

# Uniqueness and Asymptotic Stability of Equilibria in a Reversible, Non-Complex-Balanced Reaction Network

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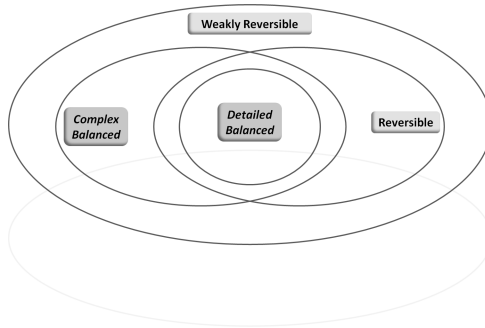
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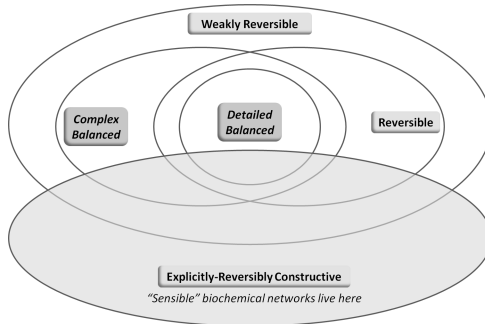
# The Two Usual Notions of Reversibility in CRNT



- **Weakly reversible network:** Each reaction lies in at least one cycle.
- **Reversible network:** Each reaction is reversible.
- **Complex-balanced equilibrium:** Reaction nodes are flux-neutral: at each node,  $\sum(\text{rates of incoming reactions}) = \sum(\text{rates of outgoing reactions})$ .
- **Detailed-balanced equilibrium:** Any two reverse reactions have same rate.

# A Third Notion of Reversibility

*"Aren't All Networks Like That?"*



## Explicitly-reversibly constructive network:

- 1 Constructive: Sensible notions of species composition, elementary species, composite species, isomers, etc.
- 2 Explicitly constructive:
  - Each composite species is produced by a binding reaction or is consumed by a dissociation reaction, and
  - Each elementary species is consumed by a binding reaction or is produced by a dissociation reaction.
- 3 Explicitly-reversibly constructive: Replace or with and.

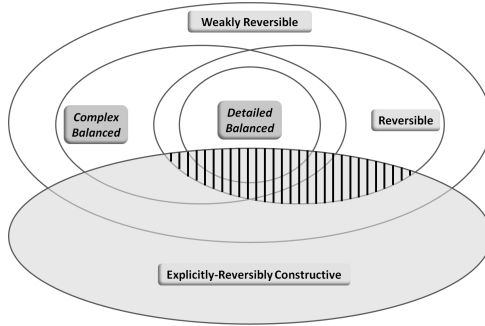
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ORIGINAL PAPER

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# Where the Particular Network in this Presentation Lives



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# Complex-Balanced (aka Toric) Networks

- **Known Results** on positive equilibria in stoichiometric compatibility classes
  - Uniqueness
  - Local asymptotic stability via entropy-like Lyapunov function
- **Open Conjectures**
  - Persistence
  - Global asymptotic stability
- **Restrictions**
  - Weakly reversible networks
  - Often, algebraic conditions on (mass action) rate constants



# Explicitly-Reversibly Constructive Networks

- **My Observations on Reversibility**

- “Sensible” biochemical networks are explicitly-reversibly constructive.
- Those that are weakly reversible are actually reversible.

- **Algebraic Constraints for Complex Balance**

- Justified or verifiable in physics or chemistry?
- Not enforceable in finite-precision computations.
- Are mathematical results robust w.r.t. constraints algebraic variety?
  - Can unique equilibria become multiple?
  - Can stable equilibria become unstable?

- **Guiding intuition:** Properties of biochemical reaction networks should not depend on conditions on rate constants that are “stiff”, i.e. easy to break, e.g. complement is open and dense; codimension  $> 0$ ; measure  $= 0$ ; etc.

- Uniqueness or quantified multiplicity.
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# All This Well Known in Physics or Chemistry?

