

Chapter 2 - Enzyme kinetics

2.1 The Law of Mass Action

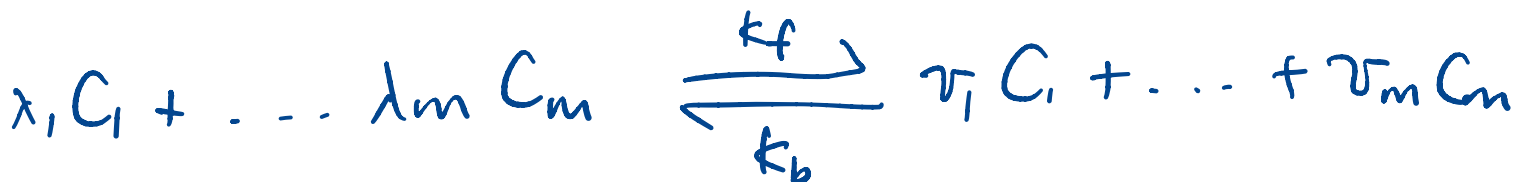
chemical species : $C_1, \dots, C_m$

concentrations : $c_1, \dots, c_m$

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unit moles / m³ = mol / m³

Law of mass Action

A chemical reaction proceeds at a rate proportional to the concentrations of participating reactants. The constant of proportionality is called the rate constant.



Forward rate :

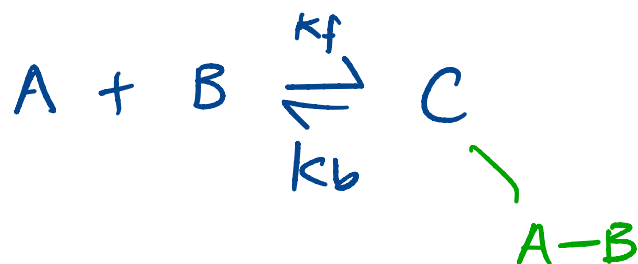
$$k_f c_1^{\lambda_1} \dots c_m^{\lambda_m}$$

k_f, k_b - rate constants

Reverse rate

$$k_b c_1^{\nu_1} \dots c_m^{\nu_m}$$

Example



$$\frac{da}{dt} = -k_f ab + k_b c$$

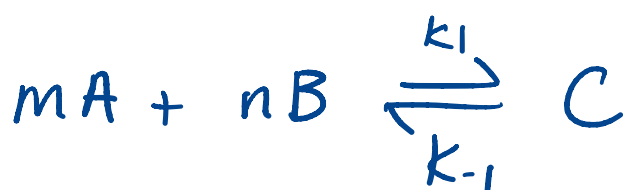
$$\frac{db}{dt} = -k_f ab + k_b c$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = +k_f ab - k_b c$$

$$b + c = \text{constant}, \quad a + c = \text{constant}.$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(b+c) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(a+c) = 0$$



$$\frac{da}{dt} = -mk_1 a^m b^n + mk_{-1} c$$

$$\frac{db}{dt} = -nk_1 a^m b^n + nk_{-1} c$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = k_1 a^m b^n - k_{-1} c$$

Mass conservation

$$a + mc = \text{constant}, \quad b + nc = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(a+mc) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(b+nc) = 0$$

2.2 Michaelis-Menten kinetics



$$C = S - E$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -k_1 s e + k_{-1} c$$

$$s(0) = s_0$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = k_1 s e - k_{-1} c - k_2 c$$

$$c(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = -k_1 s e + k_{-1} c + k_2 c$$

$$e(0) = e_0 \ll s_0$$

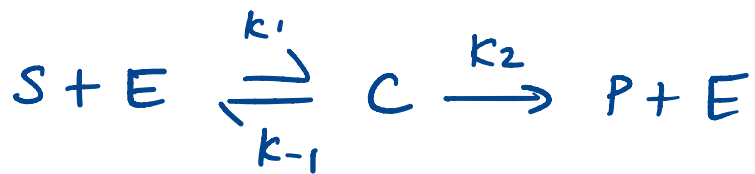
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = k_2 c \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{dp}{dt}} \right\} \text{decomposes}$$

$$p(0) = 0$$

mass conservation $\frac{d}{dt}(e + c) = 0 \Rightarrow e(t) = e_0 - c(t)$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -k_1 (e_0 - c) s + k_{-1} c$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = k_1 (e_0 - c) s - (k_{-1} + k_2) c$$



