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Homework Assignment 8; Due at midnight on 3/13/15

Note: In this homework, you may encounter some very, very large numbers. Always express such numbers in scientific notation before using your calculator. Otherwise you will just overflow or underflow the registers in your calculator.

This table will be useful for working several problems:

Molecule	$\theta_{vib} (K)$	$\theta_{rot} (K)$	$\nu(\times 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1})$	$g_1$	$D_e(\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$	$D_0(\text{kJ mol}^{-1})$
H <sub>2</sub>	6215	85.3	12.960	1	457.6	432.1
Cl <sub>2</sub>	808	0.351	1.683	1	242.3	239.2
I <sub>2</sub>	308	0.0537	0.642	1	150.3	148.8
CO	3103	2.77	6.471	1	1085	1070
NO	2719	2.45	5.670	2	638.1	626.8

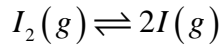
1) The rotational motion of CO carbon monoxide can be modeled as a rigid rotor. Calculate the probabilities of CO molecules being in the J=0, 4, 8, 12, and 16 states. Assume T=300K. Explain the trend.

2) Consider the diatomic molecule NO

- a) Calculate the thermal wavelength for <sup>14</sup>N<sup>16</sup>O at T=1000K.
- b) Using the results from part a and the data in the table, calculate the translational, rotational, and vibrational partition functions for NO at T=1000K. State any assumptions that you make. Assume V=1m<sup>3</sup>.
- c) Using the results in part b, and the data provided in the table, calculate the value for the overall partition function for NO at T=1000K, including the electronic contribution. Note D<sub>e</sub> is given in the table in units of kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.
- d) Using the data provided, calculate the internal energy and heat capacity for one mole of NO molecules at T=1000K. How close is the

value for  $C_v$  that you calculate to classically predicted value? Explain any difference.

3) A chemical equilibrium that is a classic example of a statistical derivation of thermodynamic reaction properties is the gas phase dissociation of iodine:



- a) Calculate the thermal wavelengths for  $I_2$  and  $I$  at  $T=298K$ .
  - b) Using the data in the table above calculate the rotational and vibrational partition functions of  $I_2$  at  $T=298K$ .
  - c) Calculate the translational partition functions for  $I$  and  $I_2$ . Assume  $V=0.0244 \text{ m}^3$  and  $T=298K$
  - d) Using your results from parts a-c, calculate the overall partition functions for  $I$  and  $I_2$  at  $T=298K$ . including the contributions from electronic motions. Express your answers in scientific notation and remember that  $D_e$  is in kJ per mole units. The ground state degeneracy for  $I$  is  $g_{1,I} = 4$ .
  - e) Using your results from part d, calculate the equilibrium constant  $K_p$  for the gas phase dissociation of  $I_2$ . Assume  $N=N_A$ .
  - f) Using your result from part e, calculate the standard free energy change for the gas phase dissociation of  $I_2$  at  $T=298K$ . Is the dissociation of  $I_2$  energetically favorable at  $T=298K$ ?
  - g) How good is this statistical calculation? Tables of thermodynamic data for inorganic compounds at  $T=298K$  give for  $I(g)$   $\Delta G_f^\circ(I) = 70.2 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$  and for  $I_2(g)$   $\Delta G_f^\circ(I_2) = 19.3 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$ . Using these data calculate  $\Delta G^0$  for the gas phase dissociation of iodine at  $T=298K$ . How close is this to your theory?
- 4) Assume two hydrogen atoms collide to form  $H_2$  via a transition state complex:  $H + H \xrightleftharpoons{K^\ddagger} [H \cdots H]^\ddagger \xrightarrow{k^\ddagger} H_2$ . For the transition state complex assume the bond length is  $R^\ddagger = 110 \text{ pm}$  and the dissociation energy is  $D_0^\ddagger = 400 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$ . Calculate the molar rate constant  $k_2$  at  $T=300K$ . Assume the collision constant  $\kappa=0.50$ . For the transition

complex assume also  $g_1^\ddagger = 1$ . Assume  $N=N_A$ . Convert the rate constant to units of  $L mol^{-1} s^{-1}$ .

- 5) Diffusion-controlled reactions are extremely fast and are in fact some of the fastest known simple reactions in solution. For two spherical macromolecular reactants with radii  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  and with diffusion coefficients  $D_A$  and  $D_B$ , the reaction rate constant is given by

$$rate = 4\pi N_A (1000)(D_A + D_B)(R_A + R_B)\bar{C}_A\bar{C}_B = k_{diffusion}\bar{C}_A\bar{C}_B$$

where the concentrations are in molarity units and the factor of 1000 puts the rate in units of liters per mole per second.

- Write out the rate expression for the case in which the spherical reactants have the same radii, i.e.  $R_A=R_B$ .
- Calculate the rate constant  $k_{diffusion}$  assuming  $T=300K$  and the viscosity  $\eta = 1.00 \times 10^{-3} kgm^{-1} s^{-1}$ .
- Assume  $\bar{C}_A = \bar{C}_B = 0.001M$ . Using your results from part b, calculate the rate of reaction.

- 6) Consider the following data for the proteins myoglobin and hemoglobin

Protein	Molecular Weight (kg)	Diffusion Coefficient $D \times 10^{11} m^2 s^{-1}$	Specific Volume $V_2$ ( $mLg^{-1}$ )	Frictional ratio/ $f_0$
Myoglobin	16.900	11.3	0.74	1.11
Hemoglobin	64.500	6.9	0.75	1.16

- Calculate the radii of myoglobin and hemoglobin assuming they are unhydrated spheres.
- Calculate the radii and volumes of myoglobin and hemoglobin that would account for the frictional ratios, assuming they are hydrated spheres.
- For each protein, calculate  $\delta_1$ , the mass of water bound per mass of protein. Assume the density of water is  $1g mL^{-1}$ .
- Myoglobin is a oxygen storage protein found in the body tissues. Hemoglobin is an oxygen transport protein. Hemoglobin is composed of  $n$  sub-units each roughly the size of myoglobin. Based on your answers in part b, how many myoglobin-like sub-units does hemoglobin contain?

