

Chemical Kinetics and Stability

Introduction

Basic requirements of pharmaceutical products

- **Efficacy**: Optimum therapeutic level for specified period of time.
- **Safety**: Minimum or no side effects.
- **Stability**: The products should retain their properties during storage.

Physical **Chemical**



This should guarantee the efficacy and safety

The purpose of stability testing is:

- to **provide evidence on how the quality of a drug substance or drug product varies with time** under the influence of a variety of environmental factors, such as temperature, humidity, and light,
- and to establish a **shelf life** for the drug product and **recommended storage conditions.**

Chemical reaction rate

The study of rate of chemical degradation in which the rate is influenced by solvent, pressure, and temperature of the product and reactants

Reaction order are generally classified into :

- Zero order reaction
- First order reaction
- Second order reaction
- Third order reaction
- Pseudo first order reaction

Rates, Order, and Molecularity of Reactions

- The rate, velocity, or speed of a drug degradation reaction is given by the expression dc/dt ,
- where dc is the increase or decrease of concentration over an infinitesimal time interval dt .

Zero 1st 2nd



- The order of the reaction is the manner by which the concentration affects the rate of the reaction.

Rate Constants, Half-Life, Shelf Life, and Apparent or Pseudo-order

- Specific **Rate Constant**:
- The Rate constant, k ,
- Any change in the conditions of the reaction, for example, in temperature or solvent, or a slight change in one of the reacting species, **will lead to a rate law having a different value for the specific rate constant.**

- The *half-life* is the time required for one-half of the material to disappear; it is the time at which A (*amount of the drug*) has decreased to $\frac{1}{2} A_0$. ← initial concentration
- The *shelf life* is the time required for 10% of the material to disappear; it is the time at which A has decreased to 90% of its original concentration (i.e., $0.9 A_0$).

Units of the Basic Rate Constants

for a zero-order reaction:

$$k = \frac{\text{moles}}{\text{liter second}} = \text{moles liter}^{-1} \text{ second}^{-1}$$

for a first-order reaction,

$$k = \frac{1}{\text{second}} = \text{second}^{-1}$$

for a second-order reaction

$$k = \frac{\text{liter}}{\text{moles-second}} = \text{liter second}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1}$$

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zero-order reaction

In this type of reaction the rate of the reaction is independent of the concentration of reactants, the rate of reaction expressed by :

$$dc/dt = K_0 \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Rate of reaction is constant}$$

$$A_t = A_0 - k_0 t$$

$$t^{1/2} = C^0 / 2 k_0$$

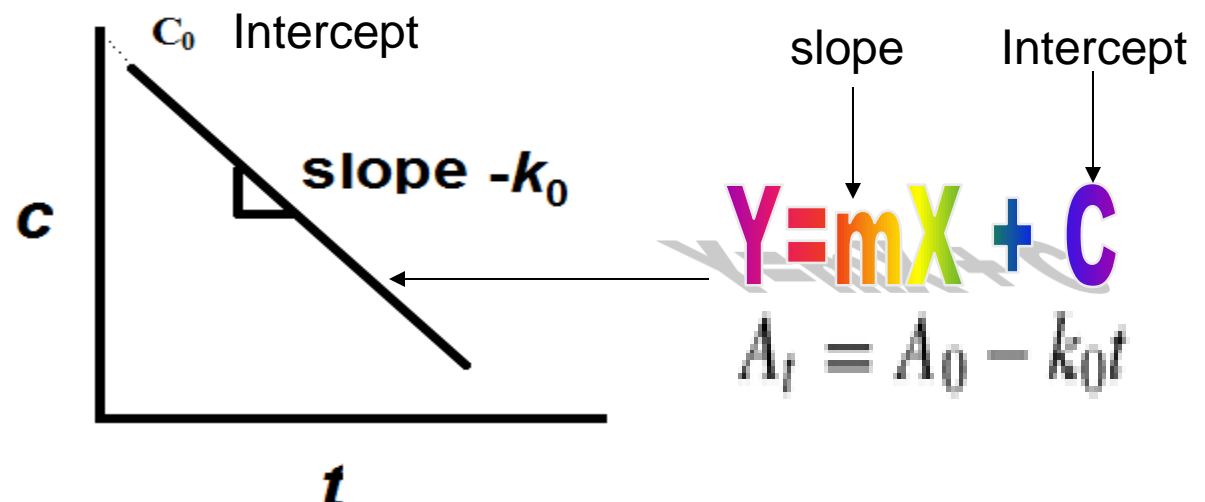
$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} A_0}{k_0}$$

- A_t or c_t = remaining **concentration of reactants**
- k = **constant reaction rate**
- t = **time**
- A^0 or C^0 = **initial concentration of reactants**
- $t^{1/2}$ = **half life**

• **Example :**

Most of **photochemical degradations** are classified as zero order kinetic

- The initial concentration corresponding to A_0 is ordinarily written as a and the concentration remaining at time t as c .
- When this linear equation is plotted with **C** on the vertical axis against **t** on the horizontal axis, the slope of the line is equal to $-k_0$.



zero-order reaction

- Because the *half-life* is the time required for one-half of *the material to disappear*, then:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}A_0}{k_0} \longrightarrow t_{1/2} = A_0 / 2K_0$$

- The shelf life is $(0.1A^\circ ./ K^\circ)$.

