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Applications in bioinformatics, systems biology and artificial life

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Aligned Sequences:

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Number of Sequences: 5

Fitness: 19921.1465972214

Comparison

	msa-clustal	pre-clustal	msa-pre
better	12	17	8
worse	16	4	20
same	0	7	0
total	28	28	28

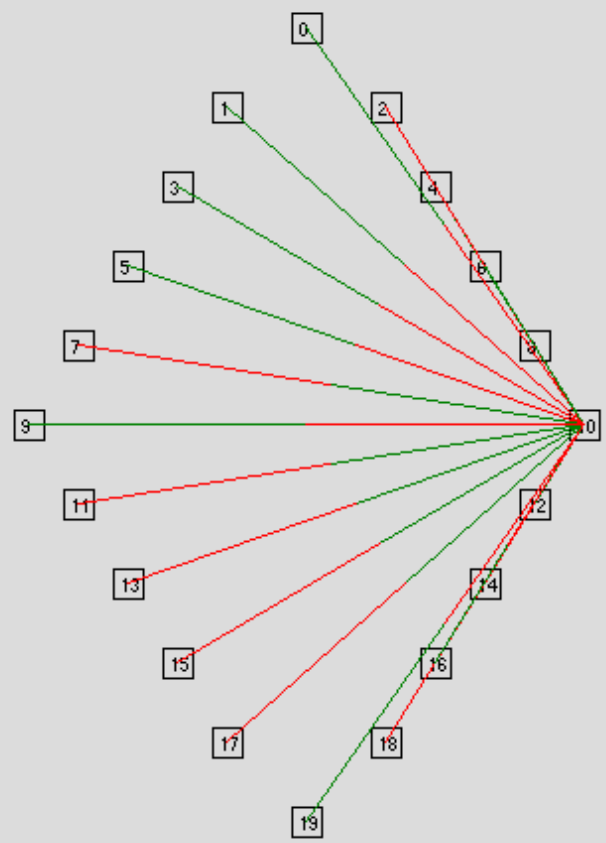
averages

MSA-GA	0.59042857
MSA-GA w/p	0.65292857
Clustal	0.63978571

Generation: 28719

Organism: 5 Fitness: -36.1

Cy3	0	10	10	10	5	6	10	10	19	4	10	10	12	16	3	10	10	9	1
Cy5	10	18	13	15	10	10	8	17	10	10	14	7	10	10	10	2	11	10	10



Parameters

Optimization Parameters

Population size:	100
Number of generations:	100000
Crossover rate:	0.9
Mutation rate:	0.05

