

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.

$$\begin{aligned} f_M &= \overline{R} \wedge \overline{R_m} \wedge C & f_{A_m} &= L \vee L_m \\ f_B &= M & f_L &= \overline{G_e} \wedge P \wedge L_e \\ f_P &= M & f_{L_m} &= \overline{G_e} \wedge ((L_m \wedge P) \vee L_e) \\ f_C &= \overline{G_e} & f_{L_e} &= L_e \\ f_R &= \overline{A} \wedge \overline{A_m} & f_{L_{em}} &= L_{em} \\ f_{R_m} &= (\overline{A} \wedge \overline{A_m}) \vee R & f_{G_e} &= G_e \\ f_A &= L \wedge B & & \end{aligned}$$

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,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, 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 & Lem;
f10 = (1+Ge) & ((Lem & x3) | Lem);
fLe = Lem;
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+Lem, fLem+Lem, fGe+Ge)

-- Compute a Groebner basis
G = gens gb I

i1 : -- Define a ring of polynomials in 9 variables
R = ZZ/2[x1,x2,x3,x4,x5,x6,x7,x8,x9,x10,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, 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 & Lem;
i15 : f10 = ((Lem & x3) | Lem);
i16 : fLe = Lem;
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+Lem, fLem+Lem, fGe+Ge)
o19 : ideal(x4 x5 x6 + x4 x5 + x4 x6 + x1 + x4, x1 + x2, x1 + x3, x4 + Ge + 1, x7 x8 + x5 + x7 + x8 + 1, x5 x7 x8 + x5 x7 + x5 x8 + x7 x8 + x6 + x7 + x8 + 1, x2 x9 + x7, x9 x10 + x8 + x9 + x10, x3 Le + x3 Le + x9, x3 Le Lem Ge + x3 Le Lem + x3 Lem Ge + x3 Lem + Lem + x10 + Le, 0, 0, 0)
o19 : Ideal of Q
i20 :
-- Compute a Groebner basis
G = gens gb I
o20 : (x8 + x10 x7 + x9 x6 + x10 + 1 x5 + x10 + 1 x4 + Ge + 1 x3 + x10 x2 + x10 x1 + x10 Le Ge + x9 + Le x9 Ge x9 Lem + x10 Lem + x9 + x10 x10 Le + x9 x9 Le + x9 x9 x10 + x9)
o20 : Matrix Q^1 <- Q^15
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$$X_8 = X_{10} = \overline{X_6} = \overline{X_5} = X_3 = X_2 = X_1$$

$$X_7 = X_9 \quad \therefore \wedge \overline{G_e} = X_9$$

$$X_1 \wedge \overline{L_{em}} = X_{10} \wedge \overline{L_{em}}$$

$$x_7 = x_9$$

$$\overline{x_4} = G_e$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_e \wedge \overline{G_e} &= x_9 \\ L_e(G_{e+1}) &= x_9 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$x_9 L_e + x_9 = 0 \Rightarrow x_9(L_e + 1) = 0 \quad L_e = 1 \Rightarrow x_9 = 1 \text{ or } 0$$

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

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

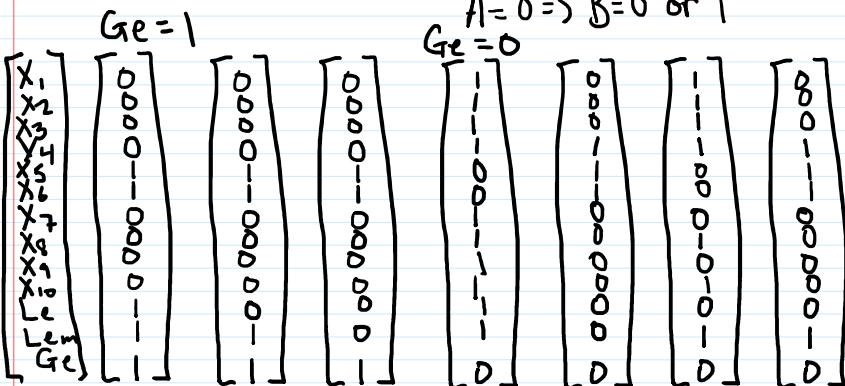
$$x_9 = 0 \Rightarrow x_{10} = 1 \text{ or } 0$$

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

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

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

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



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

$$\begin{aligned} f_A &= M \wedge \overline{\gamma} & f_P &= \overline{W} \wedge \overline{W_m} \\ f_B &= M & f_W &= \omega_e \wedge B \\ f_C &= \overline{\gamma} & f_{W_m} &= (\omega_{em} \wedge B) \vee \omega_e \vee W \\ f_M &= C \wedge \overline{P} \end{aligned}$$

There are three parameters: γ is glucose, ω_e is high levels of extracellular tryptophan, and ω_{em} represents (at least) medium levels of extracellular tryptophan.

(a) Let γ , ω_e , and ω_{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 = x5 * x2
x7 = (omegaem * x2) | we | x6
we = we
omegaem = omegaem
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 1 0 1 1 1 0 0]
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I promise I did this
by hand

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

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

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

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 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 is already W_m or secondly a feedback if there is no W_m already