

Script Files:

All script files within the package have a script prefix in their names.

Example: 1. File for running the ecoli model is named: script_ecoli.m

2. File for running the toy model is named: script_toy.m

modelgen.m

Model generation from text files:

Function call:

```
[model,parameter,variable,nrxn,nmetab] = modelgen(rxfname)
```

Input:

rxfname: Full path name of tab delimited text file containing model information (see below for more information)

Outputs:

model: MATLAB structure containing all fields required for kinetic model and FBA analysis of metabolic networks

parameter: MATLAB Structure containing all kinetic model parameters (given in the input file only) as sparse matrices

variable: not utilized (do not remove - required for future functionality)

nrxn: Number of reactions in metabolic network

nmetab: Number of metabolites in metabolic network

The package allows the creation of an FBA style model from an excel file that is saved in a tab delimited format as a text file. This file is generic for all types of models. An example of a tab delimited model file with all requisite columns can be found in examplemodel.xlsx and the corresponding tab delimited text file examplemodel.txt

The creation of the model requires the tab delimited file to have the exact number and designations of columns as specified in examplemodel. Any deviations will result in an error

Troubleshooting:

If error occurs despite following the above instructions, make sure the tab delimited file does not have extra lines appended to it after the last line of text in the corresponding excel file. Appended lines should be removed manually from the tab delimited file and the file is to be saved.

Dependencies:

[ToColumnVector.m](#)

[defparval.m](#)
[extract_par.m](#)
[fluxIndex.m](#)
[isemptyr.m](#)

[FBAfluxes.m](#)

Evaluate FBA or pFBA steady state flux distribution for any given MATLAB model structure

Function Call:

```
model = FBAfluxes(model,option,ess_rxn,Vup_struct,prxnid)
```

Inputs:

model: MATLAB model structure with fields `v1`, `vu`, `c` and `b`

Optional Inputs:

option: {'fba'} or 'pFBA' for FBA or pFBA analysis based flux determination respectively

ess_rxn: cell array of exchange reaction names that cannot have a zero flux lower bound i.e. flux bounds should be reversible. All other exchange reaction lower bounds are fixed to 0.

Example: `ess_rxn = {'exO2','exH','exH2O'}`

Vup_struct: MATLAB structure of fixed uptake fluxes for calculation of FBA flux distributions with reaction names as field names and fluxes as field values.

Example: `Vup_struct.exGLC = 20`

prxnid: index of target reaction that is the objective for maximization and/or minimization. The biomass reaction is the target by default.

Output:

model: MATLAB structure with new field values from 'fba' or 'pfba' for the steady state fluxes in `Vss`

Dependencies:

[solveLP.m](#)

[run_pFBA.m](#)

[changebounds.m](#)

[fixUptake.m](#)

[cplexlp.m](#) and [cplexlp.p](#)

[convertIrreversible.m](#)

[fluxIndex.m](#)

[columnVector.m](#)

[parallel_sampling.m](#)

Wrapper for ACHR based sampling of metabolite concentrations using reaction equilibrium calculations

Function Call:

```
[mc,pvec,smp] = parallel_sampling(model,parameter,input,setupfun,nsample)
```

Inputs

model: MATLAB structure with fields as required by other dependencies and wrapping functions

parameter: MATLAB structure with fields K (sparse vector of Michaelis binding constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions) K_{lb} (Lower bounds for K values), K_{ub} (upper bounds for K values), KI_{act} (sparse array of activation constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions), KI_{ihb} (sparse array of inhibition constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions), V_{max} (vector of enzyme concentration values in $V_{max} = k_{cat} * e_i$ of size number of reactions), k_{act_fwd} (vector of enzyme turnover numbers for reactions in the forward direction), k_{cat_bkw} (vector of enzyme turnover numbers for reactions in the reverse direction. It has a value of zero for irreversible reactions.)

input: MATLAB structure with field names set to external metabolite names and field values set to corresponding concentrations. Typically used to specify constant external metabolite concentrations.

Example: `met.h2o_c = 55.0` for `[h2o[c]] = 55.0 M`
`met.o2_e = 0.05` for `[o2[e]] = 0.05 M`

setupfun: function name/handle to be called to set the linear programming problem to solve for ACHR

nsample: number of metabolite concentration samples to be obtained

Outputs:

mc: vector of metabolite concentrations obtained using ACHR sampling

parameter: MATLAB structure with additional field `delGr` (vector of Gibb's free energy of all reactions within the network for concentrations in `mc`)

smp: cell array of `nsample` x 3 for `nsample` metabolite concentrations. Each of the `nsample` rows has the `mc` vector and the modified `parameter` structure in 2 columns respectively.