Criterion Weights

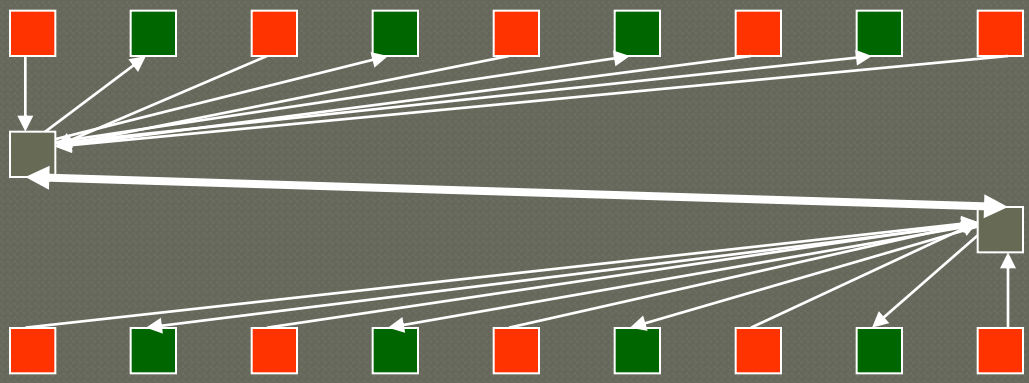
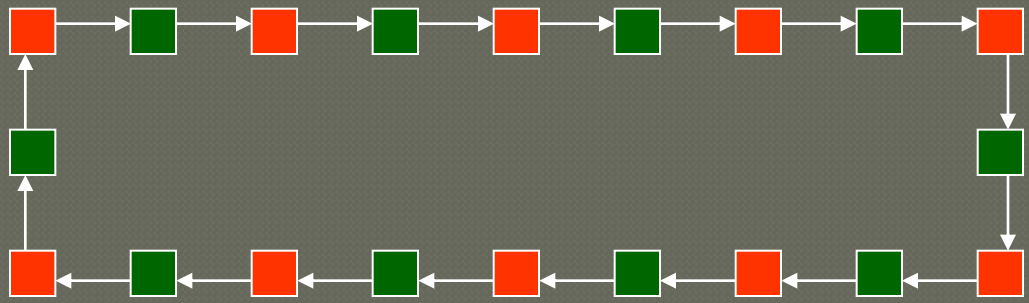
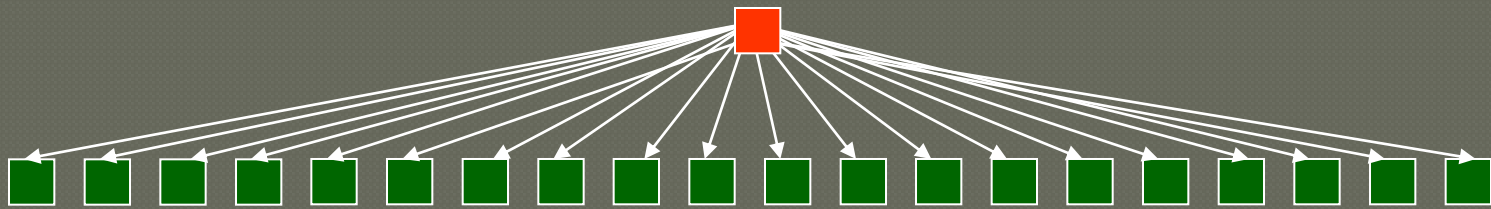
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Microarray Parameters

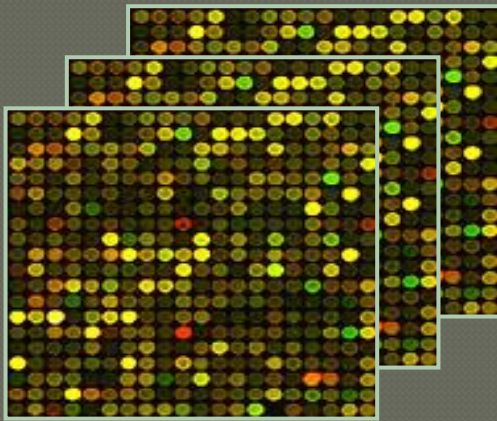
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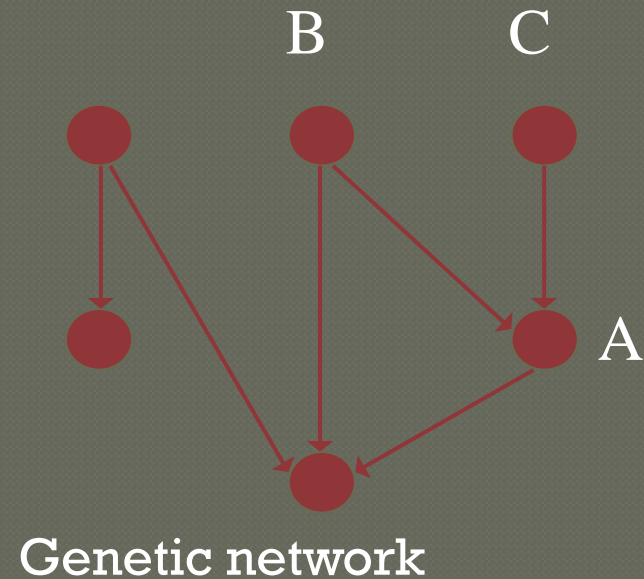
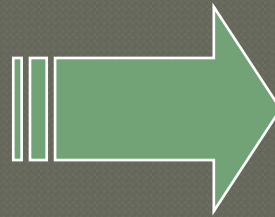
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Biological Process Reconstruction



