

ok welcome to this lecture this is lecture 14  
on chemical kinetics again let us start from where we ended in the last class  
so in the last  
class what we were doing was we were looking at this energy profile right of a  
certain  
reaction and we were taking an elementary reaction the elementary reaction was  
this  
ethyl bromide reaction reacting with an hydroxyl ions to give ethyl alcohol  
and bromide  
ok and then we were trying to have an a feeling of what this energy profile is  
trying to tell you now  
before this we had looked at the meaning of this reaction coordinate which is  
horizontal axis and  
the potential energy which is your vertical axis and what these tell us about  
the reaction when you  
move from the reactant side to the product side ok  
so now looking at this reaction again what we can  
say is remember we are looking at the molecular level that is a molecule of c  
h three c h to b  
are an interacting with an a molecule of this an in hydroxyl ion or h minus  
right then  
what we can say is that as you know as these come close feature as these  
molecules  
come close to each other then you know as during the reaction as these  
molecules  
which are the reactant molecules right they come close to each other then these  
interact  
ok  
so these interact and as a consequence the chemical bonds  
so these interact and  
then what will happen is chemical bonds distort ok  
so what will happen is chemical bonds  
distort the moment the chemical bonds distort  
so the moment the chemical bonds distort and we move on to the next page  
then we can say that the potential energy increases right  
so when the reactants were just  
by themselves they were not reacting  
so they were in the stable form right now the  
moment they started coming close to each other bond distortion started taking  
place right and  
then the potential energy started increasing now at distances at distances  
which are like typical of the chemical bond lengths chemical bond lengths the  
reactant species the reactant species become partially bonded become partially  
bonded together and then new chemical bonds form right  
so this is you are looking at the progress  
of the reaction  
so when they are close to each other the distance is being of the bond  
lengths  
then the reaction species become partially bonded and new chemical bonds start  
forming the  
moment the new chemical bonds start forming then at this point what we can  
say  
is at this point what we can say is that the new chemical bonds form that is  
the new chemical bonds form can say the potential energy reaches maximum ok the

potential energy reaches maximum at the point where the potential energy reaches maximum this situation is referred to as the transition state

so this situation now is referred to as a transition state this transition state is often represented by a symbol like this ok

by a symbol like this which is called a double dagger a symbol like this which is called a double dagger

so that means if i go back to this ah you know the the potential energy

so here this transition state i will be having this double dagger

so this is my transition state i can see the potential energy is at the maximum right so

everything is with reference to this diagram ok now the species the partially bonded species i am

having at the transition state

so next i can write the molecular species present at the transition state at the transition state is referred

to as ok this is important the activated complex ok it is referred to as the activated

complex this activate complex is a transient species it is it is not please remember

this one is not an intermediate this is not an intermediate it is just a transient species the activated complex is that complex is that complex which is formed

at the top which means

so the activated complex is forming here the active complex is forming here right i can write

so here i have the activated complex

so the activated complex is forming

where the activator complex is forming at the transition state and what is the

transition state transition state is the point where your potential energy is the maximum

in your energy profile diagram right and this you know gaining information gaining information

about this activate complex right which pertains to that point of the potential energy maximum this

being the transition state is of great interest you always would like to know what your transition

state is that means what your activated complex is in terms of structure in the transition state

this is of great fundamental interest in chemical kinetics ok

so now coming back

so you look at this

what have we learnt thus far there are two axis the horizontal axis being the reaction coordinate

the vertical axis being the potential energy right when the reactants come close to each other

there is distortion the potential energy slowly increases like this right then a point comes then

a point comes where the potential energy is the maximum that means the reactants and the reactants

