Max Mass Objective

The MaxMass algorithm contains the following objective function:

$$\max \sum_{k \in K} y_k \sum_{i=1}^k m_i - \sum_{k \in K} x_k \sum_{i=1}^k m_i$$

where the variables are

 $x_k = \frac{1}{0}$, if gene or promoter k is the first gene or promoter within the deleted segment $x_k = \frac{1}{0}$, otherwise

and

 $y_k = \frac{1}{0}$, if gene or promoter k is immediately after the end of the deleted segment 0, otherwise

where

 $\sum_{k \in K} x_k = 1$

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and the parameters are

- d_k : Position of the first nucleotide of the deleted sequence starting from the origin of replication when gene or promoter k is selected to be deleted in the begining of the stretch. Note that d_k is not always the start site of a gene or promoter. It is the first nucleotide of the nonoverlapped region between the gene/promoter k and gene/promoter k-1
- d'_k : Position of the first nucleotide of the gene or promoter k immediately after the deleted sequence
- m_i is the measured protein mass of gene i and $\sum_{i=1}^k m_i$ is the cumulative protein mass of all genes from the origin of replication to the kth gene. By subtracting the cumulative protein mass of the start gene (x_k) from the cumulative protein mass of the end gene (y_k) , we obtain the cumulative protein mass of the interval for the optimal solution

We maximize the mass that is knocked out based on absolute quantitative proteomics Schmidt et al 2015 (http://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.3418) in (fg/cell)

MaxMass constraints

 $\begin{array}{lll} \sum_{j\in J} \, S_{i,j} \, v_j = 0 & i = 1, \ldots, N & \text{Steady state conservation of metabolite i requirement} \\ \sum_{k\in K} \, y_k = 1 & \sum_{k\in K} \, x_k = 1 & \text{Ensure only one gene knockout per iteration} \\ \sum_{j=1}^k \, x_j - \sum_{j=1}^k \, y_j = z_k & k = 1, \ldots, K & \text{Ensures all genes between start and end area also knocked out} \\ v_{biomass} \, \geq \, f \cdot v_{biomass, \, max} & \text{Requires that the KO must be capable of growing at the specification} \\ z_g = \prod_{p \in p^g} z_p & p = 1, \ldots, P & \text{Ensures that a gene is not functional if all of its promoters are} \end{array}$

Gene Protein Reaction constraints

Single gene catalyzes reaction: $k \rightarrow v_i$

$$(1 - z_k) \cdot LB \le v_i \le (1 - z_k) \cdot UB$$

Enzyme dimer complex catalyzes reaction: $(k_1 \ AND \ k_2) \rightarrow v_j$

$$\begin{split} &(1-z_{k_1}) \cdot LB \leq v_j \leq (1-z_{k_1}) \cdot UB \\ &(1-z_{k_2}) \cdot LB \leq v_j \leq (1-z_{k_2}) \cdot UB \end{split}$$

Two Isozymes catalyze reaction: $(k_1\ OR\ k_2) \to v_j$

$$\begin{aligned} (2-z_{k_1}-z_{k_2}) \cdot LB &\leq v_j \leq (2-z_{k_1}-z_{k_2}) \cdot UB \\ LB &\leq v_j \leq UB \end{aligned}$$

Complex Gene Protein Reaction: $(k_1 \ AND \ k_2) \ OR \ (k_1 \ AND \ k_3) \rightarrow v_i$

$$\begin{split} (2-z_{k_2}-z_{k_3}) \cdot LB & \leq v_j \leq (2-z_{k_2}-z_{k_3}) \cdot UB \\ (1-z_{k_1}) \cdot LB & \leq v_j \leq (1-z_{k_1}) \cdot UB \end{split}$$