

# computing transition probabilities and visits of the random walk

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## coding up the probability measure $\mu$

from the expression in last week's meeting,

$$\mu(N, N_{\text{mis}}, |X_{\text{mis}}|, |\text{mis}|, \lambda_{\text{mis}}) = \frac{\prod_{i \sim j} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{(|\{\text{mat}\}|+2)^3} \mathcal{J}_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j\right) \cdots}{1 + \lambda_c e^{-\beta \epsilon_{\text{PAM}}} + \cdots} \\ \frac{\cdots \prod_{i \not\sim j} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{(|\{\text{mis}\}|+2)^3} \mathcal{J}_{ij} (1 - \sigma_i \sigma_j)\right)}{\cdots N_{\text{mis}} \sum_{\text{mis}} \lambda_{\text{mis}} e^{-\lambda_{\text{mis}} X_{\text{mis}}}},$$

we can simplify terms in our implementation by setting

$|\{\text{mat}\}| = N - |\{\text{mis}\}|$ , as to avoid having an extra parameter in our Matlab function

## framing computations of the transition probabilities in a more approachable manner

algorithmically, with  $\mu(N, N_{\text{mis}}, |X_{\text{mis}}|, |\text{mis}|, \lambda_{\text{mis}})$ , we can achieve robust control over the visits of the random walk to the position of binding by:

- defining the  $N_{\text{mis}}$  parameters with a sequence  $\{N_{\text{mis}}(i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq 20}$ , that is monotonically decreasing,
- a fixed choice of the  $\lambda_c$  parameter, as long as it is  $\ll 1$ ,
- and finally, a monotonically decreasing set of parameters  $\{\lambda_{\text{mis}}(i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq 20}$  corresponding to the exponential mismatch term in the partition function

simplifying  $\mu$  for 1, 2, or 3, base pair mismatches, for a position of binding  $N \equiv 15$

naturally, we can express  $\mu$  for each possibility of base pair mismatches with the following, from  $\mu(N, N_{\text{mis}}, |X_{\text{mis}}|, |\text{mis}|, \lambda_{\text{mis}})$ , as, observing that  $\exp(-\frac{(25-1)}{2}) \approx 6.14 \dots \times 10^{-6}$ :

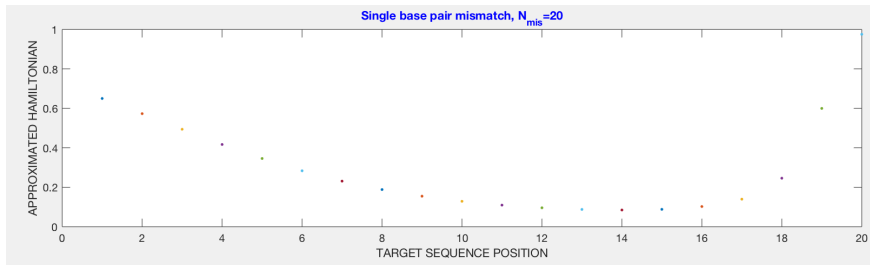
- 1 mismatch:  $\mu_1\left(15, (25-1)^3, |X_{\text{mis}}|_1 = (1), 1, 6.14 \times 10^{-6}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \prod_{i \sim j} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{(\textcolor{brown}{14}+\textcolor{brown}{2})^3} \mathcal{J}_{ij}(\textcolor{blue}{1})\right) \cdots \\
 &= \frac{\prod_{i \sim j} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{(\textcolor{brown}{14}+\textcolor{brown}{2})^3} \mathcal{J}_{ij}(\textcolor{blue}{1})\right) \cdots}{1 + \lambda_c e^{-\beta \epsilon_{\text{PAM}}} + \cdots} \\
 & \cdots \prod_{i \not\sim j} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{(\textcolor{brown}{1}+\textcolor{brown}{2})^3} \mathcal{J}_{ij}(1 - (-1))\right) \\
 & \cdots (\textcolor{brown}{25} - \textcolor{brown}{1})^3 (\textcolor{blue}{6.14} \times 10^{-6}) e^{-(\textcolor{blue}{6.14} \times 10^{-6}) \textcolor{blue}{1}} ,
 \end{aligned}$$

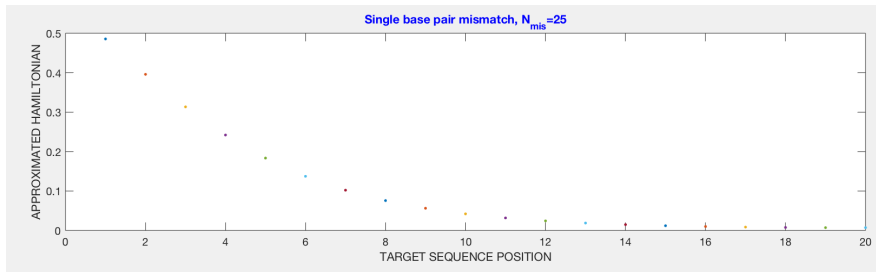
short remark: motivation for plots in the next slide

goal: to numerically justify the choice of  $N_{\text{mis}}$ , in addition to motivating the choice of other parameters to construct transition probability sequences, refer to the plots below, which demonstrate that choosing  $N_{\text{mis}} \equiv 20$  artificially increases the value of  $\mu$  at the last base pair (20) which we dismiss as a poor parameter choice

plotting  $\mu$  across all 20 base pair sequences for binding position  $N \equiv 15$ ,  $N_{\text{mis}} \equiv 20$



plotting  $\mu$  across all 20 base pair sequences for binding position  $N \equiv 15$ ,  $N_{\text{mis}} \equiv 25$



## towards an explicit formula

- candidate formula 1: for a mismatch at position  $j$ , given the transition probability at  $i$ , we can iteratively compute the transition probability at the base pair mismatch at  $j$  with

$$p_{t_j} = \left( 1 - \mu(N, N_{\text{mis}}, |X_{\text{mis}}|, |\text{mis}|, \lambda_{\text{mis}}) \right) p_{t_i}$$

- candidate formula 2: alternatively, one can calculate the same transition probability at  $j$  with the recursive formula,

$$p_{t_j} = \text{abs} \left( \left( 1 - (\mu(N, N_{\text{mis}}, |X_{\text{mis}}|, |\text{mis}|, \lambda_{\text{mis}}) + \cdots \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \cdots \mu(N, N_{\text{mis}}, |X_{\text{mis}}|, |\text{mis}|, \lambda'_{\text{mis}}) \right) \right) p_{t_i} ,$$

namely subtracting  $\mu$  for distinct  $\lambda_{\text{mis}}, \lambda'_{\text{mis}}$



## future directions

Note from previous slide: That's why it is important to make a "good" choice of parameters so that  $\mu$  is a probability measure, otherwise the transition probabilities could be negative which we dismiss as degenerate sequences!

Next week, I will continue working to

- **generalize** the procedure to 2 and 3 base pair mismatches, by calculating  $\mu$  for the 1 base pair mismatch (as I have already shown), and then appending another 1, or 2, base pair mismatches in the summation to the partition function  $\mathcal{Z}$
- develop more robust formulae for computing the transition probabilities, to feed to my code to compute random walk visits