

Relaxed Flux Balance Analysis

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Introduction

We consider a biochemical network of m molecular species and n biochemical reactions. The

biochemical network is mathematically represented by a stoichiometric matrix $S \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. In standard notation, flux balance analysis (FBA) is the linear optimisation problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_v \quad & \rho(v) \equiv c^T v \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Sv = b, \\ & l \leq v \leq u, \end{aligned}$$

where $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a parameter vector that linearly combines one or more reaction fluxes to form what is termed the objective function, and where a $b_i < 0$, or $b_i > 0$, represents some fixed output, or input, of the i th molecular species.

Every FBA solution must satisfy the constraints, independent of any objective chosen to optimise over the set of constraints. It may occur that the constraints on the FBA problem are not all simultaneously feasible, i.e., the system of inequalities is infeasible. This situation might be caused by an incorrectly specified reaction bound or the absence of a reaction from the stoichiometric matrix, such that a

nonzero $b \notin \mathcal{R}(S)$. To resolve the infeasibility, we consider a cardinality optimisation problem that seeks to minimise the number of bounds to relax, the number of fixed outputs to relax, the number of fixed inputs to relax, or a combination of all three, in order to render the problem feasible. The cardinality optimisation problem, termed *relaxed flux balance analysis*, is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{v,r,p,q} \quad & c^T v + \lambda \|r\|_0 + \alpha \|p\|_0 + \alpha \|q\|_0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Sv + r = b \\ & l - p \leq v \leq u + q \\ & p, q, r \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where $p, q \in \mathbb{R}^n$ denote the relaxations of the lower and upper bounds on reaction rates of the

reaction rates vector v , and where $r \in \mathbb{R}^m$ denotes a relaxation of the mass balance constraint.

Non-negative scalar parameters λ and α can be used to trade off between relaxation of mass balance or bound constraints. A non-negative vector parameter λ can be used to prioritise relaxation of one mass balance constraint over another, e.g, to avoid relaxation of a mass balance constraint on a metabolite that is not desired to be exchanged across the boundary of the system. A non-negative vector parameter α may be used to prioritise relaxation of bounds on some reactions rather than others, e.g., relaxation of bounds on exchange reactions rather than internal reactions. The optimal choice of parameters depends heavily on the biochemical context. A relaxation of the minimum number of constraints is desirable because ideally one should be able to justify the choice of bounds or choice of

metabolites to be exchanged across the boundary of the system by recourse to experimental literature. This task is magnified by the number of constraints proposed to be relaxed.

PROCEDURE: RelaxedFBA applied to Recon 3.0

TIMING: 20 seconds (computation), minutes - days (interpretation)

Recon 3D [[brunk_recon_nodate](#)] is the latest, most comprehensive, manually curated, genome-scale reconstruction of human metabolism. Recon3D is a reconstruction which currently encompasses ~3300 open reading frames, ~8000 unique metabolites, as well as ~12000 biochemical and transport reactions distributed over nine cellular compartments: cytoplasm [c], lysosome [l], nucleus [n], mitochondrion [m], mitochondrial intermembrane space [i], peroxisome [x], extracellular space [e], Golgi apparatus [g], and endoplasmic reticulum [r] [[thiele_protocol_2010](#), [brunk_recon_nodate](#)]. Recon3.0model is a flux balance analysis model and the largest stoichiometrically and flux consistent subset of Recon3D. That is, no internal reaction in Recon3.0model is mass imbalanced and furthermore, every internal and every external reaction admits a non-zero steady state flux. In this example, we take Recon3.0model, set the lower bound on the biomass reaction to require the synthesis of biomass yet close all of the external reactions in the model. The resulting model is therefore infeasible, that is, no steady state flux vector satisfies the steady state constraints and the bound constraints for the resulting flux balance analysis problem, irrespective of the objective coefficients, so we use relaxed flux balance analysis to identify the minimal set of external reaction bounds that are required to be relaxed in order to make biomass synthesis feasible.

