## A2 Physical Chemistry

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x_{A}=\quad \text { Number of moles of } A+B+C
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$\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{p}}$ in homogeneous equilibria -everything is in the gaseous phase

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3 \mathrm{H}_{2(\mathrm{~g})}+\mathrm{N}_{2(\mathrm{~g})} \Rightarrow 2 \mathrm{NH}_{3(\mathrm{~g})}
$$

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K_{\mathrm{p}}=\frac{\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{NH}_{3}}\right)^{2}}{\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{H}_{2}}\right)^{3} \times\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{N}_{2}}\right)}
$$

$\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{p}}$ in heterogenous equilibria -solids and liquids are not included

## $\mathrm{CaCO}_{3(\mathrm{~s})} \Rightarrow \mathrm{CaO}_{(\mathrm{s})}+\mathrm{CO}_{2(\mathrm{~s})}$

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K_{p}=P_{c o 0_{t 0}}
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