Chemical Networks of Reversible Binding Reactions

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Poster Abstract

Systems of reversible binding reactions occur in biopharmaceutical research, e.g. in the study of the receptor-mediated effects of pathogenic and therapeutic ligands. The class of complete networks encompasses a large collection of such systems. For a complete network, the nonnegative stoichoimetric compatibility classes are convex polytopes represented by chemically genuine conservation equations. Each contains an equilibrium state that is unique, detailed-balanced and globally attractive. These properties derive in part from the remarkable features of a polynomial system that describes the equilibrium state, e.g. its Jacobian matrix is a P-matrix everywhere. A simple formula gives the deficiency.