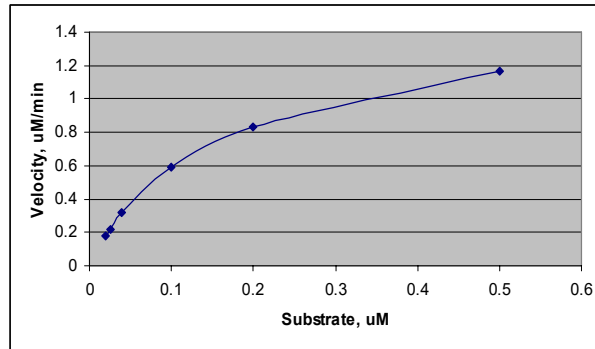


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Answers  
Enzyme Kinetics, Part Two



Critical thinking questions:

1. You cannot determine  $V_{\max}$  or  $K_m$  from this data as  $V_{\max}$  clearly has not been reached.

1.  $y = mx + b$

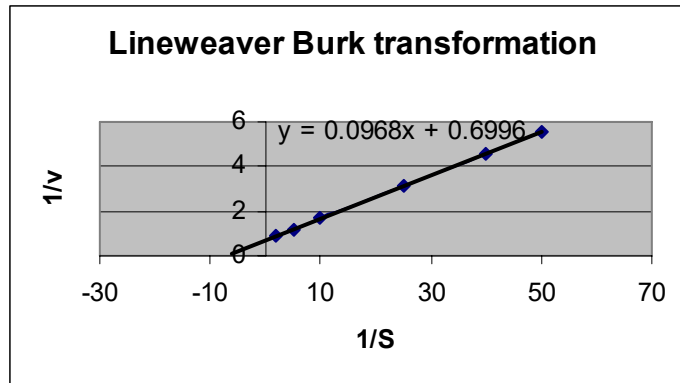
2. The slope is  $m$ ; the  $y$  intercept is  $b$ .

3. The  $y$  term is  $\frac{1}{v}$ .

4. The  $x$  term is  $\frac{1}{[S]}$ .

5. The  $y$  intercept is  $\frac{1}{V_{\max}}$ .

6. The slope is  $\frac{K_m}{V_{\max}}$ .



1. Take the reciprocal of  $1/0.6996$  to get  $V_{\max}$ :  $1/0.6996 = 1.43$ .
2. The slope has a value of 0.0968. You know  $V_{\max}$  from above so solve for  $K_m$ :

$$0.0968 = K_m/1.43; K_m = 0.138$$

$$3. \frac{1}{[S]} = - \frac{1}{K_m}$$

4. The x intercept appears to be about -7. Take the reciprocal and change the sign to get  $K_m$ . So  $K_m = 0.142$ , which agrees well with the answer obtained in question 2.