+}	+	2e^-	\rightleftharpoons	Fe	-0.44 V
Zn^{2+}	+	2e^-	\rightleftharpoons	Zn	-0.76 V
Al^{3+}	+	3e^-	\rightleftharpoons	Al	-1.66 V

increasing strength as a reducing agent

Electrochemical Cell Definitions

1. **Anode**: the site of oxidation (An Ox) ; gives electrons to the wire
2. **Cathode**: the site of reduction (Red Cat) ; takes in electrons from the wire
3. **Voltage**: the difference in potential per unit charge (J/C or V); a measurement of the “pulling power” on the electrons
4. **Voltaic Cell (Galvanic Cell)**: an electrochemical cell with a positive standard cell potential ; the redox reaction of the cell occurs without an external power source (spontaneous) ; $\epsilon^\circ_{\text{cathode}} > \epsilon^\circ_{\text{anode}}$ (reduction potentials)
5. **Electrolytic Cell**: an electrochemical cell with a negative standard cell potential ; the redox reaction of the cell relies on an external power source (non-spontaneous) $\epsilon^\circ_{\text{cathode}} < \epsilon^\circ_{\text{anode}}$ (reduction potentials)

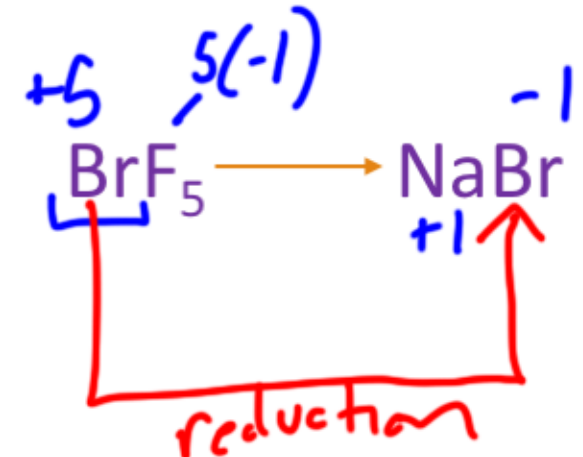
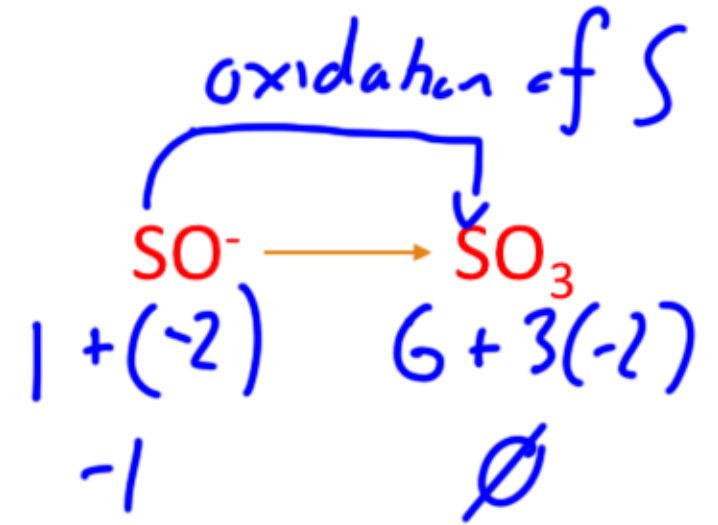
Work done by system
 $\Delta G = -$

Work done on system
 $\Delta G = +$

Be able to balance any redox reactions:
Neutral, Basic, and Acidic (see review 1)

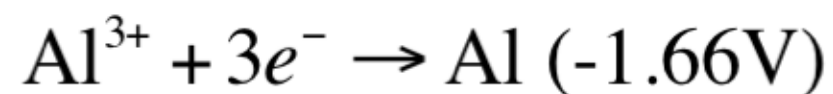
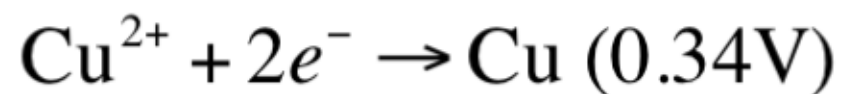
Oxidation Numbers

1. Atoms in standard state are neutral
 - Example: O_2 , Fe, Br_2
2. If you have already assigned a charge to a monatomic species, that's its oxidation number
 - Example: Fe^{3+} , Al^{2+}
3. Group 1 is +1, Group 2 is +2...Group 7A is -1
 - Example: Na^+ , K^+ , F^-
4. Hydrogen is +1, Oxygen is -2
 - Exceptions: hydrides are -1, peroxides are -1
5. Assign electronegative charges first



