
Pycotools Documentation

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PyCoTools is a python package that was developed as an alternative interface into [COPASI](#), simulation software for modelling biochemical systems. The PyCoTools paper can be found [here](#) and describes in detail the intentions and functionality of PyCoTools. There are some important differences between the PyCoTools version that is described in the publication and the current version. The first and most important is that PyCoTools is now a python 3 only package. If using Python 2.7 you should create a virtual Python 3.6 environment using [conda](#) or [virtualenv](#). My preference is conda. The other major difference is the interface into COPASI's parameter estimation task which has a new interface and has been enhanced to support all features of COPASI's parameter estimation task.

CHAPTER 1

Installation

Use:

```
$ pip install pycotools3
```

Remember to `source` activate your python 3.6 environment if you need to.

To install from [source](#):

```
$ git clone https://github.com/CiaranWelsh/pycotools3.git
$ cd pycotools3
$ python setup.py install
```

The procedure is the same in linux, mac and windows.

CHAPTER 2

Documentation

This is a guide to PyCoTools version >2.0.1.

2.1 Getting started

As PyCoTools only provides an alternative interface into some of COPASI's tasks, if you are unfamiliar with COPASI [<http://copasi.org/>](http://copasi.org/) then it is a good idea to become acquainted, prior to proceeding. As much as possible, arguments to PyCoTools functions follow the corresponding option in the COPASI user interface.

In addition to COPASI, PyCoTools depends on [tellurium](#) which is a Python package for modelling biological systems. While tellurium and COPASI have some of the same features, generally they are complementary and productivity is enhanced by using both together.

More specifically, tellurium uses [antimony strings](#) to define a model which is then converted into SBML. PyCoTools provides the `model.BuildAntimony` class which is a wrapper around this tellurium feature, which creates a Copasi model and parses it into a PyCoTools `model.Model`.

Since antimony is described [elsewhere](#) we will focus here on using antimony to build a copasi model.

2.1.1 Build a model with antimony

```
[2]: import site, os
      site.addsitedir('D:\pycotools3')
      from pycotools3 import model
```

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```
working_directory = os.path.abspath('')
copasi_filename = os.path.join(working_directory,
    ↪ 'NegativeFeedbackModel.cps')
antimony_string = '''
    model negative_feedback()
        // define compartments
        compartment cell = 1.0
        //define species
        var A in cell
        var B in cell
        //define some global parameter for use in reactions
        vAProd = 0.1
        kADeg  = 0.2
        kBProd = 0.3
        kBDeg  = 0.4
        //define initial conditions
        A      = 0
        B      = 0
        //define reactions
        AProd: => A; cell*vAProd
        ADeg:  A =>   ; cell*kADeg*A*B
        BProd: => B; cell*kBProd*A
        BDeg:  B =>   ; cell*kBDeg*B
    end
'''
with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_filename) as loader:
    negative_feedback = loader.load(antimony_string)
print(negative_feedback)
assert os.path.isfile(copasi_filename)

Model(name=negative_feedback, time_unit=s, volume_unit=l, ↪
    ↪ quantity_unit=mol)
```

2.1.2 Create an antimony string from an existing model

The Copasi user interface is an excellent way of constructing a model and it is easy to convert this model into an antimony string that can be pasted into a document.

```
[3]: print(negative_feedback.to_antimony())

// Created by libAntimony v2.9.4
function Constant_flux__irreversible(v)
    v;
end

function Function_for_ADeg(A, B, kADeg)
    kADeg*A*B;
end
```

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```

function Function_for_BProd(A, kBProd)
    kBProd*A;
end

model *negative_feedback()

    // Compartments and Species:
    compartment cell;
    species A in cell, B in cell;

    // Reactions:
    AProd: => A; cell*Constant_flux__irreversible(vAProd);
    ADeg: A => ; cell*Function_for_ADeg(A, B, kADeg);
    BProd: => B; cell*Function_for_BProd(A, kBProd);
    BDeg: B => ; cell*kBDeg*B;

    // Species initializations:
    A = 0;
    B = 0;

    // Compartment initializations:
    cell = 1;

    // Variable initializations:
    vAProd = 0.1;
    kADeg = 0.2;
    kBProd = 0.3;
    kBDeg = 0.4;

    // Other declarations:
    const cell, vAProd, kADeg, kBProd, kBDeg;
end

```

One paradigm of model development is to use antimony to ‘hard code’ permanent changes to the model and the Copasi user interface for experimental changes. The `Model.open()` method is useful for this paradigm as it opens the model with whatever configurations have been defined.

```
[10]: ## negative_feedback.open()
```

```

cmd D:\pycotools3\pycotools3\COPASI\windows\CopasiUI.exe_
↪ "D:\pycotools3\docs\source\NegativeFeedbackModel.cps"

```

2.1.3 Simulate a time course

Since we have used an antimony string, we can simulate this model with either tellurium or Copasi. Simulating with tellurium uses a library called roadrunner which is described in detail

elsewhere. To run a simulation with Copasi we need to configure the time course task, make the task executable (i.e. tick the check box in the top right of the time course task) and run the simulation with CopasiSE. This is all taken care of by the `tasks.TimeCourse` class.

```
[12]: from pycotools3 import tasks
time_course = tasks.TimeCourse(negative_feedback, end=100, step_
    ↪size=1, intervals=100)
time_course

[12]: <pycotools3.tasks.TimeCourse at 0x1c9ac327a20>
```

However a more convenient interface is provided by the `model.simulate` method, which is a wrapper around `tasks.TimeCourse` which additionally parses the resulting data from file and returns a `pandas.DataFrame`

```
[10]: from pycotools3 import tasks
sim_data = negative_feedback.simulate(0, 100, 1) ##start, end, by
sim_data.head()
```

```
[10]:
```

	A	B
Time		
0	0.000000	0.000000
1	0.099932	0.013181
2	0.199023	0.046643
3	0.295526	0.093275
4	0.387233	0.147810

