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Temperature-Dependent Parameters in Enzyme Kinetics: Impacts on Enzyme Denaturation

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Abstract

Enzymes are vital proteins in biological systems, responsible for regulating and coordinating numerous essential processes. The incorporation of denaturation rate accounts for the gradual loss of enzyme activity over time, which is particularly significant under experimental conditions where enzymes are susceptible to denaturation. It is noteworthy that adverse environmental conditions, such as high temperature or pH imbalance, can induce enzyme denaturation, leading to a loss of functionality over time. This structural disruption renders enzymes inactive, posing a crucial consideration in long-term enzyme kinetics studies. Furthermore, enzymes typically exhibit reduced catalytic activity at lower temperatures, which is pivotal for understanding their stability and efficacy in biological systems and industrial applications. Accordingly, we developed a mathematical model to investigate enzyme kinetics under varying temperature, aiming to analyse their respective impacts on both enzyme behaviour and product formation.

1. Introduction

Enzymes are proteins that play a vital role in biological systems by regulating and coordinating many essential processes. They reduce the activation energy required for chemical reactions and regulate cellular functions by increasing the rate of reactions. Basic metabolic processes such as food breakdown, energy production, and protein synthesis are also controlled by enzymes. Additionally, some enzymes play a role in intracellular and intercellular communication as well as in regulation of DNA, RNA and protein synthesis. Enzymes are also important for the immune system [1].

The effects of inhibitors at the cellular level are diverse and they are used to regulate many biological processes [2]. For example, many drugs act by inhibiting enzymes targeted in the treatment of diseases [3]. At the same time, in biochemical and cellular research, inhibitors are important tools for understanding the functions of certain enzymes or manipulating certain metabolic pathways [4]. Inhibitors are molecules that interfere with or halt the typical activities of enzymes. These molecules work by altering or blocking the catalytic activity of enzymes. Inhibitors are generally divided into two main categories: reversible inhibitors and irreversible inhibitors. Reversible inhibitors temporarily bind with the enzyme and this connection is reversible, meaning it can be broken easily. Reversible inhibitors generally bind to the enzyme's active site, preventing substrate binding or catalytic activity. If the inhibitor has the same or similar structure as the substrate and prevents the binding of the substrate by binding to the active site of the enzyme, it is called a competitive inhibitor. Uncompetitive inhibitor is a specific type of enzyme inhibitors that binds to the enzyme-substrate complex, rather than the free enzyme itself. Non-competitive inhibitors are molecules that bind to an enzyme at a site other than the active site, known as the allosteric site. This binding causes a change in the structure of the enzyme, which alters the active site and prevents the enzyme from catalyzing the reaction efficiently, even when the substrate is present in high concentrations [5].

Enzyme kinetics, the study of the rates at which enzyme-catalysed reactions proceed, is a cornerstone of biochemistry and molecular biology. Understanding these kinetics is crucial for a variety of applications, including drug development, metabolic engineering, and the elucidation of biochemical pathways. Mathematical modelling plays a pivotal role in interpreting

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and predicting the behaviour of enzyme systems, providing insights that are often difficult to obtain through experimental methods alone. The foundation of enzyme kinetics was laid by Michaelis and Menten with their pioneering work on the Michaelis-Menten mechanism [6]. This model introduced key concepts such as the Michaelis constant (K_{m}) and maximum reaction velocity ($V_{\max}$), which remain fundamental to enzyme kinetics today. Despite its simplicity, the Michaelis-Menten equation provides a robust framework for understanding single-substrate enzyme reactions under steady-state conditions.

Mendes et al. examined the use of computational techniques to enzyme kinetics [7]. Boehr et al. utilized molecular dynamics simulations to explore the structural basis of enzyme inhibition [8]. Other studies investigated mathematical modelling of uncompetitive inhibitor such as in bi-substrate enzymatic reactions [9]. Non-competitive inhibition is significant because it decreases the maximum rate of the reaction ($V_{\max}$) without affecting the affinity between the enzyme and the substrate (K_{m} remains constant). Cornish-Bowden provides a detailed derivation of the rate equations for linear mixed inhibition, emphasizing the importance of understanding the inhibitory constants for both competitive and noncompetitive components [10]. Cheng et al. investigated the kinetic parameters of enzyme inhibitors using a combination of experimental and computational approaches.

Temperature is key parameters for many organisms, and its effects and modelling have been studied in various biological research fields [11, 12, 13]. Each enzyme is affected differently by temperature, but ultimately, it begins to suffer damage at a certain temperature. This is an important factor, especially in long-term enzyme kinetics. As temperature increases, the kinetic energy of enzyme and substrate molecules also increases. This leads to faster movement and more frequent collisions between molecules. More frequent collisions result in faster enzyme-substrate reactions. Every chemical reaction has a specific activation energy. As temperature increases, more molecules gain enough energy to overcome this energy barrier, which speeds up the reaction.

