

1. **Fixed points.** Consider the following 10-variable model of the *lac* operon, from class, where the 3 parameters are added with “frozen” update functions.

$$f_M = \overline{R} \wedge \overline{R_m} \wedge C$$
$$f_B = M$$
$$f_P = M$$
$$f_C = \overline{G_e}$$
$$f_R = \overline{A} \wedge \overline{A_m}$$
$$f_{R_m} = (\overline{A} \wedge \overline{A_m}) \vee R$$
$$f_A = L \wedge B$$

$$f_{A_m} = L \vee L_m$$
$$f_L = \overline{G_e} \wedge P \wedge L_e$$
$$f_{L_m} = \overline{G_e} \wedge ((L_{em} \wedge P) \vee L_e)$$
$$f_{L_e} = L_e$$
$$f_{L_{em}} = L_{em}$$
$$f_{G_e} = G_e$$

Use Macaulay2 to compute a Gröbner basis of the ideal  $I = (f_{x_1} + x_1, \dots, f_{x_{13}} + x_{13})$ , in the quotient ring  $\mathbb{F}_2[x_1, \dots, x_{13}]/(x_i^2 - x_i)$ . Solve the resulting system by hand to find all fixed points of the original Boolean model. Code is provided on the course website.

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-- Define a ring of polynomials in 9 variables
R = ZZ/2[x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,x7,x8,x9,x10,Le,Lem,Ge];

-- Shortcut for AND and OR functions
RingElement | RingElement :=(x,y)->x*y*x*y;
RingElement & RingElement :=(x,y)->x*y;

-- Define a quotient ring, where each x_i^2 = x_i
J = ideal(x1^2-x1, x2^2-x2, x3^2-x3, x4^2-x4, x5^2-x5, x6^2-x6, x7^2-x7, x8^2-x8, x9^2-x9, x10^2-x10, Le^2-Le, Lem^2-Lem, Ge^2-Ge);
Q = R / J;

-- This is the 10-variable lac operon model, with parameters taken to be variables
f1 = (1+x5) & (1+x6) & x4;
f2 = x1;
f3 = x1;
f4 = 1+Ge;
f5 = (1+x7) & (1+x8);
f6 = ((1+x7) & (1+x8)) | x5;
f7 = x2 & x9;
f8 = x9 | x10;
f9 = (1+Ge) & x3 & Le;
f10 = (1+Ge) & ((Lem & x3) | Le);
fLe = Le;
fLem = Lem;
fGe = Ge;

-- Compute the ideal to find the fixed point(s)
I = ideal(f1+x1, f2+x2, f3+x3, f4+x4, f5+x5, f6+x6, f7+x7, f8+x8, f9+x9, f10+x10, fLe+Le, fLem+Lem, fGe+Ge)

-- Compute a Groebner basis
G = gens gb I
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i1 : -- Define a ring of polynomials in 9 variables
R = ZZ/2[x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,x7,x8,x9,x10,Le,Lem,Ge];

i2 : -- Shortcut for AND and OR functions
RingElement | RingElement :=(x,y)->x*y*x*y;
i3 : RingElement & RingElement :=(x,y)->x*y;

i4 : -- Define a quotient ring, where each x_i^2 = x_i
J = ideal(x1^2-x1, x2^2-x2, x3^2-x3, x4^2-x4, x5^2-x5, x6^2-x6, x7^2-x7, x8^2-x8, x9^2-x9, x10^2-x10, Le^2-Le, Lem^2-Lem, Ge^2-Ge);

o4 : Ideal of R
i5 : Q = R / J;

i6 : -- This is the 10-variable lac operon model, with parameters taken to be variables
f1 = (1+x5) & (1+x6) & x4;

i7 : f2 = x1;
i8 : f3 = x1;
i9 : f4 = 1+Ge;
i10 : f5 = (1+x7) & (1+x8);
i11 : f6 = ((1+x7) & (1+x8)) | x5;
i12 : f7 = x2 & x9;
i13 : f8 = x9 | x10;

i14 : f9 = (1+Ge) & x3 & Le;
i15 : f10 = (1+Ge) & ((Lem & x3) | Le);
i16 : fLe = Le;
i17 : fLem = Lem;
i18 : fGe = Ge;