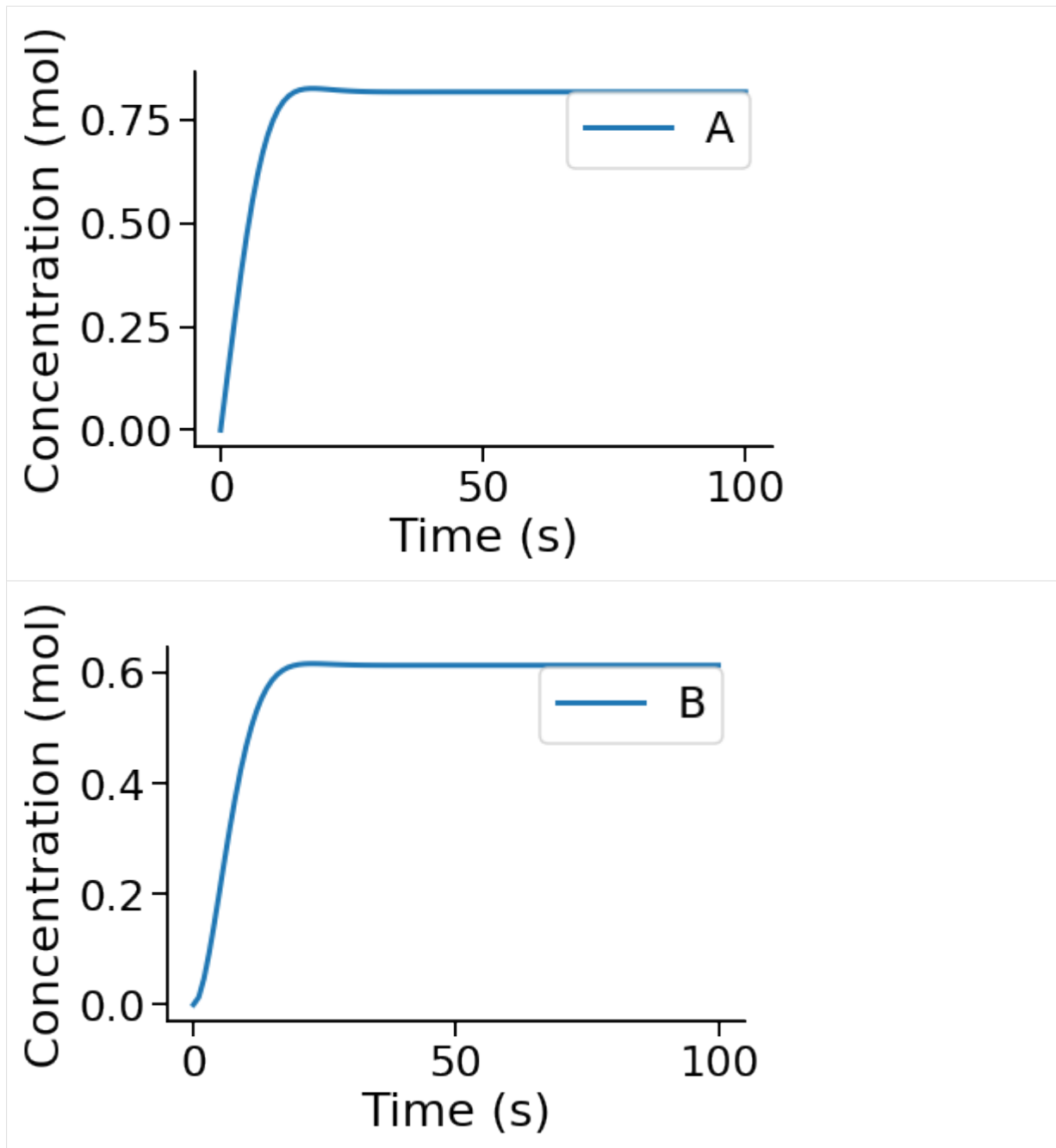
The results are saved in a file defined by the `report_name` option, which defaults to `timecourse.txt` in the same directory as the copasi model.

2.1.4 Visualise a time course

PyCoTools also provides facilities for visualising simulation output. To plot a timecourse, pass the `task.TimeCourse` object to the `viz.PlotTimeCourse` object.

```
[13]: from pycotools3 import viz
viz.PlotTimeCourse(time_course, savefig=True)

[13]: <pycotools3.viz.PlotTimeCourse at 0x1c9ac3279e8>
```



More information about running time courses with PyCoTools and Copasi can be found in the [time course tutorial](#)

2.2 Tutorials

In this section of the documentation I provide detailed explanations of how PyCoTools works, with examples. The tutorials are split into sections which are linked to below.

2.2.1 Running Time-Courses

Copasi enables users to simulate their model with a range of different solvers.

Create a model

Here we do our imports and create the model we use for the tutorial

```
[1]: import os
import site
site.addsitedir('D:\pycotools3')
from pycotools3 import model, tasks, viz

working_directory = r'/home/ncw135/Documents/pycotools3/docs/source/
↳Tutorials/timecourse_tutorial'
if not os.path.isdir(working_directory):
    os.makedirs(working_directory)

copasi_file = os.path.join(working_directory, 'michaelis_menten.cps
↳')

if os.path.isfile(copasi_file):
    os.remove(copasi_file)

antimony_string = """
model michaelis_menten()
    compartment cell = 1.0
    var E in cell
    var S in cell
    var ES in cell
    var P in cell

    kf = 0.1
    kb = 1
    kcat = 0.3
    E = 75
    S = 1000

    SBindE: S + E => ES; kf*S*E
    ESUnbind: ES => S + E; kb*ES
    ProdForm: ES => P + E; kcat*ES
end
"""

with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_file) as loader:
    mm = loader.load(antimony_string)

mm
```

```
[1]: Model(name=michaelis_menten, time_unit=s, volume_unit=l, quantity_
      ↪unit=mol)
```

Deterministic Time Course

```
[ ]: TC = tasks.TimeCourse(
      mm, report_name='mm_simulation.txt',
      end=1000, intervals=50, step_size=20
    )

## check its worked
os.path.isfile(TC.report_name)

import pandas
df = pandas.read_csv(TC.report_name, sep='\t')
df.head()
```

When running a time course, you should ensure that the number of intervals times the step size equals the end time, i.e.:

```
- $$intervals \cdot step\_size = end$$
```

The default behaviour is to output all model variables as they can easily be filtered later in the Python environment. However, the `metabolites`, `global_quantities` and `local_parameters` arguments exist to filter the variables that are simulated prior to running the time course.

```
[ ]: TC=tasks.TimeCourse(
      mm,
      report_name='mm_timecourse.txt',
      end=100,
      intervals=50,
      step_size=2,
      global_quantities = ['kf'], ##recall that antimony puts all_
      ↪parameters as global quantities
    )

##check that we only kf as a global variables
pandas.read_csv(TC.report_name, sep='\t').head()
```

An alternative and more convenient interface into the `tasks.TimeCourse` class is using the `model.Model.simulate` method. This is simply a wrapper and is used like so.

```
[ ]: data = mm.simulate(start=0, stop=100, by=0.1)
      data.head()
```

This mechanism of running a time course has the advantage that 1) pycotools parses the data back into python in the form of a `pandas.DataFrame` and 2) the column names are automatically pruned to remove the copasi reference information.

