La Cellule un Calculateur Analogique Chimique

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Plan

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 - Design of a differentiation CRN and SEPI-search in BioModels natural CRNs
- 5. Validation of artificial DNA-free RNA-free diagnostic vesicles



1 MAPK Signal Transduction CRN



Ubiquitous CRN structure in eukaryotes (yeast, mammals,...) In several copies in the same cell type with different kinases Why that particular CRN structure with 3 levels of 1 or 2 phosphorylations ?

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MAPK Function?

Dose-response diagrams alias bifurcation diagrams alias input/output function



(biologiste)

(mathematician) (informatician)

[Huang Ferrel 1996 PNAS]

MAPK responses: Hill functions $\frac{x^n}{c+x^n}$

- $n \approx 4.9$ at 3rd level mapkpp
- n ≈ 1.7 at 2nd level mapkkpp
- n = 1 at 1st level mapkkkp (Michaelis-Menten)
- Signal amplification at 2nd level
- Stiff 0/1 response at 3rd level

MAPK CRNs are analog-digital converters in cells How would you program $\frac{x^5}{c+x^5}$ with biochemical reactions ? Can we implement any computable function with a finite CRN ? What does it mean to compute with real number concentrations?

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2. Computable Real Numbers and Functions

Classical definitions of computable analysis based on Turing machines

Definition. A real number *r* is computable if there exists a Turing machine with Input: precision $p \in \mathbb{N}$ Output: rational number $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $|r-q| < 2^{-p}$

Examples. Rational numbers, limits of computable Cauchy sequences π , e, ...

Definition. A real function $f: R \rightarrow R$ is computable if there exists a Turing machine that computes f(x) with an oracle for x.

Examples. Polynomials, trigonometric functions, analytic functions...

Counter-examples. x=0, [X] are not computable (undecidable on x=0.000...) discontinuous functions are not computable

Decision problem $w \in \mathcal{L}$: analog encoding by a real function $f:R \rightarrow R$? Input encoding $e: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow R$ problem encoding by f: accept w if f(e(w)) > 2 reject if <1

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Analog Computer? Differential Analyzer [Bush 1931]

Underlying principles: Lord Kelvin, 1876 First ever built: Vannevar Bush, MIT, 1931





Applications: from gunfire control up to aircraft design

- Intensively used by the U.S. and Japanese armies during world war II
- Electronic versions from late 40s, used until 70s

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General Purpose Analog Computer [Shannon 1941]

Shannon's formalization of the Differential Analyser by GPAC circuits A time function if GPAC-generated if it is the output of some unit of a GPAC circuit built from:

- 1. Constant unit
- 2. Sum unit
- 3. Product unit
- 4. Integral $\int y \, dx$ unit (dt by default)



What does this GPAC circuit compute ?



if y(0) = 1, $y_1(0) = 0$ y(t) = cos(t) $y_1(t) = sin(t)$

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CRN Implementation of GPAC Units

Mass action law kinetics reaction network with output concentration stabilizing on the result of the operation applied to the input concentrations

Positive constant units: molecular concentrations

Product unit
$$z = x.y$$

$$x + y \xrightarrow{k.x.y} x + y + z$$

$$x \xrightarrow{k.x} x + y + z$$

$$x \xrightarrow{k.x} x + z$$

$$y \xrightarrow{k.y} y + z$$

$$z \xrightarrow{k.z} z \xrightarrow{k.z} - z$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = k(xy - z)$$

$$= 0 \text{ when } z = x.y$$
Time integral $z = \int x \, dt$ unit
$$x \xrightarrow{k.x} x + z$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = k(xy - z)$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = k(x + y - z)$$

$$= 0 \text{ when } z = x + y$$

$$z = \int_0^T x \, dt$$

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Polynomial ODE Initial Value Problems (PIVP)

Graça and Costa 2003's formalization of GPAC generated functions **Definition.** A real time function $f:\mathbb{R}_+\to\mathbb{R}$ is PIVP-generable iff there exist a vector of polynomials $p \in \mathbb{R}^n[\mathbb{R}^n]$ and of initial values $y(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and a solution function $y:\mathbb{R}_+\to\mathbb{R}^n$ such that y'(t)=p(y(t)) and $f(t)=y_1(t)$



Example. y=cos(t)

Closure properties: f+g, f-g, f.g, 1/f, ,f \circ g, $\int f$ are GPAC-generable if f, g are.

