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Exercice N°1:

The decomposition by heat, at constant volume, of dinitrogen pentoxide into gas is carried out following the reaction: $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2(\text{g}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2(\text{g})$

We see that the time t_1 after which half of the initial N_2O_5 has disappeared is independent of the initial pressure.

Knowing that the reaction is of order 1.

1. What is the unit of k ?
2. Express v as a function of $d[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]/dt$ from $d[\text{NO}_2]/dt$ and $d[\text{O}_2]/dt$.
3. What is the differential equation linking k , $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$ and $d[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]/dt$.
4. Deduce from the previous question a relationship linking $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$, k , t and $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_0$.
5. Express $t_{1/2}$ as a function of k . does the half-reaction time $t_{1/2}$ depend on $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_0$?

Exercice N°2:

We consider the reaction: $\text{HbO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Hb} + \text{O}_2$ translating the formation of oxyhemoglobin into hemoglobin. We see that after 9.103 seconds 30% of the oxyhemoglobin (HbO_2) has disappeared. Knowing that the reaction is of order 1.

1. Determine its speed constant k by justifying the equation used to calculate it and specifying its unit.
2. Determine the half-reaction time.