The Electrochemical Cell

Using the following half-reactions, show the voltaic and electrolytic cells that can be created:



$$\epsilon^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} = \epsilon^{\circ}_{\text{cathode}} - \epsilon^{\circ}_{\text{anode}}$$

Voltaic Potential: **2.00V** = (0.34V) - (-1.66V) ; **Al | Al³⁺ || Cu²⁺ | Cu**

Electrolytic Potential: **-2.00V** = (-1.66V) - (0.34V) ; **Cu | Cu²⁺ || Al³⁺ | Al**

Electrochemical Cells

	Voltaic Cells	Electrolytic Cells
Cathode (rxn and charge)	reduction (+)	reduction (-)
Anode (rxn and charge)	oxidation (-)	oxidation (+)
Direction of e ⁻ flow	Anode → Cathode	A → C
Direction of current flow	C → A	C → A
ϵ°	+	-
ΔG	-	+
K	$K > 1$	$K < 1$
Work	- W by sys	+ on sys
Flow of anions	to anode	to anode
Flow of cations	to cathode	to cathode

The Electrochemical Cell Summary

	voltaic cells	electrolytic cells
free energy, ΔG	negative (-)	positive (+)
potential, E	positive (+)	negative (-)
push/pull of electrons	from the chemical reactions of the two half-reactions	from an external electrical power source
anode	negative (-)	positive (+)
cathode	positive (+)	negative (-)

In **all** electrochemical cells, the electrons travel from the site of oxidation (anode) to the site of reduction (cathode). The main difference is that voltaic cells are spontaneous cells, **where the redox reaction drives the current**. In an electrolytic cell, the redox reaction is non-spontaneous. **Therefore, the push/pull of current is driven by an external power source.**

Conceptual Summary: Standard Cells

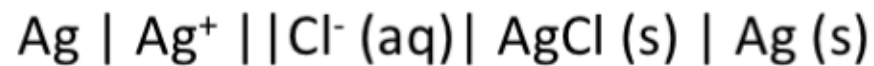
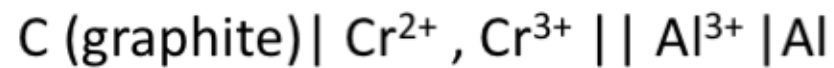
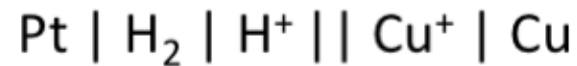
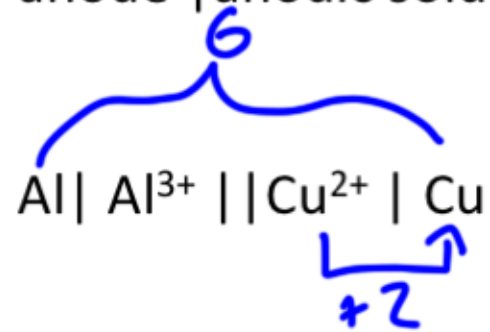
STD. Electrical Potential ϵ°	Free Energy ΔG°	Equilibrium Constant K	Spontaneous?
Positive	Negative	Greater than 1	Yes
Negative	Positive	Less than 1	No
Zero	Zero	Equal to 1	At Equilibrium

Concentration Cell



Tough Shorthand Notation

anode | anodic solution || cathodic solution | cathode



What is n if I am....

Plating Metal

Calculating Work

2

6

1

2

3

3

1

1

$\frac{1}{2}$ rxn of interest

balanced rxn

We want you to know these conversions backward and forward. This means you can solve for I, t, n, ~~q~~ moles, mass, or volume

Faraday's Law

Two common applications of electrolytic cells are **electroplating** and **electrolysis**

- Faraday's Law states that the charge provided (I t) times the charge per mole product (n F) is equal to the moles of that product created.

$$\frac{I \cdot t}{n \cdot F} = \text{moles created} = \frac{\text{charge applied}}{\text{charge it takes per mole product}}$$

Handwritten annotations:

- Red slashes over $\frac{C}{s} \cdot s$ in the numerator of the first fraction.
- Blue arrows pointing to the $I \cdot t$ and $n \cdot F$ terms.
- Blue annotations for the second fraction: "charge applied" above the numerator and "charge it takes per mole product" below the denominator.
- Blue annotations for the second fraction: "mol e⁻" above the numerator and "mol product" below the denominator.
- Red slashes over $\frac{C}{\text{mol e}^-}$ in the denominator of the second fraction.