are partially bonded to each other within allowed chemical bond distances and the point where the potential is the maximum this point is or this situation or this point is referred to as the transition state because transition state because once you have reached the maximum then you go a little bit to the other side you fall back to the product so that is what your transition state is your transitioning your transition state means your transitioning that means you are changing transition means change you are changing from the reactants to the products through this point which is the maximum and your potential energy diagram and the complex the complex that is forming between your reactants is called the activated complex which is formed at the transition state this activated complex remember is not intermediate it is only having a very transient very very transient very very short lived lifetime that means it is very short lived there for a very very small amount of time and its barely barely observable it is not an intermediate intermediates can be observed activated complex no hence this is a big difference between activated complex and intermediate so the accurate complex is necessarily the one which is formed at your transition state okay now having said this having looked at this increase in potential energy then when we move to the other side of the transition state you start going over to the product side ok you realize that we are going through a change in the potential energy right but before doing that just lets take another quick example so that you know this diagram is made a little more clear say for example consider this following reaction a two plus b two going to two a b now let this be an elementary reaction elementary reaction means the way it is written thats how it is taking place in one step right so then what i can write is i can say right you know this is just an example just a hypothesis its not necessary that it has to take place this way i can say i have a a right plus b b then it goes through something like this let me write it as a a b b ok then then it goes over to the product side ok then it goes over to 2 a b so how is it 2 a b you get 1 a b from here and 1 a b from here isn't it so that means this i can write as a b a b so what are the distortions you are looking at so when this a two reacts with b two to give two a b what is going to happen the a a bond has to break the b b bond has to break right then the a b bond has form this a b bond also has to form this this species which is looking like a

square this species is your activated complex right  
so remember now this activated  
complex is present at the transition state  
so this activated complex is present at your  
transition state what has happened at the activated complex or what you know  
what is so  
this is hypothesis again just for example  
so the activate complex is such you see as i move from  
a two and b two to two a b what am i going to do i am going to break the a  
bond i am going to  
break the b b bond but i am going to form also two a b bonds this is exactly  
what is happening  
out here what it is telling you is that this one is partially broken between a  
a  
the bond between b b is partially broken then one a and one b one atom of a  
one and a b is  
being involved in partial bond formation again the other atom of a n other  
atom of b is involved in  
partial bond formation ok  
so you have progressed in terms of the breakage you have also  
progressed in terms of bond formation and that is why this is called an  
activated  
complex where you have a little bit of bond breaking taking place or whatever  
bond breaking  
taking place and also bond formation taking place when we move on to the other  
side we get these  
two a b molecules thats why its called two a b and thats why this one is  
referred to as  
your activated complex now think about now think about this from here to here  
and  
think about your potential energy diagram so what is happening your reactants  
were for this  
your reactants were a two plus b two right so these were your reactants then  
what happened was  
when this reactor started coming close together the a a bond started breaking  
and the b b bond  
also started breaking hence the potential energy started moving up then you  
came to a maximum  
what happened at the maximum at the maximum what had happened was you had the  
partial breakage of  
the a bond the partial breakage of the b e bond not only that you also had the  
partial formation  
of a b bond and the partial formation of a bond then a slight push that means  
a  
slight move in the other direction in the other direction what happens is now  
the a b bond forms every bond forms and the a and b bond they snap that means  
they break and  
that is why and that is how you would read your energy profile in terms of  
this ah example right  
and this being the activate complex and i again i hope that this discussion  
gives you an idea of  
what this energy profile is trying to tell you ok one more thing you have to  
realize what  
happens is that as you go from the reactor to the product side you go through

an energy barrier

so so let this be the energy barrier that means you move up in terms of energy so this is your activation energy right remember

this is activation energy which is say  $E_a$  this is activation energy right once you have

activated them enough they have moved to the top then they can go over to the product side

ok you know let me ah try to remind you about that energy distribution that the kinetic energy

distribution huh that only those molecules which will have at least this amount of energy remember

the shaded portions at least this amount of energy and more would go over to the product side

this is what you are saying that means if the reactants have to go over to the product side i

need to move up to the top and to move to the top of the cell or the potential energy i need this

amount of energy this is called the activation energy right now the question is the question

which you ah you know ask yourself now is how does it gain this energy so let

us again talk about this reaction  $C_3H_8 + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$  how would it how would these reactants how would these reactants move like this to

the top of the energy

so what happens is this energy which is  $E_a$  this  $E_a$  it is attained through collisions between the reactants

so they collide collide collide

so once

on collision what happens is they gain energy right once they gain energy those collisions

which will give rise to sufficient energy that is  $E_a$  and they move to the top they would

be having a very good chance of moving over to the product side

so this is how at a certain

temperature collisions in the reaction system that is the collisions in the reaction system giving rise to the kinetic energy right because of collisions will bring about

this attainment of the activation energy right once the activation energy is retained then

there is every chance that the reactor molecules will go over to the product side and that is

typically how it happens

so now you understand when i raise the temperature what is going

to happen when i raise the temperature the collisions would be happening more vigorously

