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1 Dresden Summer School in Systems Biology (August 2019)

1.1 Project 1: Stochastic simulation of gene expression

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[1]: import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
from scipy.integrate import odeint
from scipy.stats import lognorm, norm
import pandas as pd

import matplotlib
import pylab as pl
from tqdm import tqdm

%matplotlib inline
%qtconsole

# define some settings for plots
matplotlib.rcParams['axes.labelsize'] = 16
matplotlib.rcParams['xtick.labelsize'] = 16
matplotlib.rcParams['ytick.labelsize'] = 16
matplotlib.rcParams['legend.fontsize'] = 14
matplotlib.rcParams['font.family'] = ['sans-serif']
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2 Creating an stochastic simulation with the Gillespie algorithm

2.1 SSA or Gillespie algorithm

Simulates exact trajectories for a stochastic reaction system by sampling random numbers generating the time to the next reaction and which reaction given the current state of the system.

1. Initialise the system at $t = 0$: rate constants c and initial molecule copy numbers
2. Calculate individual reaction propensities $a_i(x, c_i)$ and $a_0(c, x) = \sum_i a_i(x, c_i)$ based on current state
3. Generate two random numbers from the uniform distribution $r_1, r_2 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$

4. Update time: $t \rightarrow t + \frac{1}{a_0(x)} \ln \frac{1}{r_1}$
5. Find reaction j as the smallest integer satisfying $\sum_{j'=1}^j a_{j'}(x) > r_2 a_0(x)$ and update state as $x \rightarrow x + v_j$
6. If $t < t_{max}$ go to 2, else exit

Some literature

1. Gillespie, D. T. A rigorous derivation of the chemical master equation. Phys. A Stat. Mech. its Appl. 188, 404–425 (1992).
2. Gillespie, D. T. Exact stochastic simulation of coupled chemical reactions. J. Phys. Chem. 93555, 2340–2361 (1977).
3. Gillespie, D. T. Stochastic simulation of chemical kinetics. Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. 58, 35–55 (2007).

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[2]: def gillespie(state, c, smatrix, t_max):
    time = []
    time.append(0)
    t = 0
    waiting_times = []

    state_trace = []
    state_trace.append(state)

    while t < t_max:
        r1, r2 = np.random.uniform(0,1,2)
        a = propensities(c, state)

        a_cum = np.cumsum(a)
        a_0 = a_cum[-1]

        t_old = t
        t = t + (1/a_0)*np.log(1/r1)
        time.append(t)
        waiting_times.append(t-t_old)

        condition = r2*a_0
        j = np.where(a_cum > condition)[0][0]
        state = state + smatrix[j]
        state_trace.append(state)

    return np.array(time), np.vstack(state_trace)

def propensities(c, state):
    return [c[0] * (1-state[0]), c[1] * state[0], c[2] * state[0], c[3] *
→state[1], c[4] * state[1], c[5] * state[2]]
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[3]: #Parameters
state = [0,0,0]
c = np.array([
    0.03, # gene activation rate
    0.003, # gene inactivation rate
    0.5, # transcription rate
    0.05, # RNA degradation rate
    0.1, # RNA translation rate
    0.0005, # protein degradation rate
])

smatrix = np.array([
    [1,0,0], #R1
    [-1,0,0], #R2
    [0,1,0], #R3
    [0,-1,0], #R4
    [0,0,1], #R5
    [0,0,-1], #R6
])

t_max = 300*60

[4]: time, states = gillespie(state, c, smatrix, t_max)

[8]: fig,ax = pl.subplots(1,4, figsize = (25,5))

#Protein and RNA number
ax[0].plot(time/60,states[:,1], lw = 2, color = 'darkorange')
ax[0].set_xlabel("Time")
ax[0].set_ylabel("Protein Number")

ax2 = ax[0].twinx()

ax2.plot(time/60,states[:,2], lw = 2, color = 'dodgerblue')
ax2.set_ylabel("RNA Number")

#RNA and portein number correlation
ax[1].scatter(states[:,1],states[:,2], c = 'dimgrey', s = 10, alpha = 0.2)
ax[1].set_xlabel('RNA copy number')
ax[1].set_ylabel('Protein copy number')

