

Chem 1403
Arrhenius Equation Key

1. Derive the logarithmic form of Arrhenius Equation from its exponential form

$$k = A e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}}$$

$$\ln k = \ln(A e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}})$$

$$\ln k = \ln A + \ln e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}}$$

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2. The rate constant of a reaction at 34.9°C is $1.24 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Ms}^{-1}$. Calculate the rate constant of this reaction at 56.2°C with E_a equal to 41.7 kJ/mol .

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT_1}}}{e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT_2}}}$$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT_1} - \frac{-E_a}{RT_2}}$$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = e^{\frac{E_a}{RT_2} - \frac{E_a}{RT_1}}$$

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = e^{\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)}$$

$$k_1 = k_2 e^{\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)}$$

$$k_1 = 1.24 \times 10^{-2} e^{\frac{41.7}{0.008314} \left(\frac{1}{308.05} - \frac{1}{329.35} \right)} = .0355 \text{ Ms}^{-1}$$

3. A particular reaction has a concentration of $9.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ at 16.0°C and $1.45 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ at 27.0°C. With these given information, calculate the activation energy of this reaction.

$$k_1 = k_2 e^{\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)}$$

$$\ln k_1 = \ln(k_2 e^{\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)})$$

$$\ln k_1 = \ln k_2 + \ln e^{\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)}$$

$$\ln k_1 = \ln k_2 + \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

$$\ln k_1 = \ln k_2 + \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

$$\ln k_1 - \ln k_2 = + \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right) \rightarrow E_a = R \frac{\ln \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)}$$

$$E_a = R \frac{\ln \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)} = 8.314 \frac{\ln \left(\frac{9.6 \times 10^{-4}}{1.45 \times 10^{-3}} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{300.15} - \frac{1}{289.15} \right)} = \frac{27050 J}{mol} = 27.050 kJ/mol$$

4. At 30.0°C, decomposition of NH₃ has rate constant of 3.18 x 10⁻³ M⁻²s⁻¹. Given activation energy of this reaction is 135.0 kJ/mol. What is the rate constant at 28.0°C?

Same method as question 2

$$k_1 = k_2 e^{\frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)}$$

$$k_1 = 3.18 \times 10^{-3} e^{\frac{135.0}{0.008314} \left(\frac{1}{303.15} - \frac{1}{301.15} \right)} = 2.23 \times 10^{-3} M^{-2} s^{-1}$$

5. A reaction has rate constant of 19.0 s⁻¹ at 27.6°C and 15.0 s⁻¹ at 19.9°C. Calculate the activation energy of this compound.

Same method as question 3

$$\ln k_1 - \ln k_2 = + \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right) \rightarrow E_a = R \frac{\ln \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2} \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)}$$

$$E_a = R \frac{\ln\left(\frac{19}{15}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{293.05} - \frac{1}{300.75}\right)} = 8.314 \frac{\ln\left(\frac{19}{15}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{293.05} - \frac{1}{300.75}\right)} = \frac{22495 J}{mol} = 22.495 kJ/mol$$

6. At 29.0°C, the production of benzaldehyde has rate constant of $8.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Ms}^{-1}$. Given the activation energy of this reaction is 445.0 kJ/mol. What is the temperature when the rate constant is $1.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Ms}^{-1}$?

$$\ln k_1 = \ln k_2 + \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

$$\ln k_1 = \ln k_2 + \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

$$\ln k_1 - \ln k_2 = \frac{E_a}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_1}{k_2}\right) \frac{R}{E_a} = \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{8.9 \times 10^{-4}}{1.3 \times 10^{-3}}\right) \cdot 0.008314 = \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{302.15} \right)$$

$$-7.079 \times 10^{-6} = \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{302.15} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{T_2} = (-7.079 \times 10^{-6}) + \frac{1}{303.15}$$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{\left[(-7.079 \times 10^{-6}) + \frac{1}{303.15} \right]} = 303.80 \text{ K} = 30.65 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$