because i have increased the thermal energy right its more moving larger velocity right more speed

more ah collisions happening with greater vigor and because collisions happen with greater

vigor then the reaction rate will also increase with increase in temperature right

and that's typically how the thing happens because remember the activation

energy is independent of temperature that is what was one of the assumptions we had taken when we were talking about the temperature dependence of reaction rates thus higher the temperature more vigorous are the collisions and hence it is easier to attain this energy at the activation energy that means go to the top of the hill and thus the reaction rate increases because more and more reactant molecules can easily go over to the product side as compared to a lower temperature now you can ask a question

so the question is let us go back to the other reaction  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_5 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$  plus  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_5 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$  right here we are two steps the first elementary step giving  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$  plus  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$  the next one was  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$  plus  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$  giving  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$

so these were reactions three and four right

so this was three this was these are reactions three and four now the question that might come to your mind is ok if i am talking about collisions between the reactants i have two reactant species out here they are colliding right they are getting this through the kinetic energy of collisions they are getting this activation energy and then they move over to the product side but if i look at this

composite reaction and if i look at my first step the first elementary step the first element

is step is only one reactant species right the first envision is only one reactant species then

how can collisions happen you might be thinking like this right because for this reactant or for this reaction i had two reactant species they were colliding no problem to understand but what about

this  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$  expression  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$  the reaction number three how can this happen remember for any any reaction

to happen i will always have to cross an energy barrier right as an energy

so i am talking about those reactions where an energy barrier exists and these reactions are such that there will

be energy barrier and for them to go over to the product side

so for example for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_5 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$  to go to this cation plus  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$   $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$  bond has to be broken that means i have to go

over a potential energy maximum but how can i do that because i have only one reactant species

so this anomaly

so is this an anomaly at all would you think it is an anomaly can we explain that its actually very easily explained

so for reactions involving single reactant species like this

a single reactant a single reactant there is no other species right so

it rules out collisions ok but here i need reactant which is  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$   
energy is needed to break the  $C-Cl$  sorry  $C-Cl$  bond but there is no other  
reactant right there is no other  
reactant

so there is no other reactant

so do we say will collision be ruled out ok i do not have any other reactant  
species the only thing that i have is  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  so  
 $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  which has to break a  $C-Cl$  bond to go in order to go over to this  
cation

plus  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  minus there is no other reactant does that mean that there is no  
collision

happening at all thats not true

so what happens is now what happens is the following the  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  collides  
with its sorry its own molecules

so there are many molecules in the  
reaction system though these molecules  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  can collide with each  
other right that

means the reactants collide with each other and also if it is if it is being  
done in a

solvent the  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  can also collide with the solvent molecules

so what is it colliding with

then i need i do not need another reactant i have

so many  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  molecules out

there that all these molecules can collide and through this kinetic energy i  
gain that

activation energy to which it goes over to the top or you can also collide  
with the solvent

molecules which are out there and do the same thing right hence i do not need  
another reactant

so you should not be thinking in like that way so its not that i will i can  
only have collisions

if i need if i have two reactants in the system because when you are talking  
about a system

you are not talking about one molecule you are talking about many many  
molecules

so if it

is a mole of reactants which is you are talking about avogadro number of  
molecules right there are

so many other  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  molecules that means all then what happens  
is that all the other

molecules will be colliding amongst each other depending upon the temperature  
of the reaction

and hence it will attain the activation energy alternatively or along with  
this or parallelly

or simultaneously together with this if you have taken this in a solvent  
which

is say a water then there are many water molecules the  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$

so  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  molecules

will also collide with the water molecules and then also gain activation  
energy just go over

to the top of the potato energy and then move on to the product side and hence  
i get the top

reaction  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  plus going to or ah plus  $C_6H_5CH_2^+$  minus right

so this is how you

should think and finally and finally the difference in potential energy between between the products and reactants that means what i take is the difference is what potential energy of products minus potential energy of reactance and this is equal to the enthalpy change is equal to the enthalpy change right now let us go back to the our diagram the energy profile that we had drawn before

so here if you look at the energy profile now so this is the production range of reaction this is a portion of your product the potential is

your product is less than the potential energy of reactant

so that means the  $\Delta H$  in this case is negative

so if i write this one is ok so if i write lets see if i use a different color um