#RNA number state distribution accross the simulation
bins = np.linspace(0,states[:,1].max(),20)
ax[2].hist(states[:,1],bins = bins, color = 'dodgerblue', density = True);
ax[2].set_xlabel('RNA copy number')
ax[2].set_ylabel('Frequency')

#Protein number state distribution accross the simulation

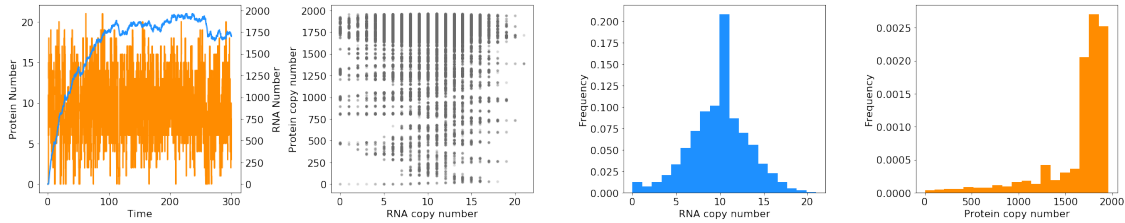
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bins = np.linspace(0,states[:,2].max(),20)
ax[3].hist(states[:,2], bins = bins, color = 'darkorange', density = True);
ax[3].set_xlabel('Protein copy number')
ax[3].set_ylabel('Frequency')

pl.tight_layout()

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3 Calculating the gene ON and OFF distributions

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[13]: on_events = list(data.query('Gene_diff == 1').index)
      off_events = list(data.query('Gene_diff == -1').index)

[14]: on_times = []
      off_times = []
      if states[0,0] == 0:
          for on , off in zip(on_events, off_events):
              on_times.append(data.Time.iloc[off]-data.Time.iloc[on])
              try:
                  off_times.append(data.Time.iloc[on_events[on_events.
→index(on)+1]]-data.Time.iloc[off])
              except:
                  off_times.append(0)
      else:
          for on , off in zip(on_events, off_events):
              off_times.append(data.Time.iloc[on]-data.Time.iloc[off])
              try:
                  on_times.append(data.Time.iloc[off_events[off_events.
→index(off)+1]]-data.Time.iloc[on])
              except:
                  on_times.append(0)
      on_times = np.vstack(on_times)
      off_times = np.vstack(off_times)

[18]: fig, ax = pl.subplots(1,2,figsize=(10,5))

      #Gene ON times distribution
      bins = np.linspace(0,on_times.max(),20)

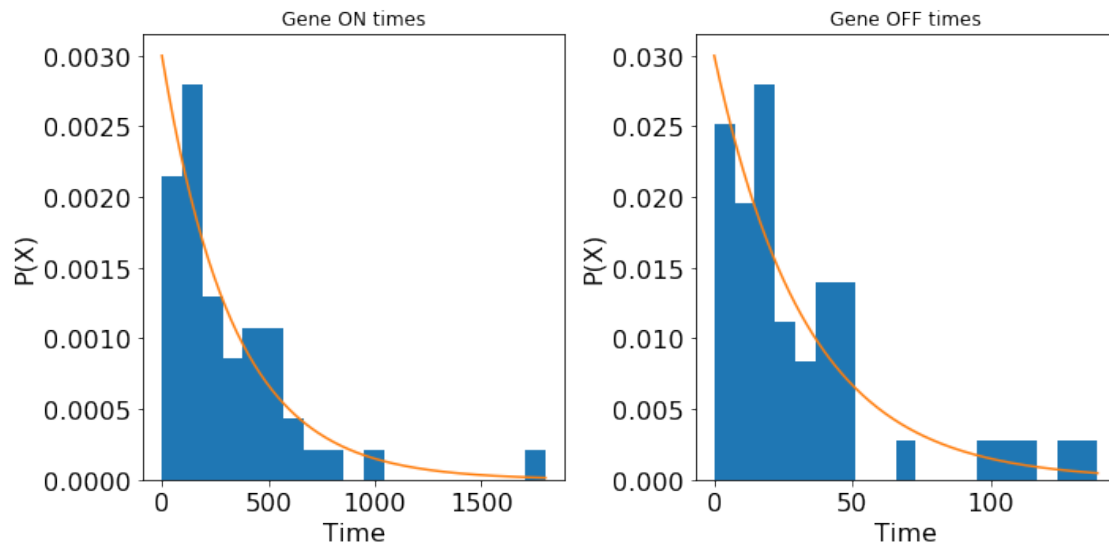
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ax[0].hist(on_times, bins = bins, density=True)
x = np.linspace(0,on_times.max(),200)
y = c[1]*np.exp(-c[1]*x)
ax[0].plot(x,y)
ax[0].set_xlabel('Time')
ax[0].set_ylabel('P(X)')
ax[0].set_title('Gene ON times')