Analytic functions (locally convergent power series) are Turing-computable but some analytic functions are not GPAC-generable [Shannon 41]

- Euler's Gamma function $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$ [Hölder1887]
- Riemann's Zeta function $\zeta(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{x}}$ [Hilbert]

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PIVP-Computable Function f(x)

Definition. [Graça Costa 03 J. Complexity] A real function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is PIVP-computable if there exists vectors of polynomials $p \in \mathbb{R}^n[\mathbb{R}^n]$ and $q \in \mathbb{R}^n[\mathbb{R}]$ and a function y: $\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ such that y'(t) = p(y(t)), y(0) = q(x) and $|y_1(t)-f(x)| < y_2(t)$ with $y_2(t) \ge 0$ decreasing for t>1 and $\lim_{t\to\infty} y_2(t) = 0$



Theorem (analog characterization of Turing computability).

[Bournez Campagnolo Graça Hainry 07 J. of Complexity]

A real function is computable (by Turing machine) iff it is PIVP-computable.

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Analog Computation Complexity

Time in ODE is a bad measure of complexity

- Exponential speedup by changing time variable $t' = e^t$
- But price to pay in the amplitude of t'

A computational complexity measure should combine time and space-amplitude

• length in the n dimensions of the trajectory to compute the result

Theorem [Pouly PhD thesis 2015, Bournez Graca Pouly 16 ICALP]

A real function is computable in P iff it is PIVP-computable with a trajectory of polynomial length (i.e. polynomial time and polynomial amplitude)



3. Turing Completeness of CRNs





Turing Completeness of Continuous CRN?

Mass action law kinetics

- polynomial ODEs
- PIVP computation of input/output function
- Molecular concentration are positive real values
 - Restriction to positive dynamical systems ?
- Elementary reactions with at most two reactants
 - Restriction to PIVP of degree at most 2 ?

[F-, Guillaume Le Guludec , Olivier Bournez , Amaury Pouly. Strong Turing Completeness of Continuous Chemical Reaction Networks and Compilation of Mixed Analog-Digital Programs, *CMSB* 2017]

CRN compilers implemented in Biocham-4 (biochemical abstract machine):

- Compiler of mathematical functions of time, or of some input, or of programs
 in one abstract CRN
- Compiler for CRN computation of input/output signals on-line [Hemery F- CMSB 2022]

Turing Completeness of Continuous CRNs 1/3

Lemma (positive systems) Any PIVP-computable function can be encoded by a PIVP of double dimension on R⁺, preserving polynomial length complexity.

Proof. Encode $y_i \in R$ by $y_i^- y_i^+ \in R^+$ such that $y_i = y_i^+ - y_i^-$ (dual-rail encoding of [Hars Toth 79] used in [Oishi Klavins 2011] for linear I/O systems)

For a PIVP p[y]

let $\underline{p}_i(y_1^+, y_1^-, \dots, y_n^+, y_n^-) = p_i[y_i = y_i^+ - y_i^-]$ and $\underline{p}_i = \underline{p}_i^+ - \underline{p}_i^-$

where \underline{p}_{i}^{+} , \underline{p}_{i}^{-} are positive coefficient polynomials

 $y_{i}^{+} = \underline{p}_{i}^{+} - f_{i} y_{i}^{+} y_{i}^{-} \qquad y_{i}^{+}(0) = \max(0, y_{i}(0))$ $y_{i}^{-} = \underline{p}_{i}^{-} - f_{i} y_{i}^{+} y_{i}^{-} \qquad y_{i}^{-}(0) = \max(0, -y_{i}(0))$

where f_i is large enough polynomial such that $f_i y_i^+ y_i^- \ge \max(\underline{p}_i^+, \underline{p}_i^-)$

