

Figure 3.5 Overall order of reaction from a series of half-life experiments, each at a different initial concentration of reactant.

concentration for orders less than one, and is independent of initial concentration for reactions of first order.

Numerous variations of this procedure are possible. For instance, by having all but one component, say Ain large excess, we can find the order with respect to that one component. For this situation the general expression reduces to

$$-\frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = \hat{k}C_{A}^{a}$$

where

$$\hat{k} = k(C_{B0}^b \cdots)$$
 and  $C_B \cong C_{B0}$ 

And here is another variation of the half-life method.

Fractional Life Method  $t_{\rm F}$ . The half-life method can be extended to any fractional life method in which the concentration of reactant drops to any fractional value  $F = C_A/C_{A0}$  in time  $t_F$ . The derivation is a direct extension of the half-life method giving

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$$t_{\rm F} = \frac{{
m F}^{1-n}-1}{k(n-1)}\,C_{
m A0}^{1-n}$$
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Thus, a plot of  $\log t_{\rm F}$  versus  $\log C_{\rm A0}$ , as shown in Fig. 3.5, will give the reaction order.

Example E3.1 illustrates this approach.

Irreversible Reactions in Parallel. Consider the simplest case, A decomposing by two competing paths, both elementary reactions:

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$$A \xrightarrow{k_1} R$$
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$$A \xrightarrow{k_2} S$$

The rates of change of the three components are given by

$$-r_{A} = -\frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = k_{1}C_{A} + k_{2}C_{A} = (k_{1} + k_{2})C_{A}$$
 (34)

$$r_{R} = \frac{dC_{R}}{dt} = k_{1}C_{A}$$

$$r_{S} = \frac{dC_{S}}{dt} = k_{2}C_{A}$$
(35)

This is the first time we have encountered multiple reactions. For these in general, if it is necessary to write N stoichiometric equations to describe what is happening, then it is necessary to follow the decomposition of N reaction components to describe the kinetics. Thus, in this system following  $C_A$ , or  $C_R$ , or  $C_S$  alone will not give both  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ . At least two components must be followed. Then, from the stoichiometry, noting that  $C_A + C_R + C_S$  is constant, we can find the concentration of the third component.

The k values are found using all three differential rate equations. First of all, Eq. 34, which is of simple first order, is integrated to give

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$$-\ln\frac{C_{\rm A}}{C_{\rm A0}} = (k_1 + k_2)t$$
 (37)

When plotted as in Fig. 3.6, the slope is  $k_1 + k_2$ . Then dividing Eq. 35 by Eq. 36 we obtain the following (Fig. 3.6).

$$\frac{r_{\rm R}}{r_{\rm S}} = \frac{dC_{\rm R}}{dC_{\rm S}} = \frac{k_1}{k_2}$$

which when integrated gives simply

simply  $\frac{C_{R} - C_{R0}}{C_{S} - C_{S0}} = \frac{k_{1}}{k_{2}}$ (38)

This result is shown in Fig. 3.6. Thus, the slope of a plot of  $C_R$  versus  $C_S$  gives the ratio  $k_1/k_2$ . Knowing  $k_1/k_2$  as well as  $k_1 + k_2$  gives  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ . Typical concentration-time curves of the three components in a batch reactor for the case where  $C_{R0} = C_{S0} = 0$  and  $k_1 > k_2$  are shown in Fig. 3.7.

Reactions in parallel are considered in detail in Chapter 7.

**Homogeneous Catalyzed Reactions.** Suppose the reaction rate for a homogeneous catalyzed system is the sum of rates of both the uncatalyzed and catalyzed reactions,

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$$A \xrightarrow{k_1} R$$
  $R$   $A + C \xrightarrow{k_2} R + C$ 

