# cobra Documentation

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For installation instructions, please see INSTALL.rst.

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                  cumulative_deletions=True)n", "print("after 1 KO: %4d < flux_PGI
```

```
< %4d" % (pgi.lower_bound, pgi.upper_bound))n", "n", "co-
         bra.manipulation.delete_model_genes(n", " model, ["eggs"], cumu-
         lative_deletions=True)n", "print("after 2 KO: %4d < flux_PGI <
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     1
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             ]
         }
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         "print(pgi.lower_bound, "< pgi <", pgi.upper_bound)"
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     ]
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         objective function. One way of doing this would be to create a new
         copy of the model before each knock-out with model.copy(). How-
         ever, even with small models, this is a very slow approach as models
         are quite complex objects. Better then would be to do the knock-out,
         optimizing and then manually resetting the reaction bounds before
         proceeding with the next reaction. Since this is such a common sce-
         nario however, cobrapy allows us to use the model as a context, to
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     1
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                growth rate 0.873922n", "ACKr blocked (bounds: (0, 0)),
                new growth rate 0.873922n", "ACONTa blocked (bounds:
```

```
(0, 0)), new growth rate -0.000000n", "ACONTb blocked
               (bounds: (0, 0)), new growth rate -0.000000n"
             ]
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         tion in model.reactions[:5]:n", " with model as model:n", " re-
         action.knock_out()n", " model.optimize()n", " print('%s blocked
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                          objective:
                                           1.0*Biomass_Ecoli_core
                1.0*Biomass_Ecoli_core_reverse_2cdban", "print ob-
               jective in first context:
                                            -1.0*ATPM_reverse_5b752
               + 1.0*ATPMn", "print objective in second con-
                        1.0*ACALD - 1.0*ACALD_reverse_fda2bn",
               text:
                            after
                "objective
                                  exiting second context:
                1.0*ATPM_reverse_5b752 + 1.0*ATPMn",
```

}

```
to original objective:
                                                   1.0*Biomass_Ecoli_core
                      1.0*Biomass_Ecoli_core_reverse_2cdban"
                   ]
                }
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               in first context:', model.objective.expression)n", " with model:n",
               " model.objective = 'ACALD'n", " print('print objective in sec-
               ond context:', model.objective.expression)n", " print('objective af-
               ter exiting second context:',n", " model.objective.expression)n",
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           1
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               responding documentation."
           ]
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                the context. Such as"
           1
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}, "nbformat": 4, "nbformat_minor": 1
```

### **GLOBAL CONFIGURATION**

With cobra > 0.13.4, we introduce a global configuration object. For now, you can configure default reaction bounds and optimization solver which will be respected by newly created reactions and models.

# 1.1 The configuration object

You can get a configuration object *I* in the following way:

```
[1]: import cobra
[2]: cobra_config = cobra.Configuration()
```

1The configuration object is a singleton. That means only one instance can exist and it is respected everywhere in COBRApy.

# 1.2 Reaction bounds

The object has the following attributes which you can inspect but also change as desired.

```
[3]: cobra_config.lower_bound
[3]: -1000.0

[4]: cobra_config.upper_bound
[4]: 1000.0

[5]: cobra_config.bounds
[5]: (-1000.0, 1000.0)
```

### 1.2.1 Changing bounds

If you modify the above values before creating a reaction they will be used.

```
[6]: cobra_config.bounds = -10, 20
[7]: cobra.Reaction("R1")
[7]: <Reaction R1 at 0x7f0426135fd0>
```

Please note that by default reactions are irreversible. You can change this behavior by unsetting the lower bound argument.

```
[8]: cobra.Reaction("R2", lower_bound=None)
[8]: <Reaction R2 at 0x7f04260d4438>
```

#### N.B.: Most models define reaction bounds explicitly which takes precedence over the configured values.

```
[9]: from cobra.test import create_test_model
[10]: model = create_test_model("textbook")
[11]: model.reactions.ACt2r
[11]: <Reaction ACt2r at 0x7f042607c780>
```

# 1.3 Solver

You can define the default solver used by newly instantiated models. The default solver depends on your environment. In order we test for the availability of Gurobi, CPLEX, and GLPK. GLPK is assumed to always be present in the environment.

```
[12]: model.solver
[12]: <optlang.cplex_interface.Model at 0x7f04260d4b00>
```

## 1.3.1 Changing solver

```
[13]: cobra_config.solver = "glpk_exact"

[14]: new_model = create_test_model("textbook")

[15]: new_model.solver
[15]: <optlang.glpk_exact_interface.Model at 0x7f04260d47b8>
```

Changing global configuration values is mostly useful at the beginning of a work session.

#### **BUILDING A MODEL**

# 2.1 Model, Reactions and Metabolites

This simple example demonstrates how to create a model, create a reaction, and then add the reaction to the model.

We'll use the '3OAS140' reaction from the STM\_1.0 model:

 $1.0 \text{ malACP[c]} + 1.0 \text{ h[c]} + 1.0 \text{ ddcaACP[c]} \rightarrow 1.0 \text{ co2[c]} + 1.0 \text{ ACP[c]} + 1.0 \text{ 3omrsACP[c]}$ 

First, create the model and reaction.

```
[1]: from cobra import Model, Reaction, Metabolite

[2]: model = Model('example_model')

reaction = Reaction('R_3OAS140')
reaction.name = '3 oxoacyl acyl carrier protein synthase n C140 '
reaction.subsystem = 'Cell Envelope Biosynthesis'
reaction.lower_bound = 0. # This is the default
reaction.upper_bound = 1000. # This is the default
```

We need to create metabolites as well. If we were using an existing model, we could use Model.get\_by\_id to get the appropriate Metabolite objects instead.

```
[3]: ACP_c = Metabolite(
        'ACP_c',
        formula='C11H21N2O7PRS',
        name='acyl-carrier-protein',
        compartment='c')
    omrsACP_c = Metabolite(
         'M3omrsACP_c',
         formula='C25H45N2O9PRS',
        name='3-0xotetradecanoyl-acyl-carrier-protein',
        compartment='c')
    co2_c = Metabolite('co2_c', formula='CO2', name='CO2', compartment='c')
    malACP_c = Metabolite(
         'malACP_c',
         formula='C14H22N2O10PRS',
        name='Malonyl-acyl-carrier-protein',
        compartment='c')
    h_c = Metabolite('h_c', formula='H', name='H', compartment='c')
    ddcaACP_c = Metabolite(
         'ddcaACP_c',
         formula='C23H43N2O8PRS',
         name='Dodecanoyl-ACP-n-C120ACP',
         compartment='c')
```

Side note: SId

It is highly recommended that the ids for reactions, metabolites and genes are valid SBML identifiers (SId). SId is a data type derived from the basic XML typestring, but with restrictions about the characters permitted and the sequences in which those characters may appear.

```
letter ::= 'a'..'z','A'..'Z'
digit ::= '0'..'9'
idChar ::= letter | digit | '_'
SId ::= ( letter | '_' ) idChar*
```

The main limitation is that ids cannot start with numbers. Using SIds allows serialization to SBML. In addition features such as code completion and object access via the dot syntax will work in cobrapy.

Adding metabolites to a reaction uses a dictionary of the metabolites and their stoichiometric coefficients. A group of metabolites can be added all at once, or they can be added one at a time.

```
[4]: reaction.add_metabolites({
    malACP_c: -1.0,
    h_c: -1.0,
    ddcaACP_c: -1.0,
    co2_c: 1.0,
    ACP_c: 1.0,
    omrsACP_c: 1.0
})

reaction.reaction # This gives a string representation of the reaction

[4]: 'ddcaACP_c + h_c + malACP_c --> ACP_c + M3omrsACP_c + co2_c'
```

The gene\_reaction\_rule is a boolean representation of the gene requirements for this reaction to be active as described in Schellenberger et al 2011 Nature Protocols 6(9):1290-307. We will assign the gene reaction rule string, which will automatically create the corresponding gene objects.

```
[5]: reaction.gene_reaction_rule = '( STM2378 or STM1197 )'
reaction.genes
[5]: frozenset({<Gene STM1197 at 0x7fef047474c0>, <Gene STM2378 at 0x7fef04747dc0>})
```

At this point in time, the model is still empty

```
[6]: print(f'{len(model.reactions)} reactions initially')
   print(f'{len(model.metabolites)} metabolites initially')
   print(f'{len(model.genes)} genes initially')

0 reactions initially
0 metabolites initially
0 genes initially
```

We will add the reaction to the model, which will also add all associated metabolites and genes

```
[7]: model.add_reactions([reaction])

# The objects have been added to the model
print(f'{len(model.reactions)} reactions')
print(f'{len(model.metabolites)} metabolites')
print(f'{len(model.genes)} genes')

1 reactions
6 metabolites
2 genes
```

We can iterate through the model objects to observe the contents

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```
print("----")
for x in model.reactions:
   print("%s: %s" % (x.id, x.reaction))
print("")
print("Metabolites")
print("----")
for x in model.metabolites:
   print('%9s : %s' % (x.id, x.formula))
print("")
print("Genes")
print("----")
for x in model.genes:
   associated_ids = (i.id for i in x.reactions)
   print("%s is associated with reactions: %s" %
          (x.id, "{" + ", ".join(associated_ids) + "}"))
Reactions
R_30AS140 : ddcaACP_c + h_c + malACP_c --> ACP_c + M3omrsACP_c + co2_c
Metabolites
malACP_c : C14H22N2O10PRS
     h_c : H
ddcaACP_c : C23H43N2O8PRS
   co2_c : CO2
   ACP_c : C11H21N2O7PRS
M3omrsACP_c : C25H45N2O9PRS
Genes
STM2378 is associated with reactions: {R_30AS140}
STM1197 is associated with reactions: {R_30AS140}
```

# 2.2 Objective

Last we need to set the objective of the model. Here, we just want this to be the maximization of the flux in the single reaction we added and we do this by assigning the reaction's identifier to the objective property of the model.

```
[9]: model.objective = 'R_30AS140'
```

The created objective is a symbolic algebraic expression and we can examine it by printing it

```
[10]: print (model.objective.expression)
    print (model.objective.direction)

1.0*R_30AS140 - 1.0*R_30AS140_reverse_60acb
    max
```

which here shows that the solver will maximize the flux in the forward direction.

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#### 2.3 Model Validation

For exchange with other tools you can validate and export the model to SBML. For more information on serialization and available formats see the section "Reading and Writing Models"

```
[11]: import tempfile
     from pprint import pprint
     from cobra.io import write_sbml_model, validate_sbml_model
     with tempfile.NamedTemporaryFile(suffix='.xml') as f_sbml:
          write_sbml_model(model, filename=f_sbml.name)
          report = validate_sbml_model(filename=f_sbml.name)
     pprint (report)
      (<Model example_model at 0x7fef046eb160>,
       {'COBRA_CHECK': [],
        'COBRA_ERROR': [],
        'COBRA_FATAL': [],
        'COBRA_WARNING': [],
        'SBML_ERROR': [],
        'SBML_FATAL': [],
        'SBML_SCHEMA_ERROR': [],
        'SBML_WARNING': [] })
```

The model is valid with no COBRA or SBML errors or warnings.

# 2.4 Exchanges, Sinks and Demands

Boundary reactions can be added using the model's method add\_boundary. There are three different types of pre-defined boundary reactions: exchange, demand, and sink reactions. All of them are unbalanced pseudo reactions, that means they fulfill a function for modeling by adding to or removing metabolites from the model system but are not based on real biology. An exchange reaction is a reversible reaction that adds to or removes an extracellular metabolite from the extracellular compartment. A demand reaction is an irreversible reaction that consumes an intracellular metabolite. A sink is similar to an exchange but specifically for intracellular metabolites, i.e., a reversible reaction that adds or removes an intracellular metabolite.

```
print("exchanges", model.exchanges)
print("demands", model.demands)
print("sinks", model.sinks)

There are no boundary reactions in this model. Therefore specific types of boundary reactions such as 'exchanges', 'demands' or 'sinks' cannot be boundary reactions in this model. Therefore specific types of boundary reactions such as 'exchanges', 'demands' or 'sinks' cannot be boundary reactions such as 'exchanges', 'demands' or 'sinks' cannot be boundary reactions such as 'exchanges', 'demands' or 'sinks' cannot be boundary reactions such as 'exchanges', 'demands' or 'sinks' cannot be bidentified.

exchanges []
demands []
sinks []
```

Boundary reactions are defined on metabolites. First we add two metabolites to the model then we define the boundary reactions. We add glycogen to the cytosolic compartment  $\circ$  and CO2 to the external compartment  $\circ$ .

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```
name='glycogen',
    compartment='c'
),
Metabolite(
    'co2_e',
    name='CO2',
    compartment='e'
    ),
])
```

```
[14]: # create exchange reaction
    model.add_boundary(model.metabolites.get_by_id("co2_e"), type="exchange")
[14]: <Reaction EX_co2_e at 0x7fef04703d90>
```

```
[15]: # create exchange reaction
    model.add_boundary(model.metabolites.get_by_id("glycogen_c"), type="sink")
[15]: <Reaction SK_glycogen_c at 0x7fef046eb2e0>
```

```
[16]: # Now we have an additional exchange and sink reaction in the model
    print("exchanges", model.exchanges)
    print("sinks", model.sinks)
    print("demands", model.demands)

    exchanges [<Reaction EX_co2_e at 0x7fef04703d90>]
    sinks [<Reaction SK_glycogen_c at 0x7fef046eb2e0>]
    demands []
```

To create a demand reaction instead of a sink use type demand instead of sink.

Information on all boundary reactions is available via the model's property boundary.

A neat trick to get all metabolic reactions is

```
[18]: # metabolic reactions
set(model.reactions) - set(model.boundary)

[18]: {<Reaction R_30AS140 at 0x7fef04737d00>}
```

# **READING AND WRITING MODELS**

Cobrapy supports reading and writing models in SBML (with and without FBC), JSON, YAML, MAT, and pickle formats. Generally, SBML with FBC version 2 is the preferred format for general use. The JSON format may be more useful for cobrapy-specific functionality.

The package also ships with test models in various formats for testing purposes.

#### **3.1 SBML**

The Systems Biology Markup Language is an XML-based standard format for distributing models which has support for COBRA models through the FBC extension version 2.

Cobrapy has native support for reading and writing SBML with FBCv2. Please note that all id's in the model must conform to the SBML SID requirements in order to generate a valid SBML file.

```
[2]: cobra.io.read_sbml_model(join(data_dir, "mini_fbc2.xml"))
[2]: <Model mini_textbook at 0x1074fd080>
[3]: cobra.io.write_sbml_model(textbook_model, "test_fbc2.xml")
```

There are other dialects of SBML prior to FBC 2 which have previously been use to encode COBRA models. The primary ones is the "COBRA" dialect which used the "notes" fields in SBML files.

Cobrapy can use libsbml, which must be installed separately (see installation instructions) to read and write these files. When reading in a model, it will automatically detect whether FBC was used or not. When writing a model, the use\_fbc\_package flag can be used can be used to write files in this legacy "cobra" format.

Consider having the lxml package installed as it can speed up parsing considerably.

```
[4]: cobra.io.read_sbml_model(join(data_dir, "mini_cobra.xml"))
```

### **3.2 JSON**

Cobrapy models have a JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) representation. This format was created for interoperability with escher.

```
[6]: cobra.io.load_json_model(join(data_dir, "mini.json"))
[6]: <Model mini_textbook at 0x113061080>
[7]: cobra.io.save_json_model(textbook_model, "test.json")
```

#### **3.3 YAML**

Cobrapy models have a YAML (YAML Ain't Markup Language) representation. This format was created for more human readable model representations and automatic diffs between models.

```
[8]: cobra.io.load_yaml_model(join(data_dir, "mini.yml"))
[8]: <Model mini_textbook at 0x113013390>
[9]: cobra.io.save_yaml_model(textbook_model, "test.yml")
```

## 3.4 MATLAB

Often, models may be imported and exported solely for the purposes of working with the same models in cobrapy and the MATLAB cobra toolbox. MATLAB has its own ".mat" format for storing variables. Reading and writing to these mat files from python requires scipy.

A mat file can contain multiple MATLAB variables. Therefore, the variable name of the model in the MATLAB file can be passed into the reading function:

If the mat file contains only a single model, cobra can figure out which variable to read from, and the variable\_name parameter is unnecessary.

```
[11]: cobra.io.load_matlab_model(join(data_dir, "mini.mat"))
[11]: <Model mini_textbook at 0x113758438>
```

Saving models to mat files is also relatively straightforward

```
[12]: cobra.io.save_matlab_model(textbook_model, "test.mat")
```

# 3.5 Pickle

Cobra models can be serialized using the python serialization format, pickle.

Please note that use of the pickle format is generally not recommended for most use cases. JSON, SBML, and MAT are generally the preferred formats.

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### SIMULATING WITH FBA

Simulations using flux balance analysis can be solved using Model.optimize(). This will maximize or minimize (maximizing is the default) flux through the objective reactions.

```
[1]: import cobra.test
model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
```

### 4.1 Running FBA

```
[2]: solution = model.optimize()
print(solution)

<Solution 0.874 at 0x112eb3d30>
```

The Model.optimize() function will return a Solution object. A solution object has several attributes:

- objective\_value: the objective value
- status: the status from the linear programming solver
- fluxes: a pandas series with flux indexed by reaction identifier. The flux for a reaction variable is the difference of the primal values for the forward and reverse reaction variables.
- shadow\_prices: a pandas series with shadow price indexed by the metabolite identifier.

For example, after the last call to model.optimize(), if the optimization succeeds it's status will be optimal. In case the model is infeasible an error is raised.

```
[3]: solution.objective_value
[3]: 0.8739215069684307
```

The solvers that can be used with cobrapy are so fast that for many small to mid-size models computing the solution can be even faster than it takes to collect the values from the solver and convert to them python objects. With model.optimize, we gather values for all reactions and metabolites and that can take a significant amount of time if done repeatedly. If we are only interested in the flux value of a single reaction or the objective, it is faster to instead use model.slim\_optimize which only does the optimization and returns the objective value leaving it up to you to fetch other values that you may need.

```
[4]: %%time
    model.optimize().objective_value

CPU times: user 3.84 ms, sys: 672 μs, total: 4.51 ms
    Wall time: 6.16 ms

[4]: 0.8739215069684307
[5]: %%time
    model.slim_optimize()
```

```
CPU times: user 229 μs, sys: 19 μs, total: 248 μs
Wall time: 257 μs

[5]: 0.8739215069684307
```

### 4.1.1 Analyzing FBA solutions

Models solved using FBA can be further analyzed by using summary methods, which output printed text to give a quick representation of model behavior. Calling the summary method on the entire model displays information on the input and output behavior of the model, along with the optimized objective.

In addition, the input-output behavior of individual metabolites can also be inspected using summary methods. For instance, the following commands can be used to examine the overall redox balance of the model

```
[7]: model.metabolites.nadh_c.summary()
   PRODUCING REACTIONS -- Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide - reduced (nadh_c)
   응
       FLUX RXN ID
                    REACTION
      _____
   42% 16 GAPD g3p_c + nad_c + pi_c <=> 13dpg_c + h_c + nadh_c
      9.28 PDH
       24%
   13%
   13%
       3.1 Biomass... 1.496 3pg_c + 3.7478 accoa_c + 59.81 atp_c + 0...
   CONSUMING REACTIONS -- Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide - reduced (nadh_c)
       FLUX RXN ID REACTION
            _____
                    ______
   100% 38.5 NADH16 4.0 h_c + nadh_c + q8_c --> 3.0 h_e + nad_c + q...
```

Or to get a sense of the main energy production and consumption reactions

```
[8]: model.metabolites.atp_c.summary()
   PRODUCING REACTIONS -- ATP (atp_c)
   ______
       FLUX RXN ID
                     REACTION
       _____
   67% 45.5
   23% 16
   7%
      1.76 PYK
   CONSUMING REACTIONS -- ATP (atp_c)
       FLUX RXN ID
                     REACTION
      -----
                      _____
   76% 52.3
            Biomass... 1.496 3pg_c + 3.7478 accoa_c + 59.81 atp_c + 0...
   12% 8.39 ATPM atp_c + h2o_c --> adp_c + h_c + pi_c
11% 7.48 PFK atp_c + f6p_c --> adp_c + fdp_c + h_c
0% 0.223 GLNS atp_c + glu_L_c + nh4_c --> adp_c + gln_L_c +...
```

### 4.2 Changing the Objectives

The objective function is determined from the objective\_coefficient attribute of the objective reaction(s). Generally, a "biomass" function which describes the composition of metabolites which make up a cell is used.

```
[9]: biomass_rxn = model.reactions.get_by_id("Biomass_Ecoli_core")
```

Currently in the model, there is only one reaction in the objective (the biomass reaction), with an linear coefficient of 1.

```
[10]: from cobra.util.solver import linear_reaction_coefficients
linear_reaction_coefficients(model)
[10]: {<Reaction Biomass_Ecoli_core at 0x112eab4a8>: 1.0}
```

The objective function can be changed by assigning Model.objective, which can be a reaction object (or just it's name), or a dict of {Reaction: objective\_coefficient}.

```
[11]: # change the objective to ATPM
    model.objective = "ATPM"

# The upper bound should be 1000, so that we get
    # the actual optimal value
    model.reactions.get_by_id("ATPM").upper_bound = 1000.
    linear_reaction_coefficients(model)

[11]: {<Reaction ATPM at 0x112eab470>: 1.0}

[12]: model.optimize().objective_value
[12]: 174.9999999999966
```

We can also have more complicated objectives including quadratic terms.

# 4.3 Running FVA

FBA will not give always give unique solution, because multiple flux states can achieve the same optimum. FVA (or flux variability analysis) finds the ranges of each metabolic flux at the optimum.

```
[13]: from cobra.flux_analysis import flux_variability_analysis
[14]: flux_variability_analysis(model, model.reactions[:10])
[14]:
                  maximum
                                minimum
     ACALD -2.208811e-30 -5.247085e-14
     ACALDt 0.000000e+00 -5.247085e-14
     ACKr 0.000000e+00 -8.024953e-14
     ACONTa 2.000000e+01 2.000000e+01
     ACONTb 2.000000e+01 2.000000e+01
     ACt2r 0.000000e+00 -8.024953e-14
             3.410605e-13 0.000000e+00
     ADK1
     AKGDH
             2.000000e+01 2.000000e+01
     AKGt2r 0.000000e+00 -2.902643e-14
     ALCD2x 0.000000e+00 -4.547474e-14
```

Setting parameter fraction\_of\_optimium=0.90 would give the flux ranges for reactions at 90% optimality.

```
[15]: maximum minimum

ACALD 0.000000e+00 -2.692308

ACALDt 0.000000e+00 -2.692308

ACKr 6.635712e-30 -4.117647

ACONTa 2.000000e+01 8.461538

ACONTb 2.000000e+01 8.461538

ACt2r 0.00000e+00 -4.117647

ADK1 1.750000e+01 0.000000

AKGDH 2.000000e+01 2.500000

AKGt2r 2.651196e-16 -1.489362

ALCD2x 0.000000e+00 -2.3333333
```

The standard FVA may contain loops, i.e. high absolute flux values that only can be high if they are allowed to participate in loops (a mathematical artifact that cannot happen in vivo). Use the loopless argument to avoid such loops. Below, we can see that FRD7 and SUCDi reactions can participate in loops but that this is avoided when using the looplesss FVA.

```
[16]: loop_reactions = [model.reactions.FRD7, model.reactions.SUCDi]
     flux_variability_analysis(model, reaction_list=loop_reactions, loopless=False)
[16]:
           maximum minimum
     FRD7
             980.0
                    0.0
     SUCDi
           1000.0
                       20.0
[17]: flux_variability_analysis(model, reaction_list=loop_reactions, loopless=True)
[17]: maximum minimum
     FRD7
            0.0
                    0.0
     SUCDi
              20.0
                       20.0
```

### 4.3.1 Running FVA in summary methods

Flux variability analysis can also be embedded in calls to summary methods. For instance, the expected variability in substrate consumption and product formation can be quickly found by

```
[18]: model.optimize()
       model.summary(fva=0.95)
       IN FLUXES
                                                  OUT FLUXES
                                                                                             OBJECTIVES
        _____
                                                  id
                    Flux Range
                                                                Flux Range
                                                                                             ATPM 175
       o2_e 60 [55.9, 60] co2_e 60 [54.2, 60] glc__D_e 10 [9.5, 10] h2o_e 60 [54.2, 60] nh4_e 0 [0, 0.673] for_e 0 [0, 5.83] pi_e 0 [0, 0.171] h_e 0 [0, 5.83] ac_e 0 [0, 2.06] acald_e 0 [0, 1.35] pyr_e 0 [0, 1.35] etoh_e 1 ac_D_e 0 [0, 1.17] lac_D_e 0 [0, 0.875] akg_e 0 [0, 0.745]
        _____
                                                                _____
                                                                           _____
                                                                     0 [0, 0.745]
                                                  akg_e
                                                  akg_e 0 [0, 0.745] glu_L_e 0 [0, 0.673]
```

Similarly, variability in metabolite mass balances can also be checked with flux variability analysis.

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%	FLUX	RANGE	RXN ID	REACTION
50% 50% 0%	10	[1.25, 18.8] [9.5, 10] [0, 8.75]	-	<pre>adp_c + h_c + pep_c&gt; atp_c + pyr_c glcD_e + pep_c&gt; g6p_c + pyr_c malL_c + nad_c&gt; co2_c + nadh_c +</pre>
0%		[0, 8.75]	ME2	mal_L_c + nadp_c> co2_c + nadp_c
CONCIL	MING REA	.CTIONS Pyrı	wate (pvr c)	
%		RANGE	RXN ID	REACTION
	FLUX			
%	FLUX 	RANGE[13, 28.8]	RXN ID	REACTION
%  100%	FLUX  20 0	RANGE[13, 28.8]	RXN ID	REACTION coa_c + nad_c + pyr_c> accoa_c + c
 %  100% 0%	FLUX  20 0	RANGE [13, 28.8] [0, 8.75]	RXN ID PDH PPS	REACTION  coa_c + nad_c + pyr_c> accoa_c + c atp_c + h2o_c + pyr_c> amp_c + 2.0
 %  100% 0%	FLUX 20 0 0	RANGE [13, 28.8] [0, 8.75] [0, 5.83]	RXN ID PDH PPS PFL	REACTION  coa_c + nad_c + pyr_c> accoa_c + c  atp_c + h2o_c + pyr_c> amp_c + 2.0  coa_c + pyr_c> accoa_c + for_c

In these summary methods, the values are reported as a the center point +/- the range of the FVA solution, calculated from the maximum and minimum values.

## 4.4 Running pFBA

Parsimonious FBA (often written pFBA) finds a flux distribution which gives the optimal growth rate, but minimizes the total sum of flux. This involves solving two sequential linear programs, but is handled transparently by cobrapy. For more details on pFBA, please see Lewis et al. (2010).

```
[20]: model.objective = 'Biomass_Ecoli_core'
fba_solution = model.optimize()
pfba_solution = cobra.flux_analysis.pfba(model)
```

These functions should give approximately the same objective value.

# 4.5 Running geometric FBA

Geometric FBA finds a unique optimal flux distribution which is central to the range of possible fluxes. For more details on geometric FBA, please see K Smallbone, E Simeonidis (2009).

```
[22]: geometric_fba_sol = cobra.flux_analysis.geometric_fba(model)
    geometric_fba_sol

[22]: <Solution 0.000 at 0x116dfcc88>
```

### SIMULATING DELETIONS

```
import pandas
from time import time

import cobra.test
from cobra.flux_analysis import (
    single_gene_deletion, single_reaction_deletion, double_gene_deletion,
    double_reaction_deletion)

cobra_model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
ecoli_model = cobra.test.create_test_model("ecoli")
```

## 5.1 Knocking out single genes and reactions

A commonly asked question when analyzing metabolic models is what will happen if a certain reaction was not allowed to have any flux at all. This can tested using cobrapy by

```
[3]: print('complete model: ', cobra_model.optimize())
with cobra_model:
    cobra_model.reactions.PFK.knock_out()
    print('pfk knocked out: ', cobra_model.optimize())

complete model: <Solution 0.874 at 0x7f8130c3c760>
pfk knocked out: <Solution 0.704 at 0x7f8130c3c070>
```

For evaluating genetic manipulation strategies, it is more interesting to examine what happens if given genes are knocked out as doing so can affect no reactions in case of redundancy, or more reactions if gene when is participating in more than one reaction.

```
[4]: print('complete model: ', cobra_model.optimize())
with cobra_model:
    cobra_model.genes.b1723.knock_out()
    print('pfkA knocked out: ', cobra_model.optimize())
    cobra_model.genes.b3916.knock_out()
    print('pfkB knocked out: ', cobra_model.optimize())

complete model: <Solution 0.874 at 0x7f8131dbc7c0>
    pfkA knocked out: <Solution 0.874 at 0x7f816ddee820>
    pfkB knocked out: <Solution 0.704 at 0x7f8130c3cf40>
```

## 5.2 Single Deletions

Perform all single gene deletions on a model

```
[5]: deletion_results = single_gene_deletion(cobra_model)
```

These can also be done for only a subset of genes

```
[6]: single_gene_deletion(cobra_model, cobra_model.genes[:20])
                 growth
            ids
                         status
    0
       {b0351} 0.873922 optimal
      {b0727} 0.858307 optimal
    1
       {b2587} 0.873922 optimal
    2.
    3
       {b0474} 0.873922 optimal
        {b3734} 0.374230 optimal
    4
    5
        {b0726}
               0.858307 optimal
    6
        {b3735}
                0.374230 optimal
    7
        {b1241}
                0.873922
                         optimal
    8
        {b1276}
                0.873922
                         optimal
    9
        {b1849}
               0.873922
                         optimal
    10 {b3732} 0.374230 optimal
       {s0001} 0.211141 optimal
    11
       {b0118} 0.873922 optimal
    12
       {b0356} 0.873922 optimal
    1.3
       {b2296} 0.873922 optimal
    14
    15 {b0116} 0.782351 optimal
    16 {b1478} 0.873922 optimal
    17 {b3115} 0.873922 optimal
    18 {b3736} 0.374230 optimal
    19 {b3733} 0.374230 optimal
```

This can also be done for reactions

```
[7]: single_reaction_deletion(cobra_model, cobra_model.reactions[:20])
                        ids growth status
[7]:
    0
                    {ACALDt} 0.873922 optimal
    1
                    {ATPS4r} 0.374230 optimal
                   {EX_ac_e} 0.873922 optimal
    2
                    {AKGDH} 0.858307 optimal
    3
    4
                     {ACKr} 0.873922 optimal
    5
                   {ETOHt2r} 0.873922 optimal
    6
                       {CS} 0.000000 optimal
    7
                   {ALCD2x} 0.873922 optimal
    8
                    {ACONTa}
                             0.000000
                                       optimal
    9
                             0.873922
                   {D_LACt2}
                                       optimal
    10
                             0.873922
                     {ADK1}
                                       optimal
    11
        {Biomass_Ecoli_core}
                             0.000000
                                       optimal
    12
                     {ATPM}
                             0.916647
                                       optimal
    13
                     {CYTBD}
                             0.211663
                                       optimal
                             0.873922 optimal
    14
                     {ACt2r}
    15
                     {CO2t} 0.461670 optimal
                     {ACALD} 0.873922 optimal
    16
    17
                      {ENO} 0.000000 optimal
    18
                   {AKGt2r} 0.873922 optimal
                    {ACONTb} 0.000000 optimal
```

### 5.3 Double Deletions

Double deletions run in a similar way.

```
[8]: double_gene_deletion(
        cobra_model, cobra_model.genes[-5:]).round(4)
                  ids growth status
[8]:
    0
              {b2935} 0.8739 optimal
        {b2465, b2464} 0.8739 optimal
    1
                       0.8739 optimal
    2
        {b0008, b2464}
    3
        {b0008, b3919}
                       0.7040
                              optimal
    4
        {b3919, b2465}
                       0.7040
                               optimal
    5
        {b0008, b2935}
                       0.8739
                               optimal
                       0.7040
    6
              {b3919}
                              optimal
        {b2465, b2935} 0.8739
    7
                               optimal
        {b0008, b2465} 0.8739 optimal
    8
        {b3919, b2464} 0.7040 optimal
    9
              {b2464} 0.8739 optimal
    10
              {b0008} 0.8739 optimal
    11
    12
       {b3919, b2935} 0.7040 optimal
       {b2935, b2464} 0.8739 optimal
    13
               {b2465} 0.8739 optimal
    14
```

By default, the double deletion function will automatically use multiprocessing, splitting the task over up to 4 cores if they are available. The number of cores can be manually specified as well. Setting use of a single core will disable use of the multiprocessing library, which often aids debugging.

```
[9]: start = time() # start timer()
    double_gene_deletion(
        ecoli_model, ecoli_model.genes[:25], processes=2)
    t1 = time() - start
    print ("Double gene deletions for 200 genes completed in "
           "%.2f sec with 2 cores" % t1)
    start = time() # start timer()
    double_gene_deletion(
        ecoli_model, ecoli_model.genes[:25], processes=1)
    t2 = time() - start
    print ("Double gene deletions for 200 genes completed in "
           "%.2f sec with 1 core" % t2)
    print("Speedup of %.2fx" % (t2 / t1))
    Double gene deletions for 200 genes completed in 9.02 sec with 2 cores
    Double gene deletions for 200 genes completed in 15.48 sec with 1 core
    Speedup of 1.72x
```

Double deletions can also be run for reactions.

```
[10]: double_reaction_deletion(
     cobra_model, cobra_model.reactions[2:7]).round(4)
                     ids growth status
[10]:
     0
           {ACt2r, ACKr} 0.8739 optimal
          {ACONTa, ACKr} 0.0000 optimal
     1
       {ACONTa, ACONTb} 0.0000 optimal
     2
                {ACONTa} 0.0000 optimal
     4
         {ACONTb, ACt2r} 0.0000 optimal
     5
                 {ACt2r} 0.8739 optimal
     6
          {ACONTa, ADK1} 0.0000 optimal
     7
          {ACONTa, ACt2r} 0.0000 optimal
     8
            {ADK1, ACt2r} 0.8739 optimal
```

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```
9 {ACONTb, ACKr} 0.0000 optimal
10 {ADK1} 0.8739 optimal
11 {ACONTb, ADK1} 0.0000 optimal
12 {ADK1, ACKr} 0.8739 optimal
13 {ACKr} 0.8739 optimal
14 {ACONTb} 0.0000 optimal
```

### 5.4 Accessing individual deletion results

Note that the indices for deletions are python set objects. This is the appropriate type since the order of deletions does not matter. Deleting reaction 1 and reaction 2 will have the same effect as deleting reaction 2 and reaction 1.

To make it easier to access results all DataFrames returned by COBRAPpy deletion functions have a knockout indexer that makes that a bit simpler. Each entry in the indexer is treated as a single deletion entry. So you need to pass sets for double deletions.

This can be used to get several deletions at once and will also work for Reaction or Gene objects (depending on what you deleted) directly.

[ ]:

### PRODUCTION ENVELOPES

Production envelopes (aka phenotype phase planes) will show distinct phases of optimal growth with different use of two different substrates. For more information, see Edwards et al.

Cobrapy supports calculating these production envelopes and they can easily be plotted using your favorite plotting package. Here, we will make one for the "textbook" *E. coli* core model and demonstrate plotting using matplotlib.

```
[1]: import cobra.test
from cobra.flux_analysis import production_envelope

model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
```

We want to make a phenotype phase plane to evaluate uptakes of Glucose and Oxygen.

```
[2]: prod_env = production_envelope(model, ["EX_glc__D_e", "EX_o2_e"])
```

```
[3]: prod_env.head()
      carbon_source carbon_yield_maximum carbon_yield_minimum flux_maximum
[3]:
    0 EX_glc__D_e 1.442300e-13
                                                                  0.000000
                                                           0.0
        EX_glc__D_e
                            1.310050e+00
                                                                    0.072244
                                                           0.0
    1
      EX_glc_D_e
                            2.620100e+00
                                                           0.0
                                                                    0.144488
    2
    3
       EX_glc__D_e
                            3.930150e+00
                                                           0.0
                                                                    0.216732
    4
        EX_glc__D_e
                             5.240200e+00
                                                           0.0
                                                                    0.288975
       flux_minimum mass_yield_maximum mass_yield_minimum EX_glc__D_e
    0
                0.0
                                   NaN
                                                       NaN
                                                                  -10.0
    1
                0.0
                                   NaN
                                                       NaN
                                                                  -10.0
    2
                                                                  -10.0
                0.0
                                   NaN
                                                       NaN
                                                                  -10.0
    3
                0.0
                                   NaN
                                                       NaN
                                                                  -10.0
    4
                0.0
                                   NaN
                                                       NaN
         EX_o2_e
    0 -60.000000
    1 -56.842105
    2 -53.684211
    3 -50.526316
    4 -47.368421
```

If we specify the carbon source, we can also get the carbon and mass yield. For example, temporarily setting the objective to produce acetate instead we could get production envelope as follows and pandas to quickly plot the results.

```
[5]:
      carbon_source
                      carbon_yield_maximum carbon_yield_minimum flux_maximum
    0
         EX_glc__D_e
                              2.385536e-15
                                                               0.0
                                                                        0.000000
         EX_glc__D_e
    1
                              5.263158e-02
                                                               0.0
                                                                        1.578947
         EX_glc__D_e
    2
                              1.052632e-01
                                                               0.0
                                                                        3.157895
         EX_glc__D_e
                              1.578947e-01
                                                               0.0
                                                                        4.736842
    3
        EX_glc__D_e
                              2.105263e-01
                                                               0.0
                                                                        6.315789
        flux_minimum mass_yield_maximum
                                          mass_yield_minimum
                                                                  EX_02_e
                                                           0.0 -60.000000
    0
                 0.0
                            2.345496e-15
                 0.0
                            5.174819e-02
                                                           0.0 -56.842105
    1
                 0.0
                            1.034964e-01
                                                           0.0 -53.684211
    2
    3
                 0.0
                            1.552446e-01
                                                           0.0 -50.526316
                 0.0
                            2.069927e-01
                                                           0.0 -47.368421
```

#### [6]: %matplotlib inline

```
[7]: prod_env.plot(
          kind='line', x='EX_o2_e', y='carbon_yield_maximum');
      0.7
                carbon yield maximum
      0.6
      0.5
      0.4
      0.3
      0.2
      0.1
      0.0
           -60
                    -50
                            -40
                                     -30
                                             -20
                                                      -10
                                                               0
                                   EX_o2_e
```

Previous versions of cobrapy included more tailored plots for phase planes which have now been dropped in order to improve maintainability and enhance the focus of cobrapy. Plotting for cobra models is intended for another package.

### **FLUX SAMPLING**

### 7.1 Basic usage

The easiest way to get started with flux sampling is using the sample function in the flux\_analysis submodule. sample takes at least two arguments: a cobra model and the number of samples you want to generate.

```
[1]: from cobra.test import create_test_model
    from cobra.sampling import sample
    model = create_test_model("textbook")
    s = sample (model, 100)
    s.head()
          ACALD
                   ACALDt
                               ACKr
                                       ACONTa
                                                 ACONTb
                                                            ACt2r
[1]:
                                                                         ADK1
    0 \;\; -2.060626 \;\; -0.766231 \;\; -1.746726 \quad 6.136642 \quad 6.136642 \;\; -1.746726 \quad 13.915541
    1 -1.518217 -1.265778 -0.253608 9.081331 9.081331 -0.253608
                                                                    7.194475
    2 -3.790368 -1.292543 -0.457502 9.340755
                                               9.340755 -0.457502
                                                                    23.435794
    3 -5.173189 -4.511308 -2.333962
                                     7.364836
                                               7.364836 -2.333962
                                                                   11.725401
    4 -6.787036 -5.645414 -1.521566 6.373250
                                               6.373250 -1.521566
                                                                     4.823373
                                                                   SUCCt3
          AKGDH
                   AKGt2r
                             ALCD2x
                                               RPI
                                                      SUCCt2_2
                                     . . .
    0 2.174506 -0.242290 -1.294395
                                     ... -6.117270
                                                     33.457990
                                                                34.319917
                                     ... -5.072733
       5.979050 -0.225992 -0.252439
                                                     39.902893
                                                               40.343192
    2 1.652395 -0.333891 -2.497825
                                     ... -0.674220
                                                     0.153276
                                                                1.506968
    3 2.504044 -0.051420 -0.661881
                                     ... -0.681200
                                                      7.506732
                                                                 9.110446
    4 3.452123 -0.126943 -1.141621
                                     ... -0.510598
                                                      9.307459
                                                               10.941500
            SUCDi
                     SUCOAS
                                           THD2
                                                      TKT1
                                                                TKT2
                                 TATA
                                                                           TPT
      704.483302 -2.174506 6.109618 0.230408 6.109618
                                                           6.106540 3.122076
      718.488475 -5.979050 4.991843 0.137019 4.991843 4.959315
                                                                     4.172389
    2 844.889698 -1.652395 0.673601
                                       9.198001 0.673601
                                                            0.673352
                                                                     7.770955
    3 885.755585 -2.504044 0.656561 7.514520 0.656561
                                                           0.646653 8.450394
    4 749.854462 -3.452123 0.474878 6.235982 0.474878 0.460514 8.908012
    [5 rows x 95 columns]
```

By default sample uses the optgp method based on the method presented here as it is suited for larger models and can run in parallel. By default the sampler uses a single process. This can be changed by using the processes argument.

```
[2]: print("One process:")
%time s = sample(model, 1000)
print("Two processes:")
%time s = sample(model, 1000, processes=2)

One process:
CPU times: user 19.7 s, sys: 918 ms, total: 20.6 s
Wall time: 16.1 s
Two processes:

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```

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```
CPU times: user 1.31 s, sys: 154 ms, total: 1.46 s
Wall time: 8.76 s
```

Alternatively you can also user Artificial Centering Hit-and-Run for sampling by setting the method to achr. achr does not support parallel execution but has good convergence and is almost Markovian.

```
[3]: s = sample(model, 100, method="achr")
```

In general setting up the sampler is expensive since initial search directions are generated by solving many linear programming problems. Thus, we recommend to generate as many samples as possible in one go. However, this might require finer control over the sampling procedure as described in the following section.

## 7.2 Advanced usage

### 7.2.1 Sampler objects

The sampling process can be controlled on a lower level by using the sampler classes directly.

```
[4]: from cobra.sampling import OptGPSampler, ACHRSampler
```

Both sampler classes have standardized interfaces and take some additional argument. For instance the thinning factor. "Thinning" means only recording samples every n iterations. A higher thinning factors mean less correlated samples but also larger computation times. By default the samplers use a thinning factor of 100 which creates roughly uncorrelated samples. If you want less samples but better mixing feel free to increase this parameter. If you want to study convergence for your own model you might want to set it to 1 to obtain all iterates.

```
[5]: achr = ACHRSampler(model, thinning=10)
```

OptGPSampler has an additional processes argument specifying how many processes are used to create parallel sampling chains. This should be in the order of your CPU cores for maximum efficiency. As noted before class initialization can take up to a few minutes due to generation of initial search directions. Sampling on the other hand is quick.

```
[6]: optgp = OptGPSampler(model, processes=4)
```

#### 7.2.2 Sampling and validation

Both samplers have a sample function that generates samples from the initialized object and act like the sample function described above, only that this time it will only accept a single argument, the number of samples. For OptGPSampler the number of samples should be a multiple of the number of processes, otherwise it will be increased to the nearest multiple automatically.

```
[7]: s1 = achr.sample(100)
s2 = optgp.sample(100)
```

You can call sample repeatedly and both samplers are optimized to generate large amount of samples without falling into "numerical traps". All sampler objects have a validate function in order to check if a set of points are feasible and give detailed information about feasibility violations in a form of a short code denoting feasibility. Here the short code is a combination of any of the following letters:

- "v" valid point
- "l" lower bound violation
- "u" upper bound violation

• "e" - equality violation (meaning the point is not a steady state)

For instance for a random flux distribution (should not be feasible):

```
[8]: import numpy as np

bad = np.random.uniform(-1000, 1000, size=len(model.reactions))
achr.validate(np.atleast_2d(bad))

[8]: array(['le'], dtype='<U3')</pre>
```

And for our generated samples:

```
[9]: achr.validate(s1)
'v',
         'v', 'v', 'v', 'v', 'v', 'v',
                                'v',
                                        'v',
                                            'v',
                                                'v',
                            'v',
                                    'v',
                                        'v'
         'v', 'v', 'v', 'v',
                        'v',
                                'v',
                                            'v',
                                                'v',
                    'v',
                        'v',
                            'v',
                                'v',
                                    'v',
                                                'v',
         'v', 'v', 'v',
                            'v',
                        'v',
         'v', 'v', 'v',
                    'v',
                                    'v',
                                'v',
         'v', 'v', 'v', 'v', 'v',
                                    'v', 'v',
                            'v', 'v',
         'v', 'v', 'v', 'v', 'v',
                            'v', 'v', 'v', 'v', 'v', 'v', 'v', 'v'], dtype='<U3')
```

Even though most models are numerically stable enought that the sampler should only generate valid samples we still urge to check this. validate is pretty fast and works quickly even for large models and many samples. If you find invalid samples you do not necessarily have to rerun the entire sampling but can exclude them from the sample DataFrame.

```
[10]: s1_valid = s1[achr.validate(s1) == "v"]
len(s1_valid)
[10]: 100
```

#### 7.2.3 Batch sampling

Sampler objects are made for generating billions of samples, however using the sample function might quickly fill up your RAM when working with genome-scale models. Here, the batch method of the sampler objects might come in handy. batch takes two arguments, the number of samples in each batch and the number of batches. This will make sense with a small example.

Let's assume we want to quantify what proportion of our samples will grow. For that we might want to generate 10 batches of 50 samples each and measure what percentage of the individual 100 samples show a growth rate larger than 0.1. Finally, we want to calculate the mean and standard deviation of those individual percentages.

## 7.3 Adding constraints

Flux sampling will respect additional contraints defined in the model. For instance we can add a constraint enforcing growth in asimilar manner as the section before.

Note that this is only for demonstration purposes. usually you could set the lower bound of the reaction directly instead of creating a new constraint.

```
[13]: s = sample(model, 10)
     print(s.Biomass_Ecoli_core)
          0.124471
     1
          0.151331
          0.108145
      2
          0.144076
      3
          0.110480
      4
     5
          0.109024
          0.111399
      6
      7
          0.139682
     8
          0.103511
          0.116880
     Name: Biomass_Ecoli_core, dtype: float64
```

As we can see our new constraint was respected.

### **LOOPLESS FBA**

The goal of this procedure is identification of a thermodynamically consistent flux state without loops, as implied by the name. You can find a more detailed description in the *method* section at the end of the notebook.

```
[1]: %matplotlib inline
  import plot_helper

import cobra.test
  from cobra import Reaction, Metabolite, Model
  from cobra.flux_analysis.loopless import add_loopless, loopless_solution
  from cobra.flux_analysis import pfba
```

### 8.1 Loopless solution

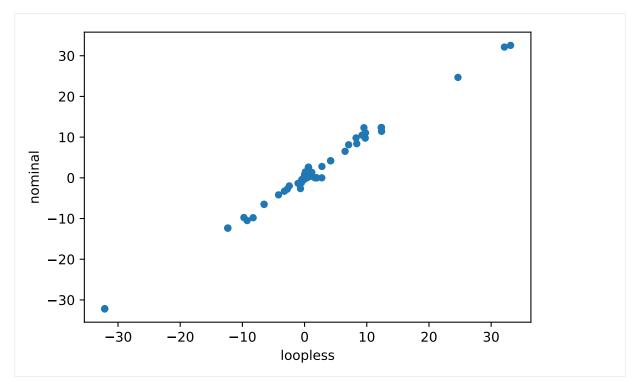
Classical loopless approaches as described below are computationally expensive to solve due to the added mixed-integer constraints. A much faster, and pragmatic approach is instead to post-process flux distributions to simply set fluxes to zero wherever they can be zero without changing the fluxes of any exchange reactions in the model. CycleFreeFlux is an algorithm that can be used to achieve this and in cobrapy it is implemented in the cobra. flux\_analysis.loopless\_solution function. loopless\_solution will identify the closest flux distribution (using only loopless elementary flux modes) to the original one. Note that this will not remove loops which you explicitly requested, for instance by forcing a loop reaction to carry non-zero flux.

Using a larger model than the simple example above, this can be demonstrated as follows

```
[2]: salmonella = cobra.test.create_test_model('salmonella')
   nominal = salmonella.optimize()
   loopless = loopless_solution(salmonella)

[3]: import pandas
   df = pandas.DataFrame(dict(loopless=loopless.fluxes, nominal=nominal.fluxes))

[4]: df.plot.scatter(x='loopless', y='nominal')
[4]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x10f7cb3c8>
```



This functionality can also be used in FVA by using the loopless=True argument to avoid getting high flux ranges for reactions that essentially only can reach high fluxes if they are allowed to participate in loops (see the simulation notebook) leading to much narrower flux ranges.

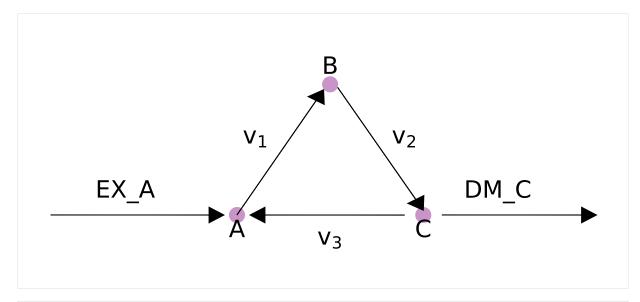
### 8.2 Loopless model

Cobrapy also includes the "classical" loopless formulation by Schellenberger et. al. implemented in cobra. flux\_analysis.add\_loopless modify the model with additional mixed-integer constraints that make thermodynamically infeasible loops impossible. This is much slower than the strategy provided above and should only be used if one of the two following cases applies:

- 1. You want to combine a non-linear (e.g. quadratic) objective with the loopless condition
- 2. You want to force the model to be infeasible in the presence of loops independent of the set reaction bounds.

We will demonstrate this with a toy model which has a simple loop cycling  $A \to B \to C \to A$ , with A allowed to enter the system and C allowed to leave. A graphical view of the system is drawn below:

[5]: plot\_helper.plot\_loop()



```
[6]: model = Model()
model.add_metabolites([Metabolite(i) for i in "ABC"])
model.add_reactions([Reaction(i) for i in ["EX_A", "DM_C", "v1", "v2", "v3"]])

model.reactions.EX_A.add_metabolites({"A": 1})
model.reactions.DM_C.add_metabolites({"C": -1})

model.reactions.v1.add_metabolites({"A": -1, "B": 1})
model.reactions.v2.add_metabolites({"B": -1, "C": 1})
model.reactions.v3.add_metabolites({"C": -1, "A": 1})
model.objective = 'DM_C'
```

While this model contains a loop, a flux state exists which has no flux through reaction  $v_3$ , and is identified by loopless FBA.

```
[7]: with model:
    add_loopless(model)
    solution = model.optimize()
    print("loopless solution: status = " + solution.status)
    print("loopless solution flux: v3 = %.1f" % solution.fluxes["v3"])

loopless solution: status = optimal
    loopless solution flux: v3 = 0.0
```

If there is no forced flux through a loopless reaction, parsimonious FBA will also have no flux through the loop.

```
[8]: solution = pfba(model)
    print("parsimonious solution: status = " + solution.status)
    print("loopless solution flux: v3 = %.1f" % solution.fluxes["v3"])

    parsimonious solution: status = optimal
    loopless solution flux: v3 = 0.0
```

However, if flux is forced through  $v_3$ , then there is no longer a feasible loopless solution, but the parsimonious solution will still exist.

```
[9]: model.reactions.v3.lower_bound = 1
with model:
    add_loopless(model)
    try:
        solution = model.optimize()
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```

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```
except:
    print('model is infeasible')

model is infeasible

cobra/util/solver.py:398 UserWarning: solver status is 'infeasible'

[10]: solution = pfba(model)
    print("parsimonious solution: status = " + solution.status)
    print("loopless solution flux: v3 = %.1f" % solution.fluxes["v3"])

parsimonious solution: status = optimal
    loopless solution flux: v3 = 1.0
```

### 8.3 Method

loopless\_solution is based on a given reference flux distribution. It will look for a new flux distribution with the following requirements:

- 1. The objective value is the same as in the reference fluxes.
- 2. All exchange fluxes have the same value as in the reference distribution.
- 3. All non-exchange fluxes have the same sign (flow in the same direction) as the reference fluxes.
- 4. The sum of absolute non-exchange fluxes is minimized.

As proven in the original publication this will identify the "least-loopy" solution closest to the reference fluxes.

If you are using add\_loopless this will use the method described here. In summary, it will add  $G \approx \Delta G$  proxy variables and make loops thermodynamically infeasible. This is achieved by the following formulation.

to

```
\begin{aligned} & \text{maximize } v_{obj} \\ & s.t. Sv = 0 \\ & lb_j \leq v_j \leq ub_j \\ & - M \cdot (1 - a_i) \leq v_i \leq M \cdot a_i \\ & - 1000a_i + (1 - a_i) \leq G_i \leq -a_i + 1000(1 - a_i) \\ & N_{int}G = 0 \\ & a_i \in \{0, 1\}(8.1) \end{aligned}
```

$$Sv = 0$$
  
-M · (1 -  $a_i$ )  $\leq v_i \leq M \cdot a_i$   
 $N_{int}G = 0$ 

Here the index j runs over all reactions and the index i only over internal ones.  $a_i$  are indicator variables which equal one if the reaction flux flows in hte forward direction and 0 otherwise. They are used to force the G proxies to always carry the opposite sign of the flux (as it is the case for the "real"  $\Delta G$  values).  $N_{int}$  is the nullspace matrix for internal reactions and is used to find thermodinamically "correct" values for G.

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### NINE

### **CONSISTENCY TESTING**

For most problems, multiple flux states can achieve the same optimum and thus we try to obtain a consistent network. By this, we mean that there will be mulitple blocked reactions in the network, which gives rise to this inconsistency. To solve this problem, we use algorithms which can detect all the blocked reactions and also give us consistent networks.

Let us take a toy network, like so:

$$v_1: \to 2A \tag{9.1}$$

$$v_2: A \leftrightarrow B \tag{9.2}$$

$$v_3: A \to D \tag{9.3}$$

$$v_4: A \to C \tag{9.4}$$

$$v_5: C \to D \tag{9.5}$$

$$v_6: D \to$$
 (9.6)

Here,  $v_x$ , where  $x \in \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$  represent the flux carried by the reactions as shown above.

#### [1]: import cobra

```
[2]: test_model = cobra.Model("test_model")
    v1 = cobra.Reaction("v1")
    v2 = cobra.Reaction("v2")
    v3 = cobra.Reaction("v3")
    v4 = cobra.Reaction("v4")
    v5 = cobra.Reaction("v5")
    v6 = cobra.Reaction("v6")
    test_model.add_reactions([v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6])
    v1.reaction = "-> 2 A"
    v2.reaction = "A <-> B"
    v3.reaction = "A -> D"
    v4.reaction = "A -> C"
    v5.reaction = "C -> D"
    v6.reaction = "D \rightarrow"
    v1.bounds = (0.0, 3.0)
    v2.bounds = (-3.0, 3.0)
    v3.bounds = (0.0, 3.0)
    v4.bounds = (0.0, 3.0)
    v5.bounds = (0.0, 3.0)
    v6.bounds = (0.0, 3.0)
    test\_model.objective = v6
    unknown metabolite 'A' created
    unknown metabolite 'B' created
    unknown metabolite 'D' created
    unknown metabolite 'C' created
```

### 9.1 Using FVA

The first approach we can follow is to use FVA (Flux Variability Analysis) which among many other applications, is used to detect blocked reactions. The cobra.flux\_analysis.find\_blocked\_reactions() function will return a list of all the blocked reactions obtained using FVA.

```
[3]: cobra.flux_analysis.find_blocked_reactions(test_model)
[3]: ['v2']
```

As we see above, we are able to obtain the blocked reaction, which in this case is  $v_2$ .

### 9.2 Using FASTCC

The second approach to obtaining consistent network in cobrapy is to use FASTCC. Using this method, you can expect to efficiently obtain an accurate consistent network. For more details regarding the algorithm, please see Vlassis N, Pacheco MP, Sauter T (2014).

Similar to the FVA approach, we are able to identify that  $v_2$  is indeed the blocked reaction.