Visualization

```
[ ]: viz.PlotTimeCourse(TC)
```

It is also possible to plot these on the same axis by specifying `separate=False`

```
[ ]: viz.PlotTimeCourse(TC, separate=False)
```

or to choose the y variables,

```
[ ]: viz.PlotTimeCourse(TC, y=['E', 'S'], separate=False)
viz.PlotTimeCourse(TC, y=['ES', 'P'], separate=False)
```

Plot in Phase Space

Choose the x variable to plot phase space. Same arguments apply as above.

```
[ ]: viz.PlotTimeCourse(TC, x='E', y='ES', separate=True)
```

Save to file

Use the `savefig=True` option to save the figure to file and give an argument to the `filename` option to choose the filename.

```
[ ]: viz.PlotTimeCourse(TC, y=['S', 'P'], separate=False, savefig=True,
    ↪filename='MyTimeCourse.png')
```

Alternative Solvers

Valid arguments for the `method` argument of `TimeCourse` are:

```
- deterministic
- direct
- gibson_bruck
- tau_leap
- adaptive_tau_leap
- hybrid_runge_kutta
- hybrid_lsoda
```

Copasi also includes a `hybrid_rk45` solver but this is not yet supported by Pycotools. To use an alternative solver, pass the name of the solver to the `method` argument.

Stochastic MM

For demonstrating simulation of stochastic time courses we build another michaelis-menten type reaction schema. We need to do this so we can set `unit substance = item`, or in other words, change the model to particle numbers - otherwise there are too many molecules in the system to simulate a stochastic model

```
[18]: copasi_file = os.path.join(working_directory, 'michaelis_menten_
      ↪stochastic.cps')

antimony_string = """
model michaelis_menten()
    compartment cell = 1.0;
    var E in cell;
    var S in cell;
    var ES in cell;
    var P in cell;

    kf = 0.1;
    kb = 1;
    kcat = 0.3;
    E = 75;
    S = 1000;

    SBindE: S + E => ES; kf*S*E;
    ESUnbind: ES => S + E; kb*ES;
    ProdForm: ES => P + E; kcat*ES;

    unit substance = item;

end
"""

with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_file) as loader:
    mm = loader.load(antimony_string)
```

Run a Time Course Using Direct Method

```
[21]: data = mm.simulate(0, 100, 1, method='direct')
      data.head(n=10)
```

```
[21]:
```

	E	ES	P	S
Time				
0	75	1	1	1000
1	0	76	18	908
2	2	74	36	892
3	0	76	57	869
4	1	75	81	846
5	0	76	100	826

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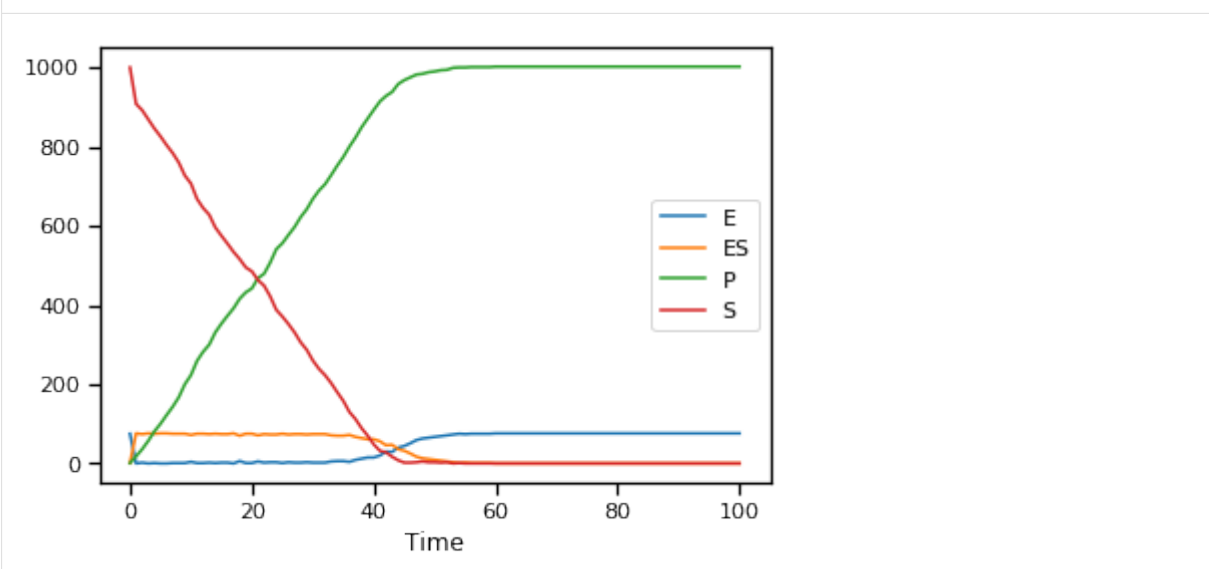
6	0	76	122	804
7	1	75	143	784
8	1	75	167	760
9	1	75	200	727

Plot stochastic time course

Note that we can also use the `pandas`, `matplotlib` and `seaborn` libraries for plotting

```
[28]: import matplotlib
import seaborn
seaborn.set_context('notebook')
data.plot()
```

```
[28]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1fa3c225d68>
```



Notice how similar the stochastic simulation is to the deterministic. As the number of molecules being simulated increases, the stochastic simulation converges to the deterministic solution. Another way to put it, stochastic effects are greatest when simulating small molecule numbers

2.2.2 Insert Parameters

Parameters can be inserted automatically into a Copasi model from python code using PyCoTools

Build a demonstration model

While antimony or the COPASI user interface are the preferred ways to build a model, PyCoTools does have a mechanism for constructing COPASI models. For variation and demonstration, this method is used here.

```
[22]: import os
import site
site.addsitedir('D:\pycotools3')
from pycotools3 import model, tasks, viz
## Choose a working directory for model
working_directory = os.path.abspath('.')
copasi_file = os.path.join(working_directory, 'MichaelisMenten.cps')

if os.path.isfile(copasi_file):
    os.remove(copasi_file)

kf = 0.01
kb = 0.1
kcat = 0.05
with model.Build(copasi_file) as m:
    m.name = 'Michaelis-Menten'
    m.add('compartment', name='Cell')

    m.add('metabolite', name='P', concentration=0)
    m.add('metabolite', name='S', concentration=30)
    m.add('metabolite', name='E', concentration=10)
    m.add('metabolite', name='ES', concentration=0)

    m.add('reaction', name='S bind E', expression='S + E -> ES',
    ↪ rate_law='kf*S*E',
        parameter_values={'kf': kf})

    m.add('reaction', name='S unbind E', expression='ES -> S + E',
    ↪ rate_law='kb*ES',
        parameter_values={'kb': kb})

    m.add('reaction', name='ES produce P', expression='ES -> P + E',
    ↪ rate_law='kcat*ES',
        parameter_values={'kcat': kcat})

mm = model.Model(copasi_file)
mm

[22]: Model(name=Michaelis-Menten, time_unit=s, volume_unit=ml, quantity_
    ↪ unit=mmol)
```

Insert Parameters from Python Dictionary

```
[6]: params = {'E': 100,
              'P': 150}

## Insert into model
I = model.InsertParameters(mm, parameter_dict=params)
```