- Fast annihilation reactions: $y_{i}^{+} + y_{i}^{-} \xrightarrow{t_{i}}$
- n-ary catalytic synthesis reactions for each monomial $m_{i,j}^+$ in p_i^+ , $m_{i,j}^-$ in p_i^- :

$$\begin{array}{cccc} M_{i,j} & \stackrel{+}{\longrightarrow} & \stackrel{\mathbf{m}^{+}_{i,j}}{\longrightarrow} & \mathbf{y}^{+}_{i} + M_{i,j} & \stackrel{+}{\longrightarrow} \\ M_{i,j} & \stackrel{-}{\longrightarrow} & \stackrel{\mathbf{m}^{-}_{i,j}}{\longrightarrow} & \mathbf{y}^{+}_{i} + M_{i,j} & \stackrel{-}{\longrightarrow} \end{array}$$

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Informatics mathematics

Turing Completeness of Continuous CRNs 2/3

Lemma (quadratic systems) [Carothers Parker Sochacki Warne 2005] Any PIVP can be encoded by a PIVP of degree ≤ 2 .

Proof. Introduce variable $v_{i1,...,in}$ for each possible monomial $y_1^{i1}...y_n^{in}$ We have $y_1 = v_{1,0...,0}$, $y_2 = v_{0,1,0...,0}$,...

 y'_i is of degree one in $v_{i1,\dots,in}$

 $v'_{i_{1,\dots,i_{n}}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} i_{k} v_{i_{1},\dots,i_{k-1},\dots,i_{n}} y'_{k}$ is of degree at most 2. Trade high dimension for low degrees.

Complexity?

That algorithm may introduce an exponential number of variables.

The existence of a solution with k variables is proved NP-complete in the non-succinct (matrix) representation [Hemery F. Soliman CMSB 2020]

Conjectured NExp-complete in the succinct (symbolic) representation

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Turing Completeness of Continuous CRNs

Theorem [F, Le Guludec, Bournez, Pouly CMSB 2017]

Any computable function over the reals can be computed by a continuous CRN over a finite set of molecular species (no polymerization, no compartments)

In this view, the (protein) concentrations are the information carriers.

The programs of a cell are implicitly defined by the set of all possible reactions

- with the proteins encoded in its genome
- and the chemicals of the environment.

Program change is determined by gene expression which can be seen as a (digital) metaprogram

- No artificial construct (no polymers)
- Compatible with natural cells... CRN programming as "natural science" !



Normal Form Theorem

Theorem (abstract CRN normal form)

A real function is computable if and only if it is computable by a system of elementary reactions of the form

 $_{z} = z$ or x = x+z or x+y = x+y+zplus annihilation reactions x+y = z all with mass action law kinetics

Realistic CRN:

- formal annihilations by complexations (e.g. in a stable inactive complex)
- formal syntheses by modifications (e.g. phosphorylation with kinases)

Concrete CRN: search mapping with real enzymes (e.g. Brenda database)

- SEPI search + fitting kinetics by enzyme concentration tuning
- Robustness w.r.t. parameter perturbations (extrinsic variability)
- Robustness w.r.t. stochastic simulations (intrinsic variability)

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4. Compiler of Mathematical Functions in CRN

Input: A = f(time) or A = f(X)







Compiling Cosine(time)

biocham: compile_from_expression(cos,time,f).
initial_state(f_p=1).
MA(fast) for f_m+f_p=>_.
MA(fast) for A_m+A_p=>_.
MA(1.0) for A_p=>A_p+f_p.
MA(1.0) for A_m=>A_m+f_m.
MA(1.0) for f_m=>A_p+f_m.
MA(1.0) for f_p=>A_m+f_p.
ODE simulation (design)



$$\frac{dA_m}{dt} = f_p - fast * A_m * A_p$$

$$\frac{dA_p}{dt} = f_m - fast * A_m * A_p$$

$$\frac{df_m}{dt} = A_m - fast * f_m * f_p$$

$$\frac{df_p}{dt} = A_p - fast * f_m * f_p$$







Compiling Cosine(input)

biocham: parameter(input=4). biocham: compile_from_expression(cos, x, f). initial_state(f_p=1, x=input). MA(fast) for f_m+f_p=>_. MA(fast) for A_m+A_p=>_. MA(1.0) for A_p+x=>A_p+f_p+x. MA(1.0) for A_m+x=>A_m+f_m+x. MA(1.0) for f_m+x=>A_p+f_m+x. MA(1.0) for f_p+x=>A_m+f_p+x. MA(1.0) for x=>_. ODE simulation (design)