i19 : -- Compute the ideal to find the fixed point(s)
I = ideal(f1+x1, f2+x2, f3+x3, f4+x4, f5+x5, f6+x6, f7+x7, f8+x8, f9+x9, f10+x10, fLe+Le, fLem+Lem, fGe+Ge)

o19 : ideal(z4 x5 z6 + z4 z5 + z4 z6 + z1 + z4, z1 + z2, z1 + x3, z4 + Ge + 1, z7 z8 + z5 + z7 + z8 + 1, z5 z7 z8 + z5 z7 + z5 z8 + z7 z8 + z6 + z7 + z8 + 1, z2 z9 + z7, z9 z10 + z8 + z9 + z10, z3 Le + Ge + z3 Le + z9, z3 Le Lem Ge + z3 Le Lem + z3 Lem Ge + z3 Lem + Le Ge + z10 + Le, 0, 0, 0)

o19 : Ideal of Q
i20 : -- Compute a Groebner basis
G = gens gb I

o20 : ( z8 + z10 z7 + x9 z6 + z10 + 1 z5 + z10 + 1 z4 + Ge + 1 z3 + z10 z2 + z10 z1 + z10 Le Ge + z9 + Le z10 Ge z9 Ge z9 Lem + z10 Lem + z9 + z10 z10 Le + x9 z9 Le + z9 z9 z10 + z9 )
o20 : Matrix Q^1 <- Q^15
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$$X_8 = X_{10} = \overline{X_6} = \overline{X_5} = X_3 = X_2 = X_1,$$
$$X_7 = X_9$$

$$X_1 \wedge \overline{L_{em}} = X_{10} \wedge \overline{L_{em}}$$
$$\therefore (1 \wedge 1) \vee (1 \wedge 1) \vee (1 \wedge 1) \vee (1 \wedge 1)$$

$$x_7 = x_9$$

$$\overline{x_4} = G_e$$

$$L_e \wedge \overline{G_e} = x_9$$

$$L_e(G_e + 1) = x_9$$

$$x_9 \wedge \overline{L_{em}} = x_{10} \wedge \overline{L_{em}}$$

$$x_9(L_{em} + 1) = x_{10}(L_{em} + 1)$$

$$L_{em} = 0 \Rightarrow x_9 = x_{10} = 0$$

$$L_e G_e + x_9 + L_e = 0$$

$$x_9 L_{em} + x_{10} L_{em} + x_9 + x_{10} = 0$$

$$x_{10} G_e = 0 \quad x_{10} \wedge G_e = 0$$

$$x_{10} L_e + x_9 = 0 \Rightarrow x_{10} \wedge L_e = x_9$$

$$x_9 G_e = 0 \quad x_9 \wedge G_e = 0$$

$$x_9 L_e + x_9 = 0 \Rightarrow x_9(L_e + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow G_e = 1 \Rightarrow x_{10}, x_9 = 0$$

$$x_9 x_{10} + x_9 = 0 \Rightarrow x_9(x_{10} + 1) = 0$$

$$G_e = 0 \Rightarrow x_9, x_{10} = 1 \text{ or } 0$$

$$L_e = 1 \Rightarrow x_9 = 1 \text{ or } 0$$

$$L_e = 0 \Rightarrow x_9 = 0$$

$$x_9 = 1 \Rightarrow x_{10} = 1$$

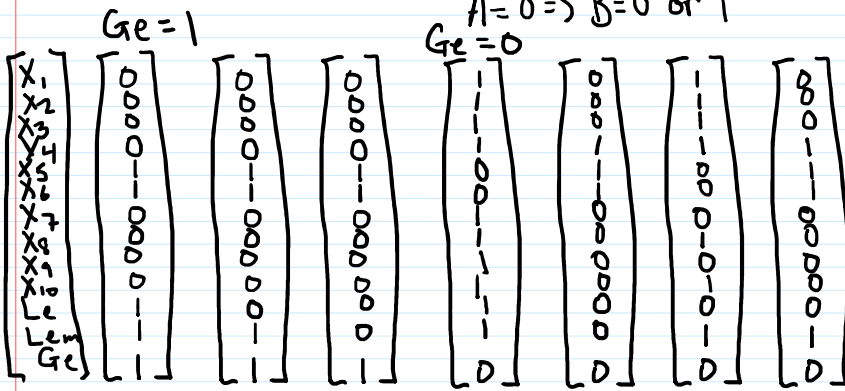
$$x_9 = 0 \Rightarrow x_{10} = 1 \text{ or } 0$$

$$A(B+1) = 0$$

$$A=1 \Rightarrow B=1$$

$$A=0 \Rightarrow B=0 \text{ or } 1$$

I promise I did this  
by hand



other solutions don't  
make sense ( $L_{em} = 1$   $L_e = 0$ )

