Electrochemistry problems (calculator required)

Note: Some of these problems will require you to look up necessary information from your textbook. All the information you need **will** be there.

1. Calculate ε° (at 25°C) for a galvanic cell based on the following half-reactions (in acidic solution):

 $\begin{array}{ccc} MnO_4^-(aq) & \longrightarrow & Mn^{2+}(aq) \\ I_2(aq) & \longrightarrow & IO_3^-(aq) \end{array}$

Calculate the voltage for a cell with a pH = 2.0, Mn^{2+} and IO_3^- are each 0.50 M, and I_2 and MnO_4^- are each 0.0010 M. Give the full cell notation for the reaction using the conditions given. [$\epsilon^\circ = 0.31 v, \epsilon = 0.2166 v$]

- 2. Find the EMF of a cell in which a standard hydrogen electrode is coupled to an electrode with 0.1 M acetic acid and hydrogen gas at 1.0 bar pressure. (*Hint: acetic acid is a weak acid with a K_a = 1.8 x 10⁻⁵.*) [ε = 0.1699 v]
- 3. Find ε° and K (at 25°C) for the equilibrium

AgCl(s) \checkmark Ag⁺(aq) + Cl⁻(aq)

Will the EMF increase or decrease if the Ag⁺ concentration is raised above 1 M? Explain your answer. [ϵ° = -0.5777 v, K = 1.72 x 10⁻¹⁰, decrease]

4. A hydrogen/oxygen fuel cell has the net reaction

 $2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \implies 2H_2O(l)$

and the cell is operated under acidic conditions. The cell is constructed with $P_{H2} = 2.00$ bar and $P_{O2} = 0.20$ bar and run at a temperature of 25°C. What voltage will be produced by the fuel cell? Is it possible to vary the pressure of hydrogen only (with the pressure of O₂ fixed at 0.20 bar) so that the battery produces 10.0 volts at 25°C? If so, what would the pressure of H₂ have to be to obtain this voltage? Do you think it would be possible to build such a battery? [$\epsilon = 1.228$ v, 7.37 x 10²⁹⁶ bar, NO] 5. Using the following half-reactions (which occur in acidic solution):

 $ClO_4^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow ClO_3^{-}(aq)$ $ClO_3^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow Cl^{-}(aq)$

Determine whether the chlorate (ClO₃⁻) ion disproportionates spontaneously in acidic solution under standard conditions at 25°C. What are ε° and K for the disproportionation? [$\varepsilon^{\circ} = 0.261 \text{ v}, \text{ K} = 2.96 \text{ x } 10^{26}$]

6. Given the half-reactions

 $\begin{array}{ll} MnO_4(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 3e^- &\longrightarrow & MnO_2(s) + 2H_2O(l) & \epsilon^\circ = 1.70 \ V \\ MnO_2(s) + 4H^+(aq) + 2e^- &\longleftarrow & Mn^{+2}(aq) + 2H_2O(l) & \epsilon^\circ = 1.23 \ V \end{array}$

Determine ϵ° for the half reaction

 $MnO_4(aq) + 8H^+(aq) + 5e^- \longrightarrow Mn^{+2}(aq) + 4H_2O(l)$ [$\epsilon^\circ = 1.512 v$]

7. A concentration cell is set up as follows:

 $Pt(s)|Fe^{+2}(aq, 0.200 \text{ M}), Fe^{+3}(aq, 0.00200 \text{ M})||Fe^{+3}(aq, 0.15 \text{ M}), Fe^{+2}(aq, 0.004 \text{ M})|Pt(s)|$

0.500 litre beakers are used. A current of 2.0 A is drawn from the cell.

- a) What voltage will be initially produced by the cell? **[0.2114 v]**
- b) What voltage will the cell produce after ten minutes of operation? [0.08583 v]
- c) How many minutes may the cell be run before it produces no voltage? [33 min 52 sec]
- 8. When the cell

 $Pt(s)|F(aq, 1 M)|F_2(g)||Cr^{+2}(aq, 1 M)|Cr(s)|$

is run, what will be produced at the anode and what at the cathode? **[O2 at anode, H2 at cathode]**