Microarray gene expression data

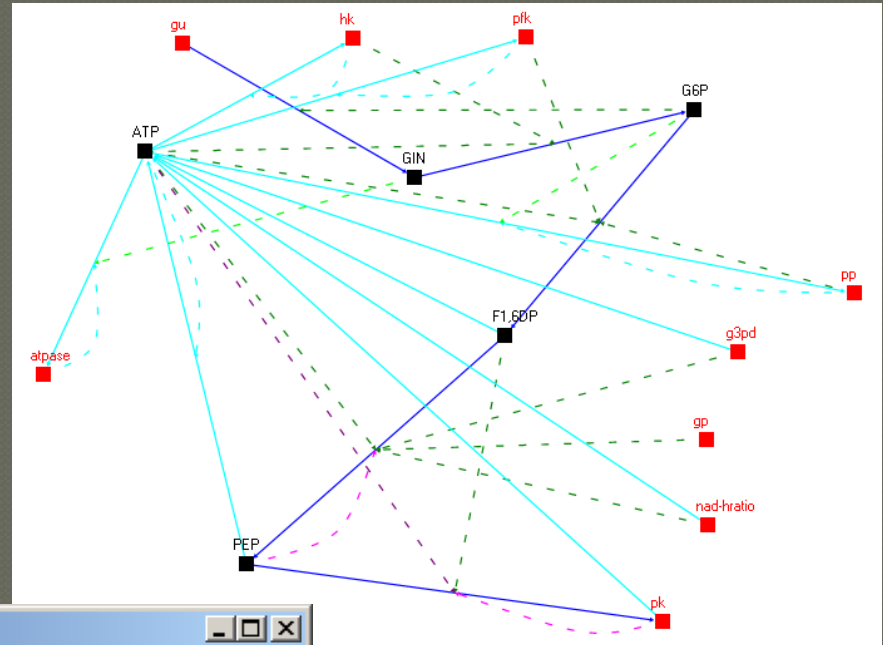


Objectives

- To find a mathematical model that:
 - predicts how a biological process changes over time
 - predicts measurable outputs of the process
 - Helps explain/understand how the process operates
- Parameterize the model with realistic biological parameters
 - Estimate how parameter changes affect the process

Parameterization of S-Systems Equations Fermentation pathway in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

$$\dot{X}_i = \alpha_i \prod_{j=1}^{n+m} X_j^{g_{ij}} - \beta_i \prod_{j=1}^{n+m} X_j^{h_{ij}}$$



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Equations: Anaerobic Fermentation
File Options

Equations:
GIN = 0.8122*gu^1*G6P^-0.2344 - 2.8632*GIN^0.7464*ATP^0.0243*hk^1

G6P = 2.8632*GIN^0.7464*ATP^0.0243*hk^1 - 0.5239*G6P^0.735*ATP^-0.394*pk^0.999*pp^0.001