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```
##format the parameters for displaying nicely
I.parameters.index = ['Parameter Value']
I.parameters.transpose()
```

```
[6]:      Parameter Value
     E              100
     P              150
```

Alternatively use `inplace=True` argument (analogous to the pandas library) to modify the object inplace, rather than needing to assign

```
[7]: model.InsertParameters(mm, parameter_dict=params, inplace=True)
```

```
[7]: <pycotools3.model.InsertParameters at 0x1b41f67a9e8>
```

Insert Parameters from Pandas DataFrame

```
[8]: import pandas
     params = {'(S bind E).kf': 50,
              '(S unbind E).kb': 96}
     df = pandas.DataFrame(params, index=[0])
     df
```

```
[8]:      (S bind E).kf  (S unbind E).kb
     0              50              96
```

```
[9]: model.InsertParameters(mm, df=df, inplace=True)
```

```
[9]: <pycotools3.model.InsertParameters at 0x1b41f67a048>
```

Insert Parameters from Parameter Estimation Output

First we'll get some parameter estimation data by *fitting* a model to *simulated* data.

```
[16]: fname = os.path.join(os.path.abspath(''), 'timecourse.txt')
     data = mm.simulate(0, 50, 1, report_name=fname)
     assert os.path.isfile(fname)
```

```
[23]: with tasks.ParameterEstimation.Context(copasi_file, fname, context=
     ↪ 's', parameters='a') as context:
     context.randomize_start_values = True
     context.lower_bound = 0.01
     context.upper_bound = 100
     context.run_mode = True
     config = context.get_config()
     PE = tasks.ParameterEstimation(config)
```

```
[26]: mm
```

```
[26]: Model(name=Michaelis-Menten, time_unit=s, volume_unit=ml, quantity_
      ↪unit=mmol)
```

Now we can insert the estimated parameters using:

```
[24]: ##index=0 for best parameter set (i.e. lowest RSS)
model.InsertParameters(mm, parameter_path=PE.results_directory,
      ↪index=0, inplace=True)

-----
InputError                                Traceback (most recent_
      ↪call last)
<ipython-input-24-d908d0566dc2> in <module>()
      1 ##index=0 for best parameter set (i.e. lowest RSS)
----> 2 model.InsertParameters(mm, parameter_path=PE.
      ↪results_directory, index=0, inplace=True)

D:\pycotools3\pycotools3\model.py in __init__(self, model,
      ↪parameter_dict, df, parameter_path, index, quantity_type, inplace)
    4674         self._do_checks()
    4675
-> 4676         self.model = self.insert()
    4677         if self.inplace:
    4678             self.model.save()

D:\pycotools3\pycotools3\model.py in insert(self)
    4867
    4868         """
-> 4869         self.model = self.insert_locals()
    4870         self.model = self.insert_compartments()
    4871         self.model = self.insert_global_quantities()

D:\pycotools3\pycotools3\model.py in insert_locals(self)
    4774         # print self.parameters
    4775
-> 4776         locals = [j for i in self.model.reactions for j in
      ↪i.parameters if
    4777                     j.global_name in list(self.parameters.
      ↪keys())]
    4778         if locals == []:

D:\pycotools3\pycotools3\model.py in <listcomp>(.0)
    4775
    4776         locals = [j for i in self.model.reactions for j in
      ↪i.parameters if
-> 4777                     j.global_name in list(self.parameters.
      ↪keys())]
    4778         if locals == []:
    4779             return self.model
```

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```

D:\pycotools3\pycotools3\cached_property.py in __get__(self, obj,
-> cls)
    38         if obj is None:
    39             return self
--> 40         value = obj.__dict__[self.func.__name__] = self.
-> func(obj)
    41         return value
    42

```

```

D:\pycotools3\pycotools3\model.py in parameters(self)
    4760
    4761         if self.parameter_path != None:
-> 4762             P = viz.Parse(self.parameter_path,
-> copasi_file=self.model.copasi_file)
    4763             if isinstance(self.index, int):
    4764                 return pandas.DataFrame(P.data.iloc[self.
-> index]).transpose()

```

```

D:\pycotools3\pycotools3\viz.py in __init__(self, cls_instance,
-> log10, copasi_file, alpha, rss_value, num_data_points)
    519         raise errors.InputError('{} not in {}'.format(
    520             self.cls_instance,
-> 521             accepted_types)
    522         )
    523

```

```

InputError: {'MichaelisMenten':
-> 'D:\\pycotools3\\docs\\source\\Tutorials\\Problem1\\Fit1\\MichaelisMenten\\Par
-> not in [<class 'pycotools3.tasks.TimeCourse'>, <class 'pycotools3.
-> tasks.Scan'>, <class 'pycotools3.tasks.ParameterEstimation'>,
-> <class 'str'>, <class 'pycotools3.viz.Parse'>, <class 'pycotools3.
-> tasks.ProfileLikelihood'>, <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>,
-> <class 'pycotools3.tasks.ChaserParameterEstimations'>]

```

Insert Parameters using the `model.Model().insert_parameters` method

The same means of inserting parameters can be used from the model object itself

```
[ ]: mm.insert_parameters(parameter_dict=params, inplace=True)
```

Change parameters using `model.Model().set`

Individual parameters can also be changed using the `set` method. For example, we could set the metabolite with name `S` concentration or particle numbers to 55

```
[ ]: mm.set('metabolite', 'S', 55, 'name', 'concentration')

## or

mm.set('metabolite', 'S', 55, 'name', 'particle_numbers')
```

2.2.3 Parameter Scan

Copasi supports three types of scan, a regular parameter scan, a repeat scan and sampling from a parametric distributions.

We first build a model to work with throughout the tutorial.

```
[6]: import os
import site
site.addsitedir('D:\pycotools3')
from pycotools3 import model, tasks, viz
import pandas

working_directory = r'/home/ncw135/Documents/pycotools3/docs/source/
↳Tutorials/timecourse_tutorial'
if not os.path.isdir(working_directory):
    os.makedirs(working_directory)

copasi_file = os.path.join(working_directory, 'michaelis_menten.cps
↳')

if os.path.isfile(copasi_file):
    os.remove(copasi_file)

antimony_string = """
model michaelis_menten()
    compartment cell = 1.0
    var E in cell
    var S in cell
    var ES in cell
    var P in cell

    kf = 0.1
    kb = 1
    kcat = 0.3
    E = 75
    S = 1000

    SBindE: S + E => ES; kf*S*E
    ESUnbind: ES => S + E; kb*ES
    ProdForm: ES => P + E; kcat*ES
end
"""
```

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```
with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_file) as loader:
    mm = loader.load(antimony_string)
```

```
mm
```

```
[6]: Model(name=michaelis_menten, time_unit=s, volume_unit=l, quantity_
      ↪unit=mol)
```

```
[11]: S = tasks.Scan(
      mm, scan_type='scan', subtask='time_course', report_type='time_
      ↪course',
      report_name = 'ParameterScanOfTimeCourse.txt', variable='S',
      minimum=1, maximum=20, number_of_steps=8, run=True,
  )

## Now check parameter scan data exists
os.path.isfile(S.report_name)
```

```
[11]: True
```

Two Way Parameter Scan

By default, scan tasks are removed before setting up a new scan. To set up dual scans, set `clear_scans` to `False` in a second call to `Scan` so that the first is not removed prior to adding the second.

