Cell cycle boolean analysis

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1 Analysis of the Boolean model of cell cycle by Sizek et al.

In this jupyter notebook, we will analyse different aspects of the cell cycle model published here: https://journals.plos.org/ploscompbiol/article?id=10.1371/journal.pcbi.1006402

```
[1]: import maboss
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import os
from tools import load_trajs, draw_graph_from_pandas, compute_circuits,

→compute_stg_counts
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The model files are available in the $config/cell_cycle/boolean_network$ folder of the tutorial sample project

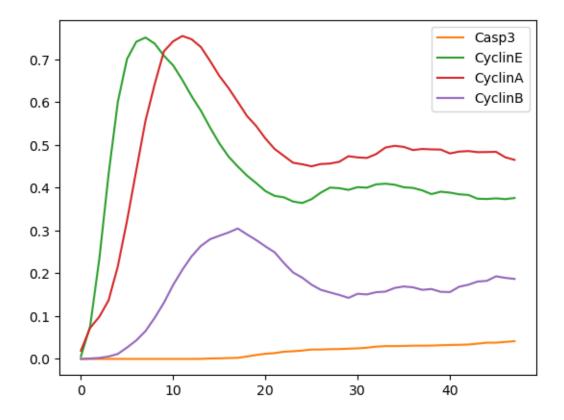
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[2]: path = "../config/cell_cycle/boolean_network/"
bnd_file = os.path.join(path, "intracellular_model.bnd")
cfg_file = os.path.join(path, "intracellular_model.cfg")
```

1.1 Simulation of the wild type model

We initially load this model, and simulate it for 48 hours, focusing on Cyclin A, Cyclin B, Cyclin E and Caspase 3

```
[3]: sim = maboss.load(bnd_file, cfg_file)
sim.update_parameters(max_time=48)
sim.network.set_output(["CyclinA", "CyclinB", "CyclinE", "Casp3"])

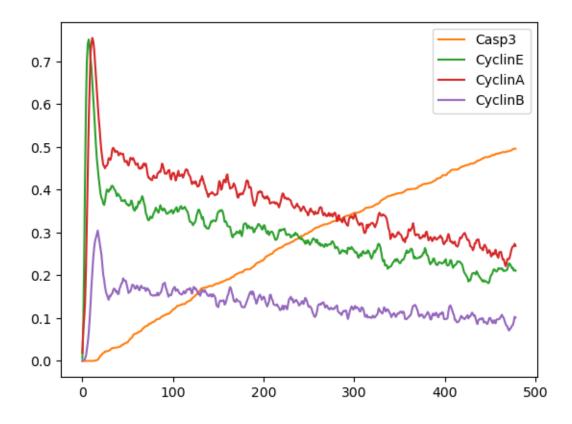
model = sim.run()
model.plot_node_trajectory()
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We can observe here the classic sequence of cyclins activation: Cyclin E, followed by Cyclin A, and finally Cyclin B. But what we also observe, is that we very quickly loose this cyclic behavior: MaBoSS computes probability distribution. Since cells are not synchronized, very quickly what we obtain is just the average probability of each cyclin at any time point during the cell cycle. This informs us about the duration of the phases, but not about the sequential oscillations.

Aside the cyclin trajectory, we also observe the behavior of Caspase 3, which slowly increase during the simulation to reach about 5% after 48h. This means an average cell will have 5% chances of dying in 48 hours. We can simulate a longer time frame to see it's behavior on more than 48 hours.

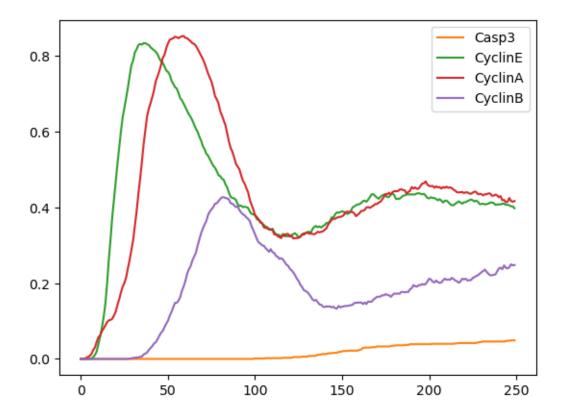
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[4]: sim_long = sim.copy()
    sim_long.update_parameters(max_time=480)
    res_long = sim_long.run()
    res_long.plot_node_trajectory()
```



Here we get a beter idea about the long term trajectory of the activation of Caspase 3: after 480h (20 days), a cell has 50% chances of dying.