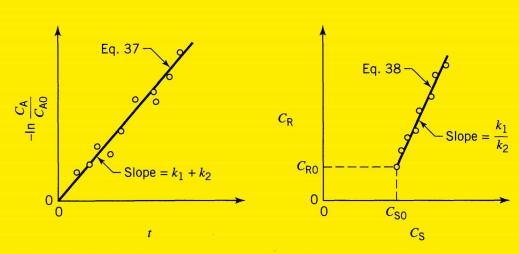


Figure 3.6 Evaluation of the rate constants for two competing elementary

first-order reactions of the type  $A \subset S$ 

with corresponding reaction rates

$$-\left(\frac{dC_{A}}{dt}\right)_{1} = k_{1}C_{A}$$
$$-\left(\frac{dC_{A}}{dt}\right)_{2} = k_{2}C_{A}C_{C}$$

This means that the reaction would proceed even without a catalyst present and that the rate of the catalyzed reaction is directly proportional to the catalyst concentration. The overall rate of disappearance of reactant A is then

$$-\frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = k_{1}C_{A} + k_{2}C_{A}C_{C} = (k_{1} + k_{2}C_{C})C_{A}$$
(39)

On integration, noting that the catalyst concentration remains unchanged, we have

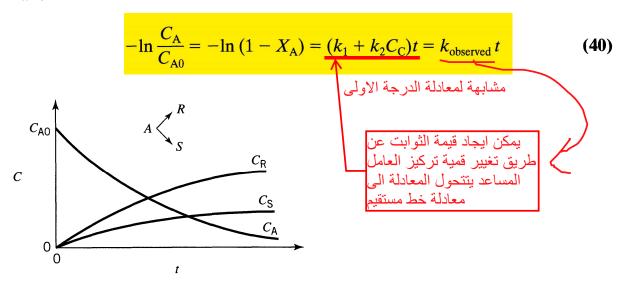
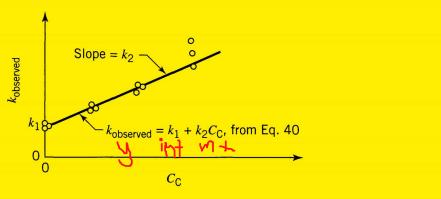


Figure 3.7 Typical concentration-time curves for competing reactions.



**Figure 3.8** Rate constants for a homogeneous catalyzed reaction from a series of runs with different catalyst concentrations.

Making a series of runs with different catalyst concentrations allows us to find  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ . This is done by plotting the observed k value against the catalyst concentrations as shown in Fig. 3.8. The slope of such a plot is  $k_2$  and the intercept  $k_1$ .

Autocatalytic Reactions. A reaction in which one of the products of reaction acts as a catalyst is called an autocatalytic reaction. The simplest such reaction is

$$A + R \rightarrow R + R \tag{41a}$$

for which the rate equation is

$$-r_{\rm A} = -\frac{dC_{\rm A}}{dt} = kC_{\rm A}C_{\rm R} \tag{41b}$$

Because the total number of moles of A and R remain unchanged as A is consumed, we may write that at any time

$$C_0 = C_A + C_R = C_{A0} + C_{R0} = \text{constant}$$

Thus, the rate equation becomes

$$-r_{A} = -\frac{dC_{A}}{dt} = kC_{A}(C_{0} - C_{A})$$

Rearranging and breaking into partial fractions, we obtain

$$-\frac{dC_{A}}{C_{A}(C_{0}-C_{A})} = -\frac{1}{C_{0}} \left( \frac{dC_{A}}{C_{A}} + \frac{dC_{A}}{C_{0}-C_{A}} \right) = k dt$$

which on integration gives

$$\ln \frac{C_{A0}(C_0 - C_A)}{C_A(C_0 - C_{A0})} = \ln \frac{C_R/C_{R0}}{C_A/C_{A0}} = C_0 kt = (C_{A0} + C_{R0}) kt$$
(42)

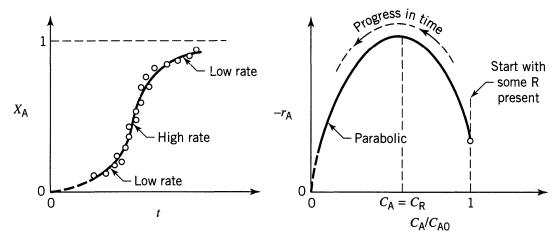


Figure 3.9 Conversion-time and rate-concentration curves for autocatalytic reaction of Eq. 41. This shape is typical for this type of reaction.

