

Transport across plasma membranes

→ Movement of the substances across plasma membrane.

① Passive transport

without energy input (ATP)

Downhill

↑ concentration to ↓ concentration

Ⓐ Simple diffusion

→ through PL bilayer

- lipid soluble

$\text{CO}_2, \text{O}_2, \text{NO, Steroid hormone} \dots \dots$

- the rate depends on the

lipid solubility

→ through channels

- water soluble



$\text{Na}^+, \text{K}^+, \text{Ca}^{+2}$

- the rate depends on
channels are opened

Gated

Non-Gated (leaky)

⇒ Fick's Law

$$J = P \cdot \Delta C$$

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J = rate of diffusion , P = permeability

D = diffusion coefficient

A = surface area , C = concentration

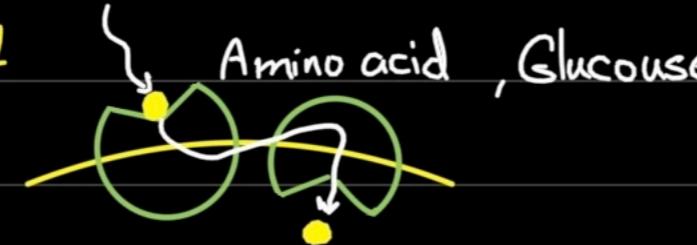
X = membrane thickness

B) facilitated diffusion

→ through carriers transport

- water soluble

- Max rate



← Saturation

Note: in Simple diffusion the relation between the diffusion rate and concentration is linear, while in facilitated diffusion its proportional but non-linear due to a limitation called (V_{max})

③ Osmosis

diffusion of solvent molecules from region \uparrow water (\downarrow particles concentration)

to a region of \downarrow water (\uparrow particles concentration)

— the water molecules reach equilibrium when the increasing

hydro-static pressure has opposed the first compartment to the second compartment

→ osmotic pressure: when the pressure is applied to a solution and the water levels becomes equal in both sides

→ applying more pressure than the osmotic pressure will result in a process we call Filtration

↳ movement of water and solutes

from region \uparrow hydrostatic pressure
to .. \downarrow

— osmotic pressure depends on Osmolarity

↳ refers to the number of solute
particle per unit liter

— osmolarity = $c \times C$

no. of particles \hookrightarrow concentration
in a solution Mol/L

⇒ Van't Hoff's Law → the equation used to calculate
the osmotic pressure

$$\Pi = RTC$$

Π → osmotic pressure, R → gas constant, T → Temperature, C → Concentration

- Another thing related to the osmolarity is the osmolality
- Osmolality: is the number of solute particles per unit mass

Tonicity of solution

- Isotonic solution
 - ↳ no change
- Hypotonic solution
 - ↳ cell swell and burst
- Hypertonic solution
 - ↳ cell shrink and shrivel
- The body cells osmolarity lies between 280 and 300 mOsm/l