Load Recon3.0model, unless it is already loaded into the workspace.

```
clear model relaxOption
if ~exist('modelOrig','var')
    %select your own model, or use Recon2.0model instead
    if 0
        filename='Recon3.0model';
        directory='~/work/sbgCloud/programReconstruction/projects/recon2models/data/reconXComp';
        model = loadIdentifiedModel(filename,directory);
    else
        filename2='Recon2.0model';
        if exist('Recon2.0model.mat','file')==2
            load('Recon2.0model.mat');
            model = Recon2model;
        end
    end
    model.csense(1:size(model.S,1),1)='E';
    modelOrig = model;
else
    model=modelOrig;
end
```

Identify the exchange reactions and biomass reaction(s) heuristically and close (a subset) of them

```
model = findSExRxnInd(model,size(model.S,1),1);
```

```
Found biomass reaction: biomass_reaction
Found biomass reaction: biomass_maintenance
Found biomass reaction: biomass_maintenance_noTrTr
ATP demand reaction is not considered an exchange reaction by default. It should be mass balanced:
DM_atp_c_h2o[c] + atp[c] -> h[c] + adp[c] + pi[c]
```

```
if ~any(model.biomassBool)
    error('Could not heuristically identify a biomass reaction')
end
```

Add a linear objective coefficient corresponding to the biomass reaction

```
model.biomassBool=strcmp(model.rxns,'biomass_reaction');  
model.c(model.biomassBool)=1;
```

Check that biomass production is feasible

```
FBAsolution = optimizeCbModel(model,'max');  
if FBAsolution.stat == 1  
    disp('Relaxed model is feasible');  
    bioMassProductionRate=FBAsolution.x(model.biomassBool);  
    fprintf('%g%s\n', bioMassProductionRate, ' is the biomass production rate')  
else  
    disp('Relaxed model is infeasible');  
end
```

```
Relaxed model is feasible  
753.336 is the biomass production rate
```

Remove superfluous biomass reactions and display the size of the reduced model

```
model = removeRxns(model,{'biomass_maintenance','biomass_maintenance_noTrTr'});  
[m,n] = size(model.S);  
fprintf('%6s\t%6s\n','#mets','#rxns'); fprintf('%6u\t%6u\t%s\n',m,n,' totals.')
```

```
#mets  #rxns  
5835  10598  totals.
```

First close all exchange reactions, and label the biomass reaction as an internal reaction (otherwise the algorithm would relax the biomass towards negative values)

```
model.SIntRxnBool(strcmp(model.rxns,'biomass_reaction'))=1;  
model.lb(~model.SIntRxnBool)=0;  
model.ub(~model.SIntRxnBool)=0;
```

Now force the biomass reaction to be active

```
model.lb(model.biomassBool) = 1;  
model.ub(model.biomassBool) = 10;
```

Check if the model is feasible

```
FBAsolution = optimizeCbModel(model,'max', 0, true);  
if FBAsolution.stat == 1  
    disp('Model is feasible. Nothing to do.');
```

```
return  
else  
    disp('Model is infeasible');  
end
```

```
Model is infeasible
```

Relaxed flux balance analysis is implemented with the function relaxedFBA

```
% [solution] = relaxedFBA(model, relaxOption)
```

The inputs are a COBRA model and an optional parameter vector

```
% INPUTS:
%   model:          COBRA model structure
%   relaxOption:    Structure containing the relaxation options:
% * internalRelax:
% * 0 = do not allow to relax bounds on internal reactions
% * 1 = do not allow to relax bounds on internal reactions with finite bounds
% * 2 = allow to relax bounds on all internal reactions
%
% * exchangeRelax:
%           * 0 = do not allow to relax bounds on exchange reactions
%           * 1 = do not allow to relax bounds on exchange reactions of the type
%           * 2 = allow to relax bounds on all exchange reactions
%
%           * steadyStateRelax:
%           * 0 = do not allow to relax the steady state constraint  $S \cdot v = b$ 
%           * 1 = allow to relax the steady state constraint  $S \cdot v = b$ 
%
%           * toBeUnblockedReactions - n x 1 vector indicating the reactions to be
%           * toBeUnblockedReactions(i) = 1 : impose  $v(i)$  to be positive
%           * toBeUnblockedReactions(i) = -1 : impose  $v(i)$  to be negative
%           * toBeUnblockedReactions(i) = 0 : do not add any constraint
%
%           * excludedReactions - n x 1 bool vector indicating the reactions to be
%           * excludedReactions(i) = false : allow to relax bounds on reaction i
%           * excludedReactions(i) = true : do not allow to relax bounds on reaction i
%
%           * excludedMetabolites - m x 1 bool vector indicating the metabolites to
%           * excludedMetabolites(i) = false : allow to relax steady state constraint
%           * excludedMetabolites(i) = true : do not allow to relax steady state constraint
%
%           * lamda - weighting on relaxation of relaxation on steady state constraint
%           * alpha - weighting on relaxation of reaction bounds
%           * gamma - weighting on zero norm of fluxes
%
% Note, excludedReactions and excludedMetabolites override all other relaxation options.
```