- Example:
- A prescription for a liquid aspirin preparation is called for. It is to contain 325 mg/5 mL or 6.5 g/100 mL. Determine the shelf life a liquid aspirin preparation, assuming that the at 25°C

$$k_0 = 1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g/100 mL sec}^{-1}$$

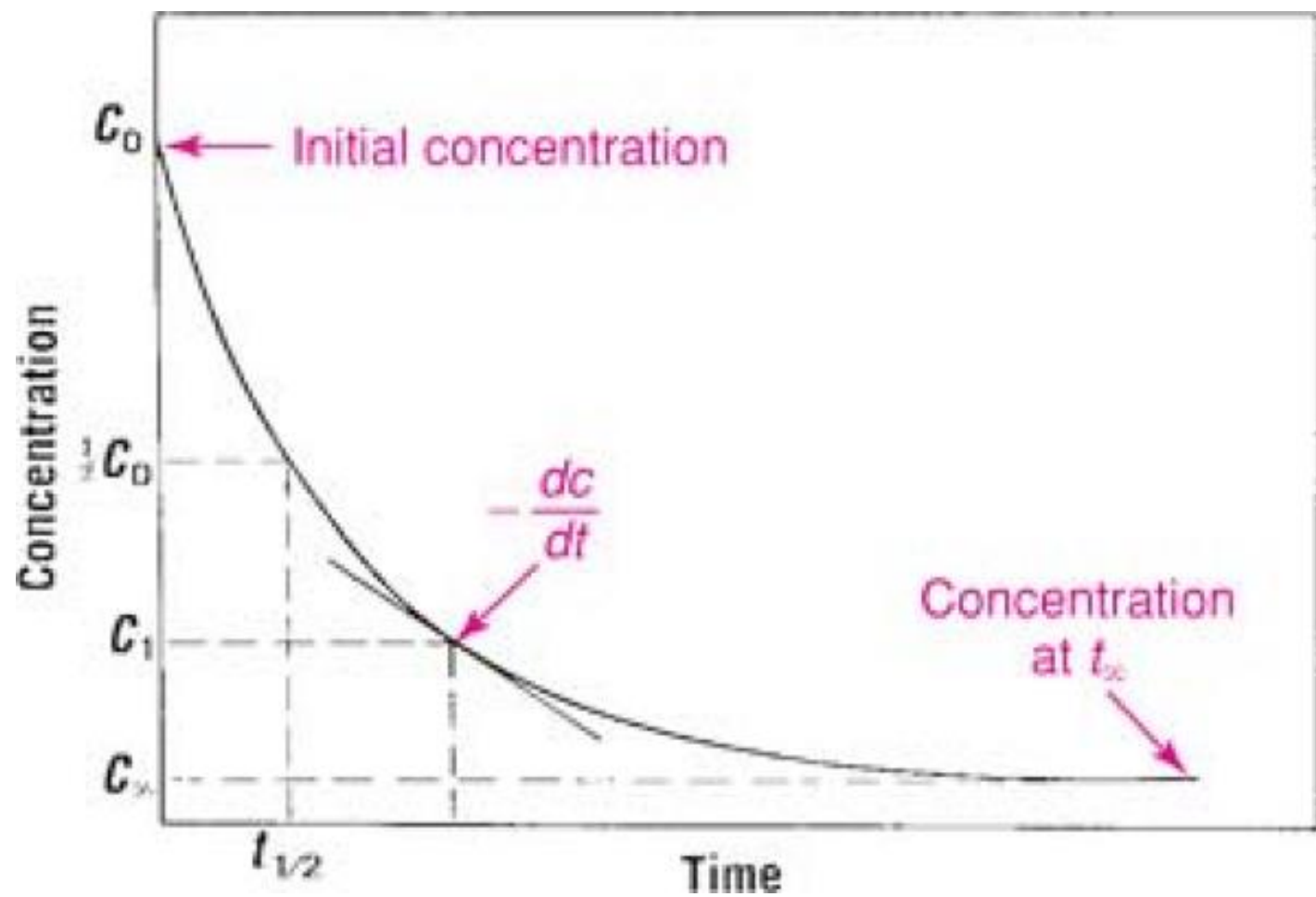
zero-order reaction

$$\begin{aligned} t_{90} &= \frac{0.10[A]_0}{k_0} = \frac{(0.10)(6.5 \text{ g/100 mL})}{(1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g/100 mL sec}^{-1})} \\ &= 4.3 \times 10^5 \text{ sec} = 5.0 \text{ days} \end{aligned}$$

