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# Enzyme Kinetics



## Question - Answers & Quick Notes

Useful for CSIR NET and other Life Science Examinations

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(3) 5  $K_m$

(4) 11  $K_m$

Given,

$$V_{\max} = 100$$

$$V = 90$$

$$[S] = ?$$

$$V = 90\% \text{ of Max.}$$

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

$$90 = \frac{100 \cdot [S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

$$90 K_m + 90 [S] = 100 [S]$$

$$100 [S] - 90 [S] = 90 K_m$$

$$10 [S] = 90 K_m$$

$$[S] = \frac{90 K_m}{10}$$

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

$$V_{\max} = 100 \text{ (assume)}$$

Given,

$$V_1 = 10\% \text{ of } V_{\max}$$

$$[S_1] = x$$

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

$$10 = \frac{100 \cdot [S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

$$10 K_m + 10[S] = 100[S]$$

$$10 K_m = 90[S]$$

$$[S] = \frac{10}{90} K_m$$

or .... can say (in this case)

$$[S_1] = \frac{1}{9} K_m$$

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so, in this case ... we can say)

$$[S_2] = 9 K_m$$

Ratio of  $[S_2]$  and  $[S_1]$   
answer in fold)

$$\frac{[S_2]}{[S_1]} = \frac{9 K_m}{\frac{1}{9} K_m} = 9 \times 9$$

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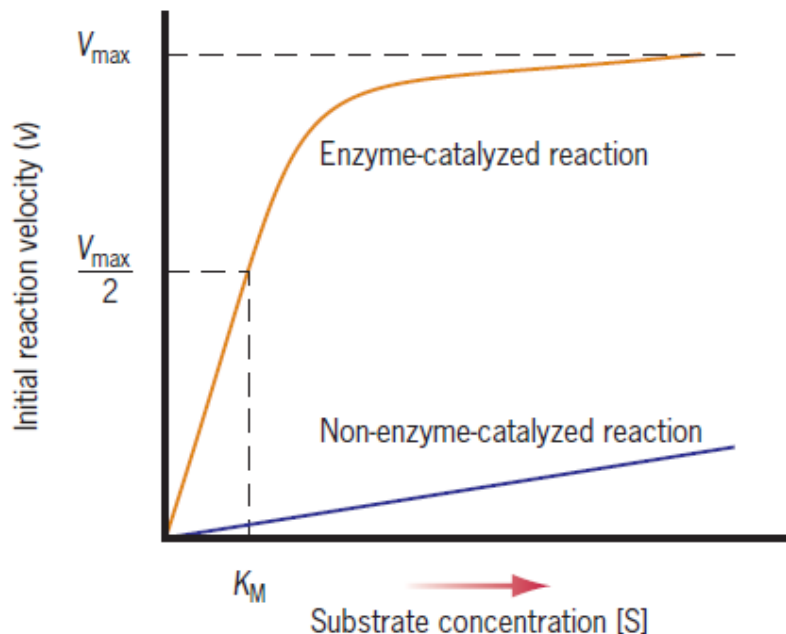
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**The Michaelis-Menten equation**

**Lineweaver - Burk Plot**



**FIGURE 3.17** The relationship between the rate (velocity) of an enzyme-catalyzed reaction and the substrate concentration. Since each enzyme molecule is only able to catalyze a certain number of reactions in a given amount of time, the velocity of the reaction (typically expressed as moles of product formed per second) approaches a maximal rate as the substrate concentration increases. The substrate concentration at which the reaction is at half-maximal velocity ( $V_{\max}/2$ ) is called the Michaelis constant, or  $K_M$ .

Source: Karp's Cell and Molecular Biology Concepts and Experiments 8th ed., page-98

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$$V = V_{\max} \frac{[S]}{[S] + K_M}$$

According to the equation, when the substrate concentration  $[S]$  is set at a value equivalent to  $K_M$ , then the velocity of the reaction ( $V$ ) becomes equal to  $V_{\max}/2$ , or one-half the maximal velocity. Thus,  $K_M = [S]$ , when  $V = V_{\max}/2$ .