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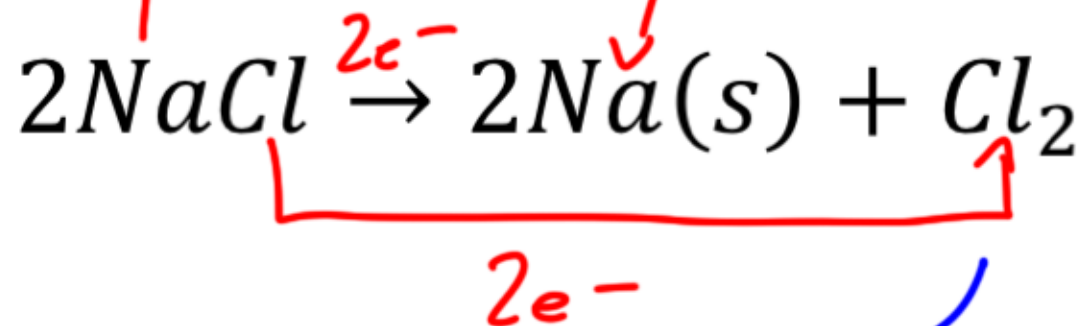
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- Here (and only in this equation), our "n" value represents the moles of electron in the **half-reaction that produces the desired product**

$$\frac{I \cdot t}{n \cdot F} = \text{moles created}$$

↳ to mass (g, mg, kg, etc.)



Plating Ni from nickel(II) chloride

2e⁻

↳ to Volume
PV = nRT

Free Energy and Electrical Work

1. There is a simple relationship between free energy and electrical potential:

$$\Delta G^\circ = -nF\mathcal{E}^\circ$$

balanced rxn (pointing to n)
Joules/mol rxn (pointing to ΔG°)
÷1000 → KJ (pointing to the equation)

2. This equation can be applied to tell us about the capacity for an electrochemical system to do work:

$$w = -q \cdot \mathcal{E}$$

3. These values are ideal, meaning we are calculating the maximum electrical work, **or the maximum reversible non-expansion work.**

Electrical Potential and Equilibrium

Now that we know the relationship between electrical potential and free energy:

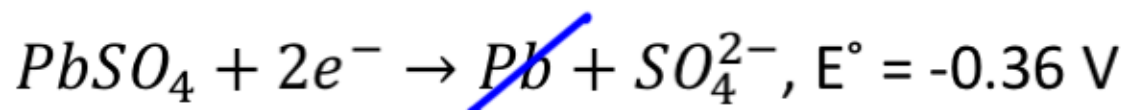
$$\Delta G^\circ = -nF\mathcal{E}^\circ$$

We can very clearly connect the dots between free energy and the equilibrium constant, K :

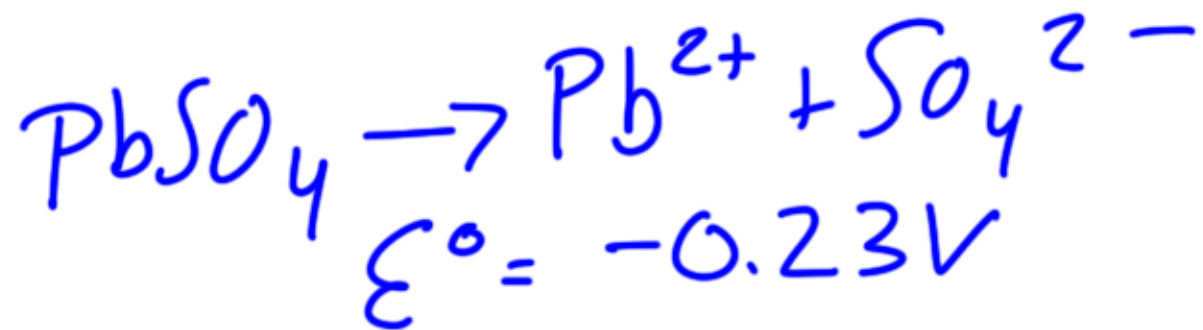
$$\mathcal{E}^\circ = \frac{0.05916}{n} \log K$$