first-order reaction

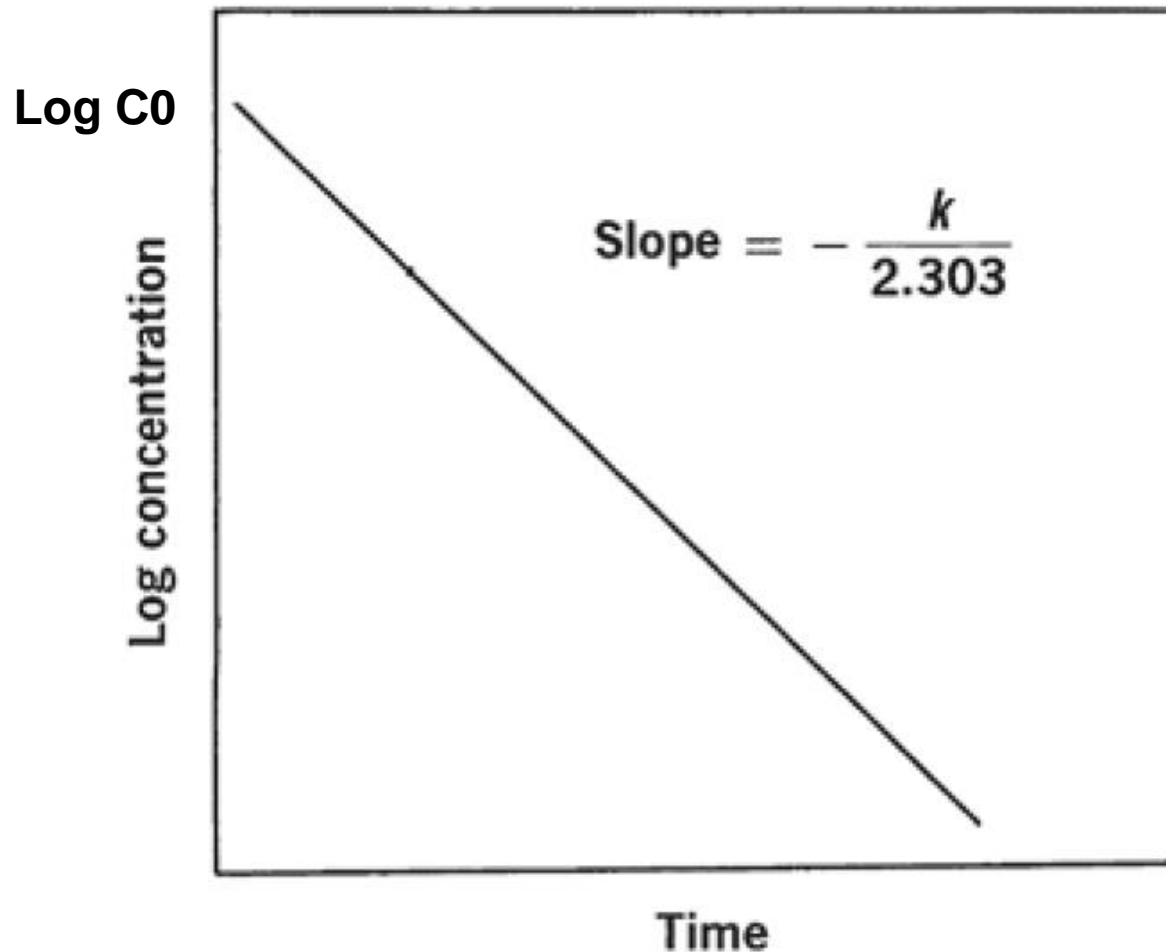
- When the rate of the reaction is proportional to the first power of concentration of the reactant
- $\text{Log } C_t = \text{Log } C_0 - Kt / 2.303$
- $K = 2.303/t \times \text{Log } C_0 / C_t$
- $t^{1/2} = 0.693 / K$
- C_t = concentration remaining at time t
- C_0 = initial concentration
- K = reaction rate constant
- $t^{1/2}$ = half life

- to obtain an average k for the reaction is to plot the logarithm of the concentration against the time.
- The linear expression in equation (14-13) shows that the slope of the line is $-k/2.303$, from which the rate constant is obtained.
- If a straight line is obtained, it indicates that the reaction is first order.



$$\text{Log } C_t = \text{Log } C_0 - \frac{Kt}{2.303}$$

$$Y = mX + C$$



Example:

- A solution of a drug contained 500 units/mL when prepared. It was analyzed after 40 days and was found to contain 300 units/mL.
- **Assuming the decomposition is first order, at what time will the drug have decomposed to one-half of its original concentration?**

- **$K = 2.203/t \times \text{Log } C_0 / C_t$**

- **$K = 2.203/ 40 \text{ day} \times \text{Log } 500 / 300$**
 $= 0.013 \text{ day}^{-1}$

- **$t^{1/2} = 0.693 / K$**
 $= 0.693/ 0.013 \text{ day}^{-1}$
 $= 54.2 \text{ day}$

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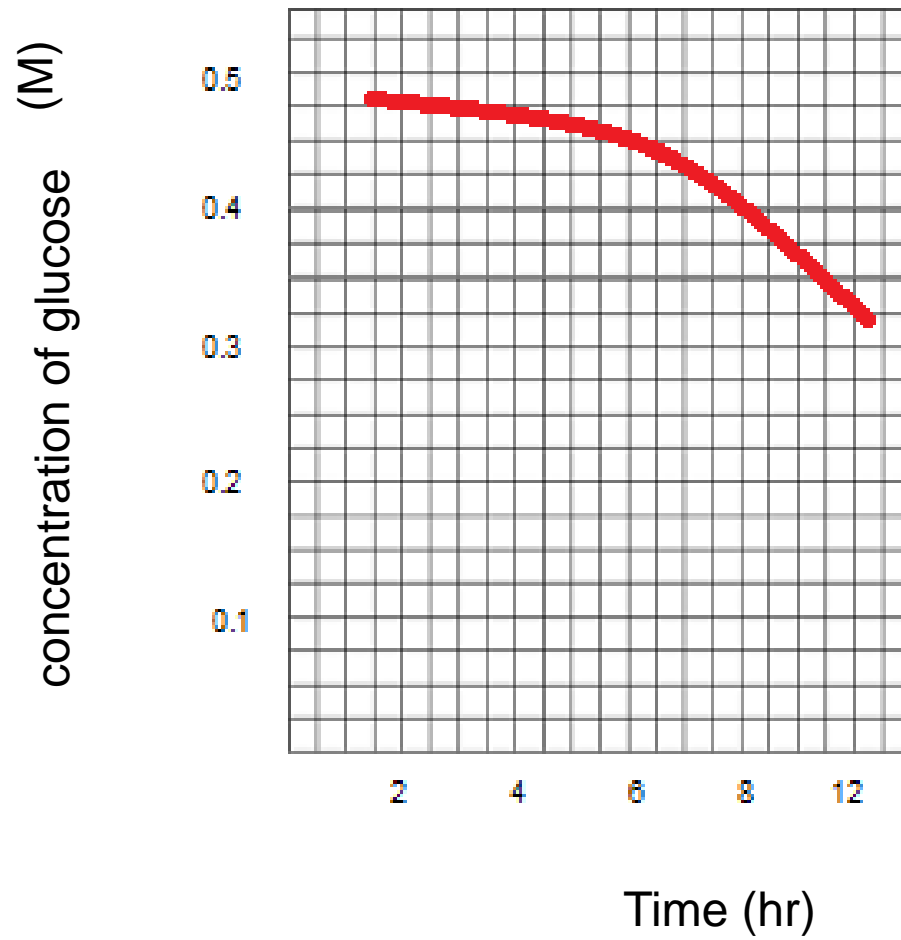
- **$K = 2.203/ 57600 \text{ sec} \times \text{Log } 500 / 300$**
 $= 1.48 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec}^{-1}$