$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -k_1(e_0 - c)s + k_{-1}c \quad s(0) = s_0$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = k_1(e_0 - c)s - (k_{-1} + k_2)c \quad c(0) = 0$$

$$t = \frac{\tau}{k_1 e_0}, \quad s = s_0 u, \quad c = e_0 v$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d\tau}{dt} \frac{d}{d\tau} = k_1 e_0 \frac{d}{d\tau}$$

$$k_1 e_0 s_0 \frac{du}{d\tau} = -k_1 (e_0 - e_0 v) s_0 u + \frac{k_{-1} e_0 v}{k_1 s_0}$$

$$\frac{k_1 e_0 s_0}{s_0} \frac{dv}{d\tau} = k_1 (e_0 - e_0 v) s_0 u - \frac{(k_{-1} + k_2) e_0 v}{k_1 s_0}$$

$$K = \frac{k_{-1} + k_2}{k_1 s_0}, \quad \lambda = \frac{k_2}{k_1 s_0}, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{e_0}{s_0} \ll 1$$

$$\frac{du}{d\tau} = -u + (u + K - \lambda)v \quad u(0) = 1$$

$$\varepsilon \frac{dv}{d\tau} = u - (u + K)v \quad v(0) = 0$$



$\varepsilon \ll 1$, typically $\varepsilon \sim 10^{-6}$.

$$\frac{du}{d\tau} = -u + (u+k-\lambda v) \quad u(0) = 1$$

$$\varepsilon \frac{dv}{d\tau} = u - (u+k)v \quad v(0) = 0$$

Tempting: set $\varepsilon = 0 \Rightarrow v = \frac{u}{u+k}$

Inconsistent with I.C.s : $v(0) = 0 \neq \frac{u(0)}{u(0)+k} = \frac{1}{1+k}$

Singular perturbation investigation

INNER SOLUTION: $\sigma = \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} \quad \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} \frac{d}{d\sigma} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\sigma} \right)$

$$u(\tau, \varepsilon) = \hat{u}(\sigma, \varepsilon) = \hat{u}_0(\sigma) + \varepsilon \hat{u}_1(\sigma) + \dots$$

$$v(\tau, \varepsilon) = \hat{v}(\sigma, \varepsilon) = \hat{v}_0(\sigma) + \varepsilon \hat{v}_1(\sigma) + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(\frac{d\hat{u}_0}{d\sigma} + \varepsilon \frac{d\hat{u}_1}{d\sigma} + \dots \right) = - \varepsilon (\hat{u}_0 + \varepsilon \hat{u}_1 + \dots) + \varepsilon (\hat{u}_0 + \varepsilon \hat{u}_1 + \dots) (k - \lambda) (\hat{v}_0 + \varepsilon \hat{v}_1 + \dots)$$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(\frac{d\hat{v}_0}{d\sigma} + \varepsilon \frac{d\hat{v}_1}{d\sigma} + \dots \right) = (\hat{u}_0 + \varepsilon \hat{u}_1 + \dots) - (\hat{u}_0 + \varepsilon \hat{u}_1 + \dots + k) (\hat{v}_0 + \varepsilon \hat{v}_1 + \dots)$$

Terms $O(1) \quad \frac{d\hat{u}_0}{d\sigma} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{u}_0 = \text{constant} = 1 \text{ by I.C.s.}$

$$\frac{d\hat{v}_0}{d\sigma} = \hat{u}_0 - (\hat{u}_0 + k) \hat{v}_0$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{v}_0}{d\sigma} = 1 - (1+k)\tilde{v}_0$$

