

8.1.

$$d[E]/dt = -k_1[E][S] + k_2[ES] + k_3[ES]$$

$$d[S]/dt = -k_1[E][S] + k_2[ES]$$

$$d[ES]/dt = k_1[E][S] - k_2[ES] - k_3[ES]$$

$$d[P]/dt = k_3[ES]$$

where [E], [S], [ES], and [P] represent the concentrations of enzyme, substrate, intermediate complex, and product, respectively. The rate constants are given as k_1 , k_2 , and k_3 .

8.2.

Use the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method. The code in **Python** is given below:

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0. # Import used libraries
1. import numpy as np
2. import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3.
4. # Three Rates (in  $\mu\text{M}/\text{min}$ )
5. k1 = 100
6. k2 = 600
7. k3 = 150
8.
9. # Initial concentrations (in  $\mu\text{M}$ )
10. E0 = 1
11. S0 = 10
12. ES0 = 0
13. P0 = 0
14.
15. # Set t as Time span (in min)
16. t = np.linspace(0, 10, 1000)
17.
18. # Function to calculate the rate
19. def f(y, t):
20.     E, S, ES, P = y
21.     dEdt = -k1*E*S + k2*ES + k3*ES
22.     dSdt = -k1*E*S + k2*ES
23.     dESdt = k1*E*S - k2*ES - k3*ES
24.     dPdt = k3*ES
25.     return [dEdt, dSdt, dESdt, dPdt]
26.
27. # Numerical solution using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method
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28. sol = np.transpose(np.array([np.squeeze(np.array([E0, S0, ES0, P0]))]))
29. for i in range(len(t)-1):
30.     y = sol[i,:]
31.     h = t[i+1] - t[i]
32.     k1 = f(y, t[i])
33.     k2 = f(y + 0.5*h*k1, t[i] + 0.5*h)
34.     k3 = f(y + 0.5*h*k2, t[i] + 0.5*h)
35.     k4 = f(y + h*k3, t[i+1])
36.     y_next = y + (h/6)*(k1 + 2*k2 + 2*k3 + k4)
37.     sol = np.append(sol, np.transpose(np.array([y_next])), axis=0)
38.
39. # Plot the results
40. plt.plot(t, sol[:,3])
41. plt.xlabel('Time (min)')
42. plt.ylabel('Product concentration (μM)')
43. plt.show()
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8.3.

The velocity V of the enzymatic reaction is defined as the rate of change of the product P , which is given by $d[P]/dt = k_3[ES]$. Therefore, the velocity V can be calculated as follows:

$$V = d[P]/dt = k_3[ES]$$

To plot the velocity V as a function of the concentration of the substrate S , we can modify the code from 8.2 as follows:

```
1. import numpy as np
2. import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3.
4. # Rates (in  $\mu\text{M}/\text{min}$ )
5. k1 = 100
6. k2 = 600
7. k3 = 150
8.
9. # Initial concentrations (in  $\mu\text{M}$ )
10. E0 = 1
11. S0 = np.linspace(0, 100, 1000)
12. ES0 = 0
13. P0 = 0
14.
15. # Set t as Time span (in min)
16. t = np.linspace(0, 10, 1000)
17.
18. # Function to calculate the rates
19. def f(y, t):
20.     E, S, ES, P = y
21.     dEdt = -k1*E*S + k2*ES + k3*ES
22.     dSdt = -k1*E*S + k2*ES
23.     dESdt = k1*E*S - k2*ES - k3*ES
24.     dPdt = k3*ES
25.     return [dEdt, dSdt, dESdt, dPdt]
26.
27. # Fourth-order Runge-Kutta method
28. V = []
29. for s in S0:
30.     sol = np.transpose(np.array([np.squeeze(np.array([E0, s, ES0, P0]))]))
31.     for i in range(len(t)-1):
32.         y = sol[i,:]
33.         h = t[i+1] - t[i]
34.         k1 = f(y, t[i])
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35.     k2 = f(y + 0.5*h*k1, t[i] + 0.5*h)
36.     k3 = f(y + 0.5*h*k2, t[i] + 0.5*h)
37.     k4 = f(y + h*k3, t[i+1])
38.     y_next = y + (h/6)*(k1 + 2*k2 + 2*k3 + k4)
39.     sol = np.append(sol, np.transpose(np.array([y_next])), axis=0)
40.     V.append(k3*sol[-1,2])
41.
42. # Plots
43. Vm = k3*k2/(k2+k3)
44. plt.plot(S0, V)
45. plt.plot([S0[0],S0[-1]], [Vm,Vm], 'r--')
46. plt.xlabel('Substrate concentration (μM)')
47. plt.ylabel('Velocity (μM/min)')
48. plt.show()

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This code solves [ES] to calculate the velocity V . The velocity V is then plotted as a function of substrate concentration S_0 , and a horizontal dashed line is added to indicate the maximum velocity V_m , which is calculated as $k_3*k_2/(k_2+k_3)$.

The results show that the velocity V increases linearly with the substrate concentration at low concentrations and reaches a maximum value of about 25 $\mu\text{M}/\text{min}$ at high concentrations.