- **$t^{1/2} = 0.693 / K$**
 $= 0.693/ 1.48 \times 10^{-7} \text{ sec}^{-1}$
 $= 468 \times 10^4 \text{ sec}$
 $= 54.2 \text{ day}$

Example:

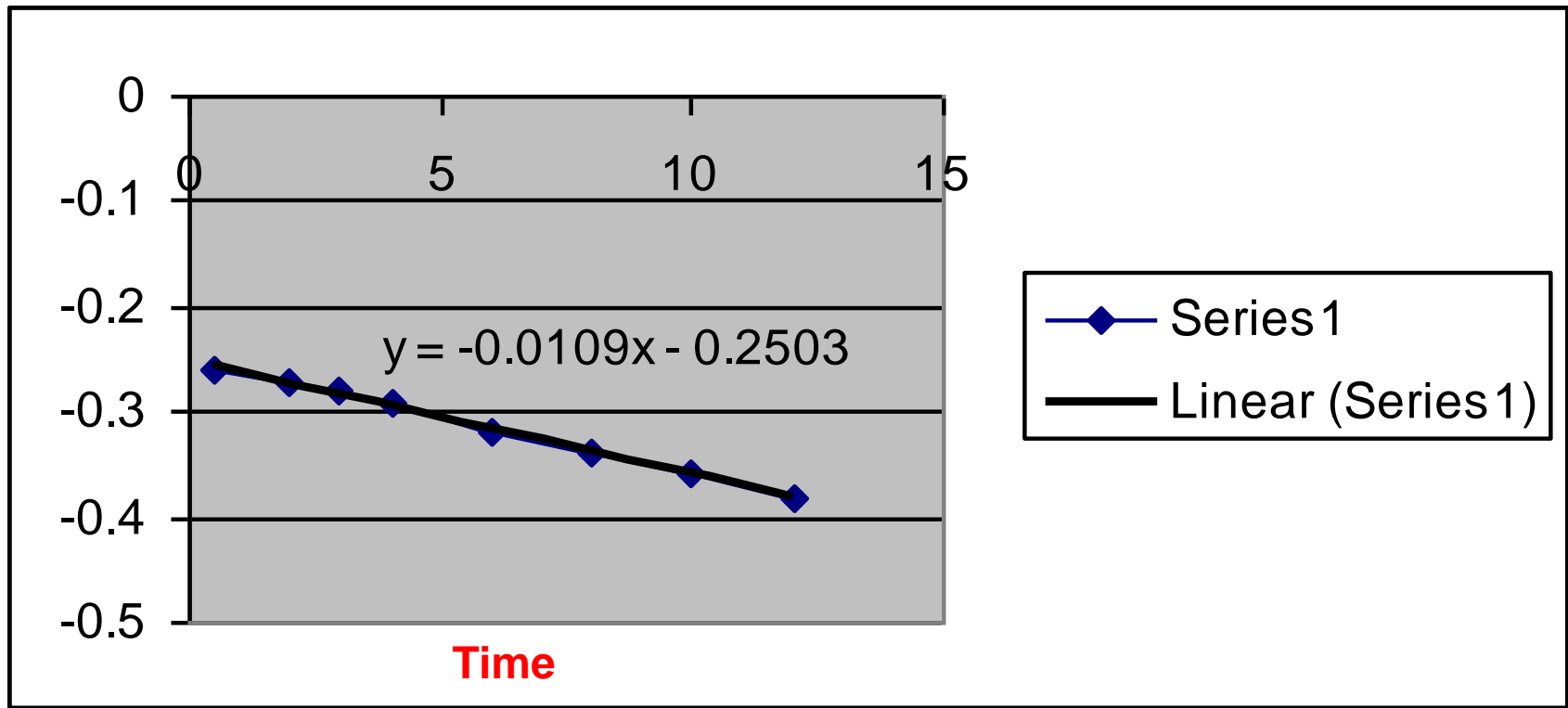
- The time and amount of decomposition of glucose at $40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in an aqueous solution of 0.35 N HCl was found to be: (Table)
- What is the order, half life, reaction rate constant, initial concentration of glucose
- What is the remaining concentration after 16 hours.
- How long does it take for decomposition of 0.4 M of glucose.

Time (hr)	Glucose, remaining (M)
0.5	0.552
2	0.531
3	0.518
4	0.502
6	0.478
8	0.452
10	0.431
12	0.411



Time (hr)	Glucose, remaining (M)	Log C
0.5	0.552	-0.26
2	0.531	-0.27
3	0.518	-0.28
4	0.502	-0.29
6	0.478	-0.32
8	0.452	-0.34
10	0.431	-0.36
12	0.411	-0.38

