

NCERT Solutions for Class-XII Chemistry

CHAPTER -2

NCERT Chemistry Class 12

1. Arrange the following metals in the order in which they displace each other from the solution of their salts. Al, Cu, Fe, Mg and Zn

1. The following is the order in which the given metals displace each other from the solution of their salts.

Mg, Al, Zn, Fe, Cu

2. Given the standard electrode potentials,

$$K^+/K = -2.93V, Ag^+/Ag = 0.80V,$$

$$Hg^{2+}/Hg = 0.79V$$

$$Mg^{2+}/Mg = -2.37 V, Cr^{3+}/Cr = -0.74V$$

Arrange these metals in their increasing order of reducing power.

2. Reducing power of metals increase with the decrease of reduction potential. Hence, the increasing order of reducing power will be as,

$$Ag < Hg < Cr < Mg < K$$

Explanation -

When the reduction potential is lower, the element has more tendency to get oxidized and thus more will be reducing power. The metal that has more negative electrode potential will be the one with more reducing power. Thus, here potassium(K) has the highest reducing power among the given elements.

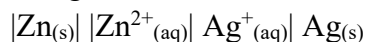
3. Depict the galvanic cell in which the reaction $Zn(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$ takes place. Further show:

(i) Which of the electrode is negatively charged?

(ii) The carriers of the current in the cell.

(iii) Individual reaction at each electrode.

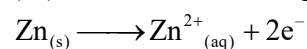
3. The galvanic cell in which the given reaction takes place is depicted as:



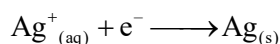
(i) Zn electrode (anode) is negatively charged.

(ii) Ions are carriers of current in the cell and in the external circuit, current will flow from silver to zinc.

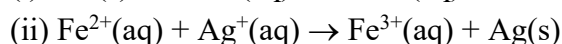
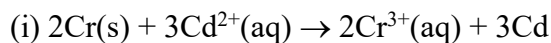
(iii) The reaction taking place at the anode is given by,



The reaction taking place at the cathode is given by,



4. Calculate the standard cell potentials of galvanic cells in which the following reactions take place:



Calculate the $\Delta_r G^\theta$ and equilibrium constant of the reactions.

4. (i) Solution -

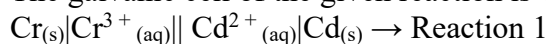
Known - $E^\theta_{\text{Cr}^{3+}/\text{Cr}} = -0.74 \text{ V}$

$E^\theta_{\text{Cd}^{2+}/\text{Cd}} = -0.40 \text{ V}$

$\Delta_r G^\theta = ?$

$K = ?$

The galvanic cell of the given reaction is written as -



Hence, the standard cell potential is given as,

$$E^\theta = E^\theta_{\text{R}} - E^\theta_{\text{L}}$$

$$= -0.40 - (-0.74)$$

$$\therefore E^\theta = +0.34 \text{ V}$$

To calculate the standard Gibbs free energy, $\Delta_r G^\theta$, we use,

$$\Delta_r G^\theta = -nE^\theta F \rightarrow \text{Equation 1}$$

where nF is the amount of charge passed and E^θ is the standard reduction electrode potential.

Substituting $n=6$ (no. of e^- involved in the reaction 1), $F=96487 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$,

$E^\theta = +0.34 \text{ V}$ in Equation 1, we get,

$$\Delta_r G^\theta = -6 \times 0.34 \text{ V} \times 96487 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$$

$$= -196833.48 \text{ CV mol}^{-1}$$

$$= -196833.48 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \Delta_r G^\theta = -196.83348 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

To find out the equilibrium constant, K , we use the formula,

$$\log K = \frac{nE^\theta}{0.0591}$$

$$= \frac{6 \times 0.34 \text{ V}}{0.0591}$$

$$\log K = 34.5177$$

$$K = \text{antilog } 34.5177$$

$$\therefore K = 3.294 \times 10^{34}$$

Answer - The standard Gibbs free energy, $\Delta_r G^\theta$ is $-196.83348 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$

and equilibrium constant, K is 3.294×10^{34}

- (ii) Solution -

Known -

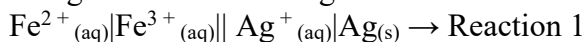
$$E^\theta_{\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}} = 0.77 \text{ V}$$

$$E^\theta_{\text{Ag}^+/\text{Ag}} = 0.80 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta_r G^\theta = ?$$

K=?

