

# The Gibbs Free Energy Equations & Relations

$\Delta G = -T\Delta S_{\text{universe}}$	Relates Gibbs Free Energy ( $\Delta G$ ) with the entropy of the universe ( $\Delta S_{\text{universe}}$ ). By the second law of thermodynamics, $\Delta S_{\text{universe}}$ must always increase; therefore, $\Delta G$ must be negative for product favored reactions.
$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$	Relates $\Delta G$ to enthalpy ( $\Delta H$ ) and entropy ( $\Delta S$ ); also known as the "two headed snake" equation. Enthalpy and entropy can combine to make some reactions always product favored ( $\Delta G < 0$ ) or always reactant favored ( $\Delta G > 0$ ); in addition, sometimes enthalpy and entropy "fight" one another, making the final value of $\Delta G$ temperature dependent.
$\Delta G = -RT \ln K$	Relates $\Delta G$ with the equilibrium constant ( $K$ ). $R$ = gas constant ( $8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ), $T$ = temperature (K). If $\Delta G$ is product favored ( $\Delta G < 0$ ), $K$ is greater than 1; if $\Delta G$ is reactant favored ( $\Delta G > 0$ ), $K$ is less than 1.
$\Delta G = -nFE$	Relates $\Delta G$ with the potential of a chemical cell ( $E$ ). $n$ = number of electrons transferred, $F$ = Faraday constant ( $96,485 \text{ C mol}^{-1}$ ). If $\Delta G$ is product favored ( $\Delta G < 0$ ), $E$ is greater than 0 (positive); if $\Delta G$ is reactant favored ( $\Delta G > 0$ ), $E$ is less than 0 (negative).
$\Delta G = \sum \Delta G_{\text{products}} - \sum \Delta G_{\text{reactants}}$	Used to calculate the Gibbs Free Energy ( $\Delta G$ ) for a reaction using tables of standardized $\Delta G$ values. Like enthalpy, $\Delta G$ will be zero for elements in their standard states ( $\text{O}_{2(g)}$ , $\text{Mg}_{(s)}$ , $\text{Br}_{2(l)}$ , etc. - all will have $\Delta G = 0$ ).

	$\Delta G$	$K$	$E$	$\Delta S_{\text{universe}}$
Product Favored	-	$> 1$	+	+
Reactant Favored	+	$< 1$	-	-

$\Delta H$	$\Delta S$	$\Delta G$
-	+	- (always product favored)
+	-	+
-	-	Depends on temperature, generally product favored at low T
+	+	Depends on temperature, generally product favored at high T