Dependencies

[getiConEstimate.m](#)

[iconcentration.m](#)

[ACHRmetSampling.m](#)

[assignConc.m](#)

[assignRxns.m](#)

[getdelGr.m](#)

[separate_slack.m](#)

[setupSlackVariables.m](#)

solvemetLP.m
cplexlp.m and cplexlp.p

parallel_ensemble.m

Sample kinetic model parameters for a given metabolic network with known metabolite concentrations. Sampling of parameters follows the method of ORACLE using a Monte Carlo approach. More information on the methods can be obtained from the reference.

Function Call:

```
ensemble =  
parallel_ensemble(model,mc,parameter,rxn_add,rxn_excep,nmodels,smp)
```

Input:

model: MATLAB model structure

mc: vector of (initial or otherwise) metabolite concentrations for kinetic model analysis

parameter: MATLAB structure with fields K (sparse vector of Michaelis binding constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions) Klb (Lower bounds for K values), Kub (upper bounds for K values), KIact (sparse array of activation constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions), KIihb (sparse array of inhibition constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions), Vmax (vector of enzyme concentration values in $V_{max} = k_{cat} * e_i$ of size number of reactions), kact_fwd (vector of enzyme turnover numbers for reactions in the forward direction), kcat_bkw (vector of enzyme turnover numbers for reactions in the reverse direction. It has a value of zero for irreversible reactions.)

Optional Inputs:

rxn_add: Cell array of reactions whose kinetics is to be considered for calculation of fluxes in addition to intracellular reactions accounted in index vector Vind

rxn_excep: reactions not to be considered for kinetic flux determination even if described otherwise by the model

nmodels: number of models whose fluxes are to be analyzed kinetically

smp: number of metabolite concentration samples

Outputs:

ensemble: Cell of array sampled models using Monte Carlo techniques. The number of rows is same as the number of models requested in the input nmodels. Each row has 2 columns for the model's corresponding metabolite concentration and the model itself. Does not support multiple metabolite concentration samples yet.

Dependencies:

[buildmodels.m](#)

estimateKm.m
iflux.m
CKinetics.m
TKinetics.m
EKinetics.m
addToVind.m
samplekcat.m
scale_flux.m

buildmodels.m

Build ensemble of models based on given metabolite concentration. Only sample parameters that are unknown. All known/specified parameters are left as is

Function Call:

```
parameter = buildmodels(model,parameter,mc,rxn_add,rxn_excep)
```

Inputs:

model: MATLAB model structure

parameter: MATLAB structure with fields K (sparse vector of Michaelis binding constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions) Klb (Lower bounds for K values), Kub (upper bounds for K values), KIact (sparse array of activation constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions), KIihb (sparse array of inhibition constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions), Vmax (vector of enzyme concentration values in $V_{\max} = k_{\text{cat}} \cdot e_i$ of size number of reactions), kact_fwd (vector of enzyme turnover numbers for reactions in the forward direction), kcat_bkw (vector of enzyme turnover numbers for reactions in the reverse direction. It has a value of zero for irreversible reactions.)

mc: vector of (initial or otherwise) metabolite concentrations for kinetic model generation through Monte Carlo methods and subsequent analysis

Optional Inputs:

rxn_add: Cell array of reactions whose kinetics is to be considered for calculation of fluxes in addition to intracellular reactions accounted in index vector Vind

rxn_excep: reactions not to be considered for kinetic flux determination even if described otherwise by the model

Outputs:

parameter: MATLAB structure with fields K (sparse vector of Michaelis binding constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions) Klb (Lower bounds for K values), Kub (upper bounds for K values), KIact (sparse array of activation constants of size number of metabolites x number of reactions), KIihb (sparse array of inhibition constants of

size number of metabolites x number of reactions), V_{\max} (vector of enzyme concentration values in $V_{\max} = k_{\text{cat}} * e_i$ of size number of reactions), $k_{\text{act_fwd}}$ (vector of enzyme turnover numbers for reactions in the forward direction), $k_{\text{cat_bkw}}$ (vector of enzyme turnover numbers for reactions in the reverse direction. It has a value of zero for irreversible reactions.)