yeah

so if i use a different color

so for example this is  $\Delta H$  right

so what is  $\Delta H$

$\Delta H$  is the potential in your products minus the potential of your reactants now for

this one you can see the product is at a lower potential energy than that of the reactants which

means the reaction is exothermic

so here i can write the  $\Delta H$  is for this profile the  $\Delta H$  is negative why because as defined as defined what is  $\Delta H$  it is the potential of your product

minus the potential range of reactants and you can see out here the potential your products is

this which is lower than the potential range of reactance

so when i take this one and subtract

from here i should be getting a negative number because this is higher than this and is the  $\Delta H$

is negative and i can say that the way this energy profile has been drawn the reaction

is exothermic in nature you should now draw a reaction profile where this  $\Delta H$  is positive

right based on this discussion you should be able to draw

so  $\Delta H$  positive means the potential

of your products is higher than the potential reactance

so it will just reverse that means the

the products will move up reactants moving down

so products would be having a higher potential

energy than the reactants in that case the  $\Delta H$  would be positive that is the reaction is

endothermic in nature

so then in a nutshell what we have discussed is the very essential

features of an energy profile again to end this part what is this energy profile telling you the

energy profile tells you many important things a let us talk about the axis the reaction coordinate

it tells you the path the reaction is taking now as the reaction is taking that path the vertical

axis which is the potential energy is telling you how the potential energy is changing as

the reaction path is being traversed or that means as we are going along the path of the reactants to the products ok number three when i go from the reactants to the products right based on this profile i go through a potential energy maximum because from here to here the bond distortion takes place as the bond distortion start taking place the production increases and then i come to a point for an elementary reaction then i come to a point where i reach the maximum of the potential energy right so that maximum scenario is called the transition state and the complex the complex which forms at the maximum the complex which forms of the maximum is called the activated complex the moment the active complex is formed then we move on to the other side this this being at the top of the energy barrier the energy can now only decrease and it goes over to the products right how do i get this energy or how do the molecules get in this energy so if its a two reactant system a plus b then a will collide with b if its a one reactant system a go into products then there are so many molecules of a they can collide the a molecules can also collide with the solvent molecules to get this energy move to the top of the energy barrier and then go over to the product side and finally the difference in potential energy between the products and the reactants will define your change in enthalpy so if this delta h is negative it is exothermic if the delta h is positive it is endothermic in nature ok and delta h being defined by this equation right now see when i had you know ah plotted this or drawn this energy profile i said that this is for the reaction between  $C_2H_6 + C_2H_5OH \rightarrow C_2H_5OC_2H_5 + H_2O$  again a question can come to mind the question is ok if i have done all these things for the molecule or for the reaction the two step reaction the composite reaction this ah mixture of two elementary steps can i draw a possible energy profile for this reaction is it possible so let's see whether we can do it remember that  $C_2H_5OC_2H_5 + H_2O$  plus is an intermediate so if this is an intermediate if this is an intermediate and based on this the energy profile can be drawn like ok so these are my reactants these are my products right and this is how my energy probably look like because this is how my energy profile looks like right and remember i had potential energy out here and this is my reaction coordinate ok this i out here is my intermediate this i out here is my intermediate so for this for this reaction for this reaction the intermediate is  $C_2H_5OC_2H_5 + H_2O$  so i can write

