

Differential and integrated rate laws

Consider $A \rightarrow B$: a) 0th Order

$$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k$$

$$d[A] = -k dt \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{[A]_0}^{[A](t)} d[A] = -k \int_0^t dt$$

Differential rate law

$$\Rightarrow [A](t) - [A]_0 = -kt$$

$$[A](t) = [A]_0 - kt$$

Integrated rate law

b) 1st Order

$$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]$$

$$\int_{[A]_0}^{[A](t)} \frac{d[A]}{[A]} = -k \int_0^t dt$$

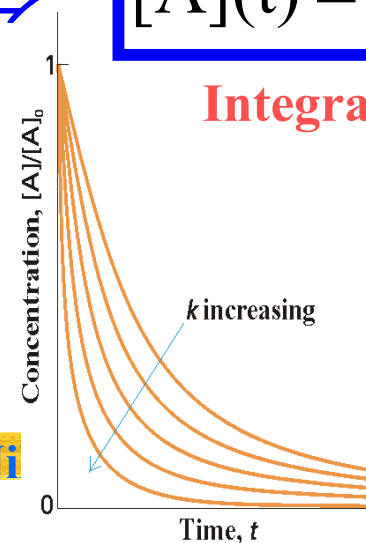
\Rightarrow

$$[A](t) = [A]_0 e^{-kt}$$

Integrated rate law

Differential rate law

$$\Rightarrow \ln[A](t) - \ln[A]_0 = \ln\left(\frac{[A](t)}{[A]_0}\right) = -kt$$



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Differential and integrated rate laws of a second order reaction

c) 2nd Order

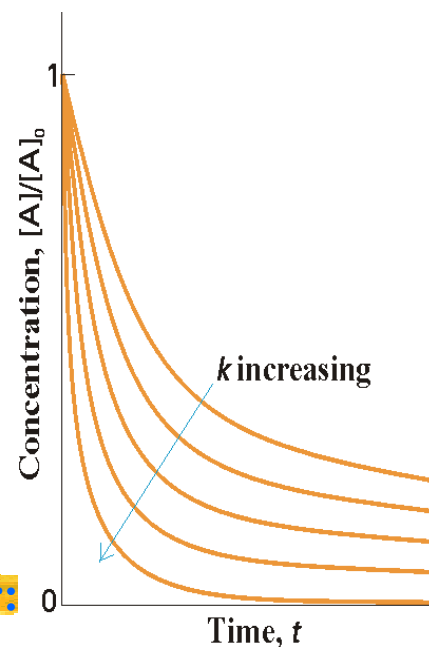
$$\boxed{-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^2} \quad \int_{[A]_0}^{[A](t)} \frac{d[A]}{[A]^2} = -k \int_0^t dt$$

Differential rate law

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{[A]} \Big|_{[A]_0}^{[A](t)} = -\left(\frac{1}{[A](t)} - \frac{1}{[A]_0} \right) = -kt$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{[A](t)} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}} \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{[A](t) = \frac{[A]_0}{1 + kt[A]_0}}$$

Integrated rate law



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The half-life of a reaction

Half-Life of a Reaction:

The time required for [A] to drop by a factor of two

0th Order: $[A](t) = -kt + [A]_0$

$$[A]_0/2 = -kt_{1/2} + [A]_0$$

$$kt_{1/2} = [A]_0 - [A]_0/2$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{1/2} = \frac{[A]_0}{2k}$$

2nd Order: $\frac{1}{[A](t)} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$

$$\frac{2}{[A]_0} = kt_{1/2} + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

$$kt_{1/2} = \frac{2}{[A]_0} - \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$



$$t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k[A]_0}$$

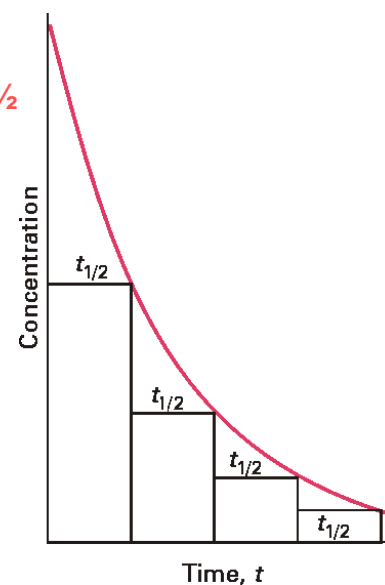
1st Order: $[A](t) = [A]_0 e^{-kt}$

$$[A]_0/2 = [A]_0 e^{-kt_{1/2}}$$

$$e^{-kt_{1/2}} = 1/2$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

Independent
of $[A]_0$!