Do not allow to relax bounds on any internal reaction

```
relaxOption.internalRelax = 0;
```

Allow to relax bounds on all exchange reactions

```
relaxOption.exchangeRelax = 2;
```

Do not allow to relax the steady state constraint $S \cdot v = b$

```
relaxOption.steadyStateRelax = 0;
```

Set the tolerance to distinguish between zero and non-zero flux

```
feasTol = getCobraSolverParams('LP', 'feasTol');
relaxOption.epsilon = feasTol/100;%*100;
```

Set the trade-off parameter for zero norm of flux (advanced user). A larger value of gamma will

```
relaxOption.gamma = 10;
```

Set the trade-off parameter for relaxation on steady state constraint (advanced user)

```
relaxOption.lambda = 10;
```

Call the relaxedFBA function, deal the solution, and set small values to zero

```
tic;
solution = relaxedFBA(model,relaxOption);
timeTaken=toc;
[v,r,p,q] = deal(solution.v,solution.r,solution.p,solution.q);
if 0
    p(p<relaxOption.epsilon) = 0;%lower bound relaxation
    q(q<relaxOption.epsilon) = 0;%upper bound relaxation
    r(r<relaxOption.epsilon) = 0;%steady state constraint relaxation
end
```

The output is a solution structure with a 'stat' field reporting the solver status and a set of fields matching the relaxation of constraints given in the mathematical formulation of the relaxed flux balance problem above.

```
% OUTPUT:
%   solution:      Structure containing the following fields:
%                   * stat - status
%                   * 1 = Solution found
%                   * 0 = Infeasible
%                   * -1 = Invalid input
%                   * r - relaxation on steady state constraints  $S \cdot v = b$ 
%                   * p - relaxation on lower bound of reactions
%                   * q - relaxation on upper bound of reactions
%                   * v - reaction rate
```

Summarise the proposed relaxation solution

```
if solution.stat == 1
    dispCutoff=relaxOption.epsilon;

    fprintf('%s\n',['Relaxed flux balance analysis problem solved in ' num2str(timeTaken) ' seconds']);

    fprintf('%u%s\n',nnz(r),' steady state constraints relaxed');

    fprintf('%u%s\n',nnz(abs(p)>dispCutoff & ~abs(q)>dispCutoff & model.SIntRxnBool),' internal');
    fprintf('%u%s\n',nnz(abs(q)>dispCutoff & ~abs(p)>dispCutoff & model.SIntRxnBool),' internal');
    fprintf('%u%s\n',nnz(abs(p)>dispCutoff & abs(q)>dispCutoff & model.SIntRxnBool),' internal');

    fprintf('%u%s\n',nnz(abs(p)>dispCutoff & ~abs(q)>dispCutoff & ~model.SIntRxnBool),' external');
    fprintf('%u%s\n',nnz(abs(q)>dispCutoff & ~abs(p)>dispCutoff & ~model.SIntRxnBool),' external');
    fprintf('%u%s\n',nnz(abs(p)>dispCutoff & abs(q)>dispCutoff & ~model.SIntRxnBool),' external');

    fprintf('%u%s\n',nnz(abs(p)>dispCutoff | abs(q)>dispCutoff & ~model.SIntRxnBool),' external');
```

```

maxUB = max(max(model.ub), -min(model.lb));
minLB = min(-max(model.ub), min(model.lb));
intRxnFiniteBound = ((model.ub < maxUB) & (model.lb > minLB));
fprintf('%u%s\n', nnz(abs(p)>dispCutoff & intRxnFiniteBound), ' finite lower bounds relaxed');
fprintf('%u%s\n', nnz(abs(q)>dispCutoff & intRxnFiniteBound), ' finite upper bounds relaxed');

exRxn00 = ((model.ub == 0) & (model.lb == 0));
fprintf('%u%s\n', nnz(abs(p)>dispCutoff & exRxn00), ' lower bounds relaxed on fixed reaction');
fprintf('%u%s\n', nnz(abs(q)>dispCutoff & exRxn00), ' upper bounds relaxed on fixed reaction');

else
    disp('relaxedFBA problem infeasible, check relaxOption fields');
end