However, there are also obstacles that slow down the reaction. Proteolytic enzymes can break down enzymes, particularly in cellular environments or in solutions containing proteases [14]. In industrial or laboratory conditions, enzymes can lose their activity over time when used continuously. Some enzymes require co-factors, such as metal ions or organic molecules, to function properly. The depletion of these co-factors can reduce the enzyme's effectiveness [15]. Including the denaturation rate accounts for the loss of active enzyme over time, which can be significant in experimental conditions where enzymes are prone to denaturation [16]. This addition makes the model more realistic and can be crucial for understanding the long-term behaviour of enzyme reactions, especially in industrial or biotechnological applications where enzyme stability is a key factor. Each enzyme is affected differently by temperature, but ultimately, it begins to suffer damage at a certain temperature. This is an important factor, especially in long-term enzyme kinetics.

Numerous scientific investigations have explored the influence of temperature on enzyme activity throughout history. For instance, Peterson et al., [17, 18], developed and validated the Equilibrium model, which elucidates how enzymes lose activity under high temperatures. Their research initially focused on alkaline phosphatase, demonstrating that enzyme activity rises with temperature until reaching an optimal point (approximately 57°C at time zero), but diminishes with time thereafter. Beyond this optimum, enzyme activity declines steeply due to combined effects of temperature and duration.

Additionally, their studies examined the temperature dependence of acid phosphatase's initial reaction rate. They found that this enzyme reaches peak reaction rates (around 1.1 mM) at 63°C, contrasting sharply with reaction rates estimated at 0.1 mM 22 °C and approximately 0.6 mM at 82°C. Furthermore, they extended their investigations to enzymes sourced from diverse thermal environments, including an Antarctic Sea bacterium, HK47 alkaline phosphatase (psychrotrophic), Bacillus cereus dihydrofolate reductase (mesophilic), and Caldicellulosiruptor saccharolyticus β-glucosidase (thermophilic) [19]. Their findings underscore the profound impact of temperature on enzymatic activities across a spectrum of biological systems.

Forsling and Widdas [20] conducted an investigation into the impact of temperature on Phenolphthalein, Phloretin, and Stilboestrol, revealing their competitive inhibition of the facilitated glucose transfer system in human red blood cells. Their findings indicated that the concentration necessary for 50% inhibition by Phenolphthalein decreases at lower temperatures and exhibits a gradual rise within the temperature range of $10-40$ °C. The Arrhenius plot derived from their data displayed a slope corresponding to $19,300$ calories per mole, highlighting the temperature sensitivity of these inhibitory effects.

Liu et al., investigated the impact of temperature on α-Amylase activity, determining both its optimal operating temperature and thermal stability [21]. They observed that the enzyme's relative activity initiates at approximately 65% at 30°C, reaches its peak activity at 100% around 50°C, and subsequently declines. At 80°C, the enzyme's activity decreases to approximately 50%.

In a related study, Coban et al., examined the temperature dependence of Sheep spleen tissue Glutathione Reductase (GR) enzyme activity [22]. They found that the enzyme exhibits an activity of 0.25 EU/ml from 0°C to 10°C. Beyond 10°C, its activity increases, reaching 0.55 EU/ml at its optimal temperature of 40°C, after which it diminishes sharply to 0 EU/ml at 80°C.

In this study, we will develop and analyze a comprehensive mathematical model to investigate the effects of temperature on reaction rates and enzyme denaturation. The model will incorporate various parameters, including the initial enzyme concentration, the rate of enzyme denaturation, and the influence of temperature on both the catalytic activity and stability of

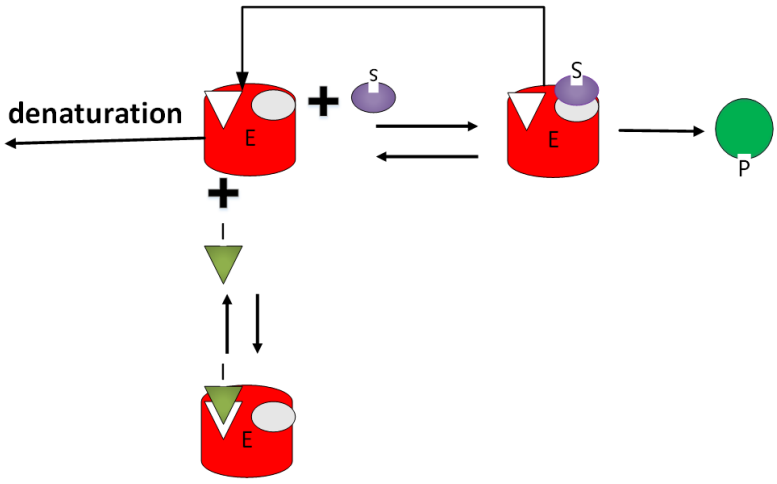

Figure 1: Enzyme reaction for competitive inhibition.

