



Sequence 5: chemical kinetics



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- Fiche 5 : cinétique chimique



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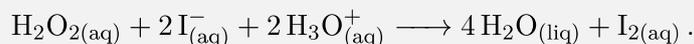
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ACTIVITY 1: Following a reaction using Python

Objective: analyzing a lab experiment in order to acquire vocabulary and determine a half-life

DOCUMENT 1: The reaction

In this activity we study the titration of a hydrogen peroxide solution using iodine ions at pH<7. The iodine ions are in large excess compared to hydrogen peroxide. Hydronium ions, H_3O^+ , are also in large excess.



DOCUMENT 2: The concentrations

Here are the concentrations obtained over time:

t (min)	$[\text{I}_2]$ ($\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$)	$[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$ ($\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$)
0	0,0	$9,5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
1	$2,3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$7,1 \cdot 10^{-3}$
2	$4,1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5,4 \cdot 10^{-3}$
3	$5,5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4,0 \cdot 10^{-3}$
4	$6,7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2,8 \cdot 10^{-3}$
5	$7,6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1,9 \cdot 10^{-3}$
6	$8,3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1,2 \cdot 10^{-3}$
7	$8,7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$7,6 \cdot 10^{-4}$
8	$9,1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4,3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
9	$9,2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2,9 \cdot 10^{-4}$
10	$9,3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2,0 \cdot 10^{-4}$
11	$9,4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1,0 \cdot 10^{-4}$
12	$9,45 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$5,0 \cdot 10^{-5}$
13	$9,5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2,0 \cdot 10^{-5}$