for this reaction it is  $C_6H_5CH_2+$  plus  
so that is my intermediate  
right ok  
so what are these see there are two humps why are there two humps there are  
two steps right the first step taking me from the reactants to the intermediate  
right and this  
i can say is what i will say here  
so this is my transition state which is often abbreviated  
as  $TS$  you have an average  $TS$  for step one ok  
so this is step one which is  
essentially the reaction three and then you understand  
so this point would be  
my  $TS$  that is transition state for step two and as defined before this would be  
my  $\Delta H$   
so here you can see that yes i can indeed draw an  
energy profile for a composite reaction provided i know the composite reaction  
very well in  
terms of the intermediates that are coming out this reaction is very well  
studied and this  
carbocation intermediate is proposed to be there right and hence what i have  
done is you can see  
this is the transition state for step one i go from here to here i form the  
intermediate then the  
next step is the intimidator reacts with  $OH^-$  to form this  
so what are my reactions here for  
the first one my reactants are  $C_6H_5CH_2Cl$  going to this plus and then  
what i have is this one reacts with  $OH^-$  reacts with  $OH^-$  to  
give me the products  
so i forgot to write here ok here you will be having the here you will  
be having the activated complex for step one activate complex for step two but  
see this  
is the intermediate i do not say this is the activator complex this is  
intermediate  
this is of lower energy than these two ok  
so so hence this is extremely important for  
you to understand that this intermediate and these two are completely  
different the species i  
have at the top is my activator complex and the species which is lying at the  
lower energy  
lower potential energy is my intermediate ok  
so yes even for a composite reaction i can draw an  
energy profile but i have to make sure that i know the reaction mechanism very  
well which will allow  
me to draw the energy profile okay other things remaining the same right  
so um you know i think  
we have spent enough time on you know these energy profiles talking about  
these and what they try  
to ah tell you now lets move on and ah lets talk about ah something which is  
also very significant  
for an elementary reaction its called molecularity called molecularity as i  
had referred  
ah to it before too  
so a common method of classifying elementary reactions is based  
on its molecularity now how do i say that so what i say is

so ah suppose i have an elementary reaction which goes from a to b suppose i have another linear direction it goes like a plus b going to p

so all these reactions are elementary right all these reactions being elementary

what i say this is a unimolecular reaction this is a bi molecular reaction this is a bi molecular reaction now suppose i have something like you know say two a plus b going to b for example if this is also an

elementary reaction then i will say that this is a ter molecular reaction ok so the

definition of molecularity is like this there is one molecule of a going to p hence its called unimolecular one molecule of a and one molecule of b makes

it two molecules hence its called bimolecular two molecules of a reactive molecular v total

of three molecules is called tur or tri molecule thats what the molecularity is now for an

elementary reaction for an elementary reaction what happens is based on this based on this

i can write down the rate loss because i know what the molecular it is

so like say for a going

to p

so for a go into p my rate law would be r is equal to k times concentration of a

for this reaction a go into b now for the next one a plus b go into p remember all

these elementary reactions r is equal to k a b then for the other one the time molecule

of the term molecular reaction i can write r is equal to k a squared b now you can see the

exponents on the top are the powers on the top a raised to the power one hence it its called

unimolecular then a raised to the power one b raised to the power one total one plus one is two

its called biomolecular then two a plus b going to p

so its tri molecular term molecular we say

ok a square b

so two plus one is equal to three ok

so then what is the significance of this

elementary reaction and molecularity what it tells you is that for an

elementary reaction for

an elementary reaction

so let me ok right here for an elementary reaction molecularity and order are the same

so for an elementary

reaction molecularity and order are the same

so this one was unimolecular remember this is a new molecular

so i can

straight away write the right equation as k times concentration of a the order

is one because it is unimolecular then

so when i say order outer means overall

order

so for this one it is bimolecular by molecule this is a raised to the power one b raised to the power one one plus one two by molecular

so the overall order is true

hence its biomolecular right by uni

so this is three molecules say term molecular three molecules two plus one three i straight away write the rate expression without even thinking about it

because for a limited reaction i can straight away write there are expressions because molecular

and order are exactly the same and when i talk about r i mean the overall order ok so

then i can write this again as the following the experimental the experimental overall order of of an elementary reaction of an elementary reaction is the same as molecularity is the same as molecularity ok

so this is again extremely important where the overall order and molecularity for an elementary reaction are the same allowing us

to straight away write the rate expression right please keep this in mind that molecularity molecularity is a theoretical concept it is a theoretical concept why because by looking at by looking at this by looking at this knowing

that these are elementary i am writing or knowing that there is one molecule out here

one molecule of a one other b i write down the molecularity molecular means the total number of

molecules involved in the reaction however order is an experimental quantity

so this further reinforces the significance of an elementary reaction where we say that theoretically what we say based on the

balanced chemical equation is exactly the same as is observed using experiments

so the order which is an external quantity is the same as molecularity which is a theoretical

quantity which we look at or which we write by looking at the balanced chemical equation

these are the same for an elementary reaction then finally i can write down for an

elementary reaction having done all these three very important points

it is has to be a single step reaction number two must proceed through only one transition state ok must process only one transition state it

cannot have multiple transition states because the moment you have multiple transition

states you are talking about multiple elementary steps that means a composite reaction number three molecularity is equal to overall order keeping in mind