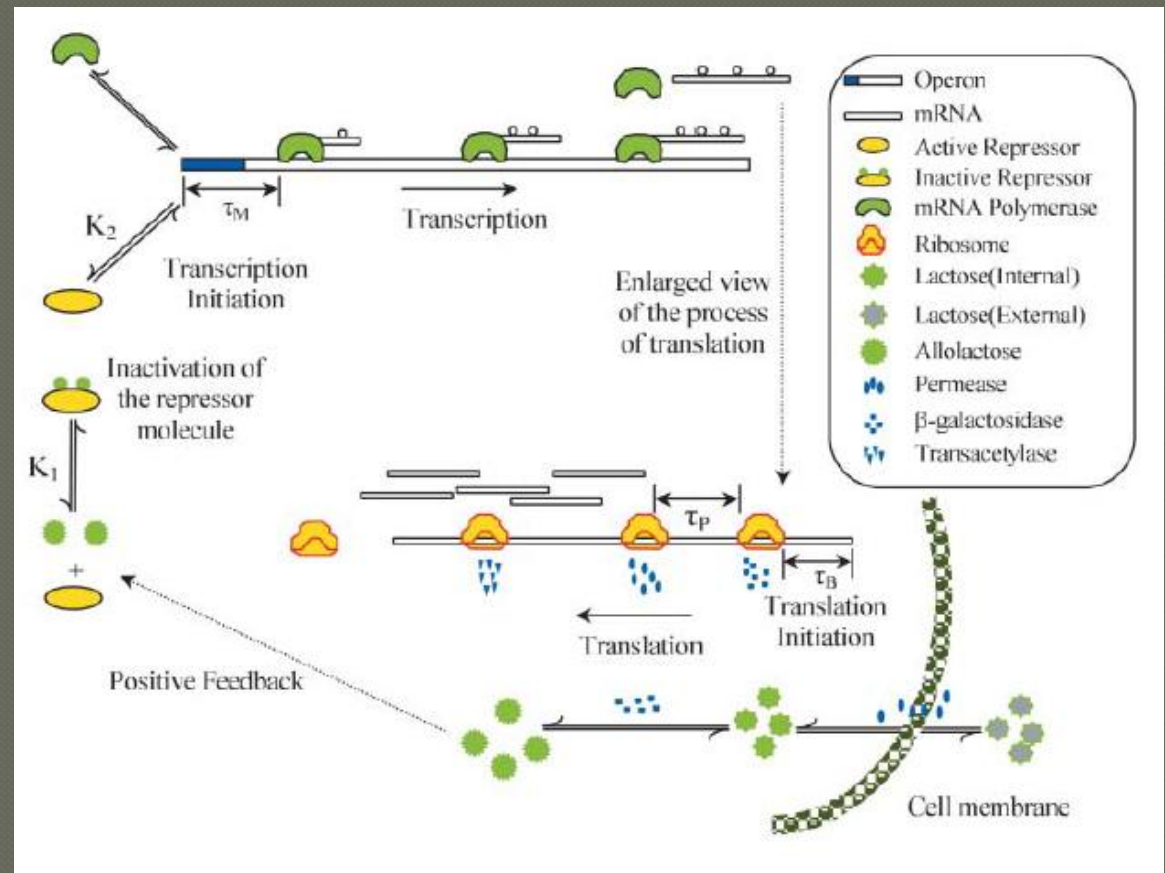
F1,6DP = 0.5232*G6P^0.7318*ATP^-0.3941*pk^1*pp^0 -
0.0148*F1,6DP^0.584*ATP^0.119*g3pd^0.944*gp^0.056*nad-hratio^-0.575*PEP^0.03

PEP = 0.022*F1,6DP^0.6159*ATP^0.1308*g3pd^1*gp^0*nad-hratio^-0.6088*PEP^0 -
0.0945*PEP^0.533*F1,6DP^0.05*ATP^-0.0822*pk^1

ATP = 0.0913*F1,6DP^0.333*PEP^0.266*g3pd^0.5*pk^0.5*nad-hratio^-0.304*ATP^0.024 -
3.2097*ATP^0.372*pp^0.0002*atpase^0.47*pk^0.265*hk^0.265*GIN^0.198*G6P^0.196
    
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Lac Operon – A Well Characterized System

- Classic model of gene regulation
- Few elements
- Well studied and parameterized
- Biological measurements available
- Various mathematical models



A System of Delay Differential Equations for the lac operon in *E. coli* – I

- 4 time delay differential equations
- 8 parameters
- 6 functions:
 - Plus
 - Minus
 - Power
 - Division
 - Multiplication
 - Time delay

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1 + k_1 y_4^\rho}{1 + y_4^\rho} - b_1 y_1$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = y_1 - b_2 y_2$$

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = r_3 y_1 - b_3 y_3$$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = S y_2 - y_3 y_4$$

A System of Delay Differential Equations for the lac operon in *E. coli* – II

- 3 time delay differential equations

- 17 parameters

- 6 functions:

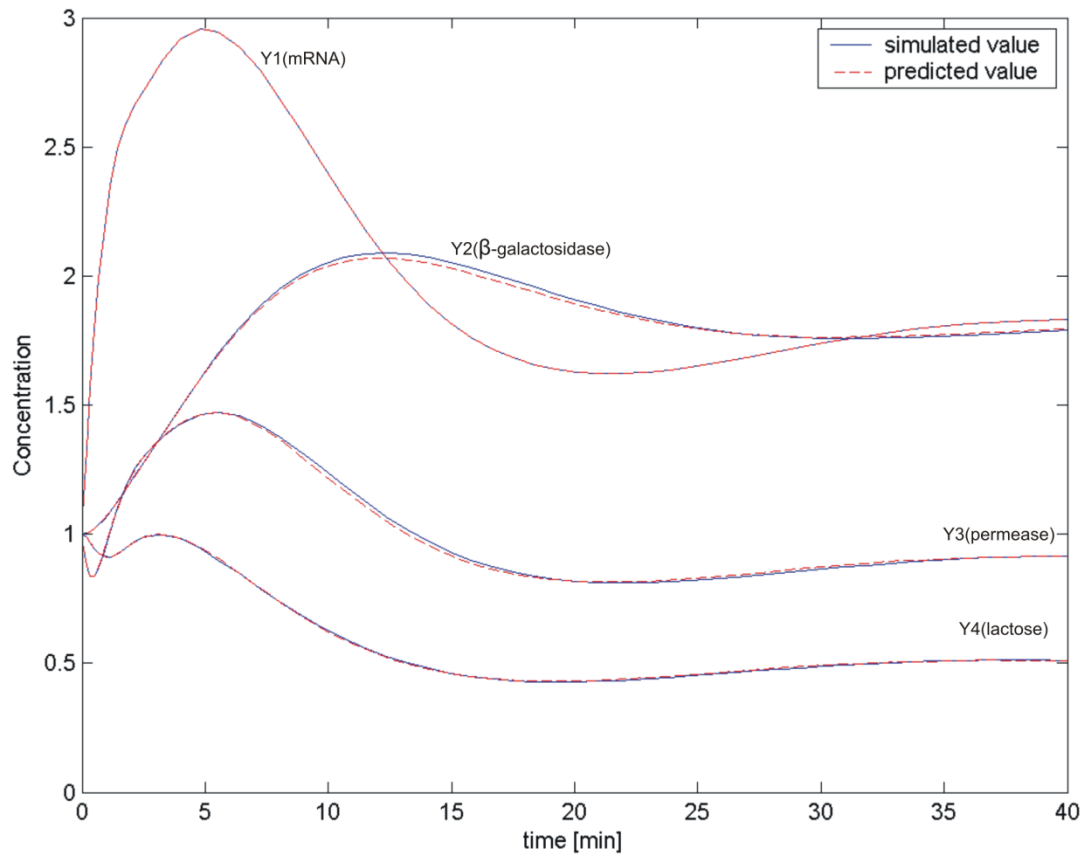
- Plus
- Minus
- Power
- Division
- Multiplication
- Time delay

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \alpha_M \frac{1 + k_1 (e^{-\mu\tau_M} A_{\tau_M})^n}{k + k_1 (e^{-\mu\tau_M} A_{\tau_M})^n} - \tilde{Y}_M M$$