In terms of the initial reactant ratio  $M = C_{R0}/C_{A0}$  and fractional conversion of A, this can be written as

$$\ln \frac{M + X_{A}}{M(1 - X_{A})} = C_{A0}(M + 1)kt = (C_{A0} + C_{R0})kt$$
(43)

For an autocatalytic reaction in a batch reactor some product R must be present if the reaction is to proceed at all. Starting with a very small concentration of R, we see qualitatively that the rate will rise as R is formed. At the other extreme, when A is just about used up the rate must drop to zero. This result is given in Fig. 3.9, which shows that the rate follows a parabola, with a maximum where the concentrations of A and R are equal.

To test for an autocatalytic reaction, plot the time and concentration coordinates of Eq. 42 or 43, as shown in Fig. 3.10 and see whether a straight line passing through zero is obtained.

Autocatalytic reactions are considered in more detail in Chapter 6.

Irreversible Reactions in Series. We first consider consecutive unimoleculartype first-order reactions such as



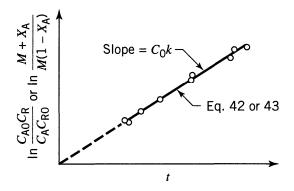


Figure 3.10 Test for the autocatalytic reaction of Eq. 41.

whose rate equations for the three components are

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$$r_{
m A}=rac{dC_{
m A}}{dt}=-k_1C_{
m A}$$

r يتكن من a لكن يستهلك r

$$r_{\rm A} = \frac{dC_{\rm A}}{dt} = -k_1 C_{\rm A} \tag{44}$$

$$r_{\rm R} = \frac{dC_{\rm R}}{dt} = k_1 C_{\rm A} - k_2 C_{\rm R}$$
 (45)

$$r_{\rm S} = \frac{dC_{\rm S}}{dt} = k_2 C_{\rm R} \tag{46}$$

Let us start with a concentration  $C_{A0}$  of A, ro R or S present, and see how the concentrations of the components change with time. By integration of Eq. 44 we find the concentration of A to be

$$-\ln\frac{C_{A}}{C_{A0}} = k_{1}t \quad \text{or} \quad C_{A} = C_{A0}e^{-k_{1}t}$$
(47)

To find the changing concentration of R, substitute the concentration of A from Eq. 47 into the differential equation governing the rate of change of R, Eq. 45; thus

$$\frac{dC_{\rm R}}{dt} + k_2 C_{\rm R} = k_1 C_{\rm A0} e^{-k_1 t}$$
 (48)

which is a first-order linear differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$$

By multiplying through with the integrating factor  $e^{\int P dx}$  the solution is

$$ye^{\int P dx} = \int Qe^{\int P dx} dx + \text{constant}$$

Applying this general procedure to the integration of Eq. 48, we find that the integrating factor is  $e^{k_2 t}$ . The constant of integration is found to be  $-k_1 C_{AO}$  $(k_2 - k_1)$  from the initial conditions  $C_{R0} = 0$  at t = 0, and the final expression for the changing concentration of R is

$$C_{\rm R} = C_{\rm A0} k_1 \left( \frac{e^{-k_1 t}}{k_2 - k_1} + \frac{e^{-k_2 t}}{k_1 - k_2} \right)$$
 (49)

Noting that there is no change in total number of moles, the stoichiometry relates the concentrations of reacting components by

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m A0} = C_{
m A} + C_{
m R} + C_{
m S}$ 

$$C_{A0} = C_A + C_R + C_S$$

which with Eqs. 47 and 49 gives

$$C_{\rm S} = C_{\rm A0} \left( 1 + \frac{k_2}{k_1 - k_2} e^{-k_1 t} + \frac{k_1}{k_2 - k_1} e^{-k_2 t} \right)$$
 (50)

Thus, we have found how the concentrations of components A, R, and S vary with time.