The galvanic cell of the given reaction is written as -



Hence, the standard cell potential is given as,

$$E^0 = E^0_{\text{R}} - E^0_{\text{L}}$$

$$= 0.80 - (0.77)$$

$$\therefore E^0 = + 0.03 \text{ V}$$

To calculate the standard Gibbs free energy, $\Delta_r G^0$, we use,

$$\Delta_r G^0 = - nE^0 F \rightarrow \text{Equation 1}$$

where nF is the amount of charge passed and E^0 is the standard reduction electrode potential.

Substituting $n=1$ (no. of e^- involved in the reaction 1), $F=96487 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$, $E^0 = + 0.03 \text{ V}$ in Equation 1, we get,

$$\Delta_r G^0 = - 1 \times 0.03 \text{ V} \times 96487 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$$

$$= - 2894.61 \text{ CV mol}^{-1}$$

$$= - 2894.61 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \Delta_r G^0 = - 2.89461 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

To find out the equilibrium constant, K , we use the formula,

$$\log K = \frac{nE^0}{0.0591}$$

$$= \frac{1 \times 0.03 \text{ V}}{0.0591}$$

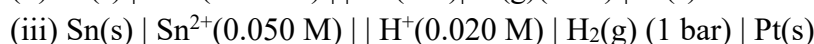
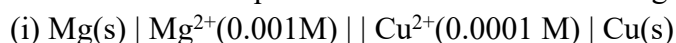
$$\log K = 0.5076$$

$$K = \text{Antilog } 0.5076$$

$$\therefore K = 3.218$$

Answer - The standard Gibbs free energy, $\Delta_r G^0$ is $- 2.89461 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and equilibrium constant, K is 3.218

5. Write the Nernst equation and emf of the following cells at 298 K:



5. (i) For the given reaction, the Nernst equation can be given as:

$$E_{\text{cell}} + E^{\ominus}_{\text{cell}} - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{[\text{Mg}^{2+}]}{[\text{Cu}^{2+}]}$$

$$= \{0.34 - (-2.36)\} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{.001}{.0001}$$

$$= 2.7 - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log 10$$

$$= 2.7 - 0.02955$$

$$= 2.67 \text{ V (approximately)}$$

(ii) For the given reaction, the Nernst equation can be given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{cell}} &= E_{\text{cell}}^{\ominus} - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]}{[\text{H}^+]^2} \\
 &= \{0 - (-0.44)\} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{0.001}{1^2} \\
 &= 0.44 - 0.02955 (-3) \\
 &= 0.52865 \text{ V} \\
 &= 0.53 \text{ V (approximately)}
 \end{aligned}$$

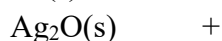
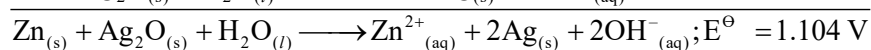
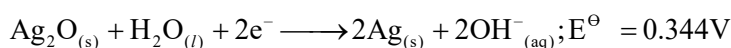
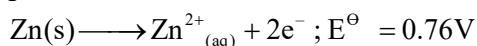
(iii) For the given reaction, the Nernst equation can be given as:

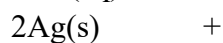
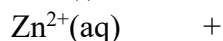
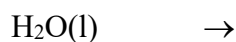
$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{cell}} &= E_{\text{cell}}^{\ominus} - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{[\text{Sn}^{2+}]}{[\text{H}^+]^2} \\
 &= \{0 - (-0.14)\} - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{0.050}{(0.020)^2} \\
 &= 0.14 - 0.0295 \times \log 125 \\
 &= 0.14 - 0.062 \\
 &= 0.078 \text{ V} \\
 &= 0.08 \text{ V (approximately)}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv) For the given reaction, the Nernst equation can be given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{cell}} &= E_{\text{cell}}^{\ominus} - \frac{0.0591}{n} \log \frac{1}{[\text{Br}^-]^2 [\text{H}^+]^2} \\
 &= (0 - 1.09) - \frac{0.0591}{2} \log \frac{1}{(0.010)^2 (0.030)^2} \\
 &= -1.09 - 0.02955 \times \log \frac{1}{0.00000009} \\
 &= -1.09 - 0.02955 \times \log \frac{1}{9 \times 10^{-8}} \\
 &= 1.09 - 0.02955 \times \log (1.11 \times 10^7) \\
 &= -1.09 - 0.02955 (0.0453 + 7) \\
 &= -1.09 - 0.208 \\
 &= -1.298 \text{ V}
 \end{aligned}$$

6. In the button cells widely used in watches and other devices the following reaction takes place:





Determine

$$\therefore E^\ominus$$

$D_r G^\ominus$ and $E^\ominus$ for the reaction.

6. $= 1.104 \text{ V}$

We know that,

$$D_r G^\ominus = nFE^\ominus$$

$$= -2 \times 96487 \times 1.04$$

$$= -213043.296 \text{ J}$$

$$= -213.04 \text{ kJ}$$

7. Define conductivity and molar conductivity for the solution of an electrolyte. Discuss their variation with concentration.

7. Conductivity of a solution is defined as the conductance of a solution of 1 cm in length and area of cross-section 1 sq. cm. The inverse of resistivity is called conductivity or specific conductance. It is represented by the symbol k . If ρ is resistivity, then we can write:

$$k = \frac{1}{r}$$

The conductivity of a solution at any given concentration is the conductance (G) of one unit volume of solution kept between two platinum electrodes with the unit area of crosssection and at a distance of unit length.

$$\text{i.e., } G = k \frac{a}{l} = k.1 = k$$

Conductivity always decreases with a decrease in concentration, both for weak and strong electrolytes. This is because the number of ions per unit volume that carry the current in a solution decreases with a decrease in concentration.

Molar conductivity:

Molar conductivity of a solution at a given concentration is the conductance of volume V of a solution containing 1 mole of the electrolyte kept between two electrodes with the area of cross-section A and distance of unit length.

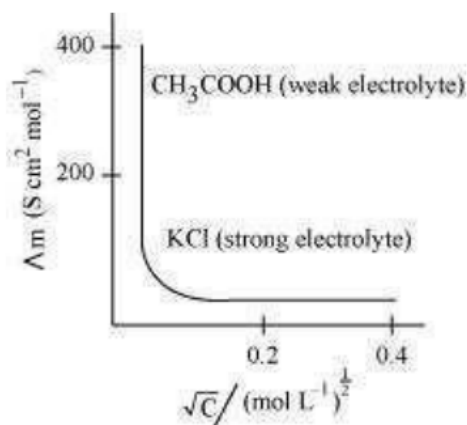
$$L_m = k \frac{A}{l}$$

Now, $l = 1$ and $A = V$ (volume containing 1 mole of the electrolyte).

$$\therefore L = kV$$

Molar conductivity increases with a decrease in concentration. This is because the total volume V of the solution containing one mole of the electrolyte increases on dilution.

The variation of Λ_m with $\sqrt{c}$ for strong and weak electrolytes is shown in the following plot:



8. The conductivity of 0.20 M solution of KCl at 298 K is 0.0248 S cm^{-1} . Calculate its molar conductivity.

8. Given, κ

$$= 0.0248 \text{ S cm}^{-1}$$

$$= 0.20 \text{ M}$$

$$\Lambda_m = \frac{\kappa \times 1000}{c}$$

$\therefore$ Molar, conductivity,

$$= \frac{0.0248 \times 1000}{0.2}$$

$$= 124 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

9. The resistance of a conductivity cell containing 0.001M KCl solution at 298 K is 1500 Ω . What is the cell constant if conductivity of 0.001M KCl solution at 298 K is $0.146 \times 10^{-3} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$.

