

For a single gene with N th order self-regulation, the Gillespie noise prescription yields the SDE

$$\dot{p} = \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_0 + k_1 c_1 p + k_2 c_2 p^2 + \cdots + k_N c_N p^N}{1 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2 + \cdots + c_N p^N} - d_p p \\ + \sqrt{\frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_0 + k_1 c_1 p + k_2 c_2 p^2 + \cdots + k_N c_N p^N}{1 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2 + \cdots + c_N p^N} + d_p p + 2G \frac{b_{10} c_1 p + b_{21} c_2 p^2 + \cdots + b_{N, N-1} c_N p^N}{1 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2 + \cdots + c_N p^N}} \eta(t) .$$

1 Exact 1D steady state Fokker-Planck solution

For Langevin dynamics that proceed according to

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)\eta(t) ,$$

the 1D steady state Fokker-Planck equation for $P_{ss}(x)$ reads

$$0 = -\frac{d}{dx} [f(x)P_{ss}(x)] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} [g(x)^2 P_{ss}(x)] .$$

Integrating, we have

$$C = f(x)P_{ss}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} [g(x)^2 P_{ss}(x)]$$

for some constant C . But we need $P_{ss}(x)$ and its derivative to go to zero as x goes to infinity; hence, we can see that the right hand side must approach zero for large x , which means that C must be zero.

Now we have

$$f(x)P_{ss}(x) - g(x)g'(x)P_{ss}(x) - \frac{1}{2}g(x)^2 P'_{ss}(x) = 0 ,$$

or equivalently,

$$P'_{ss}(x) + \left[\frac{g(x)g'(x) - f(x)}{g(x)^2/2} \right] P_{ss}(x) = 0 .$$

Define the function

$$V(x) := \int \frac{g(x)g'(x) - f(x)}{g(x)^2/2} dx .$$

Now our equation is

$$P'_{ss}(x) + V'(x)P_{ss}(x) = 0 ,$$

and its solution is clearly

$$P_{ss}(x) = N e^{-V(x)} = \frac{e^{-V(x)}}{\int_0^\infty e^{-V(x)} dx}$$

where we are using N as shorthand for the normalization constant, and we normalize over $[0, \infty)$ since protein concentrations can only be nonnegative.

2 Additive noise results

We will solve the specific cases $N = 0, 1, 2$. Writing a general result depends on being able to find a nice expression for the integral of $f(p)$, which I wasn't able to find in other cases.

First, note that if $g(x) = \sigma$ for some $\sigma > 0$, our definition of $V(x)$ reduces to

$$V(x) := -\frac{1}{\sigma^2/2} \int f(x) dx .$$

2.1 Single gene with no regulation and additive noise

Our Langevin equation reads

$$\dot{p} = \frac{k_p G k_0}{d_m} - d_p p + \sigma \eta(t) ,$$

so

$$f(p) = \frac{k_p G k_0}{d_m} - d_p p .$$

Then

$$V_0(x) = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2/2} \int \frac{k_p G k_0}{d_m} - d_p p dp = \frac{1}{\sigma^2/2} \left[-\frac{k_p G k_0}{d_m} p + \frac{d_p}{2} p^2 \right] ,$$

so

$$P_{ss}^0(x) = N \exp \left[-\frac{\left(\frac{d_p}{2} p^2 - \frac{k_p G k_0}{d_m} p \right)}{\sigma^2/2} \right] .$$

2.2 Single gene with first order feedback and additive noise

Our Langevin equation reads

$$\dot{p} = \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_0 + k_1 c_1 p}{1 + c_1 p} - d_p p + \sigma \eta(t) ,$$

so

$$f(p) = \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_0 + k_1 c_1 p}{1 + c_1 p} - d_p p .$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(x) &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^2/2} \int \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_0 + k_1 c_1 p}{1 + c_1 p} - d_p p \, dp \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2/2} \left[\frac{d_p}{2} p^2 - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_1(1 + c_1 p)}{c_1} - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{(k_0 - k_1) \log(1 + c_1 p)}{c_1} \right] , \end{aligned}$$

so

$$P_{ss}^1(x) = N \exp \left[-\frac{\left(\frac{d_p}{2} p^2 - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_1(1 + c_1 p)}{c_1} - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{(k_0 - k_1) \log(1 + c_1 p)}{c_1} \right)}{\sigma^2/2} \right] .$$

2.3 Single gene with second order feedback and additive noise

Our Langevin equation reads

$$\dot{p} = \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_0 + k_1 c_1 p + k_2 c_2 p^2}{1 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2} - d_p p + \sigma \eta(t) ,$$

so

$$f(p) = \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_0 + k_1 c_1 p + k_2 c_2 p^2}{1 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2} - d_p p .$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(x) &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^2/2} \int \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{k_0 + k_1 c_1 p + k_2 c_2 p^2}{1 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2} - d_p p \, dp \\ &= \frac{d_p}{2} p^2 - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} k_2 p - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{[c_1^2(k_2 - k_1) + 2c_2(k_0 - k_2)] \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{c_1 + 2c_2 p}{\sqrt{4c_2 - c_1^2}} \right]}{c_2 \sqrt{4c_2 - c_1^2}} \\ &\quad - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{c_1(k_1 - k_2) \log(1 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2)}{2c_2} , \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\frac{P_{ss}^2(x)}{N} = e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{d_p}{2} p^2 - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} k_2 p - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{[c_1^2(k_2 - k_1) + 2c_2(k_0 - k_2)] \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{c_1 + 2c_2 p}{\sqrt{4c_2 - c_1^2}} \right]}{c_2 \sqrt{4c_2 - c_1^2}} - \frac{k_p G}{d_m} \frac{c_1(k_1 - k_2) \log(1 + c_1 p + c_2 p^2)}{2c_2} \right)}{\sigma^2/2}} .$$