One way to try to see better the cyclins oscilations is to remove one of the two sources of stochasticity of MaBoSS: the transition time, by switching to discrete time simulation:

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[5]: sim_discrete = sim.copy()
    sim_discrete.update_parameters(discrete_time=1, max_time=250)
    res_discrete = sim_discrete.run()
    res_discrete.plot_node_trajectory()
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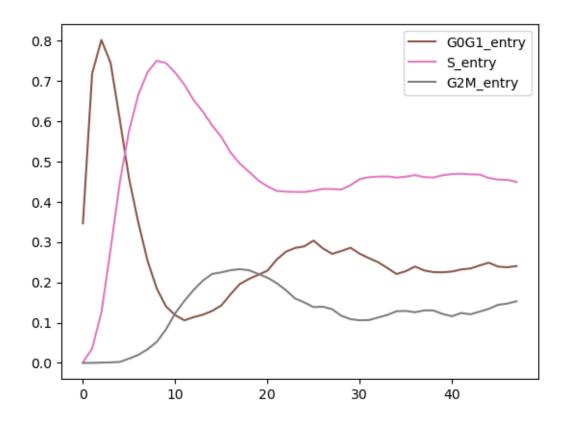


We can indeed see a bit of a second oscillation, but barely. We still have one large source of stochasticity that we can't get rid of: the choice of the next transition, from the asynchronous update that MaBoSS is using.

1.2 Analysis of the model for PhysiBoSS with phenotypes output

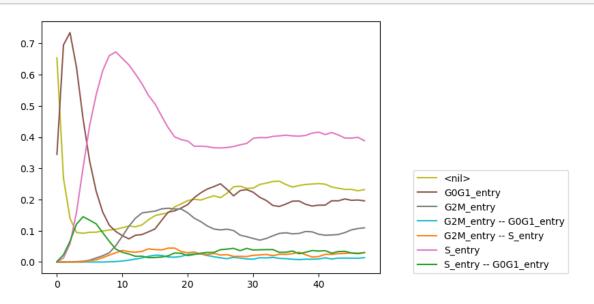
Conditions describing the transition to a next phase of the cell cycle are not so obvious: It does not depend on only one cyclin, and we need to prevent some abherent phenotypes. To solve this, we added three new nodes: - GOG1 entry: representing the transition from G2M to G0G1 - S_entry: representing the transition from G0G1 to S phase - G2M_entry: representing the transition from S to G2M

```
[6]: sim_phenotypes = sim.copy()
sim_phenotypes.network.set_output(['GOG1_entry', 'S_entry', 'G2M_entry'])
res_phenotypes = sim_phenotypes.run()
res_phenotypes.plot_node_trajectory()
```



We can observe in this simulation the sequence of transition which is expected: Cells first enter G0G1, then go to S, and finally to G2M. And then a new cycle starts

[7]: res_phenotypes.plot_trajectory()



Looking at the state trajectories, we can see a even more important detail: We start from a phase were no transition is active (<nil>), then activate the G0G1_entry. Then we activate S_entry, and subsequently inactivate G0G1_entry. We then activate G2M_entry, and again immediately inactivate S_entry. This is important because it gives us a clear information of the state of the system at any time. If for example we inactivated G0G1_entry before activating S_entry, we would end up up a <nil> state, without remembering in which phase we were.