#Gene OFF time distribution
bins = np.linspace(0,off_times.max(),20)
ax[1].hist(off_times, bins = bins, density = True)
x = np.linspace(0,off_times.max(),200)
y = c[0]*np.exp(-c[0]*x)
ax[1].plot(x,y)
ax[1].set_xlabel('Time')
ax[1].set_ylabel('P(X)')
ax[1].set_title('Gene OFF times')
pl.tight_layout()

```



Both the times the gene is ON and the times the gene is OFF correspond to exponential distributions. This is due to the fact that we consider the activation and deactivation of the gene to follow linear propensities. Therefore, their distributions are exponential.

4 Calculating the distribution of the ON-OFF cycle time.

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[9]: data = pd.DataFrame([time, states[:,0],states[:,1],states[:,2]], index = _
    → ['Time', 'Gene_state', 'RNA', 'Protein']).T

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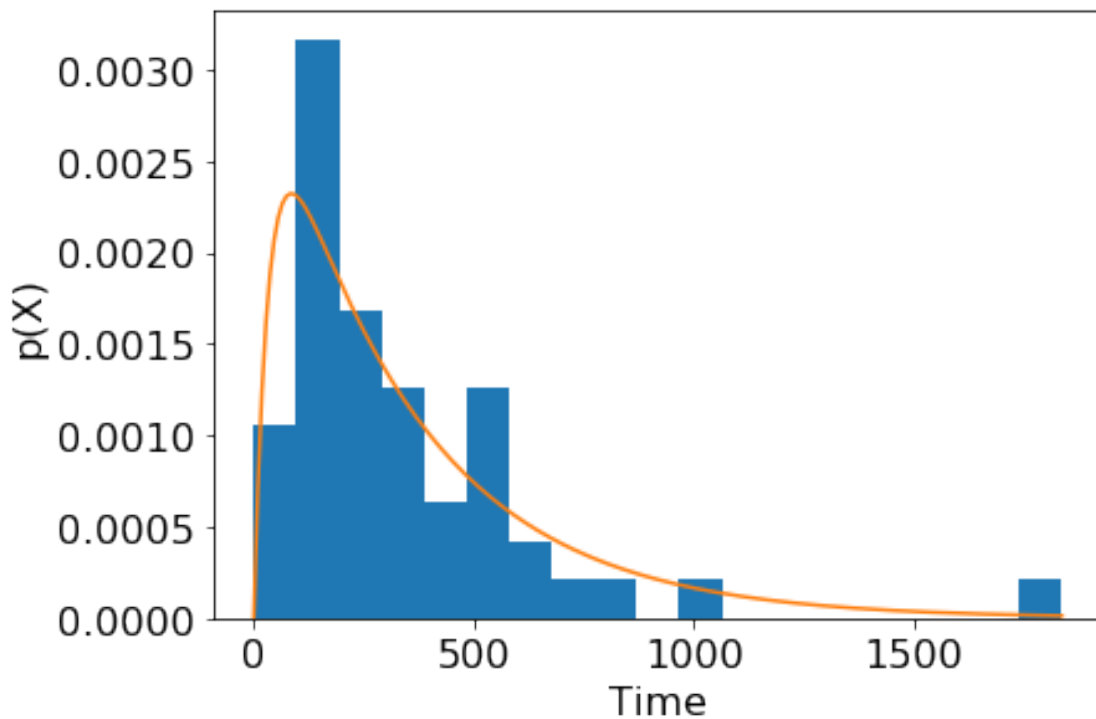
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[10]: data['Gene_diff'] = data.Gene_state.diff()

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[11]: query = data.query('Gene_diff == 1')
delta_t = []
for i in range(len(query)-1):
    t1 = query.Time.iloc[i]
    t2 = query.Time.iloc[i+1]
    delta_t.append(t2 - t1)
delta_t = np.vstack(delta_t)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,1)
bins = np.linspace(0,delta_t.max(),20)
ax.hist(delta_t, bins = bins, density = True)
x = np.linspace(0,delta_t.max(),200)
y = ((c[0]*c[1])/(c[1]-c[0]))*(np.exp(-c[0]*x)-np.exp(-c[1]*x))
ax.plot(x,y)
plt.tight_layout()
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('p(X)')
```