```

```

Relaxed flux balance analysis problem solved in 47.6492 seconds.
0 steady state constraints relaxed
0 internal only lower bounds relaxed
0 internal only upper bounds relaxed
0 internal lower and upper bounds relaxed
497 external only lower bounds relaxed
498 external only upper bounds relaxed
107 external lower and upper bounds relaxed
1102 external lower or upper bounds relaxed
604 finite lower bounds relaxed
605 finite upper bounds relaxed
603 lower bounds relaxed on fixed reactions (lb=ub=0)
605 upper bounds relaxed on fixed reactions (lb=ub=0)

```

TROUBLESHOOTING

Given an infeasible problem,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Sv &= b, \\
 l &\leq v \leq u,
 \end{aligned}$$

the *relaxed flux balance analysis* problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{v, r, p, q} \quad & c^T + \lambda \|r\|_0 + \gamma \|p\|_0 + \gamma \|q\|_0 \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & Sv + r = b \\
 & l - p \leq v \leq u + q \\
 & p, q, r \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

will always find a solution. However, relaxedFBA offers the user the option to disallow relaxation of some of the constraints. If too many constraints are not allowed to be relaxed, then relaxedFBA will report an infeasible problem. The fields of relaxOption should be reviewed. For example, if relaxation of steady state constraints is not allowed, yet b is nonzero and not in the range of the stoichiometric matrix, then the relaxedFBA problem will be infeasible. To allow the relaxation of the steady state constraint, $Sv = b$, then use

```
%relaxOption.steadyStateRelax = 1;
```

If relaxedFBA does return a solution, but it is not biochemically realistic, then again review the fields of relaxOption, to allow or disallow relaxation of certain constraints. For example, to specifically disallow relaxation of the bounds on reaction with model.rxns abbreviation 'myReaction', use

```
%relaxOption.excludedReactions=false(n,1);  
%relaxOption.excludedReactions(strcmp(model.rxns,'myReaction'))=1;
```

To specifically disallow relaxation of the steady state constraint on a molecular species with model.mets abbreviation 'myMetabolite', then use:

```
%relaxOption.excludedMetabolite=false(m,1);  
%relaxOption.excludedMetabolite(strcmp(model.mets,'myMetabolite'))=1;
```

Even if the set of relaxations are properly set, in a boolean sense, tweaking of the DCA card trade off parameters can help narrow down to a biochemically realistic solution, by iterating between the biochemical literature and the numerical results from relaxedFBA after tweaking the parameters. This flexibility is provided for the expert user. See relaxFBA_cappedL1.m. A standard set of advanced parameters are:

```
%relaxOption.nbMaxIteration = 1000; %max number of iterations of the cappedL1 problem  
%relaxOption.gamma0 = 0; %trade-off parameter of l0 part of v  
%relaxOption.gamma1 = 0; %trade-off parameter of l1 part of v  
%relaxOption.lambda0 = 10; %trade-off parameter of l0 part of r  
%relaxOption.lambda1 = 0; %trade-off parameter of l1 part of r  
%relaxOption.alpha0 = 10; %trade-off parameter of l0 part of p and q  
%relaxOption.alpha1 = 0; %trade-off parameter of l1 part of p and q  
%relaxOption.theta = 2; %parameter of capped l1 approximation
```

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

relaxedFBA will return a set of steady state constraints, lower bounds, and upper bounds, that are required to be relaxed to ensure that the FBA problem is feasible. It is necessary to analyse the solution biochemically, to see if it makes sense to relax the suggested constraints. The following code will report a summary of the results.

```
if solution.stat == 1  
    printFlag=0;  
    lineChangeFlag=0;  
    if 1  
        dispCutoffLower=relaxOption.epsilon;  
        dispCutoffUpper=inf;  
    else  
        %useful for numerical debugging  
        dispCutoffLower=-10;  
        dispCutoffUpper=10;  
    end  
    if any(r)  
        fprintf('\n%s\n','Steady state constraints relaxed');  
        for i=1:m  
            if abs(r(i))>dispCutoffLower && abs(r(i))<dispCutoffUpper  
                fprintf('%s\n',model.mets{i});  
            end  
        end  
    else  
        fprintf('\n%s\n','No steady state constraints relaxed');  
    end  
end
```

```

if any(p)
    fprintf('%s\n','Lower bounds relaxed');
    for j=1:n
        if abs(p(j))>dispCutoffLower && abs(p(j))<dispCutoffUpper && p(j)~=0
            rxnAbbrList=model.rxns(j);
            formulas = printRxnFormula(model, rxnAbbrList, printFlag, lineChangeFlag);
            fprintf('%6g\t%s',p(j),formulas{1});
        end
    end
else
    fprintf('\n%s\n','No lower bounds relaxed');
end
if any(q)
    fprintf('\n%s\n','Upper bounds relaxed');
    for j=1:n
        if abs(q(j))>dispCutoffLower && abs(q(j))<dispCutoffUpper && q(j)~=0
            rxnAbbrList=model.rxns(j);
            formulas = printRxnFormula(model, rxnAbbrList, printFlag, lineChangeFlag);
            fprintf('%6g\t%s',q(j),formulas{1});
        end
    end
else
    fprintf('\n%s\n','No upper bounds relaxed');
end
end
end