Dependencies:

`addToVind.m`
`estimateKm.m`
`samplekcat.m`
`CKinetics.m`
`Tkinetics.m`
`iflux.m`

iconcentration.m

Assign user defined concentrations to the concentration vector

Function Call:

```
[varargout] = iconcentration(model,input,mc_lb,assignFlag)
```

Inputs:

`model`: MATLAB model structure with required fields for all dependencies

`input`: MATLAB structure with field names set to external metabolite names and field values set to corresponding concentrations. Typically used to specify constant external metabolite concentrations.

Example: `met.h2o_c = 55.0` for `[h2o[c]] = 55.0 M`
`met.o2_e = 0.05` for `[o2[e]] = 0.05 M`

Optional Inputs:

`mc_lb`: user defined concentration lower bounds

`assignFlag`: logical vector of size # metabolites x 1 with a `TRUE` value indicating that the corresponding metabolite already has an assigned/predetermined concentration. `FALSE` values indicate the corresponding metabolite has not been assigned a value.

Outputs:

`mc_lb`: vector of metabolite concentration lower bounds

`mc_ub`: vector of metabolite concentration upper bounds. It is set to `mc_lb` if metabolite concentration is to be set to a single value as opposed to one between lower and upper bounds.

`assignFlag`: logical vector of size # metabolites x 1 with a `TRUE` value indicating that the corresponding metabolite already has an assigned/predetermined concentration. `FALSE` values indicate the corresponding metabolite has not been assigned a value.

getiConEstimate.m

Wrapper to obtain one set of metabolite concentrations by solving the linear program for thermodynamic feasibility of reactions within a metabolic network. Distance from thermodynamic equilibrium can be arbitrarily specified using slack variables.

Function Call:

```
[mc,assignFlag,delGr,model,vCorrectFlag] = getiConEstimate(model,setupfun)
```

Inputs:

model: MATLAB model structure with all relevant fields

setupfun: function name/handle to be called to set the linear programming problem to solve for ACHR

Outputs:

mc: vector of metabolite concentrations obtained using ACHR sampling

assignFlag: logical vector with TRUE values for all metabolites whose concentrations are assigned and FALSE for all metabolites whose concentrations are unassigned.

delGr: vector of Gibb's free energy of all reactions within the network for concentrations in mc

model: MATLAB model structure

vCorrectFlag: vector of logicals with TRUE corresponding to all reactions whose directionality matches corresponding values in delGr and FALSE otherwise

Dependencies:

setupSlackVariables.m

solvemetLP.m

separate_slack.m

assignConc.m

assignRxns.m

getdelGr.m

cplexlp.m and cplexlp.p

ACHRmetsampling.m

Sample data points from a convex solution space defined using constraints as in a linear programming problem.

Function Call:

```
[pts,assignFlag,delGr,vCorrectFlag] =  
ACHRmetSampling(model,nFiles,nptsPerFile,stepsPerPnt)
```

Input:

model: MATLAB model structure with all relevant fields

Optional Inputs:

nFiles:

nptsPerFile: number of points to be sampled from the solution space

stepsPerPnt: number of ACHR steps to be taken within the solution space before a new point is recorded

Outputs:

pts: array of sampled data point vectors

assignFlag: logical vector with TRUE values for all metabolites whose concentrations are assigned and FALSE for all metabolites whose concentrations are unassigned.

delGr: vector of Gibb's free energy of all reactions within the network for concentrations in pts

vCorrectFlag: vector of logicals with TRUE corresponding to all reactions whose directionality matches corresponding values in delGr and FALSE otherwise

Dependencies:

setupMetLP.m

setupSlackVariables.m

createWarmupPoints.m

separate_slack.m

assignConc.m

assignRxns.m

cplexlp.m and cplexlp.p

ToColumnVector.m

fluxIndex.m

getdelGr.m

solvemetLP.m

run_pFBA.m

Wrapper to run pFBA using the kinetic model MATLAB structure

Function Call:

```
[model,Vss] = run_pFBA(model,ess_rxn,Vup_struct)
```


Inputs:

`model`: MATLAB structure with fields as required by other dependencies and wrapping functions

`ess_rxn`: cell array of exchange reaction names that cannot have a zero flux lower bound i.e. flux bounds should be reversible. All other exchange reaction lower bounds are fixed to 0. Default is an empty cell array.

Example: `ess_rxn = {'exO2','exH','exH2O'}`

`Vup_struct`: MATLAB structure of fixed uptake fluxes for calculation of FBA flux distributions with reaction names as field names and fluxes as field values. Currently not in use. Default is empty.