9. Given,

$$\text{Conductivity, } \kappa = 0.146 \times 10^{-3} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Resistance, } R = 1500 \Omega$$

$$\therefore \text{Cell constant} = \kappa \times R$$

$$= 0.146 \times 10^{-3} \times 1500$$

$$= 0.219 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

10. The conductivity of sodium chloride at 298 K has been determined at different concentrations and the results are given below:

Concentration/M 0.001 0.010 0.020 0.050 0.100

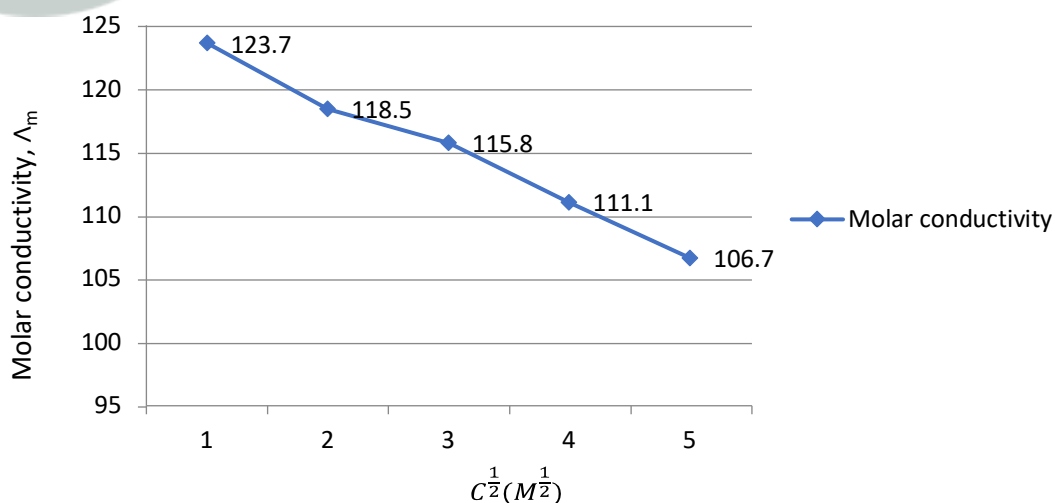
$10^2 \times \kappa/\text{S m}^{-1}$ 1.237 11.85 23.15 55.53 106.74

for all concentrations and draw a plot between L_m and $c^{1/2}$. Find the value calculate L_m of

L_m^0

10. $\frac{\text{S cm}^{-1}}{100 \text{ S m}^{-1}} = 1$ (unit conversion factor)

Concentration (M)	$\kappa (\text{S m}^{-1})$	$\kappa (\text{S cm}^{-1})$	$L_m = \frac{\kappa}{c} \times 1000 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial L_m}{\partial c}$
10^{-3}	1.237×10^{-2}	1.237×10^{-4}	$\frac{1000 \times 1.237 \times 10^{-4}}{10^{-3}} = 123.7$	0.0316
10^{-2}	11.85×10^{-2}	11.85×10^{-4}	$\frac{1000 \times 11.85 \times 10^{-4}}{10^{-2}} = 118.5$	0.100
2×10^{-2}	23.15×10^{-2}	23.15×10^{-4}	$\frac{1000 \times 23.15 \times 10^{-4}}{2 \times 10^{-2}} = 115.8$	0.141
5×10^{-2}	55.53×10^{-2}	55.53×10^{-4}	$\frac{1000 \times 55.53 \times 10^{-4}}{5 \times 10^{-2}} = 111.1$	0.224
10^{-1}	106.74×10^{-2}	106.74×10^{-4}	$\frac{1000 \times 106.74 \times 10^{-4}}{10^{-1}} = 106.7$	0.316



Answer - L_m^0 = Intercept on the L_m axis = $124.0 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, which is obtained by extrapolation to zero concentration.