PIVP that generates f(g(t))with $\lim_{t\to\infty} g(t) = x$

$$g'(t) = x - g(t)$$

$$g(t) = x + (x0 - x)e^{-t}$$

Stochastic simulation (test)





Demo Synthetic Oscillators and Sigmoids

http://lifeware.inria.fr/biocham4/online/notebooks/C2-19-Biochemical-

Programming/22cos.ipynb

CRN synthesis for generating cosine(time)+1



TD Chemical Arithmetic

http://lifeware.inria.fr/biocham4/online/notebooks/C2-19-Biochemical-

Programming/22arith.ipynb



Sequentiality and Iteration

1. Asynchronous (precondition) CRN programming

[Huang Jiang Huang Cheng 2012 ICCAD] [Huang Huang Chiang Jiang Fages 2013 IWBDA] many species and reactions

2. Synchronous (clock) CRN programming

[Vasic, David Soloveichik, Sarfraz Khurshid 2018 CRN++]

many reactions with the clock



The Program of Life: Cell Division Cycle

while true {grow; duplicate; verify/repair; separate}



Cyclins D, E, A, B appear as necessary markers for implementing sequentiality

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On-Line Computation [Hemery F- CMSB 2022]

A CRN over *m* inputs *X*, 1 output *y* and *n* auxiliary *Z*, stabilizes $f : I \subset \mathbb{R}^m_+ \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$, over the domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^{m+1+n}_+$ if:

- $\forall X^0 \in I, \{(X, y, Z) \in D | X = X^0\}$ is of plain dimension n + 1,
- ② In the differential semantic with pinned input species X and initial conditions $X^0, y^0, Z^0 \in D$: $\lim_{t\to\infty} y(t) = f(X^0)$

Theorem. The set of functions that can be stabilized by a CRN with mass action law kinetics is the set of algebraic functions (i.e. solution of some polynomial equation P(x, f(x))=0)



Circle Curve and Bring Radical

stabilize_expression($x^2 + y^2 - 1$, y, [x = 0, y=1]).

• Circle top curve:



• Bring radical:

algebraic function with no algebraic expression but CRN expression ...





stabilize_expression($y^5 + y + x$, y, [x = 2, y=1])



Hermite, C. Sur la résolution de l'équation du cinquème degré. Comptes Rendus de l'Académie des Sciences, 1858.

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Logical Gates

Assuming concentrations in [0, 1] And: C = A / B[C] = min([A], [B]) A+B => C (destructive on A, B, rate-independent) or [C]=[A]*[B] $\frac{dC}{dt} = A * B - C$ (non-destructive stabilizing) MA(k) for A+B => A+B+CMA(k) for $C \Rightarrow$ (any rate constant k but the same for both reactions) Or: $C = A \vee B$ $[C]=[A]+[B]-[A]^*[B] \quad \frac{dC}{dt} = A + B - A * B - C \text{ (non-destructive stabilizing)}$ MA(k) for A => A+CMA(k) for B => B+Ck*A*B for A+B+C => A+B (not well-formed, should use C+ C-) MA(k) for C =>Not: $C = \neg A$ [C]=1-[A] $\frac{dC}{dt} = 1 - A - C$ k for - = > C $k \star A$ for A+C => A (not well-formed, should use C+ C-) MA(k) for C =>

C = A and B

stabilize C = A * B

Out[1]:





5. Validation in Artificial DNA-free RNA-free diagnostic vesicles

Computer-Aided Biochemical Programming of Synthetic Micro-reactors as Diagnostic Devices

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Protosensor CRN Design Workflow





Comas Differential Diagnostic Algorithm









Glycosuria?

Urinary NOx?

Yes

Yes



Reactions for Implementing Logical Gates







DAF*



Microfluidic Assembly and Validation in Human Urine



Doctor in the Cell

http://lifeware.inria.fr/biocham4/online/





Differentiation CRN [Hemery F- CMSB 2023?]

The derivative of a computable function may be not computable.

