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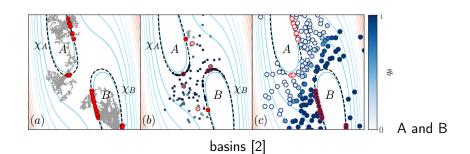
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molecular transition rates

Motivation

- Committors are the "ideal reaction coordinate"
- Rare event sampling is hard, important
- ML has seen good results recently [1]



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Loss:
$$L_{nk\tau}(\theta) = \frac{1}{|[K]|} \sum_{k \in [K]} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \left(\frac{q_{\theta,k}(x_i)}{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} q_{\theta,k}(x_{\tau}^{x_i,m})} \right)^2$$

Base Algorithm Results

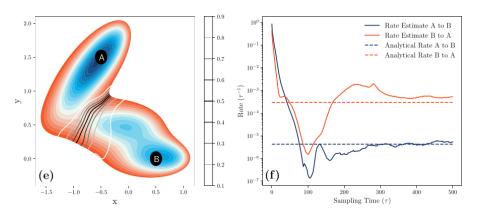


Figure: Muller-Brown Potential e) MLSE Committor f) Rate estimates [2]

Base Algorithm Results (cont.)

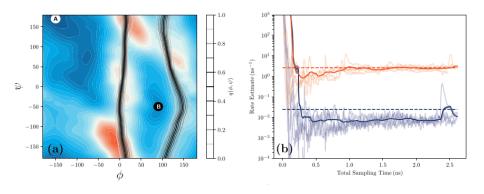


Figure: Dialanine peptide a) MLSE Committor on ϕ, ψ b) Rate estimates [2]

Base Algorithm Problems

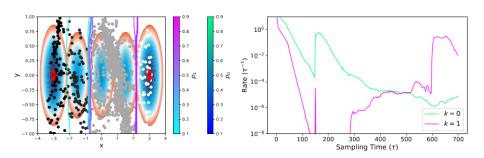


Figure: 5 Linear Wells a) MLSE Committor b) "Rate estimates"

Fixing the Base Algorithm

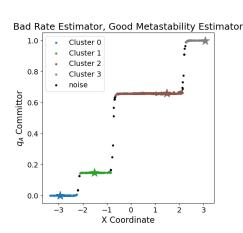
- Run a short sample from base algorithm
- 2 Run DBSCAN on q_A committor values into K clusters (including originals 2)

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$$x_{k,c} = \underset{x_{k,i}}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \{ U(x_{k,i}) \}$$

• Rerun simulation with K basins to sample from starting from $x_{k,c}$ to train

$$q_{\theta,k}:\Omega\to\mathbb{R}^K\xrightarrow{\mathsf{softargmax}}[0,1]^K$$



DBSCAN on q_A committor

Improved Algorithm Results

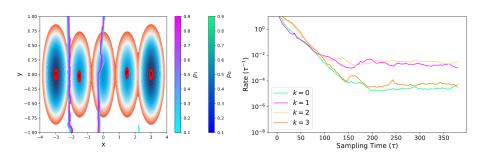


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Composite Rates from Continuous Time Markov Chains

$$Q_{ij} = k_{i \to j}, \quad Q_{ii} = -\sum_{j \neq i} k_{i \to j} = -j_{k^-} \int_{\partial C_k} q_k(x) dx \quad \text{(Hill Relation)}$$

$$\sum_k Q_{ik} \, m_{kj} = -1, \quad i \neq j; \quad m_{jj} = 0$$

$$T_{ij} \sim \operatorname{Exp}(k_{ij}) \implies \mathbb{E}[T_{ij}] = \frac{1}{k_{ij}} \implies k_{ij} = \frac{1}{m_{ij}}$$

Figure: Rates from 0 to 1 can now be computed with a CTMC

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