11. Conductivity of 0.00241 M acetic acid is $7.896 \times 10^{-5} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$. Calculate its molar conductivity and if L_m^0 for acetic acid is $390.5 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, what is its dissociation constant?

11. Given, $\kappa = 7.896 \times 10^{-5} \text{ S m}^{-1} \text{ c}$
 $= 0.00241 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$

Then molar conductivity, $L_m = \frac{\kappa}{c}$

$$\frac{7.896 \times 10^{-5} \text{ S cm}^{-1}}{0.00241 \text{ mol L}^{-1}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ cm}^3}{\text{L}}$$

$$= 32.76 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$L_m^0 = 390.5 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ Mol}^{-1}$$

Again,

$$a = \frac{L_m}{L_m^0} = \frac{32.76 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}}{390.5 \text{ S cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}}$$

Now,

$$= 0.084$$

$$K_a = \frac{ca^2}{(1-a)}$$

$\therefore$ Dissociation constant,

$$\frac{(0.00241 \text{ mol L}^{-1})(0.084)^2}{(1-0.084)}$$

$$= 1.86 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$$

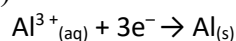
12. How much charge is required for the following reductions:

(i) 1 mol of Al^{3+} to Al.

(ii) 1 mol of Cu^{2+} to Cu

(iii) 1 mol of MnO_4^- to Mn^{2+} .

12. (i) The electrode reaction is given as,

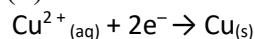


$\therefore$ The quantity of charge required for the reduction of 1 mol of $\text{Al}^{3+} = 3F$

$$= 3 \times 96487 \text{ C}$$

$$= 289461 \text{ C}$$

(ii) The electrode reaction is given as,

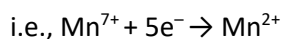
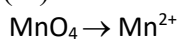


$\therefore$ The quantity of charge required for the reduction of 1 mol of $\text{Cu}^{2+} = 2F$

$$= 2 \times 96487 \text{ C}$$

$$= 192974 \text{ C}$$

(iii) The electrode reaction is given as,



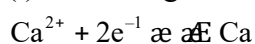
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{The quantity of charge required for the reduction of 1 mol of Mn}^{7+} &= 5F \\ &= 5 \times 96487 \text{ C} \\ &= 482435 \text{ C} \end{aligned}$$

13. How much electricity in terms of Faraday is required to produce

(i) 20.0 g of Ca from molten CaCl_2 .

(ii) 40.0 g of Al from molten Al_2O_3 .

13. (i) According to the question,



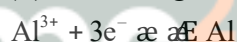
40 g

Electricity required to produce 40 g of calcium = 2 F

$$\text{Therefore, electricity required to produce 20 g of calcium} = \frac{2 \times 20}{40} \text{ F}$$

$$= 1 \text{ F}$$

(ii) According to the question,



27 g

Electricity required to produce 27 g of Al = 3 F

$$\text{Therefore, electricity required to produce 40 g of Al} = \frac{3 \times 40}{27} \text{ F}$$

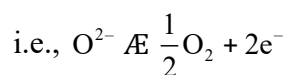
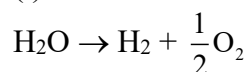
$$= 4.44 \text{ F}$$

14. How much electricity is required in coulomb for the oxidation of

(i) 1 mol of H_2O to O_2 .

(ii) 1 mol of FeO to Fe_2O_3 .

14. (i) The electrode reaction for 1 mole of H_2O is given as,



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{The quantity of electricity required} &= 2F \\ &= 2 \times 96487 \text{ C} \\ &= 192974 \text{ C} \end{aligned}$$

15. A solution of $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ is electrolysed between platinum electrodes using a current of 5 amperes for 20 minutes. What mass of Ni is deposited at the cathode?