K_{sp} from electrical potential

If your overall reaction corresponds to a special type of reaction, you can solve for that special K value. Take the K_{sp} for $PbSO_4$, for example:



$$E^\circ = \frac{0.05916}{n} \log K_{\underline{sp}}$$



$$E^\circ = -0.23 \text{ V}$$

$$n = 2$$

$$-0.23 \text{ V} = \frac{0.05916}{2} \log K_{sp}$$

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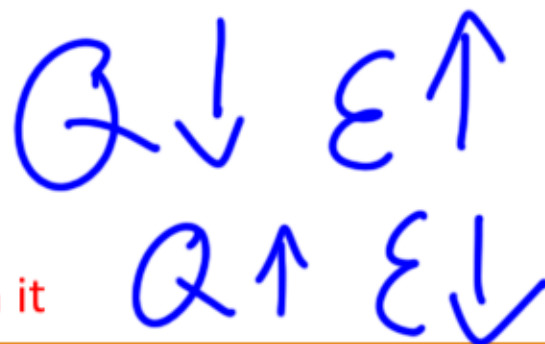
Non-Standard Cells Electrical Potential

You can use Q to determine the non-standard potential with the Nernst Equation:

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}^\circ - \frac{0.05916}{n} \log Q$$

Remember how Q works (and remember that Q depends only on aqueous and gaseous species!):

- Q is the given concentrations (or pressures) of the products raised to the power of their coefficients divided by the reactants raised to the power of their coefficients.
- If you add product, your voltage drops
- If you add reactant, your voltage increases



If you change the temperature, the “adjustment term” changes with it

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}^\circ - \frac{RT}{nF} \ln Q$$

Non-Standard Cell Potential Overview

Consider the following cell at standard conditions:

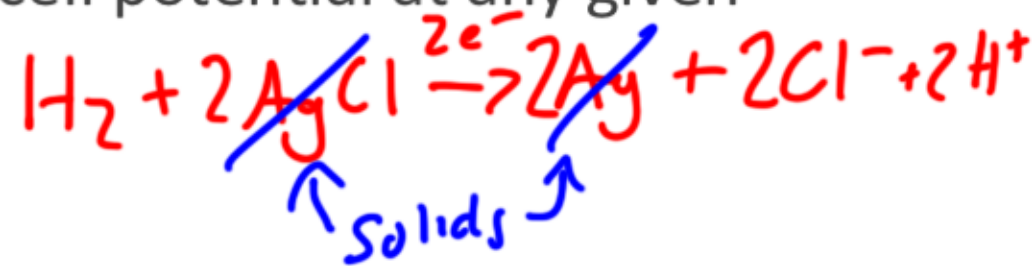


How does each of the following change the voltage:

- I. Decrease the partial pressure of hydrogen $P_{\text{H}_2} \downarrow \quad Q \uparrow \quad \mathcal{E} \downarrow$
- II. Add sodium chloride to the cathode compartment $[\text{Cl}^-] \uparrow \quad Q \uparrow \quad \mathcal{E} \downarrow$
- III. Increase the pH $\text{pH} \uparrow \quad [\text{H}^+] \downarrow \quad Q \downarrow \quad \mathcal{E} \uparrow$

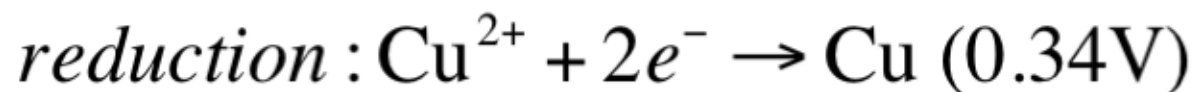
Write an expression that represents the non-standard cell potential at any given concentrations/pressures.

$$Q = \frac{[\text{Cl}^-]^2 [\text{H}^+]^2}{P_{\text{H}_2}}$$



The Concentration Cell

A concentration cell is simply a cell that has identical half-reactions and achieves a positive cell potential by having a favorable Q-value in the Nernst Equation.



$$\mathcal{E} = \cancel{\mathcal{E}^{\circ}}_{=0V} - \frac{0.05916}{n} \log Q$$

$$\frac{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{an}}}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{cat}}}$$

$\mathcal{E}^{\circ}_{\text{cell}}$ is 0V

ΔG° is 0

K is 1

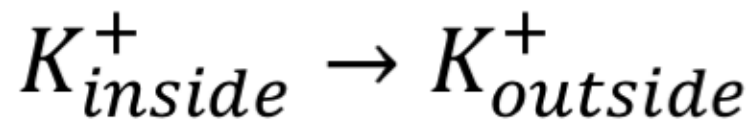
but if....