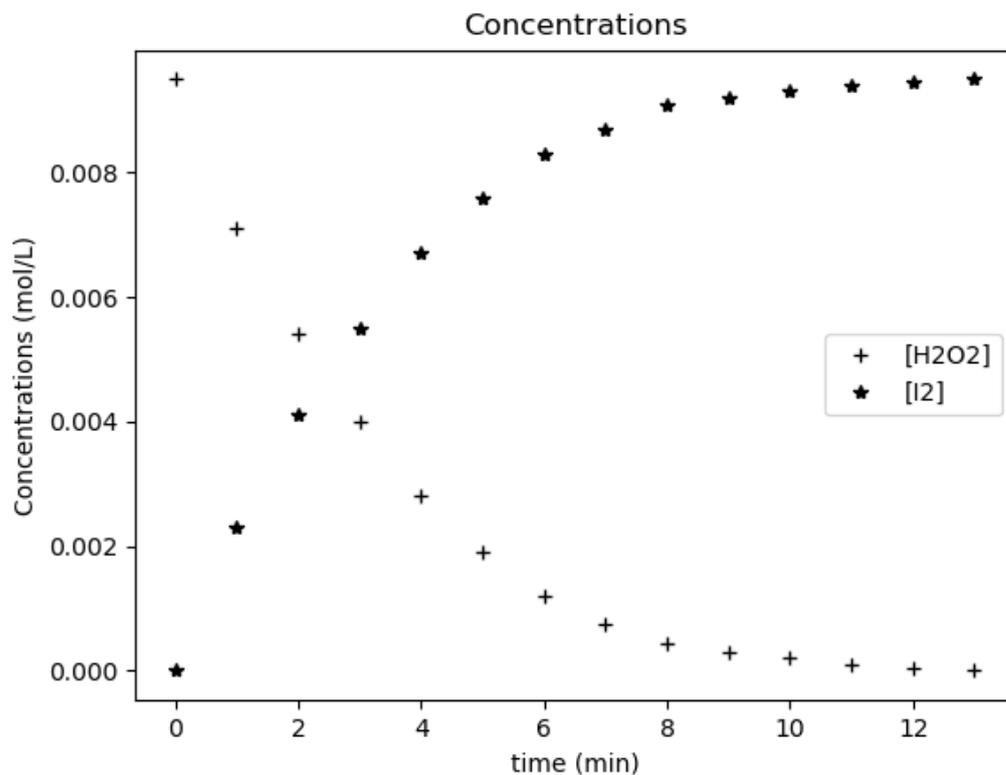


DOCUMENT 3: The results

One can plot these results using Python:

```
t = [i for i in range(14)]#min
I2 =
[0,2.3E-3,4.1E-3,5.5E-3,6.7E-3,7.6E-3,8.3E-3,8.7E-3,9.1E-3,9.2E-3,9
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E-4,2.0E-4,1.0E-4,5.0E-5,2.0E-5]
```

```
plt.figure(1)
plt.plot(t,H2O2,'k+',label="[H2O2]")
plt.plot(t,I2,'k*',label="[I2]")
plt.title ("Concentrations")
plt.xlabel("time (min)")
plt.ylabel("Concentrations (mol/L)")
plt.legend()
plt.savefig("Concentrations")
plt.show()
```



**DOCUMENT 4: First order kinetics half-life**

In first order reactions, the concentration of the reactant will decrease exponentially

$$[A] = [A]_0 \exp(-kt)$$

as time progresses until it reaches zero, and the half-life will be constant, independent of concentration.

The time $t_{1/2}$ for [A] to decrease from $[A]_0$ to $\frac{1}{2}[A]_0$ in a first-order reaction is given by the following equation:

$$[A]_0/2 = [A]_0 \exp(-kt_{1/2})$$

It can be solved for

$$kt_{1/2} = -\ln\left(\frac{[A]_0/2}{[A]_0}\right) = -\ln\frac{1}{2} = \ln 2$$

For a first-order reaction, the half-life of a reactant is independent of its initial concentration. Therefore, if the concentration of A at some arbitrary stage of the reaction is [A], then it will have fallen to $\frac{1}{2}[A]$ after a further interval of $(\ln 2)/k$. Hence, the half-life of a first order reaction is given as the following:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$

The half-life of a first order reaction is independent of its initial concentration and depends solely on the reaction rate constant, k .

Source: wikipedia

■ Analyzing and acquiring vocabulary:

In your opinion and using document 3, which is the reactant, which is the product?

Are your answers on accordance with document 1?

Using document 4, give an estimation of the reaction half-life:

ACTIVITY 2: Obtaining an integrated rate law

Objective: to obtain an integrated rate law

DOCUMENT 1: A integrated rate law

The integrated rate law for a first-order reaction is:

$$\ln [A] = -kt + \ln [A]_0,$$

Where $[A]_0$ is the initial concentration at zero time and [A] is the concentration of A at time t. The first-order rate law is confirmed if $\ln[A]$ is in fact a linear function of time. In this case the rate constant k is equal to the slope with sign reversed.

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ACTIVITY 3: Determining a reaction order

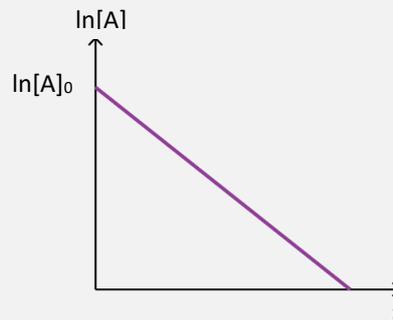
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DOCUMENT 1: Using the integrated rate law

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Source: wikipedia, collection SPCL PCM terminale

