

Homework 13 Kinetics

From the Oxyby text:

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A couple of others to play with:

1. A clay pot is found at an archeological dig. Using mass spectrometry and a piece of straw found in the clay, the ^{14}C concentration is found to be 0.233% of the base amount expected at the time the straw was added to the clay.
 - a) How old is the pot?
 - b) If the uncertainty of the quantitative data found in the mass spectral data were + .0023%, what is an estimate of uncertainty in the age you calculated?
2. Below is the concentration data for a reactant species in a particular reaction as the reaction proceeds.

t (s)	conc (M)
0	1.34E-03
0.4	7.18E-04
0.8	3.85E-04
1.2	2.06E-04
1.6	1.10E-04
2	5.92E-05
2.4	3.17E-05

- a) Estimate the initial rate of reaction from the data.
- b) Is this value constant as the reaction proceeds, i.e., at different times?
- c) What is the order of the reaction?
- d) What would you plot versus time to obtain a linear relationship?
- e) What is the rate constant?
- f) What is the true initial rate of reaction at $t = 0$?