1.3 Studying the sequence of transitions, and the possible cell cycles

One way to study the sequence of cell cycle phases would be to only focus on the transitions affecting these nodes, and completely ignore the other transitions. To do this, we need to look at the complete list of transitions, and filter out the transitions that don't interest us. First, we need to create a simulation with the display_traj setting active, and also reduce the number of cores used in the simulation to 1, as the display_traj mode only support single-core simulation. We also increase the simulation time, in order to get more transitions to get better statistics

```
[8]: sim_phenotypes_trajs = sim_phenotypes.copy()
sim_phenotypes_trajs.update_parameters(display_traj=1, thread_count=1,__
__max_time=480)
res_phenotypes_trajs = sim_phenotypes_trajs.run()
```

Once the simulation has completed, we need to filter the trajectories by the cell cycle transition nodes, and build a simplified state transition matrix where we only have the states composed of these cell cycle transition nodes.

```
[9]: outputs_phenotype = ["GOG1_entry", "G2M_entry", "S_entry"]
    trajs, all_states = load_trajs(res_phenotypes_trajs._path, outputs_phenotype)
    stg_counts, state_ids, ids_state = compute_stg_counts(trajs, all_states)
    data = pd.DataFrame(
        data=stg_counts,
        index=state_ids.keys(), columns=state_ids.keys()
    )
    data
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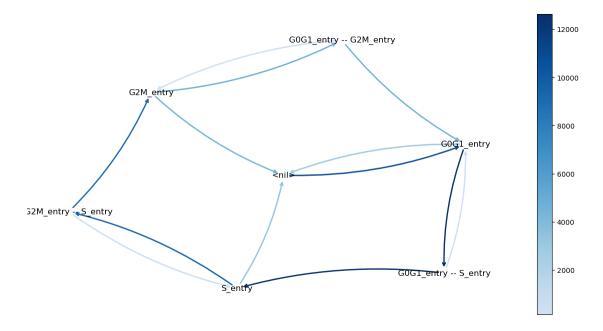
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[9]:
                                 <nil>
                                        GOG1_entry
                                                     GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
     <nil>
                                   0.0
                                            10908.0
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     GOG1_entry
                                2924.0
                                                0.0
                                                                           0.0
     GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
                                   0.0
                                             4579.0
                                                                           0.0
     GOG1_entry -- S_entry
                                   0.0
                                              148.0
                                                                           0.0
     G2M entry
                                4390.0
                                                                        4738.0
                                                0.0
     G2M_entry -- S_entry
                                   0.0
                                                0.0
                                                                           0.0
     S_entry
                                                0.0
                                3193.0
                                                                           0.0
                                GOG1_entry -- S_entry
                                                        G2M_entry
     <nil>
                                                   0.0
                                                               0.0
                                               12622.0
                                                               0.0
     GOG1_entry
     GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
                                                   0.0
                                                             152.0
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GOG1_entry S_entry	0.0	0.0
G2M_entry	0.0	0.0
G2M_entry S_entry	0.0	9032.0
S_entry	0.0	0.0

	G2M_entry	S_entry	S_entry
<nil></nil>		0.0	0.0
GOG1_entry		0.0	0.0
GOG1_entry G2M_entry		0.0	0.0
GOG1_entry S_entry		0.0	12458.0
G2M_entry		0.0	0.0
G2M_entry S_entry		0.0	335.0
S_entry		9379.0	0.0

We can then plot this matrix as a graph, and visualize the possible transition between all this subset of states.

[10]: draw_graph_from_pandas(data)



We can observe that, starting from a <nil> state, most of the transitions activate G0G1_entry, then activate S_entry, inactivate G1G0_entry, activate G2M_entry, inactivate S_entry. Then we have half of the transitions inactivating G2M_entry and the other half activating G0G1_entry.

We can compute the same matrix but instead of transition counts, we have the probabilities.

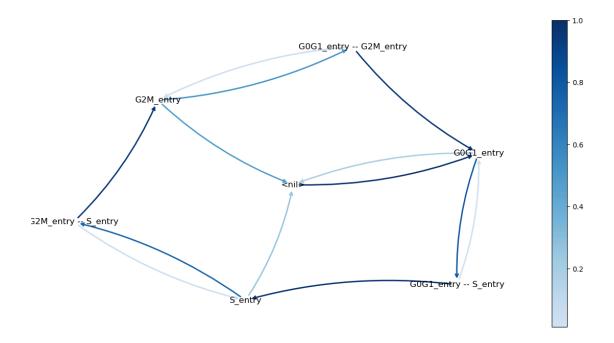
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probas

[11]
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[11]:
                                          GOG1_entry
                                                       GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry \
                                   <nil>
      <nil>
                                             1.000000
                                                                       0.000000
                                0.000000
      GOG1_entry
                                0.188087
                                             0.000000
                                                                       0.000000
      GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
                                0.000000
                                             0.967871
                                                                       0.000000
      GOG1_entry -- S_entry
                                0.000000
                                             0.011740
                                                                       0.000000
      G2M_entry
                                0.480938
                                            0.000000
                                                                       0.519062
      G2M_entry -- S_entry
                                0.000000
                                             0.000000
                                                                       0.000000
                                0.253977
                                             0.000000
                                                                       0.000000
      S_entry
                                GOG1_entry -- S_entry
                                                        G2M_entry \
      <nil>
                                             0.000000
                                                         0.000000
      GOG1_entry
                                             0.811913
                                                         0.000000
      GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                         0.032129
      GOG1_entry -- S_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                         0.00000
      G2M_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                         0.00000
      G2M_entry -- S_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                         0.964236
      S_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                         0.000000
                                G2M_entry -- S_entry
                                                        S_entry
      <nil>
                                             0.000000
                                                       0.000000
                                             0.000000
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      GOG1_entry
      GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                       0.000000
      GOG1_entry -- S_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                       0.988260
      G2M_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                       0.000000
      G2M_entry -- S_entry
                                             0.000000
                                                       0.035764
      S_entry
                                             0.746023
                                                       0.000000
```

