

Edicational Voltammetry, Part IV: EC'(reversible) Mechanism in Cyclic Voltammetry

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EC'(reversible catalytic) electrode mechanism at a planar electrode of a dissolved redox couple in Cyclic Staircase Voltammetry



$E_s := -0.8$ startiung potential (in V vs. the formal potential)

$E_f := 0.8$ switching potential (in V vs. the formal potential)

$dE := 0.005$ potential step increment (in V)

$\Delta E := E_f - E_s$ potential window

$v := 0.1$ potential scan rate in V/s

$\tau := \frac{dE}{v}$ duartion of a single step (in s)

$\tau = 0.05$

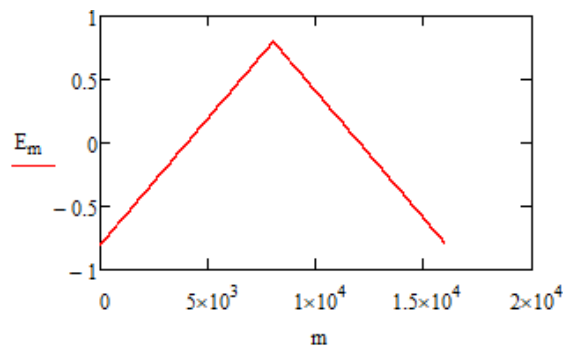
$M := 25$ numer of time increments in a single potential step

$d := \frac{\tau}{M}$ time increment (in s)

$2 \cdot \frac{\Delta E}{dE} = 640$ total number of potential steps

$m := 1..2 \cdot \frac{\Delta E}{dE} \cdot 25$ serial number of time inceremnts

$$E_m := \text{if} \left[m \leq \frac{\Delta E}{dE} \cdot 25, E_s + \left(\text{ceil} \left(\frac{m}{25} \right) \cdot dE - dE \right), E_f - \left[\frac{m - \left(\frac{\Delta E}{dE} \cdot 25 \right)}{25} \right] \cdot dE - dE \right] \quad \text{potential ramp} \quad (3)$$



$F := 96485$ Farady constant
 $T := 298.15$ thermodynamic temperature
 $R := 8.314$ Gass constant
 $n := 1$ stoichiometric number of electrons

$$\phi_m := n \cdot \frac{F}{R \cdot T} \cdot E_m \quad \text{dimensionless potential} \quad (4)$$

$D := 5 \cdot 10^{-6}$ common diffusion coefficient in cm^2/s
 $k_s := 0.05$ electrochemical standard rate constant in cm/s
 $\alpha := 0.5$ electron transfer coefficient
 $k_f := 0.010$ forward rate constant of the chemical reaction in s^{-1}
 $k_b := .5$ backward rate constant of the chemical reaction in s^{-1}

$$K_{eq} := \frac{k_f}{k_b} \quad \text{equilibrium constant of the follow up chemical reaction}$$

$$K := \frac{k_s \cdot \sqrt{\tau}}{\sqrt{D}} \quad \text{dimensionless electrode kinetic parameter}$$

$$K_{chem} := (k_f + k_b) \cdot \tau \quad \text{dimensionless chemical (catalytic) kinetic parameter}$$

$$\Psi_1 := K \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot \Phi_1} \cdot \sqrt{K_{chem}} \cdot \frac{K_{eq}}{(1 + K_{eq})} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{K \cdot M_1}{\sqrt{K_{chem}}} + \frac{e^{-(1-\alpha) \cdot \Phi_1} \cdot M_1 \cdot K}{\sqrt{K_{chem}}} \right]^{-1} \quad (7)$$

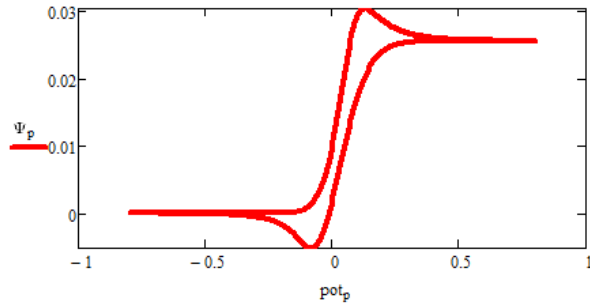
Recurrent formulas for calculating the dimensionless current

$$\Psi_m := \frac{\frac{K \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot \Phi_m} \cdot K_{eq} \cdot \sqrt{K_{chem}}}{(1 + K_{eq}) \cdot 1} - \frac{K \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot \Phi_m} \cdot K_{eq}}{\sqrt{K_{chem}} \cdot (1 + K_{eq})} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} (\Psi_j \cdot M_{m-j+1}) - e^{-\Phi_m \cdot (1-\alpha)} \cdot K \cdot \frac{K_{eq}}{\sqrt{K_{chem}} \cdot (1 + K_{eq})} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} (\Psi_j \cdot M_{m-j+1})}{1 + \frac{K \cdot e^{\alpha \cdot \Phi_m} \cdot M_1 \cdot K_{eq}}{\sqrt{K_{chem}} \cdot (1 + K_{eq})} + \frac{K \cdot e^{-(1-\alpha) \cdot \Phi_m} \cdot M_1 \cdot K_{eq}}{\sqrt{K_{chem}} \cdot (1 + K_{eq})}} \quad (8)$$

$$p := 1 \dots 2 \cdot \frac{\Delta E}{dE} - 1 \quad \text{serial number of potential steps} \quad (9)$$

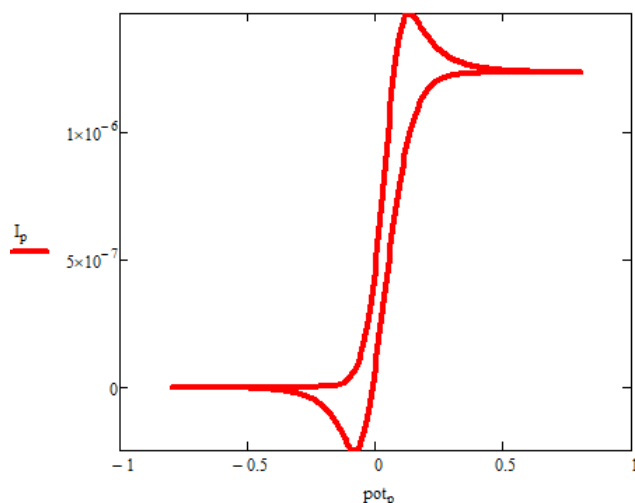
$$\Psi_p := \Psi \left(\frac{\tau}{d \cdot 25} + p \right) \cdot 25 \quad \text{dimensionless current at the end of each potential step} \quad (10)$$

$$\text{pot}_p := \text{if} \left[p \leq \frac{\Delta E}{dE} \cdot E_s + p \cdot dE, Ef - \left(p - \frac{\Delta E}{dE} \right) \cdot dE \right] \quad \text{potential value of each potential step in V} \quad (11)$$



dimensionless cyclic staircase voltammogram

$S_e := 0.05$	electrode surface area in cm^2
$c_b := 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	bulk koncentration of the electreactive reactant in mol/cm^3
$A := n \cdot F \cdot S_e \cdot c \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{D}{\tau}} \right)$	amperometric contsant
$I_p := \Psi_p \cdot A$	real current in A



Graph of real current-potential curve (current in A)

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