enzymes. By simulating different temperature conditions, we aim to provide a detailed understanding of how temperature variations impact enzymatic reactions over time. This will include examining the balance between the enhanced reaction rates at higher temperatures and the concomitant increase in denaturation rates that reduce enzyme activity. By accounting for these factors, our model will offer a more realistic and practical representation of enzyme kinetics, contributing to the optimization of enzymatic processes in various fields, such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and metabolic engineering.

2. Methods

2.1. Developing mathematical models

The aim of our study is to model enzyme kinetics with different temperature: We consider the optimum temperature for enzyme reaction and apply these to enzyme-substrate interaction with competitive inhibition. Competitive inhibitors bind to the same site on the enzyme (active site) as the substrate, preventing the substrate from binding. In the presence of a competitive inhibitor, higher substrate concentrations can overcome the inhibitor's effect. The Michaelis constant (K_{m}) increases, but the maximum velocity ($V_{\max}$) remains unchanged. There are four main parts in the model: enzyme ($[E] = e$), substrate ($[S] = s$), inhibitor ($[I] = i$) and product ($[P] = p$), (see Figure 1). Furthermore, there are enzyme-substrate complex ($[ES] = x_1$) and enzyme-inhibitor complex ($[EI] = x_2$). The kinetic reactions of competitive inhibition can be shown in reaction scheme 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} E+S &\underset{k_{-1}}{\overset{k_1}{\leftrightarrow}} ES(x_1) \overset{k_2}{\rightarrow} E+P, \\ E+I &\underset{k_{-3}}{\overset{k_3}{\leftrightarrow}} EI(x_2), \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

and the model equations of this reaction figure as follows,

$$\frac{de}{dt} = -k_1 es + k_{-1}x_1 + k_2 x_1 - k_3 ei + k_{-3}x_2 - me, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -k_1 es + k_{-1}x_1, \tag{2.3}$$

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = k_1 es - k_{-1}x_1 - k_2 x_1, \tag{2.4}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = k_2 x_1, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = -k_3 ei + k_{-3}x_2, \tag{2.6}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = k_3 ei - k_{-3}x_2. \tag{2.7}$$

Here the parameter k_1 represents the rate of forward formation of the enzyme-substrate complex ES from free enzyme E and substrate S, k_{-1} represents the rate of dissociation of the enzyme-substrate complex (ES), k_2 represents the rate of degradation

of ES, k_3 the rate of formation of EI, k_{-3} the rate of dissociation of the enzyme-inhibitor complex (EI) and m the rate of denaturation of the free enzyme. We ignored the denaturation of enzyme complexes in the model because the reaction involving the substrate occurs much faster than the denaturation process, which primarily affects the free enzyme over time. The initial values of the variables are $e(0) = e_0$, $s(0) = s_0$, $i(0) = i_0$ and $x_1(0) = x_2(0) = p(0) = 0$. For simplicity, the sum of the equations 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5,

$$\frac{ds(t)}{dt} + \frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} + \frac{dp(t)}{dt} = 0,$$

and integrate with initial values, we obtain

$$s(t) + x_1(t) + p(t) = s_0 \Rightarrow x_1(t) = s_0 - s(t) - p(t).$$

Similarly, we obtain $x_2(t) = i_0 - i(t)$ from the equations 2.6 and 2.7. When we substitute these two variables into the model, then the model will have four main equations.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{de(t)}{dt} &= -k_1(T)e(t)s(t) + (k_{-1}(T) + k_2(T))(s_0 - s(t) - p(t)) \\
&\quad - k_3(T)e(t)i(t) + k_{-3}(T)(i_0 - i(t)) - m(T)e(t), \\
\frac{ds(t)}{dt} &= -k_1(T)e(t)s(t) + k_{-1}(T)(s_0 - s(t) - p(t)), \\
\frac{dp(t)}{dt} &= k_2(T)(s_0 - s(t) - p(t)), \\
\frac{di(t)}{dt} &= -k_3(T)e(t)i(t) + k_{-3}(T)(i_0 - i(t)).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

