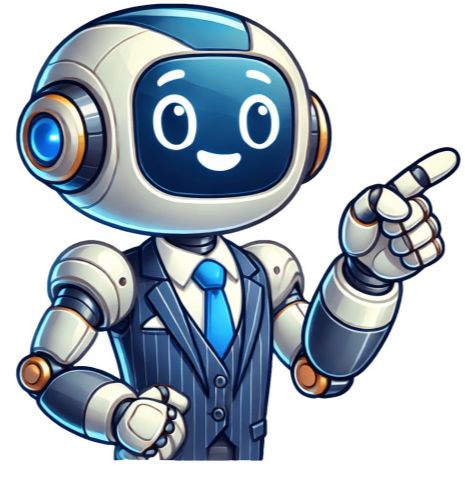


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## Ice chart chemistry

Definition: ICE Tables (Initial, Change, Equilibrium) are a systematic method to track the concentrations of reactants and products in a chemical reaction at different stages - initial, change, and equilibrium.Purpose: ICE Tables simplify the process of solving for unknowns in equilibrium problems, especially in acid-base reactions, solubility equilibria, and other reversible reactions.Initial Concentrations: The concentrations of reactants and products at the start, before the reaction reaches equilibrium.Change in Concentrations: The increase or decrease in concentrations of reactants and products as the reaction proceeds towards equilibrium.Equilibrium Concentrations: The final concentrations of reactants and products when the reaction is at equilibrium.Write the Balanced Equation: Ensure the chemical equation for the reaction is balanced.Determine Initial Concentrations: List the initial molar concentrations or partial pressures of reactants and products.Identify Changes: Represent the changes in concentration as variables (e.g., -x for reactants, +x for products).Apply the Equilibrium Constant: Use the expression for K (equilibrium constant) to relate the changes in concentration.Solve for the Unknowns: Calculate the unknown variable (often x) and find the equilibrium concentrations. Practice problems with step-by-step solution available for CHEMDUNN subscribers. Subscribe for full access to all content. Start with a 7 day free trial. LABORATORY None to List DEMONSTRATION None to List ACTIVITIES None to List SIMULATIONS None to List CHEMDUNN 2024 Privacy Policy | Terms & Conditions In this tutorial, we will learn about the ICE table for chemistry: a method of completing calculations in equilibrium reactions, either to find the concentrations of reactants and products, or to find the value of the equilibrium constant. In order to use an ICE table correctly, you need to know how to calculate the equilibrium constant, which is a measure of the extent of the reaction, whether the position of equilibrium favors the reactants or products. For a reaction, then we calculate the equilibrium constant using the equation:  $K = \frac{[\text{products}]}{[\text{reactants}]}$ . Le Chatelier's principle states that if a system in a state of dynamic equilibrium is disturbed by a change to its conditions, then the position of equilibrium will shift to counteract the change. For example, if more of one reactant is added to the reaction, then the position of equilibrium will shift towards the products. ICE stands for Initial, Change, Equilibrium. An ICE table is a tool used to calculate the changing concentrations of reactants and products in (dynamic) equilibrium reactions. This method first lists the concentrations of both reactants and products, before any changes occur. This is the initial stage. Then, the change is listed, in the form of addition or subtraction of a specific concentration. Alternately, the addition or subtraction of an unknown amount is listed (in the form of + or - M), and the value of is solved for. Finally, the equilibrium concentration is listed, which is the initial concentration after it has undergone the change described. If the described change is unspecified, then the equilibrium concentration is listed in terms of x, and the equilibrium constant is used to solve for the variable. If the described change is specific, then the equilibrium concentration is listed as a concrete number, and it is used to solve for the equilibrium constant. We will explore both examples below. Le Chatelier's principle is especially relevant to ICE tables because the change in the ICE table represents the shift in the position of equilibrium: that means that if the change shows an increase in concentration of reactants, then there will be a subsequent decrease in the concentration of products. Vice versa as well: if the change shows a decrease in concentration of reactants, then there will be a subsequent increase in the concentration of products. This subsequent increase/decrease shows the position of equilibrium shifting to counteract the change to the reactants. Additionally, Le Chatelier's principle is relevant because the coefficient of the reactant or product affects the change to its concentration. For example, if a reactant has a coefficient of 1, then it changes by x, but if a reactant has a coefficient of 2 or more, then it changes by 2x. InitialChangeEquilibrium Now, we solve for x. Now, we recalculate the equilibrium concentrations in the ICE table, using the newly found value. InitialChangeEquilibrium NOTE: these are purely theoretical examples, neither the concentrations nor values are taken from real-life applications Problem 1 Nitrogen monoxide forms through the following reaction:  $\text{N}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons 2\text{NO}$  With initial concentrations and, what is the equilibrium concentration of nitrogen monoxide? Assume small x. Problem 2 Consider the following reaction and initial concentrations:  $\text{H}_2 + \text{I}_2 \rightleftharpoons 2\text{HI}$  At equilibrium, A has the following concentration: What is the equilibrium concentration? 1: 2: Balancing chemical reactions Carbocation stability Formal charge We saw, in the previous post, how the reaction quotient is used to predict the direction of a reaction before an equilibrium is reached. To do so, we plug the values of initial concentrations in the expression of the equilibrium constant and, depending on how the values of the quotient and equilibrium constant relate, we predict the direction of the reaction. Remember, if  $Q < K$  Reaction tends to form more products.  $Q > K$  Reaction tends to form more reactants.  $Q = K$  Reaction is already at equilibrium. Also, if any reactant or product is missing in the initial mixture, the reaction will shift in the direction forming some of that component. So, let's see how the reaction quotient is used to determine the equilibrium concentrations. For example, let's consider the decomposition reaction of  $\text{POCl}_3$  to  $\text{POCl}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$  gases.  $\text{POCl}_3(\text{g}) = \text{POCl}(\text{g}) + \text{Cl}_2(\text{g})$   $K_c = 0.650$  If the following amounts of reactants and products were mixed, what will the equilibrium concentration of all components be?  $[\text{POCl}_3] = 0.650 \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{POCl}] = 0.450 \text{ M}$ , and  $[\text{Cl}_2] = 0.250 \text{ M}$  Solution These are the initial concentrations of the components and, most likely, they are different than what we'll have at equilibrium. They would be equal to equilibrium concentrations if  $Q = K$  and this is what we need to find out. So, the first step is to determine the reaction quotient and thus the direction of the reaction.  $Q_c = \frac{[\text{POCl}][\text{Cl}_2]}{[\text{POCl}_3]}$  Because  $Q_c = 0.173 < K_c = 0.650$

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