

10.12 An enzyme has a K_M value of $2.8 \times 10^{-5} M$ and a V_{\max} value of $53 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}$. Calculate the value of v_0 if $[S] = 3.7 \times 10^{-4} M$ and $[I] = 4.8 \times 10^{-4} M$ for (a) a competitive inhibitor, (b) a noncompetitive inhibitor, and (c) an uncompetitive inhibitor. ($K_I = 1.7 \times 10^{-5} M$ for all three cases.)

(a) For a competitive inhibitor, from Equation 10.17,

$$\begin{aligned} v_0 &= \frac{V_{\max}[S]}{K_M \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I}\right) + [S]} \\ &= \frac{(53 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}) (3.7 \times 10^{-4} M)}{(2.8 \times 10^{-5} M) \left(1 + \frac{4.8 \times 10^{-4} M}{1.7 \times 10^{-5} M}\right) + 3.7 \times 10^{-4} M} \\ &= 16.5 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1} \\ &= 16 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

(b) For a noncompetitive inhibitor, Equation 10.19 gives,

$$\begin{aligned} v_0 &= \frac{\frac{V_{\max}}{\left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I}\right)} [S]}{K_M + [S]} \\ &= \frac{\frac{53 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}}{\left(1 + \frac{4.8 \times 10^{-4} M}{1.7 \times 10^{-5} M}\right)} (3.7 \times 10^{-4} M)}{2.8 \times 10^{-5} M + 3.7 \times 10^{-4} M} \\ &= 1.69 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1} \\ &= 1.7 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

(c) For an uncompetitive inhibitor, Equation 10.22 is appropriate,

$$\begin{aligned} v_0 &= \frac{\frac{V_{\max}}{\left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I}\right)} [S]}{\frac{K_M}{\left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I}\right)} + [S]} \\ &= \frac{\frac{53 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}}{\left(1 + \frac{4.8 \times 10^{-4} M}{1.7 \times 10^{-5} M}\right)} (3.7 \times 10^{-4} M)}{\frac{2.8 \times 10^{-5} M}{\left(1 + \frac{4.8 \times 10^{-4} M}{1.7 \times 10^{-5} M}\right)} + 3.7 \times 10^{-4} M} \\ &= 1.81 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1} \\ &= 1.8 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- 10.13** The degree of inhibition i is given by $i\% = (1 - \alpha) 100\%$, where $\alpha = (v_0)_{\text{inhibition}} / v_0$. Calculate the percent inhibition for each of the three cases in Problem 10.12.

First v_0 in the absence of inhibitor must be found.

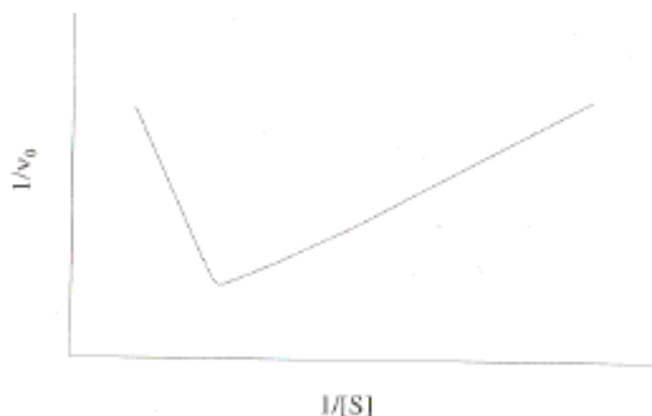
$$\begin{aligned} v_0 &= \frac{V_{\max} [S]}{K_M + [S]} \\ &= \frac{(53 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}) (3.7 \times 10^{-4} M)}{2.8 \times 10^{-5} M + 3.7 \times 10^{-4} M} \\ &= 49.3 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

(a) $\alpha = \frac{16.5 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}}{49.3 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}} = 0.335$
percent inhibition = $(1 - 0.335) (100\%) = 67\%$

(b) $\alpha = \frac{1.69 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}}{49.3 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}} = 3.43 \times 10^{-2}$
percent inhibition = $(1 - 3.43 \times 10^{-2}) (100\%) = 96.7\%$

(c) $\alpha = \frac{1.81 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}}{49.3 \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}} = 3.67 \times 10^{-2}$
percent inhibition = $(1 - 3.67 \times 10^{-2}) (100\%) = 96.3\%$

- 10.32** Give an explanation for the Lineweaver-Burk plot for a certain enzyme-catalyzed reaction shown below.



The plot shows that at high substrate concentration (low values of $1/[S]$), the initial rate of the reaction decreases ($1/v_0$ increases). Thus, the substrate must act as an inhibitor to the enzyme.

- 10.14** An enzyme-catalyzed reaction ($K_M = 2.7 \times 10^{-3} M$) is inhibited by a competitive inhibitor I ($K_I = 3.1 \times 10^{-5} M$). Suppose that the substrate concentration is $3.6 \times 10^{-4} M$. How much of the inhibitor is needed for 65% inhibition? How much does the substrate concentration have to be increased to reduce the inhibition to 25%?

Expressions for the initial rate in the absence and presence of a competitive inhibitor are given by Equations 10.10 and 10.17, respectively. Dividing the former by the latter gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{v_0}{(v_0)_{\text{inhibition}}} &= \frac{K_M \left(1 + \frac{[I]}{K_I}\right) + [S]}{K_M + [S]} \\ &= 1 + \frac{K_M [I]}{(K_M + [S]) K_I}\end{aligned}$$

This can be solved for [I],

$$[I] = K_I \left(\frac{v_0}{(v_0)_{\text{inhibition}}} - 1 \right) \left(1 + \frac{[S]}{K_M} \right)$$

It can also be solved for [S],

$$[S] = K_M \left(\frac{[I]}{K_I \left(\frac{v_0}{(v_0)_{\text{inhibition}}} - 1 \right)} - 1 \right)$$

The expression for [I] is used in answering the first part of the question. For 65% inhibition, $(v_0)_{\text{inhibition}} = (1 - 0.65)v_0 = 0.35v_0$, and

$$[I] = (3.1 \times 10^{-5} M) \left(\frac{1}{0.35} - 1 \right) \left(1 + \frac{3.6 \times 10^{-4} M}{2.7 \times 10^{-3} M} \right) = 6.52 \times 10^{-5} M = 6.5 \times 10^{-5} M$$

To reduce the inhibition to 25%, where $(v_0)_{\text{inhibition}} = 0.75v_0$, at this concentration of inhibitor, use the expression for [S] to find the required substrate concentration.

$$[S] = (2.7 \times 10^{-3} M) \left[\frac{6.52 \times 10^{-5} M}{(3.1 \times 10^{-5} M) \left(\frac{1}{0.75} - 1 \right)} - 1 \right] = 1.4 \times 10^{-2} M$$