2.2. Model parameterisation

This study aims to highlight the impact of temperature changes on the model, product concentration and enzyme denaturation. Each enzyme has an optimum temperature at which it reaches its maximum kinetic rate. At this temperature, the enzyme and substrate molecules collide with maximum efficiency, resulting in the highest reaction rate. In this study, the optimum temperature will be referred to as T_0. Beyond this temperature, the structure of the enzyme begins to break down, leading to denaturation. A denatured enzyme cannot bind to its substrate, causing the reaction rate to drop dramatically. At a certain temperature, the enzyme can become fully denatured and lose its activity completely. When the temperature falls slightly below T_0, the activity of the enzyme decreases because the kinetic energy of the molecules drops. The reaction rate slows down due to lower kinetic energy and fewer collisions. In this way, the velocity parameters will be defined as a function of T. We define three different models which will have different reaction rate functions. The first one is Arrhenius equation,

$$f_1(T) = A \exp\left(-\frac{E_\alpha}{R(T + 273)}\right), \tag{2.9}$$

where A, E_a, R and T are pre-exponential factor, activation energy, universal gas constant and absolute temperature, respectively. In this study, the temperatures are reported in degrees Celsius, but they should be converted to Kelvin for use in the Arrhenius equation. Therefore, we convert the temperatures to Kelvin by adding 273. The default parameter values are given in Table 1, and the function is illustrated in Figure 2a. Using the function $f_1(T)$, the reaction velocity will be

$$k_i = k_{i_0} f_1(T), \qquad i = 1, -1, 2, 3, -3, \tag{2.10}$$

where k_{i_0} are reaction rate constant (they are generally optimum reaction rate for each i). Another parameter is the enzyme denaturation rate, which is defined by sigmoid function (see Figure 2d),

$$m(T) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\dfrac{T_1 - T}{n}\right)}, \tag{2.11}$$

where T_1 controls the point at which the function reaches half of its maximum value, and n adjusts the steepness of the curve (slope). We will refer to it as Model I if the k_i parameters occur with the function $f_1(T)$ and the enzyme denaturation parameter $m(T)$ is as described in equation 2.11.

After exposure to high temperatures, enzymes denature, while at low temperatures, their activity slows down. Therefore, a single temperature function is used to encapsulate these conditions instead of employing two separate functions (the Arrhenius function and the $m(T)$ function). This approach ensures that the enzyme exhibits maximum reaction velocity at its optimum temperature, approximated by a Gaussian function

$$f_2(T) = \exp\left(-\frac{(T - T_0)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right), \tag{2.12}$$

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Reaction Rate to [ES] complex	k_{1_0}	1	$\mathrm{mM}^{-1}\mathrm{s}^{-1}$
Reaction Rate to [E] and [S]	k_{-1_0}	0.1	s^{-1}
Reaction Rate to [E] and [P]	k_{2_0}	0.5	s^{-1}
Reaction Rate to [EI] complex	k_{3_0}	1	$\mathrm{mM}^{-1}\mathrm{s}^{-1}$
Reaction Rate to [E] and [I]	k_{-3_0}	0.1	s^{-1}
Activation Energy	E_α	5×10^4	$\mathrm{J.mol}^{-1}$
Universal Gas Constant	R	8.314	$\mathrm{J.mol}^{-1}\mathrm{K}^{-1}$
Pre-exponential Factor	A	16×10^6	–
Optimum Temperature	T_0	50	°C
Threshold Temperature	T_1	70	°C
Standard Deviation in Eq. 2.12 and 2.14	σ_1	20	°C
Standard Deviation in Eq. 2.14	σ_2	10	°C
Steepness Parameter see Eq. 2.11	n	20	°C

Table 1: Default parameter values and units. Detail for reaction rates direction see enzyme reaction scheme 2.1 and Figure 1.

where T_0 is optimum temperature and σ_1 is standard deviation which controls the width of the shape and, it is given in Figure 2b. Thereby, the rate function of the reaction will be

$$k_i(T) = f_2(T)k_{i_0}, \qquad i = 1,-1,2,3,-3. \tag{2.13}$$

System 2.8 with the reaction rates as in equations 2.13 and no denaturation rate ($m(T) = 0$) will be referred as Model II.

However, we observe that Model I does not account for the decreasing reaction velocity at temperatures higher than the optimum. According to the Arrhenius equation, the reaction rate continues to increase even above the optimum temperature. Similarly, Model II overlooks the decrease in effective enzyme concentration due to denaturation. Therefore, we introduce a new piecewise function to make the model more realistic as

$$f_3(T) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\dfrac{(T-T_0)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}\right) & T \le T_0, \\ 1 & T_0 < T \le T_0+10, \\ \exp\left(-\dfrac{(T-(T_0+10))^2}{2\sigma_2^2}\right) & T_0+10 < T, \end{cases} \tag{2.14}$$

where T_0 is optimum temperature, σ_1 and σ_2 are standard deviations. The new model (referred here as Model III) is possessed of new piecewise reaction rate function as

$$k_i(T) = f_3(T)k_{i_0} \qquad i = 1,-1,2,3,-3, \tag{2.15}$$

and the denaturation rate is $m(T)$ as given equation 2.11.

