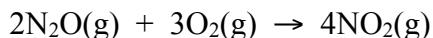


- Consider the following reaction:



Calculate  $\Delta G^\circ$  for this reaction given the following data.



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Using  $\Delta_rG^\circ = \sum \Delta_fG^\circ(\text{products}) - \sum \Delta_fG^\circ(\text{reactants})$ , the free energy changes in the 3 reactions are, respectively:

$$\Delta_rG^\circ(1) = 4\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{NO}_2\text{(g)}) - 2\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{N}_2\text{O(g)})$$

$$\Delta_rG^\circ(2) = 2\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{N}_2\text{O(g)}) - 4\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{NO(g)}) = -139.56 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_rG^\circ(3) = 2\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{NO}_2\text{(g)}) - 2\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{NO(g)}) = -69.70 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Mathematically, the combination  $2\Delta_rG^\circ(3) - \Delta_rG^\circ(2)$  leads to  $\Delta_rG^\circ(1)$ :

$$2\Delta_rG^\circ(3) = 4\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{NO}_2\text{(g)}) - 4\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{NO(g)})$$

$$\Delta_rG^\circ(2) = 2\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{N}_2\text{O(g)}) - 4\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{NO(g)})$$

$$2\Delta_rG^\circ(3) - \Delta_rG^\circ(2) = 4\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{NO}_2\text{(g)}) - 2\Delta_fG^\circ(\text{N}_2\text{O(g)}) = \Delta_fG^\circ(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_fG^\circ(1) &= 2\Delta_rG^\circ(3) - \Delta_rG^\circ(2) = [(2 \times -69.70) - (-139.56)] \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \\ &= 0.16 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Answer: **0.16 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>**

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