Now if  $k_2$  is much larger than  $k_1$ , Eq. 50 reduces to

$$C_{\rm S} = C_{\rm A0} (1 - e^{-k_1 t}), \qquad k_2 \gg k_1$$

In other words, the rate is determined by  $k_1$  or the first step of the two-step reaction.

If  $k_1$  is much larger than  $k_2$ , then

$$C_{\rm S} = C_{\rm A0} (1 - e^{-k_2 t}), \qquad k_1 \gg k_2$$

which is a first-order reaction governed by  $k_2$ , the slower step in the two-step reaction. Thus, in general, for any number of reactions in series it is the slowest step that has the greatest influence on the overall reaction rate.

As may be expected, the values of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  also govern the location and maximum concentration of R. This may be found by differentiating Eq. 49 and setting  $dC_R/dt = 0$ . The time at which the maximum concentration of R occurs is thus

$$t_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{k_{\text{log mean}}} = \frac{\ln(k_2/k_1)}{k_2 - k_1}$$
 (51)

The maximum concentration of R is found by combining Eqs. 49 and 51 to give

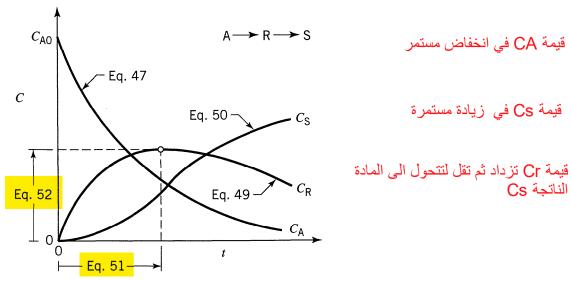
$$\frac{C_{\text{R,max}}}{C_{\text{A0}}} = \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2}\right)^{k_2/(k_2 - k_1)}$$
 (52)

Figure 3.11 shows the general characteristics of the concentration-time curves for the three components; A decreases exponentially, R rises to a maximum and then falls, and S rises continuously, the greatest rate of increase of S occurring where R is a maximum. In particular, this figure shows that one can evaluate  $k_1$ and  $k_2$  by noting the maximum concentration of intermediate and the time when this maximum is reached. Chapter 8 covers series reactions in more detail.

For a longer chain of reactions, say

$$A \rightarrow R \rightarrow S \rightarrow T \rightarrow U$$

the treatment is similar, though more cumbersome than the two-step reaction just considered. Figure 3.12 illustrates typical concentration-time curves for this situation.



**Figure 3.11** Typical concentration-time curves for consecutive first-order reactions.

First-Order Reversible Reactions. Though no reaction ever goes to completion, we can consider many reactions to be essentially irreversible because of the large value of the equilibrium constant. These are the situations we have examined up to this point. Let us now consider reactions for which complete conversion cannot be assumed. The simplest case is the opposed unimolecular-type reaction

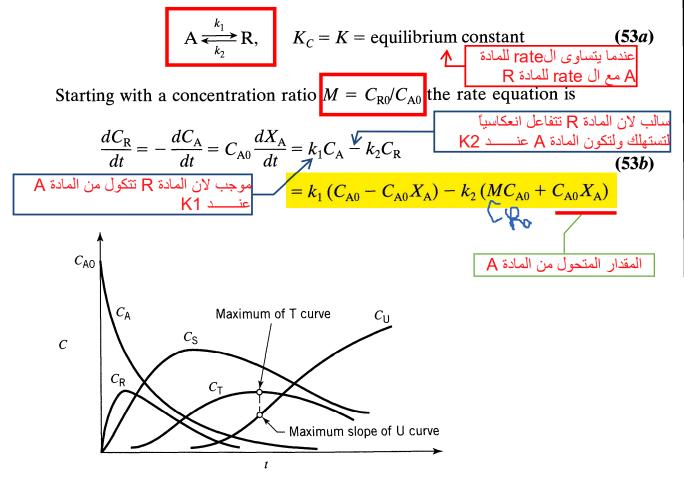


Figure 3.12 Concentration-time curves for a chain of successive first-order reactions. Only for the last two compounds do the maximum and the inflection points occur at the same time.