The distribution of ON-OFF cycle times corresponds to a convoluted distribution of two exponential distributions. This is reasonable because the cycle time is dependent on two variables c_1 (Gene ON propensity) and c_2 (Gene OFF propensity) that both correspond to exponential distributions.

5 Generating different stochastic simulations

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[19]: def lots_gillespies(state, c, smatrix, t_max, timy, it_number):
    simulations = []
    for i in tqdm(range(it_number)):
        time, states = gillespie(state, c, smatrix, t_max)
        simulation = sample_times(timy, time, states)
        simulations.append(simulation)
    return simulations
```

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[20]: def sample_times(timy, time, states):
    data = pd.DataFrame([time, states[:,0], states[:,1], states[:,2]], index =
    → ['Time', 'Gene_state', 'RNA', 'Protein']).T
    sampled_data = pd.DataFrame(timy, columns=['Time'])
    sampled_data['Gene'], sampled_data['RNA'], sampled_data['Protein'] = [pd.
    → Series()]*3
    sampled_data = sampled_data.fillna(0)
    for time in timy:
        condition1 = data.Time-time <= 0
        data_condition1 = data[condition1]
        condition2 = abs(data_condition1.Time-time) == min(abs(data_condition1.
    → Time-time))
        data_condition2 = data_condition1[condition2]
        sampled_data.iloc[sampled_data[sampled_data['Time']==time].index[0],1] =
    → float(data_condition2['Gene_state'])
        sampled_data.iloc[sampled_data[sampled_data['Time']==time].index[0],2] =
    → float(data_condition2['RNA'])
        sampled_data.iloc[sampled_data[sampled_data['Time']==time].index[0],3] =
    → float(data_condition2['Protein'])
    return sampled_data
```

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[23]: #parameters
t_max = 150*60
it_number = 100
timy = np.linspace(0.1, t_max, 150)
c = np.array([
    0.03, # gene activation rate
    0.003, # gene inactivation rate
    0.5, # transcription rate
    0.05, # RNA degradation rate
    0.1, # RNA translation rate
    0.0005, # protein degradation rate
])

smatrix = np.array([
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```

[1,0,0], #R1
[-1,0,0], #R2
[0,1,0], #R3
[0,-1,0], #R4
[0,0,1], #R5
[0,0,-1], #R6
])

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[24]: #simulation
my_simulations = lots_gillespies(state, c, smatrix, t_max, timy, it_number)

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[25]: #Plotting protein values from different simulations
prot_values = np.vstack([np.array(i.Protein) for i in my_simulations]).T
RNA_values = np.vstack([np.array(i.RNA) for i in my_simulations]).T
timy = np.array(timy)