Example: `Vup_struct.exGLC = 20`

Outputs:

`model`: MATLAB structure with new field values from 'fba' or 'pfba' for the steady state fluxes in field `Vss`

`Vss`: model steady state fluxes obtained using pFBA

Dependencies:

[covertIrreversible.m](#)

[solveLP.m](#)

[cplexlp.m](#) and [cplexlp.p](#)

[changebounds.m](#)

[fluxIndex.m](#)

[columnVector.m](#)

[solveLP.m](#)

Wrapper to set up and solve linear programming problems using CPLEX for flux calculation in FBA or pFBA mode.

Function Call:

```
[vLPmax,vLPmin,model] = ...  
    solveLP(model,bounds,ess_rxn,prxnid,Vup_struct,fixgrowth)
```

Inputs:

`model`: MATLAB structure with requisite fields for all function dependencies (see below for more information)

Optional Inputs:

`bounds`: MATLAB structure with fields `vl`(flux lower bounds), `vu` (flux upper bounds) and `Vuptake`(flux vector with non zero values for fixed uptake fluxes in the model). Default field values are set by calling `changebounds.m`

`ess_rxn`: cell array of exchange reaction names that cannot have a zero flux lower bound i.e. flux bounds should be reversible. All other exchange reaction lower bounds are fixed to 0. Default is an empty cell array.

Example: `ess_rxn = {'exO2', 'exH', 'exH2O'}`

`prxnid`: index of target reaction that is the objective for maximization and/or minimization. The biomass reaction is the target by default.

`Vup_struct`: MATLAB structure of fixed uptake fluxes for calculation of FBA flux distributions with reaction names as field names and fluxes as field values. Currently not in use. Default is empty.

Example: `Vup_struct.exGLC = 20`

Outputs:

`vLPmax`: MATLAB structure with maximization problems with fields `v` (optimized flux vector), `obj` (value of the objective function), `flag` (optimization flag - refer to CPLEX or MATLAB documentation on optimization for more details)

`vLPmin`: MATLAB structure for minimization problems with the same fields as `vLPmax`

`model`: MATLAB model structure with additional fields `vl` (vector of flux lower bounds), `vu` (vector of flux upper bounds), `c` (sparse vector with index of nonzero value(s) corresponding to the target objective reaction and `b` (rhs constraint vector in $Ax = b$)

Dependencies:

[changebounds.m](#)

[cplexlp.m](#) and [cplexlp.p](#)

[convertIrreversible.m](#)

Converts all reversible fluxes in a network to a pair of irreversible fluxes. Any given MATLAB model structure can be converted to consist only of irreversible reactions.

Function Call:

```
[modelIrrev, matchRev, rev2irrev, irrev2rev] = convertIrreversible(model)
```

Input:

`model` : MATLAB model structure for converting reversible reactions to irreversible reaction pairs

Outputs:

`modelIrrev`: MATLAB model containing irreversible reactions

`matchRev`: matching pair indices of all reversible reactions in their irreversible form

`rev2irrev`: irreversible reaction index for a reversible reaction

`irrev2rev`: reversible reaction index for one of the irreversible reaction pair

Dependencies:

[columnVector.m](#)

[fluxIndex.m](#)

[cplexlp.m](#) and [cplexlp.p](#)

Solve linear programming problems using IBM ILOG CPLEX solver for MATLAB. See CPLEX documentation for more information.

columnVector.m

Performs the same function as ToColumnVector.m. Part of the COBRA Toolbox used for CBMs. Refer to COBRA Toolbox documentation for more information.

changebounds.m

Initialize and fix bounds for various reactions before performing FBA or pFBA. Allows to change the reversibility and bounds to userdefined values for model reactions whose bounds are predefined.

Function Call:

```
[model,bounds] = changebounds(model,ess_rxn,bounds,fixgrowth)
```

Inputs:

model: MATLAB model structure with additional fields Vind, VFex, Vex

Optional Inputs:

ess_rxn: cell array of exchange reaction names that cannot have a zero flux lower bound i.e. flux bounds should be reversible. All other exchange reaction lower bounds are fixed to 0.

bounds: MATLAB structure with fields vl(flux lower bounds), vu (flux upper bounds) and Vuptake(flux vector with non zero values for fixed uptake fluxes in the model)

fixgrowth: if TRUE, fixes the biomass reaction bounds to the desired growth rate in model.gmax. Default value is FALSE.

