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Chemistry 12
STANDARD REDUCTION POTENTIALS

1. A cell is constructed using Nickel metal and 1 M nickel (II) nitrate along with Fe metal and 1 M Iron (II) nitrate.

a) Write the equation for the half-rxn at the **cathode** (with the E°)

b) Write the equation for the half-rxn at the **anode** (with the E°)

c) Write the balanced equation for the **overall reaction** (with the E°)

d) What is the **initial cell voltage**? _____ V

2. A cell is constructed using aluminum metal, 1 M $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ and lead metal with 1 M $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$. Write the overall redox reaction and find the initial cell voltage.

Cathode: _____

Anode: _____

Overall redox reaction: _____

Initial cell voltage: _____ Volts.

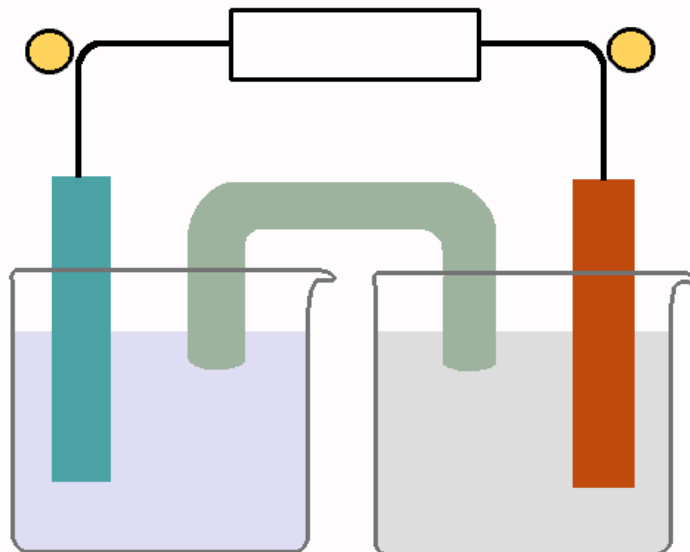
3. A student has 3 metals: Ag, Zn and Cu; three solutions: AgNO_3 , $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, and $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, all 1 M. She also has a salt bridge containing $\text{KNO}_3(\text{aq})$ wires and a voltmeter.

a) Which combination of 2 metals and 2 solutions should she choose to get the **highest** possible voltage?

Metal: _____ Solution: _____

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b) Draw a diagram of the cell labeling metals, solutions, salt bridge, wires, and voltmeter.



c) Write an equation for the half-rxn at the **cathode**. (with E°)

d) Write an equation for the half-rxn at the **anode** (with E°)

e) Write a balanced equation for the **overall redox reaction** in the cell (with E°)

f) The initial voltage of this cell is _____ Volts.

g) In this cell, electrons are flowing toward which metal? _____ In the _____.

h) Positive ions are moving toward the _____ solution in the _____.

i) Nitrate ions migrate toward the _____ solution in the _____.

j) _____ metal is gaining mass
 _____ metal is losing mass } As the cell operates.

The student now wants to find the combination of metals and solutions that will give the **lowest** voltage.

k) Which metals and solution should she use?

Metal _____ Solution _____

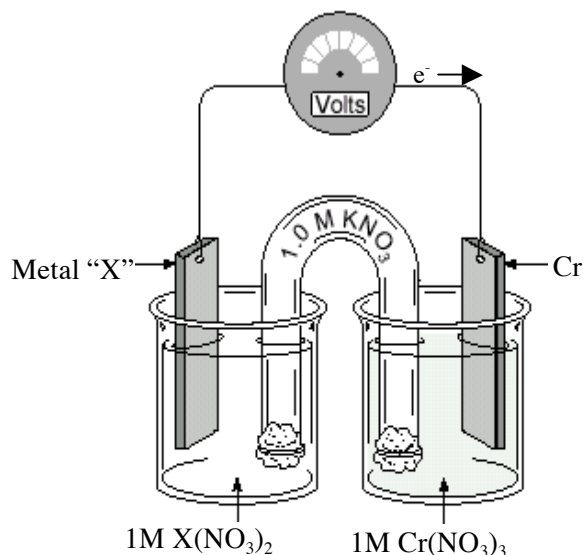
Metal _____ Solution _____

l) Find the **overall redox equation** for this cell.

m) Find the **initial cell voltage** of this cell _____ Volts.

4. Consider the following cell:

The voltage on the voltmeter is 0.45 Volts.

