

Identification of Variables

Solute Potential

 $\Psi_{\rm s} = -iCRT$

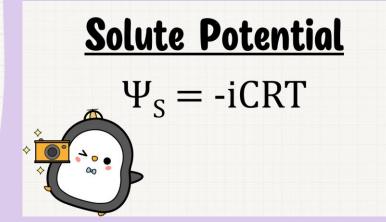
- i = ionization constant (1.0 for sucrose)
- C = molar concentration
- R = pressure constant (R = 0.0831 liter bars/mole K)

T = temperature in Kelvin (°C + 273)

Math Monday #4

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Example Problem

Solute Potential

A cell is in equilibrium with its surroundings. The molarity of the surrounding solution is 0.8M. Calculate the solute potential of the surrounding solution assuming i = 1.0 and room temperature of 293 K.

<u>Solute Potential</u>	i = 1.0
$\Psi_{\rm S} = -iCRT$	C = 0.8 M R = 0.0831 liter bars/mole K T = 293 K.

 $\Psi_{\rm S}$ = -1.0(0.8 M)(0.0831 liter bars/mole K)(297 K) $\Psi_{\rm S}$ = -19.74 bars