The subsequent analysis we can do is look at the different observed lists of activation, starting from the <nil> state.

[12]: draw_graph_from_pandas(probas)



```
[13]: %time paths_dict = compute_circuits(probas, ids_state, '<nil>', 0)

CPU times: user 2.01 ms, sys: 1 µs, total: 2.01 ms
Wall time: 2.02 ms

[14]: for proba in sorted(paths_dict, reverse=True):
    #if proba > 0.01:
    print("%.2f : %s" % (proba, paths_dict[proba]))

0.28 : ['<nil>', 'GOG1_entry', 'GOG1_entry -- S_entry', 'S_entry', 'G2M_entry -- S_entry', 'G2M_entry']

0.20 : ['<nil>', 'GOG1_entry', 'GOG1_entry -- S_entry', 'S_entry']

0.19 : ['<nil>', 'GOG1_entry']
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We can see that the model is not perfect here: while most of the sequence are complete, a large proportion skips the G2M phase. We refer to these cycles as incomplete cell cycles.

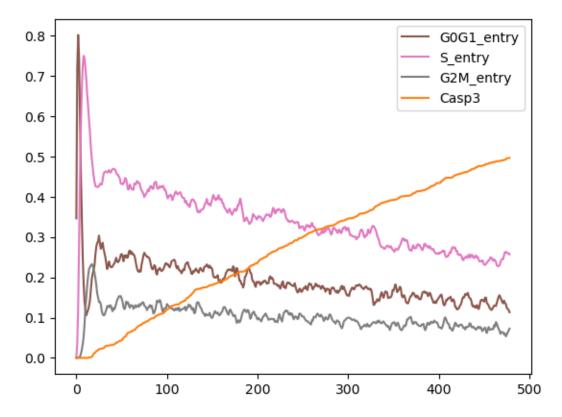
1.4 Analysis of mutants

We can then look at known mutant affecting the cell cycle, and simulate them to see how the model predicts them. We will also include Caspase 3 as an output node, to see how these mutants affects cell death, and we will simulate them for 480 hours to see long term effects.

First, we look at the wild type, to remind us of its behavior and allow us to compare with mutants below.

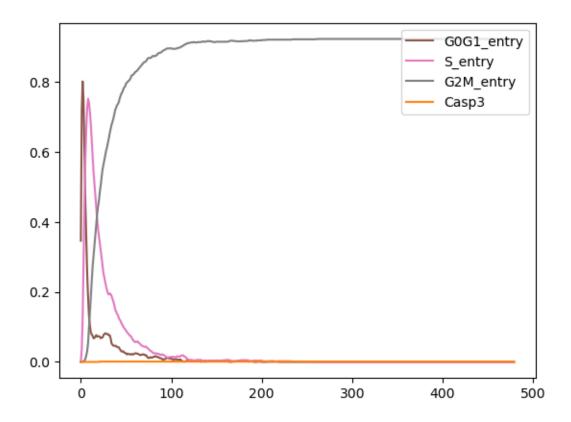
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[15]: sim_mutants = sim_phenotypes.copy()
sim_mutants.network.set_output(["GOG1_entry", "G2M_entry", "S_entry", "Casp3"])
sim_mutants.update_parameters(max_time=480)
```

