

Question 1

Table 1: Effect of model/promoter parameter on mRNA concentration

Parameters	10% increase			50% increase		
	Low I	Medium I	High I	Low I	Medium I	High I
BNIDing function, K	0	0	0	0	0	0
n	0	0	0	-	-	0
W_1	0	0	0	+	+	0
W_2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elongation constant, e_x	0	0	+	+	+	+
length of gene, L_j	0	-	-	-	-	-
initiation rate constant, k_i	0	SI	+	+	+	+
cell volume	0	0	0	0	0	0
total/frac. RNAP available	SI	+	+	+	+	+
gene concentration, G_j	0	0	0	0	0	0
saturation constant, K_{XP}	0	0	0	0	0	0
doubling time	0	SI	+	SI	SI	+
half life	+	+	+	+	+	+
specific growth rate, μ	0	0	0	SD	-	-
degradation constant, k_D	SD	SD	-	-	-	-
dry mass/cell	0	SD	-	-	-	-

*mRNA concentration at medium I read @ 0.05 mM

~ no/insignificant change

SI = slight increase

SD = slight decrease

Question 2

Table 2: Reference for model/promoter parameters

Parameter (symbol)	Value (unit)	Source
Transcription Elongation constant (e_{TX})	42 nt/s	BNID 108487
Translation elongation rate (e_{TL})	14 aa/s	BNID 108487
Rate constant for initiation (k_i)	0.024 s^{-1}	BNID 105135
Saturation constant ($K_{X,P}$)	$0.0225 \mu\text{M}$	BNID 105135
RNAP in <i>E. coli</i> ($R_{X,P}$) ¹	8000 copies/cell	BNID 101441
RNAP activity ¹	24%	BNID 101441
Number of ribosomes ¹	45100 rib/cell	BNID 101441
Ribosome activity ¹	80%	BNID 101441
Protein half-life	20 hr	BNID 111930
<i>E. coli</i> cell volume	$0.58 \mu\text{m}^3$	BNID 114928
Median half-life of <i>E. coli</i> mRNA ($t_{1/2}$)	~4 min	BNID 104324
Dry mass of <i>E. coli</i>	280 fg/cell	BNID 103904

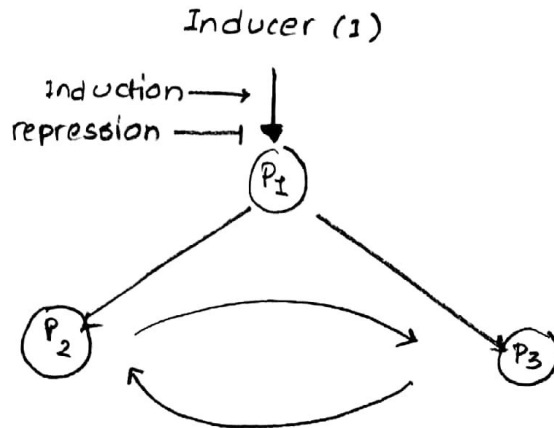
¹ value @ $t_{\text{doubling}} = 0.5 \text{ hr}$

Assumptions made for the purpose of modeling:

- The active RNAP is allocated for transcription of each gene type equally
- The active ribosome is allocated to each translation of each protein type equally
- BNIDing of only RNAP to promoter leads to negligible transcription ($W_{1X} = W_{2X} = W_{3X} = 0.0$)
- BNIDing functions (K_D) and weight factors for inducer are equal for all mRNA ($W_{1I} = W_{12} = W_{13} = W_{23} = W_{32} = 300.0$)
- Translation initiation rate constant ($k_{TL,I}$) and saturation constant (K_{XP}) are same as transcription initiation ($k_{TX,I}$) and elongation (K_{XP}) rate constants.

Question 2 (Cont'd)

(a)



Material balance:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{m}_1 \\ \dot{m}_2 \\ \dot{m}_3 \\ \dot{P}_1 \\ \dot{P}_2 \\ \dot{P}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -(k_d^m + \mu) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(k_d^m + \mu) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(k_d^m + \mu) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -(k_d^p + \mu) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(k_d^p + \mu) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(k_d^p + \mu) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \\ P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} TX_1 \\ TX_2 \\ TX_3 \\ TL_1 \\ TL_2 \\ TL_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{\dot{x}}$
 \vec{x}

In eq^d form,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dm_i}{dt} &= TX_i - (k_d^m + \mu) m_i \\ \frac{dP_i}{dt} &= TL_i - (k_d^p + \mu) P_i \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} & \\ & \end{aligned} \right\} i=1, 2, 3$$

- $TX_i = r_{x,i} \cdot u_i$

$$u_1 = \frac{w_1 + w_2 f_I}{1 + w_1 + w_2 f_I} \quad ; \quad f_I = \frac{1^n}{k^n + 1^n}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{w_2 + w_{12} f_{12} + w_{32} f_{32}}{1 + w_2 + w_{12} f_{12} + w_{32} f_{32}}$$

$$; \quad f_{12} = \frac{p_1^n}{k^n + p_1^n} \quad ; \quad f_{32} = \frac{p_3^n}{k^n + p_3^n}$$

$$u_3 = \frac{w_3 + w_{13} f_{13} + w_{23} f_{23}}{1 + w_3 + w_{13} f_{13} + w_{23} f_{23}}$$

$$; \quad f_{23} = \frac{p_2^n}{k^n + p_2^n} \quad ; \quad f_{13} = \frac{p_2^n}{k^n + p_2^n}$$

Assumptions, $w_1 = w_2 = w_3 = 0.0$

$$K_1 = K_2 = K_3 = K = 0.3 \text{ mM}$$

$$n = 1.5$$

$$r_{x,i} = K_{E,i} \cdot R_{x,T} \cdot \frac{G_p}{(K_{xp} z_i)(z_i + 1) G_p}$$

$G_p, R_{x,T}, K_{xp} \rightarrow \text{Table 2}$

$$K_{E,i} = \langle K_E \rangle \frac{L_x}{L_{x,i}}$$

$$z_i = \frac{K_{E,i}}{K_I} \rightarrow \text{McClure}$$

$$\langle K_E \rangle = e_x / L_x \quad \downarrow \quad \text{Table 2}$$

- $TL_i = r_{L,i} \xrightarrow{w_i} 1$

$$r_{L,i} = K_{E,TL,i} \cdot R_{L,T} \cdot \frac{m_i}{(K_{xp} + z_{L,i})(z_{L,i} + 1) m_i}$$

$R_{L,T}, K_{xp} \rightarrow \text{Table 2}$

$$K_{E,TL,i} = \langle K_{E,TL} \rangle \frac{L_L}{L_{L,i}}$$

$$z_{L,i} = \frac{K_{E,i}}{K_I}$$

$$\langle K_{E,TL} \rangle = e_L / L_L \quad \uparrow \quad \text{Table 2}$$

• (b) & (c) \rightarrow codes and plots are attached.