

Unit 6: Redox Reactions and Electrochemistry

Practice Set 4: Electrochemical Cells

For questions 1 to 3, two half-cells are connected under standard conditions to make an electrochemical cell. For each:

- write the equation for each half-reaction that will occur
- label each half-reaction as oxidation or reduction
- calculate the voltage of the electrochemical cell
- the net overall **balanced** redox equation.
- diagram the cell, clearly indicating the following
 - the electrodes in appropriate electrolytic solutions
 - label each electrode as anode or cathode
 - label each electrode as positive post or negative post
 - diagram the flow of electrons through the external circuit
 - a salt bridge with appropriate electrolytic solution
 - flow of ions from the salt bridge to the two half-cells

STANDARD REDUCTION POTENTIALS FOR HALF-REACTIONS

Ionic concentrations are a 1 M in water at 25°C

Half-reaction	E° (Volts)
$\text{Au}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Au}_{(\text{s})}$	+1.50
$\text{Cu}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}_{(\text{s})}$	+0.52
$\text{Pb}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Pb}_{(\text{s})}$	-0.13
$\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}_{(\text{s})}$	-0.44
$\text{Cr}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cr}_{(\text{s})}$	-0.74
$\text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Al}_{(\text{s})}$	-1.66
$\text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Mg}_{(\text{s})}$	-2.37
$\text{Rb}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Rb}_{(\text{s})}$	-2.98

- iron-iron(II) ion ($\text{Fe}|\text{Fe}^{2+}$) and lead-lead(II) ion ($\text{Pb}|\text{Pb}^{2+}$)
- chromium-chromium(III) ion ($\text{Cr}|\text{Cr}^{3+}$) and rubidium-rubidium ion ($\text{Rb}|\text{Rb}^+$)
- copper-copper(I) ion ($\text{Cu}|\text{Cu}^+$) and aluminum-aluminum ion ($\text{Al}|\text{Al}^{3+}$)

- An electrochemical cell is created using gold and magnesium half-cells. Determine which half-cell will undergo oxidation and which will undergo reduction, identify anode and cathode, and calculate the voltage for the cell. You do not need to diagram the cell.
- If the mass of the magnesium electrode changes by 5.0 g, what will be the change in mass of the gold electrode, and will its mass increase or decrease?