15. Given,

Current = 5A

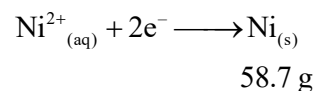
Time = $20 \times 60 = 1200$ s

$\therefore$ Charge = current $\times$ time

= 5×1200

= 6000 C

According to the reaction,



Nickel deposited by 2×96487 C = 58.71 g

Therefore, nickel deposited by 6000 C = $\frac{58.71 \times 6000}{2 \times 96487}$ g

= 1.825 g

Hence, 1.825 g of nickel will be deposited at the cathode.

16. Three electrolytic cells A,B,C containing solutions of ZnSO_4 , AgNO_3 and CuSO_4 , respectively are connected in series. A steady current of 1.5 amperes was passed through them until 1.45 g of silver deposited at the cathode of cell B. How long did the current flow? What mass of copper and zinc were deposited?

16. Equivalent weight is Ag, $E_{\text{Ag}} = \frac{180}{1} = 180$

Equivalent weight is Cu, $E_{\text{Cu}} = \frac{63.5}{2} = 31.75$

Equivalent weight is Zn, $E_{\text{Zn}} = \frac{65}{2} = 32.5$

Using Faraday's second law of electrolysis, to find the mass of Cu and Zn, we use Equation

$$\frac{W_{\text{Cu}}}{E_{\text{Cu}}} = \frac{W_{\text{Ag}}}{E_{\text{Ag}}} = \frac{W_{\text{Zn}}}{E_{\text{Zn}}} \text{ \AA Equation 1}$$

$$\text{fi } W_{\text{Cu}} = \frac{W_{\text{Ag}} \times E_{\text{Cu}}}{E_{\text{Ag}}}$$

$$W_{\text{Cu}} = \frac{1.45 \times 31.75}{108}$$

$$\therefore W_{\text{Cu}} = 0.426 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{fi } W_{\text{Zn}} = \frac{W_{\text{Ag}} \times E_{\text{Zn}}}{E_{\text{Ag}}}$$

$$W_{\text{Zn}} = \frac{1.45 \times 32.5}{108}$$

$$\therefore W_{\text{Zn}} = 0.436 \text{ g}$$

To find the time of current flow, using Faraday's first law of electrolysis we get,

$$M = Z \times I \times t \Rightarrow \text{Equation 2}$$

$$\therefore Z = \frac{\text{Equivalent weight}}{96487}, \text{ Equation 2 becomes,}$$

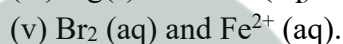
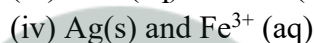
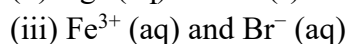
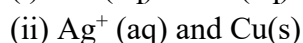
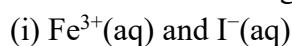
$$M = \frac{108}{96487} \times 1.5 \times t$$

$$t = \frac{1.45 \times 96487}{108 \times 1.5}$$

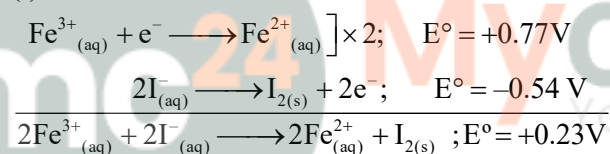
$$t = 864 \text{ seconds.}$$

Answer = The time of current flow, $t = 864$ seconds, the mass of Cu is 0.426 g and mass of Zn is 0.436 g

17. Using the standard electrode potentials given in Table 3.1, predict if the reaction between the following is feasible:

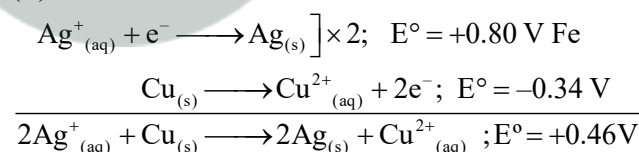


17. (i)



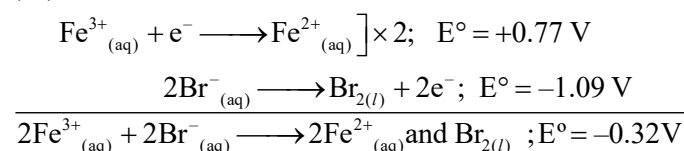
Since $\text{Fe}^{3+}_{(\text{aq})}$ and $\text{I}^{-}_{(\text{aq})}$ is feasible.