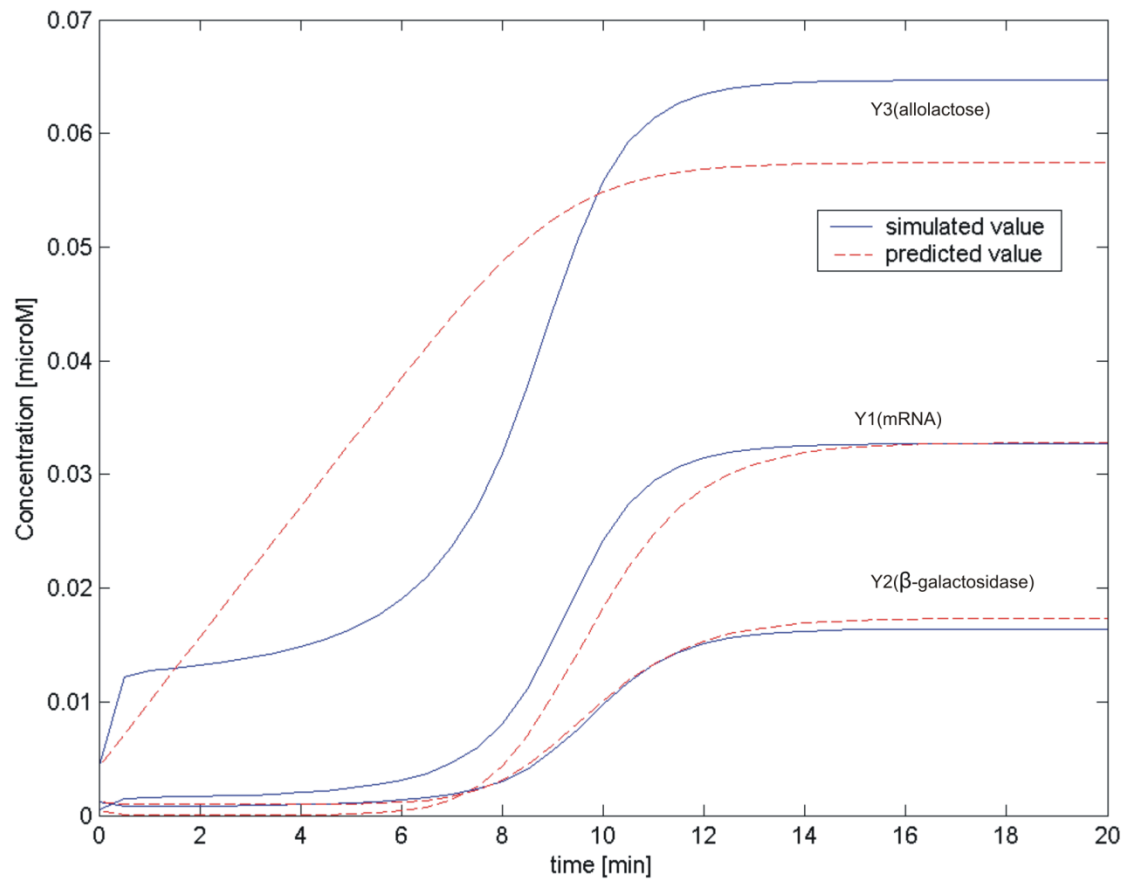
$$\frac{dB}{dt} = \alpha_B e^{-\mu\tau_B} M_{\tau_B} - \tilde{Y}_B B$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \alpha_A B \frac{L}{K_L + L} - \beta_A B \frac{A}{K_A + A} - \tilde{Y}_A A$$

Goodness of Fit Model I



Goodness of Fit Model II



Evolved solutions

$$y1 = \frac{4.9987 y_4^{t-0.64} y_4^{t-0.64} + 1}{y_4^{t-0.64} y_4^{t-0.64} + 1} - y_1$$

$$y2 = y_1 - (y_2 + y_2)$$

$$y3 = y_1 / 10.1023 - y_3 / 10.1023$$

$$y4 = y_2 - y_3 y_4$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1 + k_1 y_4^\rho}{1 + y_4^\rho} - b_1 y_1$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = y_1 - b_2 y_2$$

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = r_3 y_1 - b_3 y_3$$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = S y_2 - y_3 y_4$$

