

Problem 4-10 Integrated Michaelis-Menten equation; $c_{S0} \gg K_M$; substrate conversion

The action of pepsin on 1-carboxy-1-glutamyl tyrosin (substrate S) at the temperature of 38°C and pH = 4 is characterized by the kinetic parameters

$$K_M = 1.73 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \quad \text{a} \quad v_{\max} = 9.2 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

Calculate the percentage of the substrate converted after 10 hours from the beginning of the reaction in case that the initial concentration of the substrate was 0.8 mol dm^{-3} .

[4.14 %]

Solution:

$$\tau = 10 \text{ h}, \quad c_{S0} = 0.8 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$c_{S0} = 0.8 \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \gg K_M = 1.73 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$$

$$v_{\max} = 9.2 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = ?$$

$$r = \frac{dc_P}{d\tau} = \frac{v_{\max} \cdot c_S}{K_M + c_S} \cong \frac{v_{\max} \cdot c_S}{c_S} = v_{\max}$$

$$c_{S0} \cdot \frac{d\alpha}{d\tau} = v_{\max} \quad \text{- zero-order kinetics}$$

$$c_{S0} \cdot \alpha = v_{\max} \cdot \tau$$

$$\alpha = \frac{v_{\max} \cdot \tau}{c_{S0}} = \frac{9.2 \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 10 \cdot 3600}{0.8} \quad \left[\frac{(\text{mol dm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}) \cdot \text{s}}{\text{mol dm}^{-3}} = 1 \right]$$

$$\alpha = 4.14 \cdot 10^{-2} \dots\dots\dots 4.14 \%$$