```

No steady state constraints relaxed

Lower bounds relaxed

```

1000 datp[m] ->
1000 datp[n] ->
1000 dctp[n] ->
1000 dgtp[n] ->
1000 dttp[n] ->
1000 ethamp[r] ->
1000 gpi_sig[r] ->
1000 mem2emgacpail_prot_hs[r] ->
1000 Ser_Gly_Ala_X_Gly[l] ->
1000 10fthf7glu[e] ->
1000 4nph[e] ->
1000 5adtststerone[e] ->
1000 7dhf[e] ->
1000 7thf[e] ->
1000 adp[e] ->
1000 adprbp[e] ->
1000 adrn[e] ->
1000 ala_D[e] ->
1000 aqcobal[e] ->
1000 arachd[e] ->
1000 ascb_L[e] ->
1000 atp[e] ->
1000 bilglcur[e] ->
1000 biocyt[e] ->
1000 cholate[e] ->
1000 chsterol[e] ->
1000 chtn[e] ->
1000 cmp[e] ->

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1000 crmp_hs[e] ->
1000 crn[e] ->
1000 crtsl[e] ->
1000 cspg_c[e] ->
1000 dag_hs[e] ->
1000 dheas[e] ->
1000 dlncg[e] ->
0.15 eicostet[e] ->
1000 estrones[e] ->
1000 gbside_hs[e] ->
1000 gchola[e] ->
1000 gluala[e] ->
1000 glygn2[e] ->
1000 glygn4[e] ->
1000 gthrd[e] ->
1000 gtp[e] ->
1000 h2o2[e] ->
1000 ha[e] ->
1000 hdcea[e] ->
1000 i[e] ->
1000 idp[e] ->
1000 imp[e] ->
1000 ksi[e] ->
1000 Lcystin[e] ->
1000 leuktrA4[e] ->
1000 leuktrF4[e] ->
1000 lnlc[e] ->
1000 lnlnca[e] ->
1000 nadp[e] ->
1000 ncam[e] ->
1000 o2s[e] ->
1000 ocdca[e] ->
1000 ocdcea[e] ->
1000 octa[e] ->
1000 pe_hs[e] ->
1000 peplys[e] ->
1000 prostgd2[e] ->
1000 prostgel[e] ->
1000 prostgf2[e] ->
1000 ps_hs[e] ->
1000 ptdca[e] ->
1000 retinol[e] ->
1000 s2l2fn2m2masn[e] ->
1000 spc_hs[e] ->
1000 sphlp[e] ->
1000 sphslp[e] ->
1000 strch1[e] ->
1000 strch2[e] ->
1000 strdnc[e] ->
1000 tag_hs[e] ->
1000 tchola[e] ->
1000 thf[e] ->
1000 thym[e] ->

1000 triodthy[e] ->
1000 ttdca[e] ->
1000 utp[e] ->
1000 vacc[e] ->
1000 whhdca[e] ->
1000 xoltri27[e] ->
1000 xylt[e] ->
1000 pre_prot[r] ->
1000 4abutn[e] ->
1000 ctp[e] ->
1000 dgmp[e] ->
1000 dha[e] ->
1000 dttp[e] ->
1000 fad[e] ->
1000 fald[e] ->
1000 HC00250[e] ->
1000 HC01361[e] ->
1000 HC01446[e] ->
1000 cpppg1[e] ->
1000 itp[e] ->
1000 udpg[e] ->
1000 HC00955[e] ->
1000 C02470[e] ->
1000 HC00822[e] ->
1000 HC02193[e] ->
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1000 HC02194[e] ->
1000 HC02203[e] ->
1000 HC02217[e] ->
1000 malcoa[e] ->
1000 arachcoa[e] ->
1000 CE4722[e] ->
1000 CE4723[e] ->
1000 CE4724[e] ->
1000 CE2839[e] ->
1000 CE2838[e] ->
1000 23cump[e] ->
1000 CE5788[e] ->
1000 CE5798[e] ->
1000 CE5787[e] ->
1000 CE5791[e] ->
1000 CE5867[e] ->
1000 CE4633[e] ->
1000 CE5854[e] ->
1000 udpgal[e] ->
1000 CE0074[e] ->
1000 CE5853[e] ->

1001 20.6508 h2o[c] + 20.7045 atp[c] + 0.38587 glu_L[c] + 0.35261 asp_L[c] + 0.036117 gtp[c] + 0.50563
1000 c10lcoa[c] ->
1000 doco13ac[e] ->
1000 octdececoa[c] ->

1000 tetdec2coa[c] ->
1000 tetdecelcoa[c] ->
1000 5HPET[r] ->
1000 taur[c] ->
1000 pe_hs[r] ->
1000 pmtcoa[r] ->
1000 alaala[e] ->
1000 bglc[e] ->
1000 glygly[e] ->
1000 gum[e] ->
1000 leugly[e] ->
1000 pect[e] ->
1000 psyl[e] ->
1000 slfcys[e] ->
1000 dpcoa[e] ->
1000 ohl[e] ->
1000 q10[e] ->
1000 Lcystin[c] ->
1000 ncam[c] ->
1000 pnto_R[c] ->
1000 34hpp[e] ->
1000 3mob[e] ->
1000 3mop[e] ->
1000 4mop[e] ->
1000 aicar[e] ->
1000 cbasp[e] ->
1000 2pg[e] ->
1000 5hoxindoa[e] ->
1000 cholp[e] ->
1000 cyst_L[e] ->
1000 dmgly[e] ->
1000 g3pc[e] ->
1000 gudac[e] ->
1000 hcys_L[e] ->
1000 icit[e] ->
1000 pep[e] ->
1000 xtsn[e] ->
1000 3pg[e] ->
1000 udpglcur[e] ->
1000 nicrnt[e] ->
1000 orot5p[e] ->
1000 glyc3p[e] ->
1000 acrn[e] ->
1000 pcrn[e] ->
1000 lneldccrn[e] ->
1000 odecrn[e] ->
1000 stcrn[e] ->
1000 pmtcrn[e] ->
1000 hdcecrn[e] ->
1000 15HPET[e] ->
1000 3mhis[e] ->
1000 5HPET[e] ->
1000 7dhchsterol[e] ->

1000 aclys[e] ->
1000 adpoh[e] ->
1000 amet[e] ->
1000 biliverd[e] ->
1000 C02356[e] ->
1000 CE0955[e] ->
1000 CE1556[e] ->
1000 CE2176[e] ->
