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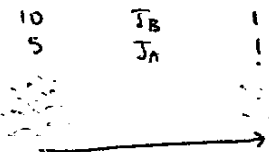
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Concentration Gradients and Kinetics (Consider the Spatial Type)

① Molecules tend to flow from higher concentrations to lower concentrations.



Fick's First Law:

$$J = -D \frac{dc}{dx}$$

D = Diffusion coefficient (cm² sec⁻¹)

Benzene $D = 1.02 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sec}^{-1}$

Myosin $D = 1.16 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sec}^{-1}$

In 3 dimensions,

$$\vec{J} = -D \vec{\nabla} c$$

where $\vec{\nabla} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)\hat{j} + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)\hat{k}$

Driving Force?

Driving force for flux across concentration gradients: tendency to equalize chemical potentials. $\mu_A > \mu_B \Rightarrow \text{flux}$.

At Equilibrium:

$\mu_A = \mu_B \Rightarrow \text{No Flux}$

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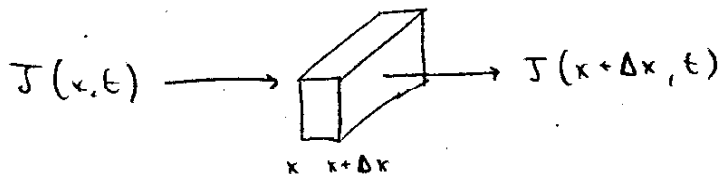
What about D ?

$$J = L \cdot f = -D \frac{dc}{dx} = -\frac{L}{c} kT \frac{dc}{dx}$$

$$D = \frac{L}{c} kT \quad \text{where } \frac{L}{c} \equiv u \text{ (mobility)}$$

$$f_c = \frac{1}{u} = \frac{c}{L} \equiv \text{friction coefficient}$$

Concentration Gradients vs. Space and Time



$$\Delta J \cdot A \cdot \Delta t = A \cdot \Delta x \cdot [J(x, t) - J(x + \Delta x, t)]$$

- increase in the number of particles in vol. element
A at time Δt (area?)

= Volume \cdot (midpoint concentration)

$$= A \cdot \Delta x \left[c\left(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}, t + \Delta t\right) - c(x + \Delta x, t) \right]$$

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Combining the two: (and dividing by $\Delta x \cdot \Delta t$)

$$\frac{\frac{\Delta J}{\Delta x \Delta t} [J(x,t) - J(x+\Delta x, t)]}{- \Delta J} = \frac{\frac{\Delta \Delta x}{\Delta t \Delta x} [c(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}, t + \Delta t) - c(x + \Delta x, t)]}{\Delta c}$$

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow dx} \frac{-\Delta J}{\Delta x} = -\left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial x}\right)_t$$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow dt} \frac{\Delta c}{\Delta t} = \left(\frac{dc}{dt}\right)_x$$

Thus,

$$-\left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial x}\right)_t = \left(\frac{dc}{dt}\right)_x$$

Also, $J = -D \left(\frac{dc}{dx}\right)_t$

Diffusion Equation:

$$D \left(\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2}\right)_t = \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial t}\right)_x \quad (1D)$$

3D Diffusion Equation:

~~_____~~ $\left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial t}\right)_x = D \nabla^2 c$

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The previous equation is a differential equation.

A partial differential equation. To solve, we need:

- 2 boundary conditions (c vs. spacial coordinates)
- 1 initial condition (c vs time at $t=0$)

We will only consider steady-state conditions:

c is constant @ all times at each point in space.