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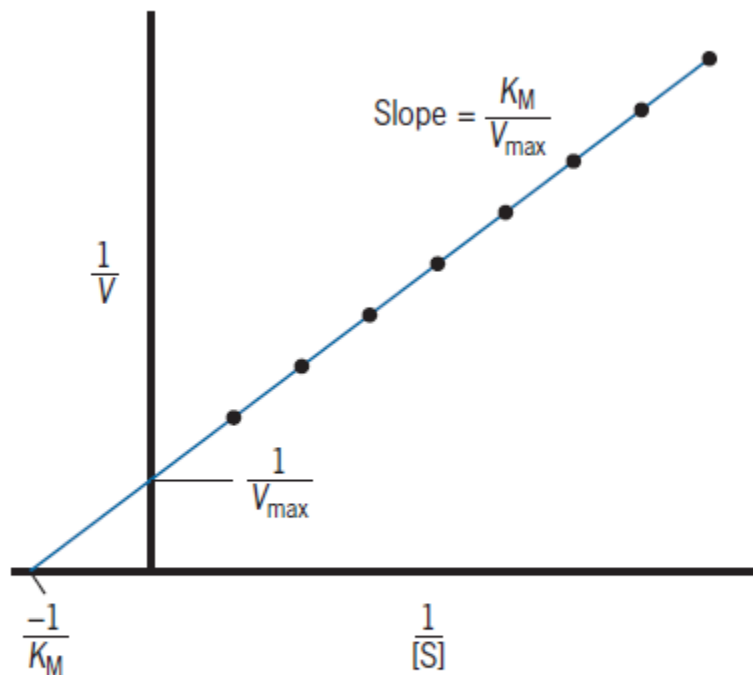
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This is of the form  $y = mx + c$ , which is the equation of a ***straight line graph***; a plot of  $y$  against  $x$  has a slope  $m$  and intercept  $c$  on the y-axis.

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**FIGURE 3.18** A Lineweaver-Burk plot of the reciprocals of velocity and substrate concentration from which the values for the  $V_{\max}$  and  $K_M$  are readily calculated.

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$$\frac{1}{V_0} = \frac{K_m}{V_{\max}} \cdot \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{\max}}$$

It is clear that,

**when  $\frac{1}{[S]} = 0$**

then  $\frac{1}{V} = \frac{1}{V_{\max}}$

(by putting  $\frac{1}{[S]} = 0$  in the equation)

**when  $\frac{1}{[V]} = 0$**

Set  $\frac{1}{V} = 0$  and solve for  $\frac{1}{[S]}$ :

$$0 = \frac{K_m}{V_{\max}} \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{\max}}$$

$$-\frac{1}{V_{\max}} = \frac{K_m}{V_{\max}} \frac{1}{[S]}$$

$$-1 = K_m \frac{1}{[S]}$$

$$-\frac{1}{K_m} = \frac{1}{[S]} = \text{x-intercept}$$

$$V_{\max} = ?$$

$$K_m = ?$$

$$\text{Given is, } \frac{1}{v} = 40 \mu M^{-1} \text{ min.} \\ \text{at } \frac{1}{[s]} = 0$$

$$\text{also Given } \frac{1}{[s]} = -1.5 \times 10^2 \text{ mM}^{-1} \\ \text{at } \frac{1}{v} = 0$$

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$$\text{when, } \frac{1}{v} = 0 \text{ then.}$$

$$\frac{1}{[s]} = -\frac{1}{K_m} \quad \text{so}$$

$$-1.5 \times 10^2 \text{ mM}^{-1} = -\frac{1}{K_m}$$

$$K_m = \frac{1}{1.5 \times 10^2 \text{ mM}^{-1}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1.5} \times 10^{-2} \text{ mM}$$

$$= 0.67 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mM}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \overline{) 100} \quad (6.6 \\ \underline{90} \\ 100 \\ \underline{90} \\ 10 \end{array} \dots$$

when,  $\frac{1}{[S]} = 0$  then  $\frac{1}{V} = \frac{1}{V_{\max}}$

so,  $\frac{1}{V_{\max}} = 40 \mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{ min}$

$$V_{\max} = \frac{1}{40 \mu\text{M}/\text{min}} = 0.025 \mu\text{M min}^{-1}$$

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*Thank you!*



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