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### Equilibrium Worksheet No. 1

1. Equilibrium is said to be dynamic. Explain why this is so and give an example of a dynamic equilibrium.

Both the forward and reverse reactions continue to occur, but at the same rate. e.g. Saturated solution, both ions and crystal continue to form.

2. Indicate in each of the following reactions whether the tendency towards maximum entropy favors reactants or products.

- a.  $N_2(g) + 2O_2(g) + \text{heat} \rightleftharpoons 2NO_2(g)$  reactants  
b.  $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NH_3(g) + \text{heat}$  reactants  
c.  $CH_4(g) + H_2O(g) + \text{heat} \rightleftharpoons CO(g) + 3H_2(g)$  products  
d.  $CS_2(g) + 4H_2(g) \rightleftharpoons CH_4(g) + 2H_2S(g) + \text{heat}$  reactants

3. In each of the following reactions show the direction the reaction must proceed in to attain minimum enthalpy and maximum entropy.

- a.  $3O_2(g) \rightarrow 2O_3(g)$   $\Delta H = +285 \text{ kJ}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta S}$   
b.  $1/2N_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow NO_2(g)$   $\Delta H = +34 \text{ kJ}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta S}$   
c.  $2 H_2O(g) \rightarrow 2H_2(g) + O_2(g)$   $\Delta H = +484 \text{ kJ}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xrightarrow{\Delta S}$   
d.  $P_4(s) + 6H_2(g) \rightarrow 4PH_3(g)$   $\Delta H = +37 \text{ kJ}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta S}$

4. In which of the following reactions will the entropy favour the reactants while enthalpy favours the products?

- a.  $Cl_2(g) \rightleftharpoons Cl_2(aq) + 25 \text{ kJ}$   
b.  $P_4(s) + 6H_2(g) + 37 \text{ kJ} \rightleftharpoons 4PH_3(g)$   
c.  $PCl_5(g) \rightleftharpoons PCl_3(g) + Cl_2(g); \Delta H = +92.5 \text{ kJ}$   
d.  $NO_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 1/2N_2(g) + O_2(g); \Delta H = -33.8 \text{ kJ}$

5. For each of the following reactions determine the direction of the enthalpy drive and the direction of the entropy drive. Then determine which one factor is responsible for the forward reaction.

- a. heat +  $N_2O_3(g) \rightleftharpoons NO(g) + NO_2(g)$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xrightarrow{\Delta S}$  entropy  
b.  $2H_2(g) + 2NO(g) \rightleftharpoons N_2(g) + 2H_2O(g) + \text{heat}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta S}$  entropy  
c.  $CO(g) + 1/2O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons CO_2(g) \quad \Delta H = -283 \text{ kJ}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta S}$  entropy  
d.  $I_2(g) + Cl_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2ICl(g) \quad \Delta H = 35 \text{ kJ}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta S}$  entropy (if it is endo, it must increase in entropy)  
e.  $H_2O(l) \rightleftharpoons H_2O(g) \quad \Delta H = 41 \text{ kJ}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta H}$   $\xleftarrow{\Delta S}$  entropy