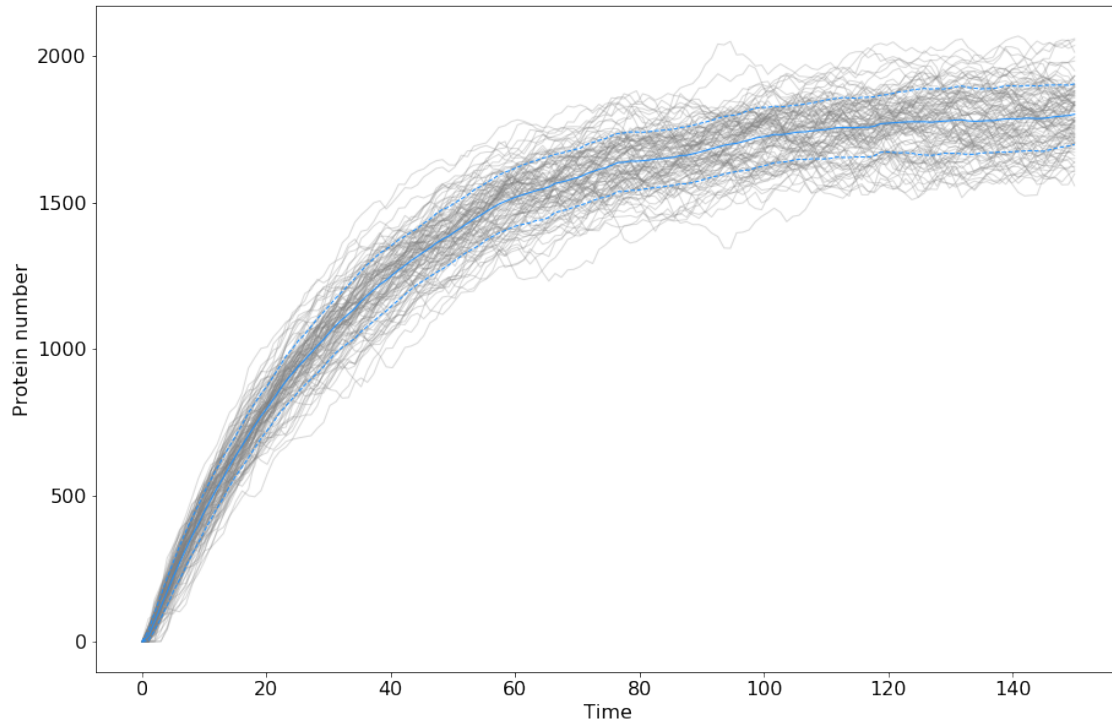
fig, ax = pl.subplots(1,1, figsize=(15,10))
ax.plot(timy/60,prot_values, color = 'grey',alpha = 0.3, lw = 1)
ax.plot(timy/60,prot_values.mean(1), color = 'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax.plot(timy/60,prot_values.mean(1)+prot_values.std(1),'--', color = '
→'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax.plot(timy/60,prot_values.mean(1)-prot_values.std(1),'--', color = '
→'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax.set_xlabel('Time')
ax.set_ylabel('Protein number')

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[25]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Protein number')

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6 Establishing the differential equations derived from the Chemical Master Equation (CME) moments

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[26]: def model(m, t, c):
    dm = np.zeros(14)

    c1 = c[0]
    c2 = c[1]
    c3 = c[2]
    c4 = c[3]
    c5 = c[4]
    c6 = c[5]

    x_1 = m[0]
    x_2 = m[1]
    x_3 = m[2]
    x_4 = m[3]
    x_11 = m[4]
    x_12 = m[5]
    x_13 = m[6]
    x_14 = m[7]
    x_22 = m[8]
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x_23 = m[9]
x_24 = m[10]
x_33 = m[11]
x_34 = m[12]
x_44 = m[13]

dm[0] = x_2*c2 - x_1*c1
dm[1] = x_1*c1 - x_2*c2
dm[2] = x_2*c3 - x_3*c4
dm[3] = x_3*c5 - x_4*c6
dm[4] = x_1*c1 + x_2*c2 - 2*x_11*c1 + 2*x_12*c2
dm[5] = x_11*c1 - x_2*c2 - x_1*c1 - x_12*c1 - x_12*c2 + x_22*c2
dm[6] = x_12*c3 - x_13*c1 - x_13*c4 + x_23*c2
dm[7] = x_13*c5 - x_14*c1 - x_14*c6 + x_24*c2
dm[8] = x_1*c1 + x_2*c2 + 2*x_12*c1 - 2*x_22*c2
dm[9] = x_13*c1 + x_22*c3 - x_23*c2 - x_23*c4
dm[10] = x_14*c1 - x_24*c2 + x_23*c5 - x_24*c6
dm[11] = x_2*c3 + x_3*c4 + 2*x_23*c3 - 2*x_33*c4
dm[12] = x_24*c3 + x_33*c5 - x_34*c4 - x_34*c6
dm[13] = x_3*c5 + x_4*c6 + 2*x_34*c5 - 2*x_44*c6

return dm

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[27]: x_moments = np.zeros(14)
      x_moments[0], x_moments[4] = 1, 1

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[28]: moments = odeint(model, x_moments, timy, args=(c,))