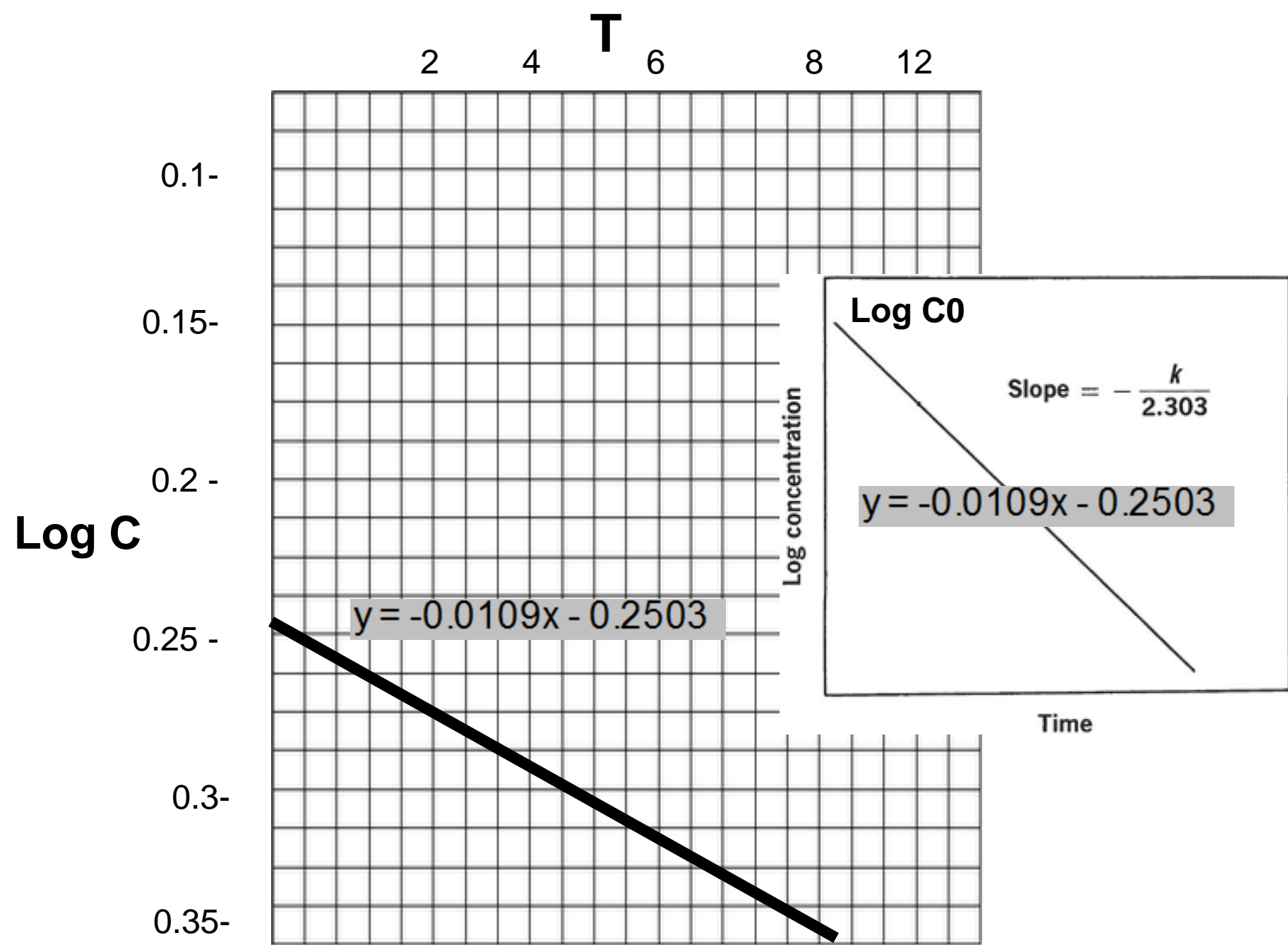
Log C



$y = -0.0109x - 0.2503$

slope

intercept



- the order **First order**
- reaction rate constant = slope $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = -0.01$



$$K = -(-0.01 \times 2.303) = 0.023 \text{ hr}^{-1}$$

- initial concentration of glucose = anti log -0.25
= 0.562 M

- half life $t_{1/2} = 0.693 / K = 30.1 \text{ hr}$

- What is the remaining concentration after 16 hours.

$$\log c_t = \log 0.562 - 0.023 \times 16 / 2.303 = -0.41$$

$$c_t = 0.389 \text{ M} \longleftarrow \text{remaining concentration after 16 hours}$$

- How long does it take for decomposition of 0.4 M of glucose.

$$\log 0.4 = \log 0.562 - 0.023 \times t / 2.303$$

$$t = 14.8 \text{ hr}$$

Home work

- 1) The half-life of Zn-71 is 2.4 minutes. If one had 100.0 g at the beginning, how many grams would be left after 7.2 minutes has elapsed?
Answer 12.5
- 2) A solution of a drug contained 500 units/mL when prepared. It was analyzed after 40 days and was found to contain 300 units/mL.
Assuming the decomposition is first order, at **what time will the drug have decomposed to one-half of its original concentration?**
Answer 54.25 day
- 3) A solution of a drug contained 100 mg when prepared. How much of the drug will remain after 2 days if the **drug have decomposed to one-half of its original concentration within 10 days** ? Assuming the decomposition is **zero order**Answer 90 mol/L
- 4) How long will it take for a 40.0 gram sample of I-131 (half-life = 8.040 days) to decay to 1/100 its original mass?Answer 53.5 days

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- $K = 0.29 \text{ minutes}^{-1}$
- $\text{Log } C_t = \text{Log } C_0 - Kt / 2.303$
- $\text{Log } C_t = \text{Log } 100 - 0.29 \times 7.2 / 2.303 = 1.06$
- $C_t = 12.5 \text{ g}$

- 2) A solution of a drug contained 500 units/mL when prepared. It was analyzed after 40 days and was found to contain 300 units/mL.
- Assuming the decomposition is first order, at **what time will the drug have decomposed to one-half of its original concentration?**
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- **$\text{Log } C_t = \text{Log } C_0 - Kt / 2.303$**
- **$\text{Log } 300 = \text{Log } 500 - K \times 40 \text{ days} / 2.303$**
- **$2.477 = 2.699 - K \times 17.4$**
- **$K = 0.013 \text{ Sec}^{-1}$**
- **$t_{1/2} = 0.693 / K = 0.693 / 0.011 = \underline{54.25 \text{ day}}$**

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C_0

$t_{1/2}$

- $t_{1/2} = C_0 / 2 K^\circ$
- 10 days = 100 mg / 2 K°
- $K^\circ = 100 / 2 \times 10 = 5$ mole /L.day
- $C_t = C^\circ - t K^\circ$
- $C_t = 100 \text{ mg} - 2 \text{ days} \times 5 = 90 \text{ mole /L}$

- 4) How long will it take for a 40.0 gram sample of I-131 (half-life = 8.040 days) to decay to 1/100 its original mass?
- $t_{1/2} = 0.693 / k$
- $K = 0.0862 \text{ day}^{-1}$
- **$\text{Log } C_t = \text{Log } C_0 - Kt / 2.303$**
- **$\text{Log } 0.4 = \log 40 - 0.086 t / 2.303$**
- **$t = 53.5 \text{ days}$**

The effect of various factors on drug degradation :

- A number of factors other than concentration may affect the Chemical reaction velocity:
- temperature,
- solvents,
- catalysts,
- light.

