# How to use gDel\_minRN

## About gDel\_minRN

gDel\_minRN calculates gene deletion strategies by mixed integer linear programming to achieve growth coupling by repressing the maximum number of reactions via gene-protein-reaction relations.

## Necessary environments

An environment where MATLAB, CPLEX, and COBRA Toolbox can run is required.

## Run the test code for gDel\_minRN

The test code is run by the following command:

>> test()

"test()" employs "initCobraToolbox" to initialize the COBRA Toolbox environment, loads a MATLAB matfile "e\_coli\_core.mat" containing a core metabolic model of E.coli, and employs "gDel\_minRN" to obtain the gene deletion strategy for growth coupling of succinate.

#### Example code

"example 1" employs gDel\_minRN to calculate the gene deletion strategy for biotin.

"example 2" employs gDel\_minRN to calculate the gene deletion strategy for riboflavin.

"example 3" employs gDel\_minRN to calculate the gene deletion strategy for pantothenate.

In the output, "vg" is the 0/1 vector indicating which genes should be deleted.

0: genes to be deleted. 1: genes to remain.

Details are described in the comments in the source codes.