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\tilde{v}_0 e^{(1+k)\sigma} \right) = e^{(1+k)\sigma}$$

$$\tilde{v}_0(\sigma) e^{(1+k)\sigma} - \underbrace{\tilde{v}_0(0)}_{=0} e^0 = \frac{1}{1+k} (e^{(1+k)\sigma} - 1)$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{v}_0 = \frac{1 - e^{-(1+k)\sigma}}{1+k} \quad \tilde{u}_0 = 1 \quad \text{INNER}}$$

OUTER SOLUTION

$$u(\tau, \varepsilon) = u_0(\tau) + \varepsilon u_1(\tau) + \dots$$

$$v(\tau, \varepsilon) = v_0(\tau) + \varepsilon v_1(\tau) + \dots$$

$$\left(\frac{du_0}{d\tau} + \varepsilon \frac{du_1}{d\tau} + \dots \right) = - (u_0 + \varepsilon u_1 + \dots) + (u_0 + \varepsilon u_1 + \dots + k - \lambda)(v_0 + \varepsilon v_1 + \dots)$$

$$\varepsilon \left(\frac{dv_0}{d\tau} + \varepsilon \frac{dv_1}{d\tau} + \dots \right) = (u_0 + \varepsilon u_1 + \dots) - (u_0 + \varepsilon u_1 + \dots + k)(v_0 + \varepsilon v_1 + \dots)$$

$$O(1): \quad \frac{du_0}{d\tau} = -u_0 + (u_0 + k - \lambda)v_0$$

$$0 = u_0 - (u_0 + k)v_0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{v_0 = \frac{u_0}{u_0 + k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{du_0}{d\tau} = -\frac{\lambda u_0}{u_0 + k}}$$

matching conditions:

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{u}_0 = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} u_0 = 1$$

$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{v}_0 = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} v_0 = \frac{1}{1+k}$$

$$\frac{du}{d\tau} = -u + (u+k-\lambda)v$$

$$2\frac{dv}{d\tau} = u - (u+k)v$$

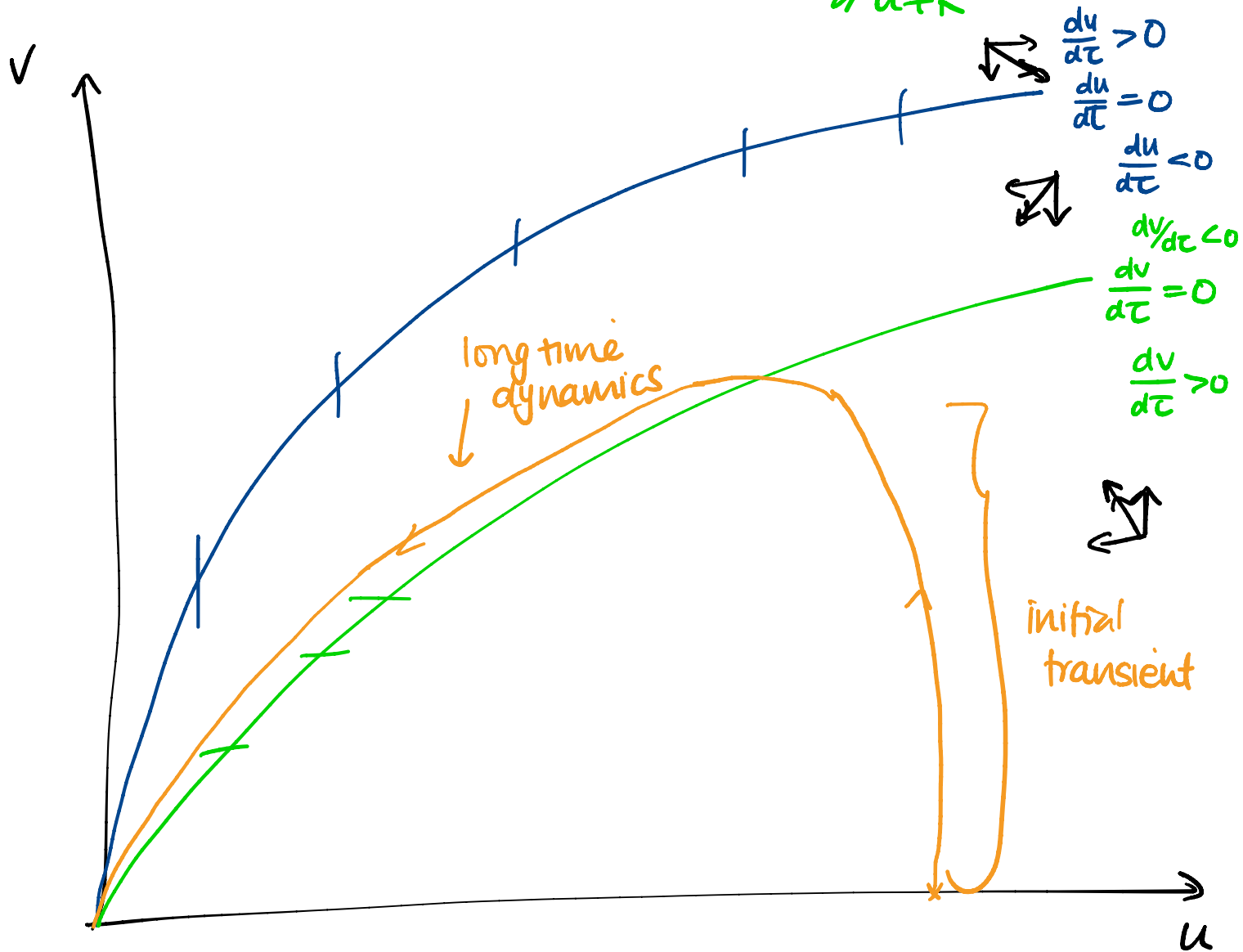
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$$v = \frac{u}{u+k-\lambda}$$

