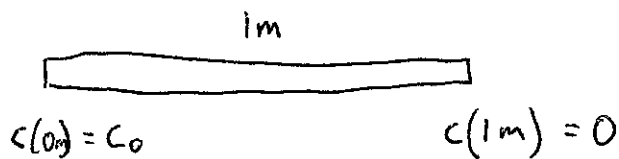


Homework # 1

Nelson 4.3



a.) $\zeta D = k_B T$

$\zeta = 6\pi\eta R$

$D = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\eta R}$

estimate $R = 50 \text{ nm}$ from figure 2.19
 $\eta = 10^{-3} \text{ Kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for water

$D = \frac{4.1 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}}{6\pi (10^{-3} \text{ Kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}) (50 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})} = 4.4 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} = 4.4 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

b.) $\frac{dc}{dt} = D \frac{d^2c}{dx^2}$, in steady state $\frac{d^2c}{dx^2} = 0$ so $c(x)$ is linear

$c(x) = c_0 (L-x)$

x in μm

$c_0' = \frac{c_0}{10^6 \mu\text{m}} = \frac{c_0}{L}$

$j = -D \frac{dc}{dx} = D c_0' = \frac{D c_0}{L}$

c.) $v = 400 \text{ mm day}^{-1} = 4.6 \text{ } \mu\text{m s}^{-1}$

$j_{\text{obs}} = c_0 v$

d.) $\frac{j_{\text{diffus}}}{j_{\text{obs}}} = \frac{D c_0'}{v c_0} = \frac{(4.4 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}) \left(\frac{c_0}{10^6 \mu\text{m}} \right)}{(4.6 \text{ } \mu\text{m s}^{-1}) c_0} \sim 10^{-6}$

There must be active transport