

# Circulation theory of enzyme kinetics

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We consider the following m-step( $n \geq 2$ ) enzyme kinetics model:



where  $E$  is an enzyme turning the substrate  $S$  into the product  $P$ . From the perspective of a single enzyme molecule, this enzyme kinetics can be modeled as n-step Markov chain  $(\xi_l)_{l \geq 0}$ , with finite state space  $S$  defined on some space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . When  $n = 2$ , this Markov chain only have two state  $E$  and  $ES$ , we say that the state space  $S = \{1, 2\}$ .

**Definition 0.1.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers, and a periodic function  $f$  which maps  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $S$  is called circuit function. If  $s$  is the smallest positive integer which satisfied  $f(n + s) = f(n)$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then we called it the period of  $f$ .

**Definition 0.2.** Two circuit functions  $f$  and  $g$  in  $S$  are called equivalent if there exists some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $g(n) = f(n + m)$  for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 0.3.** For a circuit function  $f$  in  $S$  with period  $s$  that satisfies  $f(1) = i_1, f(2) = i_2, f(3) = i_3$ . The equivalence class that  $f$  belongs is a cycle  $c = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s)$ .

Therefore, according to this definitions,  $c_1 = (1, 2, 3), c_2 = (3, 1, 2)$  and  $c_3 = (2, 3, 1)$  represent the same cycle.

For presentation purposes, if the order sequence  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s$  occurs in the cycle  $c$  continuously, we denote that  $[i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s] \in c$ . Specially, if  $[i_1] \in c$ , the point  $i_1$  occurs in  $c$ , and  $[i_1, i_2] \in c$  denotes the edge  $i_1 i_2$  exists in the cycle  $c$ . For the cycle  $c_1 = (1, 2)$ , we use  $k_{12}$  to denote the number of cycle  $c_1$ .

**Definition 0.4.** Let  $\mathcal{C}_n(\omega)$  be the class of cycles occurring along the sample path  $(\xi_l)_{l \geq 0}$  until time  $n$ . Then we use  $\mathcal{C}_\infty$  to represent the limit of  $\mathcal{C}_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This convergence has been proofed in ?.

**Definition 0.5.** Let  $k_{c,n}$  represent the number of time that cycle  $c$  is formed by a Markov chain up to time  $n$ . Then the sample circulation  $J_n^c$  along cycle  $c$  by time  $t$  is defined as

$$J_n^c = \frac{1}{n} k_{c,n} \quad \forall c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty$$

and the circulation  $w^c$  along cycle  $c$  is a nonnegative real number defined as the following almost sure limit:

$$w_c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n^c \quad \forall c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty, \quad a.s.$$

which represents the number of times that cycle  $c$  is formed per unit time. Let  $J_n = (J_n^c)_{c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty}$  and  $w = (w_c)_{c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty}$ .

For the enzyme kinetics model, if the state space  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , then  $\mathcal{C}_\infty$  has  $2m + 2$  cycles, including  $n$  1-state cycles,  $n$  two-state cycles and two  $n$ -state cycles

Let  $|c|$  denotes the length of cycle  $c$ , and  $E_m = \{\mu = (\mu_c)_{c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty} \in [0, 1]^r : \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty} |c| \mu_c = 1\}$  for  $m$ -state Markov chains, then the circulation distribution  $w = (w_c)_{c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty} \in E_m$ .

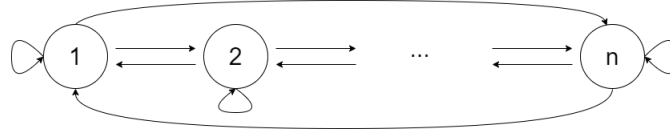
**Definition 0.6.** For  $m$ -state Markov chains, we say that  $J_n^c$  satisfies a large deviation principle with rate  $n$  and good rate function  $I : E_m \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  if:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P}(J_n^c = \nu_c, c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty) = -I(\nu), \quad \forall \nu \in E_m \rightarrow \quad (2)$$

where  $\sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty} |c| \nu_c = 1$ , and  $\nu = (\nu_c)_{c \in \mathcal{C}_\infty} \in E_m$ .

## 1 Large deviation of circulation for finite Markov chains

### 1.1 Large deviation of circulation for finite state Markov chains



**Figure 1:**  $m$ -state transition diagram

**Theorem 1.1.** For the  $m$ -state Markov chains, the good rate function is

$$\begin{aligned} I_m^c(\nu) = & [h(\nu_{12} + \nu_{1m} + \nu^+ + \nu^-) - h(\nu_{12}) - h(\nu_{1m}) + h(\nu^+) + h(\nu^-)] + \sum_{i \in S} [h(\nu^i) - h(\nu^i - \nu_i)] \\ & + \max_{\nu_{ij}^+ + \nu_{ij}^- = \nu_{ij}, i \neq 1, j \neq m} \left\{ [h(\nu_{12} + \nu_{23}^+ + \nu^+) - h(\nu_{23}^+) - h(\nu_{12} + \nu^+)] \right. \\ & + [h(\nu_{34}^+ + \nu_{23}^+ + \nu^+) - h(\nu_{34}^+) - h(\nu_{23}^+ + \nu^+)] + \dots + \\ & + [h(\nu_{m-1,m}^+ + \nu_{m-2,m-1}^+ + \nu^+) - h(\nu_{m-1,m}^+) - h(\nu_{m-2,m-1}^+ + \nu^+)] \\ & + [h(\nu_{1m} + \nu_{m-1,m}^- + \nu^-) - h(\nu_{m-1,m}^-) - h(\nu_{1m} + \nu^-)] \\ & + [h(\nu_{m-1,m}^- + \nu_{m-2,m-1}^- + \nu^-) - h(\nu_{m-2,m-1}^-) - h(\nu_{m-1,m}^- + \nu^-)] \\ & \left. + \dots + [h(\nu_{23}^- + \nu_{34}^- + \nu^-) - h(\nu_{23}^-) - h(\nu_{34}^- + \nu^-)] \right\} + \sum_{i,j} \left( \sum_{c \ni [i,j]} \nu_c \right) \log p_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** According to contraction principle, the rate function exists, we know:

$$I_m^c(\nu) = \frac{1}{n} \log \mathcal{E}(G^m(k)) \prod_{i,j} p_{ij}^{\sum_{c \ni [i,j]} k_c}.$$

The accumulation part in  $\mathcal{E}(G^m(k))$  has no more than  $n^{m-1}$  items, and  $\frac{1}{n} \log n^{m-1} = O(\frac{\log n}{n})$ . The other means for simplification has been mentioned in Theorem 1.1 many times.  $\square$