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[29]: RNA_mean = moments[:,2]
      RNA_std = np.sqrt(moments[:,11]-RNA_mean**2)
      prot_mean = moments[:,3]
      prot_std = np.sqrt(moments[:,13]-prot_mean**2)

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[30]: fig, ax = pl.subplots(1,2, figsize=(20,10))

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```

#RNA Comparison simulations and moments
#simulation
ax[0].plot(timy/60,RNA_values, color = 'grey',alpha = 0.3, lw = 1)
ax[0].plot(timy/60,RNA_values.mean(1), color = 'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax[0].plot(timy/60,RNA_values.mean(1)+RNA_values.std(1),'--', color = '
→'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax[0].plot(timy/60,RNA_values.mean(1)-RNA_values.std(1),'--', color = '
→'dodgerblue', lw = 1)

#ODE moments
ax[0].plot(timy/60,RNA_mean, color = 'orchid', lw = 4)
ax[0].plot(timy/60,RNA_mean+RNA_std, color = 'orchid', lw = 2)
ax[0].plot(timy/60,RNA_mean-RNA_std, color = 'orchid', lw = 2)

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#plot labels
ax[0].set_xlabel('Time')
ax[0].set_ylabel('RNA copy number')

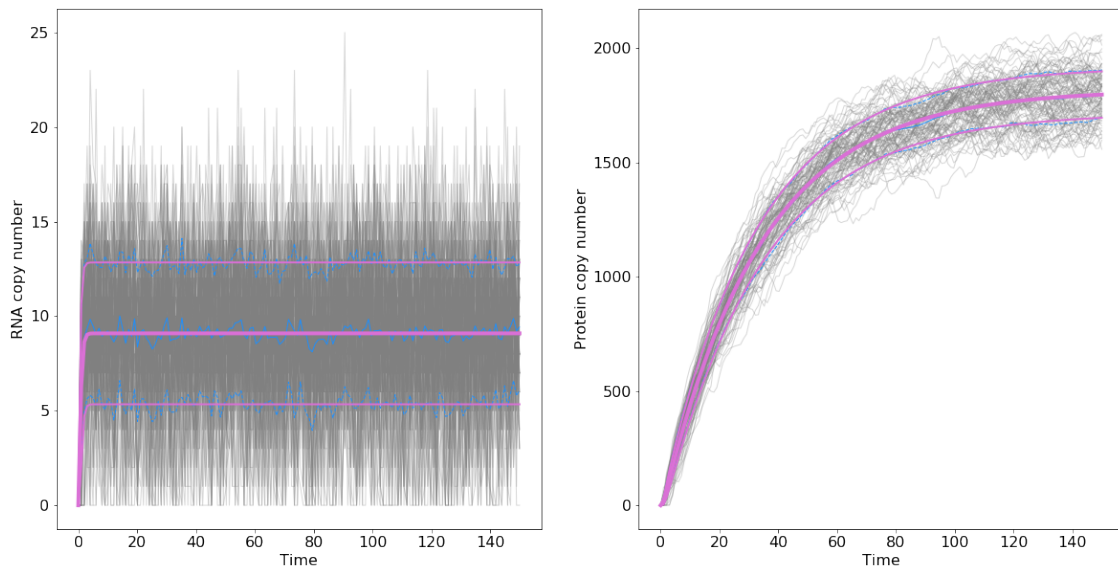
#-----
#RNA Comparison simulations and moments
#RNA Comparison simulations and moments
#simulation
ax[1].plot(timy/60,prot_values, color = 'grey',alpha = 0.3, lw = 1)
ax[1].plot(timy/60,prot_values.mean(1), color = 'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax[1].plot(timy/60,prot_values.mean(1)+prot_values.std(1),'--', color = 'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax[1].plot(timy/60,prot_values.mean(1)-prot_values.std(1),'--', color = 'dodgerblue', lw = 1)

#ODE moments
ax[1].plot(timy/60,prot_mean, color = 'orchid', lw = 4)
ax[1].plot(timy/60,prot_mean+prot_std, color = 'orchid', lw = 2)
ax[1].plot(timy/60,prot_mean-prot_std, color = 'orchid', lw = 2)

#plot labels
ax[1].set_xlabel('Time')
ax[1].set_ylabel('Protein copy number')

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[30]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Protein copy number')



7 Bayesian inference of simulated parameters using a MCMC approach

8 Metropolis-Hastings algorithm

The MH algorithm for sampling from a target distribution , using transition kernel Q , consists of the following steps:

- Initialize, $X_1 = x_1$ say.

