

CHEM1612 Problem Sheet 8 (Week 10)

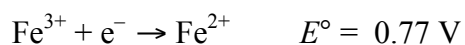
Work through the ChemCAL module “*Electrochemistry*”

1. Complete the table below by giving the name of each system and indicating whether stereoisomers of each complex are possible.

	species	name	stereoisomerism of complex
(a)	[Co(NH ₃) ₅ Cl]Cl ₂		
(a)	[Fe(H ₂ O) ₄ Br ₂]		
(a)	K[Ag(CN) ₂]		

2. How long must a current of 2.0 A be applied to a solution containing Au³⁺ to deposit 1.0 g of gold?

3. An electrochemical cell is composed of these two half cells (at 298 K):

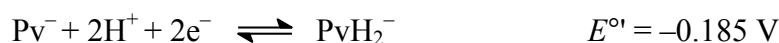


- What reactions occur at the anode and at the cathode of the cell?
 - What is the overall cell reaction?
 - What is the standard voltage of this cell?
 - What is the equilibrium constant for this reaction?
 - What is the value of ΔG° for this reaction?
 - What is the voltage of the cell once equilibrium is reached?
 - If the concentration of the iron ions is maintained at 1 M but the concentration of Sn²⁺ is adjusted to 0.001 M, what is the voltage of the cell?
4. Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH), a cofactor in many biochemical reactions, is a strong reducing agent in water solution:



Calculate the value of E° (reduction potential at the biological standard state of pH = 7.0) for this half cell at 298 K.

5. The pyruvate ion (Pv⁻) is reduced to the lactate ion (PvH₂⁻) at pH 7 in half cell below.



Assume this half cell is combined with the NAD ion half cell of Q4 at pH 7.

- What is the overall cell reaction?
- What is the voltage of this cell at pH 7?

- (c) What is the equilibrium constant for this reaction at 298 K and pH 7?
- (d) What is the value of ΔG° for this reaction at 298 K?
- (e) Would the EMF of the cell increase, decrease or remain unchanged if:
 - (i) the pH in the NAD ion half cell were reduced to 6.0?
 - (ii) [NADH] were reduced to 0.1 M?

6. Typical concentrations of Na^+ and K^+ in the intracellular and extracellular fluid are given below.

[Na^+] 142 mM extracellular, 10 mM intracellular

[K^+] 4 mM extracellular, 140 mM intracellular

Assuming that cell membrane has a much higher permeability to K^+ than all other ions, estimate the potential difference between the inside and the outside of the cell.