Temperature Effects

Collision Theory

- Reaction rates are expected to be proportional to the number of collisions per unit time.
- Because the number of collisions increases as the temperature increases, the **reaction rate is expected to increase with increasing temperature.**
- The application of heat normally increases the rate of chemical reaction . every 10°C increase in temperature normally increase the rate of reaction 2 to 3 times .

The activation energy

- As a reaction proceeds from reactants to products, the system must pass through a state whose energy is greater than that of the initial reactants.
- This “barrier” is what prevents the reactants from immediately becoming products.
- The activation energy, E_a , is a measure of this barrier.

- The effect of temperature on reaction rate is given by the Arrhenius equation:

$$k = Ae^{-E_a/RT} \quad (14-72)$$

$$\log k = \log A - \frac{E_a}{2.303} \frac{1}{RT} \quad (14-73)$$

$K =$ is the specific reaction rate,

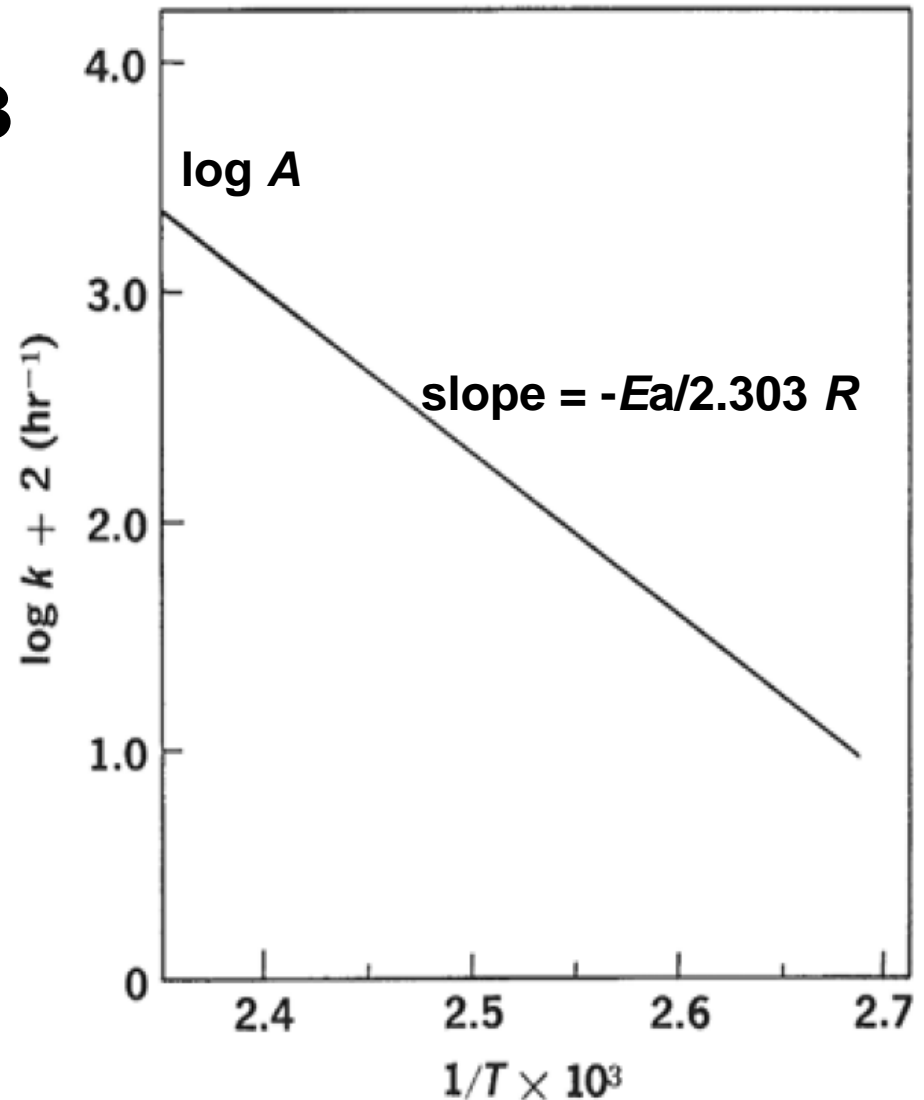
$A =$ is a constant known as the *Arrhenius factor* or the *frequency factor*,