For $t = 1, 2,$

- Sample y from $Q(y|x_t)$. Think of y as a “proposed” value for $x_t + 1$.
- Compute
$$A = \min \left(1, \frac{\pi(y)Q(x_t|y)}{\pi(x_t)Q(y|x_t)} \right).$$
 A is often called the “acceptance probability”.
- With probability A “accept” the proposed value, and set $x_t + 1 = y$. Otherwise set $x_t + 1 = x_t$

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[31]: def bootstraping(prot_valus, N):
    boot_mean = []
    boot_sec = []
    simulations = prot_valus.shape[1]
    for j in range(N):
        random = prot_valus[:,np.random.randint(0,simulations, simulations)]
        boot_mean.append(random.mean(1))
        boot_sec.append(np.mean(random**2, axis=1))

    means = np.vstack(boot_mean).T
    sec_order = np.vstack(boot_sec).T

    data = np.array([
        means.mean(1),
        sec_order.mean(1),
        means.std(1)**2,
        sec_order.std(1)**2
    ]).T
    return data
```

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[32]: def log_likelihood(data, moments):
    l_log = 0
    for tp, mp in zip(data,moments):
        if np.sum(np.array([tp[2],tp[3]]) > 0) > 1:
            l_log += ((tp[0]-mp[3])**2/(tp[2]))+((tp[1]-mp[13])**2/(tp[3]))
    return -l_log
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[33]: N=1000
data = bootstraping(prot_valus,N)
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[34]: parameters_to_be_guessed = np.array([0,1,2,4], dtype = int)
hast_it = 20000
proposed_sigma = 0.02
def mh(hast_it, proposed_sigma, parameters_to_be_guessed):
    global model
    global data
    global x_moments
    global timy

    acceptance_counter = 0
    l_record = np.zeros(hast_it)

    chain = np.zeros((hast_it, len(parameters_to_be_guessed)))
    chain[0] = 0.01

    c_temp = np.copy(c)
    c_temp[parameters_to_be_guessed] = chain[0]

    moments = odeint(model, x_moments, timy, args=(c_temp,))
    l_old = log_likelihood(data, moments)
    l_record[0] = l_old

    for i in tqdm(range(1,hast_it)):
        current_parameters = chain[i-1]
        proposed_parameters = np.random.lognormal(np.log(current_parameters),
→proposed_sigma)

        plog_back = np.sum(lognorm.pdf(np.exp(current_parameters),
→proposed_sigma, 0, np.exp(proposed_parameters)))
        plog_for = np.sum(lognorm.pdf(np.exp(proposed_parameters),
→proposed_sigma, 0, np.exp(current_parameters)))