3. Results

Figure 3a illustrates the changes in product concentration over time. The curves depicted are generated using Model I, with temperatures set at 10°C, 30°C, 40°C, 50°C, 70°C and 90°C. In this system, where initial conditions are crucial, the substrate concentration must be significantly higher than the enzyme concentration.

As shown in Figure 3a, at lower temperatures, the reaction rates progresses very slowly. Despite this, the product concentration eventually reaches the expected equilibrium point, although it takes a longer duration. At the optimal temperature range, around $40-50$°C, the equilibrium point is achieved at the fastest rate. However, at temperatures high enough to damage the enzyme, the reaction rate might initially be high, but the final product concentration may not reach the expected level due to a reduction in the enzyme's activity.

It is also examined the same conditions for Model II, as shown in Figure 3b. In this model, instead of enzyme denaturation, it is interpreted the slowing of the reaction rate as being due to temperatures below or above the optimum. In the same figure, it can be seen that the product dynamics in Model II yield almost the same results as Model I up to the optimum temperature. In this model, even if the ambient temperature is significantly above the optimum, the product eventually reaches the equilibrium point, albeit slowly, similar to low temperatures.

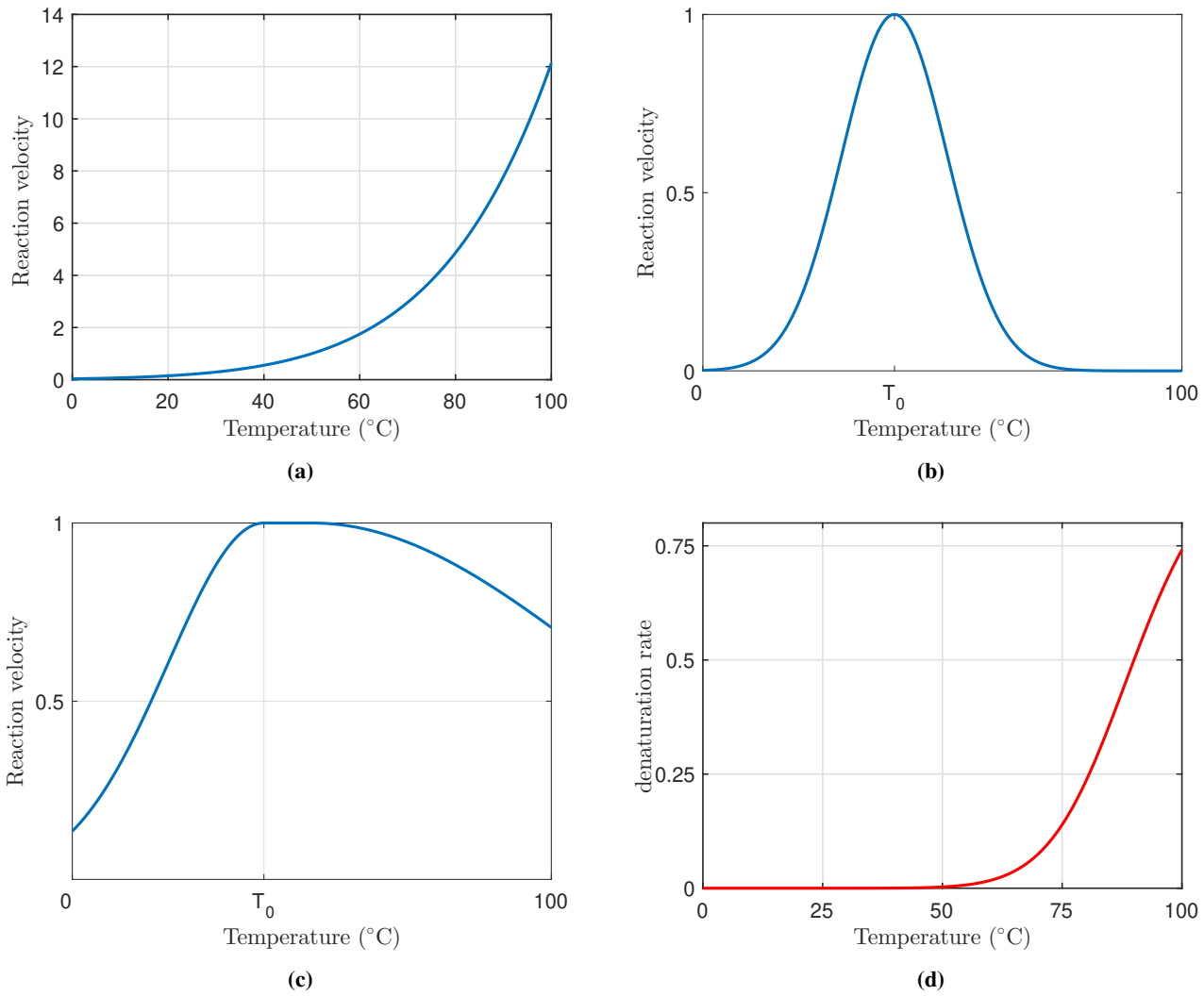

Figure 2: The graphs of the temperature-dependent parameter functions are shown above. The reaction rates depend on the function of temperature T as follows: (a) Arrhenius equation for Model I, (b) Gaussian function for Model II and (c) $f_3(T)$ function for Model III. Also, denaturation rate in Model I and Model III as in figure (d) and it is zero in Model II.