u n.c.

$$v = \frac{u}{u+k}$$

v n.c.



Pseudo steady state hypothesis

eg. Michaelis-Menten equations

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -\frac{\lambda u}{u+k} \quad \text{with } u(0)=1, \quad v = \frac{u}{u+k}$$

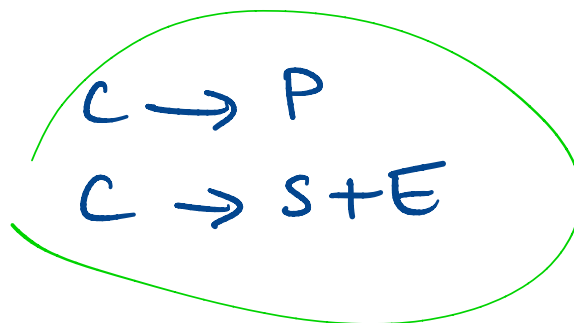
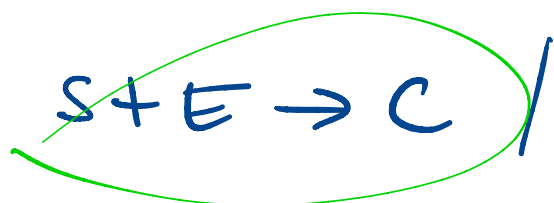
Defn when the time derivative is fast i.e.

$$\varepsilon \frac{dv}{d\tau} = g(u,v) \quad \varepsilon \ll 1, \quad g(u,v) \sim O(1)$$

taking the temporal dynamics to be trivial i.e.

