

## Question 2 Answers

### 8.1

**S:**

1. Decomposition rate for  $E+S \rightarrow ES$ :  $k_1[E][S]$
2. Formation rate for  $ES \rightarrow E+S$ :  $k_2[ES]$

Rate of change for S:  $\frac{d[S]}{dt} = -k_1[E][S] + k_2[ES]$

**E:**

1. Decomposition rate for  $E+S \rightarrow ES$ :  $k_1[E][S]$
2. Formation rate for  $ES \rightarrow E+S$ :  $k_2[ES]$
3. Formation rate for  $ES \rightarrow E+P$ :  $k_3[ES]$

Rate of change for E:  $\frac{d[E]}{dt} = -k_1[E][S] + k_2[ES] + k_3[ES] = -k_1[E][S] + (k_2 + k_3)[ES]$

**ES:**

1. Formation rate for  $E+S \rightarrow ES$ :  $k_1[E][S]$
2. Decomposition rate for  $ES \rightarrow E+S$ :  $k_2[ES]$
3. Decomposition rate for  $ES \rightarrow E+P$ :  $k_3[ES]$

Rate of change for ES:  $\frac{d[ES]}{dt} = k_1[E][S] - k_2[ES] - k_3[ES] = k_1[E][S] - (k_2 + k_3)[ES]$

**P:**

1. Formation rate for  $ES \rightarrow E+P$ :  $k_3[ES]$

Rate of change for P:  $\frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_3[ES]$

### 8.2

I used the 4<sup>th</sup> order Runge-Kutta method to solve the equations above. The step size I used is 0.001. Code written in Python can be found in q2.py and the results are saved in Results.csv. *Figure 1* below shows the concentration change of all 4 species. It is clear that the concentration of S drops gradually while that of P increases. For E, it drops at first but begin to rise after sometime, similar to the change of ES (but in a opposite direction). This is due to the decomposition of  $ES \rightarrow E + P$ . This plot is saved as concentration\_change.png.

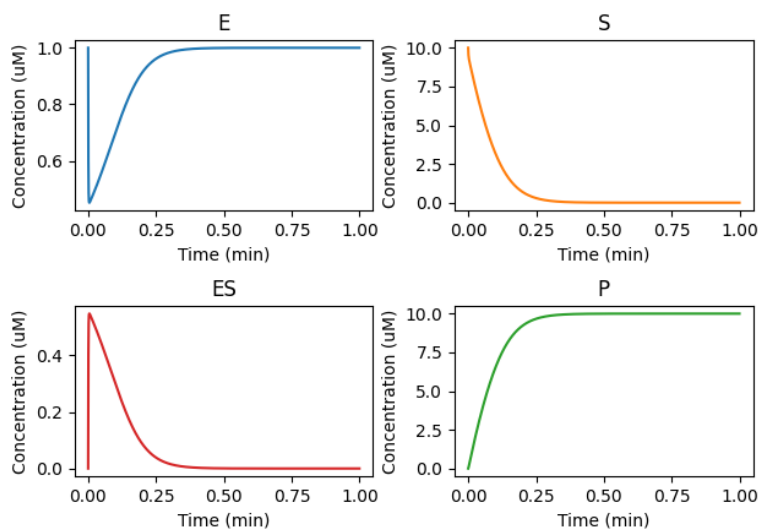
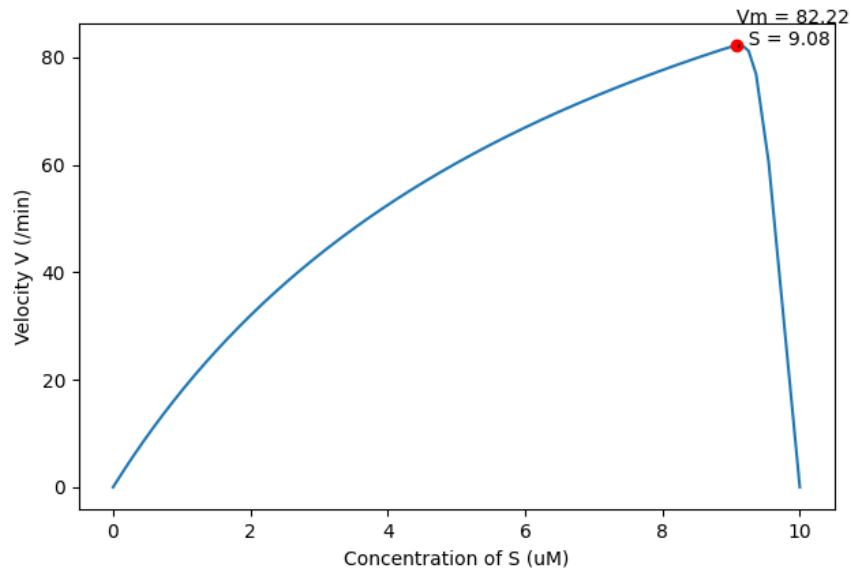


Figure 1 Concentration Change of Four Species

### 8.3

The code for plotting  $V$  is also included in `q2.py`. As shown in *Figure 2*, at small concentration of  $S$ ,  $V$  increases almost linearly and reach the maximum  $V_m = 82.22$ , when  $S = 9.08$ . This plot is saved as `v_plot.png`.



*Figure 2 Velocity against Concentration of  $S$*