High temperatures increase the kinetic energy of the enzyme, leading to greater molecular motion. However, when this motion becomes excessive, it can hinder the proper binding between the enzyme and the substrate. Effective interaction between the enzyme and substrate requires a certain level of structural stability. Above the optimal temperature, the enzyme's active site may no longer properly bind to the substrate and catalyze the reaction efficiently. This leads to a reduction in the enzyme's effectiveness, making even the remaining active enzymes less efficient.

To address these issues, we combine the more realistic aspects of Model I and Model II to develop Model III. In this model, we retain the advantages of Model II for temperatures ranging from low to optimal, where the reaction rate behaves in accordance with the Gaussian function, effectively capturing the temperature dependence without the sharp decline seen in denaturation-prone conditions. This ensures that at lower temperatures, the reaction progresses, albeit slowly, until it reaches the equilibrium point, similar to what is observed in Model II.

For higher temperatures, Model III introduces a new function for reaction velocity that accounts for the decline in enzyme activity due to excessive molecular motion and structural instability. This new function provides a more accurate representation of the reaction kinetics at elevated temperatures, where the reaction rate initially rises but then decreases as the enzyme begins to denature. Additionally, Model III incorporates the denaturation rate, as illustrated in Figure 2d, to further enhance the model's realism by considering the actual loss of enzyme functionality over time at higher temperatures.

By combining these elements, Model III offers a more comprehensive and realistic portrayal of enzyme kinetics across a wider temperature range. The time-product concentration graph, shown in Figure 3c, reflects these improvements, demonstrating that while the product concentration reaches the equilibrium point rapidly at optimal temperatures, it takes longer at both lower and higher temperatures. At very high temperatures, the equilibrium concentration is reduced due to enzyme denaturation, providing a more accurate depiction of real-world biochemical processes.