DOCUMENT 2: searching for the reaction order using Python

We decide to test the validity of a first order reaction using Python, therefore we type:

```
from os import chdir
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #

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H2O2 =
np.array([9.5E-3,7.1E-3,5.4E-3,4.0E-3,2.8E-3,1.9E-3,1.2E-3,7.6E-4,4
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lnH2O2 = np.log(H2O2/H2O2[0])

#model
k,b = np.polyfit(t,lnH2O2,1)
lnH2O2_mod = [k*tps+b for tps in t]

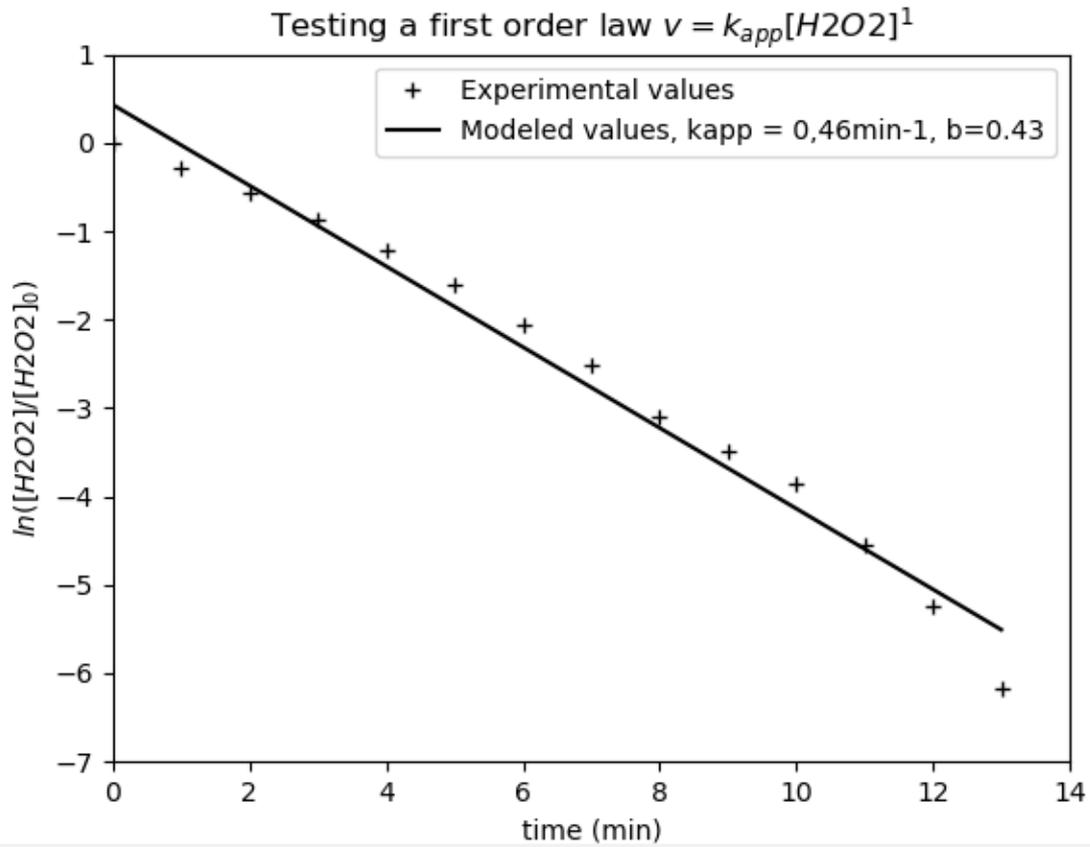
plt.figure(2)
plt.plot(t,lnH2O2,'k+',label='Experimental values')
plt.plot(t,lnH2O2_mod,'k-',label='Modeled values, kapp = 0,46min-1,
b=0.43')

plt.title ("Testing a first order law $v = k_{app}[H2O2]^1$")
plt.xlabel("time (min)")
plt.ylabel("$\ln([H2O2]/[H2O2]_0)$")
plt.xlim(0,14)
plt.ylim(-7,1)
plt.legend()
plt.savefig("Kinetics-order1")
plt.show()
```



DOCUMENT 3: results

The previous code gives:



■ **Analyzing:**

Using all documents, document 3 in particular, explain whether a first order was a good hypothesis.

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■ Analyzing:

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Activity summary

What you must remember:

- **rate law**
- **half-life**
- **integrated rate law**

Skills linked to the curriculum:

Compétences	Capacités à maîtriser	Où dans cette séquence ?
APP	Utiliser du vocabulaire spécifique	Activités 1, 2 et 3
	Lire et comprendre des documents scientifiques	Activités 1, 2 et 3
ANA	Mettre en lien des documents pour émettre des hypothèses en réponse à une question scientifique	Activités 1 et 3
COM	S'exprimer à l'écrit en utilisant le vocabulaire adapté	Activités 1, 2 et 3
REA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Etablir la loi d'évolution de la concentration d'une espèce en fonction du temps pour une réaction d'ordre 0 ou d'ordre 1.• Déterminer l'ordre d'une réaction et la constante de vitesse en exploitant des données issues d'un suivi cinétique.• Déterminer le temps de demi-réaction.• Capacités numériques : exploiter un suivi cinétique pour déterminer l'ordre de réaction.	Activité 2
		Activité 3
		Activités 1 et 3
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