

Exercise 1: Using the Michaelis-Menten Equation

Problem:

An enzyme has a maximum velocity (V_{max}) of $200\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ and a Michaelis constant (K_m) of 4mM

- **Question:** Calculate the initial velocity (V_0) when the substrate concentration $[S]$ is 12mM

Solution:

Use the formula:

$$V_0 = \frac{V_{max}[S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

$$V_0 = V_{max}[S]/K_m + [S]$$

$$V_0 = \frac{200 \times 12}{4 + 12} = \frac{2400}{16} = 150\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$$

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Exercise 2: Lineweaver-Burk Plot (Double-Reciprocal)

Problem:

The linear regression equation for a Lineweaver-Burk plot of an enzyme-catalyzed reaction is:

$$y = 0.4x + 0.05$$

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(where

$$y = 1/V_0, x = 1/[S]$$

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$$(L \cdot \text{min})/\mu\text{mol} \text{ and } x = 1/[S] \text{ in } \text{mM}^{-1}$$

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- **Question:** Determine V_{max} and K_m

- **Solution:**

1. Find V_{max}

: The y-intercept is $1/V_{max}=0.05$

$$V_{max}=1/0.05=20\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}.$$

2. Find K_m

: The slope is $K_m/V_{max}=0.4$

$$K_m=0.4\times V_{max}=0.4\times 20=8\text{mM}.$$

Exercise 3: Identifying Inhibition Types

Problem:

You are analyzing an enzyme with and without an inhibitor. You observe the following:

- **Without Inhibitor:**

$$V_{max}=100, K_m=2.$$

- **With Inhibitor:**

$$V_{max}=50, K_m=2.$$

- **Question:** What type of inhibition is occurring?
- **Answer:** This is **Non-competitive inhibition**. In this type, the inhibitor reduces the overall turnover rate (V_{max} decreases), but it does not affect the binding affinity of the substrate (K_m stays the same).

Exercise 4: Catalytic Efficiency (k_{cat})

Problem:

A purified enzyme solution has a total concentration $[E]_t$ of 2nM ($2\times 10^{-9}\text{M}$). The measured V_{max} is $0.8\mu\text{M}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ($\times 10^{-7}\text{M}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$).

- **Question:** Calculate the turnover number (k_{cat}).

Solution:

$$k_{cat} = \frac{V_{max}}{[E]_t}$$

$$k_{cat} = V_{max} / [E]_t$$

$$k_{cat} = \frac{8 \times 10^{-7} M \cdot s^{-1}}{2 \times 10^{-9} M} = 400 s^{-1}$$

$$k_{cat} = 8 \times 10^{-7} M \cdot s^{-1} / 2 \times 10^{-9} M = 400 s^{-1}$$

(Meaning one enzyme molecule converts 400 substrate molecules into product every second).

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Concept:

Catalytic efficiency is a measure of how efficiently an enzyme converts a substrate into a product. It is defined as the ratio of the turnover number (k_{cat}) to the Michaelis constant (K_m). The equation for catalytic efficiency is given by:

$$\text{Catalytic Efficiency} = \frac{k_{cat}}{K_m}$$

and

$$k_{cat} = \frac{v_{max}}{[E]_o}$$

The Michaelis-Menten equation is used to describe the rate of enzymatic reactions and is expressed as:

$$V_o = \frac{V_{max}[S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

On simplifying the equation:

$$\frac{1}{V_o} = \frac{1}{V_{max}} + \frac{k_m}{V_{max}[S]}$$

Where:

- (V_0) is the initial reaction velocity.
- (V_{max}) is the maximum reaction velocity.
- (S) is the substrate concentration.
- (K_m) is the Michaelis constant.

Explanation:

- Given the intercept is ($4 \times 10^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ dm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$)
 - $\frac{1}{v_{max}} = 4 \times 10^3$
 - $v_{max} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4}$
- The turnover number (k_{cat}) is:
 - $k_{cat} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^{-4}}{10^{-4}} = 2.5$
- Thus, the catalytic efficiency is:
 - Catalytic Efficiency = $\frac{2.5}{0.04} = 62.5$

Conclusion:

The calculated catalytic efficiency is 62.5.

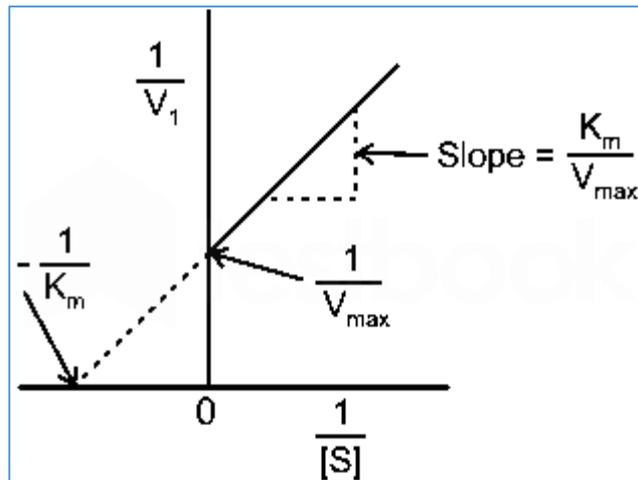
Enzyme Kinetics Question 9 Detailed Solution

Concept:

- For **enzyme-catalyzed reactions** that follow a Michaelis-Menten mechanism, the relationship between the rate of reaction and enzyme-substrate is given by:

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{v_{max}} + \frac{k_M}{v_{max}} \frac{1}{[S]}$$

- The expression has the form of a straight-line graph.



- If we plot $1/v$ against $1/[S]$, should give a gradient of K_M/V_{max} and an intercept of V_{max} .
- The value of the Michaelis Menten constant is therefore given by the ratio of the intercept:

$$\frac{m}{c} = \frac{\frac{K_M}{v_{max}}}{\frac{1}{v_{max}}} = K_M$$

Explanation:-

The **slope of the graph**

= m

= **0.16**

The **intercept of the graph**

= C

= **2.12 mol⁻¹ L s**

- We know that the ratio of **slope/intercept** gives the **Michaelis constant value**, So,

$$K_M = \frac{m}{c} = \frac{\frac{K_M}{v_{max}}}{\frac{1}{v_{max}}}$$

- Substituting the given values, we get:

$$\frac{m}{c} = \frac{.16}{2.12}$$

$$= 0.075$$

$$= \mathbf{0.08}$$

Conclusion:-

- Hence, the estimated value of the **Michaelis constant** is **0.08 mol L⁻¹**

The table present the differences between inhibition types

Comparison of Reversible Inhibition Types

Reversible inhibitors are primarily distinguished by their effects on *max*(maximum velocity) and (*Km* binding affinity).

| Inhibition Type | Binding Location | Effect on V_{max} | Effect on K_m | Can be overcome by more substrate? |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Competitive | Active Site | No change | Increases | Yes (competes directly) |
| Non-competitive | Allosteric Site | Decreases | No change | No (binds elsewhere) |
| Uncompetitive | Enzyme-Substrate (ES) Complex | Decreases | Decreases | No (inhibitor only binds after substrate) |
| Mixed | Either E or ES complex | Decreases | Increases or Decreases | Partially |