TASS

Temperature Accelerated Sliced Sampling

Enhanced Sampling Method to Accelerate Molecular Dynamics Simulation

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This manual is for Reweighting TASS version 1.2

Overview

Biasing collective variables efficiently accelerates rare events in molecular simulations and explores free energy surfaces. Temperature Accelerated Sliced Sampling (TASS)¹ method combines the temperature accelerated molecular dynamics (TAMD/d-AFED)² with umbrella sampling³ and metadynamics (MTD)⁴ to sample the collective variable (CV) space efficiently.

This modular FORTRAN program is written to get the unbiased probability and Mean Force based free energy of TASS simulation generated from the CPMD⁵/PLUMED⁶ package. Probabilities can be then, used to computes 1D and 2D free energy via WHAM⁷. This code also calculates the 1-dimensional and 2-dimensional free energy using the Mean Force method (MF)⁸.

Basis Spline interpolation (1D & 2D) has also been implemented to get the intermediate points in free energy.

Constants

1 bohr = 0.529177 Å $1 \; au = 627.5094 \; kcal/mol = 2625.4996 \; kJ/mol$ $k_B = \; 1.9872 \times 10^{-3} \; kcal/mol$

Installation

./configure #Choose compiler [gnu/intel]

A Makefile will be created:

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make install : create executable

make bspline : compile B-spline modules

make clean : remove object and mod files

make distclean : clean the directory

Running TASS-Reweighting

Executable tass.x will be created in the bin directory, which can be accessed via setting environment variables.

[export PATH=path_to_folder/bin:\$PATH]

Running tass.x requires the following files:

- input.inp file
- INPUT file
- > input.inp

A dummy file is provided with the code. There is a slight difference in this input file for PLUMED and CPMD because CPMD writes MTD cv position and bias information in two different files while PLUMED writes in the same file.

IMPORTANT: order of the files should be the same as below

2.0 1.0

! mean position of umbrella, kappa value during MD run test/cv_file/umb_2.4/COLVAR
! location of cv file (COLVAR)
test/cv_file/umb_2.4/HILLS
! location of file where bias is written (HILLS)

2.0 1.0

! mean position of umbrella, kappa value during MD run test/cv_file/umb_2.4/cvmdck_mtd
! location of cv file (cvmdck_mtd)
test/cv_file/umb_2.4/parvar_mtd
! location of file where bias is written (parvar_mtd)
test/cv_file/umb_2.4/colvar_mtd
! location of file for MTD cv displacement (colvar_mtd)

➤ INPUT file

A dummy bash script file is given with the code with the required input description to run the program.

```
$INPUT file.
SYSTEM TEMP
                            # Physical system Temperature (real)
300
CV TEMP
                           # CV Temperature (real)
1000
CODE NAME
                            # Name of MD package (CPMD/PLUMED) (character)
CPMD/PLUMED
MTD BIAS FACTOR
                           # Metadynamics Bias Factor (real)
5.0
                            # Minimum MD steps to compute Probability (integer)
TMIN
1000
TMAX
                            # Maximum MD steps to compute Probability (integer)
10000
NUMBER OF CV
                           # Total CV's in TASS Simulation (integer)
UCV COLUMN
                           # Umbrella CV index (integer)
MTD ENABLED
                    # y/n IF Metadynamics performed during simulation (character)
MTD CV COLUMN
                    # IF MTD=y then Metadynamics CV index [else=0] (integer)
REWEIGHTING TOOL # pmf/prob [pmf->mean force; ProbT => Probability]
                    (logical character)
pmf/prob
B-SPLINE INTERPOLATION
                             # Basis Spline 1D interpolation of free energy (logical)
NUMBER OF UMBRELLA
                             # Number of replica (umbrella window) (integer)
14
PROBABILITY DIMENSION # Dimension of Probability to be generated [1/2] (integer)
PROBABILITY CV INDEX
                          # Probabilty generated along CV indicis [1 => 1D, 1 2 =>
                            2D along CV1 and CV2 etc.] (integer, integer)
CV PRINT FREQUENCY
                        # Frequency of printing cv's during run (integer)
MTD PRINT FREQUENCY # Frequency of printing bias during Metadynamics (integer)
200
STATISTICAL ERROR BLOCK SIZE # Statistical error from MD run (logical)
# gridmin, gridmax, griddif for every CV (real, real, real)
1.5
         4.5
                  0.02
1.0
         3.0
                  0.02
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IMPORTANT: Input arguments in the file are case-sensitive.

How to run

tass.x < INPUT

Files

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PROB.dat_$i => 1dimensional probability where $i is the umbrella number PROB_2D.dat_$i => 2dimensional probability where $i is the umbrella number free_energy.dat => 1D free energy generated from MF free_energy_2d.dat => 2D free energy generated from MF interp_free_energy.dat => interpolated (1D) free energy
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