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Equations relevant to Membrane Transport: Geometry, Diffusion and Flux

$$\text{Sphere Area: } 4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2 \quad \text{Sphere Volume: } \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot r^3$$

$$\text{Cylinder Area: } 4 \cdot \pi \cdot r \cdot h \quad \text{Cylinder Volume: } \pi \cdot r^2 \cdot h$$

$$\text{Cube Area: } 6 \cdot h^2 \quad \text{Cube Volume: } h^3$$

$$\text{Fick's Diffusion: } J = D \cdot \frac{dc}{dx} \quad \text{Fick's Diffusion: } \frac{dc}{dt} = D \cdot \frac{d^2c}{dx^2}$$

$$\text{Einstein's Random Walks: } D = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\Delta^2}{\tau}, \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = 2 \cdot D \cdot t, \quad \text{and} \quad \langle r^2 \rangle = 6 \cdot D \cdot t$$

$$\text{Membrane Diffusion: } J = P \cdot (c_{\text{outside}} - c_{\text{inside}})$$

$$\text{Membrane Diffusion: } J = - (uRT) \cdot \frac{dc}{dx} - (zFuc) \cdot \frac{d\Psi}{dx}$$

$$\text{Membrane Diffusion: } J = - P \cdot \left(\frac{zF\Psi}{RT} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{c_o - c_i \cdot e^{zF\Psi/RT}}{1 - e^{zF\Psi/RT}} \right)$$

$$\text{Nernst Equation: } \Psi = \left(\frac{RT}{zF} \right) \cdot \ln \left(\frac{c_o}{c_i} \right)$$

$$\text{Ohm's Law: } V = I \cdot R, \quad I = g \cdot V, \quad R = \rho \cdot \left(\frac{l}{A} \right), \quad \text{and} \quad J = I / (zF)$$

$$\text{Radial Diffusion: } C(r) = C_\infty \cdot \left(1 - \frac{a}{r} \right), \quad \text{and} \quad J(r) = - D \cdot C_\infty \cdot \left(\frac{a}{r^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Radial Currents: } I_m = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot a^2 \cdot \beta, \quad \text{and} \quad I_d = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot a \cdot D \cdot C_\infty$$

$$\text{Dimensionless relations } P_e = \frac{2 \cdot a \cdot v}{D} \quad \text{and} \quad R_e = \frac{\rho \cdot v \cdot l}{\eta}$$

Goldman - Hodgkin - Katz (GHK) equation

$$\Psi = \frac{RT}{F} \ln \left(\frac{P_H c_H^o + P_{Na} c_{Na}^o + P_K c_K^o + P_{Cl} c_{Cl}^i}{P_H c_H^i + P_{Na} c_{Na}^i + P_K c_K^i + P_{Cl} c_{Cl}^o} \right)$$

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Equations relevant to membrane capacitance

$$Q = C \cdot \Delta E \text{ (coulombs)} = (\text{coulombs/volt}) (\text{volt})$$

Charge (Q) for a spherical cell of radius r:

$$Q = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot r^3 \cdot c \cdot F$$

c is the concentration of net charge.

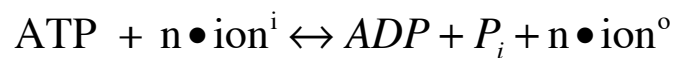
Capacitance of a spherical cell of radius r:

$$C = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2 \cdot C' \quad C' \text{ is the capacitance per unit area}$$

(about 1 microFarad per square centimeter for cells).

Equations relevant to Bioenergetics

For the vectorial chemical reaction :



(n is the stoichiometry)

$$\text{At equilibrium: } \Delta G_{\text{total}} = n \sum \Delta \mu_{\text{ion}} + \Delta G_{ATP}$$

$$\Delta G_{ATP} = \Delta G_{ATP}^o + RT \ln \frac{[ADP][P_i]}{[ATP]}$$

$$\Delta \mu_{\text{ion}} = RT \ln \frac{c_{\text{ion}}^o}{c_{\text{ion}}^i} + zF\Delta\Psi$$

Note that ΔG_{ATP}^o varies with pH and $[\text{Mg}^{2+}]$. For our purposes, specifying $-10 \text{ kcal mole}^{-1}$ is a reasonable estimate.

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Equations relevant to Membrane Transport: Water Fluxes

$$\text{Volume Flow: } J_V \propto \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{Flow through a Pipe: } J_V = -\frac{r^2}{8 \cdot \eta} \cdot \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$$

Flow into / out of a cell:

$$J_V = -\frac{1}{A} \cdot \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

$$J_V = L_p \cdot [P - RT(c_i - c_o)]$$

$$J_V = L_p \cdot \Delta \Psi$$

$$\text{where } RT(c_i - c_o) = \pi_i - \pi_o$$

$$\text{when } J_V = 0: P = RT(c_i - c_o)$$

Cell volume, pressure and osmotic relations

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial V} = \frac{\varepsilon}{V} \approx \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta V} = \frac{P - P_0}{V - V_0}$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_i}{\partial V} \approx \frac{\Delta \pi_i}{\Delta V} = \frac{\pi_i - \pi_{i,0}}{V - V_0}$$

$$P(t) = (P - P_e) \cdot e^{\left(-L_p \cdot A \cdot \frac{\varepsilon + \pi_i}{V} \cdot t\right)}$$

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Symbol	Value	Units	Comments
GAS CONSTANT			
R	8.314	J mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹	R is the Boltzmann constant times Avogadro's Number (6.023•10 ²³)
	1.987	cal mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹	
	8.314	m ³ Pa mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹	
RT	2.437 • 10 ³	J mol ⁻¹	At 20 °C (293 °K)
	5.822 • 10 ²	cal mol ⁻¹	At 20 °C (293 °K)
	2.437	liter MPa mol ⁻¹	At 20 °C (293 °K)
RT/F	25.3	mV	At 20 °C (293 °K)
2.303 • RT	5.612	kJ mol ⁻¹	At 20 °C (293 °K) used for log ₁₀
	1.342	kcal mol ⁻¹	At 20 °C (293 °K) used for log ₁₀
FARADAY CONSTANT			
F	9.649 • 10 ⁴	coulombs mol ⁻¹	F is the electric charge times Avogadro's Number
	9.649 • 10 ⁴	J mol ⁻¹ V ⁻¹	
	23.06	kcal mol ⁻¹ V ⁻¹	
CONVERSIONS			
kcal	4.187	J (joules)	Joules is an energy unit (equal to 1 Newton•meter)
Watt	1	J sec ⁻¹	
Volt	1	J coulomb ⁻¹	
Amperes	1	coulomb sec ⁻¹	
Pascal (Pa)	1	Newton meter ⁻²	Pascal is a pressure unit (equal to 10 ⁻⁵ bars)
Siemens	1	Ohm ⁻¹	Siemens (S) is conductance, the inverse of resistance (Ohm)
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES			
η _w	1.004 • 10 ⁻³	Pa sec	viscosity of water at 20 °C
v _w	1.004 • 10 ⁻⁶	m ² sec ⁻¹	kinematic viscosity of water at 20 °C (viscosity/density)

Source: Nobel, Park S (1991) Physicochemical and Environmental Physiology