```
[12]: ## Clear scans for setting up first scan
tasks.Scan(
    mm, scan_type='scan', subtask='time_course', report_type='time_
    ↪course',
    variable='E', minimum=1, maximum=20, number_of_steps=8,
    ↪run=False, clear_scan=True,
)

## do not clear tasks when setting up the second
S = tasks.Scan(
    mm, scan_type='scan', subtask='time_course', report_type='time_
    ↪course',
    report_name = 'TwoWayParameterScanOfTimeCourse.csv', variable='S
    ↪',
    minimum=1, maximum=20, number_of_steps=8, run=True, clear_
    ↪scan=False,
)

## check the output exists
os.path.isfile(S.report_name)
```



```
[12]: True
```

An arbitrary number of scans can be setup this way. Further, its possible to chain together scans with repeat or random distribution scans.

Repeat Scan Items

Repeat scans are very useful for running multiple parameter estimations and for running stochastic time courses.

```
[13]: ## Assume Parameter Estimation task already configured
tasks.Scan(
    mm, scan_type='repeat', subtask='parameter_estimation', report_
    ↪type='parameter_estimation',
    number_of_steps=6, run=False, ##set run to True to run via_
    ↪CopasiSE
)

## Assume model runs stochastically and time course settings are_
    ↪already configured
tasks.Scan(
    mm, scan_type='repeat', subtask='time_course', report_type=
    ↪'time_course',
    number_of_steps=100, run=False, ##set run to True to run via_
    ↪CopasiSE
)
```

```
[13]: <pycotools3.tasks.Scan at 0x246af8b7be0>
```

2.2.4 Parameter Estimation Tutorial

```
[1]: import os, glob
import site
site.addsitedir(r'/home/ncw135/Documents/pycotools3')
site.addsitedir('D:\pycotools3')
from pycotools3 import viz, model, misc, tasks, models
from io import StringIO
import pandas
%matplotlib inline
```

Build a Model

```
[2]: working_directory = os.path.abspath('')

copasi_file = os.path.join(working_directory, 'negative_feedback.cps
    ↪')
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```
with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_file) as loader:
    mod = loader.load(
        """
        model negative_feedback
            compartment cell = 1.0
            var A in cell
            var B in cell

            vAProd = 0.1
            kADeg = 0.2
            kBProd = 0.3
            kBDeg = 0.4
            A = 0
            B = 0

            AProd: => A; cell*vAProd
            ADeg: A =>; cell*kADeg*A*B
            BProd: => B; cell*kBProd*A
            BDeg: B => ; cell*kBDeg*B
        end
        """
    )

    ## open model in copasi
    #mod.open()
    mod
```

```
[2]: Model(name=negative_feedback, time_unit=s, volume_unit=1, quantity_
    ↪unit=mol)
```

Collect some experimental data

Organise your experimental data into delimited text files

```
[3]: experimental_data = StringIO(
    """
    Time,A,B
    0, 0.000000, 0.000000
    1, 0.099932, 0.013181
    2, 0.199023, 0.046643
    3, 0.295526, 0.093275
    4, 0.387233, 0.147810
    5, 0.471935, 0.206160
    6, 0.547789, 0.265083
    7, 0.613554, 0.322023
    8, 0.668702, 0.375056
    9, 0.713393, 0.422852
```

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```

10, 0.748359, 0.464639
    """.strip()
)

df = pandas.read_csv(experimental_data, index_col=0)

fname = os.path.join(os.path.abspath(''), 'experimental_data.csv')
df.to_csv(fname)

assert os.path.isfile(fname)

```

The Config Object

The interface to COPASI's parameter estimation using pycotools3 revolves around the `ParameterEstimation.Config` object. `ParameterEstimation.Config` is a dictionary-like object which allows the user to define their parameter estimation problem. All features of COPASI's parameter estimations task are supported, including configuration of validation experiments, affected experiments, affected validation experiments and constraints as well additional features such as the configuration of multiple models simultaneously via the `affected_models` keyword.

The `ParameterEstimation.Config` object expects at the bare minimum some information about the models being configured, some experimental data, some fit items and a working directory. The remaining options are automatically filled in with defaults.

```

[4]: config = tasks.ParameterEstimation.Config(
    models=dict(
        negative_feedback=dict(
            copasi_file=copasi_file
        )
    ),
    datasets=dict(
        experiments=dict(
            first_dataset=dict(
                filename=fname,
                separator=', '
            )
        )
    ),
    items=dict(
        fit_items=dict(
            A={},
            B={},
        )
    ),
    settings=dict(
        working_directory=working_directory
    )
)

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```

)
config
[4]: datasets:
      experiments:
        first_dataset:
          affected_models: negative_feedback
          filename: ↵
↵D:\pycotools3\docs\source\Tutorials\experimental_data.csv
          mappings:
            A:
              model_object: A
              object_type: Metabolite
              role: dependent
            B:
              model_object: B
              object_type: Metabolite
              role: dependent
            Time:
              model_object: Time
              role: time
          normalize_weights_per_experiment: true
          separator: ','
      validations: {}
items:
  fit_items:
    A:
      affected_experiments:
        - first_dataset
      affected_models:
        - negative_feedback
      affected_validation_experiments: []
      lower_bound: 1.0e-06
      start_value: model_value
      upper_bound: 1000000
    B:
      affected_experiments:
        - first_dataset
      affected_models:
        - negative_feedback
      affected_validation_experiments: []
      lower_bound: 1.0e-06
      start_value: model_value
      upper_bound: 1000000
models:
  negative_feedback:
    copasi_file: D:\pycotools3\docs\source\Tutorials\negative_
↵feedback.cps
    model: Model(name=negative_feedback, time_unit=s, volume_
↵unit=1, quantity_unit=mol)

```

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```
settings:
  calculate_statistics: false
  config_filename: config.yml
  cooling_factor: 0.85
  copy_number: 1
  create_parameter_sets: false
  fit: 1
  iteration_limit: 50
  lower_bound: 1.0e-06
  max_active: 3
  method: genetic_algorithm
  number_of_generations: 200
  number_of_iterations: 100000
  overwrite_config_file: false
  pe_number: 1
  pf: 0.475
  population_size: 50
  prefix: null
  problem: 1
  quantity_type: concentration
  random_number_generator: 1
  randomize_start_values: false
  report_name: PEData.txt
  results_directory: ParameterEstimationData
  rho: 0.2
  run_mode: false
  save: false
  scale: 10
  seed: 0
  start_temperature: 1
  start_value: 0.1
  std_deviation: 1.0e-06
  swarm_size: 50
  tolerance: 1.0e-05
  update_model: false
  upper_bound: 1000000
  use_config_start_values: false
  validation_threshold: 5
  validation_weight: 1
  weight_method: mean_squared
  working_directory: D:\pycotools3\docs\source\Tutorials
```

The COPASI user will be familiar with most of these settings, though there are also a few [additional options](#).

Once built, a `ParameterEstimation.Config` object can be passed to `ParameterEstimation` object.

