Measuring Reaction Rates and Stoichiometry

Example One

Consider the decomposition of hydrogen iodide as shown below.

 $2 \ HI \ (g) \ \rightarrow H_2 \ (g) + I_2 \ (g)$

Suppose that HI was decreasing at a rate of 12 M/s. What is the rate at which H_2 and I_2 are produced? What is the reaction rate?

Example Two

The chemical N_2O_5 decomposes according to the following equation:

$2 N_2O_5(g) \rightarrow 4 NO_2(g) + O_2(g)$

If at a particular instant N_2O_5 is decomposing at a rate of 6.0 × 10^{-6} M/s, what is the rate of production of (a) NO_2 , (b) O_2 ?

Example Three

Ethylene combusts according to the equation shown below

$$C_2H_4(g) + 3 O_2(g) \rightarrow 2 CO_2(g) + 2 H_2O(g)$$

If the concentration of C_2H_4 is decreasing at a rate of 0.036 M/s, what are the rates of change in concentrations of CO_2 and H_2O ?