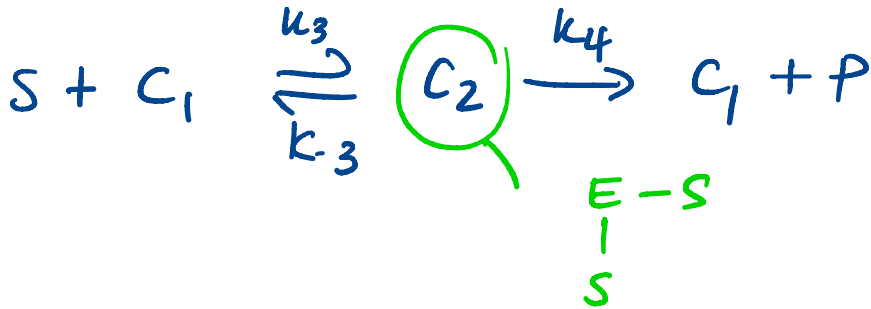
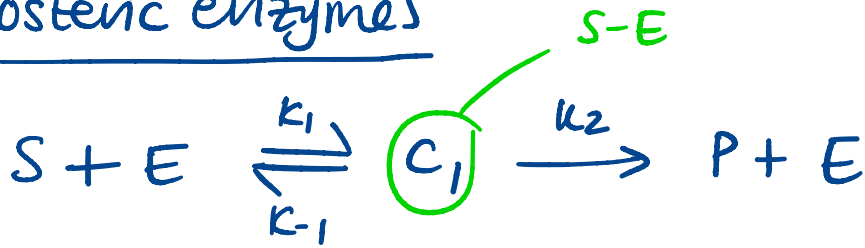
$$\frac{dv}{d\tau} \approx 0$$

is known as the pseudo steady state hypothesis



2.3 more complex systems

Allosteric enzymes



$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -k_1 s e + k_{-1} c_1 - k_3 s c_1 + k_{-3} c_2 \quad s(0) = s_0$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = -k_1 s e + (k_{-1} + k_2) c_1 \quad e(0) = e_0$$

$$\frac{dc_1}{dt} = k_1 s e - (k_{-1} + k_2) c_1 - k_3 s c_1 + (k_{-3} + k_4) c_2 \quad c_1(0) = 0$$

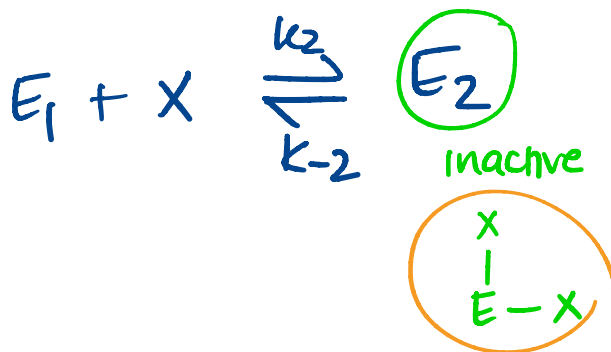
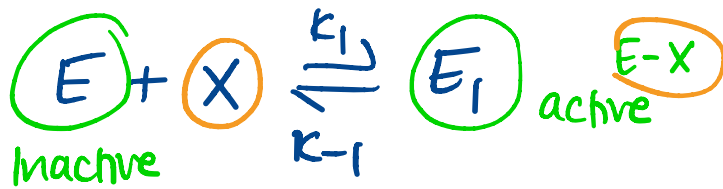
$$\frac{dc_2}{dt} = k_3 s c_1 - (k_{-3} + k_4) c_2 \quad c_2(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = k_2 c_1 + k_4 c_2 \quad P(0) = 0$$

Mass conservation: $\frac{d}{dt} (e + c_1 + c_2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow e(t) + c_1(t) + c_2(t) = e_0$$

multiple enzymes



$$e(t) + e_1(t) + e_2(t) = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e + e_1 + e_2) = 0 \quad : \text{ check for CDE system.}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(x + e_1 + e_2) = k_0 - k_4 x$$

Generally,

$$\frac{du}{d\tau} = f(u, v_1, \dots, v_n)$$

$$\varepsilon_i \frac{dv_i}{dt} = g_i(u, v_1, \dots, v_n) \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

After an initial transient, $g_i(u, v_1, \dots, v_n) \approx 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{d\tau} = f(u, v_1(u), \dots, v_n(u)) \quad \nearrow$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad g_i(u, v_1, \dots, v_n) = 0 \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$\nearrow$
 $v_i(u)$ are the roots of these equations.

Pseudo steady state hypothesis