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20% 1. 1
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20% 5. 6

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Begin ch16: Electron transfer reactions and electrochemistry

- Balancing redox equations
- Electrochemistry in a nutshell
- Electrochemical cells harness spontaneous electron flow
- Cell line notation

Next lecture: Continue ch16. Cell voltage, E_{cell} , and electrical energy; Calculating standard cell voltage, E°_{cell} ; Cell voltage versus spontaneity.

For **oxidation numbers** and **balancing redox equations**, please work through <http://goo.gl/MMEUCs>

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A long time ago ...

... my chemistry teacher ended a lecture by asking us to balance a chemical equation like the following.

$$O_2(g) + NO(g) \rightarrow H_2O_2(aq) + NO_3^-(aq)$$

I tried by inspection, but could not do it.

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[Quiz] Based on the balanced **oxidation** half-reaction, how many moles of electrons are **released** when 1 mole of $\text{NO}(g)$ is **oxidized** to $\text{NO}_3^-(aq)$?

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Balancing redox equations

Combine balanced half-reactions for $\text{O}_2(g)$ **reduced** to hydrogen peroxide and $\text{NO}(g)$ **oxidized** to $\text{NO}_3^-(aq)$, to balance the redox equation

$$\text{O}_2(g) + \text{NO}(g) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}_2(aq) + \text{NO}_3^-(aq)$$

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$$\text{NO}_3^-(aq) + \text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4(aq) \rightarrow \text{CO}_2(g) + \text{NO}(g)$$

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Electrochemistry in a nutshell

- Redox processes **transfer electrons**
- Redox processes **evolve spontaneously** to equilibrium
- Electron transfer can be **harnessed as an electric current**

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$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ oxidizes $\text{Zn}(\text{s})$

Spontaneous flow of electrons from Zn to Cu

$$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2 e^{-} \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{s})$$

$$\text{Zn}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2 e^{-}$$

Harness in an electrochemical cell

$$\text{Zn}(\text{s}) | \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) || \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) | \text{Cu}(\text{s})$$

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$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq})$ oxidizes $\text{Zn}(\text{s})$ spontaneously

Sketch an electrochemical cell to harness the spontaneity of

$$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Zn}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{s}) + \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq})$$

$$\text{Zn}(\text{s}) | \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) || \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) | \text{Cu}(\text{s})$$

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Galvanic (Voltaic) Cells

Zn is oxidized to Zn^{2+} at anode.

$$\text{Zn}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + 2e^{-}$$

Cu^{2+} is reduced to Cu at cathode.

$$2e^{-} + \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{s})$$

Net reaction

$$\text{Zn}(\text{s}) + \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) + \text{Cu}(\text{s})$$

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Cell line notation (Tro, 4e, p 897)

$$\text{Zn}(\text{s}) | \text{Zn}^{2+}(\text{aq}) || \text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{aq}) | \text{Cu}(\text{s})$$

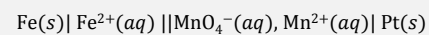
- Oxidation on left, “||” is salt bridge, reduction on right
- Phases separated by “|”, same phases separated by “,”
- If no solid, inert electrode (Pt or graphite)
- Left to right order matches flow of electrons

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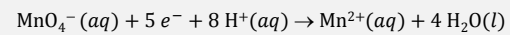
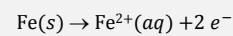
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Write the half reactions ...



Sketch the cell (on your own).



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