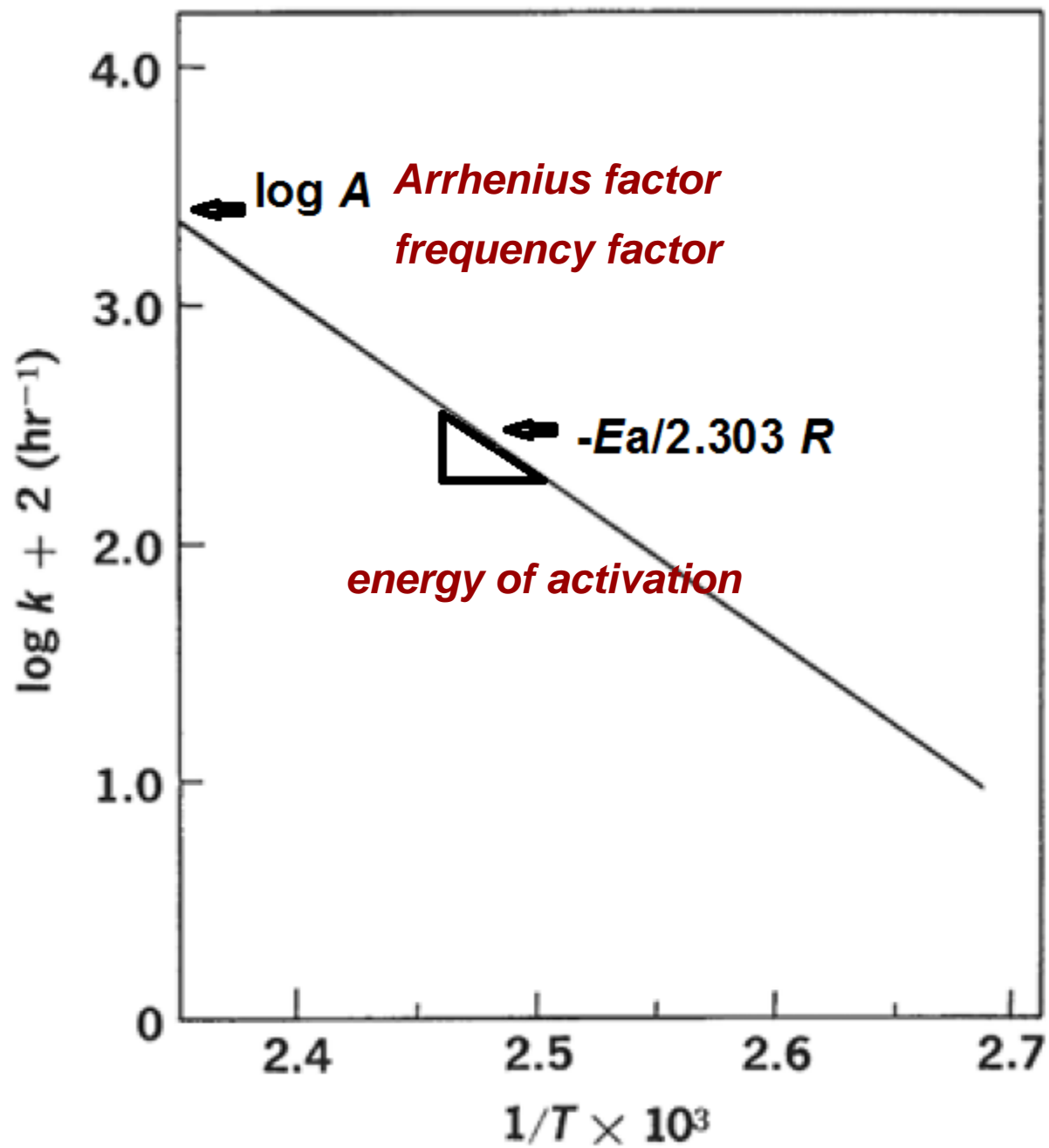
$E_a =$ is the *energy of activation*,

$R =$ is the gas constant, 1.987 calories/deg mole,

$T =$ is the absolute temperature.

- Plotting $1/T$ against $\log k$. As seen in equation:
- the slope = $-Ea/2.303$
- the intercept on the vertical axis is $\log A$.

