Spring 2009 CH302 Worksheet 4:

Chemical Equilibria and an Introduction to Water Chemistry

Please note that all calculations below can be worked without the aid of a calculator.

1. Write a mass action quotient for the following chemical equation:
   \( \text{CaCO}_3(s) \rightleftharpoons \text{CaO}(s) + \text{CO}_2(g) \)

2. Write a mass action quotient for the following chemical equation:
   \( \text{H}_2\text{O}(l) \rightarrow \text{H}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq) \)

3. Based on your answers to numbers 1 & 2, what types of reactants and products always appear in mass action quotients? What types never appear in mass action quotients? Why?

4. What are the units of all equilibrium constants?

5. Complete the RICE diagram below. Express unknown quantities in terms of \( X \).

   \[
   \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c}
   \text{Reaction} & \text{CO(g)} & + & \text{NO}_2(g) & \rightleftharpoons & \text{CO}_2(g) & + & \text{NO(g)} \\
   \text{Initial} & 5 \text{ M} & & 5 \text{ M} & & 0 \text{ M} & & \\
   \text{Change} & & & & & & & 8 \text{ M} \\
   \text{Equilibrium} & & & & & & & \\
   \end{array}
   \]

   6. Assuming \( K = 0.5 \), what was the initial concentration of \( \text{NO(g)} \)?

   7. How would the chemical system in numbers 5 & 6 respond to a decrease in volume? What about addition of \( \text{CO(g)} \)? What about removal of \( \text{NO(g)} \)?

   8. The Clausius-Clapeyron equation and the van't Hoff equation are very similar in appearance. What is the main difference between the two equations and why are they so similar?

   9. Based on the van't Hoff equation, how will an exothermic reactions equilibrium constant respond to changes in temperature? What about an endothermic reaction?

10. In a 1 liter container you initially have one mole of each species below.
    \[
    \text{4Fe(s)} + 3\text{O}_2(g) \rightarrow 2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3(s) \quad K = 10^{12}
    \]
    What happens as this system approaches equilibrium?
11. List the 7 strong acids from memory.

12. List the 8 strong bases from memory.

13. What would be the pH of 1 liter of a 10 M solution of nitric acid?

14. How many grams of barium hydroxide would be needed to neutralize the solution in number 13?

15. Rank the following solutions from lowest pH to highest pH: 0.5 M HI, 0.1 M Sr(OH)₂, 2 M HClO₄, 0.5 M H₂SO₄, 0.1 M NaOH, 2 M KOH.

16. What is meant by the term "autoprotolysis of water?" What chemical equation describes this?

17. What is $K_w$? What is its value at room temperature? How does temperature influence $K_w$?

18. What would be the pOH of a 0.5 M solution of a weak acid with a $K_a = 2 \times 10^{-4}$?

19. Complete the RICE diagram for the reaction of a general weak base (:B) with water. Use general terms (e.g. $C_b$ for initial concentration of base).

   \[
   \text{Reaction} : \text{B(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)} \rightleftharpoons \text{BH}^+(aq) + \text{OH}^-(aq)
   \]

   \text{Initial}

   \text{Change}

   \text{Equilibrium}

20. Write $K$ for the reaction in number 19 and then substitute the values from the RICE diagram.