

## Order of a Reaction

It is the sum of powers of the concentration of the reactants

$$\text{Rate} = k [A]^x [B]^y$$

$$\text{order} = x + y$$

## Zero Order Reactions

$$\text{Rate} = k[R]^0$$

$$k = [R]_0 - [R]/t$$

unit of k is mol L<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

E.g. The decomposition of gaseous ammonia on a hot platinum surface

The thermal decomposition of HI on gold surface

## First Order Reactions

$$\text{Rate} = k[R]$$

$$k = 2.303/t \log [R]_0/[R]$$

unit of k is s<sup>-1</sup>

E.g. All natural and artificial radioactive decay of unstable nuclei, decomposition of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O

## Half-Life of a Reaction

It is the time in which the concentration of a reactant becomes half of its initial concentration. It is denoted by  $t_{1/2}$ .

**For zero order reaction**  $t_{1/2} \propto [R]_0$  or initial concentration

$$t_{1/2} = [R]_0/2k$$

**For first order reaction**  $t_{1/2}$  is independent of  $[R]_0$  and is equal to  $0.693/k$

## Collision Frequency

It is the number of collisions per second per unit volume

$$\text{Rate of reaction} = Z_{AB} e^{-E_a/RT}$$

$Z_{AB}$  - collision frequency of reactants

$e^{-E_a/RT}$  - fraction of molecules with energies equal or more than  $E_a$  (activation energy)

## Arrhenius Equation

It explains the temperature dependence of the rate of a reaction

$$k = A e^{-E_a/RT}$$

A - Arrhenius factor or the frequency factor

$E_a$  - activation energy in joules/mole ( $J \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )

## Pseudo First Order Reaction

Reactions that become first order under certain conditions

E.g. Acid hydrolysis of ethyl acetate

Acid catalysed inversion of cane sugar

## Effective Collisions

Collisions in which molecules collide with sufficient kinetic energy or threshold energy and proper orientation

$$\text{Rate} = PZ_{AB} e^{-E_a/RT}$$

P - probability or steric factor

## Activation Energy ( $E_a$ )

It is the energy required by reactant molecules to form the intermediate or activated complex (C)

$\Delta H$  = Activation energy of forward reaction – Activation energy of backward reaction