## Uniqueness of chemical equilibria in ideal mixtures of ideal gases

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We prove the uniqueness of chemical equilibrium for an ideal mixture of ideal gases in a closed, spatially homogeneous volume. Uniqueness, a fundamental issue of chemical physics, is incompletely justified in textbooks and much of the scientific literature. We first reproduce a little known proof by Zel'dovich and show in a more direct fashion than originally presented that a unique equilibrium exists for isothermal reactions. Zel'dovich's approach is then extended to the adiabatic case, and a more complete exposition than that of Aris is provided. The example of an isothermal, isochoric O-O<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>3</sub> system provides an illustration of uniqueness. The discussion should be useful for students and instructors of graduate level thermal physics, as well as for researchers in macroscale reaction dynamics. © 2008 American Association of Physics Teachers.

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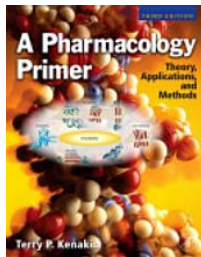
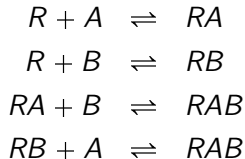
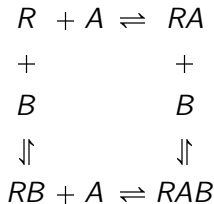
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# Structure





# Mass-Action Kinetics

$$\dot{x} = f(k, x) = -S \cdot w(k, x)$$

- $x$  : Vector of species concentrations
- $k$  : Vector of mass-action rate constants
- $S$  : Stoichiometric matrix
- $w(k, x)$  : Vector of reaction rates

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_R \\ x_A \\ x_B \\ x_{RA} \\ x_{RB} \\ x_{RAB} \end{pmatrix} \quad k = \begin{pmatrix} k_{R+A \rightarrow RA} \\ k_{RA \rightarrow R+A} \\ k_{R+B \rightarrow RB} \\ k_{RB \rightarrow R+B} \\ k_{RA+B \rightarrow RAB} \\ k_{RAB \rightarrow RA+B} \\ k_{RB+A \rightarrow RAB} \\ k_{RAB \rightarrow RB+A} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Stoichiometric Matrix $S$

$$S = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} R + A \rightleftharpoons RA \\ RA + B \rightleftharpoons RAB \\ RAB \rightleftharpoons RB + A \\ RB \rightleftharpoons R + B \end{matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{matrix} R \\ A \\ B \\ RA \\ RB \\ RAB \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

## Vector $w(k, x)$ of (Differences of) Reaction Rates

$$w(k, x) = \begin{pmatrix} k_{RA \rightarrow R+A} X_{RA} - k_{R+A \rightarrow RA} X_R X_A \\ k_{RAB \rightarrow RA+B} X_{RAB} - k_{RA+B \rightarrow RAB} X_{RA} X_B \\ k_{RB+A \rightarrow RAB} X_{RB} X_A - k_{RAB \rightarrow RB+A} X_{RAB} \\ k_{R+B \rightarrow RB} X_R X_B - k_{RB \rightarrow R+B} X_{RB} \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R + A \rightleftharpoons RA \\ RA + B \rightleftharpoons RAB \\ RAB \rightleftharpoons RB + A \\ RB \rightleftharpoons R + B \end{array}$$

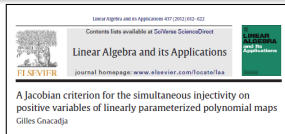
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# Existence and Uniqueness of Equilibrium

## Result

*For the Allosteric Ternary Complex Model, regardless of (positive) rate constants, each stoichiometric compatibility class contains a unique equilibrium state.*



- The unique equilibrium is detailed/complex-balanced only provided a “stiff” algebraic condition on rate constants.
- The network has deficiency one.  
The Deficiency-Zero Theorem is not applicable.
- The three linkage classes have deficiency zero.  
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## Two Tools to Study Spectrum of Jacobian Matrix

### Theorem (Classic in Linear Algebra)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be matrices of size  $m \times n$  and  $n \times m$ .