```
[5]: PE = tasks.ParameterEstimation(config)
```

By default, the `run_mode` setting is set to `False`. To run the parameter estimation in background processes using CopasiSE, set `run_mode` to `True` or `parallel`.

```
[6]: config.settings.run_mode = True
PE = tasks.ParameterEstimation(config)
viz.Parse(PE) ['negative_feedback']
# config
```

```
[6]:
```

	A	B	RSS
0	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12

Running multiple parameter estimations

With pycotools, parameter estimations are run via the scan task interface so that we have the option of running the same problem `pe_number` times. Additionally, pycotools provides a way of copying a model `copy_number` times so that the final number of parameter estimations that get executed is `pe_number``·``copy_number`.

```
[8]: config.settings.copy_number = 4
config.settings.pe_number = 2
config.settings.run_mode = True
PE = tasks.ParameterEstimation(config)
```

And sure enough we have ran the problem 8 times.

```
[9]: viz.Parse(PE) ['negative_feedback']
```

```
[9]:
```

	A	B	RSS
0	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12
1	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12
2	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12
3	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12
4	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12
5	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12
6	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12
7	0.000001	0.000001	7.955450e-12

2.2.5 A shortcut for configuring the ParameterEstimation.Config object

Manually configuring the `ParameterEstimation.Config` object can take some time as it is bulky, but necessarily so in order to enable users to configure any type of parameter estimation. The `ParameterEstimation.Config` class should be used directly when a lower level interface into COPASI configurations are required. For instance, if you want to configure different boundaries for each parameter, choose which parameters are affected by which experiment, mix timecourse and steady state experiments, define independent variables, add constraints or choose which models are affected by which experiments, you can use the `ParameterEstimation.Config` class directly.

However, if you want a more standard configuration such as all parameters estimated between the same boundaries, all experiments affecting all parameters and models etc.. then you can use the `ParameterEstimation.Context` class to build the `ParameterEstimation.Config` class for you. The `ParameterEstimation.Context` class has a `context` argument that defaults to 's' for simple. While not yet implemented, eventually, alternative options for context will be provided to support other common patterns, such as `cross_validation` or `chaser_estimations` (global followed by local algorithm). Note that an option is no longer required for `model_selection` since it is innately incorporated via the `affected_models` argument.

To use the `ParameterEstimation.Context` object

```
[10]: with tasks.ParameterEstimation.Context(mod, fname, context='s',
      ↪ parameters='g') as context:
      context.set('method', 'genetic_algorithm')
      context.set('population_size', 10)
      context.set('copy_number', 4)
      context.set('pe_number', 2)
      context.set('run_mode', True)
      context.set('separator', ',')
      config = context.get_config()

pe = tasks.ParameterEstimation(config)
```

The `parameters` keyword provides an easy interface for parameter selection. Here are the available options:

```
* `g` specifies that all global variables are to be estimated
* `l` specifies that all local parameters are to be estimated
* `m` specifies that all metabolites are to be estimated
* `c` specifies that all compartment volumes are to be estimated
* `a` specifies that all of the above will be estimated
```

These options can also be combined. For example, `parameters='cgm'` means that compartment volumes, global quantities and metabolite concentrations (or particle numbers) will be estimated.

```
[11]: viz.Parse(pe) ['negative_feedback']

[11]:
```

	RSS	kADeg	kBDeg	kBProd	vAProd
0	8.851340e-13	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
1	8.851340e-13	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
2	8.851340e-13	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
3	8.851340e-13	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
4	8.851340e-13	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
5	8.851340e-13	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
6	8.851340e-13	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1
7	8.851340e-13	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1

```
[ ]:
```

2.3 Examples

2.3.1 Simple Parameter Estimation

This is an example of how to configure a simple parameter estimation using pycotools. We first create a toy model for demonstration, then simulate some experimental data from it and fit it back to the model, using pycotools for configuration.

```
import os, glob
import pandas, numpy
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn
from pycotools3 import model, tasks, viz
seaborn.set_context(context='talk')

## Choose a directory for our model and analysis
working_directory = os.path.dirname(__file__)

## In this model, A gets reversibly converted to B but the
↔ backwards reaction is additionally regulated by C.
## B is reversibly converted into C.
antimony_string = """
model simple_parameter_estimation()
    compartment Cell = 1;

    A in Cell;
    B in Cell;
    C in Cell;

    // reactions
    R1: A => B ; Cell * k1 * A;
    R2: B => A ; Cell * k2 * B * C;
    R3: B => C ; Cell * k3 * B;
    R4: C => B ; Cell * k4 * C;

    // initial concentrations
    A = 100;
    B = 1;
    C = 1;

    // reaction parameters
    k1 = 0.1;
    k2 = 0.1;
    k3 = 0.1;
    k4 = 0.1;
end
"""

copasi_file = os.path.join(working_directory, 'example_model.cps')
```

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```

## build model
with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_file) as builder:
    mod = builder.load(antimony_string)

assert isinstance(mod, model.Model)

## simulate some data, returns a pandas.DataFrame
data = mod.simulate(0, 20, 1)

## write data to file
experiment_filename = os.path.join(working_directory, 'experiment_
↳data.txt')
data.to_csv(experiment_filename)

## We now have a model and some experimental data and can
## configure a parameter estimation

```

Parameter estimation configuration in pycotools3 revolves around the tasks.ParameterEstimation.Config object which is the input to the parameter estimation task. The object necessarily takes a lot of manual configuration to ensure it is flexible enough for any parameter estimation configuration. However, the ParameterEstimation.Context class is a tool for simplifying the construction of a Config object.

```

with tasks.ParameterEstimation.Context(mod, experiment_filename,
↳context='s', parameters='g') as context:
    context.set('separator', ',')
    context.set('run_mode', True)
    context.set('randomize_start_values', True)
    context.set('method', 'genetic_algorithm')
    context.set('population_size', 100)
    context.set('lower_bound', 1e-1)
    context.set('upper_bound', 1e1)

    config = context.get_config()

pe = tasks.ParameterEstimation(config)

data = viz.Parse(pe).data
print(data)