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res_mutants = sim_mutants.run()
res_mutants.plot_node_trajectory()
```



We first look at the Plk1– mutant, by forcing the inactivation of Plk1 along the simulation.

```
[16]: mut_Plk1_OFF = sim_mutants.copy()
mut_Plk1_OFF.mutate("Plk1", "OFF")
mutres_Plk1_OFF = mut_Plk1_OFF.run()
mutres_Plk1_OFF.plot_node_trajectory()
```

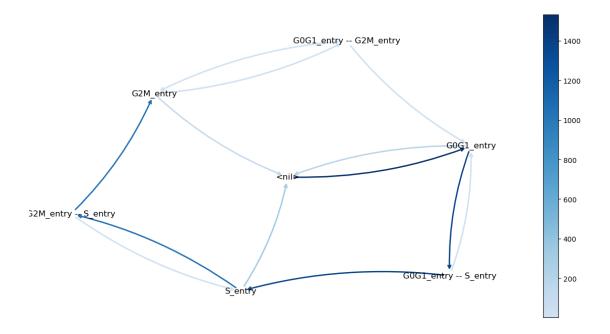


We can see that we don't see any cells in G0G1 nor S phase : cells get stuck in G2M phase. We can also look at the sequence of transitions for this mutant

```
[17]:
                                <nil>
                                       GOG1_entry
                                                    GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry \
      <nil>
                                            1532.0
                                                                         0.0
                                  0.0
      GOG1_entry
                                188.0
                                               0.0
                                                                         0.0
      GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
                                              20.0
                                                                         0.0
                                  0.0
      GOG1_entry -- S_entry
                                  0.0
                                               4.0
                                                                         0.0
                                112.0
                                               0.0
                                                                        22.0
      G2M_entry
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G2M_entry S_entry S_entry	0.0 310.0	0.0			0.0
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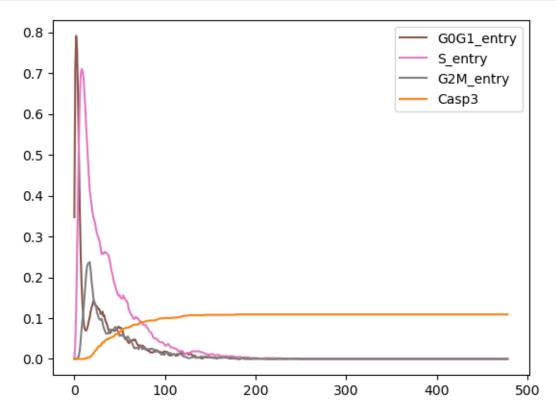
[18]: draw_graph_from_pandas(data_plk1)



And indeed, we can see that most trajectories stop at this G2M_entry.