Summary of rate laws

Differential Rate Law

Integral Rate Law

Half-Life

0th Order:

$$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k$$

$$[A](t) = [A]_0 - kt$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{[A]_0}{2k}$$

1st Order:

$$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]$$

$$[A](t) = [A]_0 e^{-kt}$$

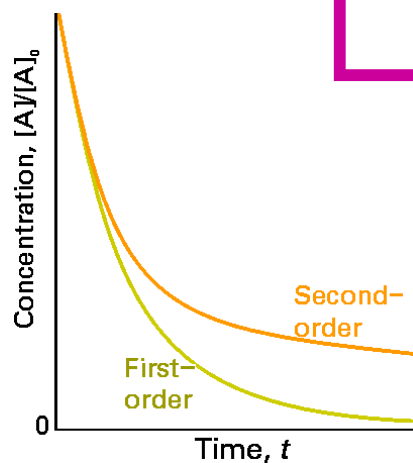
$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

2nd Order:

$$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^2$$

$$\frac{1}{[A](t)} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{1}{k[A]_0}$$



Tricks to determine rate laws

Consider $A \rightarrow B$:

0th Order:

$$[A](t) = -kt + [A]_0$$

1st Order:

$$\ln[A](t) = -kt + \ln[A]_0$$

2nd Order:

$$\frac{1}{[A](t)} = kt + \frac{1}{[A]_0}$$

Linear regression

$$y = mx + b$$

Consider $A + B \rightarrow C$:

2nd Order: $-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A][B]$

BUT by

a) choosing $[A]_0 = [B]_0 \Rightarrow [A] = [B] !$

$$-\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k[A]^2$$

b) choosing $[A]_0 \ll [B]_0 \Rightarrow [B] \approx \text{constant} !$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d[A]}{dt} = k'[A]; \quad k' = k[B]_0$$



Sample Problem:

Consider: $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NO}_2 + \text{OH}^- \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHNO}_2^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Initially $[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NO}_2] = [\text{OH}^-] = 5.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ The concentration of hydroxide was then measured by monitoring the pH with the following result.

What is the order of the reaction? What is k ?

t (min)	0	5	10	15
$[\text{OH}^-] \text{ (M)}$	5.00×10^{-3}	2.6×10^{-3}	1.7×10^{-3}	1.3×10^{-3}
$[\text{OH}^-]^{-1}$	200	385	588	769

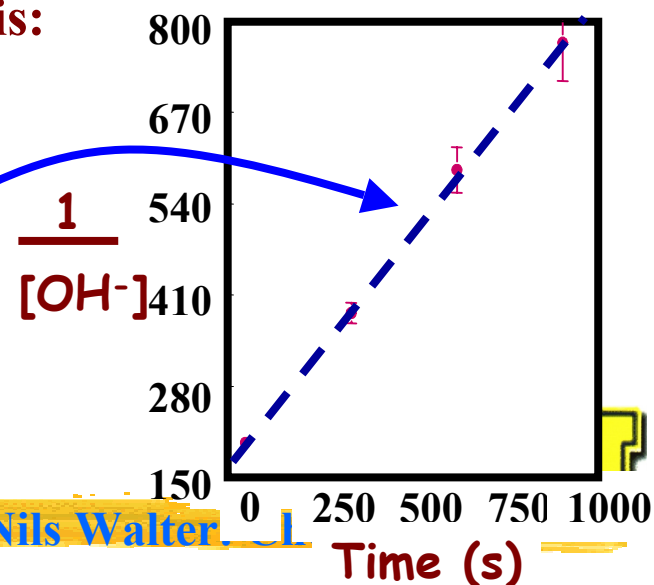
The most reasonable initial guess for this reaction is:

$$\frac{-d[\text{OH}^-]}{dt} = k [\text{OH}^-][\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NO}_2] = k [\text{OH}^-]^2$$

Good line ($r = 0.9998$) \Rightarrow correct rate law

$$\text{slope} = k = 0.637 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{[\text{OH}^-]} = kt + \frac{1}{[\text{OH}^-]_0}$$



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