### **GAPFILLLING**

Model gap filling is the task of figuring out which reactions have to be added to a model to make it feasible. Several such algorithms have been reported e.g. Kumar et al. 2009 and Reed et al. 2006. Cobrapy has a gap filling implementation that is very similar to that of Reed et al. where we use a mixed-integer linear program to figure out the smallest number of reactions that need to be added for a user-defined collection of reactions, i.e. a universal model. Briefly, the problem that we try to solve is

Minimize:

$$\sum_{i} c_i * z_i$$

subject to

$$Sv = 0$$
$$v^* \ge t$$

$$l_i \le v_i \le u_i$$

$$v_i = 0 \text{ if } z_i = 0$$

Where l, u are lower and upper bounds for reaction i and z is an indicator variable that is zero if the reaction is not used and otherwise 1, c is a user-defined cost associated with using the ith reaction,  $v^*$  is the flux of the objective and t a lower bound for that objective. To demonstrate, let's take a model and remove some essential reactions from it.

```
[1]: import cobra.test
    from cobra.flux_analysis import gapfill
    model = cobra.test.create_test_model("salmonella")
```

In this model D-Fructose-6-phosphate is an essential metabolite. We will remove all the reactions using it, and at them to a separate model.

```
[2]: universal = cobra.Model("universal_reactions")
    for i in [i.id for i in model.metabolites.f6p_c.reactions]:
        reaction = model.reactions.get_by_id(i)
        universal.add_reaction(reaction.copy())
        model.remove_reactions([reaction])
```

Now, because of these gaps, the model won't grow.

```
[3]: model.optimize().objective_value
[3]: 0.0
```

We will use can use the model's original objective, growth, to figure out which of the removed reactions are required for the model be feasible again. This is very similar to making the 'no-growth but growth (NGG)' predictions of Kumar et al. 2009.

```
[4]: solution = gapfill(model, universal, demand_reactions=False)
    for reaction in solution[0]:
        print(reaction.id)

GF6PTA
    F6PP
    TKT2
    FBP
    MAN6PI
```

We can obtain multiple possible reaction sets by having the algorithm go through multiple iterations.

```
[5]: result = gapfill(model, universal, demand_reactions=False, iterations=4)
    for i, entries in enumerate(result):
        print("---- Run %d ----" % (i + 1))
        for e in entries:
            print(e.id)
    ---- Run 1 ----
    GF 6PTA
    F6PP
    TKT2
    FBP
    MAN6PI
    ---- Run 2 ----
    GF6PTA
    TALA
    PGT
    F6PA
    MAN6PT
    ---- Run 3 ----
    GF6PTA
    F6PP
    TKT2
    MAN6PI
    ---- Run 4 ----
    GF6PTA
    TALA
    PGT
    F6PA
    MAN6PT
```

We can also instead of using the original objective, specify a given metabolite that we want the model to be able to produce.

```
with model:
    model.objective = model.add_boundary(model.metabolites.f6p_c, type='demand')
    solution = gapfill(model, universal)
    for reaction in solution[0]:
        print(reaction.id)
FBP
```

Finally, note that using mixed-integer linear programming is computationally quite expensive and for larger models you may want to consider alternative gap filling methods and reconstruction methods.

### **GROWTH MEDIA**

The availability of nutrients has a major impact on metabolic fluxes and cobrapy provides some helpers to manage the exchanges between the external environment and your metabolic model. In experimental settings the "environment" is usually constituted by the growth medium, ergo the concentrations of all metabolites and co-factors available to the modeled organism. However, constraint-based metabolic models only consider fluxes. Thus, you can not simply use concentrations since fluxes have the unit mmol / [gDW h] (concentration per gram dry weight of cells and hour).

Also, you are setting an upper bound for the particular import flux and not the flux itself. There are some crude approximations. For instance, if you supply 1 mol of glucose every 24h to 1 gram of bacteria you might set the upper exchange flux for glucose to 1 mol / [1 gDW  $\star$  24 h] since that is the nominal maximum that can be imported. There is no guarantee however that glucose will be consumed with that flux. Thus, the preferred data for exchange fluxes are direct flux measurements as the ones obtained from timecourse exa-metabolome measurements for instance.

So how does that look in COBRApy? The current growth medium of a model is managed by the medium attribute.

```
[1]: from cobra.test import create_test_model

model = create_test_model("textbook")
model.medium

[1]: {'EX_co2_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_glc_D_e': 10.0,
    'EX_h_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_h2o_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_nh4_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_o2_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_pi_e': 1000.0)
```

This will return a dictionary that contains the upper flux bounds for all active exchange fluxes (the ones having non-zero flux bounds). Right now we see that we have enabled aerobic growth. You can modify a growth medium of a model by assigning a dictionary to model.medium that maps exchange reactions to their respective upper import bounds. For now let us enforce anaerobic growth by shutting off the oxygen import.

```
[2]: medium = model.medium
    medium["EX_o2_e"] = 0.0
    model.medium = medium

model.medium

[2]: {'EX_co2_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_glc_D_e': 10.0,
    'EX_h_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_h2o_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_n4_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_pi_e': 1000.0}
```

As we can see oxygen import is now removed from the list of active exchanges and we can verify that this also leads to a lower growth rate.

```
[3]: model.slim_optimize()
[3]: 0.21166294973530736
```

There is a small trap here. model.medium can not be assigned to directly. So the following will not work:

```
[4]: model.medium["EX_co2_e"] = 0.0
model.medium

[4]: {'EX_co2_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_glc__D_e': 10.0,
    'EX_h_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_h2o_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_nh4_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_pi_e': 1000.0}
```

As you can see EX\_co2\_e is not set to zero. This is because model.medium is just a copy of the current exchange fluxes. Assigning to it directly with model.medium[...] = ... will **not** change the model. You have to assign an entire dictionary with the changed import flux upper bounds:

```
[5]: medium = model.medium
    medium["EX_co2_e"] = 0.0
    model.medium = medium

model.medium # now it worked

[5]: {'EX_glc_D_e': 10.0,
    'EX_h_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_h2o_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_n4_e': 1000.0,
    'EX_pi_e': 1000.0}
```

Setting the growth medium also connects to the context manager, so you can set a specific growth medium in a reversible manner.

```
[6]: model = create_test_model("textbook")
    with model:
        medium = model.medium
        medium["EX_o2_e"] = 0.0
        model.medium = medium
        print (model.slim_optimize())
    print(model.slim_optimize())
    model.medium
    0.21166294973530736
    0.8739215069684102
[6]: {'EX_co2_e': 1000.0,
      'EX_glc__D_e': 10.0,
      'EX_h_e': 1000.0,
      'EX_h2o_e': 1000.0,
      'EX_nh4_e': 1000.0,
      'EX_o2_e': 1000.0,
      'EX_pi_e': 1000.0}
```

So the medium change is only applied within the with block and reverted automatically.

#### 11.1 Minimal media

In some cases you might be interested in the smallest growth medium that can maintain a specific growth rate, the so called "minimal medium". For this we provide the function minimal\_medium which by default obtains the medium with the lowest total import flux. This function needs two arguments: the model and the minimum growth rate (or other objective) the model has to achieve.

So we see that growth is actually limited by glucose import.

Alternatively you might be interested in a minimal medium with the smallest number of active imports. This can be achieved by using the minimize\_components argument (note that this uses a MIP formulation and will therefore be much slower).

When minimizing the number of import fluxes there may be many alternative solutions. To obtain several of those you can also pass a positive integer to minimize\_components which will give you at most that many alternative solutions. Let us try that with our model and also use the open\_exchanges argument which will assign a large upper bound to all import reactions in the model. The return type will be a pandas.DataFrame.

```
[9]: minimal_medium(model, 0.8, minimize_components=8, open_exchanges=True)
[9]:
                        Ω
                                  1
                                                2.
                                                           3
                                       0.000000
                0.000000 521.357767
                                                   0.000000
    EX_fru_e
    EX_glc__D_e 0.000000 0.000000
                                         0.000000 519.750758
                                      18.848678
                           40.698058
    EX_gln__L_e
                 0.000000
                                                  0.000000
    EX_glu__L_e 348.101944
                            0.000000
                                         0.000000
                                                    0.000000
    EX_mal__L_e 0.000000
                             0.000000 1000.000000
                                                    0.000000
    EX_nh4_e
                 0.000000
                             0.000000
                                         0.000000
                                                  81.026921
    EX_o2_e
               500.000000
                             0.000000
                                         0.000000
                                                    0.000000
    EX_pi_e
                 66.431529
                            54.913419
                                        12.583458
                                                   54.664344
```

So there are 4 alternative solutions in total. One aerobic and three anaerobic ones using different carbon sources.

# 11.2 Boundary reactions

Apart from exchange reactions there are other types of boundary reactions such as demand or sink reactions. cobrapy uses various heuristics to identify those and they can be accessed by using the appropriate attribute.

For exchange reactions:

```
[10]: ecoli = create_test_model("ecoli")
    ecoli.exchanges[0:5]
```

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#### For demand reactions:

#### For sink reactions:

```
[12]: ecoli.sinks
[12]: []
```

All boundary reactions (any reaction that consumes or introduces mass into the system) can be obtained with the boundary attribute:

**CHAPTER** 

### **TWELVE**

### **SOLVERS**

A constraint-based reconstruction and analysis model for biological systems is actually just an application of a class of discrete optimization problems typically solved with linear, mixed integer or quadratic programming techniques. Cobrapy does not implement any algorithm to find solutions to such problems but rather creates a biologically motivated abstraction to these techniques to make it easier to think of how metabolic systems work without paying much attention to how that formulates to an optimization problem.

The actual solving is instead done by tools such as the free software glpk or commercial tools gurobi and cplex which are all made available as a common programmers interface via the optlang package.

When you have defined your model, you can switch solver backend by simply assigning to the model.solver property.

```
[1]: import cobra.test
  model = cobra.test.create_test_model('textbook')

[2]: model.solver = 'glpk'
  # or if you have cplex installed
  model.solver = 'cplex'
```

For information on how to configure and tune the solver, please see the documentation for optlang project and note that model.solver is simply an optlang object of class Model.

```
[3]: type(model.solver)
[3]: optlang.cplex_interface.Model
```

### 12.1 Internal solver interfaces

Cobrapy also contains its own solver interfaces but these are now deprecated and will be removed completely in the near future. For documentation of how to use these, please refer to older documentation.

## TAILORED CONSTRAINTS, VARIABLES AND OBJECTIVES

Thanks to the use of symbolic expressions via the optlang mathematical modeling package, it is relatively straightforward to add new variables, constraints and advanced objectives that cannot be easily formulated as a combination of different reaction and their corresponding upper and lower bounds. Here we demonstrate this optlang functionality which is exposed via the model.solver.interface.

### 13.1 Constraints

Suppose we want to ensure that two reactions have the same flux in our model. We can add this criteria as constraint to our model using the optlang solver interface by simply defining the relevant expression as follows.

The flux for our reaction of interest is obtained by the model.reactions.FBA.flux\_expression which is simply the sum of the forward and reverse flux, i.e.,

```
[3]: model.reactions.FBA.flux_expression
[3]: 1.0*FBA - 1.0*FBA_reverse_84806
```

Now I can maximize growth rate whilst the fluxes of reactions 'FBA' and 'NH4t' are constrained to be (near) identical.

It is also possible to add many constraints at once. For large models, with constraints involving many reactions, the efficient way to do this is to first build a dictionary of the linear coefficients for every flux, and then add the constraint at once. For example, suppose we want to add a constrain on the sum of the absolute values of every flux in the network to be less than 100:

```
[5]: coefficients = dict()
    for rxn in model.reactions:
        coefficients[rxn.forward_variable] = 1.
        coefficients[rxn.reverse_variable] = 1.
        constraint = model.problem.Constraint(0, lb=0, ub=100)
        model.add_cons_vars(constraint)
```

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```
model.solver.update()
constraint.set_linear_coefficients(coefficients=coefficients)
```

# 13.2 Objectives

Simple objective such as the maximization of the flux through one or more reactions can conveniently be done by simply assigning to the model.objective property as we have seen in previous chapters, e.g.,

```
[5]: model = cobra.test.create_test_model('textbook')
with model:
    model.objective = {model.reactions.Biomass_Ecoli_core: 1}
    model.optimize()
    print(model.reactions.Biomass_Ecoli_core.flux)

0.8739215069684307
```

The objectives mathematical expression is seen by

```
[6]: model.objective.expression
[6]: -1.0*Biomass_Ecoli_core_reverse_2cdba + 1.0*Biomass_Ecoli_core
```

But suppose we need a more complicated objective, such as minimizing the Euclidean distance of the solution to the origin minus another variable, while subject to additional linear constraints. This is an objective function with both linear and quadratic components.

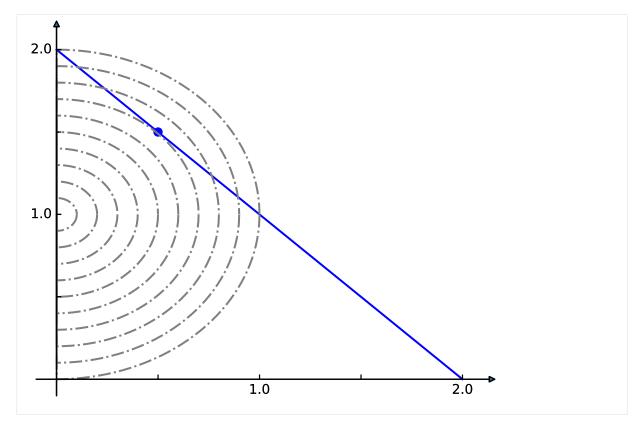
Consider the example problem:

```
\min \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2) - y
subject to
x + y = 2
x \ge 0
y \ge 0
```

This (admittedly very artificial) problem can be visualized graphically where the optimum is indicated by the blue dot on the line of feasible solutions.

```
[7]: %matplotlib inline
import plot_helper

plot_helper.plot_qp2()
```



We return to the textbook model and set the solver to one that can handle quadratic objectives such as cplex. We then add the linear constraint that the sum of our x and y reactions, that we set to FBA and NH4t, must equal 2.

#### Next we add the quadratic objective

```
[10]: print(solution.fluxes['NH4t'], solution.fluxes['FBA'])

0.5 1.5
```

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### 13.3 Variables

We can also create additional variables to facilitate studying the effects of new constraints and variables. Suppose we want to study the difference in flux between nitrogen and carbon uptake whilst we block other reactions. For this it will may help to add another variable representing this difference.

```
[11]: model = cobra.test.create_test_model('textbook')
    difference = model.problem.Variable('difference')
```

We use constraints to define what values this variable shall take

Now we can access that difference directly during our knock-out exploration by looking at its primal value.

```
[13]: for reaction in model.reactions[:5]:
    with model:
        reaction.knock_out()
        model.optimize()
        print(model.solver.variables.difference.primal)

-5.234680806802543
-5.2346808068025386
-5.234680806802525
-1.8644444444444337
-1.864444444444466
```

## DYNAMIC FLUX BALANCE ANALYSIS (DFBA) IN COBRAPY

The following notebook shows a simple, but slow example of implementing dFBA using COBRApy and scipy.integrate.solve\_ivp. This notebook shows a static optimization approach (SOA) implementation and should not be considered production ready.

The model considers only basic Michaelis-Menten limited growth on glucose.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
    from tqdm import tqdm

from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
```

Create or load a cobrapy model. Here, we use the 'textbook' e-coli core model.

```
[2]: import cobra
from cobra.test import create_test_model
model = create_test_model('textbook')
```

# 14.1 Set up the dynamic system

Dynamic flux balance analysis couples a dynamic system in external cellular concentrations to a pseudo-steady state metabolic model.

In this notebook, we define the function  $add\_dynamic\_bounds$  (model, y) to convert the external metabolite concentrations into bounds on the boundary fluxes in the metabolic model.

```
[7]: def add_dynamic_bounds(model, y):
    """Use external concentrations to bound the uptake flux of glucose."""
    biomass, glucose = y # expand the boundary species
    glucose_max_import = -10 * glucose / (5 + glucose)
    model.reactions.EX_glc_D_e.lower_bound = glucose_max_import

def dynamic_system(t, y):
    """Calculate the time derivative of external species."""
    biomass, glucose = y # expand the boundary species

# Calculate the specific exchanges fluxes at the given external concentrations.
    with model:
        add_dynamic_bounds(model, y)

        cobra.util.add_lp_feasibility(model)
        feasibility = cobra.util.fix_objective_as_constraint(model)
```

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```
lex_constraints = cobra.util.add_lexicographic_constraints(
            model, ['Biomass_Ecoli_core', 'EX_glc__D_e'], ['max', 'max'])
    # Since the calculated fluxes are specific rates, we multiply them by the
    # biomass concentration to get the bulk exchange rates.
    fluxes = lex_constraints.values
    fluxes *= biomass
    # This implementation is **not** efficient, so I display the current
    # simulation time using a progress bar.
    if dynamic_system.pbar is not None:
        dynamic_system.pbar.update(1)
        dynamic_system.pbar.set_description('t = {:.3f}'.format(t))
    return fluxes
dynamic_system.pbar = None
def infeasible_event(t, y):
    Determine solution feasibility.
   Avoiding infeasible solutions is handled by solve_ivp's built-in event_
    This function re-solves the LP to determine whether or not the solution is.
⇔ feasible
    (and if not, how far it is from feasibility). When the sign of this function,

→ changes

   from -epsilon to positive, we know the solution is no longer feasible.
    n n n
   with model:
        add_dynamic_bounds (model, y)
        cobra.util.add_lp_feasibility(model)
        feasibility = cobra.util.fix_objective_as_constraint(model)
   return feasibility - infeasible_event.epsilon
infeasible\_event.epsilon = 1E-6
infeasible\_event.direction = 1
infeasible_event.terminal = True
```

# 14.2 Run the dynamic FBA simulation

```
[4]: ts = np.linspace(0, 15, 100) # Desired integration resolution and interval
y0 = [0.1, 10]

with tqdm() as pbar:
    dynamic_system.pbar = pbar

sol = solve_ivp(
    fun=dynamic_system,
    events=[infeasible_event],
    t_span=(ts.min(), ts.max()),
```

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```
y0=y0,
    t_eval=ts,
    rtol=1e-6,
    atol=1e-8,
    method='BDF'
)

t = 5.804: : 185it [00:16, 11.27it/s]
```

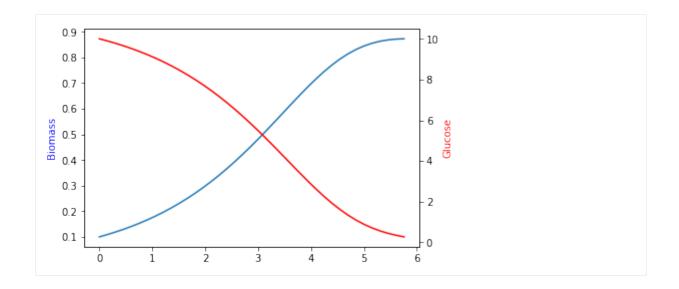
Because the culture runs out of glucose, the simulation terminates early. The exact time of this 'cell death' is recorded in sol.t\_events.

```
[5]: sol
[5]:
      message: 'A termination event occurred.'
         nfev: 179
         njev: 2
         nlu: 14
          sol: None
       status: 1
      success: True
                             , 0.15151515, 0.3030303 , 0.45454545, 0.60606061,
           t: array([0.
           0.75757576, 0.90909091, 1.06060606, 1.21212121, 1.36363636,
           1.51515152, 1.66666667, 1.81818182, 1.96969697, 2.12121212,
           2.27272727, 2.42424242, 2.57575758, 2.72727273, 2.87878788,
           3.03030303, 3.18181818, 3.33333333, 3.48484848, 3.63636364,
           3.78787879, 3.93939394, 4.09090909, 4.24242424, 4.39393939,
           4.54545455, 4.6969697 , 4.84848485, 5.
                                                   , 5.15151515,
           5.3030303 , 5.45454545, 5.60606061, 5.75757576])
     t_events: [array([5.80191035])]
                                , 0.10897602, 0.11871674, 0.12927916, 0.14072254,
            y: array([[ 0.1
             0.15310825, 0.16649936, 0.18095988, 0.19655403, 0.21334507,
             0.23139394, 0.25075753, 0.27148649, 0.29362257, 0.31719545,
             0.34221886, 0.36868605, 0.3965646, 0.42579062, 0.4562623,
             0.48783322, 0.52030582, 0.55342574, 0.58687742, 0.62028461,
             0.65321433, 0.685188 , 0.71570065, 0.74425054, 0.77037369,
             0.79368263, 0.81390289, 0.83089676, 0.84467165, 0.85535715,
             0.8631722 , 0.86843813, 0.8715096 , 0.8727423 ],
           [10.
                      , 9.8947027 , 9.78040248, 9.65642157, 9.52205334,
             9.37656372, 9.21919615, 9.04917892, 8.86573366, 8.6680879,
             8.45549026, 8.22722915, 7.98265735, 7.72122137, 7.442497
             7.14623236, 6.83239879, 6.50124888, 6.15338213, 5.78981735,
             5.41206877, 5.02222068, 4.62299297, 4.21779303, 3.81071525,
             3.40650104, 3.01042208, 2.6280723, 2.26504645, 1.92656158,
             1.61703023, 1.33965598, 1.09616507, 0.88670502, 0.70995892,
             0.56344028, 0.44387781, 0.34762375, 0.27100065]])
```

## 14.2.1 Plot timelines of biomass and glucose

```
[6]: ax = plt.subplot(111)
    ax.plot(sol.t, sol.y.T[:, 0])
    ax2 = plt.twinx(ax)
    ax2.plot(sol.t, sol.y.T[:, 1], color='r')

ax.set_ylabel('Biomass', color='b')
    ax2.set_ylabel('Glucose', color='r')
[6]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Glucose')
```



## **USING THE COBRA TOOLBOX WITH COBRAPY**

This example demonstrates using COBRA toolbox commands in MATLAB from python through pymatbridge.

```
[1]: %load_ext pymatbridge

Starting MATLAB on ZMQ socket ipc:///tmp/pymatbridge-57ff5429-02d9-4e1a-8ed0-

44e391fb0df7

Send 'exit' command to kill the server

...MATLAB started and connected!
```

```
[2]: import cobra.test
m = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
```

The model\_to\_pymatbridge function will send the model to the workspace with the given variable name.

```
[3]: from cobra.io.mat import model_to_pymatbridge model_to_pymatbridge(m, variable_name="model")
```

Now in the MATLAB workspace, the variable name 'model' holds a COBRA toolbox struct encoding the model.

```
[4]: %%matlab
    model
    model =
                 rev: [95x1 double]
           metNames: {72x1 cell}
                  b: [72x1 double]
          metCharge: [72x1 double]
                  c: [95x1 double]
              csense: [72x1 char]
              genes: {137x1 cell}
         metFormulas: {72x1 cell}
               rxns: {95x1 cell}
            grRules: {95x1 cell}
            rxnNames: {95x1 cell}
         description: [11x1 char]
                  S: [72x95 double]
                 ub: [95x1 double]
                 lb: [95x1 double]
               mets: {72x1 cell}
          subSystems: {95x1 cell}
```

First, we have to initialize the COBRA toolbox in MATLAB.

```
[5]: %%matlab --silent warning('off'); % this works around a pymatbridge bug (continues on next page)
```

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```
addpath(genpath('~/cobratoolbox/'));
initCobraToolbox();
```

Commands from the COBRA toolbox can now be run on the model

FBA in the COBRA toolbox should give the same result as cobrapy (but maybe just a little bit slower :))

```
[7]: %time
m.optimize().f

CPU times: user 0 ns, sys: 0 ns, total: 0 ns
Wall time: 5.48 µs

[7]: 0.8739215069684909
```

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## SIXTEEN

**FAQ** 

This document will address frequently asked questions not addressed in other pages of the documentation.

## 16.1 How do I install cobrapy?

Please see the INSTALL.rst file.

# 16.2 How do I cite cobrapy?

Please cite the 2013 publication: 10.1186/1752-0509-7-74

## 16.3 How do I rename reactions or metabolites?

TL;DR Use Model.repair afterwards

When renaming metabolites or reactions, there are issues because cobra indexes based off of ID's, which can cause errors. For example:

```
[1]: from __future__ import print_function
import cobra.test
model = cobra.test.create_test_model()

for metabolite in model.metabolites:
    metabolite.id = "test_" + metabolite.id

try:
    model.metabolites.get_by_id(model.metabolites[0].id)
except KeyError as e:
    print(repr(e))
```

The Model.repair function will rebuild the necessary indexes

```
[2]: model.repair()
  model.metabolites.get_by_id(model.metabolites[0].id)

[2]: <Metabolite test_dcaACP_c at 0x110f09630>
```

## 16.4 How do I delete a gene?

That depends on what precisely you mean by delete a gene.

If you want to simulate the model with a gene knockout, use the cobra.manipulation. delete\_model\_genes function. The effects of this function are reversed by cobra.manipulation. undelete\_model\_genes.

```
[3]: model = cobra.test.create_test_model()
PGI = model.reactions.get_by_id("PGI")
print("bounds before knockout:", (PGI.lower_bound, PGI.upper_bound))
cobra.manipulation.delete_model_genes(model, ["STM4221"])
print("bounds after knockouts", (PGI.lower_bound, PGI.upper_bound))

bounds before knockout: (-1000.0, 1000.0)
bounds after knockouts (0.0, 0.0)
```

If you want to actually remove all traces of a gene from a model, this is more difficult because this will require changing all the gene\_reaction\_rule strings for reactions involving the gene.

## 16.5 How do I change the reversibility of a Reaction?

Reaction.reversibility is a property in cobra which is computed when it is requested from the lower and upper bounds.

```
[4]: model = cobra.test.create_test_model()
    model.reactions.get_by_id("PGI").reversibility
[4]: True
```

Trying to set it directly will result in an error or warning:

```
[5]: try:
    model.reactions.get_by_id("PGI").reversibility = False
    except Exception as e:
        print(repr(e))

cobra/core/reaction.py:501 UserWarning: Setting reaction reversibility is ignored
```

The way to change the reversibility is to change the bounds to make the reaction irreversible.

```
[6]: model.reactions.get_by_id("PGI").lower_bound = 10
    model.reactions.get_by_id("PGI").reversibility
[6]: False
```

# 16.6 How do I generate an LP file from a COBRA model?

## 16.6.1 For optlang based solvers

With optlang solvers, the LP formulation of a model is obtained by it's string representation. All solvers behave the same way.

```
[7]: with open('test.lp', 'w') as out:
    out.write(str(model.solver))
```

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## 16.6.2 For cobrapy's internal solvers

With the internal solvers, we first create the problem and use functions bundled with the solver.

Please note that unlike the LP file format, the MPS file format does not specify objective direction and is always a minimization. Some (but not all) solvers will rewrite the maximization as a minimization.

```
[8]: model = cobra.test.create_test_model()
# glpk through cglpk
glpk = cobra.solvers.cglpk.create_problem(model)
glpk.write("test.lp")
glpk.write("test.mps") # will not rewrite objective
# cplex
cplex cplex = cobra.solvers.cplex_solver.create_problem(model)
cplex.write("test.lp")
cplex.write("test.mps") # rewrites objective
```

## 16.6.3 How do I visualize my flux solutions?

Please browse the visualization packages on our website for the most recent list of tools.

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## **SEVENTEEN**

## **API REFERENCE**

This page contains auto-generated API reference documentation<sup>1</sup>.

## 17.1 cobra

## 17.1.1 Subpackages

cobra.core

#### **Submodules**

cobra.core.configuration

Provide a global configuration object.

#### **Module Contents**

## Classes

Configuration

Define a global configuration object.

```
class cobra.core.configuration.Configuration(**kwargs)
```

Define a global configuration object.

The attributes of this singleton object are used as default values by cobra functions.

### solver

The default solver for new models. The solver choices are the ones provided by *optlang* and depend on solvers installed in your environment.

```
Type {"glpk", "cplex", "gurobi", "glpk_exact"}
```

#### tolerance

The default tolerance for the solver being used (default 1E-07).

Type float

## lower\_bound

The standard lower bound for reversible reactions (default -1000).

Type float, optional

#### upper\_bound

The standard upper bound for all reactions (default 1000).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Created with sphinx-autoapi

Type float, optional

#### bounds

The default reaction bounds for newly created reactions. The bounds are in the form of lower\_bound, upper\_bound (default -1000.0, 1000.0).

Type tuple of floats

#### processes

A default number of processes to use where multiprocessing is possible. The default number corresponds to the number of available cores (hyperthreads) minus one.

Type int

## cache\_directory

A path where the model cache should reside if caching is desired. The default directory depends on the operating system.

Type pathlib.Path or str, optional

#### max\_cache\_size

The allowed maximum size of the model cache in bytes (default 1 GB).

Type int, optional

## cache\_expiration

The expiration time in seconds for the model cache if any (default None).

Type int, optional

#### $\_\mathtt{set\_default\_solver}$ (self) $\to$ None

Set the default solver from a preferred order.

#### $\_\mathtt{set\_default\_processes}$ (self) $\rightarrow$ None

Set the default number of processes.

### $\_\mathtt{set\_default\_cache\_directory}$ (self) $\to$ None

Set the platform-dependent default cache directory.

## **property solver** (self) $\rightarrow$ types.ModuleType

Return the optlang solver interface.

## $\textbf{property bounds} \ (\textit{self}) \ \rightarrow \textbf{Tuple}[\textbf{Optional}[\textbf{Number}], \textbf{Optional}[\textbf{Number}]]$

Return the lower, upper reaction bound pair.

## $\textbf{property cache\_directory} (\textit{self}) \rightarrow \text{pathlib.Path}$

Return the model cache directory.

$$\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}$$
repr $\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}$  (self)  $\rightarrow$  str

Return a string representation of the current configuration values.

$$\_\mathtt{repr\_html}\_(\mathit{self}) \to \mathit{str}$$

Return a rich HTML representation of the current configuration values.

## Notes

This special method is used automatically in Jupyter notebooks to display a result from a cell.

#### cobra.core.dictlist

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

DictList

A combined dict and list

```
class cobra.core.dictlist.DictList(*args)
     Bases: list
     A combined dict and list
     This object behaves like a list, but has the O(1) speed benefits of a dict when looking up elements by their
     has\_id(self,id)
     _check (self, id)
```

make sure duplicate id's are not added. This function is called before adding in elements.

```
_generate_index(self)
     rebuild the dict index
get_by_id (self, id)
```

return the element with a matching id

list\_attr(self, attribute) return a list of the given attribute for every object get\_by\_any (self, iterable)

Get a list of members using several different ways of indexing

Parameters iterable (list (if not, turned into single element list)) - list where each element is either int (referring to an index in in this DictList), string (a id of a member in this DictList) or member of this DictList for pass-through

Returns a list of members

**Return type** list

query (self, search\_function, attribute=None) Query the list

#### **Parameters**

- search function (a string, regular expression or function) - Used to find the matching elements in the list. - a regular expression (possibly compiled), in which case the given attribute of the object should match the regular expression. - a function which takes one argument and returns True for desired values
- attribute (string or None) the name attribute of the object to passed as argument to the search\_function. If this is None, the object itself is used.

**Returns** a new list of objects which match the query

Return type DictList

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
     >>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model('textbook')
     >>> model.reactions.query(lambda x: x.boundary)
     >>> import re
     >>> regex = re.compile('^g', flags=re.IGNORECASE)
     >>> model.metabolites.query(regex, attribute='name')
_replace_on_id (self, new_object)
     Replace an object by another with the same id.
append (self, object)
     append object to end
union (self, iterable)
     adds elements with id's not already in the model
extend (self, iterable)
     extend list by appending elements from the iterable
_extend_nocheck (self, iterable)
     extends without checking for uniqueness
     This function should only be used internally by DictList when it can guarantee elements are already
     unique (as in when coming from self or other DictList). It will be faster because it skips these checks.
___sub___(self, other)
     x._sub_(y) <=> x - y
          Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's present in the
               list
  isub (self, other)
     x._sub_(y) <==> x -= y
          Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's present in the
 \_add\_\_ (self, other)
     x_add_(y) <==> x + y
          Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's which do not
               intersect with self
 __iadd___(self, other)
     x._iadd_(y) <==> x += y
          Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's wheih do not
               intersect with self
  _reduce__(self)
     Helper for pickle.
\underline{\phantom{a}}getstate\underline{\phantom{a}} (self)
     gets internal state
     This is only provided for backwards compatibility so older versions of cobrapy can load pickles
     generated with cobrapy. In reality, the "_dict" state is ignored when loading a pickle
  _setstate___(self, state)
     sets internal state
     Ignore the passed in state and recalculate it. This is only for compatibility with older pickles which
```

did not correctly specify the initialization class

```
index (self, id, *args)
           Determine the position in the list
           id: A string or a Object
       __contains___(self, object)
           DictList.__contains__(object) <==> object in DictList
           object: str or Object
     __copy__(self)
     insert (self, index, object)
           insert object before index
     pop (self, *args)
           remove and return item at index (default last).
      add(self, x)
           Opposite of remove. Mirrors set.add
      remove (self, x)
             Warning: Internal use only
      reverse (self)
           reverse IN PLACE
      sort (self, cmp=None, key=None, reverse=False)
           stable sort IN PLACE
           cmp(x, y) \rightarrow -1, 0, 1
     \__getitem\__(self, i)
           x.__getitem__(y) <==> x[y]
     \__setitem\_(self, i, y)
           Set self[key] to value.
     __delitem__(self, index)
           Delete self[key].
     \__{getslice}_{(self, i, j)}
     \_setslice\_(self, i, j, y)
      \_delslice\_(self, i, j)
     __getattr__ (self, attr)
      ___dir___(self)
           Default dir() implementation.
cobra.core.formula
Module Contents
Classes
```

cobra.core.formula.element\_re

Formula

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Describes a Chemical Formula

```
class cobra.core.formula.Formula(formula=None)
```

Bases: cobra.core.object.Object

Describes a Chemical Formula

**Parameters formula** (string) – A legal formula string contains only letters and numbers.

\_\_add\_\_ (self, other\_formula)

Combine two molecular formulas.

Parameters other\_formula (Formula, str) - string for a chemical formula

**Returns** The combined formula

Return type Formula

parse\_composition(self)

Breaks the chemical formula down by element.

 ${\tt property \ weight} \ (\textit{self})$ 

Calculate the mol mass of the compound

**Returns** the mol mass

Return type float

cobra.core.formula.elements\_and\_molecular\_weights

cobra.core.gene

#### **Module Contents**

## **Classes**

<i>GPRCleaner</i>	Parses compiled ast of a gene_reaction_rule and iden-
	tifies genes
Gene	A Gene in a cobra model

### **Functions**

ast2str(expr, level=0, names=None)	convert compiled ast to gene_reaction_rule str
eval_gpr(expr, knockouts)	evaluate compiled ast of gene_reaction_rule with
	knockouts
parse_gpr(str_expr)	parse gpr into AST

#### **Parameters**

- **expr** (str) string for a gene reaction rule, e.g "a and b"
- level (int) internal use only

• names (dict) – Dict where each element id a gene identifier and the value is the gene name. Use this to get a rule str which uses names instead. This should be done for display purposes only. All gene\_reaction\_rule strings which are computed with should use the id.

**Returns** The gene reaction rule

Return type string

```
cobra.core.gene.eval_gpr (expr, knockouts)
```

evaluate compiled ast of gene\_reaction\_rule with knockouts

#### **Parameters**

- **expr** (Expression) The ast of the gene reaction rule
- knockouts (DictList, set) Set of genes that are knocked out

**Returns** True if the gene reaction rule is true with the given knockouts otherwise false

Return type bool

```
class cobra.core.gene.GPRCleaner
```

Bases: ast.NodeTransformer

Parses compiled ast of a gene\_reaction\_rule and identifies genes

Parts of the tree are rewritten to allow periods in gene ID's and bitwise boolean operations

```
visit_Name (self, node)
```

```
visit_BinOp (self, node)
```

```
cobra.core.gene.parse_gpr(str_expr)
```

parse gpr into AST

**Parameters** str\_expr (string) – string with the gene reaction rule to parse

**Returns** elements ast\_tree and gene\_ids as a set

Return type tuple

```
class cobra.core.gene.Gene (id=None, name=", functional=True)
```

```
Bases: cobra.core.species.Species
```

A Gene in a cobra model

#### **Parameters**

- id (string) The identifier to associate the gene with
- name (string) A longer human readable name for the gene
- **functional** (bool) Indicates whether the gene is functional. If it is not functional then it cannot be used in an enzyme complex nor can its products be used.

#### property functional (self)

A flag indicating if the gene is functional.

Changing the flag is reverted upon exit if executed within the model as context.

## knock\_out (self)

Knockout gene by marking it as non-functional and setting all associated reactions bounds to zero.

The change is reverted upon exit if executed within the model as context.

remove\_from\_model (self, model=None, make\_dependent\_reactions\_nonfunctional=True)
Removes the association

#### **Parameters**

• model (cobra model) - The model to remove the gene from

• make\_dependent\_reactions\_nonfunctional (bool) - If True then replace the gene with 'False' in the gene association, else replace the gene with 'True'

Deprecated since version 0.4: Use cobra.manipulation.delete\_model\_genes to simulate knockouts and cobra.manipulation.remove\_genes to remove genes from the model.

```
_repr_html_(self)
```

cobra.core.group

Define the group class.

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Group Manage groups via this implementation of the SBML group specification.

```
class cobra.core.group.Group(id, name=", members=None, kind=None)
Bases: cobra.core.object.Object
```

Manage groups via this implementation of the SBML group specification.

*Group* is a class for holding information regarding a pathways, subsystems, or other custom groupings of objects within a cobra. Model object.

#### **Parameters**

- id (str) The identifier to associate with this group
- name (str, optional) A human readable name for the group
- members (iterable, optional) A DictList containing references to cobra.Model-associated objects that belong to the group.
- kind ({"collection", "classification", "partonomy"}, optional) The kind of group, as specified for the Groups feature in the SBML level 3 package specification. Can be any of "classification", "partonomy", or "collection". The default is "collection". Please consult the SBML level 3 package specification to ensure you are using the proper value for kind. In short, members of a "classification" group should have an "is-a" relationship to the group (e.g. member is-a polar compound, or member is-a transporter). Members of a "partonomy" group should have a "part-of" relationship (e.g. member is part-of glycolysis). Members of a "collection" group do not have an implied relationship between the members, so use this value for kind when in doubt (e.g. member is a gap-filled reaction, or member is involved in a disease phenotype).

```
KIND_TYPES = ['collection', 'classification', 'partonomy']
__len___(self)
property members (self)
property kind (self)
add_members (self, new_members)
    Add objects to the group.
```

**Parameters** new\_members (list) – A list of cobrapy objects to add to the group.

#### remove\_members (self, to\_remove)

Remove objects from the group.

**Parameters to\_remove** (list) – A list of cobra objects to remove from the group

#### cobra.core.metabolite

Define the Metabolite class.

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Metabolite	Metabolite is a class for holding information regard-
	ing

cobra.core.metabolite.element\_re

Bases: cobra.core.species.Species

Metabolite is a class for holding information regarding a metabolite in a cobra. Reaction object.

#### **Parameters**

- id (str) the identifier to associate with the metabolite
- **formula** (str) Chemical formula (e.g. H2O)
- name (str) A human readable name.
- charge (float) The charge number of the metabolite
- compartment (str or None) Compartment of the metabolite.

```
_set_id_with_model(self, value)
```

### property constraint(self)

Get the constraints associated with this metabolite from the solve

**Returns** the optlang constraint for this metabolite

Return type optlang.<interface>.Constraint

#### property elements(self)

Dictionary of elements as keys and their count in the metabolite as integer. When set, the *formula* property is update accordingly

## ${\tt property formula\_weight} \ (\textit{self}\ )$

Calculate the formula weight

## property y (self)

The shadow price for the metabolite in the most recent solution

Shadow prices are computed from the dual values of the bounds in the solution.

#### property shadow\_price(self)

The shadow price in the most recent solution.

Shadow price is the dual value of the corresponding constraint in the model.

#### Warning:

- Accessing shadow prices through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Shadow price is retrieved from the currently defined *self.\_model.solver*. The solver status is checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking for
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

#### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the metabolite is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.

### **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.metabolites.glc__D_e.shadow_price
-0.09166474637510488
>>> solution.shadow_prices.glc__D_e
-0.091664746375104883
```

#### remove\_from\_model (self, destructive=False)

Removes the association from self.model

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

**Parameters destructive** (bool) – If False then the metabolite is removed from all associated reactions. If True then all associated reactions are removed from the Model.

```
summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)
```

Create a summary of the producing and consuming fluxes.

#### **Parameters**

- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

### Returns

**Return type** cobra.summary.MetaboliteSummary

### See also:

```
Reaction.summary(), Model.summary()
_repr_html_(self)
```

#### cobra.core.model

Define the Model class.

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Model

Class representation for a cobra model

Class representation for a cobra model

#### **Parameters**

- id\_or\_model (Model, string) Either an existing Model object in which case a new model object is instantiated with the same properties as the original model, or an identifier to associate with the model as a string.
- name (string) Human readable name for the model

#### reactions

A DictList where the key is the reaction identifier and the value a Reaction

```
Type DictList
```

#### metabolites

A DictList where the key is the metabolite identifier and the value a Metabolite

```
Type DictList
```

## genes

A DictList where the key is the gene identifier and the value a Gene

```
Type DictList
```

#### groups

A DictList where the key is the group identifier and the value a Group

```
Type DictList
```

## solution

The last obtained solution from optimizing the model.

```
Type Solution
```

```
__setstate__(self, state)
```

Make sure all cobra. Objects in the model point to the model.

```
\_\_getstate\_\_(self)
```

Get state for serialization.

Ensures that the context stack is cleared prior to serialization, since partial functions cannot be pickled reliably.

#### property solver(self)

Get or set the attached solver instance.

The associated the solver object, which manages the interaction with the associated solver, e.g. glpk.

This property is useful for accessing the optimization problem directly and to define additional non-metabolic constraints.

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> new = model.problem.Constraint(model.objective.expression,
>>> lb=0.99)
>>> model.solver.add(new)
```

```
property description (self)
get_metabolite_compartments (self)
    Return all metabolites' compartments.

property compartments (self)
property medium (self)
__add__ (self, other_model)
```

Add the content of another model to this model (+).

The model is copied as a new object, with a new model identifier, and copies of all the reactions in the other model are added to this model. The objective is the sum of the objective expressions for the two models.

```
___iadd___(self, other_model)
```

property tolerance(self)

Incrementally add the content of another model to this model (+=).

Copies of all the reactions in the other model are added to this model. The objective is the sum of the objective expressions for the two models.

```
copy (self)
```

Provides a partial 'deepcopy' of the Model. All of the Metabolite, Gene, and Reaction objects are created anew but in a faster fashion than deepcopy

```
add_metabolites (self, metabolite_list)
```

Will add a list of metabolites to the model object and add new constraints accordingly.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

Parameters metabolite\_list (A list of cobra.core.Metabolite objects) -

```
remove_metabolites (self, metabolite_list, destructive=False)
```

Remove a list of metabolites from the the object.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- metabolite\_list (list) A list with cobra.Metabolite objects as elements.
- **destructive** (bool) If False then the metabolite is removed from all associated reactions. If True then all associated reactions are removed from the Model.

```
add_reaction (self, reaction)
```

Will add a cobra. Reaction object to the model, if reaction.id is not in self.reactions.

## **Parameters**

• reaction (cobra.Reaction) - The reaction to add

```
• (0.6) Use ~cobra.Model.add_reactions instead (Deprecated) -
```

Add a boundary reaction for a given metabolite.

There are three different types of pre-defined boundary reactions: exchange, demand, and sink reactions. An exchange reaction is a reversible, unbalanced reaction that adds to or removes an extracellular metabolite from the extracellular compartment. A demand reaction is an irreversible reaction that consumes an intracellular metabolite. A sink is similar to an exchange but specifically for intracellular metabolites, i.e., a reversible reaction that adds or removes an intracellular metabolite.

If you set the reaction *type* to something else, you must specify the desired identifier of the created reaction along with its upper and lower bound. The name will be given by the metabolite name and the given *type*.

#### **Parameters**

- **metabolite** (cobra.Metabolite) Any given metabolite. The compartment is not checked but you are encouraged to stick to the definition of exchanges and sinks.
- **type** (str, {"exchange", "demand", "sink"}) Using one of the pre-defined reaction types is easiest. If you want to create your own kind of boundary reaction choose any other string, e.g., 'my-boundary'.
- **reaction\_id** (*str*, *optional*) The ID of the resulting reaction. This takes precedence over the auto-generated identifiers but beware that it might make boundary reactions harder to identify afterwards when using *model.boundary* or specifically *model.exchanges* etc.
- **1b** (*float*, *optional*) The lower bound of the resulting reaction.
- **ub** (float, optional) The upper bound of the resulting reaction.
- **sbo\_term** (*str*, *optional*) A correct SBO term is set for the available types. If a custom type is chosen, a suitable SBO term should also be set.

**Returns** The created boundary reaction.

Return type cobra.Reaction

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> demand = model.add_boundary(model.metabolites.atp_c, type="demand")
>>> demand.id
'DM_atp_c'
>>> demand.name
'ATP demand'
>>> demand.bounds
(0, 1000.0)
>>> demand.build_reaction_string()
'atp_c --> '
```

#### add\_reactions (self, reaction\_list)

Add reactions to the model.

Reactions with identifiers identical to a reaction already in the model are ignored.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

**Parameters** reaction\_list (list) - A list of cobra.Reaction objects

#### remove\_reactions (self, reactions, remove\_orphans=False)

Remove reactions from the model.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- reactions (list) A list with reactions (cobra.Reaction), or their id's, to remove
- remove\_orphans (bool) Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

### add\_groups (self, group\_list)

Add groups to the model.

Groups with identifiers identical to a group already in the model are ignored.

If any group contains members that are not in the model, these members are added to the model as well. Only metabolites, reactions, and genes can have groups.

**Parameters** group\_list (list) - A list of cobra. Group objects to add to the model.

## remove\_groups (self, group\_list)

Remove groups from the model.

Members of each group are not removed from the model (i.e. metabolites, reactions, and genes in the group stay in the model after any groups containing them are removed).

Parameters group\_list (list) - A list of cobra.Group objects to remove from the model.

#### get\_associated\_groups (self, element)

Returns a list of groups that an element (reaction, metabolite, gene) is associated with.

Parameters element (cobra.Reaction, cobra.Metabolite, or cobra.Gene) -

**Returns** All groups that the provided object is a member of

Return type list of cobra. Group

## add\_cons\_vars (self, what, \*\*kwargs)

Add constraints and variables to the model's mathematical problem.

Useful for variables and constraints that can not be expressed with reactions and simple lower and upper bounds.

Additions are reversed upon exit if the model itself is used as context.

#### **Parameters**

- what (list or tuple of optlang variables or constraints.) The variables or constraints to add to the model. Must be of class optlang.interface.Variable or optlang.interface.Constraint.
- \*\*kwargs (keyword arguments) Passed to solver.add()

#### remove\_cons\_vars (self, what)

Remove variables and constraints from the model's mathematical problem.

Remove variables and constraints that were added directly to the model's underlying mathematical problem. Removals are reversed upon exit if the model itself is used as context.

Parameters what (list or tuple of optlang variables or constraints.) - The variables or constraints to add to the model. Must be of class optlang.interface.Variable or optlang.interface.Constraint.

#### property problem(self)

The interface to the model's underlying mathematical problem.

Solutions to cobra models are obtained by formulating a mathematical problem and solving it. Cobrapy uses the optlang package to accomplish that and with this property you can get access to the problem interface directly.

**Returns** The problem interface that defines methods for interacting with the problem and associated solver directly.

Return type optlang.interface

## property variables (self)

The mathematical variables in the cobra model.

In a cobra model, most variables are reactions. However, for specific use cases, it may also be useful to have other types of variables. This property defines all variables currently associated with the model's problem.

**Returns** A container with all associated variables.

Return type optlang.container.Container

#### property constraints(self)

The constraints in the cobra model.

In a cobra model, most constraints are metabolites and their stoichiometries. However, for specific use cases, it may also be useful to have other types of constraints. This property defines all constraints currently associated with the model's problem.

**Returns** A container with all associated constraints.

Return type optlang.container.Container

#### property boundary(self)

Boundary reactions in the model. Reactions that either have no substrate or product.

### property exchanges (self)

Exchange reactions in model. Reactions that exchange mass with the exterior. Uses annotations and heuristics to exclude non-exchanges such as sink reactions.

## ${\tt property \ demands} \ (\textit{self})$

Demand reactions in model. Irreversible reactions that accumulate or consume a metabolite in the inside of the model.

## property sinks(self)

Sink reactions in model. Reversible reactions that accumulate or consume a metabolite in the inside of the model.

#### \_populate\_solver (self, reaction\_list, metabolite\_list=None)

Populate attached solver with constraints and variables that model the provided reactions.

#### slim\_optimize (self, error\_value=float('nan'), message=None)

Optimize model without creating a solution object.

Creating a full solution object implies fetching shadow prices and flux values for all reactions and metabolites from the solver object. This necessarily takes some time and in cases where only one or two values are of interest, it is recommended to instead use this function which does not create a solution object returning only the value of the objective. Note however that the *optimize()* function uses efficient means to fetch values so if you need fluxes/shadow prices for more than say 4 reactions/metabolites, then the total speed increase of *slim\_optimize* versus *optimize* is expected to be small or even negative depending on how you fetch the values after optimization.

#### **Parameters**

- error\_value (float, None) The value to return if optimization failed due to e.g. infeasibility. If None, raise *OptimizationError* if the optimization fails
- **message** (*string*) Error message to use if the model optimization did not succeed.

**Returns** The objective value.

Return type float

optimize (self, objective\_sense=None, raise\_error=False)

Optimize the model using flux balance analysis.

#### **Parameters**

- **objective\_sense** ({None, 'maximize' 'minimize'}, optional) Whether fluxes should be maximized or minimized. In case of None, the previous direction is used.
- raise\_error (bool) -

If true, raise an OptimizationError if solver status is not optimal.

#### **Notes**

Only the most commonly used parameters are presented here. Additional parameters for cobra.solvers may be available and specified with the appropriate keyword argument.

**repair** (self, rebuild\_index=True, rebuild\_relationships=True)

Update all indexes and pointers in a model

#### **Parameters**

- **rebuild\_index** (bool) rebuild the indices kept in reactions, metabolites and genes
- **rebuild\_relationships** (bool) reset all associations between genes, metabolites, model and then re-add them.

#### property objective(self)

Get or set the solver objective

Before introduction of the optlang based problems, this function returned the objective reactions as a list. With optlang, the objective is not limited a simple linear summation of individual reaction fluxes, making that return value ambiguous. Henceforth, use *cobra.util.solver.linear\_reaction\_coefficients* to get a dictionary of reactions with their linear coefficients (empty if there are none)

The set value can be dictionary (reactions as keys, linear coefficients as values), string (reaction identifier), int (reaction index), Reaction or problem. Objective or sympy expression directly interpreted as objectives.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

#### property objective\_direction(self)

Get or set the objective direction.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when exiting the context.

```
summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)
```

Create a summary of the exchange fluxes of the model.

#### **Parameters**

- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

#### **Returns**

Return type cobra. Model Summary

#### See also:

```
Reaction.summary(), Metabolite.summary()
```

\_\_enter\_\_(self)

Record all future changes to the model, undoing them when a call to \_\_exit\_\_ is received

\_\_exit\_\_ (self, type, value, traceback)

Pop the top context manager and trigger the undo functions

```
merge (self, right, prefix_existing=None, inplace=True, objective='left')
```

Merge two models to create a model with the reactions from both models.

Custom constraints and variables from right models are also copied to left model, however note that, constraints and variables are assumed to be the same if they have the same name.

right [cobra.Model] The model to add reactions from

**prefix\_existing** [string] Prefix the reaction identifier in the right that already exist in the left model with this string.

**inplace** [bool] Add reactions from right directly to left model object. Otherwise, create a new model leaving the left model untouched. When done within the model as context, changes to the models are reverted upon exit.

**objective** [string] One of 'left', 'right' or 'sum' for setting the objective of the resulting model to that of the corresponding model or the sum of both.

```
_repr_html_(self)
```

cobra.core.object

### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Object

Defines common behavior of object in cobra.core

```
class cobra.core.object.Object (id=None, name=")
    Bases: object

Defines common behavior of object in cobra.core
    property id(self)
    _set_id_with_model (self, value)

    property annotation (self)

    __getstate__(self)
        To prevent excessive replication during deepcopy.

__repr__(self)
        Return repr(self).

__str__(self)
        Return str(self).
```

```
cobra.core.reaction
```

Define the Reaction class.

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Reaction

Reaction is a class for holding information regarding

```
cobra.core.reaction.config
cobra.core.reaction.and_or_search
cobra.core.reaction.uppercase_AND
cobra.core.reaction.uppercase_OR
cobra.core.reaction.gpr_clean
cobra.core.reaction.compartment_finder
cobra.core.reaction._reversible_arrow_finder
cobra.core.reaction._forward_arrow_finder
cobra.core.reaction._reverse_arrow_finder
cobra.core.reaction._reverse_arrow_finder
class cobra.core.reaction.Reaction(id=None, name=", subsystem=", lower_bound=0.0, upper_bound=None)
Bases: cobra.core.object.Object
```

Reaction is a class for holding information regarding a biochemical reaction in a cobra. Model object.

Reactions are by default irreversible with bounds (0.0, cobra.Configuration().upper\_bound) if no bounds are provided on creation. To create an irreversible reaction use lower\_bound=None, resulting in reaction bounds of (cobra.Configuration().lower\_bound, cobra.Configuration().upper\_bound).

#### **Parameters**

- id (string) The identifier to associate with this reaction
- name (string) A human readable name for the reaction
- **subsystem** (*string*) Subsystem where the reaction is meant to occur
- lower\_bound (float) The lower flux bound
- upper\_bound (float) The upper flux bound

```
__radd__
_set_id_with_model (self, value)

property reverse_id (self)
    Generate the id of reverse_variable from the reaction's id.

property flux_expression (self)
    Forward flux expression
```

**Returns** The expression representing the the forward flux (if associated with model), otherwise None. Representing the net flux if model.reversible\_encoding == 'unsplit' or None if reaction is not associated with a model

Return type sympy expression

#### property forward\_variable(self)

An optlang variable representing the forward flux

**Returns** An optlang variable for the forward flux or None if reaction is not associated with a model.

**Return type** optlang.interface. Variable

#### property reverse\_variable(self)

An optlang variable representing the reverse flux

**Returns** An optlang variable for the reverse flux or None if reaction is not associated with a model.

**Return type** optlang.interface. Variable

## property objective\_coefficient (self)

Get the coefficient for this reaction in a linear objective (float)

Assuming that the objective of the associated model is summation of fluxes from a set of reactions, the coefficient for each reaction can be obtained individually using this property. A more general way is to use the *model.objective* property directly.

```
__copy__(self)
__deepcopy__(self, memo)
static _check_bounds (lb, ub)
update_variable_bounds (self)
property lower_bound (self)
Get or set the lower bound
```

Setting the lower bound (float) will also adjust the associated optlang variables associated with the reaction. Infeasible combinations, such as a lower bound higher than the current upper bound will update the other bound.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

### property upper\_bound(self)

Get or set the upper bound

Setting the upper bound (float) will also adjust the associated optlang variables associated with the reaction. Infeasible combinations, such as a upper bound lower than the current lower bound will update the other bound.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

## property bounds (self)

Get or set the bounds directly from a tuple

Convenience method for setting upper and lower bounds in one line using a tuple of lower and upper bound. Invalid bounds will raise an AssertionError.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

#### property flux(self)

The flux value in the most recent solution.

Flux is the primal value of the corresponding variable in the model.

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- Accessing reaction fluxes through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Reaction flux is retrieved from the currently defined self.\_model.solver. The solver status is
  checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking
  for.
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

#### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the reaction is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.
- AssertionError If the flux value is not within the bounds.

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.reactions.PFK.flux
7.477381962160283
>>> solution.fluxes.PFK
7.4773819621602833
```

#### property reduced\_cost (self)

The reduced cost in the most recent solution.

Reduced cost is the dual value of the corresponding variable in the model.

## Warning:

- Accessing reduced costs through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Reduced cost is retrieved from the currently defined *self.\_model.solver*. The solver status is checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking for.
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the reaction is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.reactions.PFK.reduced_cost
-8.673617379884035e-18
>>> solution.reduced_costs.PFK
-8.6736173798840355e-18
```

```
property metabolites (self)
property genes (self)
property gene_reaction_rule (self)
property gene_name_reaction_rule (self)
    Display gene reaction rule with names intead.
```

Do NOT use this string for computation. It is intended to give a representation of the rule using more familiar gene names instead of the often cryptic ids.

#### property functional(self)

All required enzymes for reaction are functional.

**Returns** True if the gene-protein-reaction (GPR) rule is fulfilled for this reaction, or if reaction is not associated to a model, otherwise False.

```
Return type bool
```

```
property x (self)
```

The flux through the reaction in the most recent solution.

Flux values are computed from the primal values of the variables in the solution.

```
property y(self)
```

The reduced cost of the reaction in the most recent solution.

Reduced costs are computed from the dual values of the variables in the solution.

```
property reversibility(self)
```

Whether the reaction can proceed in both directions (reversible)

This is computed from the current upper and lower bounds.

```
property boundary(self)
```

Whether or not this reaction is an exchange reaction.

Returns *True* if the reaction has either no products or reactants.

```
property model (self)
```

returns the model the reaction is a part of

```
_update_awareness(self)
```

Make sure all metabolites and genes that are associated with this reaction are aware of it.

```
remove_from_model (self, remove_orphans=False)
```

Removes the reaction from a model.

This removes all associations between a reaction the associated model, metabolites and genes.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

**Parameters remove\_orphans** (bool) – Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

```
delete (self, remove_orphans=False)
```

Removes the reaction from a model.

This removes all associations between a reaction the associated model, metabolites and genes.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

Deprecated, use reaction.remove\_from\_model instead.

**Parameters remove\_orphans** (bool) – Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

```
__setstate__(self, state)
```

Probably not necessary to set \_model as the cobra.Model that contains self sets the \_model attribute for all metabolites and genes in the reaction.

However, to increase performance speed we do want to let the metabolite and gene know that they are employed in this reaction

```
copy(self)
```

Copy a reaction

The referenced metabolites and genes are also copied.