that this is a

theoretical quantity and this is obtained through experiments right this is where the significance

of the elementary reaction rise and these are the characteristics of an elementary reaction that

one should keep in mind whenever you come across a reaction or whenever you come across a word in

a book which says that this reaction is elementary nature and immediately

these three features or characteristics of the elementary reaction should you know come to your mind that ok whenever i am talking about elementary reaction i am talking about these three things a single step reaction a reaction which has to process by through only one transition state and for that elementary reaction because it is elementary in nature the molecularity is equal to the over order that means the balanced chemical equation tells me or allows me to write down the rate expression that is  $k \times a \times b$  or  $k \times a$  or consideration of  $a$  or  $k \times$  times something else based on what the molecularity of the reaction is and this is extremely important for us to keep in mind ok

so this was ah you know all about elementary reactions and the molecularity too let us look at our typical you know example right see for let us let uh let us look at ah say this following example ok

so the following example goes like this i have two bromine atoms combining to give me the bromine molecule this example one ok

so here if i spread it up i can write  $b \cdot r$  plus  $b \cdot r$  giving me  $b \cdot r$  two and this being an elementary reaction i can straight ever write that  $r$  is equal to  $k \cdot b \cdot r \cdot p \cdot r$  and these being the same  $k \cdot p \cdot r$  squared ok this was an elementary reaction

so i could write it like this let us take another example

so let this be example number two

so another example is say ok let us consider this  $i$  two breaking up into  $i$  plus  $i$  here the rate is equal to  $k$  times  $i$  two i know there is an elementary reaction so i can straight away write this point because i know that it is an elementary reaction having you know gone through this or you know what you are doing right now we can also ask ourselves a question

so the question is suppose i have a first order reaction suppose i have a first order direction you are given a first order reaction right then what can be said about its molecularity again read the question it is a first order reaction and being a first order reaction you are asking can anything be said about its molecularity now think about your answer what will your answer be your answer should be no it cannot be said why because though it is a first order reaction it is not told or no information is provided whether in the first order reaction whether the first order reaction is elementary or not if it is not said or if it is not told to you whether its elementary or not then we cannot say or talk about

its molecularity

because the molecularity remember molecularity molecularity is only applicable for an elementary reaction it is only applicable for an elementary reaction only applicable

for eliminator reaction which means molecularity has no existence for a complex or composite reaction it does not exist why because there is some

so a composite or complex direction is made up of a series of elementary steps each elementary steps would be having its molecularity

so how can you talk about molecular anyway out there hence please remember that this would only be applicable for an elementary reaction and this is this

like i you know i should say this has this has no existence that means we cannot use the word molecularity for a composite direction no we cannot use it right

so this was ah molecularity being discussed with reference to an elementary reaction right ok now how would you realize whether reaction is complex or not complex or composite reactions how would you realize whether reaction is

composite or not right the first thing is detection of reaction intermediates

remember the bessel cation  $C_2O_4^{2-}$   $C_2O_4^{2-}$   $C_2O_4^{2-}$   $C_2O_4^{2-}$

plus that is how we realized that it has an intermediate hence it is a composite reaction but

do understand that in many cases it is difficult it is difficult it is difficult to identify intermediates identify or isolate intermediates hence maybe this is not the best way of figuring out whether it is a composite reaction or not then what is the

other thing i will just mention it will carry on in the next class the other thing is

to look at the form of experimental rate equation

so you look at this you look at the form of the exponential equation which i mean

so i will quickly write this one down suppose

i have this following reaction  $C_2O_4^{2-} \rightarrow C_2O_4^{2-} + 2CO_2$  ok equals plus i minus aqueous giving me  $C_2O_4^{2-}$  minus aqueous plus  $2CO_2$  minus aqueous right if if

this reaction had been an elementary reaction then i would have written that

$r$  is equal to  $k [C_2O_4^{2-}]$  or do you know what the observed

experimental law is something like this where  $r$  is equal to  $k [C_2O_4^{2-}]^2$

you see this was this was the reaction this is the

observed rate law and this is would have this would have been the rate law had the reaction

been elementary

so this discrepancy between the you know this discrepancy between this observed

rate law and the elementary reaction rate law that would have you would have written down had

the reaction well elementary tells you that the reaction is composite or complex in nature more about this in the next class thank you you