```

2.3.2 Parameter estimation with multiple models

This is an example of how to configure a parameter estimation for multiple COPASI models using pycotools. We first create two similar but different toy models for demonstration, then simulate some experimental data from one of them and fit it back to both models.

```
import os, glob
import pandas, numpy
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn
from pycotools3 import model, tasks, viz

seaborn.set_context(context='talk')

## Choose a directory for our model and analysis
working_directory = os.path.dirname(__file__)

model1_string = """
model model1()

    R1:  => A ; k1*S;
    R2: A =>  ; k2*A;
    R3:  => B ; k3*A;
    R4: B =>  ; k4*B*C; //feedback term
    R5:  => C ; k5*B;
    R6: C =>  ; k6*C;

    S = 1;
    k1 = 0.1;
    k2 = 0.1;
    k3 = 0.1;
    k4 = 0.1;
    k5 = 0.1;
    k6 = 0.1;
end
"""

model2_string = """
model model2()
    R1:  => A ; k1*S;
    R2: A =>  ; k2*A*C; //feedback term
    R3:  => B ; k3*A;
    R4: B =>  ; k4*B;
    R5:  => C ; k5*B;
    R6: C =>  ; k6*C;

    S = 1;
    k1 = 0.1;
    k2 = 0.1;
    k3 = 0.1;
    k4 = 0.1;
    k5 = 0.1;
    k6 = 0.1;
end
"""
copasi_file1 = os.path.join(working_directory, 'model1.cps')
```

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```

copasi_file2 = os.path.join(working_directory, 'model2.cps')

antimony_strings = [modell1_string, model2_string]
copasi_files = [copasi_file1, copasi_file2]

model_list = []
for i in range(len(copasi_files)):
    with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_files[i]) as builder:
        model_list.append(builder.load(antimony_strings[i]))

## simulate some data, returns a pandas.DataFrame
data = model_list[0].simulate(0, 20, 1)

## write data to file
experiment_filename = os.path.join(working_directory, 'data_from_
    ↪modell1.txt')
data.to_csv(experiment_filename)

with tasks.ParameterEstimation.Context(model_list, experiment_
    ↪filename, context='s', parameters='g') as context:
    context.set('separator', ',')
    context.set('run_mode', True)
    context.set('randomize_start_values', True)
    context.set('method', 'genetic_algorithm')
    context.set('population_size', 25)
    context.set('lower_bound', 1e-1)
    context.set('upper_bound', 1e1)

    config = context.get_config()

pe = tasks.ParameterEstimation(config)

data = viz.Parse(pe).data

print(data)

```

2.4 API documentation

Here you will find detailed information about every module class and method in the pycotools3 package.

2.4.1 The model module

The pycotools3 model is of central importance in pycotools.

<i>Model</i>	Construct a pycotools3 model from a copasi file
<i>ImportSBML</i>	Import from sbml file
<i>InsertParameters</i>	Parse parameters into a copasi model
<i>BuildAntimony</i>	Build a copasi model using antimony
<i>Build</i>	Build a copasi model.

pycotools3.model.Model

class pycotools3.model.**Model**(*copasi_file*, *quantity_type*='concentration',
new=False, ***kwargs*)

Construct a pycotools3 model from a copasi file

The Model object is of central importance in pycotools as it extracts relevant information from a copasi file file into python.

These are *Model* attributes and properties:

Examples

```
>>> from pycotools3.model import Model
>>> model_path = r'/full/path/to/model.cps'
>>> model = Model(model_path) ##work in concentration units
>>> model = Model(model_path, quantity_type='particle_numbers')
→ ## work in particle numbers
```

Property	Description
copasi_file	Full path to model
root	Full path directory containing model
reference	Copasi model reference
time_unit	Time unit
name	Model name
volume_unit	Volume unit
quantity_unit	Quantity unit
area_unit	Area Unit
length_unit	Length unit
avagadro	Avagadro's number
key	Model key
states	List of states in correct order defined by copasi StateTemplate element.
fit_item_order	Order in which fit items appear
all_variable_names	List of reactions, metabolites, global_quantities local_parameters, compartment names as string
number_of_reactions	Number of reactions in model.Model