Then, we look at the Fox03 mutant.

```
[19]: mut_Fox03_OFF = sim_mutants.copy()
   mut_Fox03_OFF.mutate("Fox03", "OFF")
   mutres_Fox03_OFF = mut_Fox03_OFF.run()
   mutres_Fox03_OFF.plot_node_trajectory()
```



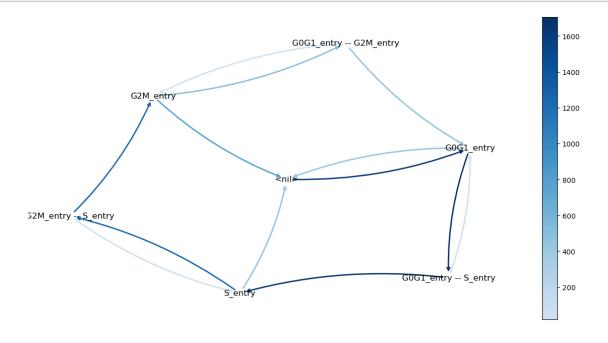
We can see that the cell cycle stops after one or a few cycles.

```
[20]: mut_Fox03_OFF_trajs = mut_Fox03_OFF.copy()
mut_Fox03_OFF_trajs.update_parameters(display_traj=1, thread_count=1,__
max_time=480)
res_mut_Fox03_OFF_trajs = mut_Fox03_OFF_trajs.run()

trajs, all_states = load_trajs(res_mut_Fox03_OFF_trajs._path, outputs_phenotype)
stg_counts, state_ids, ids_state = compute_stg_counts(trajs, all_states)
data_foxo3 = pd.DataFrame(
    data=stg_counts,
    index=state_ids.keys(), columns=state_ids.keys()
)
data_foxo3
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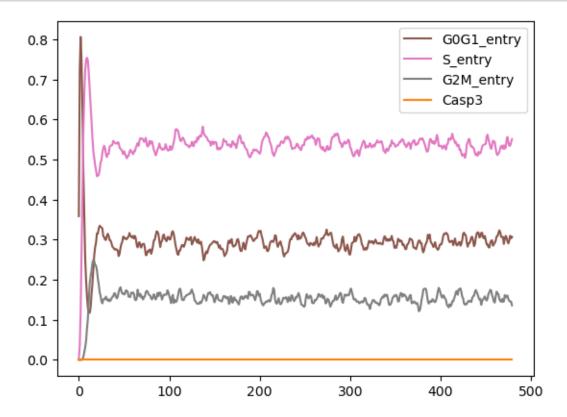
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429.0
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GOG1_entry
GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
                           0.0
                                      470.0
                                                                  0.0
GOG1_entry -- S_entry
                            0.0
                                       19.0
                                                                  0.0
                                        0.0
                                                                502.0
G2M_entry
                          764.0
G2M_entry -- S_entry
                           0.0
                                        0.0
                                                                  0.0
                          452.0
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S_entry
                          GOG1_entry -- S_entry G2M_entry \
<nil>
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GOG1_entry
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GOG1_entry -- G2M_entry
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GOG1_entry -- S_entry
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G2M_entry
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G2M_entry -- S_entry
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S_entry
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GOG1_entry -- S_entry
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G2M_entry
                                           0.0
G2M_entry -- S_entry
                                           0.0
                                                    29.0
S_entry
                                        1263.0
                                                     0.0
```

[21]: draw_graph_from_pandas(data_foxo3)



Here we can see that most trajectories goes back to the <nil>, and the cycle stops there. Finally we look at the p110++ mutant.

```
[22]: mut_p110_ON = sim_mutants.copy()
mut_p110_ON.mutate("p110_H", "ON")
mutres_p110_ON = mut_p110_ON.run()
mutres_p110_ON.plot_node_trajectory()
```



We don't see much effect on the cell cycle, but the apoptosis pathway is turned off.