1000 CE7082[e] ->
1000 forglu[e] ->
1000 HC00900[e] ->
1000 hmcr[e] ->
1000 lnccrn[e] ->
1000 lthstrl[e] ->
1000 mev_R[e] ->
1000 pe12_hs[e] ->
1000 pe13_hs[e] ->
1000 pe15_hs[e] ->
1000 pe161_hs[e] ->
1000 pe224_hs[e] ->
1000 pe226_hs[e] ->
1000 pedh203_hs[e] ->
1000 pelinl_hs[e] ->
1000 peole_hs[e] ->
1000 pepalm_hs[e] ->
1000 peste_hs[e] ->
1000 saccrp_L[e] ->
1000 xolest205_hs[e] ->
1000 3moxtyr[e] ->
1000 5aop[e] ->
1000 alltn[e] ->
1000 CE2510[e] ->
1000 ddca[e] ->
1000 glyc_R[e] ->
1000 Lcyst[e] ->
1000 oaa[e] ->
1000 ttdcea[e] ->
1000 bgly[e] ->
1000 retinal[e] ->
1000 maltttr[e] ->
1000 progly[e] ->
1000 dhbpt[e] ->
1000 alaargcys[e] ->
1000 alaasnleu[e] ->
1000 alahisala[e] ->
1000 alalysthr[e] ->
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1000 argvalcys[e] ->
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1000 fe2[e] ->
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1000 glu_L[e] ->
1000 glyb[e] ->
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1000 ile_L[e] ->
1000 ins[e] ->
1000 k[e] ->
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1000 met_L[e] ->
1000 no2[e] ->
1000 pi[e] ->
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1000 ser_L[e] ->
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1000 val_L[e] ->
1000 pnto_R[e] ->
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1000 thr_L[e] ->
1000 gln_L[e] ->
1000 phe_L[e] ->
1000 tyr_L[e] ->
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1000 nh4[e] ->
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1000 cit[e] ->
1000 drib[e] ->
1000 fru[e] ->
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1000 glcr[e] ->
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1000 glyc[e] ->
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1000 malt[e] ->
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1000 taur[e] ->
1000 phpyr[e] ->
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1000 CE4968[e] ->
1000 vanillac[e] ->
1000 2m3hvac[e] ->
1000 3h3mgl[t] ->
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1000 ethmalac[e] ->
1000 methsucc[e] ->
1000 4ohbut[e] ->
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1000 T4hcinm[e] ->
1000 egme[e] ->
1000 HC02020[e] ->
1000 chsterols[e] ->
1000 CE1401[e] ->
1000 melatn[e] ->
1000 CE4890[e] ->
1000 C09642[e] ->
1000 mhista[e] ->
1000 ppbng[e] ->
1000 sphings[e] ->
1000 CE1918[e] ->
1000 aact[e] ->
1000 N1aspmd[e] ->
1000 fdp[e] ->
1000 ldl_hs[e] ->
1000 HC00006[e] ->
1000 HC00007[e] ->
1000 HC00008[e] ->
1000 HC00009[e] ->
1000 gluside_hs[e] ->
1000 34dhpe[e] ->
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1000 sphslp[n] ->
1000 gd3_hs[g] ->
1000 nal[g] ->
1000 nal[c] ->
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1000 5cysgly34dhpe[e] ->
1000 galgluside_hs[e] ->
1000 mem2emgacpail_prot_hs[e] ->
1000 glc_D[e] ->
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1000 dca24g[c] ->
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1000 hyochol[c] ->
1000 lca24g[c] ->
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1000 am4ncs[e] ->
1000 crglz[e] ->
1000 deoxfvs[e] ->
1000 dhglz[e] ->
1000 dspvs[e] ->
1000 nfdlac[e] ->
1000 nfdnpy[e] ->
1000 ptvst[e] ->
1000 thrfvs[e] ->
1000 tmdm5[e] ->
1000 M01807[e] ->
1000 M00503[e] ->
1000 M01820[e] ->
1000 M00510[e] ->
1000 M00003[e] ->

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1000 M00010[e] ->
0.2 M02457[e] ->
0.05 M03045[e] ->
1000 M02561[e] ->
1000 M01111[e] ->
1000 M01966[e] ->
1000 M01989[e] ->
1000 gpi_sig[e] ->
1000 glu_L[c] ->
1000 tyr_L[c] ->
1000 CE4888[c] ->
1000 4abut[c] ->
1000 kynate[c] ->
1000 tym[c] ->
1000 cbl2[m] ->
1000 protein[c] ->

