

The Arrhenius equation is written as

$$k = Ae^{-Ea/RT} \quad (\text{xvi})$$

$$\ln k = \ln A - \frac{Ea}{RT} \quad (\text{xvii})$$

A plot of $\ln k$ versus $1/T$ will give a straight line with slope equal to $-\frac{Ea}{RT}$ and intercept on y axis as $\ln A$.

At two different temperatures T_1 and T_2 , a reaction has rate constants k_1 and k_2

$$\ln k_1 = \ln A - \frac{Ea}{RT_1} \quad (\text{xviii})$$

$$\ln k_2 = \ln A - \frac{Ea}{RT_2} \quad (\text{xix})$$

$$\ln \frac{k_1}{k_2} = \frac{Ea}{RT} \left(\frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right) \quad (\text{xx})$$

The frequency factor A is nearly constant as the temperature is varied. A is related to the probability the frequency of collisions and the probability that the collisions are favourably oriented for reaction.

Reference Texts

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