```
___add___ (self, other)
```

Add two reactions

The stoichiometry will be the combined stoichiometry of the two reactions, and the gene reaction rule will be both rules combined by an and. All other attributes (i.e. reaction bounds) will match those of the first reaction

```
___iadd___(self, other)
```

```
__sub__ (self, other)
```

Scale coefficients in a reaction by a given value

```
E.g. A \rightarrow B becomes 2A \rightarrow 2B.
```

If coefficient is less than zero, the reaction is reversed and the bounds are swapped.

```
___mul___(self, coefficient)
```

#### property reactants(self)

Return a list of reactants for the reaction.

```
property products(self)
```

Return a list of products for the reaction

```
get_coefficient (self, metabolite_id)
```

Return the stoichiometric coefficient of a metabolite.

```
Parameters metabolite_id(str or cobra.Metabolite) -
```

```
get coefficients(self, metabolite ids)
```

Return the stoichiometric coefficients for a list of metabolites.

```
Parameters metabolite_ids (iterable) - Containing str or ``cobra.Metabolite``s.
```

```
add_metabolites (self, metabolites_to_add, combine=True, reversibly=True)
```

Add metabolites and stoichiometric coefficients to the reaction. If the final coefficient for a metabolite is 0 then it is removed from the reaction.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

### **Parameters**

• metabolites\_to\_add (dict) - Dictionary with metabolite objects or metabolite identifiers as keys and coefficients as values. If keys are strings (name of a metabolite) the reaction must already be part of a model and a metabolite with the given name must exist in the model.

- **combine** (bool) Describes behavior a metabolite already exists in the reaction. True causes the coefficients to be added. False causes the coefficient to be replaced.
- **reversibly** (bool) Whether to add the change to the context to make the change reversibly or not (primarily intended for internal use).

```
subtract_metabolites (self, metabolites, combine=True, reversibly=True) Subtract metabolites from a reaction.
```

That means add the metabolites with -1\*coefficient. If the final coefficient for a metabolite is 0 then the metabolite is removed from the reaction.

#### **Notes**

- A final coefficient < 0 implies a reactant.
- The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- **metabolites** (dict) Dictionary where the keys are of class Metabolite and the values are the coefficients. These metabolites will be added to the reaction.
- **combine** (bool) Describes behavior a metabolite already exists in the reaction. True causes the coefficients to be added. False causes the coefficient to be replaced.
- **reversibly** (bool) Whether to add the change to the context to make the change reversibly or not (primarily intended for internal use).

```
property reaction(self)
```

Human readable reaction string

```
build_reaction_string(self, use_metabolite_names=False)
```

Generate a human readable reaction string

```
check_mass_balance(self)
```

Compute mass and charge balance for the reaction

returns a dict of {element: amount} for unbalanced elements. "charge" is treated as an element in this dict This should be empty for balanced reactions.

```
property compartments(self)
```

lists compartments the metabolites are in

```
get_compartments(self)
```

lists compartments the metabolites are in

```
_associate_gene (self, cobra_gene)
```

Associates a cobra. Gene object with a cobra. Reaction.

```
Parameters cobra_gene (cobra.core.Gene.Gene) -
```

```
_dissociate_gene (self, cobra_gene)
```

Dissociates a cobra. Gene object with a cobra. Reaction.

```
Parameters cobra_gene (cobra.core.Gene.Gene) -
```

knock\_out (self)

Knockout reaction by setting its bounds to zero.

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{build\_reaction\_from\_string} (self, & reaction\_str, & verbose=True, & fwd\_arrow=None, \\ & rev\_arrow=None, reversible\_arrow=None, term\_split='+') \\ \end{tabular}
```

Builds reaction from reaction equation reaction\_str using parser

Takes a string and using the specifications supplied in the optional arguments infers a set of metabolites, metabolite compartments and stoichiometries for the reaction. It also infers the reversibility of the reaction from the reaction arrow.

Changes to the associated model are reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- reaction\_str(string) a string containing a reaction formula (equation)
- **verbose** (bool) setting verbosity of function
- **fwd arrow** (re.compile) for forward irreversible reaction arrows
- rev\_arrow (re.compile) for backward irreversible reaction arrows
- reversible\_arrow (re.compile) for reversible reaction arrows
- term\_split (string) dividing individual metabolite entries

summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)

Create a summary of the reaction flux.

#### **Parameters**

- solution (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- fva (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

#### Returns

**Return type** cobra.summary.ReactionSummary

```
Metabolite.summary(), Model.summary()
 _str___(self)
     Return str(self).
_repr_html_(self)
```

## cobra.core.singleton

Define the singleton meta class.

### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Singleton Implementation of the singleton pattern as a meta class.

```
class cobra.core.singleton.Singleton
```

Bases: type

Implementation of the singleton pattern as a meta class.

```
instances
```

\_\_call\_\_ (cls, \*args, \*\*kwargs)
Override an inheriting class' call.

#### cobra.core.solution

Provide unified interfaces to optimization solutions.

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Solution	A unified interface to a <i>cobra.Model</i> optimization solution.
LegacySolution	Legacy support for an interface to a <i>cobra.Model</i> op-
	timization solution.

## **Functions**

get_solution(model, reactions=None, metabo-	Generate a solution representation of the current
lites=None, raise_error=False)	solver state.

Bases: object

A unified interface to a *cobra.Model* optimization solution.

## **Notes**

Solution is meant to be constructed by *get\_solution* please look at that function to fully understand the *Solution* class.

## objective\_value

The (optimal) value for the objective function.

Type float

#### status

The solver status related to the solution.

Type str

## fluxes

Contains the reaction fluxes (primal values of variables).

Type pandas.Series

#### reduced\_costs

Contains reaction reduced costs (dual values of variables).

Type pandas. Series

## shadow\_prices

Contains metabolite shadow prices (dual values of constraints).

Type pandas. Series

get\_primal\_by\_id

```
__repr__(self)
           String representation of the solution instance.
     _repr_html_(self)
       _getitem___(self, reaction_id)
           Return the flux of a reaction.
                Parameters reaction (str) – A model reaction ID.
     to frame (self)
           Return the fluxes and reduced costs as a data frame
class cobra.core.solution.LegacySolution(f,
                                                              x=None,
                                                                          x dict=None,
                                                                                           y=None,
                                                         y_dict=None, solver=None, the time=0,
                                                         status='NA', **kwargs)
     Bases: object
     Legacy support for an interface to a cobra.Model optimization solution.
     f
           The objective value
                Type float
     solver
           A string indicating which solver package was used.
                Type str
     x
           List or Array of the fluxes (primal values).
                Type iterable
     x_dict
           A dictionary of reaction IDs that maps to the respective primal values.
                Type dict
     У
           List or Array of the dual values.
                Type iterable
     y_dict
           A dictionary of reaction IDs that maps to the respective dual values.
                Type dict
       Warning: The LegacySolution class and its interface is deprecated.
      __repr__(self)
           String representation of the solution instance.
       _getitem__ (self, reaction_id)
           Return the flux of a reaction.
                Parameters reaction_id(str) - A reaction ID.
     dress results(self, model)
           Method could be intended as a decorator.
             Warning: deprecated
```

cobra.core.solution.get\_solution(model, reactions=None, metabolites=None, raise\_error=False)

Generate a solution representation of the current solver state.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model whose reactions to retrieve values for.
- reactions (list, optional) An iterable of cobra.Reaction objects. Uses model.reactions by default.
- metabolites (list, optional) An iterable of cobra.Metabolite objects. Uses model.metabolites by default.
- raise\_error (bool) If true, raise an OptimizationError if solver status is not optimal.

#### Returns

Return type cobra. Solution

**Note:** This is only intended for the *optlang* solver interfaces and not the legacy solvers.

cobra.core.species

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Species

Species is a class for holding information regarding

```
class cobra.core.species.Species(id=None, name=None)
    Bases: cobra.core.object.Object
```

Species is a class for holding information regarding a chemical Species

### **Parameters**

- id (string) An identifier for the chemical species
- name (string) A human readable name.

## property reactions (self)

```
__getstate__(self)
```

Remove the references to container reactions when serializing to avoid problems associated with recursion.

```
\mathtt{copy}\left(self\right)
```

When copying a reaction, it is necessary to deepcopy the components so the list references aren't carried over.

Additionally, a copy of a reaction is no longer in a cobra. Model.

This should be fixed with self.\_\_deepcopy\_\_ if possible

```
property model(self)
```

# **Package Contents**

### **Classes**

Configuration	Define a global configuration object.
DictList	A combined dict and list
Gene	A Gene in a cobra model
Metabolite	Metabolite is a class for holding information regard-
	ing
Model	Class representation for a cobra model
Object	Defines common behavior of object in cobra.core
Reaction	Reaction is a class for holding information regarding
Group	Manage groups via this implementation of the SBML
	group specification.
Solution	A unified interface to a cobra. Model optimization so-
	lution.
LegacySolution	Legacy support for an interface to a cobra. Model op-
	timization solution.
Species	Species is a class for holding information regarding

### **Functions**

get_solution(model, reactions=None, metabo-	Generate a solution representation of the current
lites=None, raise_error=False)	solver state.

# class cobra.core.Configuration(\*\*kwargs)

Define a global configuration object.

The attributes of this singleton object are used as default values by cobra functions.

#### solver

The default solver for new models. The solver choices are the ones provided by *optlang* and depend on solvers installed in your environment.

# tolerance

The default tolerance for the solver being used (default 1E-07).

Type float

### lower\_bound

The standard lower bound for reversible reactions (default -1000).

Type float, optional

# upper\_bound

The standard upper bound for all reactions (default 1000).

Type float, optional

#### bounds

The default reaction bounds for newly created reactions. The bounds are in the form of lower\_bound, upper\_bound (default -1000.0, 1000.0).

Type tuple of floats

## processes

A default number of processes to use where multiprocessing is possible. The default number corresponds to the number of available cores (hyperthreads) minus one.

## Type int

## cache\_directory

A path where the model cache should reside if caching is desired. The default directory depends on the operating system.

Type pathlib.Path or str, optional

#### max\_cache\_size

The allowed maximum size of the model cache in bytes (default 1 GB).

Type int, optional

### cache\_expiration

The expiration time in seconds for the model cache if any (default None).

Type int, optional

### $\_$ set $\_$ default $\_$ solver $(self) \rightarrow None$

Set the default solver from a preferred order.

## $\_\mathtt{set\_default\_processes}$ (self) $\to$ None

Set the default number of processes.

# $\_\mathtt{set\_default\_cache\_directory} (\mathit{self}) \rightarrow \mathrm{None}$

Set the platform-dependent default cache directory.

### **property solver** (self) $\rightarrow$ types.ModuleType

Return the optlang solver interface.

# **property bounds** (self) $\rightarrow$ Tuple[Optional[Number], Optional[Number]]

Return the lower, upper reaction bound pair.

### property cache\_directory(self) → pathlib.Path

Return the model cache directory.

```
\underline{\hspace{1cm}}repr\underline{\hspace{1cm}}(self) \rightarrow str
```

Return a string representation of the current configuration values.

```
\_\mathtt{repr\_html}\_(\mathit{self}) \rightarrow \mathit{str}
```

Return a rich HTML representation of the current configuration values.

### **Notes**

This special method is used automatically in Jupyter notebooks to display a result from a cell.

```
class cobra.core.DictList(*args)
```

Bases: list

A combined dict and list

This object behaves like a list, but has the O(1) speed benefits of a dict when looking up elements by their id.

```
has_id(self, id)
```

 $\_$ **check** (self, id)

make sure duplicate id's are not added. This function is called before adding in elements.

# \_generate\_index(self)

rebuild the dict index

### get\_by\_id (self, id)

return the element with a matching id

# list\_attr(self, attribute)

return a list of the given attribute for every object

```
get_by_any (self, iterable)
```

Get a list of members using several different ways of indexing

Parameters iterable (list (if not, turned into single element list)) - list where each element is either int (referring to an index in in this DictList), string (a id of a member in this DictList) or member of this DictList for pass-through

**Returns** a list of members

Return type list

query (self, search\_function, attribute=None)
 Query the list

#### **Parameters**

- **search\_function** (a string, regular expression or function) Used to find the matching elements in the list. a regular expression (possibly compiled), in which case the given attribute of the object should match the regular expression. a function which takes one argument and returns True for desired values
- **attribute** (*string or None*) the name attribute of the object to passed as argument to the *search\_function*. If this is None, the object itself is used.

**Returns** a new list of objects which match the query

Return type DictList

# **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model('textbook')
>>> model.reactions.query(lambda x: x.boundary)
>>> import re
>>> regex = re.compile('^g', flags=re.IGNORECASE)
>>> model.metabolites.query(regex, attribute='name')
```

```
_replace_on_id (self, new_object)
```

Replace an object by another with the same id.

```
append (self, object)
```

append object to end

union (self, iterable)

adds elements with id's not already in the model

extend(self, iterable)

extend list by appending elements from the iterable

```
_extend_nocheck (self, iterable)
```

extends without checking for uniqueness

This function should only be used internally by DictList when it can guarantee elements are already unique (as in when coming from self or other DictList). It will be faster because it skips these checks.

```
__sub__ (self, other)
x.__sub__(y) <==> x - y
```

**Parameters other** (*iterable*) – other must contain only unique id's present in the list

```
__isub__ (self, other)
x.__sub__(y) <==> x -= y
```

```
Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's present in the
                 list
  _add__ (self, other)
      x._add_(y) <==> x + y
            Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's which do not
                 intersect with self
  _iadd___(self, other)
      x._iadd_(y) <==> x += y
            Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's wheih do not
                 intersect with self
  _reduce__(self)
      Helper for pickle.
\underline{\underline{getstate}} (self)
      gets internal state
      This is only provided for backwards compatibility so older versions of cobrapy can load pickles
      generated with cobrapy. In reality, the "_dict" state is ignored when loading a pickle
__setstate__(self, state)
      sets internal state
      Ignore the passed in state and recalculate it. This is only for compatibility with older pickles which
      did not correctly specify the initialization class
index (self, id, *args)
      Determine the position in the list
      id: A string or a Object
__contains__(self, object)
      DictList.__contains__(object) <==> object in DictList
      object: str or Object
\underline{\phantom{a}}copy\underline{\phantom{a}} (self)
insert (self, index, object)
      insert object before index
pop (self, *args)
      remove and return item at index (default last).
add(self, x)
      Opposite of remove. Mirrors set.add
remove (self, x)
        Warning: Internal use only
reverse (self)
      reverse IN PLACE
sort (self, cmp=None, key=None, reverse=False)
      stable sort IN PLACE
      cmp(x, y) \rightarrow -1, 0, 1
\underline{\phantom{a}}getitem\underline{\phantom{a}} (self, i)
      x.__getitem__(y) <==> x[y]
```

A Gene in a cobra model

#### **Parameters**

- id (string) The identifier to associate the gene with
- name (string) A longer human readable name for the gene
- **functional** (bool) Indicates whether the gene is functional. If it is not functional then it cannot be used in an enzyme complex nor can its products be used.

## property functional(self)

A flag indicating if the gene is functional.

Changing the flag is reverted upon exit if executed within the model as context.

### knock\_out (self)

Knockout gene by marking it as non-functional and setting all associated reactions bounds to zero.

The change is reverted upon exit if executed within the model as context.

**remove\_from\_model** (*self*, *model=None*, *make\_dependent\_reactions\_nonfunctional=True*)

Removes the association

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra model) The model to remove the gene from
- make\_dependent\_reactions\_nonfunctional (bool) If True then replace the gene with 'False' in the gene association, else replace the gene with 'True'

Deprecated since version 0.4: Use cobra.manipulation.delete\_model\_genes to simulate knockouts and cobra.manipulation.remove genes to remove genes from the model.

Metabolite is a class for holding information regarding a metabolite in a cobra. Reaction object.

#### **Parameters**

- id(str) the identifier to associate with the metabolite
- formula (str) Chemical formula (e.g. H2O)
- name (str) A human readable name.
- **charge** (float) The charge number of the metabolite

• compartment (str or None) - Compartment of the metabolite.

```
_set_id_with_model (self, value)
```

## property constraint(self)

Get the constraints associated with this metabolite from the solve

**Returns** the optlang constraint for this metabolite

**Return type** optlang.<interface>.Constraint

## property elements(self)

Dictionary of elements as keys and their count in the metabolite as integer. When set, the *formula* property is update accordingly

### property formula\_weight (self)

Calculate the formula weight

```
property y (self)
```

The shadow price for the metabolite in the most recent solution

Shadow prices are computed from the dual values of the bounds in the solution.

## property shadow\_price(self)

The shadow price in the most recent solution.

Shadow price is the dual value of the corresponding constraint in the model.

#### Warning:

- Accessing shadow prices through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Shadow price is retrieved from the currently defined *self.\_model.solver*. The solver status is checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking for.
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

#### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the metabolite is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.

# **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.metabolites.glc__D_e.shadow_price
-0.09166474637510488
>>> solution.shadow_prices.glc__D_e
-0.091664746375104883
```

# remove\_from\_model (self, destructive=False)

Removes the association from self.model

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

**Parameters destructive** (bool) – If False then the metabolite is removed from all associated reactions. If True then all associated reactions are removed from the Model.

```
summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)
```

Create a summary of the producing and consuming fluxes.

#### **Parameters**

- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

#### Returns

**Return type** *cobra.summary.MetaboliteSummary* 

### See also:

```
Reaction.summary(), Model.summary()
```

```
_repr_html_(self)
```

```
class cobra.core.Model(id_or_model=None, name=None)
```

Bases: cobra.core.object.Object

Class representation for a cobra model

### **Parameters**

- id\_or\_model (Model, string) Either an existing Model object in which case a new model object is instantiated with the same properties as the original model, or an identifier to associate with the model as a string.
- name (string) Human readable name for the model

## reactions

A DictList where the key is the reaction identifier and the value a Reaction

```
Type DictList
```

### metabolites

A DictList where the key is the metabolite identifier and the value a Metabolite

```
Type DictList
```

### genes

A DictList where the key is the gene identifier and the value a Gene

```
Type DictList
```

#### groups

A DictList where the key is the group identifier and the value a Group

```
Type DictList
```

### solution

The last obtained solution from optimizing the model.

```
Type Solution
```

```
__setstate__(self, state)
```

Make sure all cobra. Objects in the model point to the model.

```
\_\_getstate\_\_(self)
```

Get state for serialization.

Ensures that the context stack is cleared prior to serialization, since partial functions cannot be pickled reliably.

```
property solver(self)
```

Get or set the attached solver instance.

The associated the solver object, which manages the interaction with the associated solver, e.g. glpk.

This property is useful for accessing the optimization problem directly and to define additional non-metabolic constraints.

### **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> new = model.problem.Constraint(model.objective.expression,
>>> lb=0.99)
>>> model.solver.add(new)
```

```
property tolerance(self)
```

```
property description(self)
```

### get\_metabolite\_compartments(self)

Return all metabolites' compartments.

```
property compartments(self)
```

```
property medium(self)
```

```
\_add\_(self, other\_model)
```

Add the content of another model to this model (+).

The model is copied as a new object, with a new model identifier, and copies of all the reactions in the other model are added to this model. The objective is the sum of the objective expressions for the two models.

```
iadd (self, other model)
```

Incrementally add the content of another model to this model (+=).

Copies of all the reactions in the other model are added to this model. The objective is the sum of the objective expressions for the two models.

```
copy(self)
```

Provides a partial 'deepcopy' of the Model. All of the Metabolite, Gene, and Reaction objects are created anew but in a faster fashion than deepcopy

```
add_metabolites (self, metabolite_list)
```

Will add a list of metabolites to the model object and add new constraints accordingly.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

Parameters metabolite\_list (A list of cobra.core.Metabolite objects) -

```
remove_metabolites (self, metabolite_list, destructive=False)
```

Remove a list of metabolites from the the object.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

### **Parameters**

• metabolite\_list (list) - A list with cobra.Metabolite objects as elements.

• **destructive** (bool) – If False then the metabolite is removed from all associated reactions. If True then all associated reactions are removed from the Model.

# add\_reaction (self, reaction)

Will add a cobra. Reaction object to the model, if reaction.id is not in self.reactions.

#### **Parameters**

- reaction (cobra.Reaction) The reaction to add
- (0.6) Use ~cobra.Model.add\_reactions instead (Deprecated)-

Add a boundary reaction for a given metabolite.

There are three different types of pre-defined boundary reactions: exchange, demand, and sink reactions. An exchange reaction is a reversible, unbalanced reaction that adds to or removes an extracellular metabolite from the extracellular compartment. A demand reaction is an irreversible reaction that consumes an intracellular metabolite. A sink is similar to an exchange but specifically for intracellular metabolites, i.e., a reversible reaction that adds or removes an intracellular metabolite.

If you set the reaction *type* to something else, you must specify the desired identifier of the created reaction along with its upper and lower bound. The name will be given by the metabolite name and the given *type*.

#### **Parameters**

- metabolite (cobra.Metabolite) Any given metabolite. The compartment is not checked but you are encouraged to stick to the definition of exchanges and sinks.
- **type** (str, {"exchange", "demand", "sink"}) Using one of the pre-defined reaction types is easiest. If you want to create your own kind of boundary reaction choose any other string, e.g., 'my-boundary'.
- reaction\_id (str, optional) The ID of the resulting reaction. This takes precedence over the auto-generated identifiers but beware that it might make boundary reactions harder to identify afterwards when using model.boundary or specifically model.exchanges etc.
- 1b (float, optional) The lower bound of the resulting reaction.
- **ub** (*float*, *optional*) The upper bound of the resulting reaction.
- **sbo\_term** (*str*, *optional*) A correct SBO term is set for the available types. If a custom type is chosen, a suitable SBO term should also be set.

**Returns** The created boundary reaction.

Return type cobra.Reaction

# **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> demand = model.add_boundary(model.metabolites.atp_c, type="demand")
>>> demand.id
'DM_atp_c'
>>> demand.name
'ATP demand'
>>> demand.bounds
(0, 1000.0)
```

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```
>>> demand.build_reaction_string()
'atp_c --> '
```

## add\_reactions (self, reaction\_list)

Add reactions to the model.

Reactions with identifiers identical to a reaction already in the model are ignored.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

Parameters reaction\_list (list) - A list of cobra. Reaction objects

```
remove_reactions (self, reactions, remove_orphans=False)
```

Remove reactions from the model.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- reactions (list) A list with reactions (cobra.Reaction), or their id's, to remove
- remove\_orphans (bool) Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

```
add_groups (self, group_list)
```

Add groups to the model.

Groups with identifiers identical to a group already in the model are ignored.

If any group contains members that are not in the model, these members are added to the model as well. Only metabolites, reactions, and genes can have groups.

**Parameters** group\_list (list) - A list of cobra. Group objects to add to the model.

```
remove_groups (self, group_list)
```

Remove groups from the model.

Members of each group are not removed from the model (i.e. metabolites, reactions, and genes in the group stay in the model after any groups containing them are removed).

**Parameters** group\_list (list) - A list of *cobra.Group* objects to remove from the model.

```
get_associated_groups (self, element)
```

Returns a list of groups that an element (reaction, metabolite, gene) is associated with.

Parameters element (cobra.Reaction, cobra.Metabolite, or cobra.Gene) -

**Returns** All groups that the provided object is a member of

Return type list of cobra. Group

```
add_cons_vars (self, what, **kwargs)
```

Add constraints and variables to the model's mathematical problem.

Useful for variables and constraints that can not be expressed with reactions and simple lower and upper bounds.

Additions are reversed upon exit if the model itself is used as context.

## **Parameters**

- what (list or tuple of optlang variables or constraints.) The variables or constraints to add to the model. Must be of class optlang.interface.Variable or optlang.interface.Constraint.
- \*\*kwargs (keyword arguments) Passed to solver.add()

## remove\_cons\_vars (self, what)

Remove variables and constraints from the model's mathematical problem.

Remove variables and constraints that were added directly to the model's underlying mathematical problem. Removals are reversed upon exit if the model itself is used as context.

Parameters what (list or tuple of optlang variables or constraints.) – The variables or constraints to add to the model. Must be of class optlang.interface.Variable or optlang.interface.Constraint.

## property problem(self)

The interface to the model's underlying mathematical problem.

Solutions to cobra models are obtained by formulating a mathematical problem and solving it. Cobrapy uses the optlang package to accomplish that and with this property you can get access to the problem interface directly.

**Returns** The problem interface that defines methods for interacting with the problem and associated solver directly.

Return type optlang.interface

# property variables(self)

The mathematical variables in the cobra model.

In a cobra model, most variables are reactions. However, for specific use cases, it may also be useful to have other types of variables. This property defines all variables currently associated with the model's problem.

**Returns** A container with all associated variables.

Return type optlang.container.Container

### property constraints(self)

The constraints in the cobra model.

In a cobra model, most constraints are metabolites and their stoichiometries. However, for specific use cases, it may also be useful to have other types of constraints. This property defines all constraints currently associated with the model's problem.

**Returns** A container with all associated constraints.

Return type optlang.container.Container

### property boundary(self)

Boundary reactions in the model. Reactions that either have no substrate or product.

### property exchanges (self)

Exchange reactions in model. Reactions that exchange mass with the exterior. Uses annotations and heuristics to exclude non-exchanges such as sink reactions.

# property demands(self)

Demand reactions in model. Irreversible reactions that accumulate or consume a metabolite in the inside of the model.

### property sinks(self)

Sink reactions in model. Reversible reactions that accumulate or consume a metabolite in the inside of the model.

### \_populate\_solver (self, reaction\_list, metabolite\_list=None)

Populate attached solver with constraints and variables that model the provided reactions.

### slim\_optimize (self, error\_value=float('nan'), message=None)

Optimize model without creating a solution object.

Creating a full solution object implies fetching shadow prices and flux values for all reactions and metabolites from the solver object. This necessarily takes some time and in cases where only one or two values are of interest, it is recommended to instead use this function which does not create a solution object returning only the value of the objective. Note however that the *optimize()* function

uses efficient means to fetch values so if you need fluxes/shadow prices for more than say 4 reactions/metabolites, then the total speed increase of *slim\_optimize* versus *optimize* is expected to be small or even negative depending on how you fetch the values after optimization.

#### **Parameters**

- **error\_value** (*float*, *None*) The value to return if optimization failed due to e.g. infeasibility. If None, raise *OptimizationError* if the optimization fails.
- **message** (*string*) Error message to use if the model optimization did not succeed.

**Returns** The objective value.

## Return type float

optimize (self, objective\_sense=None, raise\_error=False)

Optimize the model using flux balance analysis.

#### **Parameters**

- objective\_sense ({None, 'maximize' 'minimize'}, optional) Whether fluxes should be maximized or minimized. In case of None, the previous direction is used.
- raise error (bool) -

If true, raise an OptimizationError if solver status is not optimal.

#### **Notes**

Only the most commonly used parameters are presented here. Additional parameters for cobra.solvers may be available and specified with the appropriate keyword argument.

```
repair (self, rebuild_index=True, rebuild_relationships=True)
```

Update all indexes and pointers in a model

#### Parameters

- **rebuild\_index** (bool) rebuild the indices kept in reactions, metabolites and genes
- **rebuild\_relationships** (bool) reset all associations between genes, metabolites, model and then re-add them.

# property objective(self)

Get or set the solver objective

Before introduction of the optlang based problems, this function returned the objective reactions as a list. With optlang, the objective is not limited a simple linear summation of individual reaction fluxes, making that return value ambiguous. Henceforth, use *cobra.util.solver.linear\_reaction\_coefficients* to get a dictionary of reactions with their linear coefficients (empty if there are none)

The set value can be dictionary (reactions as keys, linear coefficients as values), string (reaction identifier), int (reaction index), Reaction or problem. Objective or sympy expression directly interpreted as objectives.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

### property objective\_direction(self)

Get or set the objective direction.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when exiting the context.

```
summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)
```

Create a summary of the exchange fluxes of the model.

#### **Parameters**

- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

#### Returns

**Return type** cobra.ModelSummary

### See also:

```
Reaction.summary(), Metabolite.summary()
_enter__(self)
```

Record all future changes to the model, undoing them when a call to \_\_exit\_\_ is received

```
__exit__(self, type, value, traceback)
```

Pop the top context manager and trigger the undo functions

```
merge (self, right, prefix_existing=None, inplace=True, objective='left')
```

Merge two models to create a model with the reactions from both models.

Custom constraints and variables from right models are also copied to left model, however note that, constraints and variables are assumed to be the same if they have the same name.

right [cobra.Model] The model to add reactions from

**prefix\_existing** [string] Prefix the reaction identifier in the right that already exist in the left model with this string.

**inplace** [bool] Add reactions from right directly to left model object. Otherwise, create a new model leaving the left model untouched. When done within the model as context, changes to the models are reverted upon exit.

**objective** [string] One of 'left', 'right' or 'sum' for setting the objective of the resulting model to that of the corresponding model or the sum of both.

```
_repr_html_(self)
class cobra.core.Object(id=None, name=")
     Bases: object
     Defines common behavior of object in cobra.core
     property id(self)
     _set_id_with_model(self, value)
     property annotation(self)
       _getstate___(self)
          To prevent excessive replication during deepcopy.
       _repr__(self)
          Return repr(self).
     __str__(self)
          Return str(self).
class cobra.core.Reaction(id=None,
                                           name=",
                                                                   lower\_bound=0.0,
                                                     subsystem=",
                                per_bound=None)
     Bases: cobra.core.object.Object
```

Reaction is a class for holding information regarding a biochemical reaction in a cobra. Model object.

Reactions are by default irreversible with bounds (0.0, cobra.Configuration().upper\_bound) if no bounds are provided on creation. To create an irreversible reaction use lower\_bound=None, resulting in reaction bounds of (cobra.Configuration().lower\_bound, cobra.Configuration().upper\_bound).

#### **Parameters**

- id (string) The identifier to associate with this reaction
- name (string) A human readable name for the reaction
- **subsystem** (*string*) Subsystem where the reaction is meant to occur
- lower\_bound (float) The lower flux bound
- upper\_bound (float) The upper flux bound

```
__radd__
```

```
_set_id_with_model(self, value)
```

```
property reverse_id(self)
```

Generate the id of reverse\_variable from the reaction's id.

```
property flux_expression(self)
```

Forward flux expression

**Returns** The expression representing the the forward flux (if associated with model), otherwise None. Representing the net flux if model.reversible\_encoding == 'unsplit' or None if reaction is not associated with a model

**Return type** sympy expression

```
property forward variable (self)
```

An optlang variable representing the forward flux

**Returns** An optlang variable for the forward flux or None if reaction is not associated with a model.

**Return type** optlang.interface. Variable

```
property reverse_variable(self)
```

An optlang variable representing the reverse flux

**Returns** An optlang variable for the reverse flux or None if reaction is not associated with a model.

Return type optlang.interface. Variable

```
property objective_coefficient(self)
```

Get the coefficient for this reaction in a linear objective (float)

Assuming that the objective of the associated model is summation of fluxes from a set of reactions, the coefficient for each reaction can be obtained individually using this property. A more general way is to use the *model.objective* property directly.

```
__copy__(self)
__deepcopy__(self, memo)
static _check_bounds (lb, ub)
update_variable_bounds (self)
property lower_bound (self)
Get or set the lower bound
```

Setting the lower bound (float) will also adjust the associated optlang variables associated with the reaction. Infeasible combinations, such as a lower bound higher than the current upper bound will update the other bound.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

## property upper\_bound(self)

Get or set the upper bound

Setting the upper bound (float) will also adjust the associated optlang variables associated with the reaction. Infeasible combinations, such as a upper bound lower than the current lower bound will update the other bound.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

#### property bounds (self)

Get or set the bounds directly from a tuple

Convenience method for setting upper and lower bounds in one line using a tuple of lower and upper bound. Invalid bounds will raise an AssertionError.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

# property flux(self)

The flux value in the most recent solution.

Flux is the primal value of the corresponding variable in the model.

### Warning:

- Accessing reaction fluxes through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Reaction flux is retrieved from the currently defined *self.\_model.solver*. The solver status is checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking for.
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

#### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the reaction is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.
- AssertionError If the flux value is not within the bounds.

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.reactions.PFK.flux
7.477381962160283
>>> solution.fluxes.PFK
7.4773819621602833
```

## property reduced\_cost (self)

The reduced cost in the most recent solution.

Reduced cost is the dual value of the corresponding variable in the model.

## Warning:

- Accessing reduced costs through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Reduced cost is retrieved from the currently defined *self.\_model.solver*. The solver status is checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking for
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

#### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the reaction is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.reactions.PFK.reduced_cost
-8.673617379884035e-18
>>> solution.reduced_costs.PFK
-8.6736173798840355e-18
```

```
property metabolites (self)
property genes (self)
property gene_reaction_rule (self)
property gene_name_reaction_rule (self)
    Display gene_reaction_rule with names intead.
```

Do NOT use this string for computation. It is intended to give a representation of the rule using more familiar gene names instead of the often cryptic ids.

```
property functional(self)
```

All required enzymes for reaction are functional.

**Returns** True if the gene-protein-reaction (GPR) rule is fulfilled for this reaction, or if reaction is not associated to a model, otherwise False.

Return type bool

```
property x (self)
```

The flux through the reaction in the most recent solution.

Flux values are computed from the primal values of the variables in the solution.

```
property y(self)
```

The reduced cost of the reaction in the most recent solution.

Reduced costs are computed from the dual values of the variables in the solution.

### property reversibility(self)

Whether the reaction can proceed in both directions (reversible)

This is computed from the current upper and lower bounds.

```
property boundary(self)
```

Whether or not this reaction is an exchange reaction.

Returns *True* if the reaction has either no products or reactants.

```
property model(self)
```

returns the model the reaction is a part of

```
_update_awareness(self)
```

Make sure all metabolites and genes that are associated with this reaction are aware of it.

```
remove_from_model (self, remove_orphans=False)
```

Removes the reaction from a model.

This removes all associations between a reaction the associated model, metabolites and genes.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

**Parameters remove\_orphans** (bool) – Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

```
delete (self, remove_orphans=False)
```

Removes the reaction from a model.

This removes all associations between a reaction the associated model, metabolites and genes.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

Deprecated, use reaction.remove from model instead.

**Parameters remove\_orphans** (bool) – Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

```
__setstate__(self, state)
```

Probably not necessary to set \_model as the cobra.Model that contains self sets the \_model attribute for all metabolites and genes in the reaction.

However, to increase performance speed we do want to let the metabolite and gene know that they are employed in this reaction

#### copy (self)

Copy a reaction

The referenced metabolites and genes are also copied.

```
__add__ (self, other)
```

Add two reactions

The stoichiometry will be the combined stoichiometry of the two reactions, and the gene reaction rule will be both rules combined by an and. All other attributes (i.e. reaction bounds) will match those of the first reaction

```
__iadd__ (self, other)
__sub__ (self, other)
__isub__ (self, other)
__imul__ (self, coefficient)
Scale coefficients in a reaction by a given value
E.g. A -> B becomes 2A -> 2B.
```

If coefficient is less than zero, the reaction is reversed and the bounds are swapped.

```
__mul__ (self, coefficient)
```

## property reactants(self)

Return a list of reactants for the reaction.

# property products(self)

Return a list of products for the reaction

```
get_coefficient (self, metabolite_id)
```

Return the stoichiometric coefficient of a metabolite.

```
Parameters metabolite id(str or cobra.Metabolite) -
```

```
get coefficients(self, metabolite ids)
```

Return the stoichiometric coefficients for a list of metabolites.

**Parameters metabolite\_ids** (iterable) - Containing str or "cobra.Metabolite"s.

```
add_metabolites (self, metabolites_to_add, combine=True, reversibly=True)
```

Add metabolites and stoichiometric coefficients to the reaction. If the final coefficient for a metabolite is 0 then it is removed from the reaction.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- metabolites\_to\_add (dict) Dictionary with metabolite objects or metabolite identifiers as keys and coefficients as values. If keys are strings (name of a metabolite) the reaction must already be part of a model and a metabolite with the given name must exist in the model.
- **combine** (bool) Describes behavior a metabolite already exists in the reaction. True causes the coefficients to be added. False causes the coefficient to be replaced.
- **reversibly** (bool) Whether to add the change to the context to make the change reversibly or not (primarily intended for internal use).

subtract\_metabolites (self, metabolites, combine=True, reversibly=True)

Subtract metabolites from a reaction.

That means add the metabolites with -1\*coefficient. If the final coefficient for a metabolite is 0 then the metabolite is removed from the reaction.

## **Notes**

- A final coefficient < 0 implies a reactant.
- The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- **metabolites** (dict) Dictionary where the keys are of class Metabolite and the values are the coefficients. These metabolites will be added to the reaction.
- **combine** (bool) Describes behavior a metabolite already exists in the reaction. True causes the coefficients to be added. False causes the coefficient to be replaced.
- **reversibly** (bool) Whether to add the change to the context to make the change reversibly or not (primarily intended for internal use).

### property reaction(self)

Human readable reaction string

build reaction string (self, use metabolite names=False)

Generate a human readable reaction string

## check\_mass\_balance(self)

Compute mass and charge balance for the reaction

returns a dict of {element: amount} for unbalanced elements. "charge" is treated as an element in this dict This should be empty for balanced reactions.

```
property compartments(self)
```

lists compartments the metabolites are in

#### get\_compartments (self)

lists compartments the metabolites are in

```
_associate_gene (self, cobra_gene)
```

Associates a cobra. Gene object with a cobra. Reaction.

```
Parameters cobra_gene (cobra.core.Gene.Gene) -
```

```
_dissociate_gene (self, cobra_gene)
```

Dissociates a cobra. Gene object with a cobra. Reaction.

```
Parameters cobra_gene (cobra.core.Gene.Gene) -
```

knock\_out (self)

Knockout reaction by setting its bounds to zero.

Builds reaction from reaction equation reaction\_str using parser

Takes a string and using the specifications supplied in the optional arguments infers a set of metabolites, metabolite compartments and stoichiometries for the reaction. It also infers the reversibility of the reaction from the reaction arrow.

Changes to the associated model are reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- reaction\_str(string) a string containing a reaction formula (equation)
- **verbose** (bool) setting verbosity of function
- **fwd\_arrow** (re.compile) for forward irreversible reaction arrows
- rev\_arrow (re.compile) for backward irreversible reaction arrows
- reversible\_arrow (re.compile) for reversible reaction arrows
- term\_split (string) dividing individual metabolite entries

summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)

Create a summary of the reaction flux.

# **Parameters**

- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

#### Returns

Return type cobra.summary.ReactionSummary

#### See also:

```
Metabolite.summary(), Model.summary()
__str__(self)
    Return str(self).
_repr_html_(self)
```

```
class cobra.core.Group(id, name=", members=None, kind=None)
    Bases: cobra.core.object.Object
```

Manage groups via this implementation of the SBML group specification.

Group is a class for holding information regarding a pathways, subsystems, or other custom groupings of objects within a cobra. Model object.

#### **Parameters**

- id (str) The identifier to associate with this group
- name (str, optional) A human readable name for the group
- members (iterable, optional) A DictList containing references to cobra.Model-associated objects that belong to the group.
- ({"collection", "classification", "partonomy"}, optional) - The kind of group, as specified for the Groups feature in the SBML level 3 package specification. Can be any of "classification", "partonomy", or "collection". The default is "collection". Please consult the SBML level 3 package specification to ensure you are using the proper value for kind. In short, members of a "classification" group should have an "is-a" relationship to the group (e.g. member is-a polar compound, or member is-a transporter). Members of a "partonomy" group should have a "part-of" relationship (e.g. member is part-of glycolysis). Members of a "collection" group do not have an implied relationship between the members, so use this value for kind when in doubt (e.g. member is a gap-filled reaction, or member is involved in a disease phenotype).

```
KIND_TYPES = ['collection', 'classification', 'partonomy']
___len__(self)
property members(self)
property kind(self)
add_members (self, new_members)
     Add objects to the group.
         Parameters new_members (1ist) - A list of cobrapy objects to add to the group.
```

```
remove_members (self, to_remove)
     Remove objects from the group.
```

**Parameters** to\_remove (list) - A list of cobra objects to remove from the group

```
class cobra.core.Solution(objective_value,
                                                                         reduced_costs=None,
                                                              fluxes,
                                                    status.
                                 shadow_prices=None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: object

A unified interface to a cobra. Model optimization solution.

### **Notes**

Solution is meant to be constructed by get solution please look at that function to fully understand the Solution class.

### objective\_value

The (optimal) value for the objective function.

Type float

#### status

The solver status related to the solution.

Type str

```
fluxes
           Contains the reaction fluxes (primal values of variables).
                Type pandas. Series
     reduced costs
           Contains reaction reduced costs (dual values of variables).
                Type pandas. Series
      shadow_prices
           Contains metabolite shadow prices (dual values of constraints).
                Type pandas. Series
     get_primal_by_id
       _repr__(self)
           String representation of the solution instance.
     _repr_html_(self)
       _getitem__ (self, reaction_id)
           Return the flux of a reaction.
                Parameters reaction (str) – A model reaction ID.
     to frame (self)
           Return the fluxes and reduced costs as a data frame
class cobra.core.LegacySolution(f, x=None, x_dict=None,
                                                                          y=None, y_dict=None,
                                            solver=None, the_time=0, status='NA', **kwargs)
     Bases: object
     Legacy support for an interface to a cobra.Model optimization solution.
     f
           The objective value
                Type float
      solver
           A string indicating which solver package was used.
                Type str
     x
           List or Array of the fluxes (primal values).
                Type iterable
     x dict
           A dictionary of reaction IDs that maps to the respective primal values.
                Type dict
     У
           List or Array of the dual values.
                Type iterable
     y_dict
           A dictionary of reaction IDs that maps to the respective dual values.
                Type dict
```

**Warning:** The LegacySolution class and its interface is deprecated.

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```
__repr__(self)
```

String representation of the solution instance.

```
__getitem__(self, reaction_id)
```

Return the flux of a reaction.

**Parameters** reaction\_id(str) - A reaction ID.

### dress\_results (self, model)

Method could be intended as a decorator.

Warning: deprecated

cobra.core.get\_solution (model, reactions=None, metabolites=None, raise\_error=False)
Generate a solution representation of the current solver state.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The model whose reactions to retrieve values for.
- reactions (list, optional) An iterable of cobra.Reaction objects. Uses model.reactions by default.
- metabolites (list, optional) An iterable of cobra. Metabolite objects. Uses model. metabolites by default.
- raise\_error (bool) If true, raise an OptimizationError if solver status is not optimal.

### Returns

Return type cobra. Solution

**Note:** This is only intended for the *optlang* solver interfaces and not the legacy solvers.

```
class cobra.core.Species (id=None, name=None)
    Bases: cobra.core.object.Object
```

Species is a class for holding information regarding a chemical Species

#### **Parameters**

- id (string) An identifier for the chemical species
- name (string) A human readable name.

```
property reactions(self)
```

```
__getstate__(self)
```

Remove the references to container reactions when serializing to avoid problems associated with recursion.

```
copy(self)
```

When copying a reaction, it is necessary to deepcopy the components so the list references aren't carried over.

Additionally, a copy of a reaction is no longer in a cobra. Model.

This should be fixed with self.\_\_deepcopy\_\_ if possible

```
property model(self)
```

cobra.flux\_analysis

### **Submodules**

cobra.flux\_analysis.deletion

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#### **Classes**

KnockoutAccessor	Access unique combinations of reactions in deletion
	results.

#### **Functions**

```
_reactions_knockouts_with_restore(model,
 reactions)
 _get_growth(model)
 _reaction_deletion(model, ids)
  _gene_deletion(model, ids)
  reaction_deletion_worker(ids)
 _gene_deletion_worker(ids)
 _init_worker(model)
 _multi_deletion(model, entity, element_lists,
                                              Provide a common interface for single or multiple
 method='fba', solution=None, processes=None,
                                              knockouts.
 **kwargs)
_entities_ids(entities)
 _element_lists(entities, *ids)
 single_reaction_deletion(model,
                                        reac-
                                              Knock out each reaction from a given list.
 tion_list=None,
                method='fba',
                               solution=None,
 processes=None, **kwargs)
 single_gene_deletion(model,
                                               Knock out each gene from a given list.
 gene_list=None,
                method='fba',
                               solution=None,
 processes=None, **kwargs)
 double_reaction_deletion(model,
                                              Knock out each reaction pair from the combinations
                                        reac-
 tion_list1=None, reaction_list2=None, method='fba',
                                              of two given lists.
 solution=None, processes=None, **kwargs)
 double_gene_deletion(model,
                                               Knock out each gene pair from the combination of
 gene_list1=None, gene_list2=None, method='fba',
                                              two given lists.
 solution=None, processes=None, **kwargs)
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion.LOGGER
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion.CONFIGURATION
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion._reactions_knockouts_with_restore (model, reac-
                                                                            tions)
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion._get_growth(model)
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion._reaction_deletion(model, ids)
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion._gene_deletion(model, ids)
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion._reaction_deletion_worker(ids)
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion._gene_deletion_worker(ids)
```

Provide a common interface for single or multiple knockouts.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- entity ('gene' or 'reaction') The entity to knockout (cobra. Gene or cobra. Reaction).
- **element\_lists** (list) List of iterables "cobra.Reaction"s or "cobra.Gene"s (or their IDs) to be deleted.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **kwargs** Passed on to underlying simulation functions.

#### Returns

A representation of all combinations of entity deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

**index** [tuple(str)] The gene or reaction identifiers that were knocked out.

**growth** [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

**status** [str] The solution's status.

# Return type pandas.DataFrame

```
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion._entities_ids (entities)
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion._element_lists (entities, *ids)

cobra.flux_analysis.deletion.single_reaction_deletion (model, reaction_list=None, method='fba', solution=None, processes=None, **kwargs)
```

Knock out each reaction from a given list.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- reaction\_list (iterable, optional) "cobra.Reaction"s to be deleted. If not passed, all the reactions from the model are used.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.

• **kwargs** – Keyword arguments are passed on to underlying simulation functions such as add\_room.

#### Returns

A representation of all single reaction deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

index [tuple(str)] The reaction identifier that was knocked out.

growth [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

**status** [str] The solution's status.

## Return type pandas.DataFrame

Knock out each gene from a given list.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- **gene\_list** (*iterable*) "cobra.Gene"s to be deleted. If not passed, all the genes from the model are used.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **kwargs** Keyword arguments are passed on to underlying simulation functions such as add\_room.

### Returns

A representation of all single gene deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

index [tuple(str)] The gene identifier that was knocked out.

**growth** [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

status [str] The solution's status.

### Return type pandas.DataFrame

```
cobra.flux_analysis.deletion.double_reaction_deletion(model, reaction_list1=None, reaction_list2=None, action_list2=None, method='fba', solution=None, processes=None, **kwargs)
```

Knock out each reaction pair from the combinations of two given lists.

We say 'pair' here but the order order does not matter.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- reaction\_list1 (iterable, optional) First iterable of ``cobra.Reaction``s to be deleted. If not passed, all the reactions from the model are used.

- reaction\_list2 (iterable, optional) Second iterable of ``cobra.Reaction``s to be deleted. If not passed, all the reactions from the model are used.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **kwargs** Keyword arguments are passed on to underlying simulation functions such as add\_room.

#### Returns

A representation of all combinations of reaction deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

index [tuple(str)] The reaction identifiers that were knocked out.

growth [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

**status** [str] The solution's status.

### Return type pandas.DataFrame

Knock out each gene pair from the combination of two given lists.

We say 'pair' here but the order order does not matter.

### Parameters

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- **gene\_list1** (*iterable*, *optional*) First iterable of ``cobra.Gene``s to be deleted. If not passed, all the genes from the model are used.
- gene\_list2 (iterable, optional) Second iterable of ``cobra.Gene``s to be deleted. If not passed, all the genes from the model are used.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **kwargs** Keyword arguments are passed on to underlying simulation functions such as add\_room.

#### Returns

A representation of all combinations of gene deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

index [tuple(str)] The gene identifiers that were knocked out.

**growth** [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

status [str] The solution's status.

#### **Return type** pandas.DataFrame

Access unique combinations of reactions in deletion results.

This allows acces in the form of <code>results.knockout[rxn1]</code> or <code>results.knockout["rxn1\_id"]</code>. Each individual entry will return a deletion so <code>results.knockout[rxn1, rxn2]</code> will return two deletions (for individual knockouts of rxn1 and rxn2 respectively). Multi-deletions can be accessed by passing in sets like <code>results.knockout[rxn1, rxn2]]</code> which denotes the double deletion of both reactions. Thus, the following are allowed index elements:

- single reactions or genes (depending on whether it is a gene or reaction deletion)
- single reaction IDs or gene IDs
- lists of single single reaction IDs or gene IDs (will return one row for each element in the list)
- sets of reactions or genes (for multi-deletions)
- · sets of reactions IDs or gene IDs
- list of sets of objects or IDs (to get several multi-deletions)

```
\textbf{static \_validate} \ (\textit{obj: pd.DataFrame}) \ \rightarrow None
```

```
__getitem__ (self, args: Union[Gene, List[Gene], Set[Gene], List[Set[Gene]], Reaction, List[Reaction], Set[Reaction], List[Set[Reaction]], str, List[str], Set[str], List[Set[str]]]) \rightarrow pd.DataFrame
```

Return the deletion result for a particular set of knocked entities.

args [cobra.Reactions, cobra.Gene, str, set, or list] The deletions to be returned. Accepts: - single reactions or genes - single reaction IDs or gene IDs - lists of single single reaction IDs or gene IDs - sets of reactions or genes - sets of reactions IDs or gene IDs - list of sets of objects or IDs See the docs for usage examples.

**pd.DataFrame** The deletion result where the chosen entities have been deleted. Each row denotes a deletion.

### cobra.flux\_analysis.fastcc

Provide an implementation of FASTCC.

# **Module Contents**

#### **Functions**

find_sparse_mode(mo	odel, rxns,	Perform the LP required for FASTCC.
flux_threshold, zero_cutoff)		
_flip_coefficients(model, rxns)		Flip the coefficients for optimizing in reverse direc-
		tion.
fastcc(model,	flux_threshold=1.0,	Check consistency of a metabolic network using
zero_cutoff=None)		FASTCC <sup>1</sup> .

Perform the LP required for FASTCC.

## **Parameters**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vlassis N, Pacheco MP, Sauter T (2014) Fast Reconstruction of Compact Context-Specific Metabolic Network Models. PLoS Comput Biol 10(1): e1003424. doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1003424

- model (cobra.core.Model) The cobra model to perform FASTCC on.
- rxns (list of cobra.core.Reactions) The reactions to use for LP.
- **flux\_threshold** (*float*) The upper threshold an auxiliary variable can have.
- **zero\_cutoff** (*float*) The cutoff below which flux is considered zero.

**Returns** result – The list of reactions to consider as consistent.

Return type list

```
cobra.flux_analysis.fastcc._flip_coefficients (model, rxns) Flip the coefficients for optimizing in reverse direction.
```

cobra.flux\_analysis.fastcc.**fastcc**(*model*, *flux\_threshold=1.0*, *zero\_cutoff=None*) Check consistency of a metabolic network using FASTCC<sup>1</sup>.

FASTCC (Fast Consistency Check) is an algorithm for rapid and efficient consistency check in metabolic networks. FASTCC is a pure LP implementation and is low on computation resource demand. FASTCC also circumvents the problem associated with reversible reactions for the purpose. Given a global model, it will generate a consistent global model i.e., remove blocked reactions. For more details on FASTCC, please check<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The constraint-based model to operate on.
- flux\_threshold (float, optional (default 1.0)) The flux threshold to consider.
- **zero\_cutoff** (*float*, *optional*) The cutoff to consider for zero flux (default model.tolerance).

**Returns** The consistent constraint-based model.

Return type cobra.Model

### **Notes**

The LP used for FASTCC is like so: maximize: sum\_{i in J}  $z_i$  s.t. :  $z_i$  in [0, varepsilon] for all i in J,  $z_i$  in mathbb{R} +

```
v_i ge z_i forall i in J Sv = 0 v in B
```

### References

```
cobra.flux_analysis.gapfilling
```

## **Module Contents**

# Classes

*GapFiller* 

Class for performing gap filling.

## **Functions**

```
gapfill(model, universal=None, Perform gapfilling on a model.
lower_bound=0.05, penalties=None, de-
mand_reactions=True, exchange_reactions=False,
iterations=1)
```

Bases: object

Class for performing gap filling.

This class implements gap filling based on a mixed-integer approach, very similar to that described in and the 'no-growth but growth' part of [2]\_ but with minor adjustments. In short, we add indicator variables for using the reactions in the universal model, z\_i and then solve problem

```
minimize sum_i c_i * z_i s.t. Sv = 0

v_o >= t lb_i <= v_i <= ub_i v_i = 0 if z_i = 0
```

where lb, ub are the upper, lower flux bounds for reaction i, c\_i is a cost parameter and the objective v\_o is greater than the lower bound t. The default costs are 1 for reactions from the universal model, 100 for exchange (uptake) reactions added and 1 for added demand reactions.

Note that this is a mixed-integer linear program and as such will expensive to solve for large models. Consider using alternatives [3] such as CORDA instead [4,5].

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to perform gap filling on.
- universal (cobra. Model) A universal model with reactions that can be used to complete the model.
- lower\_bound (float) The minimally accepted flux for the objective in the filled model.
- **penalties** (dict, None) A dictionary with keys being 'universal' (all reactions included in the universal model), 'exchange' and 'demand' (all additionally added exchange and demand reactions) for the three reaction types. Can also have reaction identifiers for reaction specific costs. Defaults are 1, 100 and 1 respectively.
- **integer\_threshold** (float) The threshold at which a value is considered non-zero (aka integrality threshold). If gapfilled models fail to validate, you may want to lower this value.
- exchange\_reactions (bool) Consider adding exchange (uptake) reactions for all metabolites in the model.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reed, Jennifer L., Trina R. Patel, Keri H. Chen, Andrew R. Joyce, Margaret K. Applebee, Christopher D. Herring, Olivia T. Bui, Eric M. Knight, Stephen S. Fong, and Bernhard O. Palsson. "Systems Approach to Refining Genome Annotation." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 103, no. 46 (2006): 17480–17484.

<sup>[2]</sup> Kumar, Vinay Satish, and Costas D. Maranas. "GrowMatch: An Automated Method for Reconciling In Silico/In Vivo Growth Predictions." Edited by Christos A. Ouzounis. "PLoS Computational Biology 5, no. 3 (March 13, 2009): e1000308. doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1000308.

<sup>[3]</sup> http://opencobra.github.io/cobrapy/tags/gapfilling/

<sup>[4]</sup> Schultz, André, and Amina A. Qutub. "Reconstruction of Tissue-Specific Metabolic Networks Using CORDA." Edited by Costas D. Maranas. PLOS Computational Biology 12, no. 3 (March 4, 2016): e1004808. doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1004808.

<sup>[5]</sup> Diener, Christian https://github.com/cdiener/corda

demand\_reactions (bool) - Consider adding demand reactions for all metabolites.

#### References

**extend\_model** (*self*, *exchange\_reactions=False*, *demand\_reactions=True*) Extend gapfilling model.

Add reactions from universal model and optionally exchange and demand reactions for all metabolites in the model to perform gapfilling on.

#### **Parameters**

- **exchange\_reactions** (bool) Consider adding exchange (uptake) reactions for all metabolites in the model.
- demand\_reactions (bool) Consider adding demand reactions for all metabolites.

### update\_costs(self)

Update the coefficients for the indicator variables in the objective.

Done incrementally so that second time the function is called, active indicators in the current solutions gets higher cost than the unused indicators.

## add\_switches\_and\_objective(self)

Update gapfilling model with switches and the indicator objective.

### **fill** (*self*, *iterations=1*)

Perform the gapfilling by iteratively solving the model, updating the costs and recording the used reactions.

**Parameters iterations** (*int*) – The number of rounds of gapfilling to perform. For every iteration, the penalty for every used reaction increases linearly. This way, the algorithm is encouraged to search for alternative solutions which may include previously used reactions. I.e., with enough iterations pathways including 10 steps will eventually be reported even if the shortest pathway is a single reaction.

**Returns** A list of lists where each element is a list reactions that were used to gapfill the model.

## Return type iterable

**Raises** RuntimeError – If the model fails to be validated (i.e. the original model with the proposed reactions added, still cannot get the required flux through the objective).