- $\lambda^n p_{AB}(\lambda) = \lambda^m p_{BA}(\lambda)$
- **The  $m \times m$  matrix  $AB$  and the  $n \times n$  matrix  $BA$  have the same nonzero eigenvalues with the same multiplicities.**
- $n + \text{multiplicity}(0, AB) = m + \text{multiplicity}(0, BA)$

### Theorem (Classic in Linear Algebra and Graph Theory)

Consider a square real nonnegative matrix  $M$  and its Laplacian matrix  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  be an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ .

**Either  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0$ .**

# A Matrix Isospectral with the Jacobian Matrix

$$f(k, x) = -S \cdot w(k, x)$$

$$J(f, k, x) = -S \cdot J(w, k, x)$$

$$L(k, x) := J(w, k, x) \cdot S$$

- The matrices  $J(f, k, x)$  and  $-L(k, x)$  have the same nonzero eigenvalues with same multiplicities.
- $\text{multiplicity}(0, J(f, k, x)) = \text{multiplicity}(0, L(k, x)) + 2$



# Spectrum of Jacobian Matrix

$$M(k, x) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & k_{RA \rightarrow R+A} & k_{R+A \rightarrow RA} x_R & k_{R+A \rightarrow RA} x_A \\ k_{RA+B \rightarrow RAB} x_B & 0 & k_{RAB \rightarrow RA+B} & k_{RA+B \rightarrow RAB} x_{RA} \\ k_{RB+A \rightarrow RAB} x_{RB} & k_{RAB \rightarrow RB+A} & 0 & k_{RB+A \rightarrow RAB} x_A \\ k_{R+B \rightarrow RB} x_B & k_{R+B \rightarrow RB} x_R & k_{RB \rightarrow R+B} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Result

$$L(k, x) = \mathcal{L}(M(k, x))$$

## Corollary

Given arbitrary nonnegative vectors  $k$  and  $x$ ,  
if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of the Jacobian matrix  $J(f, k, x)$ ,  
then either  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ .

Note: The vector  $x$  is not required to be an equilibrium state.

# Conservation of Total Concentrations of Elementary Species

Elementary species:  $R, A, B$ . Composite species:  $RA, RB, RAB$ .

$$x_{\text{Elem}} := \begin{pmatrix} x_R \\ x_A \\ x_B \end{pmatrix} \quad x_{\text{Comp}} := \begin{pmatrix} x_{RA} \\ x_{RB} \\ x_{RAB} \end{pmatrix} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{Elem}} \\ x_{\text{Comp}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_R + x_{RA} + x_{RB} + x_{RAB} = T_R$$

$$x_A + x_{RA} + x_{RAB} = T_A$$

$$x_B + x_{RB} + x_{RAB} = T_B$$

$$\text{Composition matrix: } E := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \text{Id}_3 \mid E \right) \cdot x = T \quad x_{\text{Elem}} = T - E \cdot x_{\text{Comp}}$$

(Taking advantage of absence of isomers among elementary species.)

## System reduction

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \dot{x} = f(k, x) & \cong & \dot{x}_{\text{Comp}} = g(k, x_{\text{Comp}}) \\ \text{(dimension 6)} & & \text{(dimension 3)} \end{array}$$

$$P := \begin{pmatrix} \text{Id}_3 & -E \\ E^T & \text{Id}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

First three columns of  $P$  span conservation space.  
Last three columns of  $P$  span stoichiometric space.

$$P^{-1} \cdot J(f, k, x) \cdot P = \begin{pmatrix} \text{O}_{3,3} & \text{O}_{3,3} \\ * & J(g, k, x_{\text{Comp}}) \end{pmatrix}$$

The nonzero eigenvalues of  $J(f, k, x)$  are  
the nonzero eigenvalues of  $J(g, k, x_{\text{Comp}})$  with same multiplicities.

# Stability

- *Reuse result that justified uniqueness of equilibrium:*  
The matrix  $J(g, k, x_{\text{Comp}})$  is nonsingular.
- *Corollary:*  
If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of  $J(g, k, x_{\text{Comp}})$ , then  $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$ .

## Result

*For the Allosteric Ternary Complex Model, regardless of (positive) rate constants, the unique equilibrium state in each stoichiometric compatibility class is asymptotically stable via a quadratic Lyapunov function.*