Mini-course: Molecular Systems Biology



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Thus far

- First Lecture: Chemical kinetics
- Direction of reaction: dG, Gamma/Keq
- How far: Keq, dG⁰; How fast: mass action kinetics
- Second Lecture: Enzyme kinetics
- Derivation of rate equations: equilibrium binding, steady state approximation
- Vmax, Km, saturation, cooperativity, allostery, reversibility, product inhibition
- Third Lecture: Coupled reactions
- Parameter estimation; initial rates, progress curves
- Closed, open systems; equilibrium, steady state, rate characteristics
- Fourth Lecture: Structural network analysis
- N, K, L matrix
- Steady state flux constraints, Flux analysis, Flux modes
- Flux balance analysis

Exercise

I) Derive the rate equation for a two substrate, two product

reaction, assuming rapid equilibrium binding, and a random order mechanism.

2) A substrate is delivered at a constant rate, k and is consumed by an enzyme that follows classic MM kinetics (i.e. irreversible, product insensitive). If the Vm of the enzyme is 1/10 of k, what Km would result in a substrate concentration of 1 at steady state?

Metabolic Control Analysis

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•Quantifies the importance of each of the enzymes for steady state system variables.

•Relates this importance for system behavior to characteristics of the isolated components.

MCA

This lecture: •Use a graphical method to explain the concept of MCA. •Simple system, two enzymes and use so-called rate characteristics



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Control Coefficient

$$C_{v_i}^J = \frac{\delta J/J}{\delta v_i/v_i}$$

$$C_i^y = \frac{\delta y/y}{\delta v_i/v_i} = \frac{\delta y}{\delta v_i} \frac{v_i}{y} = \frac{\delta \ln y}{\delta \ln v_i}$$





















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Thought experiment: What would happen if we simultaneously made the same fractional change, α , in the local rates of all the steps in the system?, i.e. if

$$\frac{\delta v_1}{v_1} = \frac{\delta v_2}{v_2} = \frac{\delta v_3}{v_3} = \alpha \tag{4.21}$$



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Answer: The flux, J, must increase fractionally by α , but, since all the rates increased in the same proportion, the concentrations of the variable metabolites s_1 and s_2 remain unchanged.



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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta J}{J} &= C_1^J \frac{\delta v_1}{v_1} + C_2^J \frac{\delta v_2}{v_2} + C_3^J \frac{\delta v_3}{v_3} \\ \alpha &= \alpha (C_1^J + C_2^J + C_3^J) \end{aligned}$$
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$S \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow 2 \longrightarrow$

> U Slopes determine: 1. distribution of flux control and

2. magnitude of concentration control









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> Elasticity coefficient (kinetic order)

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In words, the elasticity coefficient can be described in five ways:

1. The ratio of the fractional change $\delta v/v$ in the local rate of enzyme and the fractional change $\delta s/s$ in the concentration of a metabolite that interacts directly with the enzyme at a specified value of s (and, of course, specified values of all the other metabolites that directly affect v).

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2. Multiplying both fractional changes by 100 will give the percentage change in each, so that we can also describe the elasticity coefficient as the % change measured in the rate of an enzyme in response to a 1% change in a metabolite concentration.

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3. The product of s/v and the slope of the tangent $\delta v/\delta s$ at a specified value of s on a plot of v against s.

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4. An even more elegant way of expressing elasticity coefficients takes into account that, mathematically speaking, $\delta x/x = \delta \ln |x|$. This means that we can also define the elasticity coefficient as

$$\varepsilon_s^v = \frac{\delta \ln v}{\delta \ln s} \tag{4.2}$$

in other words, the slope of the tangent to the curve obtained by plotting $\ln v$ against $\ln s.$ This is shows explicitly in Fig. 4.1

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5. The apparent kinetic order of the rate with respect to s at a specified value of s. This description implies that an elasticity coefficient is a variable enzymological property; like all other enzymic properties $(K_M, V, \text{etc.})$ its value is constant for a prescribed set of conditions but will vary as conditions vary.

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Summation

 $C_1^J + C_2^J = 1$

Flux







Control Matrix Equation



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Control analytic expressions



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Combined Response

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n $R_p^y = \sum C_i^y \varepsilon_p^{v^i}$ i=1