```
validate (self, reactions)
```

Perform gapfilling on a model.

See documentation for the class GapFiller.

**model** [cobra.Model] The model to perform gap filling on.

**universal** [cobra.Model, None] A universal model with reactions that can be used to complete the model. Only gapfill considering demand and exchange reactions if left missing.

lower\_bound [float] The minimally accepted flux for the objective in the filled model.

**penalties** [dict, None] A dictionary with keys being 'universal' (all reactions included in the universal model), 'exchange' and 'demand' (all additionally added exchange and demand reactions) for the three reaction types. Can also have reaction identifiers for reaction specific costs. Defaults are 1, 100 and 1 respectively.

**iterations** [int] The number of rounds of gapfilling to perform. For every iteration, the penalty for every used reaction increases linearly. This way, the algorithm is encouraged to search for alternative solutions which may include previously used reactions. I.e., with enough iterations pathways including 10 steps will eventually be reported even if the shortest pathway is a single reaction.

**exchange\_reactions** [bool] Consider adding exchange (uptake) reactions for all metabolites in the model.

**demand\_reactions** [bool] Consider adding demand reactions for all metabolites.

**iterable** list of lists with on set of reactions that completes the model per requested iteration.

### import cobra as ct

```
>>> from cobra import Model
>>> from cobra.flux_analysis import gapfill
>>> model = ct.create_test_model("salmonella")
>>> universal = Model('universal')
>>> universal.add_reactions(model.reactions.GF6PTA.copy())
>>> model.remove_reactions([model.reactions.GF6PTA])
>>> gapfill(model, universal)
```

## cobra.flux\_analysis.geometric

Provide an implementation of geometric FBA.

#### **Module Contents**

# **Functions**

```
geometric_fba(model, epsilon=1e-06, Perform geometric FBA to obtain a unique, centered flux distribution.
```

```
cobra.flux_analysis.geometric.LOGGER
```

Perform geometric FBA to obtain a unique, centered flux distribution.

Geometric FBA<sup>1</sup> formulates the problem as a polyhedron and then solves it by bounding the convex hull of the polyhedron. The bounding forms a box around the convex hull which reduces with every iteration and extracts a unique solution in this way.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The model to perform geometric FBA on.
- **epsilon** (*float*, *optional*) The convergence tolerance of the model (default 1E-06).
- max\_tries (int, optional) Maximum number of iterations (default 200).
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. If not explicitly passed, will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** The solution object containing all the constraints required for geometric FBA.

<sup>1</sup> Smallbone, Kieran & Simeonidis, Vangelis. (2009). Flux balance analysis: A geometric perspective. Journal of theoretical biology.258. 311-5. 10.1016/j.jtbi.2009.01.027.

## Return type cobra. Solution

#### References

### cobra.flux\_analysis.helpers

Helper functions for all flux analysis methods.

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Functions**

normalize_cutoff(model, zero_cutoff=None)	Return a valid zero cutoff value.
cobra.flux_analysis.helpers. <b>LOGGER</b>	
cobra.flux_analysis.helpers.normalize_ Return a valid zero cutoff value.	_cutoff (model, zero_cutoff=None)

### cobra.flux\_analysis.loopless

Provides functions to remove thermodynamically infeasible loops.

### **Module Contents**

### **Functions**

add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)	Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are
	loopless.
_add_cycle_free(model, fluxes)	Add constraints for CycleFreeFlux.
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.
loopless_fva_iter(model, reaction, solu-	Plugin to get a loopless FVA solution from single FVA
tion=False, zero_cutoff=None)	iteration.

```
cobra.flux_analysis.loopless.LOGGER
cobra.flux_analysis.loopless.add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)
    Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.
```

In most cases you probably want to use the much faster *loopless\_solution*. May be used in cases where you want to add complex constraints and objectives (for instance quadratic objectives) to the model afterwards or use an approximation of Gibbs free energy directions in you model. Adds variables and constraints to a model which will disallow flux distributions with loops. The used formulation is described in [1]\_. This function *will* modify your model.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to which to add the constraints.
- **zero\_cutoff** (positive float, optional) Cutoff used for null space. Coefficients with an absolute value smaller than zero\_cutoff are considered to be zero (default model.tolerance).

### Returns

#### **Return type** Nothing

#### References

```
cobra.flux_analysis.loopless._add_cycle_free (model, fluxes)
Add constraints for CycleFreeFlux.
```

```
cobra.flux_analysis.loopless.loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)
Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.
```

Removes as many loops as possible (see Notes). Uses the method from CycleFreeFlux [1]\_ and is much faster than *add\_loopless* and should therefore be the preferred option to get loopless flux distributions.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to which to add the constraints.
- **fluxes** (dict) A dictionary {rxn\_id: flux} that assigns a flux to each reaction. If not None will use the provided flux values to obtain a close loopless solution.

**Returns** A solution object containing the fluxes with the least amount of loops possible or None if the optimization failed (usually happening if the flux distribution in *fluxes* is infeasible).

Return type cobra. Solution

## **Notes**

The returned flux solution has the following properties:

- it contains the minimal number of loops possible and no loops at all if all flux bounds include zero
- it has an objective value close to the original one and the same objective value id the objective expression can not form a cycle (which is usually true since it consumes metabolites)
- it has the same exact exchange fluxes as the previous solution
- all fluxes have the same sign (flow in the same direction) as the previous solution

#### References

Plugin to get a loopless FVA solution from single FVA iteration.

Assumes the following about *model* and *reaction*: 1. the model objective is set to be *reaction* 2. the model has been optimized and contains the minimum/maximum flux for

reaction

3. the model contains an auxiliary variable called "fva\_old\_objective" denoting the previous objective

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to be used.
- reaction (cobra.Reaction) The reaction currently minimized/maximized.
- **solution** (boolean, optional) Whether to return the entire solution or only the minimum/maximum for *reaction*.
- **zero\_cutoff** (positive float, optional) Cutoff used for loop removal. Fluxes with an absolute value smaller than zero\_cutoff are considered to be zero (default model.tolerance).

**Returns** Returns the minimized/maximized flux through *reaction* if all\_fluxes == False (default). Otherwise returns a loopless flux solution containing the minimum/maximum flux for *reaction*.

Return type single float or dict

## cobra.flux\_analysis.moma

Provide minimization of metabolic adjustment (MOMA).

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Functions**

moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)	Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.
add_moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)	Add constraints and objective representing for
	MOMA.

cobra.flux\_analysis.moma.moma (model, solution=None, linear=True)
Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.

Compute a new flux distribution that is at a minimal distance to a previous reference solution. Minimization of metabolic adjustment (MOMA) is generally used to assess the impact of knock-outs. Thus the typical usage is to provide a wildtype flux distribution as reference and a model in knock-out state.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model state to compute a MOMA-based solution for.
- solution (cobra. Solution, optional) A (wildtype) reference solution.
- linear (bool, optional) Whether to use the linear MOMA formulation or not (default True).

**Returns** A flux distribution that is at a minimal distance compared to the reference solution.

Return type cobra. Solution

## See also:

add moma () add MOMA constraints and objective

cobra.flux\_analysis.moma.add\_moma (model, solution=None, linear=True)
Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.

This adds variables and constraints for the minimization of metabolic adjustment (MOMA) to the model.

### **Parameters**

- $\bullet \ \ \text{model} \ (\texttt{cobra.Model}) The \ model \ to \ add \ MOMA \ constraints \ and \ objective \ to.$
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference. If no solution is given, one will be computed using pFBA.
- linear (bool, optional) Whether to use the linear MOMA formulation or not (default True).

#### **Notes**

In the original MOMA<sup>1</sup> specification one looks for the flux distribution of the deletion (v<sup>d</sup>) closest to the fluxes without the deletion (v). In math this means:

minimize sum\_i ( $v^d_i - v_i)^2$  s.t.  $Sv^d = 0$ 

Here, we use a variable transformation  $v^t := v^d_i - v_i$ . Substituting and using the fact that Sv = 0 gives:

minimize sum\_i ( $v^t_i$ )^2 s.t.  $Sv^d = 0$ 

$$v^t = v^d i - v i b i \le v^d i \le ub i$$

So basically we just re-center the flux space at the old solution and then find the flux distribution closest to the new zero (center). This is the same strategy as used in cameo.

In the case of linear MOMA<sup>2</sup>, we instead minimize sum\_i abs(v^t\_i). The linear MOMA is typically significantly faster. Also quadratic MOMA tends to give flux distributions in which all fluxes deviate from the reference fluxes a little bit whereas linear MOMA tends to give flux distributions where the majority of fluxes are the same reference with few fluxes deviating a lot (typical effect of L2 norm vs L1 norm).

The former objective function is saved in the optlang solver interface as "moma\_old\_objective" and this can be used to immediately extract the value of the former objective after MOMA optimization.

#### See also:

pfba() parsimonious FBA

#### References

cobra.flux\_analysis.parsimonious

### **Module Contents**

### **Functions**

optimize_minimal_flux(*args, **kwargs)			
pfba(model,	fraction_of_optimum=1.0,	objec-	Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage
tive=None, reac	tions=None)		Flux Balance Analysis)
add_pfba(mo	del, objective=None,	frac-	Add pFBA objective
tion_of_optimu	m=1.0)		

```
cobra.flux_analysis.parsimonious.LOGGER
```

```
cobra.flux_analysis.parsimonious.optimize_minimal_flux(*args, **kwargs)
```

cobra.flux\_analysis.parsimonious.**pfba**(model, fraction\_of\_optimum=1.0, objective=None, reactions=None)

Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage Flux Balance Analysis) to minimize total flux.

pFBA [1] adds the minimization of all fluxes the the objective of the model. This approach is motivated by the idea that high fluxes have a higher enzyme turn-over and that since producing enzymes is costly, the cell will try to minimize overall flux while still maximizing the original objective function, e.g. the growth rate.

### **Parameters**

• model (cobra.Model) - The model

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Segrè, Daniel, Dennis Vitkup, and George M. Church. "Analysis of Optimality in Natural and Perturbed Metabolic Networks." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 99, no. 23 (November 12, 2002): 15112. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.232349399.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Becker, Scott A, Adam M Feist, Monica L Mo, Gregory Hannum, Bernhard Ø Palsson, and Markus J Herrgard. "Quantitative Prediction of Cellular Metabolism with Constraint-Based Models: The COBRA Toolbox." Nature Protocols 2 (March 29, 2007): 727.

- **fraction\_of\_optimum** (*float*, *optional*) Fraction of optimum which must be maintained. The original objective reaction is constrained to be greater than maximal\_value \* fraction\_of\_optimum.
- **objective** (dict or model.problem.Objective) A desired objective to use during optimization in addition to the pFBA objective. Dictionaries (reaction as key, coefficient as value) can be used for linear objectives.
- **reactions** (*iterable*) List of reactions or reaction identifiers. Implies *return\_frame* to be true. Only return fluxes for the given reactions. Faster than fetching all fluxes if only a few are needed.

Returns The solution object to the optimized model with pFBA constraints added.

Return type cobra. Solution

#### References

cobra.flux\_analysis.parsimonious.add\_pfba (model, objective=None,  $fraction\_of\_optimum=1.0$ )

Add pFBA objective

Add objective to minimize the summed flux of all reactions to the current objective.

### See also:

pfba()

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The model to add the objective to
- **objective** An objective to set in combination with the pFBA objective.
- **fraction\_of\_optimum** (float) Fraction of optimum which must be maintained. The original objective reaction is constrained to be greater than maximal\_value \* fraction\_of\_optimum.

cobra.flux\_analysis.phenotype\_phase\_plane

### **Module Contents**

## **Functions**

Calculate the objective value conditioned on all com-
binations of
Compute total output per input unit.
Split metabolites into the atoms times their stoichio-
metric coefficients.
Return the metabolite weight times its stoichiometric
coefficient.
Compute the total components consumption or pro-
duction flux.
Find all active carbon source reactions.

cobra.flux\_analysis.phenotype\_phase\_plane.LOGGER

Calculate the objective value conditioned on all combinations of fluxes for a set of chosen reactions

The production envelope can be used to analyze a model's ability to produce a given compound conditional on the fluxes for another set of reactions, such as the uptake rates. The model is alternately optimized with respect to minimizing and maximizing the objective and the obtained fluxes are recorded. Ranges to compute production is set to the effective bounds, i.e., the minimum / maximum fluxes that can be obtained given current reaction bounds.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to compute the production envelope for.
- reactions (list or string) A list of reactions, reaction identifiers or a single reaction.
- **objective** (string, dict, model.solver.interface. Objective, optional) The objective (reaction) to use for the production envelope. Use the model's current objective if left missing.
- carbon\_sources (list or string, optional) One or more reactions or reaction identifiers that are the source of carbon for computing carbon (mol carbon in output over mol carbon in input) and mass yield (gram product over gram output). Only objectives with a carbon containing input and output metabolite is supported. Will identify active carbon sources in the medium if none are specified.
- points (int, optional) The number of points to calculate production for.
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) A cut-off under which flux values will be considered to be zero (default model.tolerance).

# Returns

A data frame with one row per evaluated point and

- reaction id : one column per input reaction indicating the flux at each given point,
- carbon\_source: identifiers of carbon exchange reactions

A column for the maximum and minimum each for the following types:

- flux: the objective flux
- carbon\_yield: if carbon source is defined and the product is a single metabolite (mol carbon product per mol carbon feeding source)
- mass\_yield: if carbon source is defined and the product is a single metabolite (gram product per 1 g of feeding source)

Return type pandas.DataFrame

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> from cobra.flux_analysis import production_envelope
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> production_envelope(model, ["EX_glc__D_e", "EX_o2_e"])
```

```
 \begin{array}{c} \text{cobra.flux\_analysis.phenotype\_phase\_plane.add\_envelope} (\textit{model}, \textit{reactions}, \textit{grid}, \\ c\_\textit{input}, & c\_\textit{output}, \\ \textit{threshold}) \\ \text{cobra.flux\_analysis.phenotype\_phase\_plane.total\_yield} (\textit{input\_fluxes}, & \textit{input\_elements}, \\ \textit{put\_elements}, & \textit{out-put\_elements}) \\ \end{array}
```

Compute total output per input unit.

Units are typically mol carbon atoms or gram of source and product.

### **Parameters**

- input\_fluxes (list) A list of input reaction fluxes in the same order as the input\_components.
- input\_elements (list) A list of reaction components which are in turn list of numbers.
- output\_flux (float) The output flux value.
- **output\_elements** (list) A list of stoichiometrically weighted output reaction components.

**Returns** The ratio between output (mol carbon atoms or grams of product) and input (mol carbon atoms or grams of source compounds).

### Return type float

```
cobra.flux_analysis.phenotype_phase_plane.reaction_elements(reaction)
Split metabolites into the atoms times their stoichiometric coefficients.
```

**Parameters reaction** (Reaction) – The metabolic reaction whose components are desired.

**Returns** Each of the reaction's metabolites' desired carbon elements (if any) times that metabolite's stoichiometric coefficient.

## Return type list

```
cobra.flux_analysis.phenotype_phase_plane.reaction_weight (reaction)

Return the metabolite weight times its stoichiometric coefficient.
```

Compute the total components consumption or production flux.

## **Parameters**

- **flux** (*float*) The reaction flux for the components.
- components (list) List of stoichiometrically weighted components.
- **consumption** (bool, optional) Whether to sum up consumption or production fluxes.

cobra.flux\_analysis.phenotype\_phase\_plane.find\_carbon\_sources (model) Find all active carbon source reactions.

Parameters model (Model) - A genome-scale metabolic model.

**Returns** The medium reactions with carbon input flux.

Return type list

# cobra.flux\_analysis.reaction

functions for analyzing / creating objective functions

### **Module Contents**

### **Functions**

assess(model,	reaction,	Assesses production capacity.
flux_coefficient_cutoff=0.001, solver=Non	ie)	
assess_component(model, reaction	n, side,	Assesses the ability of the model to provide sufficient
flux_coefficient_cutoff=0.001, solver=Non	ie)	precursors,
_optimize_or_value(model,	value=0.0,	
solver=None)		
assess_precursors(model,	reaction,	Assesses the ability of the model to provide sufficient
flux_coefficient_cutoff=0.001, solver=Non	ie)	precursors for
assess_products(model,	reaction,	Assesses whether the model has the capacity to absorb
flux_coefficient_cutoff=0.001, solver=Non	ie)	the products of

```
\verb|cobra.flux_analysis.reaction.assess| (model, reaction, flux_coefficient\_cutoff=0.001, \\ solver=None)|
```

Assesses production capacity.

Assesses the capacity of the model to produce the precursors for the reaction and absorb the production of the reaction while the reaction is operating at, or above, the specified cutoff.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to assess production capacity for
- reaction (reaction identifier or cobra.Reaction) The reaction to assess
- **flux\_coefficient\_cutoff** (*float*) The minimum flux that reaction must carry to be considered active.
- solver (basestring) Solver name. If None, the default solver will be used.

**Returns** True if the model can produce the precursors and absorb the products for the reaction operating at, or above, flux\_coefficient\_cutoff. Otherwise, a dictionary of {'precursor': Status, 'product': Status}. Where Status is the results from assess\_precursors and assess\_products, respectively.

# Return type bool or dict

Assesses the ability of the model to provide sufficient precursors, or absorb products, for a reaction operating at, or beyond, the specified cutoff.

### **Parameters**

• model (cobra.Model) – The cobra model to assess production capacity for

- reaction (reaction identifier or cobra.Reaction) The reaction to assess
- **side** (basestring) Side of the reaction, 'products' or 'reactants'
- **flux\_coefficient\_cutoff** (*float*) The minimum flux that reaction must carry to be considered active.
- **solver** (basestring) Solver name. If None, the default solver will be used.

**Returns** True if the precursors can be simultaneously produced at the specified cutoff. False, if the model has the capacity to produce each individual precursor at the specified threshold but not all precursors at the required level simultaneously. Otherwise a dictionary of the required and the produced fluxes for each reactant that is not produced in sufficient quantities.

## Return type bool or dict

Assesses the ability of the model to provide sufficient precursors for a reaction operating at, or beyond, the specified cutoff.

Deprecated: use assess\_component instead

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to assess production capacity for
- reaction (reaction identifier or cobra.Reaction) The reaction to assess
- **flux\_coefficient\_cutoff** (*float*) The minimum flux that reaction must carry to be considered active.
- **solver** (basestring) Solver name. If None, the default solver will be used.

**Returns** True if the precursors can be simultaneously produced at the specified cutoff. False, if the model has the capacity to produce each individual precursor at the specified threshold but not all precursors at the required level simultaneously. Otherwise a dictionary of the required and the produced fluxes for each reactant that is not produced in sufficient quantities.

## Return type bool or dict

Assesses whether the model has the capacity to absorb the products of a reaction at a given flux rate.

Useful for identifying which components might be blocking a reaction from achieving a specific flux rate.

Deprecated: use assess\_component instead

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to assess production capacity for
- reaction (reaction identifier or cobra.Reaction) The reaction to assess
- **flux\_coefficient\_cutoff** (*float*) The minimum flux that reaction must carry to be considered active.
- **solver** (basestring) Solver name. If None, the default solver will be used.

**Returns** True if the model has the capacity to absorb all the reaction products being simultaneously given the specified cutoff. False, if the model has the capacity to absorb each individual product but not all products at the required level simultaneously. Otherwise a dictionary of the required and the capacity fluxes for each product that is not absorbed in sufficient quantities.

Return type bool or dict

### cobra.flux\_analysis.room

Provide regulatory on/off minimization (ROOM).

## **Module Contents**

### **Functions**

room(model,	solution=None,	linear=False,	Compute a single solution based on regulatory on/off
delta=0.03, epsilo	n=0.001)		minimization (ROOM).
add_room(mod	el, solution=None,	linear=False,	Add constraints and objective for ROOM.
delta=0.03, epsilo	n=0.001)		

cobra.flux\_analysis.room.room(model, solution=None, linear=False, delta=0.03, ep-silon=0.001)

Compute a single solution based on regulatory on/off minimization (ROOM).

Compute a new flux distribution that minimizes the number of active reactions needed to accommodate a previous reference solution. Regulatory on/off minimization (ROOM) is generally used to assess the impact of knock-outs. Thus the typical usage is to provide a wildtype flux distribution as reference and a model in knock-out state.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model state to compute a ROOM-based solution for.
- solution (cobra. Solution, optional) A (wildtype) reference solution.
- linear (bool, optional) Whether to use the linear ROOM formulation or not (default False).
- **delta** (*float*, *optional*) The relative tolerance range (additive) (default 0.03).
- **epsilon** (*float*, *optional*) The absolute tolerance range (multiplicative) (default 0.001).

**Returns** A flux distribution with minimal active reaction changes compared to the reference.

Return type cobra. Solution

### See also:

add\_room() add ROOM constraints and objective

cobra.flux\_analysis.room.add\_room(model, solution=None, linear=False, delta=0.03, epsilon=0.001)

Add constraints and objective for ROOM.

This function adds variables and constraints for applying regulatory on/off minimization (ROOM) to the model.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to add ROOM constraints and objective to.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference. If no solution is given, one will be computed using pFBA.
- linear (bool, optional) Whether to use the linear ROOM formulation or not (default False).
- **delta** (*float*, *optional*) The relative tolerance range which is additive in nature (default 0.03).
- **epsilon** (*float*, *optional*) The absolute range of tolerance which is multiplicative (default 0.001).

### **Notes**

The formulation used here is the same as stated in the original paper<sup>1</sup>. The mathematical expression is given below:

```
minimize sum_{i=1}^m y^i s.t. Sv = 0
```

```
 v\_min <= v <= v\_max \ v\_j = 0 \ j \ A \ for \ 1 <= i <= m \ v\_i - y\_i(v\_\{max,i\} - w\_i^u) <= w\_i^u  (1)  v\_i - y\_i(v\_\{min,i\} - w\_i^l) <= w\_i^l \ (2) \ y\_i \ \{0,1\} \ (3) \ w\_i^u = w\_i + delta|w\_i| + epsilon   w\_i^l = w\_i - delta|w\_i| - epsilon
```

So, for the linear version of the ROOM, constraint (3) is relaxed to  $0 \le y_i \le 1$ .

### See also:

pfba() parsimonious FBA

### References

cobra.flux\_analysis.variability

# **Module Contents**

## **Functions**

init_worker(model, loopless, sense)		Initialize a global model object for multiprocessing.
_fva_step(reaction_id)		
flux_variability_analysis(model,		Determine the minimum and maximum possible flux
reaction_list=None, loopless=False,	frac-	value for each reaction.
tion_of_optimum=1.0, pfba_factor=None,	pro-	
cesses=None)		
find_blocked_reactions(model,		Find reactions that cannot carry any flux.
reaction_list=None, zero_cutoff=	=None,	
open_exchanges=False, processes=None)		
find_essential_genes(model,	thresh-	Return a set of essential genes.
old=None, processes=None)		
find_essential_reactions(model,	thresh-	Return a set of essential reactions.
old=None, processes=None)		

```
cobra.flux_analysis.variability.LOGGER
cobra.flux_analysis.variability.CONFIGURATION
```

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Tomer Shlomi, Omer Berkman and Eytan Ruppin, "Regulatory on/off minimization of metabolic flux changes after genetic perturbations", PNAS 2005 102 (21) 7695-7700; doi:10.1073/pnas.0406346102

```
cobra.flux_analysis.variability._init_worker (model, loopless, sense)
Initialize a global model object for multiprocessing.

cobra.flux_analysis.variability._fva_step (reaction_id)

cobra.flux_analysis.variability.flux_variability_analysis (model, reaction_list=None, loop-less=False, fraction_of_optimum=1.0, pfba_factor=None, processes=None)
```

Determine the minimum and maximum possible flux value for each reaction.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model for which to run the analysis. It will not be modified.
- reaction\_list (list of cobra.Reaction or str, optional) The reactions for which to obtain min/max fluxes. If None will use all reactions in the model (default).
- **loopless** (boolean, optional) Whether to return only loopless solutions. This is significantly slower. Please also refer to the notes.
- **fraction\_of\_optimum** (*float*, *optional*) Must be <= 1.0. Requires that the objective value is at least the fraction times maximum objective value. A value of 0.85 for instance means that the objective has to be at least at 85% percent of its maximum.
- pfba\_factor(float, optional) Add an additional constraint to the model that requires the total sum of absolute fluxes must not be larger than this value times the smallest possible sum of absolute fluxes, i.e., by setting the value to 1.1 the total sum of absolute fluxes must not be more than 10% larger than the pFBA solution. Since the pFBA solution is the one that optimally minimizes the total flux sum, the pfba\_factor should, if set, be larger than one. Setting this value may lead to more realistic predictions of the effective flux bounds.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. If not explicitly passed, will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** A data frame with reaction identifiers as the index and two columns: - maximum: indicating the highest possible flux - minimum: indicating the lowest possible flux

Return type pandas.DataFrame

## **Notes**

This implements the fast version as described in <sup>1</sup>. Please note that the flux distribution containing all minimal/maximal fluxes does not have to be a feasible solution for the model. Fluxes are minimized/maximized individually and a single minimal flux might require all others to be suboptimal.

Using the loopless option will lead to a significant increase in computation time (about a factor of 100 for large models). However, the algorithm used here (see<sup>2</sup>) is still more than 1000x faster than the "naive" version using add\_loopless (model). Also note that if you have included constraints that force a loop (for instance by setting all fluxes in a loop to be non-zero) this loop will be included in the solution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Computationally efficient flux variability analysis. Gudmundsson S, Thiele I. BMC Bioinformatics. 2010 Sep 29;11:489. doi: 10.1186/1471-2105-11-489, PMID: 20920235

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CycleFreeFlux: efficient removal of thermodynamically infeasible loops from flux distributions. Desouki AA, Jarre F, Gelius-Dietrich G, Lercher MJ. Bioinformatics. 2015 Jul 1;31(13):2159-65. doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btv096.

```
cobra.flux_analysis.variability.find_blocked_reactions (model, reac-
tion_list=None,
zero_cutoff=None,
open_exchanges=False,
processes=None)
```

Find reactions that cannot carry any flux.

The question whether or not a reaction is blocked is highly dependent on the current exchange reaction settings for a COBRA model. Hence an argument is provided to open all exchange reactions.

### **Notes**

Sink and demand reactions are left untouched. Please modify them manually.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to analyze.
- reaction\_list (list, optional) List of reactions to consider, the default includes all model reactions.
- **zero\_cutoff** (*float*, *optional*) Flux value which is considered to effectively be zero (default model.tolerance).
- open\_exchanges (bool, optional) Whether or not to open all exchange reactions to very high flux ranges.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of reactions is large. If not explicitly passed, it will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** List with the identifiers of blocked reactions.

## Return type list

Return a set of essential genes.

A gene is considered essential if restricting the flux of all reactions that depend on it to zero causes the objective, e.g., the growth rate, to also be zero, below the threshold, or infeasible.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The model to find the essential genes for.
- threshold (float, optional) Minimal objective flux to be considered viable. By default this is 1% of the maximal objective.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **processes** The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not explicitly passed, it will be set from the global configuration singleton.

Returns Set of essential genes

# Return type set

```
cobra.flux_analysis.variability.find_essential_reactions(model, thresh-
old=None, pro-
cesses=None)
```

Return a set of essential reactions.

A reaction is considered essential if restricting its flux to zero causes the objective, e.g., the growth rate, to also be zero, below the threshold, or infeasible.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to find the essential reactions for.
- threshold (float, optional) Minimal objective flux to be considered viable. By default this is 1% of the maximal objective.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not explicitly passed, it will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** Set of essential reactions

Return type set

# **Package Contents**

# **Functions**

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double_gene_deletion(model,	Knock out each gene pair from the combination of
gene_list1=None, gene_list2=None, method='fba',	two given lists.
solution=None, processes=None, **kwargs)	
double_reaction_deletion(model, reac-	Knock out each reaction pair from the combinations
tion_list1=None, reaction_list2=None, method='fba',	of two given lists.
solution=None, processes=None, **kwargs)	
single_gene_deletion(model,	Knock out each gene from a given list.
gene_list=None, method='fba', solution=None,	
processes=None, **kwargs)	
single_reaction_deletion(model, reac-	Knock out each reaction from a given list.
tion_list=None, method='fba', solution=None,	
processes=None, **kwargs)	
fastcc(model, flux_threshold=1.0,	Check consistency of a metabolic network using
zero_cutoff=None)	FASTCC [1].
gapfill(model, universal=None,	Perform gapfilling on a model.
lower_bound=0.05, penalties=None, de-	refrorm gapining on a moder.
mand_reactions=True, exchange_reactions=False,	
iterations=1)	
geometric_fba(model, epsilon=1e-06,	Perform geometric FBA to obtain a unique, centered
_	renorm geometric FBA to obtain a unique, centered
	flux distribution
max_tries=200, processes=None)	flux distribution.
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.
	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are
<pre>loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None) add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)</pre>	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None) add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None) add_moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None) add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None) add_moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)  moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.  Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.
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loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)         add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)         add_moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)         moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)         pfba(model, fraction_of_optimum=1.0, object-	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.  Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.  Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None) add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)  add_moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)  moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)  pfba(model, fraction_of_optimum=1.0, objective=None, reactions=None)	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.  Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.  Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage Flux Balance Analysis)
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)   add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)   add_moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)   moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)   pfba(model, fraction_of_optimum=1.0, objective=None, reactions=None)   find_blocked_reactions(model,	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.  Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.  Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage Flux Balance Analysis)
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loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)         add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)         add_moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)         moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)         pfba(model, fraction_of_optimum=1.0, objective=None, reactions=None)         find_blocked_reactions(model, reaction_list=None, open_exchanges=False, processes=None)         find_essential_genes(model, thresh-ind_essential_genes(model, thre	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.  Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.  Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage Flux Balance Analysis)  Find reactions that cannot carry any flux.
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)         add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)         add_moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)         moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)         pfba(model, fraction_of_optimum=1.0, objective=None, reactions=None)         find_blocked_reactions(model, reaction_list=None, open_exchanges=False, processes=None)         find_essential_genes(model, threshold=None, processes=None)	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.  Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.  Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage Flux Balance Analysis)  Find reactions that cannot carry any flux.
loopless_solution(model, fluxes=None)         add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None)         add_noma(model, solution=None, linear=True)         moma(model, solution=None, linear=True)         pfba(model, fraction_of_optimum=1.0, objective=None, reactions=None)         find_blocked_reactions(model, reaction_list=None, open_exchanges=False, processes=None)         find_essential_genes(model, threshold=None, processes=None)         find_essential_reactions(model, threshold=None, processes=None)	Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.  Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.  Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.  Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.  Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage Flux Balance Analysis)  Find reactions that cannot carry any flux.  Return a set of essential genes.
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tion_of_optimum=1.	0, pfba_factor=	None,	pro-	
cesses=None)	•		-	
add_room(model,	solution=None,	linear=	False,	Add constraints and objective for ROOM.
delta=0.03, epsilon=	0.001)			
room(model, se	olution=None,	linear=	False,	Compute a single solution based on regulatory on/off
delta=0.03, epsilon=	0.001)			minimization (ROOM).

```
cobra.flux_analysis.double_gene_deletion(model, gene_list1=None, gene_list2=None, method='fba', solution=None, processes=None, **kwargs)
```

Knock out each gene pair from the combination of two given lists.

We say 'pair' here but the order order does not matter.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- **gene\_list1** (*iterable*, *optional*) First iterable of ``cobra.Gene``s to be deleted. If not passed, all the genes from the model are used.
- **gene\_list2** (*iterable*, *optional*) **Second** iterable of "cobra.Gene"s to be deleted. If not passed, all the genes from the model are used.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **kwargs** Keyword arguments are passed on to underlying simulation functions such as add\_room.

## Returns

A representation of all combinations of gene deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

index [tuple(str)] The gene identifiers that were knocked out.

**growth** [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

status [str] The solution's status.

## Return type pandas.DataFrame

Knock out each reaction pair from the combinations of two given lists.

We say 'pair' here but the order order does not matter.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- reaction\_list1 (iterable, optional) First iterable of ``cobra.Reaction``s to be deleted. If not passed, all the reactions from the model are used.

- reaction\_list2 (iterable, optional) Second iterable of ``cobra.Reaction``s to be deleted. If not passed, all the reactions from the model are used.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **kwargs** Keyword arguments are passed on to underlying simulation functions such as add\_room.

#### Returns

A representation of all combinations of reaction deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

index [tuple(str)] The reaction identifiers that were knocked out.

growth [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

**status** [str] The solution's status.

### Return type pandas.DataFrame

cobra.flux\_analysis.single\_gene\_deletion(model, gene\_list=None, method='fba', solution=None, processes=None, \*\*kwargs)

Knock out each gene from a given list.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- **gene\_list** (*iterable*) ``cobra.Gene``s to be deleted. If not passed, all the genes from the model are used.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **kwargs** Keyword arguments are passed on to underlying simulation functions such as add\_room.

### Returns

A representation of all single gene deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

index [tuple(str)] The gene identifier that was knocked out.

growth [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

status [str] The solution's status.

## Return type pandas.DataFrame

```
cobra.flux_analysis.single_reaction_deletion (model, reaction_list=None, method='fba', solution=None, processes=None, **kwargs) e^{-k}
```

Knock out each reaction from a given list.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model to perform deletions in.
- reaction\_list (iterable, optional) "cobra.Reaction"s to be deleted. If not passed, all the reactions from the model are used.
- method ({"fba", "moma", "linear moma", "room", "linear room"}, optional) Method used to predict the growth rate.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference for (linear) MOMA or ROOM.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **kwargs** Keyword arguments are passed on to underlying simulation functions such as add\_room.

#### Returns

A representation of all single reaction deletions. The columns are 'growth' and 'status', where

index [tuple(str)] The reaction identifier that was knocked out.

growth [float] The growth rate of the adjusted model.

status [str] The solution's status.

Return type pandas.DataFrame

```
cobra.flux_analysis.fastcc (model, flux_threshold=1.0, zero_cutoff=None) Check consistency of a metabolic network using FASTCC [1]_.
```

FASTCC (Fast Consistency Check) is an algorithm for rapid and efficient consistency check in metabolic networks. FASTCC is a pure LP implementation and is low on computation resource demand. FASTCC also circumvents the problem associated with reversible reactions for the purpose. Given a global model, it will generate a consistent global model i.e., remove blocked reactions. For more details on FASTCC, please check [1]\_.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The constraint-based model to operate on.
- flux\_threshold (float, optional (default 1.0)) The flux threshold to consider.
- **zero\_cutoff** (*float*, *optional*) The cutoff to consider for zero flux (default model.tolerance).

**Returns** The consistent constraint-based model.

Return type cobra.Model

## **Notes**

The LP used for FASTCC is like so: maximize: sum\_{i in J}  $z_i$  s.t. :  $z_i$  in [0, varepsilon] for all i in J,  $z_i$  in mathbb{R}\_+

```
v i ge z i forall i in J Sv = 0 v in B
```

cobra.flux\_analysis.gapfill(model, universal=None, lower\_bound=0.05, penalties=None, demand\_reactions=True, exchange\_reactions=False, iterations=1)

Perform gapfilling on a model.

See documentation for the class GapFiller.

**model** [cobra.Model] The model to perform gap filling on.

**universal** [cobra.Model, None] A universal model with reactions that can be used to complete the model. Only gapfill considering demand and exchange reactions if left missing.

**lower\_bound** [float] The minimally accepted flux for the objective in the filled model.

**penalties** [dict, None] A dictionary with keys being 'universal' (all reactions included in the universal model), 'exchange' and 'demand' (all additionally added exchange and demand reactions) for the three reaction types. Can also have reaction identifiers for reaction specific costs. Defaults are 1, 100 and 1 respectively.

**iterations** [int] The number of rounds of gapfilling to perform. For every iteration, the penalty for every used reaction increases linearly. This way, the algorithm is encouraged to search for alternative solutions which may include previously used reactions. I.e., with enough iterations pathways including 10 steps will eventually be reported even if the shortest pathway is a single reaction.

**exchange\_reactions** [bool] Consider adding exchange (uptake) reactions for all metabolites in the model.

**demand\_reactions** [bool] Consider adding demand reactions for all metabolites.

**iterable** list of lists with on set of reactions that completes the model per requested iteration.

### import cobra as ct

```
>>> from cobra import Model
>>> from cobra.flux_analysis import gapfill
>>> model = ct.create_test_model("salmonella")
>>> universal = Model('universal')
>>> universal.add_reactions(model.reactions.GF6PTA.copy())
>>> model.remove_reactions([model.reactions.GF6PTA])
>>> gapfill(model, universal)
```

```
cobra.flux_analysis.geometric_fba(model, epsilon=1e-06, max_tries=200, processes=None)
```

Perform geometric FBA to obtain a unique, centered flux distribution.

Geometric FBA [1] formulates the problem as a polyhedron and then solves it by bounding the convex hull of the polyhedron. The bounding forms a box around the convex hull which reduces with every iteration and extracts a unique solution in this way.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to perform geometric FBA on.
- **epsilon** (*float*, *optional*) The convergence tolerance of the model (default 1E-06).
- max\_tries (int, optional) Maximum number of iterations (default 200).
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. If not explicitly passed, will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** The solution object containing all the constraints required for geometric FBA.

Return type cobra. Solution

cobra.flux\_analysis.loopless\_solution(model, fluxes=None)

Convert an existing solution to a loopless one.

Removes as many loops as possible (see Notes). Uses the method from CycleFreeFlux [1]\_ and is much faster than *add\_loopless* and should therefore be the preferred option to get loopless flux distributions.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to which to add the constraints.
- **fluxes** (dict) A dictionary {rxn\_id: flux} that assigns a flux to each reaction. If not None will use the provided flux values to obtain a close loopless solution.

**Returns** A solution object containing the fluxes with the least amount of loops possible or None if the optimization failed (usually happening if the flux distribution in *fluxes* is infeasible).

Return type cobra. Solution

## **Notes**

The returned flux solution has the following properties:

- it contains the minimal number of loops possible and no loops at all if all flux bounds include zero
- it has an objective value close to the original one and the same objective value id the objective expression can not form a cycle (which is usually true since it consumes metabolites)
- it has the same exact exchange fluxes as the previous solution
- all fluxes have the same sign (flow in the same direction) as the previous solution

### References

```
cobra.flux_analysis.add_loopless(model, zero_cutoff=None) Modify a model so all feasible flux distributions are loopless.
```

In most cases you probably want to use the much faster *loopless\_solution*. May be used in cases where you want to add complex constraints and objectives (for instance quadratic objectives) to the model afterwards or use an approximation of Gibbs free energy directions in you model. Adds variables and constraints to a model which will disallow flux distributions with loops. The used formulation is described in [1]\_. This function *will* modify your model.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The model to which to add the constraints.
- **zero\_cutoff** (positive float, optional) Cutoff used for null space. Coefficients with an absolute value smaller than zero\_cutoff are considered to be zero (default model.tolerance).

# Returns

Return type Nothing

cobra.flux\_analysis.add\_moma (model, solution=None, linear=True)

Add constraints and objective representing for MOMA.

This adds variables and constraints for the minimization of metabolic adjustment (MOMA) to the model.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to add MOMA constraints and objective to.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference. If no solution is given, one will be computed using pFBA.
- linear (bool, optional) Whether to use the linear MOMA formulation or not (default True).

### **Notes**

In the original MOMA [1]\_ specification one looks for the flux distribution of the deletion  $(v^d)$  closest to the fluxes without the deletion (v). In math this means:

```
minimize sum_i (v^d_i - v_i)^2 s.t. Sv^d = 0
```

$$lb_i \le v^d_i \le ub_i$$

Here, we use a variable transformation  $v^t := v^d_i - v_i$ . Substituting and using the fact that Sv = 0 gives:

minimize sum i (v $^t$  i) $^2$  s.t. Sv $^d$  = 0

$$v^t = v^d_i - v_i | b_i \le v^d_i \le ub_i$$

So basically we just re-center the flux space at the old solution and then find the flux distribution closest to the new zero (center). This is the same strategy as used in cameo.

In the case of linear MOMA [2], we instead minimize sum\_i abs(v^t\_i). The linear MOMA is typically significantly faster. Also quadratic MOMA tends to give flux distributions in which all fluxes deviate from the reference fluxes a little bit whereas linear MOMA tends to give flux distributions where the majority of fluxes are the same reference with few fluxes deviating a lot (typical effect of L2 norm vs L1 norm).

The former objective function is saved in the optlang solver interface as "moma\_old\_objective" and this can be used to immediately extract the value of the former objective after MOMA optimization.

# See also:

pfba() parsimonious FBA

## References

cobra.flux\_analysis.moma (model, solution=None, linear=True)
Compute a single solution based on (linear) MOMA.

Compute a new flux distribution that is at a minimal distance to a previous reference solution. Minimization of metabolic adjustment (MOMA) is generally used to assess the impact of knock-outs. Thus the typical usage is to provide a wildtype flux distribution as reference and a model in knock-out state.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model state to compute a MOMA-based solution for.
- solution (cobra. Solution, optional) A (wildtype) reference solution.
- linear (bool, optional) Whether to use the linear MOMA formulation or not (default True).

**Returns** A flux distribution that is at a minimal distance compared to the reference solution.

## Return type cobra. Solution

### See also:

add\_moma() add MOMA constraints and objective

cobra.flux\_analysis.**pfba** (*model*, *fraction\_of\_optimum=1.0*, *objective=None*, *reactions=None*)
Perform basic pFBA (parsimonious Enzyme Usage Flux Balance Analysis) to minimize total flux.

pFBA [1] adds the minimization of all fluxes the objective of the model. This approach is motivated by the idea that high fluxes have a higher enzyme turn-over and that since producing enzymes is costly, the cell will try to minimize overall flux while still maximizing the original objective function, e.g. the growth rate.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model
- **fraction\_of\_optimum** (*float*, *optional*) Fraction of optimum which must be maintained. The original objective reaction is constrained to be greater than maximal\_value \* fraction\_of\_optimum.
- **objective** (dict or model.problem.Objective) A desired objective to use during optimization in addition to the pFBA objective. Dictionaries (reaction as key, coefficient as value) can be used for linear objectives.
- **reactions** (*iterable*) List of reactions or reaction identifiers. Implies *return\_frame* to be true. Only return fluxes for the given reactions. Faster than fetching all fluxes if only a few are needed.

**Returns** The solution object to the optimized model with pFBA constraints added.

Return type cobra. Solution

## References

Find reactions that cannot carry any flux.

The question whether or not a reaction is blocked is highly dependent on the current exchange reaction settings for a COBRA model. Hence an argument is provided to open all exchange reactions.

## **Notes**

Sink and demand reactions are left untouched. Please modify them manually.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to analyze.
- reaction\_list (list, optional) List of reactions to consider, the default includes all model reactions.
- **zero\_cutoff** (*float*, *optional*) Flux value which is considered to effectively be zero (default model.tolerance).
- open\_exchanges (bool, optional) Whether or not to open all exchange reactions to very high flux ranges.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of reactions is large. If not explicitly passed, it will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** List with the identifiers of blocked reactions.

### Return type list

cobra.flux\_analysis.find\_essential\_genes (model, threshold=None, processes=None)
Return a set of essential genes.

A gene is considered essential if restricting the flux of all reactions that depend on it to zero causes the objective, e.g., the growth rate, to also be zero, below the threshold, or infeasible.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to find the essential genes for.
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Minimal objective flux to be considered viable. By default this is 1% of the maximal objective.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. If not passed, will be set to the number of CPUs found.
- **processes** The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not explicitly passed, it will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** Set of essential genes

## Return type set

```
cobra.flux_analysis.find_essential_reactions (model, threshold=None, processes=None)
```

Return a set of essential reactions.

A reaction is considered essential if restricting its flux to zero causes the objective, e.g., the growth rate, to also be zero, below the threshold, or infeasible.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to find the essential reactions for.
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Minimal objective flux to be considered viable. By default this is 1% of the maximal objective.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. Can speed up the computations if the number of knockouts to perform is large. If not explicitly passed, it will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** Set of essential reactions

## Return type set

```
cobra.flux_analysis.flux_variability_analysis (model, reaction\_list=None, loopless=False, fraction\_of\_optimum=1.0, pfba\_factor=None, processes=None)
```

Determine the minimum and maximum possible flux value for each reaction.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model for which to run the analysis. It will not be modified.
- reaction\_list (list of cobra.Reaction or str, optional) The reactions for which to obtain min/max fluxes. If None will use all reactions in the model (default).
- **loopless** (boolean, optional) Whether to return only loopless solutions. This is significantly slower. Please also refer to the notes.
- **fraction\_of\_optimum** (*float*, *optional*) Must be <= 1.0. Requires that the objective value is at least the fraction times maximum objective value. A

value of 0.85 for instance means that the objective has to be at least at 85% percent of its maximum.

- pfba\_factor(float, optional) Add an additional constraint to the model that requires the total sum of absolute fluxes must not be larger than this value times the smallest possible sum of absolute fluxes, i.e., by setting the value to 1.1 the total sum of absolute fluxes must not be more than 10% larger than the pFBA solution. Since the pFBA solution is the one that optimally minimizes the total flux sum, the pfba\_factor should, if set, be larger than one. Setting this value may lead to more realistic predictions of the effective flux bounds.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) The number of parallel processes to run. If not explicitly passed, will be set from the global configuration singleton.

**Returns** A data frame with reaction identifiers as the index and two columns: - maximum: indicating the highest possible flux - minimum: indicating the lowest possible flux

Return type pandas.DataFrame

## **Notes**

This implements the fast version as described in [1]. Please note that the flux distribution containing all minimal/maximal fluxes does not have to be a feasible solution for the model. Fluxes are minimized/maximized individually and a single minimal flux might require all others to be suboptimal.

Using the loopless option will lead to a significant increase in computation time (about a factor of 100 for large models). However, the algorithm used here (see [2]\_) is still more than 1000x faster than the "naive" version using add\_loopless (model). Also note that if you have included constraints that force a loop (for instance by setting all fluxes in a loop to be non-zero) this loop will be included in the solution.

## References

cobra.flux\_analysis.add\_room(model, solution=None, linear=False, delta=0.03, epsilon=0.001)

Add constraints and objective for ROOM.

This function adds variables and constraints for applying regulatory on/off minimization (ROOM) to the model.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to add ROOM constraints and objective to.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous solution to use as a reference. If no solution is given, one will be computed using pFBA.
- linear (bool, optional) Whether to use the linear ROOM formulation or not (default False).
- **delta** (*float*, *optional*) The relative tolerance range which is additive in nature (default 0.03).
- **epsilon** (*float*, *optional*) The absolute range of tolerance which is multiplicative (default 0.001).

### **Notes**

The formulation used here is the same as stated in the original paper [1]. The mathematical expression is given below:

```
minimize sum_{i=1}^m y^i s.t. Sv = 0 v_{min} <= v <= v_{max} \ v_{j} = 0 \ j \ A \ for \ 1 <= i <= m \ v_{i} - y_{i}(v_{max,i} - w_{i}^u) <= w_{i}^u \\ (1) \ v_{i} - y_{i}(v_{min,i} - w_{i}^l) <= w_{i}^l (2) \ y_{i} \ \{0,1\} \ (3) \ w_{i}^u = w_{i} + deltalw_{i} + epsilon \\ w_{i}^l = w_{i} - deltalw_{i} - epsilon
```

So, for the linear version of the ROOM, constraint (3) is relaxed to  $0 \le y_i \le 1$ .

### See also:

pfba() parsimonious FBA

### References

cobra.flux\_analysis.room(model, solution=None, linear=False, delta=0.03, epsilon=0.001)
Compute a single solution based on regulatory on/off minimization (ROOM).

Compute a new flux distribution that minimizes the number of active reactions needed to accommodate a previous reference solution. Regulatory on/off minimization (ROOM) is generally used to assess the impact of knock-outs. Thus the typical usage is to provide a wildtype flux distribution as reference and a model in knock-out state.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model state to compute a ROOM-based solution for.
- solution (cobra. Solution, optional) A (wildtype) reference solution.
- linear (bool, optional) Whether to use the linear ROOM formulation or not (default False).
- **delta** (*float*, *optional*) The relative tolerance range (additive) (default 0.03).
- **epsilon** (*float*, *optional*) The absolute tolerance range (multiplicative) (default 0.001).

**Returns** A flux distribution with minimal active reaction changes compared to the reference.

Return type cobra. Solution

## See also:

add\_room() add ROOM constraints and objective

## cobra.io

Provide functions for loading and saving metabolic models.

# **Subpackages**

```
cobra.io.web
```

Provide functionality to access remote model repositories.

## **Submodules**

```
cobra.io.web.abstract_model_repository
```

Return type bytes

Provide an abstract base class that describes a remote model repository.

## **Module Contents**

## Classes

```
Define an abstract base class that describes a remote
 AbstractModelRepository
                                                      model repository.
class cobra.io.web.abstract_model_repository.AbstractModelRepository(*,
                                                                                                 Union[httpx.URL,
                                                                                                 str],
                                                                                                 **kwargs)
     Bases: abc.ABC
     Define an abstract base class that describes a remote model repository.
     name
           The name of the remote repository.
                Type str
     _progress
     name :str = Abstract
     \textbf{property url} \; (\textit{self}) \; \rightarrow \text{httpx.URL}
           Return the repository's URL.
     abstract get\_sbml (self, model\_id: str) \rightarrow bytes
           Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.
                Parameters model_id (str) - The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is
                     typically repository specific.
```

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**Returns** A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

# cobra.io.web.bigg\_models\_repository

Provide a concrete implementation of the BioModels repository interface.

## **Module Contents**

### Classes

BiGGModels	Define a concrete implementation of the BiGG Mod-
	els repository.

class cobra.io.web.bigg\_models\_repository.BiGGModels(\*\*kwargs)

Bases: cobra.io.web.abstract\_model\_repository.AbstractModelRepository

Define a concrete implementation of the BiGG Models repository.

#### name

The name of the BiGG Models repository.

Type str

name :str = BiGG Models

 $\texttt{get\_sbml}$  ( $self, model\_id: str$ )  $\rightarrow$  bytes

Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.

**Parameters model\_id** (str) – The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.

Returns A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

Return type bytes

Raises httpx.HTTPError – In case there are any connection problems.

# cobra.io.web.biomodels\_repository

Provide functions for loading metabolic models over the wire.

## **Module Contents**

# Classes

BioModelsFile	Define a single BioModels file description.
BioModelsFilesResponse	Define the BioModels files JSON response.
BioModels	Define a concrete implementation of the BioModels
	repository.

class cobra.io.web.biomodels\_repository.BioModelsFile

Bases: pydantic.BaseModel

Define a single BioModels file description.

name :str
size :int

class cobra.io.web.biomodels\_repository.BioModelsFilesResponse

Bases: pydantic.BaseModel

Define the BioModels files JSON response.

main :List[BioModelsFile] = []

class cobra.io.web.biomodels\_repository.BioModels(\*\*kwargs)

Bases: cobra.io.web.abstract\_model\_repository.AbstractModelRepository

Define a concrete implementation of the BioModels repository.

#### name

The name of the BioModels repository.

Type str

name :str = BioModels

 $get\_sbml (self, model\_id: str) \rightarrow bytes$ 

Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.

**Parameters model\_id** (str) – The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.

Returns A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

Return type bytes

**Raises** httpx.HTTPError – In case there are any connection problems.

### cobra.io.web.load

Provide a function load\_model to access remote model repositories.

## **Module Contents**

## **Functions**

load_model(model_id: str, repositories: Iter-	Download an SBML model from a remote repository.
able[AbstractModelRepository] = (BiGGModels(),	
BioModels()), cache: bool = True) $\rightarrow$ 'Model'	
_cached_load(model_id: str, repositories: Iter-	Attempt to load a gzip-compressed SBML document
$able[AbstractModelRepository]) \rightarrow bytes$	from the cache.
_fetch_model(model_id: str, repositories: Iter-	Attempt to load a gzip-compressed SBML document
$able[AbstractModelRepository]) \rightarrow bytes$	from the given repositories.
<pre>get_model_from_gzip_sbml(stream: bytes)</pre>	Generate a model instance from a gzip-compressed,
→ 'Model'	UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

Download an SBML model from a remote repository.

Downloaded SBML documents are by default stored in a cache on disk such that future access is much faster. By default, models can be loaded from the following repositories:

- · BiGG Models
- BioModels

You can use the AbstractModelRepository class as a parent to implement your own repository accessor which you pass to the load\_model function. In case you implement a new interface, please consider submitting a pull request to COBRApy.

### **Parameters**

- model\_id(str) The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.
- **repositories** (*iterable*, *optional*) An iterable of repository accessor instances. The model\_id is searched in order.
- cache (bool, optional) Whether or not to use the local caching mechanism (default yes).

**Returns** A model instance generated from the SBML document.

Return type Model

**Raises** RuntimeError – As with any internet connection, there are multiple errors that can occur.

# **Examples**

# Most of the time calling <code>load\_model</code> with an identifier should be enough. >>> print(load\_model("e\_coli\_core")) e\_coli\_core >>> print(load\_model("MODEL1510010000")) MODEL1510010000

#### See also:

BiGGModels(), BioModels()

cobra.io.web.load.\_cached\_load( $model\_id$ : str, repositories: Iter-able[AbstractModelRepository])  $\rightarrow$  bytes

Attempt to load a gzip-compressed SBML document from the cache.

If the given model identifier is not in the cache, the remote repositories are searched.

### **Parameters**

- model\_id(str) The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.
- **repositories** (*iterable*) An iterable of repository accessor instances. The model\_id is searched in order.

**Returns** A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

Return type bytes

Attempt to load a gzip-compressed SBML document from the given repositories.

# **Parameters**

- model\_id(str) The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.
- **repositories** (*iterable*) An iterable of repository accessor instances. The model\_id is searched in order.

Returns A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

**Return type** bytes

cobra.io.web.load.get\_model\_from\_gzip\_sbml (stream: bytes) → 'Model' Generate a model instance from a gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

Parameters stream (bytes) - A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

**Returns** A model instance generated from the SBML document.

Return type Model

# **Package Contents**

#### Classes

AbstractModelRepository	Define an abstract base class that describes a remote model repository.
BiGGModels	Define a concrete implementation of the BiGG Models repository.
BioModels	Define a concrete implementation of the BioModels repository.

## **Functions**

```
load_model(model_id: str, repositories: Iterable [AbstractModelRepository] = (BiGGModels(), BioModels()), cache: bool = True) → 'Model'
```

```
class cobra.io.web.AbstractModelRepository(*, url: Union[httpx.URL, str], **kwargs)
    Bases: abc.ABC
```

Define an abstract base class that describes a remote model repository.

## name

The name of the remote repository.

Type str

```
_progress
```

```
name :str = Abstract
```

**property url** (self)  $\rightarrow$  httpx.URL Return the repository's URL.

**abstract** get\_sbml ( $self, model\_id: str$ )  $\rightarrow$  bytes

Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.

**Parameters model\_id** (str) – The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.

Returns A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

Return type bytes

```
class cobra.io.web.BiGGModels(**kwargs)
```

```
Bases: cobra.io.web.abstract_model_repository.AbstractModelRepository
```

Define a concrete implementation of the BiGG Models repository.

### name

The name of the BiGG Models repository.

Type str

```
name :str = BiGG Models
```

```
get\_sbml (self, model\_id: str) \rightarrow bytes
```

Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.

**Parameters model\_id** (str) – The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.

**Returns** A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

Return type bytes

Raises httpx.HTTPError – In case there are any connection problems.

```
class cobra.io.web.BioModels(**kwargs)
```

Bases: cobra.io.web.abstract\_model\_repository.AbstractModelRepository

Define a concrete implementation of the BioModels repository.

#### name

The name of the BioModels repository.

Type str

name :str = BioModels

 $get\_sbml (self, model\_id: str) \rightarrow bytes$ 

Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.

**Parameters model\_id** (str) – The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.

**Returns** A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.

Return type bytes

**Raises** httpx.HTTPError – In case there are any connection problems.

cobra.io.web.load\_model ( $model\_id$ : str, repositories: Iterable[AbstractModelRepository] = (BiGGModels(), BioModels()), cache: bool = <math>True)  $\rightarrow$  'Model' Download an SBML model from a remote repository.

Downloaded SBML documents are by default stored in a cache on disk such that future access is much faster. By default, models can be loaded from the following repositories:

- BiGG Models
- · BioModels

You can use the AbstractModelRepository class as a parent to implement your own repository accessor which you pass to the load\_model function. In case you implement a new interface, please consider submitting a pull request to COBRApy.

### **Parameters**

- model\_id(str) The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.
- **repositories** (*iterable*, *optional*) An iterable of repository accessor instances. The model\_id is searched in order.
- cache (bool, optional) Whether or not to use the local caching mechanism (default yes).

**Returns** A model instance generated from the SBML document.

Return type Model

**Raises** RuntimeError – As with any internet connection, there are multiple errors that can occur.

## **Examples**

```
# Most of the time calling <code>load_model</code> with an identifier should be enough. >>> print(load_model("e_coli_core")) e_coli_core >>> print(load_model("MODEL1510010000")) MODEL1510010000
```

### See also:

BiGGModels(), BioModels()

### **Submodules**

cobra.io.dict

#### **Module Contents**

## **Functions**

```
convert possible types to str, float, and bool
_fix_type(value)
                                                update new_dict with optional attributes from co-
_update_optional(cobra_object, new_dict, op-
tional_attribute_dict, ordered_keys)
                                                bra object
metabolite_to_dict(metabolite)
metabolite_from_dict(metabolite)
gene_to_dict(gene)
gene_from_dict(gene)
reaction_to_dict(reaction)
reaction_from_dict(reaction, model)
model_to_dict(model, sort=False)
                                                 Convert model to a dict.
model_from_dict(obj)
                                                Build a model from a dict.
```

```
cobra.io.dict._REQUIRED_REACTION_ATTRIBUTES = ['id', 'name', 'metabolites', 'lower_bound')
cobra.io.dict._ORDERED_OPTIONAL_REACTION_KEYS = ['objective_coefficient', 'subsystem',
cobra.io.dict. OPTIONAL REACTION ATTRIBUTES
cobra.io.dict._REQUIRED_METABOLITE_ATTRIBUTES = ['id', 'name', 'compartment']
cobra.io.dict._ORDERED_OPTIONAL_METABOLITE_KEYS = ['charge', 'formula', '_bound', 'notes
cobra.io.dict._OPTIONAL_METABOLITE_ATTRIBUTES
cobra.io.dict._REQUIRED_GENE_ATTRIBUTES = ['id', 'name']
cobra.io.dict._ORDERED_OPTIONAL_GENE_KEYS = ['notes', 'annotation']
cobra.io.dict._OPTIONAL_GENE_ATTRIBUTES
cobra.io.dict._ORDERED_OPTIONAL_MODEL_KEYS = ['name', 'compartments', 'notes', 'annotati
cobra.io.dict._OPTIONAL_MODEL_ATTRIBUTES
cobra.io.dict._fix_type(value)
    convert possible types to str, float, and bool
cobra.io.dict._update_optional(cobra_object, new_dict, optional_attribute_dict, or-
                                 dered keys)
    update new_dict with optional attributes from cobra_object
cobra.io.dict.metabolite_to_dict (metabolite)
```

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cobra.io.dict.metabolite\_from\_dict(metabolite)

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to reformulate as a dict.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.