        c_temp[parameters_to_be_guessed] = proposed_parameters
        moments = odeint(model, x_moments, timy, args=(c_temp,))
        l_new = log_likelihood(data, moments)

        alpha = np.min(
            [1, np.exp(l_new + plog_back - l_old - plog_for)]
        )

        if alpha >= np.random.uniform(0,1,1):
            chain[i] = proposed_parameters
            l_old = l_new
            acceptance_counter += 1
        else:
            chain[i] = chain[i-1]

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l_record[i] = l_old

return chain, l_record

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[35]: chain, l_record = mh(hast_it,proposed_sigma,parameters_to_be_guessed)
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[36]: fig, ax = pl.subplots(1,2,figsize=(20,5))

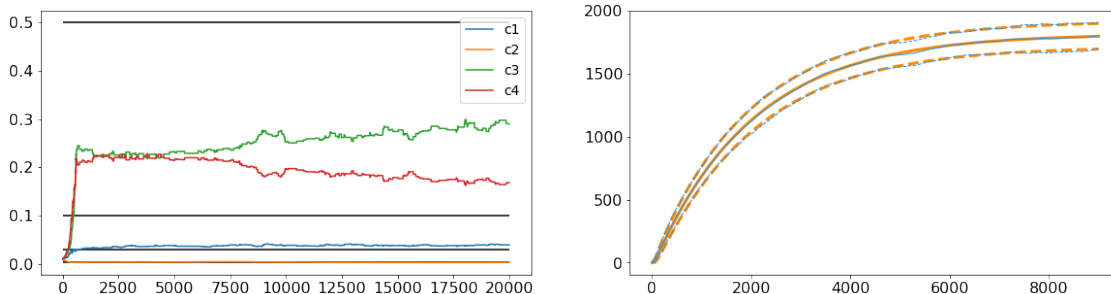
for i in range(0,4):
    ax[0].plot(range(hast_it), chain[:,i])
ax[0].legend(['c1', 'c2', 'c3', 'c4', 'c5', 'c6'])
ax[0].hlines(c[parameters_to_be_guessed], 0, hast_it)

sd = np.sqrt(moments[:,13]-moments[:,3]**2)
ax[1].plot(timy, moments[:, 3], lw=3, color="darkorange")
ax[1].plot(timy, moments[:, 3]+sd, '--', lw=3, color="darkorange")
ax[1].plot(timy, moments[:, 3]-sd, '--', lw=3, color="darkorange")

ax[1].plot(timy,prot_values.mean(1), color = 'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax[1].plot(timy,prot_values.mean(1)+prot_values.std(1),'--', color = '
→'dodgerblue', lw = 1)
ax[1].plot(timy,prot_values.mean(1)-prot_values.std(1),'--', color = '
→'dodgerblue', lw = 1)

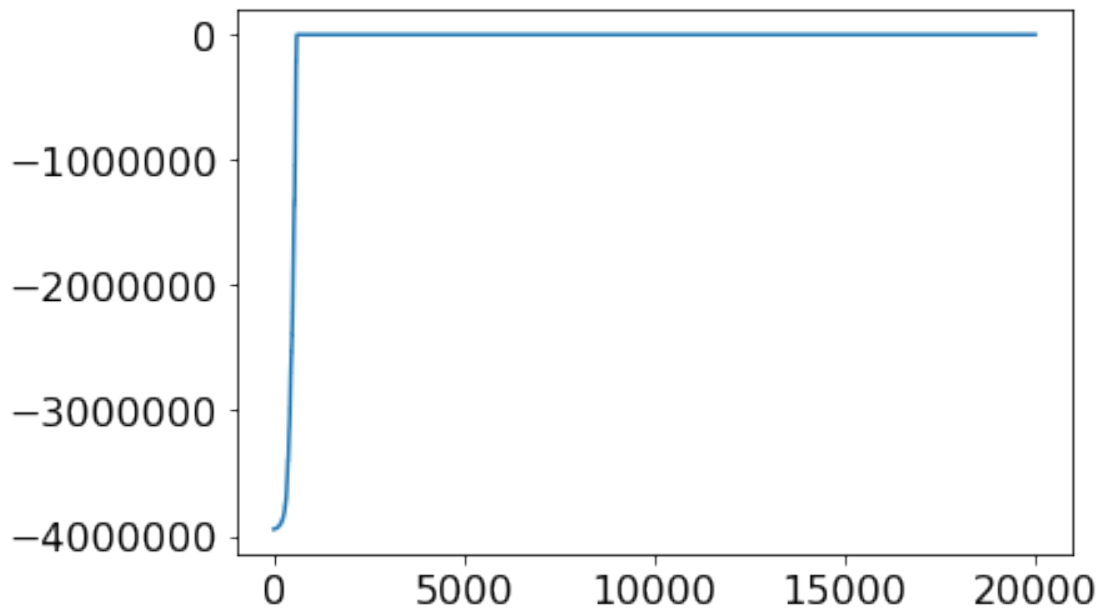
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[36]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x155a1daa6c8>]
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[37]: fig, ax = pl.subplots(1,1)
ax.plot(l_record)
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[37]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x155a11ee7c8>]



```
[39]: burn_in = 3000
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,4,figsize=(15,3))
for i , j in zip(parameters_to_be_guessed,range(0,len(parameters_to_be_guessed))):
    mu1 = chain[burn_in:,j].mean()
    sigma1 = chain[burn_in:,j].std()
    x = np.linspace(norm.ppf(0.01,mu1,sigma1),norm.ppf(0.99, mu1,sigma1),100)
    ax[j].plot(x, norm.pdf(x, mu1,sigma1),color='gold')
    ax[j].axvline(c[i])
plt.tight_layout()
```

