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Chemical Subsystem

Grodzinsky Chapter 2

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Molecular Species transport influenced by chemical driving forces
(also some analogies to cell motility)

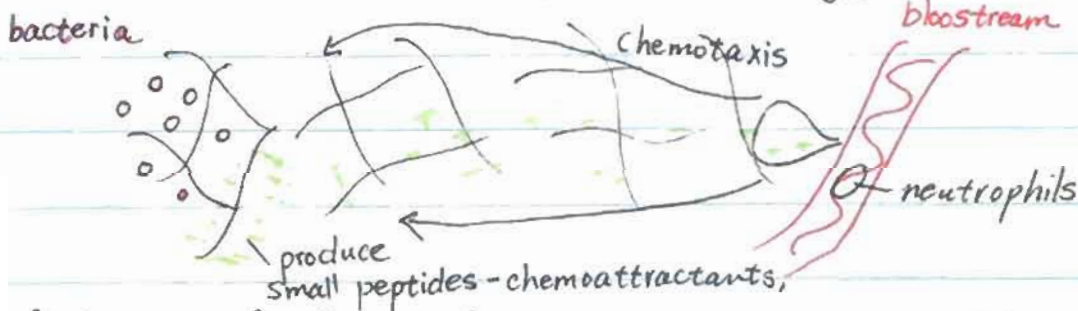
Start w/ dilute solution, low concentration

Begin w/ formulation formalism - setting up problems

Situations \rightarrow models \rightarrow math

start with example situation - concentration profiles of chemoattractant species in tissue

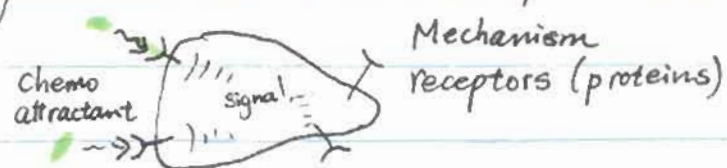
Tissue matrix - ECM (proteins, proteoglycans, ...)



If bacteria proliferate faster than when neutrophils gets to them, \therefore

Chemoattractants attract the neutrophils to exit the bloodstream

Neutrophils must be able to perceive gradient in concentration of chemoattractants



sensitivity: relative gradient $\equiv \frac{\Delta C}{C} < 0.01$ (1%)

concentrations $\sim 10^{-9}$ M (moles/l)

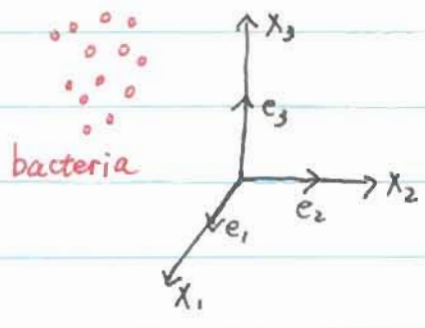
We decide peptide concentration as function of spatial position and time

3-D rectangular coordinates

vector $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$

$$= x_1 \underline{e}_1 + x_2 \underline{e}_2 + x_3 \underline{e}_3$$

$e_i \equiv$ unit vector in each coordinate direction



vector norm (magnitude) $\|\underline{x}\| = |(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)^{1/2}|$

$$\text{so, } \|\underline{e}_1\| = \|\underline{e}_2\| = \|\underline{e}_3\| = 1$$

so, @ any point t , in time we want to calculate

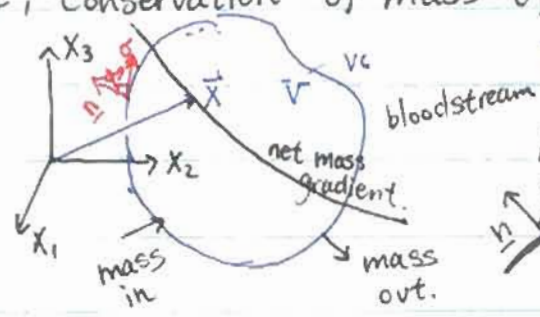
$c(\underline{x}, t)$
[moles/vol] or [# / vol]

$$\text{and } \nabla c = \frac{\partial c}{\partial x_1} \underline{e}_1 + \frac{\partial c}{\partial x_2} \underline{e}_2 + \frac{\partial c}{\partial x_3} \underline{e}_3$$

We need an eqn. governing $\vec{c}(\underline{x}, t)$

Eqns governing our variables of interest will arise from Conservation laws, Concentration

- Here, Conservation of mass of chemoattractant species



V - volume of control volume

S' - surface area of control volume.