**Returns** A dictionary with elements, 'genes', 'compartments', 'id', 'metabolites', 'notes' and 'reactions'; where 'metabolites', 'genes' and 'metabolites' are in turn lists with dictionaries holding all attributes to form the corresponding object.

## Return type OrderedDict

### See also:

```
cobra.io.model_from_dict()
cobra.io.dict.model_from_dict(obj)
Build a model from a dict.
```

Models stored in json are first formulated as a dict that can be read to cobra model using this function.

**Parameters obj** (dict) – A dictionary with elements, 'genes', 'compartments', 'id', 'metabolites', 'notes' and 'reactions'; where 'metabolites', 'genes' and 'metabolites' are in turn lists with dictionaries holding all attributes to form the corresponding object.

**Returns** The generated model.

Return type cora.core.Model

## See also:

```
cobra.io.model_to_dict()
```

cobra.io.json

## **Module Contents**

### **Functions**

to_json(model, sort=False, **kwargs)	Return the model as a JSON document.
from_json(document)	Load a cobra model from a JSON document.
<pre>save_json_model(model, filename, sort=False,</pre>	Write the cobra model to a file in JSON format.
pretty=False, **kwargs)	
load_json_model(filename)	Load a cobra model from a file in JSON format.

```
cobra.io.json.JSON_SPEC = 1
cobra.io.json.to_json(model, sort=False, **kwargs)
    Return the model as a JSON document.
    kwargs are passed on to json.dumps.
```

## **Parameters**

```
• model (cobra.Model) - The cobra model to represent.
```

• **sort** (bool, optional) - Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.

Returns String representation of the cobra model as a JSON document.

Return type str

### See also:

```
save_json_model() Write directly to a file.
json.dumps() Base function.
```

```
cobra.io.json.from_json(document)
```

Load a cobra model from a JSON document.

**Parameters document** (str) – The JSON document representation of a cobra model.

**Returns** The cobra model as represented in the JSON document.

Return type cobra.Model

### See also:

load\_json\_model() Load directly from a file.

cobra.io.json.save\_json\_model (model, filename, sort=False, pretty=False, \*\*kwargs)
Write the cobra model to a file in JSON format.

kwargs are passed on to json.dump.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to represent.
- **filename** (*str or file-like*) File path or descriptor that the JSON representation should be written to.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.
- **pretty** (bool, optional) Whether to format the JSON more compactly (default) or in a more verbose but easier to read fashion. Can be partially overwritten by the kwargs.

## See also:

```
to_json() Return a string representation.
json.dump() Base function.
cobra.io.json.load_json_model(filename)
Load a cobra model from a file in JSON format.
```

**Parameters filename** (str or file-like) - File path or descriptor that contains the JSON document describing the cobra model.

**Returns** The cobra model as represented in the JSON document.

Return type cobra.Model

# See also:

from\_json() Load from a string.

#### cobra.io.mat

Helpers to interface with Matlab models.

## **Module Contents**

### **Functions**

_get_id_compartment(id)	Extract the compartment from the id string.
_cell(x)	Translate an array x into a MATLAB cell array.
load_matlab_model(infile_path, vari-	Load a cobra model stored as a .mat file.
able_name=None, inf=inf)	
save_matlab_model(model, file_name, var-	Save the cobra model as a .mat file.
name=None)	
create_mat_metabolite_id(model)	Obtain a metabolite id from a Matlab model.
create_mat_dict(model)	Create a dict mapping model attributes to arrays.
<pre>from_mat_struct(mat_struct, model_id=None,</pre>	Create a model from the COBRA toolbox struct.
inf=inf)	
_check(result)	Ensure success of a pymatbridge operation.
model_to_pymatbridge(model, vari-	Send the model to a MATLAB workspace through py-
able_name='model', matlab=None)	matbridge.

```
cobra.io.mat.scipy_sparse
cobra.io.mat._bracket_re
```

cobra.io.mat.\_underscore\_re

cobra.io.mat.\_get\_id\_compartment(id)

Extract the compartment from the id string.

cobra.io.mat.\_cell(x)

Translate an array x into a MATLAB cell array.

 $\verb|cobra.io.mat.load_matlab_model| (infile_path, variable_name=None, inf=inf)| \\$ 

Load a cobra model stored as a .mat file.

## **Parameters**

- $infile_path(str)$  path to the file to to read
- variable\_name (str, optional) The variable name of the model in the .mat file. If this is not specified, then the first MATLAB variable which looks like a COBRA model will be used
- **inf** (*value*) The value to use for infinite bounds. Some solvers do not handle infinite values so for using those, set this to a high numeric value.

Returns The resulting cobra model

Return type cobra.core.Model.Model

cobra.io.mat.save\_matlab\_model(model, file\_name, varname=None)

Save the cobra model as a .mat file.

This .mat file can be used directly in the MATLAB version of COBRA.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.core.Model.Model object) The model to save
- $file_name(str or file-like object)$  The file to save to

• **varname** (*string*) – The name of the variable within the workspace

```
cobra.io.mat.create_mat_metabolite_id(model)
```

Obtain a metabolite id from a Matlab model.

```
cobra.io.mat.create_mat_dict(model)
```

Create a dict mapping model attributes to arrays.

cobra.io.mat.from\_mat\_struct (mat\_struct, model\_id=None, inf=inf)

Create a model from the COBRA toolbox struct.

The struct will be a dict read in by scipy.io.loadmat

```
cobra.io.mat. check (result)
```

Ensure success of a pymatbridge operation.

cobra.io.mat.model\_to\_pymatbridge (model, variable\_name='model', matlab=None)

Send the model to a MATLAB workspace through pymatbridge.

This model can then be manipulated through the COBRA toolbox

#### **Parameters**

- **variable\_name** (str) The variable name to which the model will be assigned in the MATLAB workspace
- matlab (None or pymatbridge.Matlab instance) The MATLAB workspace to which the variable will be sent. If this is None, then this will be sent to the same environment used in IPython magics.

#### cobra.io.sbml

SBML import and export using python-libsbml.

- The SBML importer supports all versions of SBML and the fbc package.
- The SBML exporter writes SBML L3 models.
- Annotation information is stored on the cobrapy objects
- Information from the group package is read

Parsing of fbc models was implemented as efficient as possible, whereas (discouraged) fallback solutions are not optimized for efficiency.

Notes are only supported in a minimal way relevant for constraint-based models. I.e., structured information from notes in the form

```
key: value
```

is read into the Object.notes dictionary when reading SBML files. On writing the Object.notes dictionary is serialized to the SBML notes information.

Annotations are read in the Object.annotation fields.

Some SBML related issues are still open, please refer to the respective issue: - update annotation format and support qualifiers (depends on decision

for new annotation format; https://github.com/opencobra/cobrapy/issues/684)

- write compartment annotations and notes (depends on updated first-class compartments; see https://github.com/opencobra/cobrapy/issues/760)
- support compression on file handles (depends on solution for <a href="https://github.com/opencobra/cobrapy/issues/812">https://github.com/opencobra/cobrapy/issues/812</a>)

# **Module Contents**

# **Functions**

_escape_non_alphanum(nonASCII)	converts a non alphanumeric character to a string rep-
	resentation of
_number_to_chr(numberStr)	converts an ascii number to a character
_clip(sid, prefix)	Clips a prefix from the beginning of a string if it exists.
_f_gene(sid, prefix='G_')	Clips gene prefix from id.
_f_gene_rev(sid, prefix='G_')	Adds gene prefix to id.
_f_specie(sid, prefix='M_')	Clips specie/metabolite prefix from id.
_f_specie_rev(sid, prefix='M_')	Adds specie/metabolite prefix to id.
_f_reaction(sid, prefix='R_')	Clips reaction prefix from id.
_f_reaction_rev(sid, prefix='R_')	Adds reaction prefix to id.
_f_group(sid, prefix='G_')	Clips group prefix from id.
_f_group_rev(sid, prefix='G_')	Adds group prefix to id.
read_sbml_model(filename, number=float,	Reads SBML model from given filename.
f_replace=F_REPLACE, **kwargs)	
getdoc_from_filename(filename)	Get SBMLDocument from given filename.
_sbml_to_model(doc, number=float,	Creates cobra model from SBMLDocument.
f_replace=F_REPLACE, set_missing_bounds=False,	
**kwargs)	
write_sbml_model(cobra_model, filename,	Writes cobra model to filename.
f_replace=F_REPLACE, **kwargs)	
_model_to_sbml(cobra_model, f_replace=None,	Convert Cobra model to SBMLDocument.
units=True)	
_create_bound(model, reaction, bound_type,	Creates bound in model for given reaction.
f_replace, units=None, flux_udef=None)	
_create_parameter(model, pid, value,	Create parameter in SBML model.
sbo=None, constant=True, units=None,	
flux_udef=None)	
check_required(sbase, value, attribute)	Get required attribute from SBase.
_check(value, message)	Checks the libsbml return value and logs error mes-
	sages.
_parse_notes_dict(sbase)	Creates dictionary of COBRA notes.
_sbase_notes_dict(sbase, notes)	Set SBase notes based on dictionary.
_parse_annotations(sbase)	Parses cobra annotations from a given SBase object.
_parse_annotation_info(uri)	Parses provider and term from given identifiers anno-
	tation uri.
_sbase_annotations(sbase, annotation)	Set SBase annotations based on cobra annotations.
validate_sbml_model(filename,	Validate SBML model and returns the model along
check_model=True, internal_consistency=True,	with a list of errors.
check_units_consistency=False,	
<pre>check_modeling_practice=False, **kwargs)</pre>	
_error_string(error, k=None)	String representation of SBMLError.

```
\textbf{exception} \ \texttt{cobra}. \textbf{io.sbml.CobraSBMLError}
```

```
Bases: Exception
SBML error class.

cobra.io.sbml.LOGGER

cobra.io.sbml.config

cobra.io.sbml.LOWER_BOUND_ID = cobra_default_lb

cobra.io.sbml.UPPER_BOUND_ID = cobra_default_ub
```

```
cobra.io.sbml.ZERO_BOUND_ID = cobra_0_bound
cobra.io.sbml.BOUND_MINUS_INF = minus_inf
cobra.io.sbml.BOUND_PLUS_INF = plus_inf
cobra.io.sbml.SBO_FBA_FRAMEWORK = SBO:0000624
cobra.io.sbml.SBO_DEFAULT_FLUX_BOUND = SBO:0000626
cobra.io.sbml.SBO_FLUX_BOUND = SBO:0000625
cobra.io.sbml.SBO_EXCHANGE_REACTION = SBO:0000627
cobra.io.sbml.LONG SHORT DIRECTION
cobra.io.sbml.SHORT_LONG_DIRECTION
cobra.io.sbml.Unit
cobra.io.sbml.UNITS_FLUX = ['mmol_per_gDW_per_hr', None]
cobra.io.sbml.SBML_DOT = __SBML_DOT__
cobra.io.sbml.pattern_notes
cobra.io.sbml.pattern_to_sbml
cobra.io.sbml.pattern_from_sbml
cobra.io.sbml. escape non alphanum (nonASCII)
    converts a non alphanumeric character to a string representation of its ascii number
cobra.io.sbml._number_to_chr (numberStr)
    converts an ascii number to a character
cobra.io.sbml._clip(sid, prefix)
    Clips a prefix from the beginning of a string if it exists.
cobra.io.sbml._f_gene (sid, prefix='G_{'})
    Clips gene prefix from id.
cobra.io.sbml._f_gene_rev(sid, prefix='G_')
    Adds gene prefix to id.
cobra.io.sbml._f_specie (sid, prefix='M_')
    Clips specie/metabolite prefix from id.
cobra.io.sbml._f_specie_rev(sid, prefix='M_')
    Adds specie/metabolite prefix to id.
cobra.io.sbml._f_reaction(sid, prefix='R_')
    Clips reaction prefix from id.
cobra.io.sbml._f_reaction_rev(sid, prefix='R_')
    Adds reaction prefix to id.
cobra.io.sbml._\mathbf{f}_group (sid, prefix='G_{'})
    Clips group prefix from id.
cobra.io.sbml._f_group_rev (sid, prefix='G_-')
    Adds group prefix to id.
cobra.io.sbml.F_GENE = F_GENE
cobra.io.sbml.F_GENE_REV = F_GENE_REV
cobra.io.sbml.F_SPECIE = F_SPECIE
cobra.io.sbml.F_SPECIE_REV = F_SPECIE_REV
cobra.io.sbml.F_REACTION = F_REACTION
cobra.io.sbml.F_REACTION_REV = F_REACTION_REV
```

```
cobra.io.sbml.F_GROUP = F_GROUP
cobra.io.sbml.F_GROUP_REV = F_GROUP_REV
cobra.io.sbml.F_REPLACE
cobra.io.sbml.read_sbml_model(filename, number=float, f_replace=F_REPLACE, **kwargs)
    Reads SBML model from given filename.
```

If the given filename ends with the suffix ".gz" (for example, "myfile.xml.gz'), the file is assumed to be compressed in gzip format and will be automatically decompressed upon reading. Similarly, if the given filename ends with ".zip" or ".bz2', the file is assumed to be compressed in zip or bzip2 format (respectively). Files whose names lack these suffixes will be read uncompressed. Note that if the file is in zip format but the archive contains more than one file, only the first file in the archive will be read and the rest ignored.

To read a gzip/zip file, libSBML needs to be configured and linked with the zlib library at compile time. It also needs to be linked with the bzip2 library to read files in bzip2 format. (Both of these are the default configurations for libSBML.)

This function supports SBML with FBC-v1 and FBC-v2. FBC-v1 models are converted to FBC-v2 models before reading.

The parser tries to fall back to information in notes dictionaries if information is not available in the FBC packages, e.g., CHARGE, FORMULA on species, or GENE\_ASSOCIATION, SUBSYSTEM on reactions.

#### **Parameters**

- filename (path to SBML file, or SBML string, or SBML file handle) SBML which is read into cobra model
- number (data type of stoichiometry: {float, int}) In which data type should the stoichiometry be parsed.
- **f\_replace** (dict of replacement functions for id replacement) Dictionary of replacement functions for gene, specie, and reaction. By default the following id changes are performed on import: clip **G\_** from genes, clip **M\_** from species, clip **R\_** from reactions If no replacements should be performed, set f\_replace={}, None

## Returns

Return type cobra.core.Model

## **Notes**

Provided file handles cannot be opened in binary mode, i.e., use

```
with open(path, "r" as f): read_sbml_model(f)
```

File handles to compressed files are not supported yet.

```
cobra.io.sbml._get_doc_from_filename(filename)
```

Get SBMLDocument from given filename.

```
Parameters filename (path to SBML, or SBML string, or filehandle) -
```

Return type libsbml.SBMLDocument

```
cobra.io.sbml._sbml_to_model(doc, number=float, f_replace=F_REPLACE, set_missing_bounds=False, **kwargs)
```

Creates cobra model from SBMLDocument.

# Parameters

Returns

• doc(libsbml.SBMLDocument) -

- number (data type of stoichiometry: {float, int}) In which data type should the stoichiometry be parsed.
- **f\_replace** (dict of replacement functions for id replacement) -
- set\_missing\_bounds(flag to set missing bounds) -

#### Returns

Return type cobra.core.Model

Writes cobra model to filename.

The created model is SBML level 3 version 1 (L1V3) with fbc package v2 (fbc-v2).

If the given filename ends with the suffix ".gz" (for example, "myfile.xml.gz"), libSBML assumes the caller wants the file to be written compressed in gzip format. Similarly, if the given filename ends with ".zip" or ".bz2", libSBML assumes the caller wants the file to be compressed in zip or bzip2 format (respectively). Files whose names lack these suffixes will be written uncompressed. Special considerations for the zip format: If the given filename ends with ".zip", the file placed in the zip archive will have the suffix ".xml" or ".sbml". For example, the file in the zip archive will be named "test.xml" if the given filename is "test.xml.zip" or "test.zip". Similarly, the filename in the archive will be "test.sbml" if the given filename is "test.sbml.zip".

#### **Parameters**

- cobra\_model (cobra.core.Model) Model instance which is written to SBML
- **filename** (*string*) path to which the model is written
- **f\_replace** (dict of replacement functions for id replacement) -

cobra.io.sbml.\_model\_to\_sbml (cobra\_model, f\_replace=None, units=True)
Convert Cobra model to SBMLDocument.

## **Parameters**

- cobra\_model (cobra.core.Model) Cobra model instance
- **f\_replace** (dict of replacement functions) Replacement to apply on identifiers.
- units (boolean) Should the FLUX\_UNITS be written in the SBMLDocument.

# Returns

Return type libsbml.SBMLDocument

```
cobra.io.sbml._create_bound(model, reaction, bound_type, f_replace, units=None, flux_udef=None)
```

Creates bound in model for given reaction.

Adds the parameters for the bounds to the SBML model.

# **Parameters**

- model (libsbml.Model) SBML model instance
- reaction (cobra.core.Reaction) Cobra reaction instance from which the bounds are read.
- bound\_type ({LOWER\_BOUND, UPPER\_BOUND}) Type of bound
- f\_replace (dict of id replacement functions) -
- units(flux units)-

### Returns

**Return type** Id of bound parameter.

Create parameter in SBML model.

cobra.io.sbml.\_check\_required(sbase, value, attribute)

Get required attribute from SBase.

#### **Parameters**

- sbase (libsbml.SBase) -
- value (existing value) -
- attribute (name of attribute) -

### **Returns**

**Return type** attribute value (or value if already set)

cobra.io.sbml.\_check(value, message)

Checks the libsbml return value and logs error messages.

If 'value' is None, logs an error message constructed using 'message' and then exits with status code 1. If 'value' is an integer, it assumes it is a libSBML return status code. If the code value is LIBS-BML\_OPERATION\_SUCCESS, returns without further action; if it is not, prints an error message constructed using 'message' along with text from libSBML explaining the meaning of the code, and exits with status code 1.

cobra.io.sbml.\_parse\_notes\_dict(sbase)

Creates dictionary of COBRA notes.

Parameters sbase (libsbml.SBase) -

Returns

Return type dict of notes

cobra.io.sbml.\_sbase\_notes\_dict(sbase, notes)

Set SBase notes based on dictionary.

### **Parameters**

- sbase (libsbml.SBase) SBML object to set notes on
- notes (notes object) notes information from cobra object

cobra.io.sbml.URL\_IDENTIFIERS\_PATTERN

cobra.io.sbml.URL\_IDENTIFIERS\_PREFIX = https://identifiers.org

cobra.io.sbml.QUALIFIER\_TYPES

cobra.io.sbml.\_parse\_annotations(sbase)

Parses cobra annotations from a given SBase object.

Annotations are dictionaries with the providers as keys.

Parameters sbase (libsbml.SBase) – SBase from which the SBML annotations are read

## Returns

- dict (annotation dictionary)
- **FIXME** (annotation format must be updated (this is a big collection of) fixes) see: https://github.com/opencobra/cobrapy/issues/684)

```
cobra.io.sbml._parse_annotation_info(uri)
```

Parses provider and term from given identifiers annotation uri.

Parameters uri (str) – uri (identifiers.org url)

#### **Returns**

**Return type** (provider, identifier) if resolvable, None otherwise

cobra.io.sbml.\_sbase\_annotations(sbase, annotation)

Set SBase annotations based on cobra annotations.

#### **Parameters**

- sbase (libsbml.SBase) SBML object to annotate
- annotation (cobra annotation structure) cobra object with annotation information
- **FIXME** (annotation format must be updated) (https://github.com/opencobra/cobrapy/issues/684)

Validate SBML model and returns the model along with a list of errors.

#### **Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) The filename (or SBML string) of the SBML model to be validated.
- internal\_consistency (boolean {True, False}) Check internal consistency.
- check\_units\_consistency(boolean {True, False})-Check consistency of units.
- **check\_modeling\_practice** (boolean {True, False}) Check modeling practise.
- **check\_model** (boolean {True, False}) Whether to also check some basic model properties such as reaction boundaries and compartment formulas.

## Returns

- (model, errors)
- **model** (Model object) The cobra model if the file could be read successfully or None otherwise.
- errors (dict) Warnings and errors grouped by their respective types.

Raises CobraSBMLError -

```
cobra.io.sbml._error_string(error, k=None)
String representation of SBMLError.
```

### **Parameters**

- error (libsbml.SBMLError) -
- k (index of error) -

### Returns

**Return type** string representation of error

```
cobra.io.yaml
```

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

 $M_VYAML$ 

### **Functions**

to_yam1(model, sort=False, **kwargs)	Return the model as a YAML document.
from_yaml(document)	Load a cobra model from a YAML document.
save_yaml_model(model, filename, sort=False,	Write the cobra model to a file in YAML format.
**kwargs)	
load_yaml_model(filename)	Load a cobra model from a file in YAML format.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to represent.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.

**Returns** String representation of the cobra model as a YAML document.

Return type str

## See also:

```
save_yam1_mode1() Write directly to a file.
ruamel.yaml.dump() Base function.

cobra.io.yaml.from_yaml(document)
    Load a cobra model from a YAML document.
```

**Parameters document** (str) – The YAML document representation of a cobra model.

**Returns** The cobra model as represented in the YAML document.

Return type cobra.Model

## See also:

load\_yaml\_model() Load directly from a file.

cobra.io.yaml.save\_yaml\_model (model, filename, sort=False, \*\*kwargs)

Write the cobra model to a file in YAML format.

kwargs are passed on to yaml.dump.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to represent.
- **filename** (*str or file-like*) File path or descriptor that the YAML representation should be written to.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.

#### See also:

to\_yaml () Return a string representation.

ruamel.yaml.dump() Base function.

cobra.io.yaml.load\_yaml\_model(filename)

Load a cobra model from a file in YAML format.

**Parameters filename** (str or file-like) – File path or descriptor that contains the YAML document describing the cobra model.

**Returns** The cobra model as represented in the YAML document.

Return type cobra.Model

See also:

from\_yam1 () Load from a string.

# **Package Contents**

## Classes

AbstractModelRepository	Define an abstract base class that describes a remote
	model repository.
BiGGModels	Define a concrete implementation of the BiGG Mod-
	els repository.
BioModels	Define a concrete implementation of the BioModels
	repository.

## **Functions**

model_from_dict(obj)	Build a model from a dict.
<pre>model_to_dict(model, sort=False)</pre>	Convert model to a dict.
from_json(document)	Load a cobra model from a JSON document.
load_json_model(filename)	Load a cobra model from a file in JSON format.
save_json_model(model, filename, sort=False	e, Write the cobra model to a file in JSON format.
pretty=False, **kwargs)	
to_json(model, sort=False, **kwargs)	Return the model as a JSON document.
load_matlab_model(infile_path, var	- Load a cobra model stored as a .mat file.
able_name=None, inf=inf)	

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save_matlab_model(model, file_name, var-	Save the cobra model as a .mat file.
name=None)	
read_sbml_model(filename, number=float,	Reads SBML model from given filename.
f_replace=F_REPLACE, **kwargs)	
write_sbml_model(cobra_model, filename,	Writes cobra model to filename.
f_replace=F_REPLACE, **kwargs)	
validate_sbml_model(filename,	Validate SBML model and returns the model along
check_model=True, internal_consistency=True,	with a list of errors.
check_units_consistency=False,	
<pre>check_modeling_practice=False, **kwargs)</pre>	
from_yaml(document)	Load a cobra model from a YAML document.
load_yaml_model(filename)	Load a cobra model from a file in YAML format.
save_yaml_model(model, filename, sort=False,	Write the cobra model to a file in YAML format.
**kwargs)	
to_yam1(model, sort=False, **kwargs)	Return the model as a YAML document.
<pre>load_model(model_id: str, repositories: Iter-</pre>	Download an SBML model from a remote repository.
able[AbstractModelRepository] = (BiGGModels(),	
BioModels()), cache: bool = True) $\rightarrow$ 'Model'	

## cobra.io.model\_from\_dict (obj)

Build a model from a dict.

Models stored in json are first formulated as a dict that can be read to cobra model using this function.

**Parameters obj** (dict) – A dictionary with elements, 'genes', 'compartments', 'id', 'metabolites', 'notes' and 'reactions'; where 'metabolites', 'genes' and 'metabolites' are in turn lists with dictionaries holding all attributes to form the corresponding object.

**Returns** The generated model.

Return type cora.core.Model

### See also:

```
cobra.io.model_to_dict()
```

cobra.io.model\_to\_dict(model, sort=False)

Convert model to a dict.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to reformulate as a dict.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.

**Returns** A dictionary with elements, 'genes', 'compartments', 'id', 'metabolites', 'notes' and 'reactions'; where 'metabolites', 'genes' and 'metabolites' are in turn lists with dictionaries holding all attributes to form the corresponding object.

Return type OrderedDict

## See also:

```
cobra.io.model_from_dict()
```

# cobra.io.from\_json(document)

Load a cobra model from a JSON document.

**Parameters document** (str) – The JSON document representation of a cobra model.

**Returns** The cobra model as represented in the JSON document.

Return type cobra.Model

See also:

```
load_json_model() Load directly from a file.
```

```
cobra.io.load_json_model(filename)
```

Load a cobra model from a file in JSON format.

**Parameters filename** (*str or file-like*) – File path or descriptor that contains the JSON document describing the cobra model.

**Returns** The cobra model as represented in the JSON document.

Return type cobra.Model

#### See also:

```
from_json() Load from a string.
```

cobra.io.save\_json\_model (model, filename, sort=False, pretty=False, \*\*kwargs)

Write the cobra model to a file in JSON format.

kwargs are passed on to json.dump.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to represent.
- filename (str or file-like) File path or descriptor that the JSON representation should be written to.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.
- **pretty** (bool, optional) Whether to format the JSON more compactly (default) or in a more verbose but easier to read fashion. Can be partially overwritten by the kwargs.

### See also:

```
to_json() Return a string representation.
```

```
json.dump() Base function.
```

```
cobra.io.to_json (model, sort=False, **kwargs)
```

Return the model as a JSON document.

kwargs are passed on to json.dumps.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to represent.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.

**Returns** String representation of the cobra model as a JSON document.

Return type str

## See also:

```
save_json_mode1() Write directly to a file.
json.dumps() Base function.

cobra.io.load_matlab_model(infile_path, variable_name=None, inf=inf)
```

### **Parameters**

Load a cobra model stored as a .mat file.

• infile\_path (str) - path to the file to to read

- variable\_name (str, optional) The variable name of the model in the .mat file. If this is not specified, then the first MATLAB variable which looks like a COBRA model will be used
- inf (value) The value to use for infinite bounds. Some solvers do not handle infinite values so for using those, set this to a high numeric value.

**Returns** The resulting cobra model

Return type cobra.core.Model.Model

cobra.io.save\_matlab\_model (model, file\_name, varname=None)

Save the cobra model as a .mat file.

This .mat file can be used directly in the MATLAB version of COBRA.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.core.Model.Model object) The model to save
- **file\_name** (str or file-like object) The file to save to
- **varname** (*string*) The name of the variable within the workspace

cobra.io.read\_sbml\_model (filename, number=float, f\_replace=F\_REPLACE, \*\*kwargs)
Reads SBML model from given filename.

If the given filename ends with the suffix ".gz" (for example, "myfile.xml.gz"),' the file is assumed to be compressed in gzip format and will be automatically decompressed upon reading. Similarly, if the given filename ends with ".zip" or ".bz2",' the file is assumed to be compressed in zip or bzip2 format (respectively). Files whose names lack these suffixes will be read uncompressed. Note that if the file is in zip format but the archive contains more than one file, only the first file in the archive will be read and the rest ignored.

To read a gzip/zip file, libSBML needs to be configured and linked with the zlib library at compile time. It also needs to be linked with the bzip2 library to read files in bzip2 format. (Both of these are the default configurations for libSBML.)

This function supports SBML with FBC-v1 and FBC-v2. FBC-v1 models are converted to FBC-v2 models before reading.

The parser tries to fall back to information in notes dictionaries if information is not available in the FBC packages, e.g., CHARGE, FORMULA on species, or GENE\_ASSOCIATION, SUBSYSTEM on reactions.

## **Parameters**

- filename (path to SBML file, or SBML string, or SBML file handle) SBML which is read into cobra model
- number (data type of stoichiometry: {float, int}) In which data type should the stoichiometry be parsed.
- f\_replace (dict of replacement functions for id replacement) Dictionary of replacement functions for gene, specie, and reaction. By default the following id changes are performed on import: clip G\_ from genes, clip M\_ from species, clip R\_ from reactions If no replacements should be performed, set f\_replace={}, None

### Returns

Return type cobra.core.Model

#### **Notes**

### Provided file handles cannot be opened in binary mode, i.e., use

```
with open(path, "r" as f): read_sbml_model(f)
```

File handles to compressed files are not supported yet.

cobra.io.write\_sbml\_model (cobra\_model, filename, f\_replace=F\_REPLACE, \*\*kwargs)
Writes cobra model to filename.

The created model is SBML level 3 version 1 (L1V3) with fbc package v2 (fbc-v2).

If the given filename ends with the suffix ".gz" (for example, "myfile.xml.gz"), libSBML assumes the caller wants the file to be written compressed in gzip format. Similarly, if the given filename ends with ".zip" or ".bz2", libSBML assumes the caller wants the file to be compressed in zip or bzip2 format (respectively). Files whose names lack these suffixes will be written uncompressed. Special considerations for the zip format: If the given filename ends with ".zip", the file placed in the zip archive will have the suffix ".xml" or ".sbml". For example, the file in the zip archive will be named "test.xml" if the given filename is "test.xml.zip" or "test.zip". Similarly, the filename in the archive will be "test.sbml" if the given filename is "test.sbml.zip".

### **Parameters**

- cobra\_model (cobra.core.Model) Model instance which is written to SBML
- **filename** (*string*) path to which the model is written
- **f\_replace** (dict of replacement functions for id replacement) -

Validate SBML model and returns the model along with a list of errors.

## **Parameters**

- **filename** (str) The filename (or SBML string) of the SBML model to be validated.
- internal\_consistency (boolean {True, False}) Check internal consistency.
- check\_units\_consistency(boolean {True, False})-Check consistency of units.
- check\_modeling\_practice (boolean {True, False}) Check modeling practise.
- **check\_model** (boolean {True, False}) Whether to also check some basic model properties such as reaction boundaries and compartment formulas.

## Returns

- (model, errors)
- model (Model object) The cobra model if the file could be read successfully or None otherwise.
- **errors** (*dict*) Warnings and errors grouped by their respective types.

Raises CobraSBMLError -

```
cobra.io.from yaml(document)
```

Load a cobra model from a YAML document.

**Parameters document** (str) – The YAML document representation of a cobra model.

```
Returns The cobra model as represented in the YAML document.
```

Return type cobra.Model

### See also:

load\_yam1\_mode1() Load directly from a file.

### cobra.io.load\_yaml\_model(filename)

Load a cobra model from a file in YAML format.

**Parameters filename** (str or file-like) - File path or descriptor that contains the YAML document describing the cobra model.

**Returns** The cobra model as represented in the YAML document.

Return type cobra.Model

### See also:

from\_yam1 () Load from a string.

### cobra.io.save\_yaml\_model (model, filename, sort=False, \*\*kwargs)

Write the cobra model to a file in YAML format.

kwargs are passed on to yaml.dump.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to represent.
- **filename** (str or file-like) File path or descriptor that the YAML representation should be written to.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.

### See also:

```
to_yaml() Return a string representation.
```

```
ruamel.yaml.dump() Base function.
```

```
cobra.io.to_yaml (model, sort=False, **kwargs)
```

Return the model as a YAML document.

kwargs are passed on to yaml.dump.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to represent.
- **sort** (bool, optional) Whether to sort the metabolites, reactions, and genes or maintain the order defined in the model.

Returns String representation of the cobra model as a YAML document.

Return type str

## See also:

```
save_yaml_model () Write directly to a file.
```

```
ruamel.yaml.dump() Base function.
```

```
class cobra.io.AbstractModelRepository(*, url: Union[httpx.URL, str], **kwargs)
```

Bases: abc.ABC

Define an abstract base class that describes a remote model repository.

```
name
           The name of the remote repository.
               Type str
     _progress
     name :str = Abstract
     property url (self) \rightarrow httpx.URL
           Return the repository's URL.
     abstract get_sbml (self, model\_id: str) \rightarrow bytes
           Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.
                Parameters model_id (str) - The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is
                    typically repository specific.
                Returns A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.
               Return type bytes
class cobra.io.BiGGModels(**kwargs)
     Bases: cobra.io.web.abstract_model_repository.AbstractModelRepository
     Define a concrete implementation of the BiGG Models repository.
     name
           The name of the BiGG Models repository.
               Type str
     name :str = BiGG Models
     get sbml (self, model id: str) \rightarrow bytes
           Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.
               Parameters model_id (str) - The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is
                    typically repository specific.
               Returns A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.
               Return type bytes
               Raises httpx.HTTPError – In case there are any connection problems.
class cobra.io.BioModels(**kwargs)
     Bases: cobra.io.web.abstract_model_repository.AbstractModelRepository
     Define a concrete implementation of the BioModels repository.
     name
           The name of the BioModels repository.
               Type str
     name :str = BioModels
     get\_sbml(self, model\_id: str) \rightarrow bytes
           Attempt to download an SBML document from the repository.
               Parameters model_id (str) - The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is
                    typically repository specific.
               Returns A gzip-compressed, UTF-8 encoded SBML document.
               Return type bytes
```

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**Raises** httpx.HTTPError – In case there are any connection problems.

cobra.io.load\_model ( $model\_id$ : str, repositories:  $Iterable[AbstractModelRepository] = (BiG-GModels(), BioModels()), cache: <math>bool = True) \rightarrow 'Model'$  Download an SBML model from a remote repository.

Downloaded SBML documents are by default stored in a cache on disk such that future access is much faster. By default, models can be loaded from the following repositories:

- · BiGG Models
- · BioModels

You can use the AbstractModelRepository class as a parent to implement your own repository accessor which you pass to the load\_model function. In case you implement a new interface, please consider submitting a pull request to COBRApy.

#### **Parameters**

- model\_id (str) The identifier of the desired metabolic model. This is typically repository specific.
- **repositories** (*iterable*, *optional*) An iterable of repository accessor instances. The model\_id is searched in order.
- cache (bool, optional) Whether or not to use the local caching mechanism (default yes).

**Returns** A model instance generated from the SBML document.

Return type Model

**Raises** RuntimeError – As with any internet connection, there are multiple errors that can occur.

### **Examples**

# Most of the time calling <code>load\_model</code> with an identifier should be enough. >>> print(load\_model("e\_coli\_core")) e\_coli\_core >>> print(load\_model("MODEL1510010000")) MODEL1510010000

## See also:

BiGGModels(), BioModels()

cobra.manipulation

#### **Submodules**

cobra.manipulation.annotate

### **Module Contents**

### **Functions**

add\_SBO(model)

adds SBO terms for demands and exchanges

```
cobra.manipulation.annotate.add_SBO (model) adds SBO terms for demands and exchanges
```

This works for models which follow the standard convention for constructing and naming these reactions.

The reaction should only contain the single metabolite being exchanged, and the id should be EX\_metid or DM metid

#### cobra.manipulation.delete

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

_GeneRemover	A NodeVisitor subclass that walks the abstract
	syntax tree and

### **Functions**

<pre>prune_unused_metabolites(cobra_model)</pre>	Remove metabolites that are not involved in any reac-
	tions and
<pre>prune_unused_reactions(cobra_model)</pre>	Remove reactions with no assigned metabolites, re-
	turns pruned model
undelete_model_genes(cobra_model)	Undoes the effects of a call to delete_model_genes in
	place.
<pre>get_compiled_gene_reaction_rules(cobra</pre>	_nates a dict of compiled gene_reaction_rules
find_gene_knockout_reactions(cobra_mode	el,identify reactions which will be disabled when the
<pre>gene_list, compiled_gene_reaction_rules=None)</pre>	genes are knocked out
delete_model_genes(cobra_model, gene_list,	delete_model_genes will set the upper and lower
cumulative_deletions=True, disable_orphans=False)	bounds for reactions
remove_genes(cobra_model, gene_list, re-	remove genes entirely from the model
move_reactions=True)	

 $\verb|cobra.manipulation.delete.prune_unused_metabolites| (cobra\_model)|$ 

Remove metabolites that are not involved in any reactions and returns pruned model

**Parameters** cobra\_model (class:~cobra.core.Model.Model object) – the model to remove unused metabolites from

## Returns

- **output\_model** (class:~cobra.core.Model.Model object) input model with unused metabolites removed
- inactive\_metabolites (list of class:~cobra.core.reaction.Reaction) list of metabolites that were removed

 $\verb|cobra.manipulation.delete.prune_unused_reactions| (cobra\_model)|$ 

Remove reactions with no assigned metabolites, returns pruned model

Parameters cobra\_model (class:~cobra.core.Model.Model object) – the model to remove unused reactions from

### Returns

- **output\_model** (class:~cobra.core.Model.Model object) input model with unused reactions removed
- **reactions\_to\_prune** (list of class:~*cobra.core.reaction.Reaction*) list of reactions that were removed

cobra.manipulation.delete.undelete\_model\_genes(cobra\_model)

Undoes the effects of a call to delete\_model\_genes in place.

cobra\_model: A cobra.Model which will be modified in place

 ${\tt cobra.manipulation.delete.get\_compiled\_gene\_reaction\_rules} \ ({\it cobra\_model}) \\ {\tt Generates} \ a \ dict \ of \ compiled \ gene\_reaction\_rules}$ 

Any gene\_reaction\_rule expressions which cannot be compiled or do not evaluate after compiling will be excluded. The result can be used in the find\_gene\_knockout\_reactions function to speed up evaluation of these rules.

identify reactions which will be disabled when the genes are knocked out

```
cobra_model: Model
gene_list: iterable of Gene
```

**compiled\_gene\_reaction\_rules: dict of {reaction\_id: compiled\_string}** If provided, this gives precompiled gene\_reaction\_rule strings. The compiled rule strings can be evaluated much faster. If a rule is not provided, the regular expression evaluation will be used. Because not all gene\_reaction\_rule strings can be evaluated, this dict must exclude any rules which can not be used with eval.

```
cobra.manipulation.delete.delete_model_genes(cobra_model, gene_list, cu-
mulative_deletions=True, dis-
able_orphans=False)
```

delete\_model\_genes will set the upper and lower bounds for reactions catalysed by the genes in gene\_list if deleting the genes means that the reaction cannot proceed according to co-bra\_model.reactions[:].gene\_reaction\_rule

cumulative\_deletions: False or True. If True then any previous deletions will be maintained in the model.

```
class cobra.manipulation.delete._GeneRemover(target_genes)
    Bases: ast.NodeTransformer
```

A NodeVisitor subclass that walks the abstract syntax tree and allows modification of nodes.

The *NodeTransformer* will walk the AST and use the return value of the visitor methods to replace or remove the old node. If the return value of the visitor method is None, the node will be removed from its location, otherwise it is replaced with the return value. The return value may be the original node in which case no replacement takes place.

Here is an example transformer that rewrites all occurrences of name lookups (foo) to data['foo']:

```
class RewriteName (NodeTransformer):

   def visit_Name(self, node):
        return Subscript(
            value=Name(id='data', ctx=Load()),
            slice=Index(value=Str(s=node.id)),
            ctx=node.ctx
        )
```

Keep in mind that if the node you're operating on has child nodes you must either transform the child nodes yourself or call the <code>generic\_visit()</code> method for the node first.

For nodes that were part of a collection of statements (that applies to all statement nodes), the visitor may also return a list of nodes rather than just a single node.

Usually you use the transformer like this:

```
visit_Name (self, node)
visit_BoolOp (self, node)
cobra.manipulation.delete.remove_genes (cobra_model, gene_list, re-
move_reactions=True)
remove genes entirely from the model
```

This will also simplify all gene\_reaction\_rules with this gene inactivated.

### cobra.manipulation.modify

### **Module Contents**

### **Classes**

_GeneEscaper	A NodeVisitor subclass that walks the abstract
	syntax tree and

### **Functions**

_escape_str_id(id_str)	make a single string id SBML compliant
escape_ID(cobra_model)	makes all ids SBML compliant
rename_genes(cobra_model, rename_dict)	renames genes in a model from the rename_dict

```
cobra.manipulation.modify._renames = [['.', '_DOT_'], ['(', '_LPAREN_'], [')', '_RPAREN_
cobra.manipulation.modify._escape_str_id(id_str)
    make a single string id SBML compliant
```

```
class cobra.manipulation.modify._GeneEscaper
    Bases: ast.NodeTransformer
```

A NodeVisitor subclass that walks the abstract syntax tree and allows modification of nodes.

The *NodeTransformer* will walk the AST and use the return value of the visitor methods to replace or remove the old node. If the return value of the visitor method is None, the node will be removed from its location, otherwise it is replaced with the return value. The return value may be the original node in which case no replacement takes place.

Here is an example transformer that rewrites all occurrences of name lookups (foo) to data['foo']:

```
class RewriteName (NodeTransformer):

   def visit_Name(self, node):
      return Subscript(
          value=Name(id='data', ctx=Load()),
          slice=Index(value=Str(s=node.id)),
          ctx=node.ctx
      )
```

Keep in mind that if the node you're operating on has child nodes you must either transform the child nodes yourself or call the <code>generic\_visit()</code> method for the node first.

For nodes that were part of a collection of statements (that applies to all statement nodes), the visitor may also return a list of nodes rather than just a single node.

Usually you use the transformer like this:

```
node = YourTransformer().visit(node)

visit_Name(self, node)

cobra.manipulation.modify.escape_ID(cobra_model)
    makes all ids SBML compliant

cobra.manipulation.modify.rename_genes(cobra_model, rename_dict)
    renames genes in a model from the rename_dict
```

cobra.manipulation.validate

### **Module Contents**

#### **Functions**

```
check_mass_balance(model)
check_metabolite_compartment_formula(model)
```

## **Package Contents**

#### **Functions**

- 1-1 GDO( 1-1)	adda CDO tamas fan damanda and analanasa
_add_SBO(model)	adds SBO terms for demands and exchanges
<pre>delete_model_genes(cobra_model, gene_list,</pre>	delete_model_genes will set the upper and lower
cumulative_deletions=True, disable_orphans=False)	bounds for reactions
find_gene_knockout_reactions(cobra_mode	el,identify reactions which will be disabled when the
<pre>gene_list, compiled_gene_reaction_rules=None)</pre>	genes are knocked out
remove_genes(cobra_model, gene_list, re-	remove genes entirely from the model
move_reactions=True)	
undelete_model_genes(cobra_model)	Undoes the effects of a call to delete_model_genes in
	place.
escape_ID(cobra_model)	makes all ids SBML compliant
get_compiled_gene_reaction_rules(cobra_raction_rules a dict of compiled gene_reaction_rules	
check_mass_balance(model)	
check_metabolite_compartment_formula	model)

```
cobra.manipulation.add_SBO (model)
```

adds SBO terms for demands and exchanges

This works for models which follow the standard convention for constructing and naming these reactions.

The reaction should only contain the single metabolite being exchanged, and the id should be EX\_metid or DM\_metid

```
{\it cobra.manipulation.} \begin{tabular}{l} {\it cobra_model}, & {\it gene\_list}, & {\it cumulative\_deletions=True}, disable\_orphans=False) \\ {\it delete\_model\_genes} & {\it will} & {\it set} & {\it the upper and lower bounds for reactions catalysed by the genes} \\ {\it in gene\_list} & {\it if deleting the genes means that the reaction cannot proceed according to cobra\_model.reactions[:].gene\_reaction\_rule} \\ \end{tabular}
```

cumulative\_deletions: False or True. If True then any previous deletions will be maintained in the model.

```
{\tt cobra.manipulation.find\_gene\_knockout\_reactions} \ ({\it cobra\_model}, \quad {\it gene\_list}, \quad {\it compiled\_gene\_reaction\_rules=None}) \\ {\tt identify} \ {\it reactions} \ {\it which} \ {\it will} \ {\it be} \ {\it disabled} \ {\it when} \ {\it the} \ {\it genes} \ {\it are} \ {\it knocked} \ {\it out}
```

cobra\_model: Model
gene\_list: iterable of Gene

compiled\_gene\_reaction\_rules: dict of {reaction\_id: compiled\_string} If provided, this gives precompiled gene\_reaction\_rule strings. The compiled rule strings can be evaluated much faster. If a rule is not provided, the regular expression evaluation will be used. Because not all gene\_reaction\_rule strings can be evaluated, this dict must exclude any rules which can not be used with eval.

cobra.manipulation.remove\_genes (cobra\_model, gene\_list, remove\_reactions=True) remove genes entirely from the model

This will also simplify all gene\_reaction\_rules with this gene inactivated.

cobra.manipulation.undelete\_model\_genes(cobra\_model)

Undoes the effects of a call to delete\_model\_genes in place.

cobra\_model: A cobra.Model which will be modified in place

cobra.manipulation.escape\_ID (cobra\_model) makes all ids SBML compliant

cobra.manipulation.get\_compiled\_gene\_reaction\_rules(cobra\_model)

Generates a dict of compiled gene\_reaction\_rules

Any gene\_reaction\_rule expressions which cannot be compiled or do not evaluate after compiling will be excluded. The result can be used in the find\_gene\_knockout\_reactions function to speed up evaluation of these rules.

```
cobra.manipulation.check_mass_balance(model)
cobra.manipulation.check_metabolite_compartment_formula(model)
```

#### cobra.medium

Imports for the media module.

### **Submodules**

## cobra.medium.annotations

Lists and annotations for compartment names and reactions.

Please send a PR if you want to add something here:)

### **Module Contents**

```
cobra.medium.annotations.excludes
```

A list of sub-strings in reaction IDs that usually indicate that the reaction is *not* a reaction of the specified type.

cobra.medium.annotations.sbo\_terms

SBO term identifiers for various boundary types.

cobra.medium.annotations.compartment\_shortlist

A list of common compartment abbreviations and alternative names.

### cobra.medium.boundary\_types

Contains function to identify the type of boundary reactions.

This module uses various heuristics to decide whether a boundary reaction is an exchange, demand or sink reaction. It mostly orientates on the following paper:

Thiele, I., & Palsson, B. Ø. (2010, January). A protocol for generating a high-quality genome-scale metabolic reconstruction. Nature protocols. Nature Publishing Group. http://doi.org/10.1038/nprot.2009.203

### **Module Contents**

### **Functions**

find_external_compartment(model)	Find the external compartment in the model.
is_boundary_type(reaction, boundary_type, ex-	Check whether a reaction is an exchange reaction.
ternal_compartment)	
<pre>find_boundary_types(model, boundary_type,</pre>	Find specific boundary reactions.
external_compartment=None)	

```
cobra.medium.boundary_types.LOGGER
```

cobra.medium.boundary\_types.find\_external\_compartment(model)

Find the external compartment in the model.

Uses a simple heuristic where the external compartment should be the one with the most exchange reactions.

Parameters model (cobra.Model) - A cobra model.

**Returns** The putative external compartment.

Return type str

Check whether a reaction is an exchange reaction.

## **Parameters**

- reaction (cobra.Reaction) The reaction to check.
- **boundary\_type** (*str*) What boundary type to check for. Must be one of "exchange", "demand", or "sink".
- external\_compartment (str) The id for the external compartment.

**Returns** Whether the reaction looks like the requested type. Might be based on a heuristic.

Return type boolean

```
cobra.medium.boundary_types.find_boundary_types (model, boundary_type, exter-
nal_compartment=None)
Find specific boundary reactions.
```

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) A cobra model.
- **boundary\_type** (str) What boundary type to check for. Must be one of "exchange", "demand", or "sink".
- **external\_compartment** (*str or None*) The id for the external compartment. If None it will be detected automatically.

**Returns** A list of likely boundary reactions of a user defined type.

## Return type list of cobra.reaction

#### cobra.medium.minimal\_medium

Contains functions and helpers to obtain minimal growth media.

## **Module Contents**

#### **Functions**

add_linear_obj(model)	Add a linear version of a minimal medium to the
	model solver.
add_mip_obj(model)	Add a mixed-integer version of a minimal medium to
	the model.
_as_medium(exchanges, tolerance=1e-06, ex-	Convert a solution to medium.
ports=False)	
minimal_medium(model,	Find the minimal growth medium for the model.
min_objective_value=0.1, exports=False, mini-	
mize_components=False, open_exchanges=False)	

cobra.medium.minimal\_medium.LOGGER

cobra.medium.minimal\_medium.add\_linear\_obj(model)

Add a linear version of a minimal medium to the model solver.

Changes the optimization objective to finding the growth medium requiring the smallest total import flux:

```
minimize sum |r_i| for r_i in import_reactions
```

Parameters model (cobra.Model) - The model to modify.

cobra.medium.minimal\_medium.add\_mip\_obj(model)

Add a mixed-integer version of a minimal medium to the model.

Changes the optimization objective to finding the medium with the least components:

```
minimize size(R) where R part of import_reactions
```

Parameters model (cobra.model) - The model to modify.

cobra.medium.minimal\_medium.\_as\_medium(exchanges, tolerance=1e-06, exports=False)
Convert a solution to medium.

### **Parameters**

- **exchanges** (list of cobra.reaction) The exchange reactions to consider.
- **tolerance** (*positive double*) The absolute tolerance for fluxes. Fluxes with an absolute value smaller than this number will be ignored.
- **exports** (bool) Whether to return export fluxes as well.

Returns The "medium", meaning all active import fluxes in the solution.

Return type pandas. Series

```
cobra.medium.minimal\_medium.minimal\_medium (model, min\_objective\_value=0.1, \\ exports=False, minimize\_components=False, \\ open\_exchanges=False)
```

Find the minimal growth medium for the model.

Finds the minimal growth medium for the model which allows for model as well as individual growth. Here, a minimal medium can either be the medium requiring the smallest total import flux or the medium requiring the least components (ergo ingredients), which will be much slower due to being a mixed integer problem (MIP).

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.model) The model to modify.
- min\_objective\_value (positive float or array-like object)

   The minimum growth rate (objective) that has to be achieved.
- **exports** (boolean) Whether to include export fluxes in the returned medium. Defaults to False which will only return import fluxes.
- minimize\_components (boolean or positive int) Whether to minimize the number of components instead of the total import flux. Might be more intuitive if set to True but may also be slow to calculate for large communities. If set to a number n will return up to n alternative solutions all with the same number of components.
- **open\_exchanges** (boolean or number) Whether to ignore currently set bounds and make all exchange reactions in the model possible. If set to a number all exchange reactions will be opened with (-number, number) as bounds.

**Returns** A series giving the import flux for each required import reaction and (optionally) the associated export fluxes. All exchange fluxes are oriented into the import reaction e.g. positive fluxes denote imports and negative fluxes exports. If *minimize\_components* is a number larger 1 may return a DataFrame where each column is a minimal medium. Returns None if the minimization is infeasible (for instance if min\_growth > maximum growth rate).

Return type pandas. Series, pandas. Data Frame or None

### **Notes**

Due to numerical issues the *minimize\_components* option will usually only minimize the number of "large" import fluxes. Specifically, the detection limit is given by integrality\_tolerance  $\star$  max\_bound where max\_bound is the largest bound on an import reaction. Thus, if you are interested in small import fluxes as well you may have to adjust the solver tolerance at first with *model.tolerance* = 1e-7 for instance. However, this will be very slow for large models especially with GLPK.

## **Package Contents**

## **Functions**

<pre>find_boundary_types(model, boundary_type,</pre>	Find specific boundary reactions.
external_compartment=None)	
find_external_compartment(model)	Find the external compartment in the model.
is_boundary_type(reaction, boundary_type, ex-	Check whether a reaction is an exchange reaction.
ternal_compartment)	

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minimal\_medium(model,

Find the minimal growth medium for the model.

min\_objective\_value=0.1, exports=False, minimize\_components=False, open\_exchanges=False)

cobra.medium.find\_boundary\_types (model, boundary\_type, external\_compartment=None)
Find specific boundary reactions.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) A cobra model.
- **boundary\_type** (*str*) What boundary type to check for. Must be one of "exchange", "demand", or "sink".
- **external\_compartment** (*str or None*) The id for the external compartment. If None it will be detected automatically.

**Returns** A list of likely boundary reactions of a user defined type.

Return type list of cobra.reaction

cobra.medium.find\_external\_compartment(model)

Find the external compartment in the model.

Uses a simple heuristic where the external compartment should be the one with the most exchange reactions.

Parameters model (cobra.Model) - A cobra model.

**Returns** The putative external compartment.

Return type str

cobra.medium.is\_boundary\_type (reaction, boundary\_type, external\_compartment) Check whether a reaction is an exchange reaction.

### **Parameters**

- reaction (cobra.Reaction) The reaction to check.
- **boundary\_type** (*str*) What boundary type to check for. Must be one of "exchange", "demand", or "sink".
- external\_compartment (str) The id for the external compartment.

**Returns** Whether the reaction looks like the requested type. Might be based on a heuristic.

Return type boolean

cobra.medium.sbo\_terms

SBO term identifiers for various boundary types.

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Find the minimal growth medium for the model.

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## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.model) The model to modify.
- min\_objective\_value (positive float or array-like object)

   The minimum growth rate (objective) that has to be achieved.
- **exports** (boolean) Whether to include export fluxes in the returned medium. Defaults to False which will only return import fluxes.

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**Return type** pandas. Series, pandas. DataFrame or None

#### **Notes**

Due to numerical issues the *minimize\_components* option will usually only minimize the number of "large" import fluxes. Specifically, the detection limit is given by integrality\_tolerance  $\star$  max\_bound where max\_bound is the largest bound on an import reaction. Thus, if you are interested in small import fluxes as well you may have to adjust the solver tolerance at first with *model.tolerance* = 1e-7 for instance. However, this will be *very* slow for large models especially with GLPK.

cobra.sampling

### **Submodules**

cobra.sampling.achr

Provide the ACHR sampler class.

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

ACHRSampler

Artificial Centering Hit-and-Run sampler.

Bases: cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.HRSampler

Artificial Centering Hit-and-Run sampler.

A sampler with low memory footprint and good convergence.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model from which to generate samples.
- **thinning** (*int*, *optional*) The thinning factor of the generated sampling chain. A thinning of 10 means samples are returned every 10 steps (default 100).
- nproj(int > 0, optional) How often to reproject the sampling point into

the feasibility space. Avoids numerical issues at the cost of lower sampling. If you observe many equality constraint violations with *sampler.validate* you should lower this number (default None).

• **seed** (*int* > 0, optional) – Sets the random number seed. Initialized to the current time stamp if None (default None).

#### n samples

The total number of samples that have been generated by this sampler instance.

Type int

#### problem

A NamedTuple whose attributes define the entire sampling problem in matrix form.

Type typing.NamedTuple

### warmup

A numpy matrix with as many columns as reactions in the model and more than 3 rows containing a warmup sample in each row. None if no warmup points have been generated yet.

Type numpy.matrix

#### retries

The overall of sampling retries the sampler has observed. Larger values indicate numerical instabilities.

Type int

## fwd\_idx

A numpy array having one entry for each reaction in the model, containing the index of the respective forward variable.

**Type** numpy.array

## rev\_idx

A numpy array having one entry for each reaction in the model, containing the index of the respective reverse variable.

Type numpy.array

## prev

The current/last flux sample generated.

Type numpy.array

#### center

The center of the sampling space as estimated by the mean of all previously generated samples.

Type numpy.array

## **Notes**

ACHR generates samples by choosing new directions from the sampling space's center and the warmup points. The implementation used here is the same as in the MATLAB COBRA Toolbox $^2$  and uses only the initial warmup points to generate new directions and not any other previous iterations. This usually gives better mixing, since the startup points are chosen to span the space in a wide manner. This also makes the generated sampling chain quasi-Markovian since the center converges rapidly.

Memory usage is roughly in the order of (2 \* number of reactions) ^ 2 due to the required nullspace matrices and warmup points. So, large models easily take up a few GBs of RAM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://github.com/opencobra/cobratoolbox

#### References

```
__single_iteration (self) \rightarrow None Run a single iteration of the sampling. 

sample (self, n: int, fluxes: bool = True) \rightarrow pd.DataFrame Generate a set of samples.
```

This is the basic sampling function for all hit-and-run samplers.

#### **Parameters**

- **n** (*int*) The number of samples that are generated at once.
- **fluxes** (bool, optional) Whether to return fluxes or the internal solver variables. If set to False, will return a variable for each forward and backward flux as well as all additional variables you might have defined in the model (default True).

**Returns** Returns a pandas DataFrame with *n* rows, each containing a flux sample.

Return type pandas.DataFrame

#### **Notes**

Performance of this function linearly depends on the number of reactions in your model and the thinning factor.

### cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler

Provide the base class and associated functions for Hit-and-Run samplers.

## **Module Contents**

## Classes

HRSampler The abstract base class for hit-and-run samplers.		
	HRSampler	The abstract base class for hit-and-run samplers.

### **Functions**

```
shared_np_array (shape: Tuple[int, int], data:Create a new numpy array that resides in shared memorphical point ory.Optional[np.ndarray] = None, integer: bool = False)ory.\rightarrow np.ndarray\rightarrow np.ndarray, fraction: Optional[float] = None, tries: int = 0) \rightarrow np.ndarraySample a new feasible point from the point x in direction delta.
```

```
cobra.sampling.hr_sampler.logger
cobra.sampling.hr_sampler.MAX_TRIES = 100
cobra.sampling.hr_sampler.Problem
    Define the matrix representation of a sampling problem.
    A named tuple consisting of 6 arrays, 1 matrix and 1 boolean.
    cobra.sampling.hr_sampler.equalities
```

All equality constraints in the model.

```
Type numpy.array
```

cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.b

The right side of the equality constraints.

Type numpy.array

cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.inequalities

All inequality constraints in the model.

Type numpy.array

cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.bounds

The lower and upper bounds for the inequality constraints.

**Type** numpy.array

cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.variable\_fixed

A boolean vector indicating whether the variable at that index is fixed i.e., whether *variable.lower\_bound* == *variable.upper\_bound*.

Type numpy.array

cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.variable\_bounds

The lower and upper bounds for the variables.

Type numpy.array

cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.nullspace

A matrix containing the nullspace of the equality constraints. Each column is one basis vector.

Type numpy.matrix

cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.homogeneous

Indicates whether the sampling problem is homogeneous, e.g. whether there exist no non-zero fixed variables or constraints.

Type bool

```
cobra.sampling.hr_sampler.shared_np_array(shape: Tuple[int, int], data: Optional[np.ndarray] = None, integer: bool = False) <math>\rightarrow np.ndarray
```

Create a new numpy array that resides in shared memory.

### **Parameters**

- **shape** (tuple of int) The shape of the new array.
- data (numpy.array, optional) Data to copy to the new array. Has to have the same shape (default None).
- integer (bool, optional) Whether to use an integer array. By default, float array is used (default False).

Returns The newly created shared numpy array.

Return type numpy.array

**Raises** ValueError – If the input *data* (if provided) size is not equal to the created array.

Bases: abc.ABC

The abstract base class for hit-and-run samplers.

New samplers should derive from this class where possible to provide a uniform interface.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model from which to generate samples.
- **thinning** (*int*) The thinning factor of the generated sampling chain. A thinning of 10 means samples are returned every 10 steps.
- nproj (int > 0, optional) How often to reproject the sampling point into the feasibility space. Avoids numerical issues at the cost of lower sampling. If you observe many equality constraint violations with *sampler.validate* you should lower this number (default None).
- **seed** (*int* > 0, optional) Sets the random number seed. Initialized to the current time stamp if None (default None).

#### feasibility\_tol

The tolerance used for checking equalities feasibility.

Type float

### bounds\_tol

The tolerance used for checking bounds feasibility.

Type float

#### n samples

The total number of samples that have been generated by this sampler instance.

Type int

#### retries

The overall of sampling retries the sampler has observed. Larger values indicate numerical instabilities.

Type int

#### problem

A NamedTuple whose attributes define the entire sampling problem in matrix form.

Type Problem

### warmup

A numpy matrix with as many columns as reactions in the model and more than 3 rows containing a warmup sample in each row. None if no warmup points have been generated yet.

Type numpy.matrix

### fwd idx

A numpy array having one entry for each reaction in the model, containing the index of the respective forward variable.

Type numpy.array

## rev idx

A numpy array having one entry for each reaction in the model, containing the index of the respective reverse variable.

Type numpy.array

### **\_\_build\_problem** (self) $\rightarrow$ Problem

Build the matrix representation of the sampling problem.

**Returns** The matrix representation in the form of a NamedTuple.

Return type Problem

## $generate\_fva\_warmup(self) \rightarrow None$

Generate the warmup points for the sampler.

Generates warmup points by setting each flux as the sole objective and minimizing/maximizing it. Also caches the projection of the warmup points into the nullspace for non-homogeneous problems (only if necessary).

**Raises ValueError** – If flux cone contains a single point or the problem is inhomogeneous.

**\_reproject** (self, p: np.ndarray)  $\rightarrow$  np.ndarray

Reproject a point into the feasibility region.

This function is guaranteed to return a new feasible point. However, no guarantee can be made in terms of proximity to the original point.

Parameters p (numpy.array) - The current sample point.

**Returns** A new feasible point. If p is feasible, it will return p.

Return type numpy.array

**\_random\_point** (self)  $\rightarrow$  np.ndarray

Find an approximately random point in the flux cone.

**\_is\_redundant** (self, matrix: np.matrix, cutoff:  $Optional[float] = None) <math>\rightarrow$  bool Identify redundant rows in a matrix that can be removed.

**\_bounds\_dist** (self, p: np.ndarray)  $\rightarrow$  np.ndarray

Get the lower and upper bound distances. Negative is bad.

**abstract** sample (*self*, n: int, fluxes: bool = True)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame Abstract sampling function.

Should be overwritten by child classes.

### **Parameters**

- **n** (*int*) The number of samples that are generated at once.
- **fluxes** (bool, optional) Whether to return fluxes or the internal solver variables. If set to False, will return a variable for each forward and backward flux as well as all additional variables you might have defined in the model (default True).

**Returns** Returns a pandas DataFrame with n rows, each containing a flux sample.

Return type pandas.DataFrame

**batch** (self,  $batch\_size$ : int,  $batch\_num$ : int, fluxes: bool = True)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame Create a batch generator.

This is useful to generate *batch\_num* batches of *batch\_size* samples each.

### **Parameters**

- batch\_size (int) The number of samples contained in each batch.
- **batch\_num** (*int*) The number of batches in the generator.
- **fluxes** (bool, optional) Whether to return fluxes or the internal solver variables. If set to False, will return a variable for each forward and backward flux as well as all additional variables you might have defined in the model (default True).

**Yields** *pandas.DataFrame* – A DataFrame with dimensions (batch\_size x n\_r) containing a valid flux sample for a total of n\_r reactions (or variables if fluxes=False) in each row.

 $validate(self, samples: np.matrix) \rightarrow np.ndarray$ 

Validate a set of samples for equality and inequality feasibility.

Can be used to check whether the generated samples and warmup points are feasible.

**Parameters samples** (numpy.matrix) – Must be of dimension (samples x n\_reactions). Contains the samples to be validated. Samples must be from fluxes.

**Returns** A one-dimensional numpy array containing a code of 1 to 3 letters denoting the validation result: - 'v' means feasible in bounds and equality constraints - 'l' means a lower bound violation - 'u' means a lower bound validation - 'e' means and equality constraint violation

Return type numpy.array

Raises ValueError – If wrong number of columns.

```
cobra.sampling.hr_sampler.step(sampler: HRSampler, x: np.ndarray, delta: np.ndarray, fraction: Optional[float] = None, tries: int = 0) \rightarrow np.ndarray
```

Sample a new feasible point from the point x in direction *delta*.

cobra.sampling.optgp

Provide OptGP sampler.

#### **Module Contents**

## **Classes**

OptGPSampler

A parallel optimized sampler.

Bases: cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.HRSampler

A parallel optimized sampler.

A parallel sampler with fast convergence and parallel execution. See<sup>1</sup> for details.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model from which to generate samples.
- processes (int, optional (default Configuration. processes)) The number of processes used during sampling.
- **thinning** (*int*, *optional*) The thinning factor of the generated sampling chain. A thinning of 10 means samples are returned every 10 steps.
- nproj(int > 0, optional) How often to reproject the sampling point into the feasibility space. Avoids numerical issues at the cost of lower sampling. If you observe many equality constraint violations with *sampler.validate* you should lower this number.
- **seed** (*int* > 0, optional) Sets the random number seed. Initialized to the current time stamp if None.

## model

The cobra model from which the samples get generated.

Type cobra.Model

### thinning

The currently used thinning factor.

Type int

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Megchelenbrink W, Huynen M, Marchiori E (2014) optGpSampler: An Improved Tool for Uniformly Sampling the Solution-Space of Genome-Scale Metabolic Networks. PLoS ONE 9(2): e86587. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0086587

#### n\_samples

The total number of samples that have been generated by this sampler instance.

```
Type int
```

#### problem

A python object whose attributes define the entire sampling problem in matrix form. See docstring of *Problem*.

Type collections.namedtuple

#### warmup

A matrix of with as many columns as reactions in the model and more than 3 rows containing a warmup sample in each row. None if no warmup points have been generated yet.

Type numpy.matrix

#### retries

The overall of sampling retries the sampler has observed. Larger values indicate numerical instabilities.

Type int

#### seed

Sets the random number seed. Initialized to the current time stamp if None.

**Type** int > 0, optional

#### nproj

How often to reproject the sampling point into the feasibility space.

Type int

#### fwd idx

Has one entry for each reaction in the model containing the index of the respective forward variable.

Type numpy.array

## rev\_idx

Has one entry for each reaction in the model containing the index of the respective reverse variable.

Type numpy.array

## prev

The current/last flux sample generated.

Type numpy.array

## center

The center of the sampling space as estimated by the mean of all previously generated samples.

Type numpy.array

### **Notes**

The sampler is very similar to artificial centering where each process samples its own chain. Initial points are chosen randomly from the warmup points followed by a linear transformation that pulls the points a little bit towards the center of the sampling space.

If the number of processes used is larger than the one requested, number of samples is adjusted to the smallest multiple of the number of processes larger than the requested sample number. For instance, if you have 3 processes and request 8 samples you will receive 9.

Memory usage is roughly in the order of (2 \* number reactions)^2 due to the required nullspace matrices and warmup points. So large models easily take up a few GB of RAM. However, most of the large matrices are kept in shared memory. So the RAM usage is independent of the number of processes.

### References

```
sample (self, n, fluxes=True)
```

Generate a set of samples.

This is the basic sampling function for all hit-and-run samplers.

#### **Parameters**

- **n** (*int*) The minimum number of samples that are generated at once (see Notes).
- **fluxes** (boolean) Whether to return fluxes or the internal solver variables. If set to False will return a variable for each forward and backward flux as well as all additional variables you might have defined in the model.

**Returns** Returns a matrix with *n* rows, each containing a flux sample.

**Return type** numpy.matrix

#### **Notes**

Performance of this function linearly depends on the number of reactions in your model and the thinning factor.

If the number of processes is larger than one, computation is split across as the CPUs of your machine. This may shorten computation time. However, there is also overhead in setting up parallel computation so we recommend to calculate large numbers of samples at once (n > 1000).

```
__getstate__(self)
```

Return the object for serialization.

### cobra.sampling.sampling

Module implementing flux sampling for cobra models.

## **Module Contents**

#### **Functions**

sample(model, n, method='optgp', thinning=100, Sample valid flux distributions from a cobra model.
processes=1, seed=None)

cobra.sampling.sample (model, n, method='optgp', thinning=100, processes=1, seed=None)

Sample valid flux distributions from a cobra model.

The function samples valid flux distributions from a cobra model. Currently we support two methods:

1. **'optgp' (default) which uses the OptGPSampler that supports parallel** sampling<sup>1</sup>. Requires large numbers of samples to be performant (n < 1000). For smaller samples 'achr' might be better suited.

or

2. 'achr' which uses artificial centering hit-and-run. This is a single process method with good convergence<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Megchelenbrink W, Huynen M, Marchiori E (2014) optGpSampler: An Improved Tool for Uniformly Sampling the Solution-Space of Genome-Scale Metabolic Networks. PLoS ONE 9(2): e86587.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Direction Choice for Accelerated Convergence in Hit-and-Run Sampling David E. Kaufman Robert L. Smith Operations Research

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model from which to sample flux distributions.
- **n** (*int*) The number of samples to obtain. When using 'optgp' this must be a multiple of *processes*, otherwise a larger number of samples will be returned.
- method (str, optional) The sampling algorithm to use.
- **thinning** (*int*, *optional*) The thinning factor of the generated sampling chain. A thinning of 10 means samples are returned every 10 steps. Defaults to 100 which in benchmarks gives approximately uncorrelated samples. If set to one will return all iterates.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) Only used for 'optgp'. The number of processes used to generate samples.
- **seed** (*int* > 0, optional) The random number seed to be used. Initialized to current time stamp if None.

**Returns** The generated flux samples. Each row corresponds to a sample of the fluxes and the columns are the reactions.

Return type pandas.DataFrame

### **Notes**

The samplers have a correction method to ensure equality feasibility for long-running chains, however this will only work for homogeneous models, meaning models with no non-zero fixed variables or constraints (right-hand side of the equalities are zero).

### References

## **Package Contents**

## Classes

HRSampler	The abstract base class for hit-and-run samplers.
ACHRSampler	Artificial Centering Hit-and-Run sampler.
OptGPSampler	A parallel optimized sampler.

### **Functions**

<pre>shared_np_array(shape: Tuple[int, int], data:</pre>	Create a new numpy array that resides in shared mem-
Optional[np.ndarray] = None, integer: bool = False)	ory.
$\rightarrow$ np.ndarray	
step(sampler: HRSampler, x: np.ndarray, delta:	Sample a new feasible point from the point <i>x</i> in direc-
np.ndarray, fraction: Optional[float] = None, tries: int	tion delta.
$= 0) \rightarrow \text{np.ndarray}$	
sample(model, n, method='optgp', thinning=100,	Sample valid flux distributions from a cobra model.
processes=1, seed=None)	

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The abstract base class for hit-and-run samplers.

New samplers should derive from this class where possible to provide a uniform interface.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model from which to generate samples.
- **thinning** (*int*) The thinning factor of the generated sampling chain. A thinning of 10 means samples are returned every 10 steps.
- nproj (int > 0, optional) How often to reproject the sampling point into the feasibility space. Avoids numerical issues at the cost of lower sampling. If you observe many equality constraint violations with *sampler.validate* you should lower this number (default None).
- **seed** (*int* > 0, optional) Sets the random number seed. Initialized to the current time stamp if None (default None).

### feasibility\_tol

The tolerance used for checking equalities feasibility.

Type float

### bounds\_tol

The tolerance used for checking bounds feasibility.

Type float

### n\_samples

The total number of samples that have been generated by this sampler instance.

Type int

#### retries

The overall of sampling retries the sampler has observed. Larger values indicate numerical instabili-

Type int

### problem

A NamedTuple whose attributes define the entire sampling problem in matrix form.

Type Problem

### warmup

A numpy matrix with as many columns as reactions in the model and more than 3 rows containing a warmup sample in each row. None if no warmup points have been generated yet.

Type numpy.matrix

## fwd\_idx

A numpy array having one entry for each reaction in the model, containing the index of the respective forward variable.

Type numpy.array

### rev\_idx

A numpy array having one entry for each reaction in the model, containing the index of the respective reverse variable.

Type numpy.array

## **\_\_build\_problem** (self) $\rightarrow$ Problem

Build the matrix representation of the sampling problem.

**Returns** The matrix representation in the form of a NamedTuple.

Return type Problem

#### $generate\_fva\_warmup(self) \rightarrow None$

Generate the warmup points for the sampler.

Generates warmup points by setting each flux as the sole objective and minimizing/maximizing it. Also caches the projection of the warmup points into the nullspace for non-homogeneous problems (only if necessary).

Raises ValueError – If flux cone contains a single point or the problem is inhomogeneous

```
_reproject (self, p: np.ndarray) \rightarrow np.ndarray
```

Reproject a point into the feasibility region.

This function is guaranteed to return a new feasible point. However, no guarantee can be made in terms of proximity to the original point.

**Parameters p** (numpy.array) – The current sample point.

**Returns** A new feasible point. If p is feasible, it will return p.

Return type numpy.array

```
_random_point (self) \rightarrow np.ndarray
```

Find an approximately random point in the flux cone.

**\_is\_redundant** (self, matrix: np.matrix, cutoff:  $Optional[float] = None) <math>\rightarrow$  bool Identify redundant rows in a matrix that can be removed.

```
_bounds_dist (self, p: np.ndarray) \rightarrow np.ndarray
```

Get the lower and upper bound distances. Negative is bad.

**abstract** sample (*self, n: int, fluxes: bool* = True)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame Abstract sampling function.

Should be overwritten by child classes.

#### **Parameters**

- **n** (*int*) The number of samples that are generated at once.
- **fluxes** (bool, optional) Whether to return fluxes or the internal solver variables. If set to False, will return a variable for each forward and backward flux as well as all additional variables you might have defined in the model (default True).

**Returns** Returns a pandas DataFrame with *n* rows, each containing a flux sample.

**Return type** pandas.DataFrame

**batch** (self,  $batch\_size$ : int,  $batch\_num$ : int, fluxes: bool = True)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame Create a batch generator.

This is useful to generate *batch\_num* batches of *batch\_size* samples each.

### **Parameters**

- batch size (int) The number of samples contained in each batch.
- batch\_num (int) The number of batches in the generator.
- **fluxes** (bool, optional) Whether to return fluxes or the internal solver variables. If set to False, will return a variable for each forward and backward flux as well as all additional variables you might have defined in the model (default True).

**Yields** pandas.DataFrame – A DataFrame with dimensions (batch\_size x n\_r) containing a valid flux sample for a total of n\_r reactions (or variables if fluxes=False) in each row.

```
validate (self, samples: np.matrix) \rightarrow np.ndarray
```

Validate a set of samples for equality and inequality feasibility.

Can be used to check whether the generated samples and warmup points are feasible.

**Parameters samples** (numpy.matrix) – Must be of dimension (samples x n\_reactions). Contains the samples to be validated. Samples must be from fluxes.

**Returns** A one-dimensional numpy array containing a code of 1 to 3 letters denoting the validation result: - 'v' means feasible in bounds and equality constraints - 'l' means a lower bound violation - 'u' means a lower bound validation - 'e' means and equality constraint violation

Return type numpy.array

Raises ValueError – If wrong number of columns.

```
cobra.sampling.shared_np_array(shape: Tuple[int, int], data: Optional[np.ndarray] = None, integer: bool = False) <math>\rightarrow np.ndarray
```

Create a new numpy array that resides in shared memory.

#### **Parameters**

- **shape** (tuple of int) The shape of the new array.
- data (numpy.array, optional) Data to copy to the new array. Has to have the same shape (default None).
- **integer** (bool, optional) Whether to use an integer array. By default, float array is used (default False).

**Returns** The newly created shared numpy array.

Return type numpy.array

**Raises** ValueError – If the input *data* (if provided) size is not equal to the created array.

```
cobra.sampling.step(sampler: HRSampler, x: np.ndarray, delta: np.ndarray, fraction: Optional[float] = None, tries: <math>int = 0) \rightarrow np.ndarray Sample a new feasible point from the point x in direction delta.
```

Artificial Centering Hit-and-Run sampler.

A sampler with low memory footprint and good convergence.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model from which to generate samples.
- **thinning** (*int*, *optional*) The thinning factor of the generated sampling chain. A thinning of 10 means samples are returned every 10 steps (default 100).
- nproj (int > 0, optional) How often to reproject the sampling point into the feasibility space. Avoids numerical issues at the cost of lower sampling. If you observe many equality constraint violations with *sampler.validate* you should lower this number (default None).
- **seed** (*int* > 0, *optional*) Sets the random number seed. Initialized to the current time stamp if None (default None).

#### n\_samples

The total number of samples that have been generated by this sampler instance.

Type int

### problem

A NamedTuple whose attributes define the entire sampling problem in matrix form.

### Type typing.NamedTuple

#### warmup

A numpy matrix with as many columns as reactions in the model and more than 3 rows containing a warmup sample in each row. None if no warmup points have been generated yet.

```
Type numpy.matrix
```

#### retries

The overall of sampling retries the sampler has observed. Larger values indicate numerical instabilities.

Type int

#### fwd idx

A numpy array having one entry for each reaction in the model, containing the index of the respective forward variable.

Type numpy.array

# rev\_idx

A numpy array having one entry for each reaction in the model, containing the index of the respective reverse variable.

Type numpy.array

#### prev

The current/last flux sample generated.

Type numpy.array

#### center

The center of the sampling space as estimated by the mean of all previously generated samples.

Type numpy.array

#### **Notes**

ACHR generates samples by choosing new directions from the sampling space's center and the warmup points. The implementation used here is the same as in the MATLAB COBRA Toolbox [2] and uses only the initial warmup points to generate new directions and not any other previous iterations. This usually gives better mixing, since the startup points are chosen to span the space in a wide manner. This also makes the generated sampling chain quasi-Markovian since the center converges rapidly.

Memory usage is roughly in the order of (2 \* number of reactions) ^ 2 due to the required nullspace matrices and warmup points. So, large models easily take up a few GBs of RAM.

### References

```
\_single_iteration(self) \rightarrow None
```

Run a single iteration of the sampling.

**sample** (self, n: int, fluxes: bool = True)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame

Generate a set of samples.

This is the basic sampling function for all hit-and-run samplers.

#### **Parameters**

- **n** (*int*) The number of samples that are generated at once.
- **fluxes** (bool, optional) Whether to return fluxes or the internal solver variables. If set to False, will return a variable for each forward and backward flux as well as all additional variables you might have defined in the model (default True).

**Returns** Returns a pandas DataFrame with *n* rows, each containing a flux sample.

Return type pandas.DataFrame

#### **Notes**

Performance of this function linearly depends on the number of reactions in your model and the thinning factor.

Bases: cobra.sampling.hr\_sampler.HRSampler

A parallel optimized sampler.

A parallel sampler with fast convergence and parallel execution. See [1]\_ for details.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model from which to generate samples.
- processes (int, optional (default Configuration. processes)) The number of processes used during sampling.
- **thinning** (*int*, *optional*) The thinning factor of the generated sampling chain. A thinning of 10 means samples are returned every 10 steps.
- nproj (int > 0, optional) How often to reproject the sampling point into the feasibility space. Avoids numerical issues at the cost of lower sampling. If you observe many equality constraint violations with *sampler.validate* you should lower this number.
- **seed** (*int* > 0, optional) Sets the random number seed. Initialized to the current time stamp if None.

## model

The cobra model from which the samples get generated.

Type cobra.Model

### thinning

The currently used thinning factor.

Type int

### n\_samples

The total number of samples that have been generated by this sampler instance.

Type int

### problem

A python object whose attributes define the entire sampling problem in matrix form. See docstring of *Problem*.

**Type** collections.namedtuple

## warmup

A matrix of with as many columns as reactions in the model and more than 3 rows containing a warmup sample in each row. None if no warmup points have been generated yet.

Type numpy.matrix

## retries

The overall of sampling retries the sampler has observed. Larger values indicate numerical instabilities.

Type int

#### seed

Sets the random number seed. Initialized to the current time stamp if None.

**Type** int > 0, optional

#### nproj

How often to reproject the sampling point into the feasibility space.

Type int

#### fwd idx

Has one entry for each reaction in the model containing the index of the respective forward variable.

Type numpy.array

### rev\_idx

Has one entry for each reaction in the model containing the index of the respective reverse variable.

Type numpy.array

### prev

The current/last flux sample generated.

Type numpy.array

#### center

The center of the sampling space as estimated by the mean of all previously generated samples.

Type numpy.array

#### **Notes**

The sampler is very similar to artificial centering where each process samples its own chain. Initial points are chosen randomly from the warmup points followed by a linear transformation that pulls the points a little bit towards the center of the sampling space.

If the number of processes used is larger than the one requested, number of samples is adjusted to the smallest multiple of the number of processes larger than the requested sample number. For instance, if you have 3 processes and request 8 samples you will receive 9.

Memory usage is roughly in the order of (2 \* number reactions)^2 due to the required nullspace matrices and warmup points. So large models easily take up a few GB of RAM. However, most of the large matrices are kept in shared memory. So the RAM usage is independent of the number of processes.

## References

sample(self, n, fluxes = True)

Generate a set of samples.

This is the basic sampling function for all hit-and-run samplers.

#### **Parameters**

- n (int) The minimum number of samples that are generated at once (see Notes).
- **fluxes** (boolean) Whether to return fluxes or the internal solver variables. If set to False will return a variable for each forward and backward flux as well as all additional variables you might have defined in the model.

**Returns** Returns a matrix with *n* rows, each containing a flux sample.

**Return type** numpy.matrix

#### **Notes**

Performance of this function linearly depends on the number of reactions in your model and the thinning factor.

If the number of processes is larger than one, computation is split across as the CPUs of your machine. This may shorten computation time. However, there is also overhead in setting up parallel computation so we recommend to calculate large numbers of samples at once (n > 1000).

```
__getstate__(self)
```

Return the object for serialization.

cobra.sampling.sample (model, n, method='optgp', thinning=100, processes=1, seed=None) Sample valid flux distributions from a cobra model.

The function samples valid flux distributions from a cobra model. Currently we support two methods:

1. 'optgp' (default) which uses the OptGPSampler that supports parallel sampling [1]\_. Requires large numbers of samples to be performant (n < 1000). For smaller samples 'achr' might be better suited.

or

2. 'achr' which uses artificial centering hit-and-run. This is a single process method with good convergence [2]\_.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model from which to sample flux distributions.
- **n** (*int*) The number of samples to obtain. When using 'optgp' this must be a multiple of *processes*, otherwise a larger number of samples will be returned.
- method (str, optional) The sampling algorithm to use.
- **thinning** (*int*, *optional*) The thinning factor of the generated sampling chain. A thinning of 10 means samples are returned every 10 steps. Defaults to 100 which in benchmarks gives approximately uncorrelated samples. If set to one will return all iterates.
- **processes** (*int*, *optional*) Only used for 'optgp'. The number of processes used to generate samples.
- **seed** (*int* > 0, optional) The random number seed to be used. Initialized to current time stamp if None.

**Returns** The generated flux samples. Each row corresponds to a sample of the fluxes and the columns are the reactions.

Return type pandas.DataFrame

## **Notes**

The samplers have a correction method to ensure equality feasibility for long-running chains, however this will only work for homogeneous models, meaning models with no non-zero fixed variables or constraints (right-hand side of the equalities are zero).

#### References

cobra.summary

# **Submodules**

cobra.summary.metabolite\_summary

Provide the metabolite summary class.

#### **Module Contents**

#### Classes

*MetaboliteSummary* 

Define the metabolite summary.

```
cobra.summary.metabolite_summary.logger
```

Bases: cobra.summary.Summary

Define the metabolite summary.

# producing\_flux

A pandas DataFrame of only the producing fluxes.

Type pandas.DataFrame

# consuming\_flux

A pandas DataFrame of only the consuming fluxes.

Type pandas.DataFrame

See also:

**Summary** Parent that defines further attributes.

```
ReactionSummary, ModelSummary
```

```
_generate (self, model: Model, solution: Optional['Solution'], fva: Optional[Union[float, pd.DataFrame]]) \rightarrow None Prepare the data for the summary instance.
```

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model for which to generate a metabolite summary.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution.
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a

previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched.

**\_display\_flux** (*self*, *frame*: *pd.DataFrame*, *names*: *bool*, *threshold*: *float*)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame Transform a flux data frame for display.

#### **Parameters**

- frame (pandas. DataFrame) Either the producing or the consuming fluxes.
- names (bool) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names.
- threshold (float) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed.

**Returns** The transformed pandas DataFrame with flux percentages and reaction definitions.

## Return type pandas.DataFrame

**static** \_string\_table (frame: pd.DataFrame, float\_format: str,  $column\_width$ : int)  $\rightarrow$  str Create a pretty string representation of the data frame.

# **Parameters**

- frame (pandas.DataFrame) A pandas DataFrame of fluxes.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.
- **column\_width** (*int*) The maximum column width for each row.

**Returns** The data frame formatted as a pretty string.

Return type str

**static** \_html\_table (frame: pd.DataFrame, float\_format:  $str) \rightarrow str$  Create an HTML representation of the data frame.

## **Parameters**

- frame (pandas.DataFrame) A pandas DataFrame of fluxes.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.

**Returns** The data frame formatted as HTML.

# Return type str

to\_string (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format:  $str = (.4G', column\_width: int = 79) \rightarrow str$ Return a pretty string representation of the metabolite summary.

#### **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- **float\_format** (*str*, *optional*) Format string for floats (default '.4G').
- **column\_width** (*int*, *optional*) The maximum column width for each row (default 79).

**Returns** The summary formatted as a pretty string.

# Return type str

to\_html (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G')  $\rightarrow str$ Return a rich HTML representation of the metabolite summary.

# **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- float\_format (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').

**Returns** The summary formatted as HTML.

Return type str

## cobra.summary.model\_summary

Provide the model summary class.

# **Module Contents**

#### Classes

Model Summary

Define the model summary.

```
cobra.summary.model_summary.logger
```

Bases: cobra.summary.Summary

Define the model summary.

## uptake flux

A pandas DataFrame of only the uptake fluxes.

Type pandas.DataFrame

# secretion\_flux

A pandas DataFrame of only the consuming fluxes.

Type pandas.DataFrame

See also:

Summary Parent that defines further attributes.

```
MetaboliteSummary, ReactionSummary
```

```
_generate (self, model: Model, solution: Optional['Solution'], fva: Optional[Union[float, pd.DataFrame]]) \rightarrow None Prepare the data for the summary instance.
```

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model for which to generate a metabolite summary.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution.
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a

previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched.

**\_display\_flux** (self, frame: pd.DataFrame, names: bool, element: str, threshold: float)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame

Transform a flux data frame for display.

#### **Parameters**

- **frame** (pandas. DataFrame) Either the producing or the consuming fluxes.
- names (bool) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names.
- **element** (str) The atomic element to summarize fluxes for.
- threshold (float) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed.

**Returns** The transformed pandas DataFrame with flux percentages and reaction definitions.

Return type pandas.DataFrame

**static** \_string\_table (frame: pd.DataFrame, float\_format: str,  $column\_width$ : int)  $\rightarrow$  str Create a pretty string representation of the data frame.

## **Parameters**

- frame (pandas.DataFrame) A pandas DataFrame of fluxes.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.
- **column\_width** (*int*) The maximum column width for each row.

**Returns** The data frame formatted as a pretty string.

Return type str

**static** \_html\_table (frame: pd.DataFrame, float\_format: str)  $\rightarrow$  str Create an HTML representation of the data frame.

# **Parameters**

- **frame** (pandas.DataFrame) A pandas DataFrame of fluxes.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.

Returns The data frame formatted as HTML.

Return type str

 $\_$ **string** $\_$ **objective** $(self, names: bool) \rightarrow str$ 

Return a string representation of the objective.

**Parameters names** (bool, optional) – Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names.

**Returns** The objective expression and value as a string.

Return type str

to\_string (self, names: bool = False, element: str = 'C', threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G', column\_width: int = 79)  $\rightarrow$  str Return a pretty string representation of the model summary.

# **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **element** (*str*, *optional*) The atomic element to summarize uptake and secretion for (default 'C').

- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- **float\_format** (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').
- **column\_width** (*int*, *optional*) The maximum column width for each row (default 79).

**Returns** The summary formatted as a pretty string.

Return type str

to\_html (self, names: bool = False, element: str = 'C', threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G')  $\rightarrow$  str Return a rich HTML representation of the model summary.

#### **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **element** (*str*, *optional*) The atomic element to summarize uptake and secretion for (default 'C').
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- **float\_format** (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').

**Returns** The summary formatted as HTML.

Return type str

cobra.summary.reaction\_summary

Provide the reaction summary class.

# **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

ReactionSummary

Define the reaction summary.

```
\verb"cobra.summary.reaction\_summary.logger"
```

Bases: cobra.summary.Summary

Define the reaction summary.

See also:

**Summary** Parent that defines further attributes.

MetaboliteSummary, ModelSummary

**\_generate** (self, model: Model, solution: Optional['Solution'], fva: Optional[Union[float, pd.DataFrame]])  $\rightarrow$  None Prepare the data for the summary instance.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model for which to generate a metabolite summary.
- **solution** (cobra. Solution, *optional*) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution.
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched.

**\_string\_flux** (*self, threshold: float, float\_format: str*)  $\rightarrow$  str Transform a flux data frame to a string.

#### **Parameters**

- **threshold** (*float*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.

**Returns** A string representation of the flux (with ranges).

# Return type str

**to\_string** (*self*, *names*: *bool* = *False*, *threshold*: *Optional*[*float*] = *None*, *float\_format*:  $str = (.4G', column\_width: int = 79) \rightarrow str$ Return a pretty string representation of the reaction summary.

## **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- float\_format (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').
- **column\_width** (*int*, *optional*) The maximum column width for each row (default 79).

**Returns** The summary formatted as a pretty string.

# Return type str

to\_html (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G')  $\rightarrow str$  Return a rich HTML representation of the reaction summary.

## **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- **float\_format** (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').

**Returns** The summary formatted as HTML.

Return type str

## cobra.summary.summary

Provide the abstract base summary class.

# **Module Contents**

#### **Classes**

Summary

Define the abstract base summary.

```
cobra.summary.summary.logger
class cobra.summary.summary.Summary(**kwargs)
    Bases: abc.ABC
```

Define the abstract base summary.

#### See also:

MetaboliteSummary, ReactionSummary, ModelSummary

**\_generate** (self, model: Model, solution: Optional['Solution'], fva: Optional[Union[float, pd.DataFrame]])  $\rightarrow$  None Prepare the data for the summary instance.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model for which to generate a metabolite summary.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution.
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched.

```
\_\_str\_\_(self) \rightarrow str
Return a string representation of the summary.
\_repr\_html\_(self) \rightarrow str
```

Return a rich HTML representation of the summary.

```
property tolerance (self) \rightarrow float
```

Return the set threshold.

```
_normalize_threshold(self, threshold: Optional[float])
```

Return a sensible threshold value.

```
abstract to_string (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float_format: str = '.4G', column_width: int = 79) \rightarrow str Return a pretty string representation of the summary.
```

## **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- float\_format (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').

• **column\_width** (*int*, *optional*) – The maximum column width for each row (default 79).

**Returns** The summary formatted as a pretty string.

Return type str

**abstract to\_html** (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format:  $str = '.4G') \rightarrow str$ 

Return a rich HTML representation of the metabolite summary.

#### **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- float\_format (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').

**Returns** The summary formatted as HTML.

Return type str

to frame  $(self) \rightarrow pd.DataFrame$ 

Return the a data frame representation of the summary.

# **Package Contents**

## **Classes**

Summary	Define the abstract base summary.
MetaboliteSummary	Define the metabolite summary.
ModelSummary	Define the model summary.

class cobra.summary.Summary(\*\*kwargs)

Bases: abc.ABC

Define the abstract base summary.

## See also:

MetaboliteSummary, ReactionSummary, ModelSummary

**\_generate** (self, model: Model, solution: Optional['Solution'], fva: Optional[Union[float, pd.DataFrame]])  $\rightarrow$  None

Prepare the data for the summary instance.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model for which to generate a metabolite summary.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution.
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched.

 $\_\_\mathtt{str}\_\_(self) \to str$ 

Return a string representation of the summary.

```
\_\texttt{repr\_html}\_(self) \rightarrow str
```

Return a rich HTML representation of the summary.

# property tolerance (self) $\rightarrow$ float

Return the set threshold.

\_normalize\_threshold(self, threshold: Optional[float])

Return a sensible threshold value.

abstract to\_string (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G',  $column\_width$ : int = 79)  $\rightarrow$  str Return a pretty string representation of the summary.

#### **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- **float\_format** (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').
- **column\_width** (*int*, *optional*) The maximum column width for each row (default 79).

**Returns** The summary formatted as a pretty string.

Return type str

**abstract to\_html** (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format:  $str = '.4G') \rightarrow str$ 

Return a rich HTML representation of the metabolite summary.

#### **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- float\_format (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').

**Returns** The summary formatted as HTML.

Return type str

# $to\_frame (self) \rightarrow pd.DataFrame$

Return the a data frame representation of the summary.

Bases: cobra.summary.Summary

Define the metabolite summary.

## producing\_flux

A pandas DataFrame of only the producing fluxes.

Type pandas.DataFrame

# consuming\_flux

A pandas DataFrame of only the consuming fluxes.

Type pandas.DataFrame

See also:

**Summary** Parent that defines further attributes.

ReactionSummary, ModelSummary

**\_generate** (self, model: Model, solution: Optional['Solution'], fva: Optional[Union[float, pd.DataFrame]])  $\rightarrow$  None Prepare the data for the summary instance.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model for which to generate a metabolite summary.
- **solution** (cobra. Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution.
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched.
- **\_display\_flux** (self, frame: pd.DataFrame, names: bool, threshold: float)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame Transform a flux data frame for display.

## **Parameters**

- **frame** (pandas. DataFrame) Either the producing or the consuming fluxes.
- names (bool) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names.
- threshold (float) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed.

**Returns** The transformed pandas DataFrame with flux percentages and reaction definitions.

Return type pandas.DataFrame

**static** \_string\_table (frame: pd.DataFrame, float\_format: str,  $column\_width$ : int)  $\rightarrow$  str Create a pretty string representation of the data frame.

# **Parameters**

- frame (pandas.DataFrame) A pandas DataFrame of fluxes.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.
- **column\_width** (*int*) The maximum column width for each row.

**Returns** The data frame formatted as a pretty string.

Return type str

**static** \_html\_table (frame: pd.DataFrame, float\_format:  $str) \rightarrow str$  Create an HTML representation of the data frame.

## **Parameters**

- frame (pandas.DataFrame) A pandas DataFrame of fluxes.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.

**Returns** The data frame formatted as HTML.

Return type str

to\_string (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G',  $column\_width$ : int = 79)  $\rightarrow$  strReturn a pretty string representation of the metabolite summary.

## **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- float\_format (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').
- **column\_width** (*int*, *optional*) The maximum column width for each row (default 79).

**Returns** The summary formatted as a pretty string.

#### Return type str

to\_html (self, names: bool = False, threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G')  $\rightarrow str$  Return a rich HTML representation of the metabolite summary.

#### **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- **float\_format** (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').

**Returns** The summary formatted as HTML.

### Return type str

Bases: cobra.summary.Summary

Define the model summary.

#### uptake flux

A pandas DataFrame of only the uptake fluxes.

Type pandas.DataFrame

# secretion\_flux

A pandas DataFrame of only the consuming fluxes.

Type pandas.DataFrame

## See also:

**Summary** Parent that defines further attributes.

MetaboliteSummary, ReactionSummary

```
_generate (self, model: Model, solution: Optional['Solution'], fva: Optional[Union[float, pd.DataFrame]]) \rightarrow None Prepare the data for the summary instance.
```

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The metabolic model for which to generate a metabolite summary.
- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution.

• **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) — Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched.

**\_display\_flux** (self, frame: pd.DataFrame, names: bool, element: str, threshold: float)  $\rightarrow$  pd.DataFrame

Transform a flux data frame for display.

### **Parameters**

- **frame** (pandas.DataFrame) Either the producing or the consuming fluxes.
- names (bool) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names.
- **element** (str) The atomic element to summarize fluxes for.
- threshold (float) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed.

Returns The transformed pandas DataFrame with flux percentages and reaction defini-

Return type pandas.DataFrame

**static** \_string\_table (frame: pd.DataFrame, float\_format: str,  $column\_width$ : int)  $\rightarrow$  str Create a pretty string representation of the data frame.

#### **Parameters**

- frame (pandas.DataFrame) A pandas DataFrame of fluxes.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.
- **column\_width** (*int*) The maximum column width for each row.

**Returns** The data frame formatted as a pretty string.

Return type str

**static** \_html\_table (frame: pd.DataFrame, float\_format:  $str) \rightarrow str$  Create an HTML representation of the data frame.

# **Parameters**

- frame (pandas.DataFrame) A pandas DataFrame of fluxes.
- **float\_format** (*str*) Format string for floats.

**Returns** The data frame formatted as HTML.

Return type str

 $\_$ **string** $\_$ **objective** $(self, names: bool) \rightarrow str$ 

Return a string representation of the objective.

**Parameters names** (bool, optional) – Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names.

**Returns** The objective expression and value as a string.

Return type str

to\_string (self, names: bool = False, element: str = 'C', threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G', column\_width: int = 79)  $\rightarrow$  str Return a pretty string representation of the model summary.

#### **Parameters**

• names (bool, optional) - Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).

- **element** (*str*, *optional*) The atomic element to summarize uptake and secretion for (default 'C').
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- float\_format (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').
- **column\_width** (*int*, *optional*) The maximum column width for each row (default 79).

**Returns** The summary formatted as a pretty string.

Return type str

to\_html (self, names: bool = False, element: str = 'C', threshold: Optional[float] = None, float\_format: str = '.4G')  $\rightarrow$  str Return a rich HTML representation of the model summary.

## **Parameters**

- names (bool, optional) Whether or not elements should be displayed by their common names (default False).
- **element** (*str*, *optional*) The atomic element to summarize uptake and secretion for (default 'C').
- **threshold** (*float*, *optional*) Hide fluxes below the threshold from being displayed. If no value is given, the model tolerance is used (default None).
- float\_format (str, optional) Format string for floats (default '.4G').

**Returns** The summary formatted as HTML.

Return type str

cobra.test

### **Submodules**

cobra.test.conftest

# **Module Contents**

# **Functions**

_pytest_addoption(parser)
data_directory()
empty_once()
<pre>empty_model(empty_once)</pre>
small_model()
model(small_model)
large_once()
large_model(large_once)
medium_model()
salmonella(medium_model)
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tiny_toy_model()
<pre>fva_results(data_directory)</pre>
pfba_fva_results(data_directory)

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opt\_solver(request)
metabolites(model, request)

```
cobra.test.conftest.pytest_addoption(parser)
cobra.test.conftest.data_directory()
cobra.test.conftest.empty_once()
cobra.test.conftest.empty_model(empty_once)
cobra.test.conftest.small_model()
cobra.test.conftest.model(small_model)
cobra.test.conftest.large_once()
cobra.test.conftest.large_model(large_once)
cobra.test.conftest.medium_model()
cobra.test.conftest.salmonella(medium_model)
cobra.test.conftest.solved_model(data_directory)
cobra.test.conftest.tiny_toy_model()
cobra.test.conftest.fva_results(data_directory)
cobra.test.conftest.pfba_fva_results(data_directory)
cobra.test.conftest.stable_optlang = ['glpk', 'cplex', 'gurobi']
cobra.test.conftest.all_solvers
cobra.test.conftest.opt_solver(request)
cobra.test.conftest.metabolites (model, request)
cobra.test.test_manipulation
```

# **Module Contents**

# Classes

TestManipulation

Test functions in cobra.manipulation

```
class cobra.test.test_manipulation.TestManipulation
   Test functions in cobra.manipulation
   test_escape_ids (self, model)
   test_rename_gene (self, model)
   test_gene_knockout_computation (self, salmonella)
   test_remove_genes (self)
   test_sbo_annotation (self, model)
   test_validate_formula_compartment (self, model)
   test_validate_mass_balance (self, model)
   test_prune_unused_mets_output_type (self, model)
   test_prune_unused_mets_functionality (self, model)
```

```
test_prune_unused_rxns_output_type (self, model)
test_prune_unused_rxns_functionality (self, model)
cobra.test.test_medium
```

# **Module Contents**

## Classes

```
TestModelMedium
 TestTypeDetection
 TestMinimalMedia
 TestErrorsAndExceptions
class cobra.test.test_medium.TestModelMedium
    test_model_medium (self, model)
class cobra.test.test_medium.TestTypeDetection
    test_external_compartment(self, model)
    test_multi_external (self, model)
    test_exchange (self, model)
    test_demand(self, model)
    test_sink (self, model)
    test_sbo_terms (self, model)
class cobra.test.test_medium.TestMinimalMedia
    test_medium_linear(self, model)
    test_medium_mip (self, model)
    test_medium_alternative_mip (self, model)
    test_benchmark_medium_linear(self, model, benchmark)
    test_benchmark_medium_mip (self, model, benchmark)
    test_medium_exports (self, model)
    test_open_exchanges (self, model)
class cobra.test.test_medium.TestErrorsAndExceptions
    test_no_boundary_reactions (self, empty_model)
    test_no_names_or_boundary_reactions (self, empty_model)
    test_bad_exchange(self, model)
```

# **Package Contents**

#### **Functions**

read_sbml_model(filename,	number=float,	Reads SBML model from given filename.
f_replace=F_REPLACE, **kwargs)		
create_test_model(model_name	e='salmonella')	Returns a cobra model for testing
test_all(args=None)		alias for running all unit-tests on installed cobra

```
cobra.test.read_sbml_model (filename, number=float, f_replace=F_REPLACE, **kwargs)
Reads SBML model from given filename.
```

If the given filename ends with the suffix ".gz" (for example, "myfile.xml.gz"),' the file is assumed to be compressed in gzip format and will be automatically decompressed upon reading. Similarly, if the given filename ends with ".zip" or ".bz2',' the file is assumed to be compressed in zip or bzip2 format (respectively). Files whose names lack these suffixes will be read uncompressed. Note that if the file is in zip format but the archive contains more than one file, only the first file in the archive will be read and the rest ignored.

To read a gzip/zip file, libSBML needs to be configured and linked with the zlib library at compile time. It also needs to be linked with the bzip2 library to read files in bzip2 format. (Both of these are the default configurations for libSBML.)

This function supports SBML with FBC-v1 and FBC-v2. FBC-v1 models are converted to FBC-v2 models before reading.

The parser tries to fall back to information in notes dictionaries if information is not available in the FBC packages, e.g., CHARGE, FORMULA on species, or GENE\_ASSOCIATION, SUBSYSTEM on reactions.

#### **Parameters**

- filename (path to SBML file, or SBML string, or SBML file handle) SBML which is read into cobra model
- number (data type of stoichiometry: {float, int}) In which data type should the stoichiometry be parsed.
- **f\_replace** (dict of replacement functions for id replacement) Dictionary of replacement functions for gene, specie, and reaction. By default the following id changes are performed on import: clip **G\_** from genes, clip **M\_** from species, clip **R\_** from reactions If no replacements should be performed, set f\_replace={}, None

# Returns

Return type cobra.core.Model

## **Notes**

# Provided file handles cannot be opened in binary mode, i.e., use

```
with open(path, "r" as f): read_sbml_model(f)
```

File handles to compressed files are not supported yet.

```
cobra.test.pytest
cobra.test.cobra_directory
cobra.test.cobra_location
cobra.test.data_dir
```

```
cobra.test.create_test_model (model_name='salmonella')
```

Returns a cobra model for testing

model\_name: str One of 'ecoli', 'textbook', or 'salmonella', or the path to a pickled cobra.Model

```
cobra.test.test_all(args=None)
```

alias for running all unit-tests on installed cobra

cobra.util

#### **Submodules**

cobra.util.array

Helper functions for array operations and sampling.

#### **Module Contents**

#### **Functions**

```
Return a stoichiometric array representation of the
 create_stoichiometric_matrix(model:
 Model, array_type: str = 'dense', dtype: Op-
                                                     given model.
 tional[np.dtype] = None) \rightarrow Union[np.ndarray,
 dok_matrix, lil_matrix, pd.DataFrame]
 nullspace(A: np.ndarray, atol: float = 1e-13, rtol:
                                                     Compute an approximate basis for the nullspace of A.
 float = 0.0) \rightarrow np.ndarray
 constraint_matrices(model:
                                      Model,
                                                     Create a matrix representation of the problem.
 ray_type: str = 'dense', zero_tol: float = 1e-06) \rightarrow
 NamedTuple
cobra.util.array.create_stoichiometric_matrix(model:
                                                                            Model,
                                                                                       array type:
                                                                         'dense', dtype:
                                                               tional[np.dtype]
                                                                                      None)
                                                               Union[np.ndarray,
                                                                                       dok_matrix,
                                                               lil_matrix, pd.DataFrame]
```

Return a stoichiometric array representation of the given model.

The the columns represent the reactions and rows represent metabolites. S[i,j] therefore contains the quantity of metabolite i produced (negative for consumed) by reaction j.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to construct the matrix for.
- array\_type ({ "dense", "dok", "lil", "DataFrame"}) The type of array to construct. "dense" will return a standard numpy.ndarray. "dok", or "lil" will construct a sparse array using scipy of the corresponding type. "DataFrame" will give a pandas.DataFrame with metabolite as indices and reaction as columns.
- **dtype** (numpy.dtype, optional) The desired numpy data type for the array (default numpy.float64).

**Returns** The stoichiometric matrix for the given model.

Return type matrix of class dtype

# Raises

• ValueError – If sparse matrix is used and scipy is not installed.

- . **deprecated**: 0.18.1: "DataFrame" option for *array\_type* will be replaced with "frame" in future versions.
- cobra.util.array.nullspace (A: np.ndarray, atol: float = 1e-13, rtol: float = 0.0)  $\rightarrow$  np.ndarray Compute an approximate basis for the nullspace of A.

The algorithm used by this function is based on the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of A.

#### **Parameters**

- **A** (*numpy.ndarray*) *A* should be at most 2-D. 1-D array with length k will be treated as a 2-D with shape (1, k).
- atol (float, optional) The absolute tolerance for a zero singular value. Singular values smaller than *atol* are considered to be zero (default 1e-13).
- **rtol** (float, optional) The relative tolerance. Singular values less than *rtol* \* *smax* are considered to be zero, where *smax* is the largest singular value (default 0.0).

**Returns** If A is an array with shape (m, k), then ns will be an array with shape (k, n), where n is the estimated dimension of the nullspace of A. The columns of ns are a basis for the nullspace; each element in numpy.dot(A, ns) will be approximately zero.

Return type numpy.ndarray

#### **Notes**

This is taken from the numpy cookbook.

If both atol and rtol are positive, the combined tolerance is the maximum of the two; that is:

$$tol = max(atol, rtol * smax)$$

Singular values smaller than tol are considered to be zero.

```
cobra.util.array.constraint_matrices (model: Model, array_type: str = 'dense', zero\_tol: float = 1e-06) \rightarrow NamedTuple
```

Create a matrix representation of the problem.

This is used for alternative solution approaches that do not use "optlang". The function will construct the equality matrix, inequality matrix and bounds for the complete problem.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The model from which to obtain the LP problem.
- array\_type ({"dense", "dok", "lil", "DataFrame"}) The type of array to construct. "dense" will return a standard numpy.ndarray. "dok", or "lil" will construct a sparse array using scipy of the corresponding type. "DataFrame" will give a pandas.DataFrame with metabolite as indices and reaction as columns.
- **zero\_tol** (*float*, *optional*) The zero tolerance used to judge whether two bounds are the same (default 1e-6).

## Returns

A named tuple consisting of 6 matrices and 2 vectors: - "equalities" is a matrix S such that S \* vars = b. It

includes a row for each constraint and one column for each variable.

- "b" is the right side of the equality equation such that S \* vars = b.
- "inequalities" is a matrix M such that  $lb \le M * vars \le ub$ . It contains a row for each inequality and as many columns as variables.

- "bounds" is a compound matrix [lb ub] containing the lower and upper bounds for the inequality constraints in M.
- "variable\_fixed" is a boolean vector indicating whether the variable at that index is fixed (*lower bound* == *upper\_bound*) and is thus bounded by an equality constraint.
- "variable\_bounds" is a compound matrix [lb ub] containing the lower and upper bounds for all variables.

# Return type NamedTuple

#### **Notes**

To accommodate non-zero equalities, the problem will add the variable "const\_one" which is a variable that equals one.

Deprecated since version 0.18.1: "DataFrame" option for *array\_type* will be replaced with "frame" in future versions.

#### cobra.util.context

Context manager for the package.

# **Module Contents**

# **Classes**

HistoryManager	Define a base context manager.

# **Functions**

<pre>get_context(obj:</pre>	Object)	$\rightarrow$	Op-	Search for a context manager.
tional[HistoryManager]				
resettable(func:	Callable[[Any],	Any	$]) \rightarrow$	Simplify the context management of simple object at-
Callable[[Any], Any]				tributes.

```
class cobra.util.context.HistoryManager(**kwargs)
```

Define a base context manager.

It records a list of actions to be taken at a later time. This is used to implement context managers that allow temporary changes to a *cobra.core.Model*.

```
__call__(self, operation: Callable[[Any], Any]) \rightarrow None Add the corresponding operation to the history stack.
```

**Parameters** operation (callable) – A function to be called at a later time.

```
reset(self) \rightarrow None
```

Trigger executions for all items in the stack in reverse order.

```
size(self) \rightarrow int
```

Calculate number of operations on the stack.

```
\verb|cobra.util.context.get_context| (obj: Object) \rightarrow Optional[HistoryManager] \\ Search for a context manager.
```

Parameters obj (cobra.Object) - The cobra.Object for which to search context manager.

Returns HistoryManager instance, or None if no context manager is found.

Return type HistoryManager or None

# Raises

- AttributeError If no context manager is found.
- IndexError If no context manager is found.

cobra.util.context.resettable (func: Callable[[Any], Any])  $\rightarrow$  Callable[[Any], Any] Simplify the context management of simple object attributes.

It gets the value of the attribute prior to setting it, and stores a function to set the value to the old value in the *cobra.util.HistoryManager*.

**Parameters func** (callable) – The function to decorate.

**Returns** The decorated function.

Return type callable

#### cobra.util.solver

Additional helper functions for the optlang solvers.

All functions integrate well with the context manager, meaning that all operations defined here are automatically reverted when used in a *with model:* block.

The functions defined here together with the existing model functions should allow you to implement custom flux analysis methods with ease.

#### **Module Contents**

# **Classes**

Components	Define an object for adding absolute expressions.

# **Functions**

Retrieve coefficient for the reactions in a linear objec-		
tive.		
Check whether a sympy expression references the		
correct variables.		
Set the model objective.		
Give a string representation for an optlang interface.		
$uleType]) \rightarrow str$		
Select a solver for a given optimization problem.		
Choose a solver given a solver name and model.		

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 add_cons_vars_to_problem(model:
                                                      Add variables and constraints to a model's solver ob-
                   Union[List[CONS_VARS],
 Model, what:
 ple[CONS_VARS], Components], **kwargs) \rightarrow
 None
                                                      Remove variables and constraints from a model's
 remove cons vars from problem(model:
 Model, what:
                   Union[List[CONS VARS], Tu-
                                                      solver object.
 ple[CONS_VARS], Components]) \rightarrow None
                                            Model,
                                                      Add the absolute value of an expression to the model.
 add_absolute_expression(model:
 expression: str, name: str = 'abs_var', ub: Op-
 tional[float] = None, difference: float = 0.0, add: bool
 = True) \rightarrow Components
                                                      Fix current objective as an additional constraint.
 fix_objective_as_constraint(model:
 Model, fraction: float = 1.0, bound: Optional[float] =
 None, name: str = \text{`fixed\_objective\_}\{\}\text{'}) \rightarrow float
 check_solver_status(status:
                                                      Perform standard checks on a solver's status.
 raise_error: bool = False) \rightarrow None
 assert_optimal(model: Model, message: str =
                                                      Assert model solver status is optimal.
 'Optimization failed') \rightarrow None
 add_lp_feasibility(model: Model) \rightarrow None
                                                      Add a new objective and variables to ensure a feasible
                                                      solution.
 add_lexicographic_constraints(model:
                                                      Successively optimize separate targets in a specific or-
          objectives:
                          List['Reaction'],
 Model,
 tive_direction: Union[str, List[str]] = 'max') \rightarrow
 pd.Series
cobra.util.solver.CONS_VARS
cobra.util.solver.solvers
cobra.util.solver.qp_solvers = ['cplex', 'gurobi']
```

cobra.util.solver.has\_primals class cobra.util.solver.Components Bases: typing.NamedTuple

Define an object for adding absolute expressions.

variable :optlang.interface.Variable

upper\_constraint :optlang.interface.Constraint lower\_constraint :optlang.interface.Constraint

cobra.util.solver.linear\_reaction\_coefficients(model: Model, reactions:  $tional[List['Reaction']] = None) \rightarrow$ Dict['Reaction', float]

Retrieve coefficient for the reactions in a linear objective.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model defining the linear objective.
- reactions (list of cobra. Reaction, optional) An optional list of the reactions to get the coefficients for. By default, all reactions are considered (default None).

**Returns** A dictionary where the keys are the reaction objects and the values are the corresponding coefficient. Empty dictionary if there are no linear terms in the objective.

# Return type dict

cobra.util.solver.\_valid\_atoms (model: Model, expression: optlang.symbolics.Basic) → Check whether a sympy expression references the correct variables.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model in which to check for variables.
- expression (sympy.Basic) A sympy expression.

**Returns** True if all referenced variables are contained in model, False otherwise.

Return type bool

cobra.util.solver.set\_objective (model: Model, value: Union[optlang.interface.Objective, optlang.symbolics.Basic, Dict['Reaction', float]], additive:  $bool = False) \rightarrow None$ 

Set the model objective.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to set the objective for.
- **value** (optlang.interface.Objective, optlang.symbolics. Basic, dict) If the model objective is linear, then the value can be a new optlang.interface.Objective or a dictionary with linear coefficients where each key is a reaction and the corresponding value is the new coefficient (float). If the objective is non-linear and *additive* is True, then only values of class optlang.interface.Objective, are accepted.
- **additive** (bool) If True, add the terms to the current objective, otherwise start with an empty objective.

#### Raises

- **ValueError** If model objective is non-linear and the *value* is a dict.
- **TypeError** If the type of *value* is not one of the accepted ones.

 $\label{local_cobrate} \verb|cobra.util.solver.interface_to_str(interface: Union[str, ModuleType])| \rightarrow \verb|str| \\ Give a string representation for an optlang interface.$ 

**Parameters** interface (str, ModuleType) – Full name of the interface in optlang or cobra representation. For instance, 'optlang.glpk\_interface' or 'optlang-glpk'.

**Returns** The name of the interface as a string.

Return type str

cobra.util.solver.get\_solver\_name (mip:bool = False, qp:bool = False)  $\rightarrow$  str Select a solver for a given optimization problem.

# **Parameters**

- mip (bool) True if the solver requires mixed integer linear programming capabilities
- qp (bool) True if the solver requires quadratic programming capabilities.

**Returns** The name of the feasible solver.

Return type str

Raises SolverNotFound - If no suitable solver could be found.

cobra.util.solver.choose\_solver( $model: Model, solver: Optional[str] = None, qp: bool = False) <math>\rightarrow$  ModuleType

Choose a solver given a solver name and model.

This will choose a solver compatible with the model and required capabilities. Also respects model solver where it can.

#### **Parameters**

• model (cobra.Model) - The model for which to choose the solver.

- **solver** (*str*, *optional*) The name of the solver to be used (default None).
- **qp** (boolean, optional) True if the solver needs quadratic programming capabilities (default False).

**Returns** Valid solver for the problem.

Return type optlang.interface

**Raises** SolverNotFound – If no suitable solver could be found.

Add variables and constraints to a model's solver object.

Useful for variables and constraints that can not be expressed with reactions and lower/upper bounds. It will integrate with the model's context manager in order to revert changes upon leaving the context.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to which to add the variables and constraints.
- what (list or tuple of optlang.interface.Variable or) optlang.interface.Constraint The variables and constraints to add to the model.
- \*\*kwargs (keyword arguments) Keyword arguments passed to solver's add() method.

Remove variables and constraints from a model's solver object.

Useful to temporarily remove variables and constraints from a model's solver object.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model from which to remove the variables and constraints.
- what (list or tuple of optlang.interface.Variable or) optlang.interface.Constraint The variables and constraints to remove from the model.

