## (Due: March 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM)

## **Problem Set 5**

1. The gas phase decomposition if N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub> is a first order reaction. Use the following data to answer each of the following questions:

Experiment	Temperature (°C)	Initial [N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ] (M)	Initial Rate (M s <sup>-1</sup> )
1	25	0.1	5 x 10 <sup>3</sup>
2	40	0.15	2.3 x 10 <sup>4</sup>

- a. Determine the rate constant at 25 °C.
- b. Calculate the activation energy.
- c. Calculate the pre-exponential factor.
- d. What is the rate constant at 85 °C?
- e. How much N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> will be left if 100 mM is allowed to decompose for 15 μs? What concentration of NO<sub>2</sub> has been created?
- f. How long will it take for 50% of the  $N_2O_4$  in experiment 2 to decay? Report your answer in  $\mu$ s.
- 2. Sketch a reaction coordinate and clearly label the activation energy. On the same sketch, show a catalyzed reaction pathway. Why does a catalyst increase the rate of a reaction?
- 3. The following reaction has an activation energy of 6.3 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> and a pre-exponential factor of 6.0 x 10<sup>8</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>.

NO (g) + 
$$F_2$$
 (g)  $\rightarrow$  NOF (g) +  $F_2$  (g)

- a. What is the order of this reaction? Recall that A has the same units as the rate constant.
- b. Calculate the rate constant at 25°C.
- c. The product of this reaction is nitrosyl fluoride. This compound is typically written as NOF, but different arrangements of atoms are possible. Draw the correct Lewis structure for nitrosyl fluoride (make sure to consider atom arrangement and formal charge).
- d. What is the molecular geometry of NOF?
- 4. Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) is responsible for converting pyruvate to lactic acid. This is an important reaction during anaerobic respiration. The product is the reason why your muscles get sore after an intense workout.
  - a. Look up the structures of lactic acid and pyruvate and sketch them.

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- b. LDH needs to be able (i.e. to make an ES co enzyme might look like pyruvate.
- c. Using the following exp order reaction, deterr the rate constant). Yo data directly into Excel
- d. How much lactic acid concentration of pyruv

- 5. An enzyme catalyze reaction ([E]<sub>total</sub> = 100 nM) has a Km of 100  $\mu$ M and Vmax of 15 nM min<sup>-1</sup>. Determine the turnover number and catalytic efficiency.
- 6. Using LeChatlier's principle to guide your answer, discuss why Km changes when a competitive inhibitor is added to an enzyme reaction. Do the same for an uncompetitive inhibitor.
- 7. Hexokinase is an enzyme that catalyzes the first step in glycolysis, the conversion of glucose to glucose-6-phosphate. However, this enzyme can also use a number of other sugars as substrates. These sugars only differ by the orientation of an alcohol group on the carbon backbone. The table below summarizes the structures and kinetic information about each sugar.



- a. Compare glucose to fructose. Are these structural or stereoisomers?
- b. Which substrate will bind to hexokinase with the highest affinity?
- c. How many molecules of glucose will be converted to product in two minutes? How about mannose?
- d. Compare the structures of these three sugars. Why do you think that fructose has such a different Km?
- e. Glucosamine is a suspected inhibitor of hexokinase. Below are plots of data collected with (orange line) and without (blue line) 20 mM glucosamine added.
  - i. Is glucosamine an inhibitor of hexokinase?
  - ii. What type of inhibitor is this? How do you know?
  - iii. Determine K<sub>I</sub>
- f. ADP is an uncompetitive inhibitor of hexokinase.
  - i. What does this mean?
  - ii. Sketch a Lineweaver Burk that shows an experiment that is inhibited by ADP compared to an uninhibited reaction.
- 8. Explain why this molecule could be a good competitive inhibitor of hexokinase.