2. Bistability. Consider the following model of the tryptophanase (*tna*) operon in *E. coli*:

$$f_A = M \wedge \overline{\gamma}$$

$$f_B = M$$

$$f_C = \overline{\gamma}$$

$$f_M = C \wedge \overline{P}$$

$$f_P = \overline{W} \wedge \overline{W_m}$$

$$f_W = \omega_e \wedge B$$

$$f_{W_m} = (\omega_{em} \wedge B) \vee \omega_e \vee W$$

There are three parameters:  $\gamma$  is glucose,  $\omega_e$  is high levels of extracellular tryptophan, and  $\omega_{em}$  represents (at least) medium levels of extracellular tryptophan.

(a) Let  $\gamma$ ,  $\omega_e$ , and  $\omega_{em}$  be “frozen” variables, making this a 10-variable model. Use Cyclone to find the attractors. Code is provided on the course website.

NUMBER OF VARIABLES: 10  
NUMBER OF STATES: 2

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x1 = x4 * (1+Ge)
x2 = x4
x3 = 1+Ge
x4 = x3 * (1+x5)
x5 = (1+x6) * (1+x7)
x6 = we * x2
x7 = (wem * x2) | we | x6
we = we
wem = wem
Ge = Ge
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Number of cycles (components): 13

COMPONENT #1:  
component size: 128  
fixed point: [0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0]

COMPONENT #2:  
component size: 128  
fixed point: [0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1]

COMPONENT #3:  
component size: 6  
fixed point: [0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0]

COMPONENT #4:  
component size: 128  
fixed point: [0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1]

COMPONENT #5:  
component size: 128  
fixed point: [1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0]

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COMPONENT #6:
component size: 128
fixed point: [0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1]

COMPONENT #7:
component size: 128
fixed point: [1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0]

COMPONENT #8:
component size: 128
fixed point: [0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1]

COMPONENT #9:
component size: 20
cycle of length 4:
[0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0] ->
[0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0] ->
[1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0] ->
[0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0] ->
[0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0]

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COMPONENT #10:
component size: 40
cycle of length 4:
[0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0] ->
[0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0] ->
[1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0] ->
[1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0] ->
[0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0]

COMPONENT #11:
component size: 8
cycle of length 2:
[1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0] ->
[0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0] ->
[1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0]

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COMPONENT #12:
component size: 44
cycle of length 4:
[1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0] ->
[0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0] ->
[1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0] ->
[1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0] ->
[1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0]

COMPONENT #13:
component size: 10
fixed point: [1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0]

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(b) Fix  $(\gamma, \omega_e, \omega_{em}) = (0, 0, 1)$  as constants to get a 7-variable model, which assumes no glucose and medium levels of extracellular tryptophan. Use BoolNet to find the attractors under an asynchronous update, and summarize your findings. This can be done with the command

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> getAttractors(tnaModel, type="asynchronous", startStates=256)
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How does this compare to the synchronous state space?

Attractor 1 is a simple attractor consisting of 1 state(s):

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|---<-----|
V           |
1111001    |
V           |
|--->-----|

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Genes are encoded in the following order: A B C M P W WM

Attractor 2 is a simple attractor consisting of 1 state(s):

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|---<-----|
V           |
0010100    |
V           |
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There are 6 components when updated synchronously and only 2 when updated asynchronously that match  $\gamma=0$   $\omega_e=0$   $\omega_{em}=1$

(c) Explain how/why this model exhibits bistability.

After looking at the attractors the difference is in  $W_m$ . Looking at  $f_{W_m}$  since  $\omega_e=0 \Rightarrow W=0$  you get two possibilities. The first is a feedback if there already is  $W_m$  or secondly a feedback if there is no  $W_m$  already