```
cobra.util.solver.add_absolute_expression (model: Model, expression: str, name: str = 'abs\_var', ub: Optional[float] = None, difference: float = 0.0, add: bool = True) \rightarrow Components
```

Add the absolute value of an expression to the model.

Also defines a variable for the absolute value that can be used in other objectives or constraints.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to which to add the absolute expression.
- **expression** (str) Must be a valid symbolic expression within the model's solver object. The absolute value is applied automatically on the expression.
- name (str, optional) The name of the newly created variable (default "abs\_var").
- **ub** (positive float, optional) The upper bound for the variable (default None).
- **difference** (positive float, optional) The difference between the expression and the variable (default 0.0).

• add (bool, optional) - Whether to add the variable to the model at once (default True).

**Returns** A named tuple with variable and two constraints (upper\_constraint, lower\_constraint) describing the new variable and the constraints that assign the absolute value of the expression to it.

# Return type Components

```
cobra.util.solver.fix_objective_as_constraint (model: Model, fraction: float = 1.0, bound: Optional[float] = None, name: str = 'fixed\_objective\_\{\}') \rightarrow float
```

Fix current objective as an additional constraint.

When adding constraints to a model, such as done in pFBA which minimizes total flux, these constraints can become too powerful, resulting in solutions that satisfy optimality but sacrifices too much for the original objective function. To avoid that, we can fix the current objective value as a constraint to ignore solutions that give a lower (or higher depending on the optimization direction) objective value than the original model.

When done with the model as a context, the modification to the objective will be reverted when exiting that context.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to operate on.
- **fraction** (*float*, *optional*) The fraction of the optimum the objective is allowed to reach (default 1.0).
- **bound** (*float*, *optional*) The bound to use instead of fraction of maximum optimal value. If not None, *fraction* is ignored (default None).
- name (str, optional) Name of the objective. May contain one "{}" placeholder which is filled with the name of the old objective (default "fixed\_objective\_{}").

**Returns** The value of the optimized objective \* fraction

Return type float

```
cobra.util.solver.check_solver_status(status: str = None, raise\_error: bool = False) \rightarrow None
```

Perform standard checks on a solver's status.

## Parameters

- **status** (*str*, *optional*) The status string obtained from the solver (default None).
- raise\_error (bool, optional) If True, raise error or display warning if False (default False).

## Returns

Return type None

**Warns** UserWarning – If *status* is not optimal and *raise\_error* is set to True.

**Raises** *OptimizationError* – If *status* is None or is not optimal and *raise\_error* is set to True.

```
cobra.util.solver.assert_optimal (model: Model, message: str = 'Optimization failed') \rightarrow None
```

Assert model solver status is optimal.

Do nothing if model solver status is optimal, otherwise throw appropriate exception depending on the status.

#### **Parameters**

• model (cobra.Model) – The model to check the solver status for.

• **message** (*str*, *optional*) – Message for the exception if solver status is not optimal (default "Optimization failed").

#### Returns

Return type None

Raises OptimizationError – If solver status is not optimal.

```
cobra.util.solver.add_lp_feasibility (model: Model) \rightarrow None Add a new objective and variables to ensure a feasible solution.
```

Add a new objective and variables to ensure a reasible solution.

The optimized objective will be zero for a feasible solution and otherwise represent the distance from feasibility (please see [1]\_ for more information).

**Parameters model** (cobra.Model) – The model whose feasibility is to be tested.

**Returns** 

Return type None

## References

"DFBAlab: A Fast and Reliable MATLAB Code for Dynamic Flux Balance Analysis." BMC Bioinformatics 15, no. 1 (December 18, 2014): 409. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-014-0409-8.

```
cobra.util.solver.add_lexicographic_constraints (model: Model, objectives: List['Reaction'], objective_direction: Union[str, List[str]] = 'max') \rightarrow pd.Series
```

Successively optimize separate targets in a specific order.

For each objective, optimize the model and set the optimal value as a constraint. Proceed in the order of the objectives given. Due to the specific order this is called lexicographic FBA [1]. This procedure is useful for returning unique solutions for a set of important fluxes. Typically this is applied to exchange fluxes.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to be optimized.
- **objectives** (list of cobra.Reaction) A list of reactions (or objectives) in the model for which unique fluxes are to be determined.
- **objective\_direction** (str or list of str, optional) The desired objective direction for each reaction (if a list) or the objective direction to use for all reactions (default "max").

**Returns** A pandas Series containing the optimized fluxes for each of the given reactions in *objectives*.

Return type pandas. Series

## References

"DFBAlab: A Fast and Reliable MATLAB Code for Dynamic Flux Balance Analysis." BMC Bioinformatics 15, no. 1 (December 18, 2014): 409. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-014-0409-8.

cobra.util.util

General utilities used across the package.

# **Module Contents**

# **Classes**

AutoVivification

Implementation of Perl's autovivification feature.

# **Functions**

 $format\_long\_string(string: str, max\_length: Shorten long string into a small string with ellipsis. int = 50) <math>\rightarrow$  str  $show\_versions() \rightarrow None$  Print dependency information.

cobra.util.util.format\_long\_string (string: str, max\_length: int = 50)  $\rightarrow$  str Shorten long string into a small string with ellipsis.

#### **Parameters**

- **string** (str) The long string to shorten.
- max\_length (int, optional) The maximum length after which to append ellipsis (default 50).

**Returns** The shortened string.

Return type str

class cobra.util.util.AutoVivification

Bases: dict

Implementation of Perl's autovivification feature.

# Notes

For more information, check https://stackoverflow.com/a/652284/280182.

```
__getitem__ (self, item: Any) \rightarrow Any Retrieve if item is found, else add it.
```

**Parameters** item (Any) – The object to look for.

Returns The retrieved object.

Return type Any

```
cobra.util.util.show_versions() \rightarrow None
```

Print dependency information.

# **Package Contents**

# Classes

HistoryManager	Define a base context manager.
Components	Define an object for adding absolute expressions.
AutoVivification	Implementation of Perl's autovivification feature.

# **Functions**

create_stoichiometric_matrix(model: Model, array_type: str = 'dense', dtype: Optional[np.dtype] = None) → Union[np.ndarray, dok_matrix, lil_matrix, pd.DataFrame]	Return a stoichiometric array representation of the given model.
$nullspace(A: np.ndarray, atol: float = 1e-13, rtol: float = 0.0) \rightarrow np.ndarray$	Compute an approximate basis for the nullspace of A.
constraint_matrices(model: Model, array_type: str = 'dense', zero_tol: float = 1e-06) $\rightarrow$ NamedTuple	Create a matrix representation of the problem.
get_context(obj: Object) → Optional[HistoryManager]	Search for a context manager.
$ \begin{array}{ccc} \textit{resettable}(\textit{func:} & \textit{Callable}[[\textit{Any}], & \textit{Any}]) \rightarrow \\ \textit{Callable}[[\textit{Any}], & \textit{Any}] \end{array} $	Simplify the context management of simple object attributes.
$\begin{array}{ccc} \hline get\_context(obj: & Object) & \rightarrow & Op-\\ tional[HistoryManager] & \end{array}$	Search for a context manager.
<pre>linear_reaction_coefficients(model: Model, reactions: Optional[List['Reaction']] = None)   → Dict['Reaction', float]</pre>	Retrieve coefficient for the reactions in a linear objective.
$\_valid\_atoms$ (model: Model, expression: optlang.symbolics.Basic) $\rightarrow$ bool	Check whether a sympy expression references the correct variables.
$set\_objective$ (model: Model, value: Union[optlang.interface.Objective, optlang.symbolics.Basic, Dict['Reaction', float]], additive: bool = False) $\rightarrow$ None	Set the model objective.
$interface\_to\_str(interface: Union[str, ModuleType]) \rightarrow str$	Give a string representation for an optlang interface.
get_solver_name(mip: bool = False, qp: bool = False) → str	Select a solver for a given optimization problem.
choose_solver(model: Model, solver: Optional[str] = None, qp: bool = False) $\rightarrow$ ModuleType	Choose a solver given a solver name and model.
add_cons_vars_to_problem(model:  Model, what: Union[List[CONS_VARS], Tuple[CONS_VARS], Components], **kwargs) →  None	Add variables and constraints to a model's solver object.
remove_cons_vars_from_problem(model: Model, what: Union[List[CONS_VARS], Tuple[CONS_VARS], Components]) $\rightarrow$ None	Remove variables and constraints from a model's solver object.
add_absolute_expression(model: Model, expression: str, name: str = 'abs_var', ub: Optional[float] = None, difference: float = 0.0, add: bool = True) → Components	Add the absolute value of an expression to the model.
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<pre>fix_objective_as_constraint(model:</pre>	Fix current objective as an additional constraint.
Model, fraction: float = 1.0, bound: Optional[float] =	
None, name: $str = \text{`fixed\_objective\_}\{\}') \rightarrow float$	
<pre>check_solver_status(status: str = None,</pre>	Perform standard checks on a solver's status.
raise_error: bool = False) $\rightarrow$ None	
<pre>assert_optimal(model: Model, message: str =</pre>	Assert model solver status is optimal.
'Optimization failed') $\rightarrow$ None	
$add_1p_feasibility(model: Model) \rightarrow None$	Add a new objective and variables to ensure a feasible
	solution.
add_lexicographic_constraints(model:	Successively optimize separate targets in a specific or-
Model, objectives: List['Reaction'], objec-	der.
tive_direction: Union[str, List[str]] = 'max') $\rightarrow$	
pd.Series	
<pre>format_long_string(string: str, max_length:</pre>	Shorten long string into a small string with ellipsis.
$int = 50) \rightarrow str$	
	Drint dependency information
$show\_versions() \rightarrow None$	Print dependency information.

```
cobra.util.create_stoichiometric_matrix(model: Model, array\_type: str = 'dense', dtype: Optional[np.dtype] = None) <math>\rightarrow Union[np.ndarray, dok_matrix, lil_matrix, pd.DataFrame]
```

Return a stoichiometric array representation of the given model.

The the columns represent the reactions and rows represent metabolites. S[i,j] therefore contains the quantity of metabolite i produced (negative for consumed) by reaction j.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model to construct the matrix for.
- array\_type ({"dense", "dok", "lil", "DataFrame"}) The type of array to construct. "dense" will return a standard numpy.ndarray. "dok", or "lil" will construct a sparse array using scipy of the corresponding type. "DataFrame" will give a pandas.DataFrame with metabolite as indices and reaction as columns.
- **dtype** (numpy.dtype, optional) The desired numpy data type for the array (default numpy.float64).

**Returns** The stoichiometric matrix for the given model.

**Return type** matrix of class *dtype* 

## Raises

- ValueError If sparse matrix is used and scipy is not installed.
- . **deprecated:** 0.18.1: "DataFrame" option for *array\_type* will be replaced with "frame" in future versions.

cobra.util.nullspace (*A: np.ndarray, atol: float = 1e-13, rtol: float = 0.0*)  $\rightarrow$  np.ndarray Compute an approximate basis for the nullspace of A.

The algorithm used by this function is based on the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of A.

## **Parameters**

- A (numpy.ndarray) A should be at most 2-D. 1-D array with length k will be treated as a 2-D with shape (1, k).
- **atol** (float, optional) The absolute tolerance for a zero singular value. Singular values smaller than *atol* are considered to be zero (default 1e-13).
- **rtol** (*float*, *optional*) The relative tolerance. Singular values less than *rtol* \* *smax* are considered to be zero, where *smax* is the largest singular value (default 0.0).

**Returns** If *A* is an array with shape (m, k), then *ns* will be an array with shape (k, n), where *n* is the estimated dimension of the nullspace of *A*. The columns of *ns* are a basis for the nullspace; each element in numpy.dot(A, ns) will be approximately zero.

Return type numpy.ndarray

#### **Notes**

This is taken from the numpy cookbook.

If both atol and rtol are positive, the combined tolerance is the maximum of the two; that is:

$$tol = max(atol, rtol * smax)$$

Singular values smaller than tol are considered to be zero.

```
cobra.util.constraint_matrices (model: Model, array_type: str = 'dense', zero\_tol: float = le-06) \rightarrow NamedTuple Create a matrix representation of the problem.
```

This is used for alternative solution approaches that do not use "optlang". The function will construct the equality matrix, inequality matrix and bounds for the complete problem.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model from which to obtain the LP problem.
- array\_type ({"dense", "dok", "lil", "DataFrame"}) The type of array to construct. "dense" will return a standard numpy.ndarray. "dok", or "lil" will construct a sparse array using scipy of the corresponding type. "DataFrame" will give a pandas.DataFrame with metabolite as indices and reaction as columns.
- **zero\_tol** (*float*, *optional*) The zero tolerance used to judge whether two bounds are the same (default 1e-6).

## Returns

A named tuple consisting of 6 matrices and 2 vectors: - "equalities" is a matrix S such that S \* vars = b. It

includes a row for each constraint and one column for each variable.

- "b" is the right side of the equality equation such that S \* vars = b.
- "inequalities" is a matrix M such that  $lb \le M * vars \le ub$ . It contains a row for each inequality and as many columns as variables.
- "bounds" is a compound matrix [lb ub] containing the lower and upper bounds for the inequality constraints in M.
- "variable\_fixed" is a boolean vector indicating whether the variable at that index is fixed (*lower bound* == *upper\_bound*) and is thus bounded by an equality constraint.
- "variable\_bounds" is a compound matrix [lb ub] containing the lower and upper bounds for all variables.

Return type NamedTuple

# **Notes**

To accommodate non-zero equalities, the problem will add the variable "const\_one" which is a variable that equals one.

Deprecated since version 0.18.1: "DataFrame" option for *array\_type* will be replaced with "frame" in future versions.

```
class cobra.util.HistoryManager(**kwargs)
```

Define a base context manager.

It records a list of actions to be taken at a later time. This is used to implement context managers that allow temporary changes to a *cobra.core.Model*.

```
__call__(self, operation: Callable[[Any], Any]) \rightarrow None Add the corresponding operation to the history stack.
```

**Parameters** operation (callable) – A function to be called at a later time.

```
reset (self) \rightarrow None
```

Trigger executions for all items in the stack in reverse order.

```
size(self) \rightarrow int
```

Calculate number of operations on the stack.

```
cobra.util.get_context (obj: Object) → Optional[HistoryManager]
```

Search for a context manager.

 $\textbf{Parameters obj} \ (\texttt{cobra.Object}) - The \ cobra. Object for \ which \ to \ search \ context \ manager.$ 

Returns HistoryManager instance, or None if no context manager is found.

Return type HistoryManager or None

Raises

- AttributeError If no context manager is found.
- **IndexError** If no context manager is found.

```
\texttt{cobra.util.resettable} \ (\mathit{func: Callable}[[\mathit{Any}], \mathit{Any}]) \ \rightarrow Callable[[\mathit{Any}], \mathit{Any}]
```

Simplify the context management of simple object attributes.

It gets the value of the attribute prior to setting it, and stores a function to set the value to the old value in the *cobra.util.HistoryManager*.

```
Parameters func (callable) – The function to decorate.
```

**Returns** The decorated function.

Return type callable

```
cobra.util.OPTLANG_TO_EXCEPTIONS_DICT
```

```
exception cobra.util.OptimizationError(message)
```

Bases: Exception

Exception for Optimization issues.

```
exception cobra.util.SolverNotFound
```

Bases: Exception

A simple Exception when a solver can not be found.

```
\texttt{cobra.util.get\_context}\ (\textit{obj: Object}) \ \rightarrow \textbf{Optional[HistoryManager]}
```

Search for a context manager.

**Parameters** obj(cobra.Object) - The cobra.Object for which to search context manager.

**Returns** HistoryManager instance, or None if no context manager is found.

Return type HistoryManager or None

#### Raises

- AttributeError If no context manager is found.
- IndexError If no context manager is found.

```
cobra.util.CONS_VARS
cobra.util.solvers
cobra.util.qp_solvers = ['cplex', 'gurobi']
cobra.util.has_primals
class cobra.util.Components
    Bases: typing.NamedTuple
```

Define an object for adding absolute expressions.

```
variable :optlang.interface.Variable
upper_constraint :optlang.interface.Constraint
lower_constraint :optlang.interface.Constraint
```

```
cobra.util.linear_reaction_coefficients (model: Model, reactions: Optional[List['Reaction']] = None) \rightarrow Dict['Reaction', float]
```

Retrieve coefficient for the reactions in a linear objective.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The cobra model defining the linear objective.
- **reactions** (list of cobra.Reaction, optional) An optional list of the reactions to get the coefficients for. By default, all reactions are considered (default None).

**Returns** A dictionary where the keys are the reaction objects and the values are the corresponding coefficient. Empty dictionary if there are no linear terms in the objective.

# Return type dict

cobra.util.\_valid\_atoms ( $model: Model, expression: optlang.symbolics.Basic) \rightarrow bool$  Check whether a sympy expression references the correct variables.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model in which to check for variables.
- **expression** (*sympy* . *Basic*) A sympy expression.

**Returns** True if all referenced variables are contained in model, False otherwise.

Return type bool

```
cobra.util.set_objective (model: Model, value: Union[optlang.interface.Objective, optlang.symbolics.Basic, Dict['Reaction', float]], additive: bool = False) \rightarrow None
```

Set the model objective.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to set the objective for.
- **value** (optlang.interface.Objective, optlang.symbolics. Basic, dict) If the model objective is linear, then the value can be a new optlang.interface.Objective or a dictionary with linear coefficients where each key is a reaction and the corresponding value is the new coefficient (float). If the objective is non-linear and *additive* is True, then only values of class optlang.interface.Objective, are accepted.

• **additive** (bool) – If True, add the terms to the current objective, otherwise start with an empty objective.

#### Raises

- ValueError If model objective is non-linear and the *value* is a dict.
- **TypeError** If the type of *value* is not one of the accepted ones.

cobra.util.interface\_to\_str(interface:  $Union[str, ModuleType]) \rightarrow str$  Give a string representation for an optlang interface.

**Parameters interface** (str, ModuleType) – Full name of the interface in optlang or cobra representation. For instance, 'optlang.glpk\_interface' or 'optlang-glpk'.

**Returns** The name of the interface as a string.

Return type str

cobra.util.get\_solver\_name (mip: bool = False, qp: bool = False)  $\rightarrow$  str Select a solver for a given optimization problem.

## **Parameters**

- mip (bool) True if the solver requires mixed integer linear programming capabilities.
- qp (bool) True if the solver requires quadratic programming capabilities.

**Returns** The name of the feasible solver.

Return type str

**Raises** *SolverNotFound* – If no suitable solver could be found.

cobra.util.choose\_solver( $model: Model, solver: Optional[str] = None, qp: bool = False) <math>\rightarrow$  ModuleType

Choose a solver given a solver name and model.

This will choose a solver compatible with the model and required capabilities. Also respects model solver where it can.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model for which to choose the solver.
- **solver** (*str*, *optional*) The name of the solver to be used (default None).
- **qp** (boolean, optional) True if the solver needs quadratic programming capabilities (default False).

**Returns** Valid solver for the problem.

Return type optlang.interface

Raises SolverNotFound - If no suitable solver could be found.

```
{\tt cobra.util.add\_cons\_vars\_to\_problem} \ ({\it model: Model, what: Union[List[CONS\_VARS], Tuple[CONS\_VARS], Components], **kwargs)} \ \to \ None
```

Add variables and constraints to a model's solver object.

Useful for variables and constraints that can not be expressed with reactions and lower/upper bounds. It will integrate with the model's context manager in order to revert changes upon leaving the context.

## **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to which to add the variables and constraints.
- what (list or tuple of optlang.interface.Variable or) optlang.interface.Constraint The variables and constraints to add to the model.

\*\*kwargs (keyword arguments) - Keyword arguments passed to solver's add() method.

None Remove variables and constraints from a model's solver object.

Useful to temporarily remove variables and constraints from a model's solver object.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The model from which to remove the variables and constraints
- what (list or tuple of optlang.interface.Variable or) optlang.interface.Constraint The variables and constraints to remove from the model.

```
cobra.util.add_absolute_expression (model: Model, expression: str, name: str = 'abs_var', ub: Optional[float] = None, difference: float = 0.0, add: bool = True) \rightarrow Components
```

Add the absolute value of an expression to the model.

Also defines a variable for the absolute value that can be used in other objectives or constraints.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra. Model) The model to which to add the absolute expression.
- **expression** (str) Must be a valid symbolic expression within the model's solver object. The absolute value is applied automatically on the expression.
- name (str, optional) The name of the newly created variable (default "abs\_var").
- **ub** (positive float, optional) The upper bound for the variable (default None).
- **difference** (positive float, optional) The difference between the expression and the variable (default 0.0).
- add (bool, optional) Whether to add the variable to the model at once (default True).

**Returns** A named tuple with variable and two constraints (upper\_constraint, lower\_constraint) describing the new variable and the constraints that assign the absolute value of the expression to it.

# Return type Components

```
cobra.util.fix_objective_as_constraint (model: Model, fraction: float = 1.0, bound: Optional[float] = None, name: str = \frac{fixed_objective_{f}}{} \rightarrow float
```

Fix current objective as an additional constraint.

When adding constraints to a model, such as done in pFBA which minimizes total flux, these constraints can become too powerful, resulting in solutions that satisfy optimality but sacrifices too much for the original objective function. To avoid that, we can fix the current objective value as a constraint to ignore solutions that give a lower (or higher depending on the optimization direction) objective value than the original model.

When done with the model as a context, the modification to the objective will be reverted when exiting that context.

# **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to operate on.
- **fraction** (*float*, *optional*) The fraction of the optimum the objective is allowed to reach (default 1.0).

- **bound** (*float*, *optional*) The bound to use instead of fraction of maximum optimal value. If not None, *fraction* is ignored (default None).
- name (str, optional) Name of the objective. May contain one "{}" placeholder which is filled with the name of the old objective (default "fixed\_objective\_{}").

**Returns** The value of the optimized objective \* fraction

Return type float

cobra.util.check\_solver\_status ( $status: str = None, raise\_error: bool = False$ )  $\rightarrow$  None Perform standard checks on a solver's status.

#### **Parameters**

- **status** (*str*, *optional*) The status string obtained from the solver (default None).
- raise\_error (bool, optional) If True, raise error or display warning if False (default False).

#### **Returns**

Return type None

**Warns** UserWarning – If *status* is not optimal and *raise\_error* is set to True.

**Raises** OptimizationError – If status is None or is not optimal and raise\_error is set to True.

cobra.util.assert\_optimal (model: Model, message:  $str = 'Optimization failed') \rightarrow None$  Assert model solver status is optimal.

Do nothing if model solver status is optimal, otherwise throw appropriate exception depending on the status.

### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to check the solver status for.
- **message** (*str*, *optional*) Message for the exception if solver status is not optimal (default "Optimization failed").

## Returns

Return type None

**Raises** OptimizationError – If solver status is not optimal.

cobra.util.add\_lp\_feasibility(model: Model)  $\rightarrow None$ 

Add a new objective and variables to ensure a feasible solution.

The optimized objective will be zero for a feasible solution and otherwise represent the distance from feasibility (please see [1] for more information).

**Parameters model** (cobra. Model) – The model whose feasibility is to be tested.

Returns

Return type None

# References

"DFBAlab: A Fast and Reliable MATLAB Code for Dynamic Flux Balance Analysis." BMC Bioinformatics 15, no. 1 (December 18, 2014): 409. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-014-0409-8.

```
cobra.util.add_lexicographic_constraints (model: Model, objectives: List['Reaction'], objective_direction: Union[str, List[str]] = 'max') \rightarrow pd.Series
```

Successively optimize separate targets in a specific order.

For each objective, optimize the model and set the optimal value as a constraint. Proceed in the order of the objectives given. Due to the specific order this is called lexicographic FBA [1]. This procedure is useful for returning unique solutions for a set of important fluxes. Typically this is applied to exchange fluxes.

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra.Model) The model to be optimized.
- **objectives** (*list of cobra.Reaction*) A list of reactions (or objectives) in the model for which unique fluxes are to be determined.
- **objective\_direction** (str or list of str, optional) The desired objective direction for each reaction (if a list) or the objective direction to use for all reactions (default "max").

**Returns** A pandas Series containing the optimized fluxes for each of the given reactions in *objectives*.

Return type pandas. Series

#### References

"DFBAlab: A Fast and Reliable MATLAB Code for Dynamic Flux Balance Analysis." BMC Bioinformatics 15, no. 1 (December 18, 2014): 409. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-014-0409-8.

```
cobra.util.format_long_string(string: str, max\_length: int = 50) \rightarrow str Shorten long string into a small string with ellipsis.
```

# **Parameters**

- **string** (*str*) The long string to shorten.
- max\_length (int, optional) The maximum length after which to append ellipsis (default 50).

**Returns** The shortened string.

Return type str

```
class cobra.util.AutoVivification
    Bases: dict
```

Implementation of Perl's autovivification feature.

## **Notes**

For more information, check https://stackoverflow.com/a/652284/280182.

```
__getitem__ (self, item: Any) \rightarrow Any Retrieve if item is found, else add it.
```

**Parameters** item (Any) – The object to look for.

**Returns** The retrieved object.

Return type Any

cobra.util.show\_versions()  $\rightarrow$  None Print dependency information.

# 17.1.2 Submodules

# cobra.exceptions

Module for shared exceptions in the Cobra package.

# **Module Contents**

# exception cobra.exceptions.OptimizationError(message)

Bases: Exception

Exception for Optimization issues.

# exception cobra.exceptions.Infeasible(message)

Bases: cobra.exceptions.OptimizationError

Exception for Infeasible issues.

# exception cobra.exceptions.Unbounded(message)

Bases: cobra.exceptions.OptimizationError

Exception for Unbounded issues.

# exception cobra.exceptions.FeasibleButNotOptimal(message)

Bases: cobra.exceptions.OptimizationError

Exception for Non-Optimal issues.

# exception cobra.exceptions.UndefinedSolution(message)

Bases: cobra.exceptions.OptimizationError

Exception for Undefined issues.

## exception cobra.exceptions.SolverNotFound

Bases: Exception

A simple Exception when a solver can not be found.

 $\verb|cobra.exceptions.OPTLANG_TO_EXCEPTIONS_DICT| \\$ 

# 17.1.3 Package Contents

# Classes

Configuration	Define a global configuration object.
DictList	A combined dict and list
Gene	A Gene in a cobra model
Metabolite	Metabolite is a class for holding information regard-
	ing
Model	Class representation for a cobra model
Object	Defines common behavior of object in cobra.core
Reaction	Reaction is a class for holding information regarding
Solution	A unified interface to a cobra. Model optimization so-
	lution.
Species	Species is a class for holding information regarding

### **Functions**

 $show_versions() \rightarrow None$ 

Print dependency information.

```
cobra.__author__ = The cobrapy core development team.
cobra.__version__ = 0.21.0
```

## class cobra.Configuration(\*\*kwargs)

Define a global configuration object.

The attributes of this singleton object are used as default values by cobra functions.

### solver

The default solver for new models. The solver choices are the ones provided by *optlang* and depend on solvers installed in your environment.

### tolerance

The default tolerance for the solver being used (default 1E-07).

Type float

#### lower bound

The standard lower bound for reversible reactions (default -1000).

**Type** float, optional

### upper\_bound

The standard upper bound for all reactions (default 1000).

Type float, optional

## bounds

The default reaction bounds for newly created reactions. The bounds are in the form of lower\_bound, upper\_bound (default -1000.0, 1000.0).

Type tuple of floats

### processes

A default number of processes to use where multiprocessing is possible. The default number corresponds to the number of available cores (hyperthreads) minus one.

Type int

### cache\_directory

A path where the model cache should reside if caching is desired. The default directory depends on the operating system.

Type pathlib.Path or str, optional

### max\_cache\_size

The allowed maximum size of the model cache in bytes (default 1 GB).

Type int, optional

## cache\_expiration

The expiration time in seconds for the model cache if any (default None).

Type int, optional

### $\_\mathtt{set\_default\_solver}$ (self) $\rightarrow$ None

Set the default solver from a preferred order.

# $\_\mathtt{set\_default\_processes}$ ( $\mathit{self}$ ) $\to$ None

Set the default number of processes.

```
\_set\_default\_cache\_directory(self) \rightarrow None
           Set the platform-dependent default cache directory.
     property solver (self) \rightarrow types.ModuleType
           Return the optlang solver interface.
     property bounds (self) → Tuple[Optional[Number], Optional[Number]]
           Return the lower, upper reaction bound pair.
     property cache_directory(self) → pathlib.Path
           Return the model cache directory.
        \_repr\_\_ (self ) \rightarrow str
           Return a string representation of the current configuration values.
     \_\texttt{repr\_html}\_(self) \rightarrow str
           Return a rich HTML representation of the current configuration values.
           Notes
           This special method is used automatically in Jupyter notebooks to display a result from a cell.
class cobra.DictList(*args)
     Bases: list
      A combined dict and list
     This object behaves like a list, but has the O(1) speed benefits of a dict when looking up elements by their
     has_id(self, id)
     _check (self, id)
           make sure duplicate id's are not added. This function is called before adding in elements.
      _generate_index(self)
           rebuild the dict index
     get_by_id (self, id)
           return the element with a matching id
      list_attr(self, attribute)
           return a list of the given attribute for every object
      get_by_any (self, iterable)
           Get a list of members using several different ways of indexing
                 Parameters iterable (list (if not, turned into single element
                      list)) – list where each element is either int (referring to an index in in this
                     DictList), string (a id of a member in this DictList) or member of this DictList for
                     pass-through
                 Returns a list of members
                 Return type list
      query (self, search_function, attribute=None)
           Query the list
                 Parameters

    search function

                                                         (a string, regular expression or
```

• **search\_function** (a string, regular expression or function) – Used to find the matching elements in the list. - a regular expression (possibly compiled), in which case the given attribute of the object should match the regular expression. - a function which takes one argument and returns True for desired values

• attribute (string or None) – the name attribute of the object to passed as argument to the search\_function. If this is None, the object itself is used.

**Returns** a new list of objects which match the query

Return type DictList

# **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
     >>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model('textbook')
     >>> model.reactions.query(lambda x: x.boundary)
     >>> regex = re.compile('^g', flags=re.IGNORECASE)
     >>> model.metabolites.query(regex, attribute='name')
_replace_on_id(self, new_object)
     Replace an object by another with the same id.
append (self, object)
     append object to end
union (self, iterable)
     adds elements with id's not already in the model
extend(self, iterable)
     extend list by appending elements from the iterable
_extend_nocheck (self, iterable)
     extends without checking for uniqueness
     This function should only be used internally by DictList when it can guarantee elements are already
     unique (as in when coming from self or other DictList). It will be faster because it skips these checks.
  sub (self, other)
     x._sub_(y) <==> x - y
          Parameters other (iterable) – other must contain only unique id's present in the
 _isub__ (self, other)
     x._sub_(y) <==> x -= y
           Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's present in the
___add___ (self, other)
     x._add_(y) <==> x + y
          Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's which do not
               intersect with self
  iadd (self, other)
     x_iadd__(y) <==> x += y
          Parameters other (iterable) - other must contain only unique id's wheih do not
               intersect with self
  _reduce__(self)
     Helper for pickle.
\underline{\phantom{a}}getstate\underline{\phantom{a}} (self)
     gets internal state
     This is only provided for backwards compatibility so older versions of cobrapy can load pickles
```

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generated with cobrapy. In reality, the "\_dict" state is ignored when loading a pickle

```
_setstate___(self, state)
            sets internal state
            Ignore the passed in state and recalculate it. This is only for compatibility with older pickles which
            did not correctly specify the initialization class
      index (self, id, *args)
            Determine the position in the list
            id: A string or a Object
      __contains__(self, object)
            DictList.__contains__(object) <==> object in DictList
            object: str or Object
      __copy__(self)
      insert (self, index, object)
            insert object before index
     pop (self, *args)
            remove and return item at index (default last).
      add(self, x)
            Opposite of remove. Mirrors set.add
      remove (self, x)
              Warning: Internal use only
      reverse (self)
            reverse IN PLACE
      sort (self, cmp=None, key=None, reverse=False)
            stable sort IN PLACE
            cmp(x, y) \rightarrow -1, 0, 1
      \underline{\phantom{a}}getitem\underline{\phantom{a}} (self, i)
            x_getitem__(y) <==> x[y]
       \_setitem\_(self, i, y)
            Set self[key] to value.
      delitem (self, index)
            Delete self[key].
      \__getslice\__(self, i, j)
      \_setslice\_(self, i, j, y)
      \_delslice\_(self, i, j)
      __getattr__(self, attr)
      ___dir___(self)
            Default dir() implementation.
class cobra.Gene (id=None, name=", functional=True)
      Bases: cobra.core.species.Species
      A Gene in a cobra model
            Parameters
```

• id (string) - The identifier to associate the gene with

- name (string) A longer human readable name for the gene
- **functional** (bool) Indicates whether the gene is functional. If it is not functional then it cannot be used in an enzyme complex nor can its products be used.

## property functional(self)

A flag indicating if the gene is functional.

Changing the flag is reverted upon exit if executed within the model as context.

### knock\_out (self)

Knockout gene by marking it as non-functional and setting all associated reactions bounds to zero.

The change is reverted upon exit if executed within the model as context.

**remove\_from\_model** (*self*, *model=None*, *make\_dependent\_reactions\_nonfunctional=True*)

Removes the association

#### **Parameters**

- model (cobra model) The model to remove the gene from
- make\_dependent\_reactions\_nonfunctional (bool) If True then replace the gene with 'False' in the gene association, else replace the gene with 'True'

Deprecated since version 0.4: Use cobra.manipulation.delete\_model\_genes to simulate knockouts and cobra.manipulation.remove\_genes to remove genes from the model.

```
_repr_html_(self)
```

```
class cobra.Metabolite(id=None, formula=None, name=", charge=None, compartment=None)
Bases: cobra.core.species.Species
```

Metabolite is a class for holding information regarding a metabolite in a cobra. Reaction object.

### **Parameters**

- id(str) the identifier to associate with the metabolite
- formula (str) Chemical formula (e.g. H2O)
- name (str) A human readable name.
- charge (float) The charge number of the metabolite
- compartment (str or None) Compartment of the metabolite.

```
_set_id_with_model(self, value)
```

# property constraint (self)

Get the constraints associated with this metabolite from the solve

**Returns** the optlang constraint for this metabolite

Return type optlang.<interface>.Constraint

```
property elements(self)
```

Dictionary of elements as keys and their count in the metabolite as integer. When set, the *formula* property is update accordingly

# property formula\_weight (self)

Calculate the formula weight

## property y (self)

The shadow price for the metabolite in the most recent solution

Shadow prices are computed from the dual values of the bounds in the solution.

### property shadow\_price(self)

The shadow price in the most recent solution.

Shadow price is the dual value of the corresponding constraint in the model.

### Warning:

- Accessing shadow prices through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Shadow price is retrieved from the currently defined *self.\_model.solver*. The solver status is checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking for
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

#### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the metabolite is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.

### **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.metabolites.glc__D_e.shadow_price
-0.09166474637510488
>>> solution.shadow_prices.glc__D_e
-0.091664746375104883
```

### remove\_from\_model (self, destructive=False)

Removes the association from self.model

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

**Parameters destructive** (bool) – If False then the metabolite is removed from all associated reactions. If True then all associated reactions are removed from the Model.

```
summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)
```

Create a summary of the producing and consuming fluxes.

### **Parameters**

- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

### Returns

**Return type** cobra.summary.MetaboliteSummary

### See also:

```
Reaction.summary(), Model.summary()
    _repr_html_(self)

class cobra.Model(id_or_model=None, name=None)
    Bases: cobra.core.object.Object
```

Class representation for a cobra model

#### **Parameters**

- id\_or\_model (Model, string) Either an existing Model object in which case a new model object is instantiated with the same properties as the original model, or an identifier to associate with the model as a string.
- name (string) Human readable name for the model

#### reactions

A DictList where the key is the reaction identifier and the value a Reaction

```
Type DictList
```

#### metabolites

A DictList where the key is the metabolite identifier and the value a Metabolite

```
Type DictList
```

#### genes

A DictList where the key is the gene identifier and the value a Gene

```
Type DictList
```

#### groups

A DictList where the key is the group identifier and the value a Group

```
Type DictList
```

### solution

The last obtained solution from optimizing the model.

```
Type Solution
```

```
__setstate__(self, state)
```

Make sure all cobra. Objects in the model point to the model.

```
__getstate__(self)
```

Get state for serialization.

Ensures that the context stack is cleared prior to serialization, since partial functions cannot be pickled reliably.

### property solver(self)

Get or set the attached solver instance.

The associated the solver object, which manages the interaction with the associated solver, e.g. glpk.

This property is useful for accessing the optimization problem directly and to define additional non-metabolic constraints.

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> new = model.problem.Constraint(model.objective.expression,
>>> 1b=0.99)
>>> model.solver.add(new)
```

## property medium(self)

```
\_add\_ (self, other\_model)
```

Add the content of another model to this model (+).

The model is copied as a new object, with a new model identifier, and copies of all the reactions in the other model are added to this model. The objective is the sum of the objective expressions for the two models.

```
iadd (self, other model)
```

Incrementally add the content of another model to this model (+=).

Copies of all the reactions in the other model are added to this model. The objective is the sum of the objective expressions for the two models.

### copy (self)

Provides a partial 'deepcopy' of the Model. All of the Metabolite, Gene, and Reaction objects are created anew but in a faster fashion than deepcopy

### add\_metabolites (self, metabolite\_list)

Will add a list of metabolites to the model object and add new constraints accordingly.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

Parameters metabolite\_list (A list of cobra.core.Metabolite objects) -

```
remove_metabolites (self, metabolite_list, destructive=False)
```

Remove a list of metabolites from the the object.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- metabolite\_list (list) A list with cobra.Metabolite objects as elements.
- **destructive** (bool) If False then the metabolite is removed from all associated reactions. If True then all associated reactions are removed from the Model.

### add\_reaction (self, reaction)

Will add a cobra. Reaction object to the model, if reaction.id is not in self.reactions.

### **Parameters**

- reaction (cobra.Reaction) The reaction to add
- (0.6) Use ~cobra.Model.add\_reactions instead (Deprecated)-

Add a boundary reaction for a given metabolite.

There are three different types of pre-defined boundary reactions: exchange, demand, and sink reactions. An exchange reaction is a reversible, unbalanced reaction that adds to or removes an extracellular metabolite from the extracellular compartment. A demand reaction is an irreversible reaction that consumes an intracellular metabolite. A sink is similar to an exchange but specifically for intracellular metabolites, i.e., a reversible reaction that adds or removes an intracellular metabolite.

If you set the reaction *type* to something else, you must specify the desired identifier of the created reaction along with its upper and lower bound. The name will be given by the metabolite name and the given *type*.

### **Parameters**

• **metabolite** (cobra.Metabolite) – Any given metabolite. The compartment is not checked but you are encouraged to stick to the definition of exchanges and sinks.

- **type** (str, {"exchange", "demand", "sink"}) Using one of the pre-defined reaction types is easiest. If you want to create your own kind of boundary reaction choose any other string, e.g., 'my-boundary'.
- **reaction\_id** (*str*, *optional*) The ID of the resulting reaction. This takes precedence over the auto-generated identifiers but beware that it might make boundary reactions harder to identify afterwards when using *model.boundary* or specifically *model.exchanges* etc.
- **1b** (*float*, *optional*) The lower bound of the resulting reaction.
- **ub** (*float*, *optional*) The upper bound of the resulting reaction.
- **sbo\_term** (*str*, *optional*) A correct SBO term is set for the available types. If a custom type is chosen, a suitable SBO term should also be set.

**Returns** The created boundary reaction.

Return type cobra.Reaction

## **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> demand = model.add_boundary(model.metabolites.atp_c, type="demand")
>>> demand.id
'DM_atp_c'
>>> demand.name
'ATP demand'
>>> demand.bounds
(0, 1000.0)
>>> demand.build_reaction_string()
'atp_c --> '
```

### add\_reactions (self, reaction\_list)

Add reactions to the model.

Reactions with identifiers identical to a reaction already in the model are ignored.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

**Parameters** reaction\_list (list) - A list of cobra.Reaction objects

```
remove_reactions (self, reactions, remove_orphans=False)
```

Remove reactions from the model.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

### **Parameters**

- reactions (list) A list with reactions (cobra.Reaction), or their id's, to remove
- remove\_orphans (bool) Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

```
add_groups (self, group_list)
```

Add groups to the model.

Groups with identifiers identical to a group already in the model are ignored.

If any group contains members that are not in the model, these members are added to the model as well. Only metabolites, reactions, and genes can have groups.

**Parameters** group\_list (list) - A list of cobra. Group objects to add to the model.

### remove\_groups (self, group\_list)

Remove groups from the model.

Members of each group are not removed from the model (i.e. metabolites, reactions, and genes in the group stay in the model after any groups containing them are removed).

Parameters group\_list (list) - A list of cobra.Group objects to remove from the model

# get\_associated\_groups (self, element)

Returns a list of groups that an element (reaction, metabolite, gene) is associated with.

Parameters element (cobra.Reaction, cobra.Metabolite, or cobra.Gene) -

**Returns** All groups that the provided object is a member of

Return type list of cobra. Group

### add\_cons\_vars (self, what, \*\*kwargs)

Add constraints and variables to the model's mathematical problem.

Useful for variables and constraints that can not be expressed with reactions and simple lower and upper bounds.

Additions are reversed upon exit if the model itself is used as context.

### **Parameters**

- what (list or tuple of optlang variables or constraints.) The variables or constraints to add to the model. Must be of class optlang.interface.Variable or optlang.interface.Constraint.
- \*\*kwargs (keyword arguments) Passed to solver.add()

### remove\_cons\_vars (self, what)

Remove variables and constraints from the model's mathematical problem.

Remove variables and constraints that were added directly to the model's underlying mathematical problem. Removals are reversed upon exit if the model itself is used as context.

```
Parameters what (list or tuple of optlang variables or constraints.) – The variables or constraints to add to the model. Must be of class optlang.interface.Variable or optlang.interface.Constraint.
```

### property problem(self)

The interface to the model's underlying mathematical problem.

Solutions to cobra models are obtained by formulating a mathematical problem and solving it. Cobrapy uses the optlang package to accomplish that and with this property you can get access to the problem interface directly.

**Returns** The problem interface that defines methods for interacting with the problem and associated solver directly.

Return type optlang.interface

### property variables (self)

The mathematical variables in the cobra model.

In a cobra model, most variables are reactions. However, for specific use cases, it may also be useful to have other types of variables. This property defines all variables currently associated with the model's problem.

**Returns** A container with all associated variables.

Return type optlang.container.Container

### property constraints(self)

The constraints in the cobra model.

In a cobra model, most constraints are metabolites and their stoichiometries. However, for specific use cases, it may also be useful to have other types of constraints. This property defines all constraints currently associated with the model's problem.

**Returns** A container with all associated constraints.

Return type optlang.container.Container

### property boundary(self)

Boundary reactions in the model. Reactions that either have no substrate or product.

### property exchanges (self)

Exchange reactions in model. Reactions that exchange mass with the exterior. Uses annotations and heuristics to exclude non-exchanges such as sink reactions.

# $\verb"property" demands" (\textit{self}")$

Demand reactions in model. Irreversible reactions that accumulate or consume a metabolite in the inside of the model.

### property sinks(self)

Sink reactions in model. Reversible reactions that accumulate or consume a metabolite in the inside of the model

```
_populate_solver (self, reaction_list, metabolite_list=None)
```

Populate attached solver with constraints and variables that model the provided reactions.

```
slim_optimize (self, error_value=float('nan'), message=None)
```

Optimize model without creating a solution object.

Creating a full solution object implies fetching shadow prices and flux values for all reactions and metabolites from the solver object. This necessarily takes some time and in cases where only one or two values are of interest, it is recommended to instead use this function which does not create a solution object returning only the value of the objective. Note however that the *optimize()* function uses efficient means to fetch values so if you need fluxes/shadow prices for more than say 4 reactions/metabolites, then the total speed increase of *slim\_optimize* versus *optimize* is expected to be small or even negative depending on how you fetch the values after optimization.

### **Parameters**

- **error\_value** (*float*, *None*) The value to return if optimization failed due to e.g. infeasibility. If None, raise *OptimizationError* if the optimization fails.
- message (string) Error message to use if the model optimization did not succeed.

Returns The objective value.

Return type float

```
optimize (self, objective_sense=None, raise_error=False)
```

Optimize the model using flux balance analysis.

# **Parameters**

- objective\_sense ({None, 'maximize' 'minimize'}, optional) Whether fluxes should be maximized or minimized. In case of None, the previous direction is used.
- raise error (bool) -

If true, raise an OptimizationError if solver status is not optimal.

### **Notes**

Only the most commonly used parameters are presented here. Additional parameters for cobra.solvers may be available and specified with the appropriate keyword argument.

repair (self, rebuild\_index=True, rebuild\_relationships=True)

Update all indexes and pointers in a model

### **Parameters**

- **rebuild\_index** (bool) rebuild the indices kept in reactions, metabolites and genes
- **rebuild\_relationships** (bool) reset all associations between genes, metabolites, model and then re-add them.

## property objective(self)

Get or set the solver objective

Before introduction of the optlang based problems, this function returned the objective reactions as a list. With optlang, the objective is not limited a simple linear summation of individual reaction fluxes, making that return value ambiguous. Henceforth, use *cobra.util.solver.linear\_reaction\_coefficients* to get a dictionary of reactions with their linear coefficients (empty if there are none)

The set value can be dictionary (reactions as keys, linear coefficients as values), string (reaction identifier), int (reaction index), Reaction or problem. Objective or sympy expression directly interpreted as objectives.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

### property objective\_direction(self)

Get or set the objective direction.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when exiting the context.

```
summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)
```

Create a summary of the exchange fluxes of the model.

## **Parameters**

- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

### **Returns**

Return type cobra. Model Summary

### See also:

Merge two models to create a model with the reactions from both models.

Custom constraints and variables from right models are also copied to left model, however note that, constraints and variables are assumed to be the same if they have the same name.

right [cobra.Model] The model to add reactions from

**prefix\_existing** [string] Prefix the reaction identifier in the right that already exist in the left model with this string.

**inplace** [bool] Add reactions from right directly to left model object. Otherwise, create a new model leaving the left model untouched. When done within the model as context, changes to the models are reverted upon exit.

**objective** [string] One of 'left', 'right' or 'sum' for setting the objective of the resulting model to that of the corresponding model or the sum of both.

```
_repr_html_(self)

class cobra.Object (id=None, name=")

Bases: object

Defines common behavior of object in cobra.core

property id (self)

_set_id_with_model (self, value)

property annotation (self)

_getstate__ (self)

_To prevent excessive replication during deepcopy.

_repr__ (self)

_Return repr(self).

_str__ (self)

_Return str(self).

class cobra.Reaction (id=None, name=", subsystem=", lower_bound=0.0, upper_bound=None)

Bases: cobra.core.object.Object
```

Reaction is a class for holding information regarding a biochemical reaction in a cobra. Model object.

Reactions are by default irreversible with bounds (0.0, cobra.Configuration().upper\_bound) if no bounds are provided on creation. To create an irreversible reaction use lower\_bound=None, resulting in reaction bounds of (cobra.Configuration().lower\_bound, cobra.Configuration().upper\_bound).

### **Parameters**

- id (string) The identifier to associate with this reaction
- name (string) A human readable name for the reaction
- **subsystem** (*string*) Subsystem where the reaction is meant to occur
- lower bound (float) The lower flux bound
- upper\_bound (float) The upper flux bound

```
__radd__
_set_id_with_model (self, value)

property reverse_id (self)

Generate the id of reverse_variable from the reaction's id.

property flux_expression (self)

Forward flux expression
```

**Returns** The expression representing the the forward flux (if associated with model), otherwise None. Representing the net flux if model.reversible\_encoding == 'unsplit' or None if reaction is not associated with a model

**Return type** sympy expression

### property forward\_variable(self)

An optlang variable representing the forward flux

**Returns** An optlang variable for the forward flux or None if reaction is not associated with a model.

Return type optlang.interface. Variable

### property reverse\_variable(self)

An optlang variable representing the reverse flux

**Returns** An optlang variable for the reverse flux or None if reaction is not associated with a model

Return type optlang.interface. Variable

### property objective\_coefficient(self)

Get the coefficient for this reaction in a linear objective (float)

Assuming that the objective of the associated model is summation of fluxes from a set of reactions, the coefficient for each reaction can be obtained individually using this property. A more general way is to use the *model.objective* property directly.

```
__copy__(self)
__deepcopy__(self, memo)
static _check_bounds(lb, ub)
update_variable_bounds(self)
property lower_bound(self)
Get or set the lower bound
```

Setting the lower bound (float) will also adjust the associated optlang variables associated with the reaction. Infeasible combinations, such as a lower bound higher than the current upper bound will update the other bound.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

### property upper\_bound(self)

Get or set the upper bound

Setting the upper bound (float) will also adjust the associated optlang variables associated with the reaction. Infeasible combinations, such as a upper bound lower than the current lower bound will update the other bound.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

### property bounds (self)

Get or set the bounds directly from a tuple

Convenience method for setting upper and lower bounds in one line using a tuple of lower and upper bound. Invalid bounds will raise an AssertionError.

When using a *HistoryManager* context, this attribute can be set temporarily, reversed when the exiting the context.

## property flux(self)

The flux value in the most recent solution.

Flux is the primal value of the corresponding variable in the model.

## Warning:

- Accessing reaction fluxes through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Reaction flux is retrieved from the currently defined *self.\_model.solver*. The solver status is checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking for
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

#### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the reaction is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.
- **AssertionError** If the flux value is not within the bounds.

### **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.reactions.PFK.flux
7.477381962160283
>>> solution.fluxes.PFK
7.4773819621602833
```

### property reduced\_cost (self)

The reduced cost in the most recent solution.

Reduced cost is the dual value of the corresponding variable in the model.

# Warning:

- Accessing reduced costs through a *Solution* object is the safer, preferred, and only guaranteed to be correct way. You can see how to do so easily in the examples.
- Reduced cost is retrieved from the currently defined *self.\_model.solver*. The solver status is checked but there are no guarantees that the current solver state is the one you are looking for.
- If you modify the underlying model after an optimization, you will retrieve the old optimization values.

### Raises

- RuntimeError If the underlying model was never optimized beforehand or the reaction is not part of a model.
- OptimizationError If the solver status is anything other than 'optimal'.

### **Examples**

```
>>> import cobra.test
>>> model = cobra.test.create_test_model("textbook")
>>> solution = model.optimize()
>>> model.reactions.PFK.reduced_cost
-8.673617379884035e-18
>>> solution.reduced_costs.PFK
-8.6736173798840355e-18
```

```
property metabolites (self)
property genes (self)
property gene_reaction_rule (self)
property gene_name_reaction_rule (self)
    Display gene_reaction_rule with names intead.
```

Do NOT use this string for computation. It is intended to give a representation of the rule using more familiar gene names instead of the often cryptic ids.

```
property functional(self)
```

All required enzymes for reaction are functional.

**Returns** True if the gene-protein-reaction (GPR) rule is fulfilled for this reaction, or if reaction is not associated to a model, otherwise False.

```
Return type bool
```

```
property x (self)
```

The flux through the reaction in the most recent solution.

Flux values are computed from the primal values of the variables in the solution.

```
property y(self)
```

The reduced cost of the reaction in the most recent solution.

Reduced costs are computed from the dual values of the variables in the solution.

```
property reversibility(self)
```

Whether the reaction can proceed in both directions (reversible)

This is computed from the current upper and lower bounds.

```
property boundary(self)
```

Whether or not this reaction is an exchange reaction.

Returns *True* if the reaction has either no products or reactants.

```
property model (self)
```

returns the model the reaction is a part of

```
_update_awareness(self)
```

Make sure all metabolites and genes that are associated with this reaction are aware of it.

```
{\tt remove\_from\_model}~(\textit{self}, \textit{remove\_orphans} = \textit{False}~)
```

Removes the reaction from a model.

This removes all associations between a reaction the associated model, metabolites and genes.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

**Parameters remove\_orphans** (bool) – Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

```
delete (self, remove_orphans=False)
```

Removes the reaction from a model.

This removes all associations between a reaction the associated model, metabolites and genes.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

Deprecated, use reaction.remove\_from\_model instead.

**Parameters remove\_orphans** (bool) – Remove orphaned genes and metabolites from the model as well

```
__setstate__(self, state)
```

Probably not necessary to set \_model as the cobra.Model that contains self sets the \_model attribute for all metabolites and genes in the reaction.

However, to increase performance speed we do want to let the metabolite and gene know that they are employed in this reaction

```
copy(self)
```

Copy a reaction

The referenced metabolites and genes are also copied.

```
__add__ (self, other)
```

Add two reactions

The stoichiometry will be the combined stoichiometry of the two reactions, and the gene reaction rule will be both rules combined by an and. All other attributes (i.e. reaction bounds) will match those of the first reaction

```
__iadd__ (self, other)
__sub__ (self, other)
```

\_\_\_isub\_\_\_(self, other)

\_\_\_imul\_\_\_(self, coefficient)

Scale coefficients in a reaction by a given value

```
E.g. A \rightarrow B becomes 2A \rightarrow 2B.
```

If coefficient is less than zero, the reaction is reversed and the bounds are swapped.

```
___mul___(self, coefficient)
```

```
property reactants(self)
```

Return a list of reactants for the reaction.

```
property products(self)
```

Return a list of products for the reaction

```
get_coefficient (self, metabolite_id)
```

Return the stoichiometric coefficient of a metabolite.

```
Parameters metabolite_id(str or cobra.Metabolite) -
```

```
get coefficients(self, metabolite ids)
```

Return the stoichiometric coefficients for a list of metabolites.

```
Parameters metabolite_ids (iterable) - Containing str or ``cobra.Metabolite``s.
```

```
add_metabolites (self, metabolites_to_add, combine=True, reversibly=True)
```

Add metabolites and stoichiometric coefficients to the reaction. If the final coefficient for a metabolite is 0 then it is removed from the reaction.

The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

### **Parameters**

• metabolites\_to\_add (dict) - Dictionary with metabolite objects or metabolite identifiers as keys and coefficients as values. If keys are strings (name of a metabolite) the reaction must already be part of a model and a metabolite with the given name must exist in the model.

- **combine** (bool) Describes behavior a metabolite already exists in the reaction. True causes the coefficients to be added. False causes the coefficient to be replaced.
- **reversibly** (bool) Whether to add the change to the context to make the change reversibly or not (primarily intended for internal use).

subtract\_metabolites (self, metabolites, combine=True, reversibly=True)

Subtract metabolites from a reaction.

That means add the metabolites with -1\*coefficient. If the final coefficient for a metabolite is 0 then the metabolite is removed from the reaction.