$$y1 = 0.123003^{8.1379 - \left(\frac{y3}{y1 + y1 + 8.7614}\right)} - y1$$

$$y2 = y1 - y1^{t-0.53614}$$

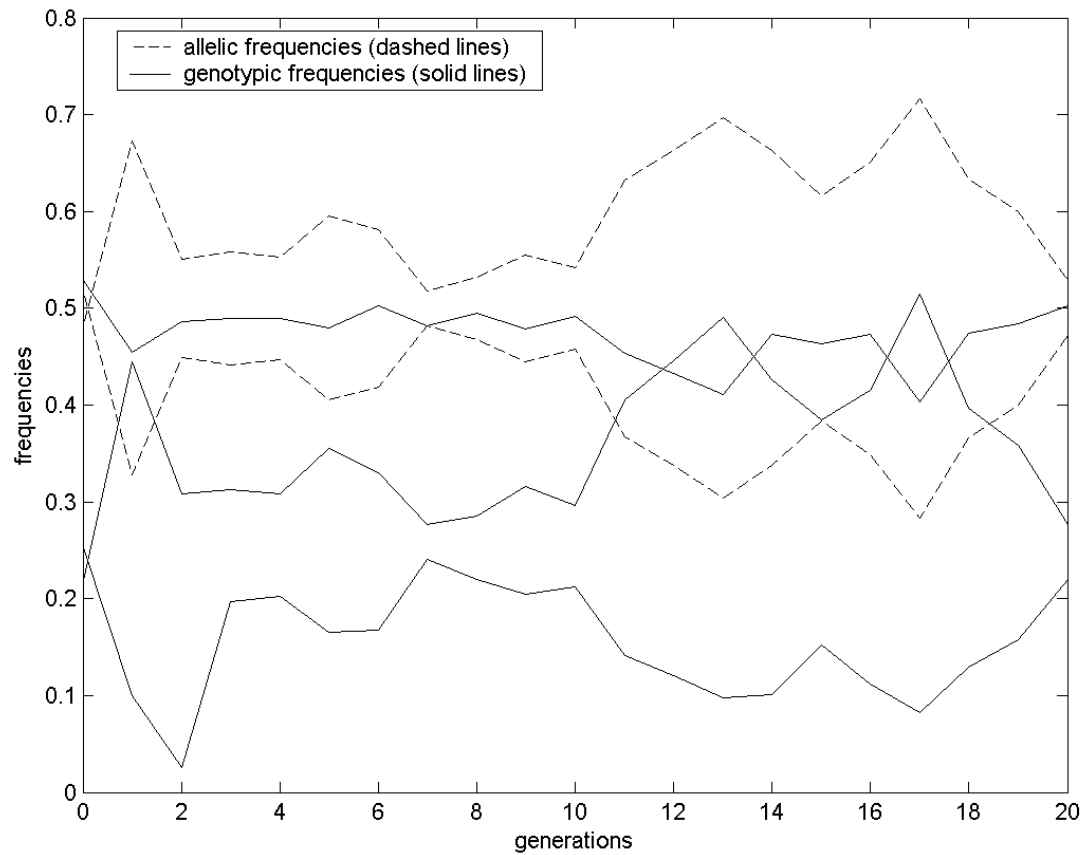
$$y3 = 0.12303 - (y2^{0.516968})$$

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \alpha_M \frac{1 + k_1 (e^{-\mu \tau_M} A_{\tau_M})^n}{k + k_1 (e^{-\mu \tau_M} A_{\tau_M})^n} - \tilde{Y}_M M$$

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = \alpha_B e^{-\mu \tau_B} M_{\tau_B} - \tilde{Y}_B B$$

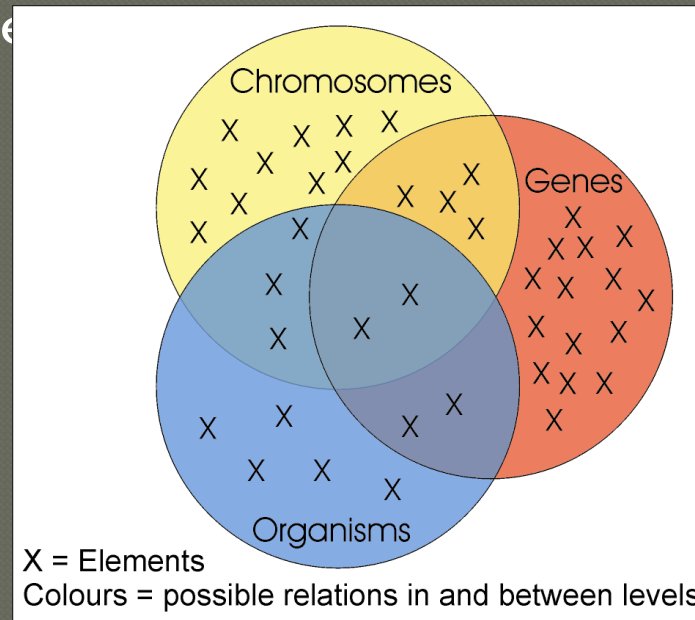
$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \alpha_A B \frac{L}{K_L + L} - \beta_A B \frac{A}{K_A + A} - \tilde{Y}_A A$$

Alife – stealing it back



A conceptual model of Mendelian populations

- Empirical model / echo model – simplified abstraction of the main mechanistic properties of biological populations
 - Universe – environment and population
 - Organisms – chromosomes, genes and alleles
 - Phenotypic correlation of the environment and other organisms