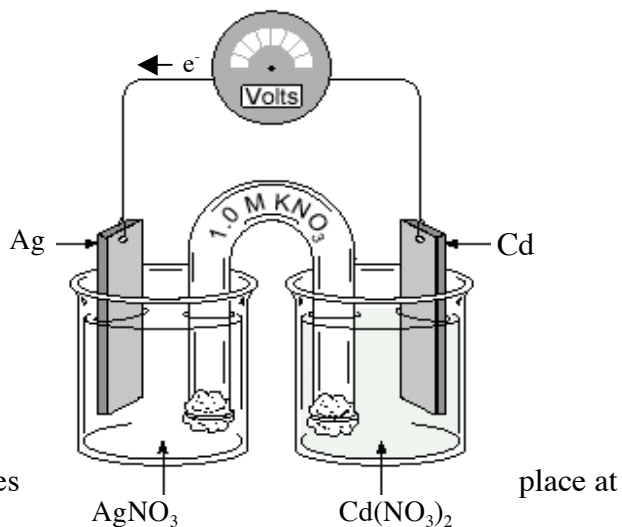


- Write the equation for the half-reaction taking place at the anode. Include the E° .
 _____ E° : _____ V
- Write the equation for the half-reaction taking place at the cathode.
 _____ E° : _____ V
- Write the balanced equation for the redox reaction taking place as this cell operates. Include the E° . _____ E° : _____ V
- Determine the reduction potential of the ion X^{2+} . E° : _____ V
- Toward which beaker ($X(NO_3)_2$) or ($Cr(NO_3)_3$) do NO_3^- ions migrate?

- Name the actual metal "X" _____

5. Consider the following cell:

The initial cell voltage is 1.20 Volts



- Write the equation for the half-reaction which takes place at the cathode. Include the E°

_____ E° = _____ V

b) Write the equation for the half-reaction taking place at the anode:

_____ $E^\circ =$ _____ V

c) Write the balanced equation for the overall redox reaction taking place. Include the E° .

_____ $E^\circ =$ _____ V

d) Find the oxidation potential for Cd: $E^\circ =$ _____ V

e) Find the reduction potential for Cd^{2+} : $E^\circ =$ _____ V

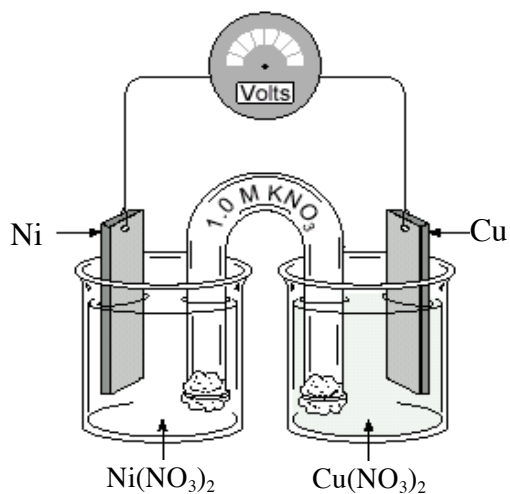
f) Which electrode gains mass as the cell operates? _____

g) Toward which beaker (AgNO_3 or $\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_3)_2$) do K^+ ions move? _____

h) The silver electrode and AgNO_3 solution is replaced by Zn metal and $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ solution.

What is the cell voltage now? _____ Which metal now is the cathode? _____

6. Consider the following electrochemical cell:



a) Write the equation for the half-reaction taking place at the nickel electrode. Include the E°

_____ $E^\circ =$ _____ V

b) Write the equation for the half-reaction taking place at the Cu electrode. Include the E° .

_____ $E^\circ =$ _____ V

c) Write the balanced equation for the redox reaction taking place.

_____ $E^\circ =$ _____ V

d) What is the initial cell voltage? _____ V

e) Show the direction of electron flow on the diagram above with an arrow with an “e⁻” written above it.

f) Show the direction of flow of cations in the salt bridge using an arrow with “Cations” written above it.

7. A cell is constructed using Cr/Cr(NO₃)₃ and Fe/Fe(NO₃)₂ with both solutions at 1.0 M and the temperature at 25 °C.

a) Determine the **initial cell voltage**.

Answer: _____ V

b) What is the **equilibrium cell voltage**?

Answer: _____ V

c) Write the balanced equation for the overall reaction taking place. Write the word “energy” on the right side and make the arrow double.

d) Using the equation in (c), predict what will happen to the cell voltage when the following changes are made:

i) More Cr(NO₃)₃ is added to the beaker to **increase** the [Cr³⁺]

Cell voltage ____ creases

ii) The [Fe²⁺] ions is **increased**.

Cell voltage ____ creases

iii) A solution is added to precipitate the Fe²⁺ ions

The [Fe²⁺] will ____ crease & cell voltage will ____ crease

iv) Cr³⁺ ions are removed by precipitation. Voltage ____ creases

v) The surface area of the Fe electrode is increased

Voltage _____

vi) The salt bridge is removed. Voltage _____