The derivative of an input signal cannot be computed in arbitrary precision but can be approximated online with some delay

Max Whitby, Luca Cardelli, Marta Kwiatkowska, Luca Laurenti, Mirco Tribastone, and Max Tschaikowski. Pid control of biochemical reaction networks. *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, 67(2):1023–1030, 2021.



Estimation of the error can be used in some cases to correct its use in a

$$X_{\rm in}(t) = X_{\rm out} (t - \epsilon) + o(\epsilon^2)$$
 $\epsilon = \frac{1}{k_{\rm diff}}$

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SEPI Search of the Derivative CRN in BioModels



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ļ	Model ID	# Species	# reactions	Topic	Í.
	0005	6	19	Cell cycle	Ĺ
	0010	8	20	MAPK cascade oscillations	Ĺ
	0012	6	28	Repressilator	Ĺ
	0021	10	60	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0022	10	74	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0034	9	47	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0035	9	30	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0041	10	32	Creatine kinase	Ĺ
	0059	5	44	Calcium oscillation	Ĺ
	0065	8	38	Operon lactose	Ĺ
	0067	7	34	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0069	10	36	Bistable switch	Ĺ
	0080	10	20	Inhibition of adenylate cyclase	Ĺ
	0082	10	20	Inhibition of adenylate cyclase	Ĺ
	0084	8	16	ERK Cascade	Ĺ
	0099	7	28	Spontaneous Oscillations	Ĺ
	0101	6	26	Signal Processing in TGF- β	Ĺ
	0107	9	66	Cell cycle	Ĺ
	0108	9	37	Superoxide dismutase overexpression	Ĺ
	0112	10	24	Smad signalling	Ĺ
	0116	6	34	MAPK cascade (crosstalk)	Ĺ
	0170	7	35	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0171	10	60	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0181	6	36	Cell cycle	Ĺ
	0185	8	39	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0193	8	18	Amplification and inhibition in MCC assembly	Ĺ
	0198	9	24	Activation of guanylate cyclase by nitric oxide	Ĺ
	0199	8	20	Catalysis and regulation in nitric-oxide synthase	Ĺ
	0202	7	43	Calcium oscillation	Ĺ
	0202	9	37	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0213	6	32	Folate pathway	Ĺ
	0215	6	28	Begulatory Tcell	Ĺ
	0216	5	34	Circadian clock	Ĺ
	0210	8	40	Tricarboxylic acid cyclo	Ĺ
	0221		40	Tricarboxylic acid cycle	Ĺ
	0222	0	40	Coll avalo	Ĺ
	0228	5	32	Circadian alaak	Ĺ
	0229	7	20	Tricorbowylia acid evala	Ĺ
	0232	G	29	Derti transprintional nervictor	Ĺ
	0240	C C	51	A subject transcriptional regulator	Ĺ
	0245	0	41	MADK & coll fate decision	Ĺ
	0251	9	42	MAPK & cell late decision	Ĺ
	0257	8	38	Self-maintaining Metabolism	Ĺ
	0262	9	27	AkT Signalling	Ĺ
	0263	9	27	AKI Signalling	Ĺ
I	0269	9	42	Hormonal crosstalk in plant	Ĺ
	0275	4	21	Bistable switch	Ĺ
	0289	4	24	Regulatory Tcell	Ĺ
	0290	4	24	Regulatory Tcell	Ĺ
l	0296	5	24	Ecological oscillator	i.



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Wrap-up

- Binary reaction systems over a finite set of molecules (without polymerization) are Turing-complete under the differential semantics
 - PIVP definition of computable function
 - Notion of computational complexity as trajectory length of stabilizing PIVPs
- CRN compilers [Biocham v4]
 - Input: Function specification (elementary, algebraic curve, imperative program)
 - Output: system of elementary reactions with mass action law kinetics
 - Exact characterization of the result for an ideal fluid implementation
 - Possibility to compare to natural CRNs using SEPI graph matcing
- Real implementation in artificial vesicles [Molina's lab CNRS-Alcen]
- Alternative CRN design by evolution/learning: CRN ↔ Function
 Artificial evolution of CRNs [Degrand Hemery F 2019]
 Nature algorithms for learning [Valliant 2013 book]
 Mutations

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