Population genetics and evolution simulation

Sigex AD: Example File Analysis Help

Evolution

Select the frequency: Genotype Allele

Care Detect Vision
 Reproduction Partition Fight
 Death Intelligence Neutral Sex Ratio

Generation: 0 to 10 OK

Frequencies

Select the frequency: Genotype Allele

Care Detect Vision
 Reproduction Partition Fight
 Death Intelligence Neutral

Generation: << 10 >> OK

Care (Males): c: 0.17391, C: 0.82609
 Death: m: 0.16500, M: 0.83500
 Intelligence: I1: 0.07000, I2: 0.36500, I3: 0.21000, I4: 0.35500
 Neutral: n: 0.51000, N: 0.49000

Initial Population Definition

Male Female

Maternal Inheritance

X Chromosome

Detect Gene: D d

Autosomal chromosomes

Vision Gene: V1 V2 V3 V4

Reproduction Gene: R r

Partition Gene: P p

Fight Gene: L l

Death Gene: M m

Intelligence Gene: I1 I2 I3 I4

Neutral Gene: N n

Add Individual Amount: 1

Hardy-Weinberg

Select the genes:

Gene	Gen.	Obs.	Exp.	χ^2
Vision				
V1V1:	0	1.3225	1.3225	
V2V2:	3	1.3225	2.1278	
V3V3:	26	26.0100	0.0000	
V4V4:	6	6.7600	0.0854	
V1V2:	7	2.6450	7.1705	
V1V3:	13	11.7300	0.1375	
V1V4:	3	5.9800	1.4850	
V2V3:	5	11.7300	3.8613	
V2V4:	5	5.9800	0.1606	
V3V4:	32	26.5200	1.1324	
Total chi-square				17.4830
Partition				
pp:	95	94.0900	0.0088	
Pp:	4	5.8200	0.5691	

Chi-Square

Generation: << 10 >> OK

SIGEX: Untitled Simulation Configuration Help

Simulation Parameters

Initial Population: Random 100 with Defined Defined ...

Food: Initial amount 20, Reposition rate (%) 100, Energetic value 200 to 200

Generation: Overlapping Discrete Qty. 200

Recombination rate: ...

Advanced configuration: ...

Individual(s): 3

Id	Sex	Egg	Detec	Care	Vision	Repr
00001	M	A	D	C	V1 V1	R
00002	M	A	D	C	V1 V1	R
00003	M	A	D	C	V1 V1	R

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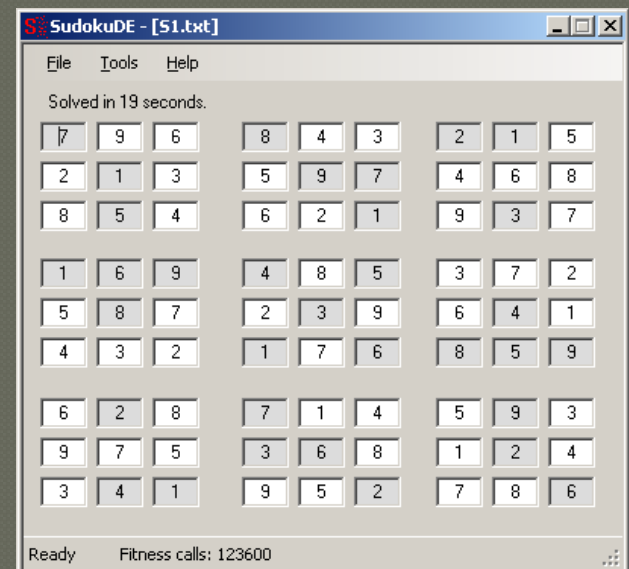
Metaheuristics can solve sudoku puzzles

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Abstract In this paper we present, to our knowledge, the first application of a metaheuristic technique to the very popular and NP-complete puzzle known as ‘sudoku’. We see that this stochastic search-based algorithm, which uses simulated annealing, is able to complete logic-solvable puzzle-instances that feature daily in many of the UK’s national newspapers. We also introduce a new method for producing sudoku problem instances (that are not necessarily logic-solvable) and use this together with the proposed SA algorithm to try and discover for what types of instances this algorithm is best suited. Consequently we notice the presence of an ‘easy-hard-easy’ style phase-transition similar to other problems encountered in operational research.

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