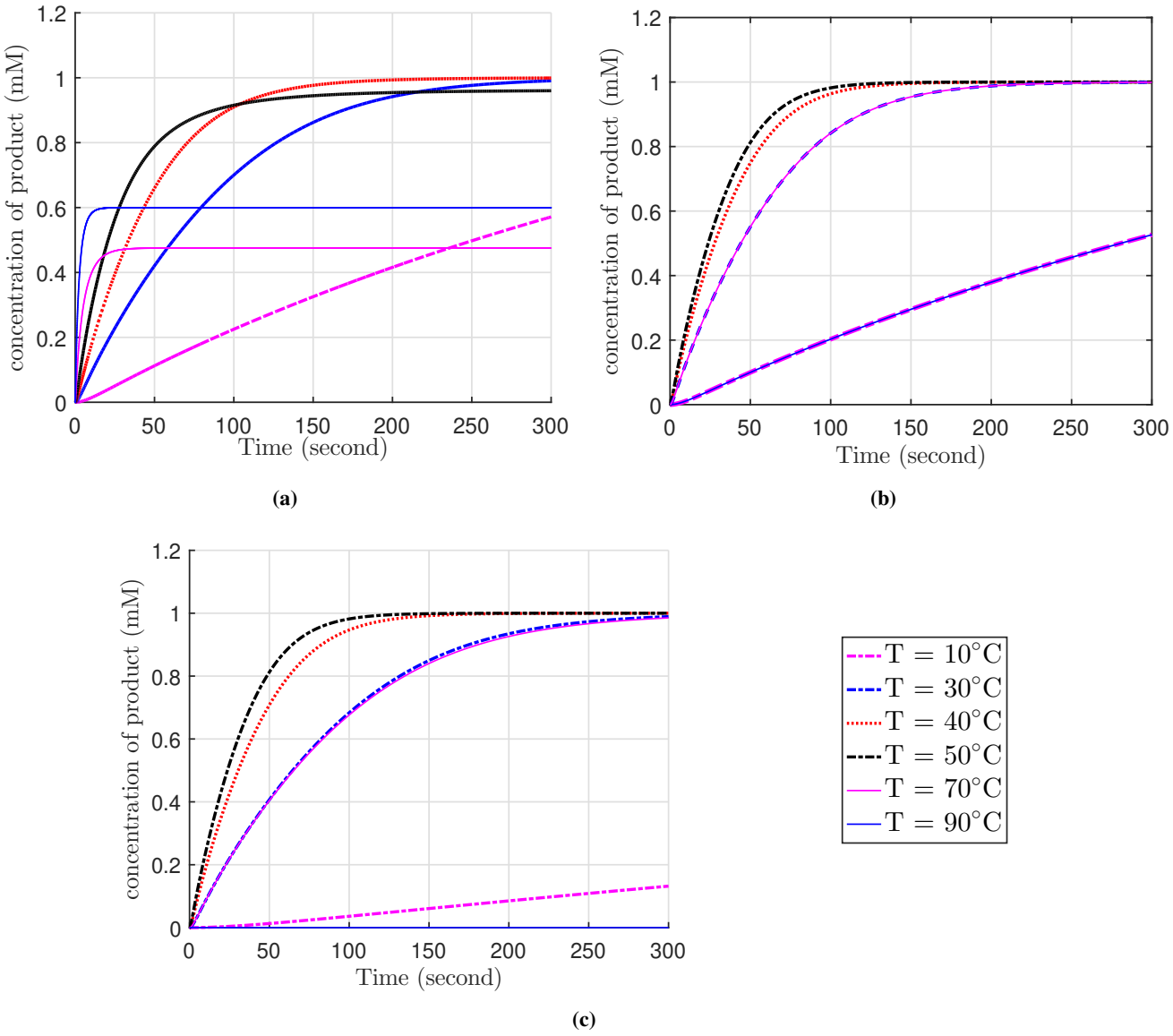

Figure 3: Time-product concentration graph at different temperatures with $e_0 = 0.1$ mM, $s_0 = 1$ mM, $i_0 = 0.1$ mM, $p_0 = 0$ and the default parameter values in the Table 1. Model I in 3a, Model II in 3b and Model III in 3c are showed with varying temperature values.

In summary, Model III builds on the strengths of Models I and II, offering a nuanced understanding of enzyme kinetics that takes into account the complex interplay between temperature, reaction rate, and enzyme stability. This model can serve as a valuable tool for predicting enzyme behavior in various industrial and research applications where temperature control is crucial for optimal performance.

When comparing the substrate-product graphs for each model (see Figure 4), a linear inverse proportionality is observed. From low to optimum temperatures, all models behave similarly. However, at temperatures exceeding the enzyme's optimal range, the product concentration in Models I and III begins to decline due to enzyme denaturation. Additionally, in Model III, the product concentration is almost zero at 90°C. In contrast, in Model II, although the reaction rate slows down at these higher temperatures, the product concentration eventually reaches the maximum after an extended period.

This comparison highlights the distinct approaches of each model in handling extreme temperatures. Model I accounts for enzyme denaturation but does not let it affect the reaction rate. This leads to an unrealistic continuous increase in reaction rate as per the Arrhenius equation, failing to accurately predict the decline in product concentration at high temperatures due to denaturation effects. Model II, which uses a Gaussian function, better captures the temperature dependence of reaction rates but does not consider the loss of enzyme activity due to denaturation. This omission results in the model predicting a gradual achievement of maximum product concentration even at temperatures that would typically cause enzyme degradation.

Model III addresses these shortcomings by integrating a new reaction velocity function and considering the denaturation rate. This makes Model III more reflective of real biochemical processes where enzyme activity significantly decreases at high temperatures. The near-zero product concentration at 90°C in Model III underscores the impact of enzyme denaturation,