```

Generate a relaxed model and test if it is feasible.

```

if solution.stat == 1
    modelRelaxed=model;
    delta=0;%can be used for debugging, in case more relaxation is necessary
    modelRelaxed.lb = model.lb - p - delta;
    modelRelaxed.ub = model.ub + q + delta;
    modelRelaxed.b = model.b - r;

    FBAsolution = optimizeCbModel(modelRelaxed,'max', 0, true);
    if FBAsolution.stat == 1
        disp('Relaxed model is feasible');
    else
        disp('Relaxed model is infeasible');
        solutionRelaxed = relaxedFBA(modelRelaxed,relaxOption);
    end
end
end

```

Relaxed model is feasible

EXPECTED RESULTS

The relaxed model should be feasible. Indicated by 'Relaxed model is feasible'

TROUBLESHOOTING

If the relaxed model is not feasible. If not, there could be a numerical issue due to the numerical tolerance of the linear optimisation solutions or due to the numerical tolerance on the relaxedFBA algorithm, both of which are by default set to the feasibility tolerance for the currently installed solver (typically 1e-6 for a double precision solver like Gurobi). If problems persist, examine the numerical properties of the constraints, esp wrt scaling, or try the dqgMinos solver.

```
%changeCobraSolver('dqgMinos','LP')
```

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