### **Notes**

- A final coefficient < 0 implies a reactant.
- The change is reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- **metabolites** (dict) Dictionary where the keys are of class Metabolite and the values are the coefficients. These metabolites will be added to the reaction.
- **combine** (bool) Describes behavior a metabolite already exists in the reaction. True causes the coefficients to be added. False causes the coefficient to be replaced.
- **reversibly** (bool) Whether to add the change to the context to make the change reversibly or not (primarily intended for internal use).

```
property reaction(self)
```

Human readable reaction string

build\_reaction\_string (self, use\_metabolite\_names=False)

Generate a human readable reaction string

```
check_mass_balance(self)
```

Compute mass and charge balance for the reaction

returns a dict of {element: amount} for unbalanced elements. "charge" is treated as an element in this dict This should be empty for balanced reactions.

```
property compartments(self)
```

lists compartments the metabolites are in

```
get_compartments(self)
```

lists compartments the metabolites are in

```
_associate_gene (self, cobra_gene)
```

Associates a cobra. Gene object with a cobra. Reaction.

```
Parameters cobra_gene (cobra.core.Gene.Gene) -
```

```
_dissociate_gene(self, cobra_gene)
```

Dissociates a cobra. Gene object with a cobra. Reaction.

```
Parameters cobra_gene (cobra.core.Gene.Gene) -
```

```
knock_out (self)
```

Knockout reaction by setting its bounds to zero.

```
build_reaction_from_string (self, reaction_str, verbose=True, fwd_arrow=None, rev_arrow=None, reversible_arrow=None, term_split='+')
```

Builds reaction from reaction equation reaction\_str using parser

Takes a string and using the specifications supplied in the optional arguments infers a set of metabolites, metabolite compartments and stoichiometries for the reaction. It also infers the reversibility of the reaction from the reaction arrow.

Changes to the associated model are reverted upon exit when using the model as a context.

#### **Parameters**

- reaction\_str(string) a string containing a reaction formula (equation)
- **verbose** (bool) setting verbosity of function
- fwd\_arrow (re.compile) for forward irreversible reaction arrows
- rev\_arrow (re.compile) for backward irreversible reaction arrows
- reversible\_arrow (re.compile) for reversible reaction arrows
- term\_split (string) dividing individual metabolite entries

summary (self, solution=None, fva=None)

Create a summary of the reaction flux.

### **Parameters**

- **solution** (cobra.Solution, optional) A previous model solution to use for generating the summary. If None, the summary method will generate a parsimonious flux distribution (default None).
- **fva** (pandas.DataFrame or float, optional) Whether or not to include flux variability analysis in the output. If given, fva should either be a previous FVA solution matching the model or a float between 0 and 1 representing the fraction of the optimum objective to be searched (default None).

#### Returns

Return type cobra.summary.ReactionSummary

### See also

```
Metabolite.summary(), Model.summary()

__str__(self)
Return str(self).

_repr_html_(self)

class cobra.Solution(objective_value, status, fluxes, reduced_costs=None, shadow_prices=None, **kwargs)
Bases: object
```

A unified interface to a *cobra.Model* optimization solution.

## Notes

Solution is meant to be constructed by *get\_solution* please look at that function to fully understand the *Solution* class.

# objective\_value

The (optimal) value for the objective function.

Type float

## status

The solver status related to the solution.

Type str

## fluxes

Contains the reaction fluxes (primal values of variables).

```
Type pandas. Series
```

#### reduced\_costs

Contains reaction reduced costs (dual values of variables).

Type pandas. Series

### shadow\_prices

Contains metabolite shadow prices (dual values of constraints).

Type pandas. Series

### get\_primal\_by\_id

\_\_repr\_\_(self)

String representation of the solution instance.

\_repr\_html\_(self)

\_\_getitem\_\_(self, reaction\_id)

Return the flux of a reaction.

**Parameters** reaction (str) – A model reaction ID.

### to frame (self)

Return the fluxes and reduced costs as a data frame

# class cobra.Species(id=None, name=None)

Bases: cobra.core.object.Object

Species is a class for holding information regarding a chemical Species

#### **Parameters**

- id (string) An identifier for the chemical species
- name (string) A human readable name.

### property reactions (self)

```
__getstate__(self)
```

Remove the references to container reactions when serializing to avoid problems associated with recursion.

## copy (self)

When copying a reaction, it is necessary to deepcopy the components so the list references aren't carried over.

Additionally, a copy of a reaction is no longer in a cobra. Model.

This should be fixed with self.\_\_deepcopy\_\_ if possible

```
property model(self)
```

### cobra.show\_versions() $\rightarrow$ None

Print dependency information.

# 17.2 conftest

Contains module level fixtures and utility functions.

# 17.2.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

mini_model(data_directory)	Fixture for mini model.
<pre>compare_models(model_1, model_2)</pre>	Compare two models (only for testing purposes).

conftest.mini\_model (data\_directory)

Fixture for mini model.

conftest.compare\_models (model\_1, model\_2) Compare two models (only for testing purposes).

# 17.3 test\_achr

Test functionalities of ACHRSampler.

### 17.3.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test_achr_init_benchmark(model: Model,	Benchmark inital ACHR sampling.
$benchmark) \rightarrow None$	
test_achr_sample_benchmark(achr:	Benchmark ACHR sampling.
ACHRSampler, benchmark) $\rightarrow$ None	
test_validate_wrong_sample(achr:	Test sample correctness.
ACHRSampler, model: Model) $\rightarrow$ None	
$test\_sampling(achr: ACHRSampler) \rightarrow None$	Test sampling.
test_batch_sampling(achr: ACHRSampler)	Test batch sampling.
$\rightarrow$ None	
test_variables_samples(achr: ACHRSam-	Test variable samples.
$pler) \rightarrow None$	

- $\texttt{test\_achr.test\_achr\_init\_benchmark} \ (\textit{model: Model, benchmark}) \ \to None$  Benchmark inital ACHR sampling.
- $\texttt{test\_achr.test\_achr\_sample\_benchmark} \ (\textit{achr: ACHRSampler, benchmark}) \ \to \ None \\ Benchmark \ ACHR \ sampling.$
- $\texttt{test\_achr.test\_validate\_wrong\_sample} \ (\textit{achr: ACHRSampler}, \textit{model: Model}) \ \to \ None$   $Test \ sample \ correctness.$
- $\texttt{test\_achr.test\_sampling} \ (\textit{achr: ACHRSampler}) \ \to None$   $Test \ sampling.$

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# 17.4 test\_optgp

Test functionalities of OptGPSampler.

## 17.4.1 Module Contents

## **Functions**

optgp(model)	Return OptGPSampler instance for tests.
test_optgp_init_benchmark(model, bench-	Benchmark inital OptGP sampling.
mark)	
test_optgp_sample_benchmark(optgp,	Benchmark OptGP sampling.
benchmark)	
test_sampling(optgp)	Test sampling.
test_batch_sampling(optgp)	Test batch sampling.
test_variables_samples(achr, optgp)	Test variable samples.
test_reproject(optgp)	Test reprojection of sampling.

 $\texttt{test\_optgp.optgp} \ (\textit{model})$ 

Return OptGPSampler instance for tests.

test\_optgp.test\_optgp\_init\_benchmark (model, benchmark)
Benchmark inital OptGP sampling.

test\_optgp.test\_optgp\_sample\_benchmark(optgp, benchmark)
Benchmark OptGP sampling.

test\_optgp.test\_sampling (optgp)
 Test sampling.

test\_optgp.test\_batch\_sampling(optgp)

Test batch sampling.

test\_optgp.test\_variables\_samples (achr, optgp)
Test variable samples.

test\_optgp.test\_reproject (optgp)
Test reprojection of sampling.

# 17.5 test\_sampling

Test functionalities of flux sampling methods.

# 17.5.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

Test ACHR sampling (one sample).
Test OptGP sampling (one sample).
Test OptGP sampling (multi sample).
Test method intake sanity.
Test result of fixed seed for sampling.
Test equality constraint.

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test_inequality_constraint(model)	Test inequality constraint.
test_inhomogeneous_sanity(model)	Test whether inhomogeneous sampling gives approx-
	imately the same
test_complicated_model()	Test a complicated model.
test_single_point_space(model)	Test the reduction of the sampling space to one point.

 ${\tt test\_sampling.test\_single\_achr} \ (model)$ 

Test ACHR sampling (one sample).

 $\texttt{test\_sampling.test\_single\_optgp} \ (model)$ 

Test OptGP sampling (one sample).

test\_sampling.test\_multi\_optgp (model)

Test OptGP sampling (multi sample).

 $\verb|test_sampling.test_wrong_method| (model)$ 

Test method intake sanity.

test\_sampling.test\_fixed\_seed(model)

Test result of fixed seed for sampling.

test\_sampling.test\_equality\_constraint(model)

Test equality constraint.

test\_sampling.test\_inequality\_constraint(model)

Test inequality constraint.

test\_sampling.test\_inhomogeneous\_sanity(model)

Test whether inhomogeneous sampling gives approximately the same standard deviation as a homogeneous version.

test\_sampling.test\_complicated\_model()

Test a complicated model.

Difficult model since the online mean calculation is numerically unstable so many samples weakly violate the equality constraints.

test\_sampling.test\_single\_point\_space(model)

Test the reduction of the sampling space to one point.

# 17.6 test\_context

Test functions of context.py.

## 17.6.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test_history_manager() $\rightarrow$ None	Test initialization and resetting of HistoryManager.
$test\_get\_context(model: Model) \rightarrow None$	Test if context retrieval is working.
$test\_resettable() \rightarrow None$	Test if resettable decorator is functional.

 $\texttt{test\_context.test\_history\_manager()} \rightarrow None$ 

Test initialization and resetting of HistoryManager.

 $\texttt{test\_context.test\_get\_context} \; (\textit{model: Model}) \; \rightarrow None$ 

Test if context retrieval is working.

test\_context.test\_resettable()  $\rightarrow$  None

Test if resettable decorator is functional.

# 17.7 test\_solver

Test functions of solver.py.

### 17.7.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

$test\_solver\_list() \rightarrow None$	Expect that at least the GLPK solver is found.
$test\_interface\_str() \rightarrow None$	Test the string representation of solver interfaces.
$test\_solver\_name() \rightarrow None$	Test that the default LP solver name is GLPK.
$test\_choose\_solver(model: Model) \rightarrow Op-$	Test that solver switching is working.
tional[su.SolverNotFound]	
test_linear_reaction_coefficients(mod	elTest that linear coefficients are identifiable in objec-
$Model) \rightarrow None$	tive.
test_fail_non_linear_reaction_coeffic	Test fa(innocled non-linear coefficient identification in
$Model) \rightarrow None$	reaction.
$test\_add\_remove(model: Model) \rightarrow None$	Test addition and removal of variables and constraints.
test_add_remove_in_context(model:	Test addition and removal of variables and constraints
$Model) \rightarrow None$	within context.
test_absolute_expression(model: Model)	Test addition of an absolute expression.
$\rightarrow$ None	
test_fix_objective_as_constraint(solver	: Test fixing present objective as a constraint.
str, model: Model) $\rightarrow$ None	
test_fix_objective_as_constraint_mina	inTeste (initially present objective as a constraint but as a
Model, solver: str) $\rightarrow$ None	minimization.
test_add_lp_feasibility(model: Model,	Test functionality to ensure LP feasibility.
solver: $str) \rightarrow None$	
test_add_lexicographic_constraints(mo	delest addition of lexicographic constraints.
Model, solver: str) $\rightarrow$ None	
$test\_time\_limit(large\_model: Model) \rightarrow None$	Test time limit while optimizing a model.

```
test_solver.stable_optlang = ['glpk', 'cplex', 'gurobi']
```

 ${\tt test\_solver.optlang\_solvers}$ 

test\_solver.test\_solver\_list()  $\rightarrow$  None Expect that at least the GLPK solver is found.

test\_solver.test\_interface\_str()  $\rightarrow$  None Test the string representation of solver interfaces.

 $\label{eq:loss_loss_loss} \textbf{Test that the default LP solver name ()} \rightarrow None$  Test that the default LP solver name is GLPK.

 $\texttt{test\_solver.test\_choose\_solver} \ (\textit{model: Model}) \ \rightarrow Optional[su.SolverNotFound]$  Test that solver switching is working.

test\_solver.test\_linear\_reaction\_coefficients (model: Model)  $\rightarrow$  None Test that linear coefficients are identifiable in objective.

test\_solver.test\_fail\_non\_linear\_reaction\_coefficients (model: Model)  $\rightarrow$  None Test failure of non-linear coefficient identification in reaction.

test\_solver.test\_add\_remove (model: Model)  $\rightarrow$  None Test addition and removal of variables and constraints.

- $test\_solver.test\_add\_remove\_in\_context (model: Model) \rightarrow None$  Test addition and removal of variables and constraints within context.
- test\_solver.test\_absolute\_expression  $(model: Model) \rightarrow None$ Test addition of an absolute expression.
- test\_solver.test\_fix\_objective\_as\_constraint (solver: str, model: Model)  $\rightarrow$  None Test fixing present objective as a constraint.
- test\_solver.test\_fix\_objective\_as\_constraint\_minimize( $model: Model, solver: str) \rightarrow None$ Test fixing present objective as a constraint but as a minimization.
- $\texttt{test\_solver.test\_add\_lp\_feasibility} \ (\textit{model: Model, solver: str}) \ \to \ None$  Test functionality to ensure LP feasibility.
- $\texttt{test\_solver.test\_add\_lexicographic\_constraints} \ (\textit{model: Model, solver: str}) \ \to \ None$  Test addition of lexicographic constraints.
- $\texttt{test\_solver.test\_time\_limit} \ (\textit{large\_model: Model}) \ \to None$  Test time limit while optimizing a model.

# 17.8 test array

Test functions of array.py.

### 17.8.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test_dense_matrix(model)	Test dense stoichiometric matrix creation.
test_sparse_matrix(model)	Test sparse stoichiometric matrix creation.

test\_array.test\_dense\_matrix(model)

Test dense stoichiometric matrix creation.

test\_array.test\_sparse\_matrix (model)
Test sparse stoichiometric matrix creation.

# 17.9 test\_util

Test functions of util.py.

## 17.9.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test_format_long_string(input_string: str,	Test functionality of format long string.
expected_string: str) $\rightarrow$ None	
$test\_autovivification() \rightarrow None$	Test proper functionality of autovivification.
$test\_show\_versions(capsys) \rightarrow None$	Test output of dependency information.

test\_util.test\_format\_long\_string(input\_string: str, expected\_string: str)  $\rightarrow$  None Test functionality of format long string.

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```
\label{eq:loss_total} \textbf{test\_autovivification} \ () \ \to None \  \  \, \textbf{Test proper functionality of autovivification}.
```

test\_util.test\_show\_versions  $(capsys) \rightarrow None$ Test output of dependency information.

# 17.10 test\_dictlist

Test functions of dictlist.py

### 17.10.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

```
dict_list()
test_contains(dict_list)
test_index(dict_list)
test_independent()
test_get_by_any(dict_list)
test_append(dict_list)
test_insert(dict_list)
test_extend(dict_list)
test_iadd(dict_list)
test_add(dict_list)
test_sub(dict_list)
test_isub(dict_list)
test_init_copy(dict_list)
test_slice(dict_list)
test_copy(dict_list)
test_deepcopy(dict_list)
test_pickle(dict_list)
test_query(dict_list)
test_removal()
test_set()
test_sort_and_reverse()
test_dir(dict_list)
test_union(dict_list)
```

```
test_dictlist.dict_list()
test_dictlist.test_contains(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_index(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_independent()
test_dictlist.test_get_by_any(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_append(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_insert(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_extend(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_iadd(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_iadd(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_add(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_sub(dict_list)
```

```
test_dictlist.test_isub(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_init_copy(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_slice(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_copy(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_deepcopy(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_pickle(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_query(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_removal()
test_dictlist.test_set()
test_dictlist.test_sort_and_reverse()
test_dictlist.test_dir(dict_list)
test_dictlist.test_union(dict_list)
```

# 17.11 test\_core\_reaction

Test functions of reaction.py

## 17.11.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test_gpr()
test_gpr_modification(model)
test_gene_knock_out(model)
test_str()
test_str_from_model(model)
test_add_metabolite_from_solved_model(solved_model)
test_add_metabolite_benchmark(model,
benchmark, solver)
test_add_metabolite(model)
test_subtract_metabolite_benchmark(model,
benchmark, solver)
test_subtract_metabolite(model, solver)
test_mass_balance(model)
test_build_from_string(model)
test_bounds_setter(model)
test_copy(model)
test_iadd(model)
test_add(model)
test_radd(model)
test_mul(model)
test_sub(model)
test_removal_from_model_retains_bounds(model)
test_set_bounds_scenario_1(model)
test_set_bounds_scenario_3(model)
test_set_bounds_scenario_4(model)
test_set_upper_before_lower_bound_to_0(model)

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```
test_set_bounds_scenario_2(model)
 {\tt test\_change\_bounds(model)}
 test_make_irreversible(model)
 test_make_reversible(model)
      _make_irreversible_irreversible_to_the_other_side(model)
      _make_lhs_irreversible_reversible(model)
 test_model_less_reaction(model)
 test_knockout(model)
 test\_reaction\_without\_model()
 test_weird_left_to_right_reaction_issue(tiny_toy_model)
 test_one_left_to_right_reaction_set_positive_ub(tiny_toy_model)
 test_irrev_reaction_set_negative_lb(model)
 test_twist_irrev_right_to_left_reaction_to_left_to_right(model)
 test_set_lb_higher_than_ub_sets_ub_to_new_lb(model)
 test_set_ub_lower_than_lb_sets_lb_to_new_ub(model)
 test_add_metabolites_combine_true(model)
 test_add_metabolites_combine_false(model)
 test_reaction_imul(model)
 test_remove_from_model(model)
      change_id_is_reflected_in_solver(model)
 test_repr_html_(model)
test_core_reaction.config
test_core_reaction.stable_optlang = ['glpk', 'cplex', 'gurobi']
test_core_reaction.test_gpr()
{\tt test\_core\_reaction.test\_gpr\_modification}~(\textit{model})
test_core_reaction.test_gene_knock_out (model)
test_core_reaction.test_str()
test_core_reaction.test_str_from_model(model)
test_core_reaction.test_add_metabolite_from_solved_model(solved_model)
test_core_reaction.test_add_metabolite_benchmark(model, benchmark, solver)
test_core_reaction.test_add_metabolite(model)
test_core_reaction.test_subtract_metabolite_benchmark (model,
                                                                     benchmark,
                                                           solver)
test_core_reaction.test_subtract_metabolite(model, solver)
test_core_reaction.test_mass_balance(model)
test\_core\_reaction.test\_build\_from\_string (model)
test_core_reaction.test_bounds_setter(model)
test_core_reaction.test_copy (model)
test_core_reaction.test_iadd(model)
test_core_reaction.test_add(model)
test_core_reaction.test_radd(model)
test_core_reaction.test_mul(model)
test_core_reaction.test_sub(model)
{\tt test\_core\_reaction.test\_removal\_from\_model\_retains\_bounds} \ (\textit{model})
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```
test_core_reaction.test_set_bounds_scenario_1 (model)
test_core_reaction.test_set_bounds_scenario_3 (model)
test_core_reaction.test_set_bounds_scenario_4 (model)
test_core_reaction.test_set_upper_before_lower_bound_to_0 (model)
test_core_reaction.test_set_bounds_scenario_2 (model)
test_core_reaction.test_change_bounds (model)
test_core_reaction.test_make_irreversible (model)
test core reaction.test make reversible (model)
test_core_reaction.test_make_irreversible_irreversible_to_the_other_side (model)
test_core_reaction.test_make_lhs_irreversible_reversible (model)
test_core_reaction.test_model_less_reaction(model)
test_core_reaction.test_knockout (model)
test_core_reaction.test_reaction_without_model()
test_core_reaction.test_weird_left_to_right_reaction_issue(tiny_toy_model)
test_core_reaction.test_one_left_to_right_reaction_set_positive_ub(tiny_toy_model)
test_core_reaction.test_irrev_reaction_set_negative_lb (model)
test_core_reaction.test_twist_irrev_right_to_left_reaction_to_left_to_right (model)
test_core_reaction.test_set_lb_higher_than_ub_sets_ub_to_new_lb (model)
test_core_reaction.test_set_ub_lower_than_lb_sets_lb_to_new_ub (model)
test_core_reaction.test_add_metabolites_combine_true (model)
test_core_reaction.test_add_metabolites_combine_false(model)
test_core_reaction.test_reaction_imul(model)
test_core_reaction.test_remove_from_model(model)
test_core_reaction.test_change_id_is_reflected_in_solver(model)
test_core_reaction.test_repr_html_(model)
```

# 17.12 test model

Test functions of model.py

### 17.12.1 Module Contents

# **Functions**

same_ex(ex1, ex2)	Compare to expressions for mathematical equality.
test_add_remove_reaction_benchmark(me	odel,
benchmark, solver)	
test_add_metabolite(model)	
test_remove_metabolite_subtractive(me	odel)
test_remove_metabolite_destructive(me	odel)
test_compartments(model)	

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test_add_reaction(model)
test_add_reaction_context(model)
test_add_reaction_from_other_model(model)
test_model_remove_reaction(model)
test_reaction_remove(model)
test_reaction_delete(model)
test_remove_gene(model)
test_group_model_reaction_association(model)
test_group_members_add_to_model(model)
test_group_loss_of_elements(model)
test_exchange_reactions(model)
test_add_boundary(model, metabolites, reac-
tion_type, prefix)
test_add_boundary_context(model,
metabolites, reaction_type, prefix)
test_add_existing_boundary(model,
metabolites, reaction_type)
test_copy_benchmark(model, solver, bench-
mark)
test_copy_benchmark_large_model(large_model,
solver, benchmark)
test_copy(model)
test_copy_with_groups(model)
test_deepcopy_benchmark(model, bench-
mark)
test_deepcopy(model)
test_add_reaction_orphans(model)
test_merge_models(model, tiny_toy_model)
test_change_objective_benchmark(model,
benchmark, solver)
test_get_objective_direction(model)
test_set_objective_direction(model)
test_slim_optimize(model) test_optimize(model, solver)
test_optimize(model, solver)  test_change_objective(model)
test_problem_properties(model) test_solution_data_frame(model)
test_context_manager(model)
test_objective_coefficient_reflects_changed_objective(model)
test_change_objective_through_objective_coefficient(model)
test_transfer_objective(model)
test_model_from_other_model(model)
test_add_reactions(model)
test_add_reactions_single_existing(model)
test_add_reactions_duplicate(model)
test_add_cobra_reaction(model)
test_all_objects_point_to_all_other_correct_objects(model)
test_objects_point_to_correct_other_after_copy(model)
test_remove_reactions(model)
test_objective(model)
test_change_objective(model)
test_set_reaction_objective(model)
test_set_reaction_objective_str(model)
test_invalid_objective_raises(model)
test_solver_change(model)
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```
test_no_change_for_same_solver(model)
 test_invalid_solver_change_raises(model)
 test_change_solver_to_cplex_and_check_copy_works(model)
 test_copy_preserves_existing_solution(solved_model)
 test_repr_html_(model)
test_model.stable_optlang = ['glpk', 'cplex', 'gurobi']
test_model.optlang_solvers
test_model.same_ex(ex1, ex2)
    Compare to expressions for mathematical equality.
test_model.test_add_remove_reaction_benchmark(model, benchmark, solver)
\verb|test_model.test_add_metabolite| (model)
test_model.test_remove_metabolite_subtractive (model)
test_model.test_remove_metabolite_destructive (model)
test_model.test_compartments(model)
test_model.test_add_reaction (model)
test_model.test_add_reaction_context(model)
test_model.test_add_reaction_from_other_model(model)
test_model.test_model_remove_reaction(model)
test_model.test_reaction_remove(model)
test_model.test_reaction_delete(model)
test_model.test_remove_gene(model)
test_model.test_group_model_reaction_association (model)
test_model.test_group_members_add_to_model(model)
test_model.test_group_loss_of_elements(model)
test_model.test_exchange_reactions(model)
test_model.test_add_boundary (model, metabolites, reaction_type, prefix)
test_model.test_add_boundary_context (model, metabolites, reaction_type, prefix)
test model.test add existing boundary (model, metabolites, reaction type)
test_model.test_copy_benchmark (model, solver, benchmark)
test_model.test_copy_benchmark_large_model(large_model, solver, benchmark)
test_model.test_copy (model)
test_model.test_copy_with_groups (model)
test_model.test_deepcopy_benchmark(model, benchmark)
test_model.test_deepcopy(model)
test_model.test_add_reaction_orphans(model)
test_model.test_merge_models (model, tiny_toy_model)
test_model.test_change_objective_benchmark(model, benchmark, solver)
test_model.test_get_objective_direction(model)
test_model.test_set_objective_direction(model)
```

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```
test_model.test_slim_optimize(model)
test_model.test_optimize(model, solver)
test_model.test_change_objective (model)
test_model.test_problem_properties (model)
test_model.test_solution_data_frame (model)
test_model.test_context_manager(model)
test_model.test_objective_coefficient_reflects_changed_objective(model)
test_model.test_change_objective_through_objective_coefficient (model)
test_model.test_transfer_objective(model)
test_model.test_model_from_other_model(model)
test_model.test_add_reactions(model)
test_model.test_add_reactions_single_existing(model)
test_model.test_add_reactions_duplicate(model)
test_model.test_add_cobra_reaction(model)
test_model.test_all_objects_point_to_all_other_correct_objects (model)
test_model.test_objects_point_to_correct_other_after_copy (model)
test_model.test_remove_reactions(model)
test_model.test_objective(model)
test_model.test_change_objective(model)
test_model.test_set_reaction_objective(model)
test_model.test_set_reaction_objective_str(model)
test_model.test_invalid_objective_raises (model)
test_model.test_solver_change (model)
test_model.test_no_change_for_same_solver(model)
test_model.test_invalid_solver_change_raises (model)
test_model.test_change_solver_to_cplex_and_check_copy_works(model)
test_model.test_copy_preserves_existing_solution(solved_model)
test_model.test_repr_html_(model)
```

# 17.13 test\_gene

Test functions of gene.py

# 17.13.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

```
test_repr_html_(model)
```

test\_gene.test\_repr\_html\_(model)

# 17.14 test\_group

Test functions of model.py

## 17.14.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test_group_add_elements(model)	
test_group_kind()	

```
{\tt test\_group\_add\_elements} \ (model)
```

test\_group.test\_group\_kind()

# 17.15 test\_configuration

Test functions of configuration.py

# 17.15.1 Module Contents

# **Functions**

test_default_bounds()	Verify the default bounds.
test_bounds()	Test changing bounds.
test_solver()	Test assignment of different solvers.
test_default_tolerance(model)	Verify the default solver tolerance.
test_toy_model_tolerance_with_differenVerifye that different default tolerance is respected by	
Model.	
test_tolerance_assignment(model)	Test assignment of solver tolerance.

```
test_configuration.test_default_bounds()
```

Verify the default bounds.

 ${\tt test\_configuration.test\_bounds()}$ 

Test changing bounds.

test\_configuration.test\_solver()

Test assignment of different solvers.

test\_configuration.test\_default\_tolerance(model)

Verify the default solver tolerance.

test\_configuration.test\_toy\_model\_tolerance\_with\_different\_default() Verify that different default tolerance is respected by Model.

test\_configuration.test\_tolerance\_assignment (model)
Test assignment of solver tolerance.

# 17.16 test\_solution

Test functions of solution.py

### 17.16.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test\_solution\_contains\_only\_reaction\_specific\_values(solved\_model)

test\_solution.test\_solution\_contains\_only\_reaction\_specific\_values (solved\_model)

# 17.17 test\_metabolite

test\_metabolite.test\_repr\_html\_(model)

Test functions of metabolite.py

## 17.17.1 Module Contents

# **Functions**

```
test_metabolite_formula()
test_formula_element_setting(model)

test_set_id(solved_model)

test_remove_from_model(solved_model)

test_repr_html_(model)

test_metabolite.test_metabolite_formula()

test_metabolite.test_formula_element_setting(model)

test_metabolite.test_set_id(solved_model)

test_metabolite.test_remove_from_model(solved_model)
```

# 17.18 update\_pickles

Regenerate model pickle files.

This should be performed after updating core classes in order to prevent suble bugs.

## 17.18.1 Module Contents

```
update_pickles.config
update_pickles.solver = glpk
update_pickles.ecoli_model
```

# 17.19 test\_fastcc

Test functionalities of FASTCC.

# 17.19.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

figure1_model()	Generate a toy model as described in figure 1.
opposing_model()	Generate a toy model with opposing reversible reac-
	tions.
test_fastcc_benchmark(model, benchmark,	Benchmark fastcc.
all_solvers)	
test_figure1(figure1_model, all_solvers)	Test fastcc.
test_opposing(opposing_model, all_solvers)	Test fastcc.
test_fastcc_against_fva_nonblocked_rxnRe(smonted)-blocked reactions obtained by FASTCC	
all_solvers)	against FVA.

```
test_fastcc.figure1_model()
```

Generate a toy model as described in 1 figure 1.

### References

```
test_fastcc.opposing_model()
```

Generate a toy model with opposing reversible reactions.

This toy model ensures that two opposing reversible reactions do not appear as blocked.

```
test_fastcc.test_fastcc_benchmark (model, benchmark, all_solvers)
Benchmark fastcc.
```

```
test_fastcc.test_figure1 (figure1_model, all_solvers)
Test fastcc.
```

```
test_fastcc.test_opposing(opposing_model, all_solvers)
Test fastcc.
```

test\_fastcc.test\_fastcc\_against\_fva\_nonblocked\_rxns (model, all\_solvers)
Test non-blocked reactions obtained by FASTCC against FVA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vlassis N, Pacheco MP, Sauter T (2014) Fast Reconstruction of Compact Context-Specific Metabolic Network Models. PLoS Comput Biol 10(1): e1003424. doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1003424

# 17.20 test\_geometric

Test functionalities of Geometric FBA.

# 17.20.1 Module Contents

## **Functions**

<pre>geometric_fba_model()</pre>	Generate geometric FBA model as described in <sup>1</sup>
test_geometric_fba_benchmark(model,	Benchmark geometric_fba.
benchmark, all_solvers)	
test_geometric_fba(geometric_fba_model,	Test geometric_fba.
all_solvers)	

test\_geometric.geometric\_fba\_model ()
Generate geometric FBA model as described in<sup>1</sup>

## References

test\_geometric.test\_geometric\_fba\_benchmark (model, benchmark, all\_solvers)
Benchmark geometric\_fba.

test\_geometric.test\_geometric\_fba (geometric\_fba\_model, all\_solvers)
Test geometric\_fba.

# 17.21 test\_room

Test functionalities of ROOM.

## 17.21.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test_room_sanity(model, all_solvers)	Test optimization criterion and optimality for ROOM.
test_linear_room_sanity(model,	Test optimization criterion and optimality for linear
all_solvers)	ROOM.

test\_room.test\_room\_sanity (model, all\_solvers)

Test optimization criterion and optimality for ROOM.

 ${\tt test\_room.test\_linear\_room\_sanity} \, (\textit{model}, \textit{all\_solvers})$ 

Test optimization criterion and optimality for linear ROOM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Smallbone, Kieran & Simeonidis, Vangelis. (2009). Flux balance analysis: A geometric perspective. Journal of theoretical biology.258. 311-5. 10.1016/j.jtbi.2009.01.027.

# 17.22 test\_reaction

Test \_assess functions in reaction.py

## 17.22.1 Module Contents

### **Functions**

test_assess(model, all_solvers)	Test assess functions.	

 ${\tt test\_reaction.test\_assess} \ (\textit{model}, \textit{all\_solvers}) \\ {\tt Test assess functions}.$ 

## 17.23 test\_deletion

Test functionalities of reaction and gene deletions.

## 17.23.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

	Barnohdeark single gene deletion using FBA.
benchmark, all_solvers)	
test_single_gene_deletion_fba(model,	Test single gene deletion using FBA.
all_solvers)	
test_single_gene_deletion_moma_benchm	aBenchodelk single gene deletion using MOMA.
benchmark, qp_solvers)	
test_single_gene_deletion_moma(model,	Test single gene deletion using MOMA.
qp_solvers)	
test_single_gene_deletion_moma_refere	erTes(singlet, gene deletion using MOMA (reference so-
qp_solvers)	lution).
test_single_gene_deletion_linear_moma	Benchmark:singlodelne deletion using linear MOMA.
benchmark, all_solvers)	
test_single_gene_deletion_linear_moma	(fileatelingle gene deletion using linear MOMA (refer-
all_solvers)	ence solution).
test_single_gene_deletion_room_benchm	a:Benchnderk single gene deletion using ROOM.
benchmark, all_solvers)	
test_single_gene_deletion_linear_room	Benchmarkzsinglodelne deletion using linear ROOM.
benchmark, all_solvers)	
test_single_reaction_deletion_benchma	Be module ark single reaction deletion.
benchmark, all_solvers)	
test_single_reaction_deletion(model,	Test single reaction deletion.
all_solvers)	
test_single_reaction_deletion_room(roo	m <u>Testodelgle</u> reaction deletion using ROOM.
room_solution, all_solvers)	
test_single_reaction_deletion_linear_	Test (ingler reaotleh) deletion using linear ROOM.
room_solution, all_solvers)	
test_double_gene_deletion_benchmark(la	rsemondering description.
benchmark)	
test_double_gene_deletion(model)	Test double gene deletion.
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Benchmark single gene deletion using FBA.

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test_double_reaction_deletion_benchmarBethuberamkodelible reaction deletion.		
test_double_reaction_deletion(model)	Test double reaction deletion.	
test_deletion_accessor(small_model)	Test the DataFrame accessor.	
test_deletion. <b>test_single_gene_deleti</b>	on_fba_benchmark(model,	benchmark,
	all_solvers)	

- test\_deletion.test\_single\_gene\_deletion\_fba (model, all\_solvers)
  Test single gene deletion using FBA.
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} test\_deletion.test\_single\_gene\_deletion\_moma\_benchmark (model, & p\_solvers) \\ Benchmark single gene deletion using MOMA. \\ \end{tabular}$
- test\_deletion.test\_single\_gene\_deletion\_moma (model, qp\_solvers)
  Test single gene deletion using MOMA.
- test\_deletion.test\_single\_gene\_deletion\_moma\_reference (model, qp\_solvers)
  Test single gene deletion using MOMA (reference solution).
- ${\tt test\_deletion.test\_single\_gene\_deletion\_linear\_moma\_benchmark} \ (model, \\ benchmark, \\ all\_solvers)$

Benchmark single gene deletion using linear MOMA.

- test\_deletion.test\_single\_gene\_deletion\_linear\_moma (model, all\_solvers)
  Test single gene deletion using linear MOMA (reference solution).
- test\_deletion.test\_single\_gene\_deletion\_room\_benchmark (model, benchmark, all\_solvers)

  Benchmark single gene deletion using ROOM.
- test\_deletion.test\_single\_gene\_deletion\_linear\_room\_benchmark(model, benchmark, all solvers)

Benchmark single gene deletion using linear ROOM.

- $\begin{tabular}{ll} test\_deletion.test\_single\_reaction\_deletion\_benchmark (model, & benchmark, \\ & all\_solvers) \\ Benchmark single reaction deletion. \\ \end{tabular}$
- test\_deletion.test\_single\_reaction\_deletion (model, all\_solvers) Test single reaction deletion.
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} test\_deletion.test\_single\_reaction\_deletion\_room(room\_model, & room\_solution, \\ all\_solvers) \\ \hline Test single reaction deletion using ROOM. \\ \hline \end{tabular}$
- test\_deletion.test\_single\_reaction\_deletion\_linear\_room(room\_model, room\_solution, all\_solvers)

Test single reaction deletion using linear ROOM.

- test\_deletion.test\_double\_gene\_deletion\_benchmark(large\_model, benchmark)
  Benchmark double gene deletion.
- ${\tt test\_deletion.test\_double\_gene\_deletion} \ ({\it model}) \\ {\tt Test\ double\ gene\ deletion}.$
- test\_deletion.test\_double\_reaction\_deletion\_benchmark(large\_model, benchmark)

  Benchmark double reaction deletion.
- test\_deletion.test\_double\_reaction\_deletion (model)
  Test double reaction deletion.

test\_deletion.test\_deletion\_accessor (small\_model)
Test the DataFrame accessor.

## 17.24 test\_gapfilling

Test functionalities of gapfilling.

### 17.24.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

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test_gapfilling(salmonella)	Test Gapfilling.	

test\_gapfilling.test\_gapfilling(salmonella)
 Test Gapfilling.

## 17.25 test moma

Test functionalities of MOMA.

## 17.25.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_moma_sanity(model, qp_solvers)	Test optimization criterion and optimality for MOMA.
<pre>test_linear_moma_sanity(model, all_solvers)</pre>	Test optimization criterion and optimality for linear MOMA.

test\_moma.test\_moma\_sanity (model, qp\_solvers)

Test optimization criterion and optimality for MOMA.

test\_moma.test\_linear\_moma\_sanity (model, all\_solvers)
Test optimization criterion and optimality for linear MOMA.

## 17.26 test\_parsimonious

Test functionalities of pFBA.

### 17.26.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_pfba_benchmark(large_model,	bench-	Benchmark pFBA functionality.
mark, all_solvers)		
test_pfba(model, all_solvers)		Test pFBA functionality.

test\_parsimonious.test\_pfba\_benchmark (large\_model, benchmark, all\_solvers)
Benchmark pFBA functionality.

 ${\tt test\_parsimonious.test\_pfba} \ (\textit{model}, \textit{all\_solvers}) \\ {\tt Test} \ pFBA \ functionality.$ 

## 17.27 test\_variability

Test functionalities of Flux Variability Analysis.

### 17.27.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_flux_variability_benchmark(large_moBehchmark FVA.		
benchmark, all_solvers)		
test_pfba_flux_variability(model,	Test FVA using pFBA.	
pfba_fva_results, fva_results, all_solvers)		
test_loopless_pfba_fva(model)		
test_flux_variability(model, fva_results,	Test FVA.	
all_solvers)		
test_parallel_flux_variability(model,	Test parallel FVA.	
fva_results, all_solvers)		
test_flux_variability_loopless_benchmaBenahoutekk, loopless FVA.		
benchmark, all_solvers)		
test_flux_variability_loopless(model,	Test loopless FVA.	
all_solvers)		
test_fva_data_frame(model)	Test DataFrame obtained from FVA.	
test_fva_infeasible(model)	Test FVA infeasibility.	
test_fva_minimization(model)	Test minimization using FVA.	
test_find_blocked_reactions_solver_no	on Fe(stnfidel) blocked_reactions() [no specific solver].	
test_essential_genes(model)	Test find_essential_genes().	
test_essential_reactions(model)	Test find_blocked_reactions().	
test_find_blocked_reactions(model,	Test find_blocked_reactions().	
all_solvers)		

```
test_variability.test_flux_variability_benchmark(large_model, all_solvers) benchmark,
```

Benchmark FVA.

test\_variability.test\_pfba\_flux\_variability(model, pfba\_fva\_results, fva\_results, all\_solvers)

Test FVA using pFBA.

test\_variability.test\_loopless\_pfba\_fva(model)

test\_variability.test\_flux\_variability (model, fva\_results, all\_solvers)

Test FVA.

test\_variability.test\_parallel\_flux\_variability (model, fva\_results, all\_solvers)
Test parallel FVA.

test\_variability.test\_flux\_variability\_loopless\_benchmark (model, benchmark, all\_solvers)

Benchmark loopless FVA.

test\_variability.test\_flux\_variability\_loopless (model, all\_solvers)
Test loopless FVA.

test\_variability.test\_fva\_data\_frame (model)
Test DataFrame obtained from FVA.

test\_variability.test\_fva\_infeasible (model) Test FVA infeasibility.

test\_variability.test\_fva\_minimization (model) Test minimization using FVA.

test\_variability.test\_find\_blocked\_reactions\_solver\_none (model)
Test find\_blocked\_reactions() [no specific solver].

test\_variability.test\_essential\_genes (model)
 Test find\_essential\_genes().

test\_variability.test\_essential\_reactions (model)
 Test find blocked reactions().

test\_variability.test\_find\_blocked\_reactions (model, all\_solvers)
Test find\_blocked\_reactions().

## 17.28 test\_loopless

Test functionalities of loopless.py

### 17.28.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

construct_ll_test_model()	Construct test model.
ll_test_model(request)	Return test model set with different solvers.
test_loopless_benchmark_before(benchm	arkBenchmark initial condition.
test_loopless_benchmark_after(benchmark_	k)Benchmark final condition.
test_loopless_solution(ll_test_model)	Test loopless_solution().
test_loopless_solution_fluxes(model)	Test fluxes of loopless_solution()
test_add_loopless(ll_test_model)	Test add_loopless().

test\_loopless.construct\_ll\_test\_model()
 Construct test model.

test\_loopless.ll\_test\_model (request)
Return test model set with different solvers.

test\_loopless.test\_loopless\_benchmark\_before(benchmark)
Benchmark initial condition.

test\_loopless.test\_loopless\_benchmark\_after(benchmark)
Benchmark final condition.

```
test_loopless.test_loopless_solution (ll_test_model)
    Test loopless_solution().

test_loopless.test_loopless_solution_fluxes (model)
    Test fluxes of loopless_solution()

test_loopless.test_add_loopless (ll_test_model)
    Test add_loopless().
```

## 17.29 test\_phenotype\_phase\_plane

Test functionalities of Phenotype Phase Plane Analysis.

#### 17.29.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_envelope_one(model)	Test flux of production envelope.
test_envelope_multi_reaction_objecti	vellasoperoduction of multiple objectives.
test_multi_variable_envelope(model,	Test production of envelope (multiple variable).
variables, num)	
test_envelope_two(model)	Test production of envelope.

```
test_phenotype_phase_plane.test_envelope_one (model) Test flux of production envelope.
```

 $\label{lem:condition} \textbf{Test phenotype\_phase\_plane.test\_envelope\_multi\_reaction\_objective} \ (\textit{model})$   $\ \ \, \textbf{Test production of multiple objectives}.$ 

test\_phenotype\_phase\_plane.test\_multi\_variable\_envelope (model, num)

Test production of envelope (multiple variable).

variables,

test\_phenotype\_phase\_plane.test\_envelope\_two (model) Test production of envelope.

# 17.30 test\_reaction\_summary

Unit test the ReactionSummary class.

## 17.30.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_reaction_summary_interface(model,	Test that a summary can be created successfully.
opt_solver)	
test_reaction_summary_to_frame(model,	Test that the summary's method to_frame can be
opt_solver)	called.
test_reaction_summary_to_string(model,	Test that the summary's method to_string can be
opt_solver, kwargs)	called.
test_reaction_summary_to_html(model,	Test that the summary's method to_html can be
opt_solver, kwargs)	called.
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test_reaction_summary_flux(model, reac-	Test that the reported flux in the summary is reason-
tion_id: str, expected: float) $\rightarrow$ None	able.
test_reaction_summary_flux_fva(model,	Test that the reported flux ranges in the summary are
reaction_id: str, min_flux: float, max_flux: float) →	reasonable.
None	
test_reaction_summary_flux_in_context	(ifheedthat the reaction summary inside and outside of a
reaction id: str) $\rightarrow$ None	context are equal.

- test\_reaction\_summary.test\_reaction\_summary\_interface (model, opt\_solver)
  Test that a summary can be created successfully.
- test\_reaction\_summary.test\_reaction\_summary\_to\_frame (model, opt\_solver)
  Test that the summary's method to\_frame can be called.
- test\_reaction\_summary.test\_reaction\_summary\_to\_string (model, kwargs)

  Test that the summary's method to\_string can be called.
- test\_reaction\_summary.test\_reaction\_summary\_to\_html (model, opt\_solver, kwargs)
  Test that the summary's method to\_html can be called.
- test\_reaction\_summary.test\_reaction\_summary\_flux (model, reaction\_id: str, expected: float)  $\rightarrow$  None Test that the reported flux in the summary is reasonable.
- test\_reaction\_summary.test\_reaction\_summary\_flux\_fva (model, reaction\_id: str, min\_flux: float, max\_flux: float)  $\rightarrow$  None

Test that the reported flux ranges in the summary are reasonable.

test\_reaction\_summary.test\_reaction\_summary\_flux\_in\_context (model, reaction\_id: str)  $\rightarrow$  None

Test that the reaction summary inside and outside of a context are equal.

## 17.31 test\_model\_summary

Unit test the model summary.

### 17.31.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_model_summary_interface(model,	Test that a summary can be created successfully.
opt_solver)	
test_model_summary_to_frame(model,	Test that the summary's method to_frame can be
opt_solver)	called.
test_model_summary_to_string(model,	Test that the summary's method to_string can be
opt_solver, kwargs)	called.
test_model_summary_to_html(model,	Test that the summary's method to_html can be
opt_solver, kwargs)	called.
test_model_summary_to_frame_previous_	_sTest.thatcthernoduhary correctly uses an existing solu-
opt_solver)	tion.
test_model_summary_flux(model,	Test that the summary has expected fluxes.
opt_solver)	
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test_model_summary_fva(model, opt_solver)	Test that the exchange summary is within expected
	bounds.
test_model_summary_flux_in_context(model_summary_flux_in_context(model_summary_flux_in_context)	odalest that the model summary inside and outside of a
opt_solver)	context are equal.

- test\_model\_summary.test\_model\_summary\_interface (model, opt\_solver)
  - Test that a summary can be created successfully.
- test\_model\_summary.test\_model\_summary\_to\_frame (model, opt\_solver)

  Test that the summary's method to\_frame can be called.
- test\_model\_summary.test\_model\_summary\_to\_string (model, opt\_solver, kwargs)
  Test that the summary's method to\_string can be called.
- test\_model\_summary.test\_model\_summary\_to\_html (model, opt\_solver, kwargs)
  Test that the summary's method to\_html can be called.
- test\_model\_summary.test\_model\_summary\_to\_frame\_previous\_solution (model, opt\_solver)

  Test that the summary correctly uses an existing solution.
- test\_model\_summary.test\_model\_summary\_flux (model, opt\_solver)
  Test that the summary has expected fluxes.
- test\_model\_summary.test\_model\_summary\_fva (model, opt\_solver)

  Test that the exchange summary is within expected bounds.
- test\_model\_summary.test\_model\_summary\_flux\_in\_context (model, opt\_solver)
  Test that the model summary inside and outside of a context are equal.

## 17.32 test\_metabolite\_summary

Unit test the MetaboliteSummary class.

#### 17.32.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_metabolite_summary_interface(mod	elTest that a summary can be created successfully.
opt_solver)	
test_metabolite_summary_to_frame(model	, Test that the summary's method to_frame can be
opt_solver)	called.
test_metabolite_summary_to_string(mod	ellest that the summary's method to_string can be
opt_solver, kwargs)	called.
test_metabolite_summary_to_html(model,	Test that the summary's method to_html can be
opt_solver, kwargs)	called.
test_q8_producing_summary(model,	Test that the production summary of q8 is accurate.
opt_solver)	
test_q8_consuming_summary(model,	Test that the consumption summary of q8 is accurate.
opt_solver)	
test_fdp_production_with_fva(model,	Test that the production summary of fdp is within ex-
opt_solver)	pected bounds.
test_metabolite_summary_flux_in_conte	xTe(sn date), the metabolite summary inside and outside
opt_solver, metabolite_id: str)	of a context are equal.

test\_metabolite\_summary.test\_metabolite\_summary\_interface(model, opt\_solver)

Test that a summary can be created successfully.

```
test_metabolite_summary.test_metabolite_summary_to_frame (model, opt_solver)
Test that the summary's method to_frame can be called.
```

Test that the summary's method to\_string can be called.

```
test_metabolite_summary.test_metabolite_summary_to_html (model, opt_solver, kwargs)
```

Test that the summary's method to\_html can be called.

test\_metabolite\_summary.test\_q8\_producing\_summary (model, opt\_solver)
Test that the production summary of q8 is accurate.

```
test_metabolite_summary.test_q8_consuming_summary (model, opt_solver)
Test that the consumption summary of q8 is accurate.
```

test\_metabolite\_summary.test\_fdp\_production\_with\_fva (model, opt\_solver)
Test that the production summary of fdp is within expected bounds.

```
test_metabolite_summary.test_metabolite_summary_flux_in_context (model, opt_solver, metabolite_id: str)
```

Test that the metabolite summary inside and outside of a context are equal.

## 17.33 test\_pickle

Test data storage and recovery using pickle.

### 17.33.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_read_pickle(data_directory, mini_model,		Test the reading of model from pickle.
load_function)		
test_write_pickle(tmpdir,	mini_model,	Test the writing of model to pickle.
dump_function)		

```
test_pickle.cload
```

test\_pickle.test\_read\_pickle(data\_directory, mini\_model, load\_function)
Test the reading of model from pickle.

```
test_pickle.test_write_pickle(tmpdir, mini_model, dump_function)
Test the writing of model to pickle.
```

## 17.34 test mat

Test functionalities provided by mat.py

#### 17.34.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

raven_model(data_directory)	Fixture for RAVEN model.
test_load_matlab_model(data_directory,	Test the reading of MAT model.
mini_model, raven_model)	
test_save_matlab_model(tmpdir,	Test the writing of MAT model.
mini_model, raven_model)	

```
test_mat.scipy
```

test\_mat.raven\_model(data\_directory)

Fixture for RAVEN model.

test\_mat.test\_load\_matlab\_model (data\_directory, mini\_model, raven\_model)
Test the reading of MAT model.

test\_mat.test\_save\_matlab\_model (tmpdir, mini\_model, raven\_model)
Test the writing of MAT model.

## 17.35 test\_io\_order

#### 17.35.1 Module Contents

test\_io\_order.get\_ids(iterable)

#### **Functions**

```
tmp_path(tmpdir_factory)
minimized_shuffle(small_model)
minimized_sorted(minimized_shuffle)
minimized_reverse(minimized_shuffle)
template(request, minimized_shuffle, minimized_reverse, minimized_sorted)
attribute(request)
get_ids(iterable)
test_io_order(attribute, read, write, ext, template, tmp_path)
```

```
test_io_order.LOGGER

test_io_order.tmp_path(tmpdir_factory)

test_io_order.minimized_shuffle(small_model)

test_io_order.minimized_sorted(minimized_shuffle)

test_io_order.minimized_reverse(minimized_shuffle)

test_io_order.template(request, minimized_shuffle, minimized_reverse, minimized_sorted)

test_io_order.attribute(request)
```

test\_io\_order.test\_io\_order (attribute, read, write, ext, template, tmp\_path)

## 17.36 test\_annotation

### 17.36.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

_check_sbml_annotations(model)	Checks the annotations from the annotation.xml.
test_read_sbml_annotations(data_directory)	Test reading and writing annotations.
test_read_write_sbml_annotations(data_c	lifectoryading and writing annotations.
tmp_path)	

test\_annotation.\_check\_sbml\_annotations (model) Checks the annotations from the annotation.xml.

test\_annotation.test\_read\_sbml\_annotations(data\_directory)

Test reading and writing annotations.

test\_annotation.test\_read\_write\_sbml\_annotations (data\_directory, tmp\_path)
Test reading and writing annotations.

## 17.37 test\_sbml

Testing SBML functionality based on libsbml.

#### 17.37.1 Module Contents

### **Classes**

TestCobraIO	Tests the read and write functions.

#### **Functions**

test_validate(trial, data_directory)	Test validation function.
io_trial(request, data_directory)	
test_filehandle(data_directory, tmp_path)	Test reading and writing to file handle.
test_from_sbml_string(data_directory)	Test reading from SBML string.
test_model_history(tmp_path)	Testing reading and writing of ModelHistory.
test_groups(data_directory, tmp_path)	Testing reading and writing of groups
test_missing_flux_bounds1(data_directory)	
test_missing_flux_bounds2(data_directory)	
test_validate(trial, data_directory)	Test validation function.
test_validation_warnings(data_directory)	Test the validation warnings.
test_infinity_bounds(data_directory,	Test infinity bound example.
tmp_path)	
test_boundary_conditions(data_directory)	Test infinity bound example.
test_gprs(data_directory, tmp_path)	Test that GPRs are written and read correctly
test_identifiers_annotation()	

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```
test_smbl_with_notes(data_directory,
                                                Test that NOTES in the RECON 2.2 style are written
 tmp_path)
                                                and read correctly
test_sbml.config
test_sbml.jsonschema
test_sbml.IOTrial
test_sbml.trials
test_sbml.trial_names
test_sbml.test_validate(trial, data_directory)
     Test validation function.
class test sbml.TestCobraIO
     Tests the read and write functions.
     classmethod compare_models (cls, name, model1, model2)
     classmethod extra_comparisons(cls, name, model1, model2)
     test_read_1 (self, io_trial)
     test_read_2 (self, io_trial)
     test_write_1 (self, io_trial)
     test_write_2 (self, io_trial)
test_sbml.io_trial(request, data_directory)
test_sbml.test_filehandle(data_directory, tmp_path)
     Test reading and writing to file handle.
test_sbml.test_from_sbml_string(data_directory)
     Test reading from SBML string.
test_sbml.test_model_history(tmp_path)
     Testing reading and writing of ModelHistory.
test_sbml.test_groups(data_directory, tmp_path)
     Testing reading and writing of groups
test_sbml.test_missing_flux_bounds1(data_directory)
test_sbml.test_missing_flux_bounds2(data_directory)
test_sbml.test_validate(data_directory)
     Test the validation code.
test_sbml.test_validation_warnings(data_directory)
     Test the validation warnings.
test_sbml.test_infinity_bounds(data_directory, tmp_path)
     Test infinity bound example.
test_sbml.test_boundary_conditions(data_directory)
     Test infinity bound example.
test_sbml.test_gprs (data_directory, tmp_path)
     Test that GPRs are written and read correctly
test_sbml.test_identifiers_annotation()
test_sbml.test_smbl_with_notes(data_directory, tmp_path)
     Test that NOTES in the RECON 2.2 style are written and read correctly
```

# 17.38 test\_json

Test functionalities of json.py

#### 17.38.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

json_schema_v1()	
test_validate_json(data_directory,	Validate file according to JSON-schema.
json_schema_v1)	
test_load_json_model(data_directory,	Test the reading of JSON model.
mini_model)	
test_save_json_model(tmpdir, mini_model,	Test the writing of JSON model.
json_schema_v1)	
test_reaction_bounds_json(data_directory,	Test reading and writing of model with inf bounds in
tmp_path)	json

```
test_json.json_schema_v1()
```

test\_json.test\_validate\_json(data\_directory, json\_schema\_v1) Validate file according to JSON-schema.

valuate the according to 35011-schema.

test\_json.test\_load\_json\_model (data\_directory, mini\_model)
Test the reading of JSON model.

 $\texttt{test\_json.test\_save\_json\_model} \ (\textit{tmpdir}, \textit{mini\_model}, \textit{json\_schema\_v1})$  Test the writing of JSON model.

test\_json.test\_reaction\_bounds\_json (data\_directory, tmp\_path)
Test reading and writing of model with inf bounds in json

## 17.39 test\_annotation\_format

#### 17.39.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test\_load\_json\_model\_valid(data\_directory, Test loading a valid annotation from JSON.
tmp\_path)

test\_load\_json\_model\_invalid(data\_directory)est that loading an invalid annotation from JSON raises TypeError

test\_annotation\_format.test\_load\_json\_model\_valid(data\_directory, tmp\_path)
Test loading a valid annotation from JSON.

test\_annotation\_format.test\_load\_json\_model\_invalid(data\_directory)
Test that loading an invalid annotation from JSON raises TypeError

## 17.40 test\_yaml

Test functionalities provided by yaml.py

### 17.40.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_load_yaml_model(data_directory,	Test the reading of YAML model.
mini_model)	
test_save_yaml_model(tmpdir, mini_model)	

test\_yaml.test\_load\_yaml\_model (data\_directory, mini\_model)
Test the reading of YAML model.

test\_yaml.test\_save\_yaml\_model(tmpdir, mini\_model)

# 17.41 test\_notes

## 17.41.1 Module Contents

#### **Functions**

test_notes(tmp_path) Testing if model notes are written in SBML		
	test_notes(tmp_path)	

test\_notes.test\_notes(tmp\_path)

Testing if model notes are written in SBML

## 17.42 test\_load

## 17.42.1 Module Contents

## **Functions**

<pre>mini_sbml(data_directory)</pre>	Provide a gzip-compressed SBML document.
bigg_models(mini_sbml, mocker)	Provide a mocked BiGG Models repository interface.
biomodels(mini_sbml, mocker)	Provide a mocked BioModels repository interface.
test_bigg_access(bigg_models)	Test that SBML would be retrieved from the BiGG
	Models repository.
test_biomodels_access(biomodels)	Test that SBML would be retrieved from the BioMod-
	els repository.
test_unknown_model()	Expect that a not found error is raised (e2e).
test_remote_load(model_id: str,	Test that sample models can be loaded from remote
num_metabolites: int, num_reactions: int)	repositories (e2e).
test_cache(monkeypatch, tmp_path,	Test that remote models are properly cached.
bigg_models, biomodels)	

test\_load.mini\_sbml (data\_directory)

Provide a gzip-compressed SBML document.

- test\_load.bigg\_models (mini\_sbml, mocker)
  - Provide a mocked BiGG Models repository interface.
- test\_load.biomodels(mini\_sbml, mocker)

Provide a mocked BioModels repository interface.

- test\_load.test\_bigg\_access(bigg\_models)
  - Test that SBML would be retrieved from the BiGG Models repository.
- ${\tt test\_load.test\_biomodels\_access}~(biomodels)$

Test that SBML would be retrieved from the BioModels repository.

- test\_load.test\_unknown\_model()
  - Expect that a not found error is raised (e2e).
- test\_load.test\_remote\_load (model\_id: str, num\_metabolites: int, num\_reactions: int)

  Test that sample models can be loaded from remote repositories (e2e).
- test\_load.test\_cache (monkeypatch, tmp\_path, bigg\_models, biomodels)

  Test that remote models are properly cached.

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