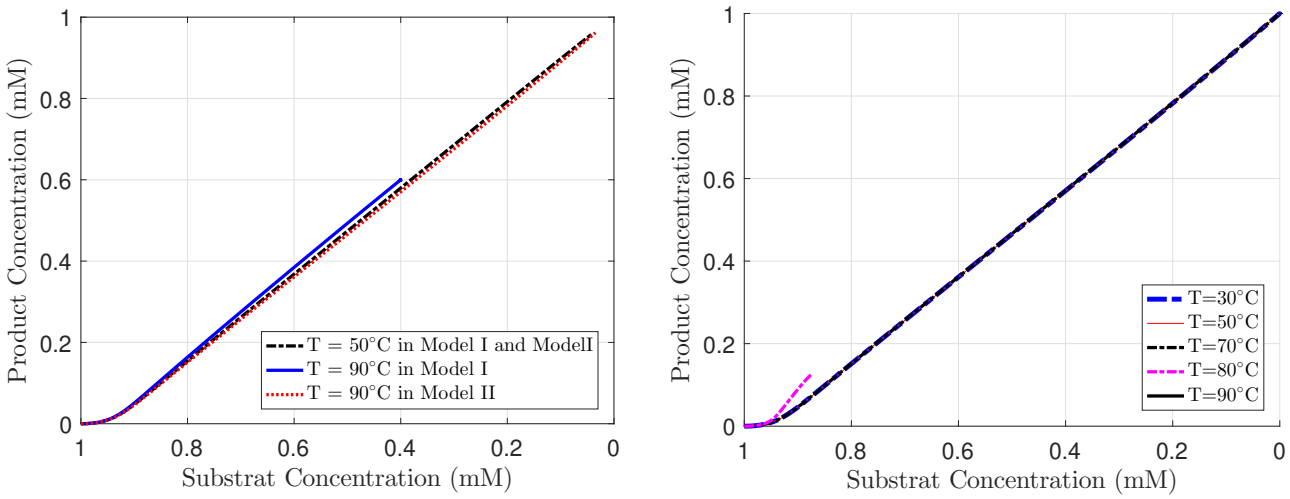

Figure 4: Substrate-product concentration graphs for model I and II in (a) and for Model III in (b) at different temperatures with $e_0 = 0.1$ mM, $s_0 = 1$ mM, $i_0 = 0.1$ mM, $p_0 = 0$ and the default parameter values in the Table 1. As seen in (b) product concentration is very low at 80°C and almost zero at 90°C.

providing a more realistic prediction for scenarios involving extreme temperatures.

These observations emphasize the importance of considering both reaction kinetics and enzyme stability in biochemical modeling. The inclusion of denaturation effects in Model III offers a more comprehensive understanding of enzyme behavior, which is crucial for applications requiring precise temperature control. For instance, in industrial processes involving enzyme catalysis, maintaining temperatures within the optimal range is essential to ensure maximum efficiency and product yield.

In conclusion, the substrate-product graphs reveal that while Models I and II have their respective strengths, they fall short in accurately depicting enzyme kinetics at high temperatures. Model III, by incorporating both reaction velocity adjustments and denaturation rates, provides a more accurate and practical representation, enhancing our ability to predict and optimize enzymatic reactions across a broader range of temperatures.

4. Discussion

Higher initial concentrations of enzymes generally correspond to increased reaction rates and product yields within a given timeframe. However, this relationship is contingent upon the enzyme's stability at elevated temperatures. Elevated temperatures can induce enzyme denaturation, a process wherein the enzyme loses its native structure and, consequently, its functional activity. Denaturation at high temperatures can nullify the benefits of high initial enzyme concentrations, thereby limiting the potential increase in product concentration.

Enzymes typically exhibit optimal activity within specific temperature ranges, known as their temperature optima. Beyond this range, enzymatic activity can decline rapidly due to decreased stability and increased susceptibility to denaturation. Increasing the initial enzyme concentration can initially enhance product yield by facilitating more frequent enzyme-substrate interactions before denaturation occurs. This phenomenon is advantageous up to the point where denaturation begins to significantly compromise enzyme activity. However, at temperatures causing complete enzyme denaturation, escalating initial enzyme concentrations ceases to be advantageous. Under such conditions, the enzyme loses its catalytic capability entirely, resulting in minimal or negligible product formation despite higher initial enzyme amounts.

Thus, while higher initial enzyme concentrations can potentially increase product yields under optimal or moderately elevated temperatures, the critical consideration remains the enzyme's thermal stability and susceptibility to denaturation, which ultimately govern its effectiveness in catalyzing reactions.

To investigate enzyme kinetics under varying temperatures, we developed a mathematical model aimed at analyzing their respective impacts on both enzyme behavior and product formation. Model III builds on the strengths of Models I and II, offering a nuanced understanding of enzyme kinetics that takes into account the complex interplay between temperature, reaction rate, and enzyme stability. This model serves as a valuable tool for predicting enzyme behavior in various industrial and research applications where temperature control is crucial for optimal performance.

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Furthermore, the article can accommodate uncompetitive, non-competitive, or mixed-inhibitor models in the same way. By including these different types of inhibition, the models can provide a comprehensive analysis of enzyme behavior under various conditions. Additionally, a pH variable can be added to the models alongside the temperature variable. This inclusion allows for a more accurate representation of enzyme activity, as both pH and temperature are critical factors influencing enzyme kinetics. While introducing more parameters can enhance the realism of the model, it also presents a challenge. The increased complexity may limit the model's adaptability to all types of enzymes, as each enzyme might respond differently to changes in pH, temperature, and inhibitor presence. Therefore, while more detailed models are beneficial for specific scenarios, a balance must be struck to maintain general applicability.

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