start w/ control volume surrounding \bar{x}

\underline{n} unit normal vector @ any point on surface of control volume

$\|\underline{n}\|=1$ w/ angle between \underline{n} & σ

$$\underline{n} \cdot \sigma = \|\underline{n}\| \|\sigma\| \cos \phi = 0 \text{ (normal)}$$

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Let $\int_V [] dV =$ volume integral of quantity $[] (x,t)$

$\int_S [] dS =$ surface integral of quantity $[] (x,t)$

Mass conservation eqn. for chemoattractant molecular species is

rate of accumulation net flux

in volume

into volume

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_V c(x,t) dV = - \int_S \underline{n} \cdot \underline{N}(x,t) dS + \int_V R(x,t) dV$$

molar flux

$R(x,t)$, moles

vol-time

$\underline{N}(x,t)$ $\frac{\text{moles}}{\text{area-time}}$

net generation

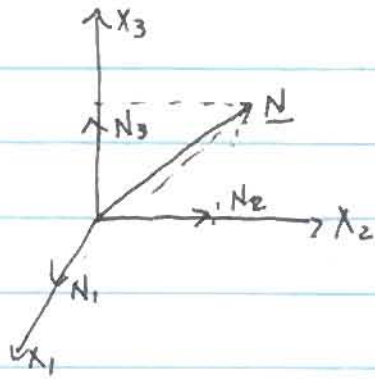
Apply Divergence Theorem to convert surface integral to volume integral

$$\int_S \underline{n} \cdot \underline{N} dS = \int_V \nabla \cdot \underline{N} dV$$

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Divergence operator

In 3-D rectangular

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{N} = \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x_3}$$



Obtain $\int_V \left(\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \underline{N} - R \right) dV = 0$



Recognize volume integral was created for arbitrary central volume \underline{x} where surrounding \underline{x} ; take limit as $V \rightarrow 0$

Shrink volume down to limit of 0.

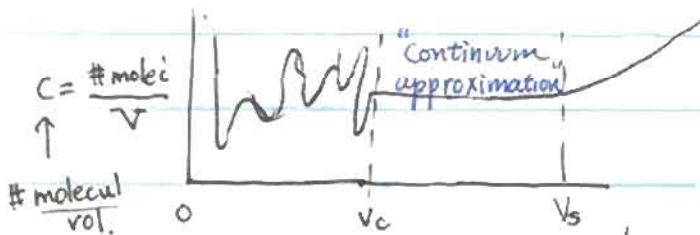
$$\therefore \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \underline{N} + R$$

species was conserved @ an interior point of our space of interest

wait! What does $V \rightarrow 0$ mean?

It does not mean $V=0$

It means V is "small" relative to ... ?



Loose sense of volume w/ respect to x , as $V \uparrow$
 need $V_s \ll \text{system}$
 $V_c \ll V_s$
 $\rightarrow \sim 0$
 only then will $c(x,t)$ have meaning

For volume V , if statistical distribution of molecule is random + independent (Gaussian), then expected standard deviation is $\#$ of molecules found is $\#^{1/2}$ if expected number is $\#$


Then relative expected fluctuation magnitude is $\frac{\#^{1/2}}{\#} = \#^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{(VC)^{1/2}}$

\uparrow Vol \downarrow #/vol

For this problem, a typical concentration magnitude is $C \sim 10^{-9}$ moles/l
 error tolerance $\sim 1\%$

So, need $[V_c (10^{-9} \text{ moles/l}) (6 \times 10^{23} \text{ #/mol})]^{-1/2} < 10^{-2}$

$$\Rightarrow V_c \gtrsim 10^{-2} \text{ nl}$$



$V_c = L^3$; $V_c = 10^{-2} \text{ nl} \Rightarrow \sim 10 \mu\text{m}$.

Neutrophil: $5-10 \mu\text{m}$, intercapillary space $\sim 100-300 \mu\text{m}$

Back to (continuum approximation) species mass conservation eqn:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \underline{N} + R$$

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need \underline{N} , R in terms of C

Conservation laws + Constitutive relations

\underline{N} - need constitutive relation

- experimental observation: empirical data

or - theory

In absence of nonchemical driving forces, typically for pure molecular diffusion

$$N = - \underset{\substack{\text{diff} \\ \text{coefficient}}}{D} \nabla C \quad \text{Fick's Law}$$

divergence.

Where does it come from?

- theory: random walk model of particles
- " : analogy to Ohm's Law
- empirical data: Fick (studied oxygen dissolving in H₂O)