- (ii)



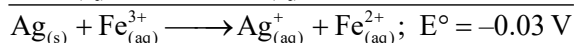
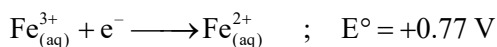
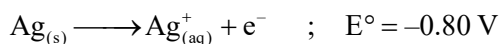
E° for the overall is positive, the reaction between Ag since (aq) and Cu(s) is feasible.

- (iii)

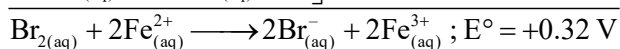
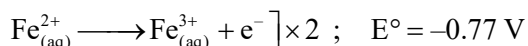
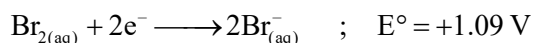


Since E° for the overall reaction is negative, the reaction between $\text{Fe}^{3+}_{(\text{aq})}$ and $\text{Br}_{2(\text{l})}$ is not feasible.

- (iv)



Since E° for the overall reaction is negative, the reaction between $\text{Ag}_{(s)}$ and $\text{Fe}_{3+(aq)}$ is not feasible.



E° for the overall reaction is positive, the reaction between $\text{Br}_{2(aq)}$ and $\text{Fe}_{2+(aq)}$ is feasible.

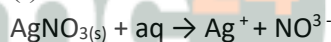
18. Predict the products of electrolysis in each of the following:

- (i) An aqueous solution of AgNO_3 with silver electrodes.
- (ii) An aqueous solution of AgNO_3 with platinum electrodes.
- (iii) A dilute solution of H_2SO_4 with platinum electrodes.
- (iv) An aqueous solution of CuCl_2 with platinum electrodes.

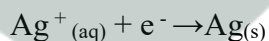
18. Given -

All the ions are in aqueous state.

(i) Reaction in solution:



At cathode:



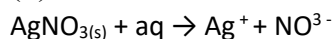
Ag^{+} ions have lower discharge potential than H^{+} ions. Hence, Ag^{+} ions get deposited as Ag in preference to H^{+} ions.

At anode:

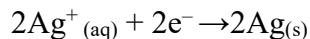


As Ag anode is attacked by NO_3^{-} ions, Ag of the anode will dissolve to form Ag^{+} ions in the aqueous solution.

(ii) Reaction in solution:

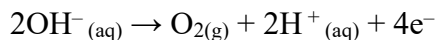


At cathode:



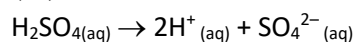
Ag^{+} ions have lower discharge potential than H^{+} ions. Hence, Ag^{+} ions get deposited as Ag in preference to H^{+} ions.

At anode:

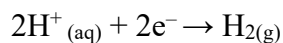


As anode is not attackable, out of OH^- and NO_3^- ions, OH^- having lower discharge potential, will be discharged in preference to NO_3^- ions. These then decompose to give out O_2 .

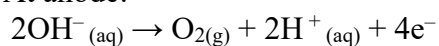
(iii) Reaction in solution:



At cathode:

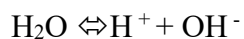
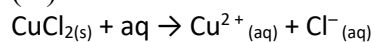


At anode:

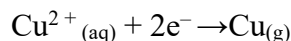


Answer - $\therefore$ H_2 gas is evolved at cathode and $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$ is evolved at anode.

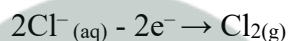
(iv) Reaction in solution:



At cathode:



At anode:



Answer - $\therefore$ Cu will be deposited at cathode and Cl_2 gas will be liberated at anode.





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