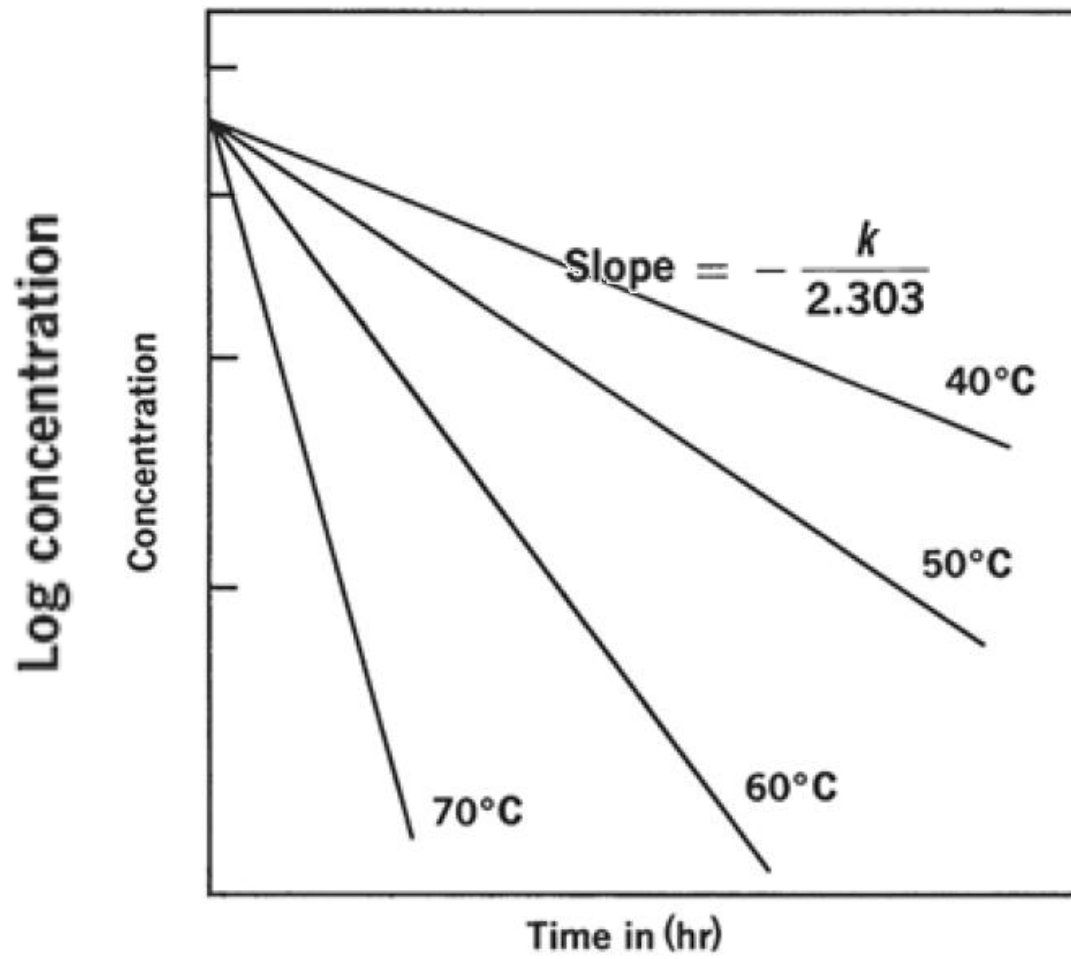


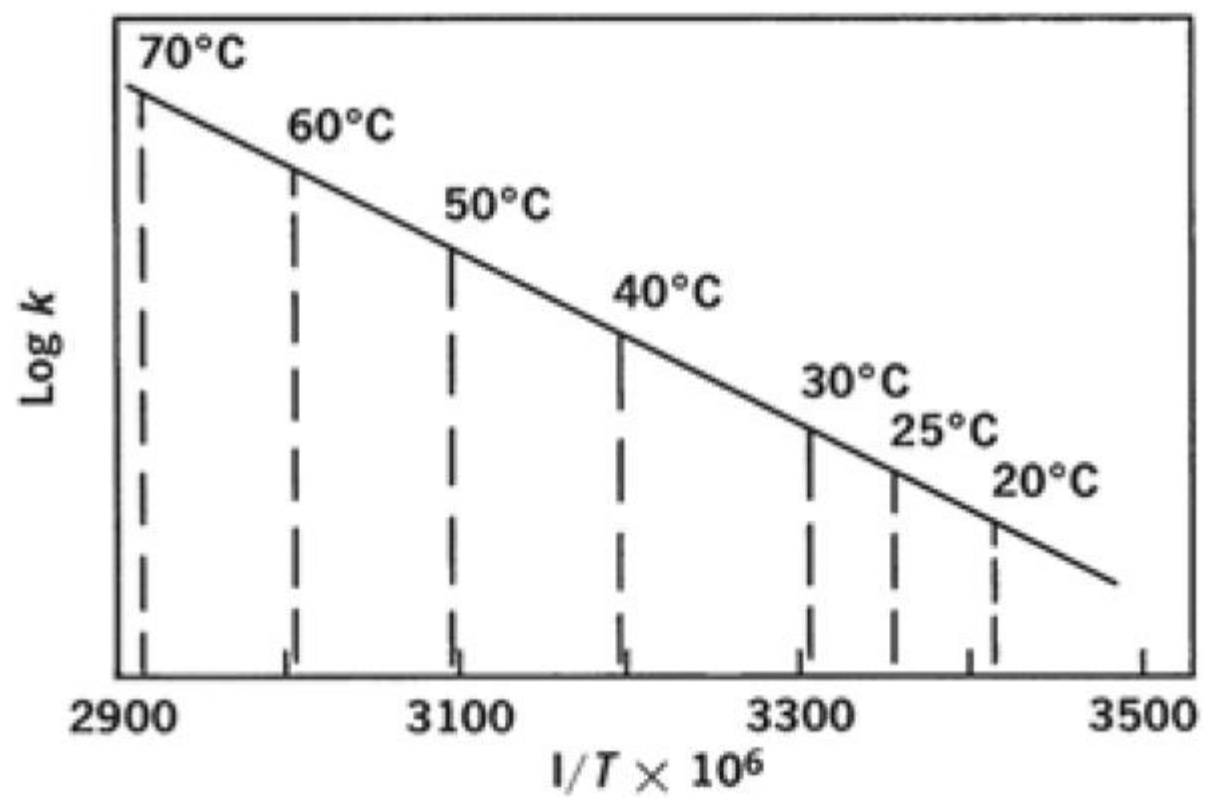


Accelerated Stability Testing

- Accelerated stability studies are **designed to increase the rate of chemical degradation or physical change of a drug substance or drug product by using exaggerated storage conditions** as part of the formal stability studies.
- **Data from these studies**, in addition to long-term stability studies, **can be used to assess longer-term chemical effects** at non accelerated conditions

- the k values for the decomposition of a drug in solution at various elevated temperatures are obtained by plotting some function of concentration against time,
- The **logarithms** of the specific rates of decomposition are then **plotted against the reciprocals of the absolute temperatures**
- the resulting line is extrapolated to room temperature. The k_{25} is used to obtain a measure of the stability of the drug under ordinary shelf conditions.





Example

- Expiration Dating
- The initial concentration of a drug decomposing according to **first-order** kinetics is **94 units/mL**. The specific **decomposition rate**, **k**, obtained from an Arrhenius plot is $2.09 \times 10^{-5} \text{ hr}^{-1}$ at room temperature, 25°C. Previous experimentation has shown that when the concentration of the drug falls below **45 units/mL** it is not sufficiently potent for use and should be removed from the market. **What expiration date should be assigned to this product?**

- $\text{Log } C_t = \text{Log } C_0 - Kt / 2.303$
- $K = 2.203/t \times \text{Log } C_0 / C_t$

$$\text{Log } 45 \text{ units/mL} = \text{Log } 94 \text{ units/mL} - \frac{2.09 \times 10^{-5} \text{ hr}^{-1} t}{2.203}$$

$$t = 3.5 \times 10^4 \text{ hr} \approx 4 \text{ years}$$

$$1 \text{ year} \times 365 \text{ day} \times 24 \text{ hr} = 8760 \text{ hr}$$

Example

- $t = \frac{2.303}{k} \log \frac{c_0}{c}$

- $t = \frac{2.303}{2.09 \times 10^{-5}} \log \frac{94}{45} = 3.5 \times 10^4 \text{ hr} \approx 4 \text{ years}$