

## Chemical Kinetics Modeling

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The MLAB advanced mathematical and statistical modeling system is an unparalleled tool for mathematical modeling; take a look at the following example. Only MLAB can solve a kinetics-modeling problem like this so easily! (It's just as easy to solve enzyme kinetics, multiple site binding equilibrium, or any other of a wide variety of problems.)

Below we show an interesting example of MLAB modeling for dimer kinetics. Suppose we have two substances,  $A$  and  $B$  which bind to form a complex  $C$ , and the substance  $C$ , in turn, binds with itself to form a dimer  $D$ . We thus have:



Suppose further we mix 2 mmoles of  $A$  and 3 mmoles of  $B$  and measure the concentration in mmoles of both  $C$  and  $D$  at ten equally-spaced times between 7 and 70 seconds. From this data we wish to estimate the association and dissociation constants  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ , and  $k_4$ . We may proceed in MLAB as follows.

First we read in the data consisting of values of  $c(t)$  and  $d(t)$  given at the common times 7 : 70!10. Although common times are used here, this is *not* required.

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*data = (7:70!10) &' read(ddata,10,2)
*type data
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	time	c	d
1:	7	1.065	0.0058
2:	14	1.383	0.2203
3:	21	0.9793	0.4019

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4: 28      1.107  0.3638
5: 35      0.7289 0.456
6: 42      0.7236 0.5014
7: 49      0.4674 0.715
8: 56      0.6031 0.4723
9: 63      0.6149 0.7219
10: 70     0.3369 0.7294

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*cdata = data col 1:2
*ddata = data col (1,3)

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Now we define our kinetic model so that  $c(t)$  is the concentration of  $c$  in mmoles at time  $t$  and  $d(t)$  is the concentration of  $d$  in mmoles at time  $t$ .

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* fct c't(t)=k1*(a0-c-2*d)*(b0-c-2*d)-k2*c-2*d't(t)
* fct d't(t)=k3*c*c-k4*d
* initial c(0)=0
* initial d(0)=0
* a0=2;b0=3

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Now we guess the values of  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ , and  $k_4$ . We may use the results of equilibrium studies, analyzed by MLAB, to know values for the ratios  $k_1/k_2$  and  $k_3/k_4$ .

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* k1=.02;k2=.002; k3=.02;k4=.002
* constraints q={k1>0,k2>0,k3>0,k4>0}

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Now we may curve-fit the two ode-system-defined functions,  $c$  and  $d$ , to estimate  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ , and  $k_4$ .

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* fit(k1,k2,k3,k4), c to cdata, d to ddata, constraints q
final parameter values

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value	error	dependency	parameter
0.06830069826	0.01853684638	0.5090866122	K1
0.009215472845	0.01307266967	0.5011226583	K2
0.01429036692	0.002818099621	0.7828534111	K3
1.616224063e-19	0.004158477431	0.7620523838	K4

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6 iterations
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best weighted sum of squares = 2.222001e-01
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weighted root mean square error = 1.178453e-01
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weighted deviation fraction = 1.203378e-01
lagrange multiplier[4] = -3.928493584
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Now we may draw the results of the curve-fit.

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* m=integrate(c't,d't,0:100!140)
* draw m col (1,2) color red
* draw m col (1,4) color green lt dashed
* draw cdata pt circle lt none color red
* draw ddata pt circle lt none color green
* bottom title "time in seconds"
* left title "mmoles (C and D)"
*
* oformat = nformat; nformat = "%4.4lf"
* v=strval(stdest[1]); s=strval(k1)+" '25TF'R "+substr(v,7:strlen(v))
* title s at (.6,.8) ffract size .015
* v=strval(stdest[2]); s=strval(k2)+" '25TF'R "+substr(v,7:strlen(v))
* title s at (.6,.75) ffract size .015
* v=strval(stdest[3]); s=strval(k3)+" '25TF'R "+substr(v,7:strlen(v))
* title s at (.6,.7) ffract size .015
* v=strval(stdest[4]); s=strval(k4)+" '25TF'R "+substr(v,7:strlen(v))
* title s at (.6,.65) ffract size .015
* nformat=oformat

* view
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