

Chapter 19 Electrochemistry Math Summary

Relating Standard Cell Potential to Standard Half Cell Potentials

$$E^\circ_{\text{cell}} = E^\circ_{\text{oxidation}} + E^\circ_{\text{reduction}} \quad (\text{standard conditions assume } 1.0 \text{ M concentrations})$$

Relating Half Cell Potentials when Written in Opposite Directions

$$E^\circ_{\text{ox}} = -E^\circ_{\text{red}} \quad \text{for half reactions written in opposite directions}$$

Relating Standard Cell Potentials to G°

$$G^\circ = -nFE^\circ_{\text{cell}} \quad (\text{to give answer in kJ, use } F = 96.485)$$

$$F = 96,500 \text{ C/mol}$$

n = number of electrons transferred

Relating Actual Cell Potential to Standard Cell Potential when Concentrations aren't 1.0-M

$$E_{\text{cell}} = E^\circ_{\text{cell}} - [0.0592/n] \log Q \quad (Q = \text{ratio of actual concentrations})$$

Relating Standard Cell Potential to Equilibrium Constant

$$\log K = nE^\circ/0.0592$$

Relating Actual Cell Potential to Actual Concentrations in Concentration Cells

$$E_{\text{cell}} = -[0.0592/n] \log Q \quad \text{for concentration cells, where anode and cathode differ only in concentration, but otherwise have same ions}$$

Relating # of Moles of Electrons Transferred as a Function of Time and Current in Electrolysis

$$1 \text{ mol } e^- = 96,500 \text{ C}$$

moles of electrons = [current (A) • time (sec)]/96,500 for electrolysis, moles, current, and time are related.

rearranged: time (sec) = (moles of electrons)(96500)/current (in A)

Note: 3600 sec/hour

so time (hours) = (moles of electrons)(26.8)/current (in A)