$$[\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{cathode}} > [\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{anode}} \\ \mathcal{E} > 0$$

$$[\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{cathode}} < [\text{Cu}^{2+}]_{\text{anode}} \\ \mathcal{E} < 0$$

The Biological Concentration Cell

Animal cells behave like concentration cells with a reaction based on the flow of ions into and out of the cell. These look like:



$$\mathcal{E} = \cancel{\mathcal{E}^\circ} - \frac{0.05916}{n} \log Q$$

= 0V



$$\frac{[K^+]_{out}}{[K^+]_{in}}$$

\mathcal{E}°_{cell} is 0V, ΔG° is 0, K is 1

but if...

$$[K^+]_{in} > [K^+]_{out}$$

$$\mathcal{E} > 0$$

$$[K^+]_{out} > [K^+]_{in}$$

$$\mathcal{E} < 0$$

Batteries – Primary Cells (one-way)

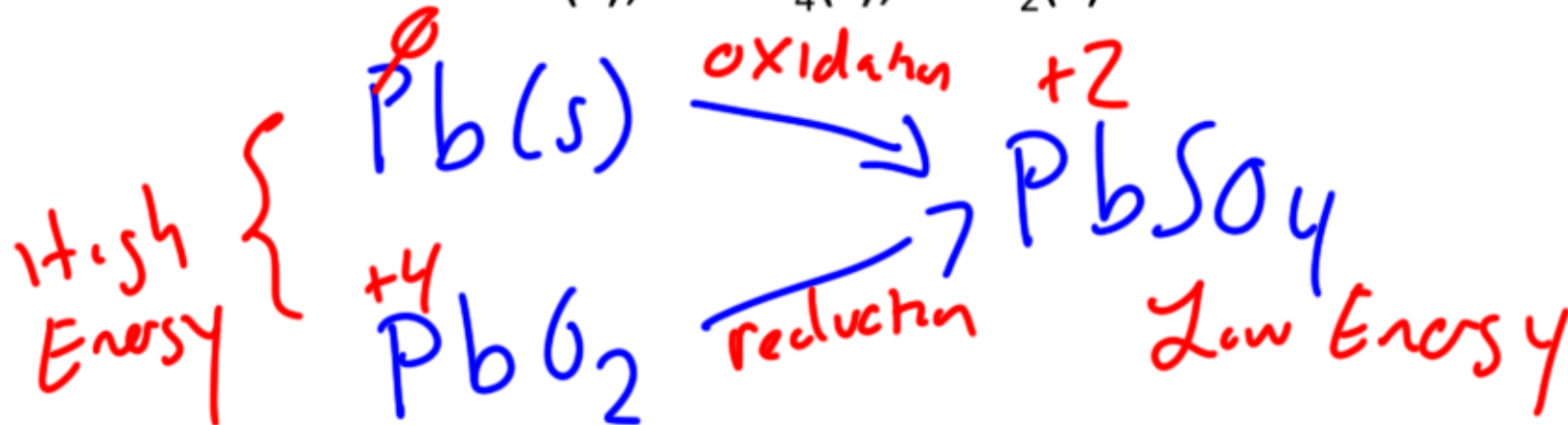
Primary Cell: a voltaic cell capable only of discharging. Primary cells are one-time use batteries.

- The common primary cells in our lives are alkaline cells (D, C, AA, AAA, etc.)
- These all involve the same reaction, meaning they have the same standard potential.
- **They differ in size; therefore, they differ in current. A large surface area (D-batteries) will have a greater current (less internal resistance)**

Batteries – Secondary Cells (rechargeable)

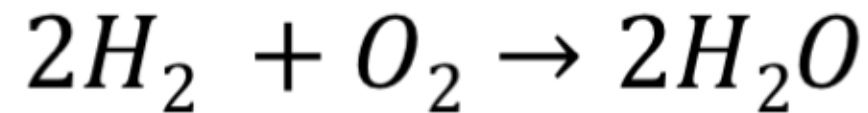
Secondary Cell: a battery that can act like a voltaic cell when discharging, but can also act like an electrolytic cell when recharged (examples: cell phone battery, lead-acid car battery, Lithium-Ion). Secondary cells can be used numerous times (or continuously) until eventually the battery degrades.