Outputs:

model: MATLAB model structure with additional fields

bounds: MATLAB structure with fields vl(flux lower bounds), vu (flux upper bounds) and Vuptake(flux vector with non zero values for fixed uptake fluxes in the model)

fixUptake.m

Generates a nonzero vector of size nrxnsx1 whose nonzero values correspond to fixed exchange fluxes and adds it as a field to the model structure

Function call:

```
model = fixUptake(model,Vup_struct)
```

Inputs:

model: MATLAB structure with fields nt_rxn (total number of reactions in model), rxns (cell array of all reaction names), Vuptake

Vup_struct: MATLAB structure of fixed uptake fluxes for calculation of FBA flux distributions

with reaction names as field names and fluxes as field values.

Example: `Vup_struct.exGLC = 20`

Output:

model: MATLAB structure with additional field Vuptake

ToColumnVector.m

Convert row vectors to column vectors

Function Call:

`columnvec = ToColumnVector(inputvec)`

Input:

inputvec: Input vector that is to be converted to a column vector

Output:

columnvec: Output column vector form of input vector

defaprrval.m

Assign default values to model parameters (1 is the default value)

Function call:

`[par] = defparval(nterms,par)`

Input:

nterms: number of default parameters that should be assigned

par: existing row vector of parameters to which new parameters should be appended to

Output:

par: New parameter row vector of size `nterms`×1 or `(length(par)+nterms)`×1

extract_par.m

Extract parameters or parameter bounds for the kinetic model from a string

Function call:

`[parameter,lb,ub] = extract_par(par_string)`

Input:

par_string: string of comma separated parameters or string of comma separated parameter bounds

Example: comma separated parameters: `p1,p2,p3`

comma separated bounds: `[p1lb,p1ub],p3,[p3lb,p3ub]`

Output:

parameter: row vector of parameters

lb: row vector of parameter lower bounds, if parameter bounds are specified in par_string

ub: row vector of parameter upper bounds, if parameter bounds are specified in par_string

fluxIndex.m

Calculate the index for all intracellular, exchange and transport fluxes within the metabolic network. The biomass reaction index is also calculated and removed from consideration within other indices.

Function call:

```
[Vind,VFex,Vex,bmrxn] = fluxIndex(model,nt_rxn,newS)
```

Inputs:

model: MATLAB structure with fields S(stoichiometric matrix) and rxns(list of all reaction names)

nt_rxn: total number of reactions in model

newS: S or the stoichiometric matrix of the metabolic network

Output:

Vind: index of all intracellular reactions

VFex: index of all exchange reactions in a CBM

Vex: index of all transport reactions

bmrxn: index of biomass reaction

isemptyr.m

MATLAB Central file to calculate whether individual cells within a cell array are empty.

assignConc.m

Assigns concentrations based on metabolite order in MATLAB model structure field mets

Function Call:

```
[mc,assignFlag,delGr,vCorrectFlag] = assignConc(mc_in,model,bounds)
```

Inputs:

mc_in: vector of metabolite concentrations

model: MATLAB model structure with field mets

bounds: MATLAB structure with field mets corresponding to metabolite concentrations in

mc_in

Outputs:

mc: rearranged vector of metabolite concentrations corresponding to model.mets

assignFlag:

delGr:

vCorrectFlag:

Dependencies:

[getdelGr.m](#)

assingRxns.m

Assigns fluxes based on reaction order in MATLAB model structure field rxns

Function Call:

```
[vf,assignFlag] = assignRxns(flux_in,model,bounds)
```

Inputs:

flux_in: vector of reaction fluxes

model: MATLAB model structure with field rxns

bounds: MATLAB structure with field rxns corresponding to metabolite concentrations in flux_in

Outputs:

vf: rearranged vector of reaction fluxes corresponding to model.rxns

assingFlag:

solveMetLP.m

Wrapper to call `cplexlp.m` to solve an LP to identify metabolite concentrations satisfying linear constraints

Function Call:

```
[LPmax,LPmin] = solvemetLP(bounds,prxnid)
```

Input:

bounds: MATLAB structure containing fields A (array of LP constraint coefficients) , b (vector of constraint LHS), lb (metabolite concentration lower bounds, must be greater or equal to zero) and ub (metabolite concentration upper bounds)

prxnid: target metabolite concentration to be maximized or minimized. Should be fixed to zero if solving only a constraint programming problem and not an LP.

Outputs:

LPmax: Refer to `solveLP.m` description

LPmin: Refer to `solveLP.m` description

getdelGr.m

Supplies reaction Gibb's free energy based on metabolite concentrations and standard reaction Gibb's free energy

Function Call:

```
delGr = getdelGr(model,mc)
```

Inputs:

model: MATLAB model structure with fields rxns and Keq

mc: vector of metabolite concentrations

Output:

delGr: vector of reaction Gibb's free energies