

Lecture Presentation

Chapter 18

Electrochemistry

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Balancing Redox Reactions by the Half-Reaction Method (in acidic solution)



Balance the following net ionic equation in acidic solution:

 $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + Cl^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow Cr^{3+}(aq) + Cl_2(aq)$



• Write the two unbalanced half-reactions.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow Cr^{3+}(aq)$$

$$CI^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow CI_{2}(aq)$$

 Balance both half-reactions for all atoms except O and H.

$$Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow 2 Cr^{3+}(aq)$$

$$2 \operatorname{Cl}^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cl}_{2}(aq)$$

 Balance each half-reaction for O by adding H₂O, and then balance for H by adding H⁺.

 $14 \text{ H}^+(aq) + \text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}(aq) \longrightarrow 2 \text{ Cr}^{3+}(aq) + 7 \text{ H}_2\text{O}(l)$

$$2 \operatorname{Cl}^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cl}_{2}(aq)$$

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• Balance each half-reaction for charge by adding electrons to the side with greater positive charge.

reduction: 6 e⁻ + 14 H⁺(aq) + Cr₂O₇^{2–}(aq) \rightarrow 2 Cr³⁺(aq) + 7 H₂O(I)

xidation:
$$2 \operatorname{Cl}(aq) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cl}_2(aq) + 2 \operatorname{e}^-$$

oxidation:

• Multiply each half-reaction by a factor to make the electron count the same in both half-reactions.

reduction: 6 e⁻ + 14 H⁺(aq) + Cr₂O₇^{2–}(aq) \rightarrow 2 Cr³⁺(aq) + 7 H₂O(I)

$$3\left(2 \operatorname{Cl}^{-}(aq) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Cl}_{2}(aq) + 2 \operatorname{e}^{-}\right)$$

• Add the two balanced half-reactions together and cancel species that appear on both sides of the equation.

reduction: 6 e⁻ + 14 H⁺(aq) + Cr₂O₇^{2–}(aq) \rightarrow 2 Cr³⁺(aq) + 7 H₂O(I)

oxidation:

$$6 \operatorname{Cl}(aq) \longrightarrow 3 \operatorname{Cl}_2(aq) + 6 \operatorname{e}^-$$

14 H⁺(*aq*) + Cr₂O₇^{2–}(*aq*) + 6 Cl[–](*aq*)

 \rightarrow 2 Cr³⁺(*aq*) + 7 H₂O(*l*) + 3 Cl₂(*aq*)

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

(a) Oxidation half-reaction:

(b) Reduction half-reaction:

- 2 e

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

+2 e

(a) Oxidation half-reaction:(b) Reduction half-reaction:

$$-2 e$$

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

$$+2 e$$

(a) Oxidation half-reaction: $Zn(s) \rightarrow Zn^{2+}(aq) + 2 e^{-}$ (b) Reduction half-reaction: $Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2 e^{-} \rightarrow Cu(s)$

Balanced redox reaction:

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

HW 18.2: Balancing Redox Reactions: The Half-Reaction Method (acidic solution)

$$NO_{3^{-}}(aq) + Cu(s) \longrightarrow NO(g) + Cu^{+2}(aq)$$

- (a) Oxidation half-reaction:
- (b) Reduction half-reaction:
- (c) Balanced redox reaction:

 $NO_3^{-}(aq) + 8 H^+ + 3 Cu(s) \rightarrow 2 NO(g) + 3 Cu^{+2}(aq) + H_2O(l)$

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HW 18.2: Balancing Redox Reactions: The Half-Reaction Method (acidic solution)

$$NO_{3}^{-1} (aq) + Cu (s) \longrightarrow NO(g) + Cu^{+2}(aq)$$

$$-2 e$$

(a) Oxidation half-reaction:

(b) Reduction half-reaction: _____

(c) Balanced redox reaction:

 $\underline{\text{NO}_3^-(aq) + 8 \text{ H}^+ + 3 \text{ Cu}(s)} \rightarrow 2 \text{ NO}(g) + 3 \text{ Cu}^{+2}(aq) + \underline{\text{H}_2\text{O}(l)}$

HW 18.2: Balancing Redox Reactions: The Half-Reaction Method (acidic solution)

$$NO_{3}^{-} (aq) + Cu (s) \longrightarrow NO(g) + Cu^{+2}(aq)$$

$$- 2 e$$

+3 P

- (a) Oxidation half-reaction: $Cu(s) \rightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2e^{-}$
- (b) Reduction half-reaction: $NO_3^-(aq) + 3 e^- \rightarrow NO(q)$
- (c) Balanced redox reaction:

 $2 \text{ NO}_3^-(aq) + 8 \text{ H}^+ + 3 \text{ Cu}(s) \rightarrow 2 \text{ NO}(g) + 3 \text{ Cu}^{+2}(aq) + 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}(1)$

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