- **Lead-Acid Car Battery:** a specific type of secondary cell that involves lead in three solid oxidation states: $\text{Pb}(s)$, $\text{PbSO}_4(s)$, $\text{PbO}_2(s)$



Batteries – Fuel Cells (refillable)

Fuel Cells: a battery that relies on a spontaneous combustion reaction. We are mostly concerned with the hydrogen fuel cell. The combustion of hydrogen to form water is very spontaneous, so we don't try to recharge these cells. Instead, we can refill them with our hydrogen fuel.



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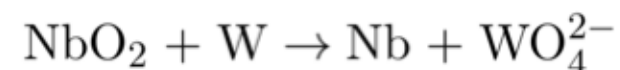
Practice Questions

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First five questions are from Review 1

Balanced Reaction in Acid

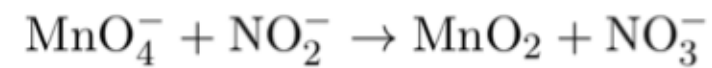
Balance the following redox reaction in acidic solution. You will have to provide the H_2O and the H^+ for the reaction. Make sure all the coefficients are whole numbers.



What is the coefficient for WO_4^{2-} in the balanced equation?

Balanced Reaction in Base

Using the set of smallest whole number coefficients to balance the redox equation



in basic solution, you get

Exam Question: Change in Oxidation

In the redox conversion of SO_3 to SO^- , S is ? and its oxidation number goes from ? to ?

Question

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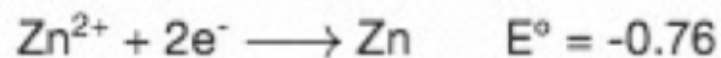
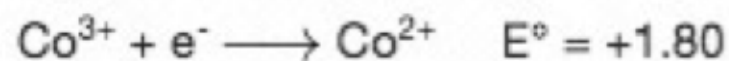
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increasing strength as an reducing agent

Question

What is the standard cell potential of the strongest battery that could be made using these half-reactions?



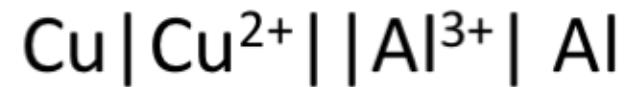
Answer by showing the half-reactions and shorthand notation

Hint: look for the strongest reducing agent and the strongest oxidizing agent

All after this are from Review 2

Exam Question

What is the mass of aluminum (Al, 26.98 g/mol) formed when 18 A is run through the following cell for 8.0 hours?



Electrolysis Question

What is the volume of $\text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$ produced at STP by the electrolysis of concentrated sodium chloride if 7.00 A are passed through the solution for 6 hours? The reaction is shown below:



Electrochemical Work

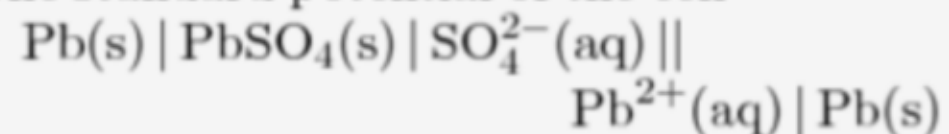
Consider the following cell at standard conditions ($E^\circ = 0.75 \text{ V}$) :



What is the value of ΔG° ? Is work done on the system or being applied to the system?

Equilibrium Calculations

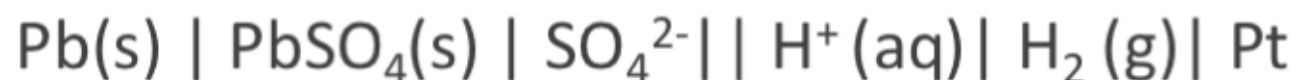
The standard potential of the cell



is +0.23 V at 25°C. Calculate the K_{sp} of PbSO_4 .

Non-Standard Cell Potential

Consider the following cell at standard conditions:



How does each of the following change the voltage:

- I. Increase partial pressure of hydrogen
- II. Add sodium sulfate to the anode compartment
- III. Decrease the pH

Non-Standard Calculations

If E° for the following cell is 0.36 V at 25°C, what is the value of E for the conditions given:



Overview Question

Suppose you create a **battery** out of nickel and cadmium with the following half-reactions:



What are the values of E° , ΔG° , and K ?

What is the ratio of $\text{Cd}^{2+} : \text{Ni}^{2+}$ when your battery reaches equilibrium?

Concentration Cell Question

An electrochemical cell is created out of two SHE compartments (shown below). What is the pH of the anode compartment if the measured potential is 0.12 V?