```
__init__(copasi_file, quantity_type='concentration', new=False, **kwargs)
```

Parameters

- **copasi_file** (*str*) – full path to a copasi file
- **quantity_type** (*str*) – either ‘concentration’ (default) or ‘particle_numbers’
- **new** (*bool*) – True when constructing a new model

Methods

<code>__init__(copasi_file[, quantity_type, new])</code>	param copasi_file full path to a copasi file
<code>add(component_name, **kwargs)</code>	add a model component to the model
<code>add_compartment(compartment)</code>	Add compartment to model
<code>add_component(component_name, component[, ...])</code>	add a model component to the model
<code>add_function(function)</code>	Add function to model
<code>add_global_quantity(global_quantity)</code>	Add global quantity to model
<code>add_local_parameter(local_parameter)</code>	Add a local parameter to the model, specifically into the String=‘kinetic Parameters’ section of parameter sets
<code>add_metabolite(metab)</code>	Add a metabolite to the model xml
<code>add_reaction(reaction[, expression, rate_law])</code>	param reaction py:class:Reaction or str. If str then
<code>add_state(state, value)</code>	Append state on to end of state template.
<code>convert_molar_to_particles(mol_unit, ...)</code>	Convert molarity to particle numbers
<code>convert_particles_to_molar(particle_numbers, ...)</code>	Converts particle numbers to Molarity.
<code>get(component, value[, by])</code>	Factory method for getting a model component by a value of a certain type
<code>get_variable_names([which, ...])</code>	Get the names of variables in the model.
<code>insert_parameters(**kwargs)</code>	Wrapper around the InsetParameters class
<code>open([copasi_file, as_temp])</code>	Open model with the gui.
<code>refresh()</code>	Save the file then reload the Model.
<code>remove(component, name)</code>	General factor method for removing model components
<code>remove_compartment(value[, by])</code>	Remove a compartment with the attribute given as the ‘by’ and value arguments

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<code>remove_function(value[, by])</code>	remove a function from model
<code>remove_global_quantity(value[, by])</code>	Remove a global quantity from your model
<code>remove_metabolite(value[, by])</code>	Remove metabolite from model.
<code>remove_reaction(value[, by])</code>	Remove reaction
<code>remove_state(state)</code>	Remove state from StateTemplate and InitialState fields.
<code>reset_cache(prop)</code>	Delete property from cache then reset it
<code>save([copasi_file])</code>	Save copasiML to copasi_filename.
<code>scan(**kwargs)</code>	Perform a parameter scan on model
<code>set(component, match_value, new_value[, ...])</code>	Set a model components attribute to a new value
<code>simulate(start, stop, by[, species])</code>	
<code>to_antimony()</code>	Returns antimony string of model.
<code>to_df()</code>	Convert kwargs to 1D df :return: pandas.DataFrame
<code>to_dict()</code>	get kwargs as dictionary :return: dict
<code>to_sbml([sbml_file])</code>	convert model to sbml
<code>to_string()</code>	Produce kwargs as string format for using in <code>__str__</code> methods in subclasses.

Attributes

<code>active_parameter_set</code>	get active parameter set
<code>all_variable_names</code>	The names of all compartments, metabolites, global quantities, reactions and local parameters in the model.
<code>area_unit</code>	<i>return – str.</i>
<code>avagadro</code>	Not really needed but good to check consistency of avagadros number.
<code>compartments</code>	Get list of model compartments
<code>constants</code>	Get list of constants from xml attribute <code>cn="String=Kinetic Parameters"</code> :return: 'list each element LocalParameter
<code>copasi_file</code>	Args –
<code>fit_item_order</code>	Get names of parameters being fitted in the order they appear
<code>functions</code>	get model functions :return: list each element a <i>py:class: 'Function</i>
<code>global_quantities</code>	<i>return – list each element is GlobalQuantity</i>
<code>key</code>	Get the model reference - the 'key' from <code>self.get_model_units</code>

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<code>length_unit</code>	<i>return – str</i>
<code>local_parameters</code>	Get local parameters in model.
<code>metabolites</code>	<i>return – list.</i>
<code>name</code>	<i>return – str.</i>
<code>number_of_reactions</code>	<i>return – int</i> number of reactions
<code>parameter_descriptions</code>	<i>return – list.</i>
<code>parameter_sets</code>	Here for potential future implementation of easy switching between parameter sets :return:
<code>parameters</code>	get all locals, globals and metabs as pandas dataframe
<code>quantity_unit</code>	<i>return – str.</i>
<code>reactions</code>	assemble a list of reactions :return: <i>list</i> each element a <code>Reaction</code>
<code>reference</code>	Get model reference from xml
<code>root</code>	Root directory for model.
<code>states</code>	The states (metabolites, globals, compartments) in the order they are read by Copasi from the StateTemplate element.
<code>time_unit</code>	<i>return – str</i> current time unit defined by copasi
<code>volume_unit</code>	<i>return – str.</i>

active_parameter_set

get active parameter set

Not really in use**Returns** `etree.Element`

Args:

Returns:

add(`component_name`, ****kwargs**)

add a model component to the model

Parameters

- **component_name** – str. i.e. ‘reaction’, ‘function’, ‘metabolite’
- **component** – `py:class:model.<component>`. The component class to add i.e. `Metabolite`
- **reaction_expression** – When adding reaction using string as first arg,

this argument takes the reaction expression (i.e. A -> B) reaction_rate_law:
 When adding reaction using string as first argument

this argument takes the reaction rate law (i.e. k*A) **kwargs**:**

Returns class:Model

Return type py

add_compartment (*compartment*)

Add compartment to model

Parameters **compartment** – py:class:Compartment

Returns py:class:Model

add_component (*component_name*, *component*, *reaction_expression=None*, *reaction_rate_law=None*)

add a model component to the model

Parameters

- **component_name** – str. i.e. 'reaction', 'function', 'metabolite'
- **component** – py:class:model.<component>. The component class to add i.e. Metabolite
- **reaction_expression** – When adding reaction using string as first arg,

this argument takes the reaction expression (i.e. A -> B) (Default value = None)

reaction_rate_law: When adding reaction using string as first argument

this argument takes the reaction rate law (i.e. k*A) (Default value = None)

Returns class:Model

Return type py

add_function (*function*)

Add function to model

Parameters **function** – py:class:Function.

Returns py:class:Model

add_global_quantity (*global_quantity*)

Add global quantity to model

Parameters **global_quantity** – str or GlobalQuantity. If str

is the name of global_quantity to add and default GlobalQuantity properties are adopted. If GlobalQuantity, a GlobalQuantity instance must be pre-built and passes as arg.

Returns py:class:Model

add_local_parameter (*local_parameter*)

Add a local parameter to the model, specifically into the String='kinetic Parameters' section of parameter sets

Parameters **local_parameter** – py:class:LocalParameter

Returns `py:class:Model`

add_metabolite (*metab*)

Add a metabolite to the model xml

Parameters **metab** – `str` or `Metabolite`. If `str`

is the name of metabolite to add and default `Metabolite` properties are adopted. If `Metabolite`, a `Metabolite` instance must be prebuilt and passes as arg.

Returns `py:class:Model`

add_reaction (*reaction*, *expression=None*, *rate_law=None*)

Parameters **reaction** – `py:class:Reaction` or `str`. If `str` then

must be the name of the reaction. **expression:** (Default value = None) **rate_law:** (Default value = None)

Returns `py:class:Model`

add_state (*state*, *value*)

Append state on to end of state template. Used within `add_metabolite` and `add_global_quantity`. Shouldn't need to use manually

Parameters

- **state** – `str`. A valid key
- **value** – `int`, `float`. Value for state

Returns:

all_variable_names

The names of all compartments, metabolites, global quantities, reactions and local parameters in the model.

Returns *list*. Each element is *str*

Args:

Returns:

area_unit

return – *str*. The currently defined area unit.

Args:

Returns:

avagadro

Not really needed but good to check consistency of avagadros number. ******This number was updated between between version 16 and 19 and messed with things

Returns *int*

Args:

Returns:

compartments

Get list of model compartments

Returns *list*. Each element is `Compartment`

Args:

Returns:

constants

Get list of constants from xml attribute `'cn="String=Kinetic Parameters"'`:return:

list each element `LocalParameter`

Args:

Returns:

static convert_molar_to_particles (*moles*, *mol_unit*, *compartment_volume*)

Convert molarity to particle numbers

Parameters

- **moles** – int‘ or *float*. Number of moles in *mol_unit* to convert
- **mol_unit** – str‘. Mole unit to convert from.

supported: fmol, pmol, nmol, umol, mmol or mol *compartment_volume*: int‘ or *float*. Volume of compartment containing specie to convert

Returns int‘. number of particles

static convert_particles_to_molar (*particles*, *mol_unit*, *compartment_volume*)

Converts particle numbers to Molarity.

##TODO build support for copasi’s newest units

Parameters

- **particles** – int‘ Number of particles to convert
- **mol_unit** – str‘. The quantity unit, i.e:

fmol, pmol, nmol, umol, mmol or mol *compartment_volume*: int‘, *float*. Volume of compartment containing specie to convert

Returns float‘. Molarity

copasi_file

Args –

Returns

Model was built

return

str.

fit_item_order

Get names of parameters being fitted in the order they appear

Returns *list*

Args:

Returns:

functions

get model functions :return:

list each element a *py:class: 'Function'*

Args:

Returns:

get (*component, value, by='name'*)

Factory method for getting a model component by a value of a certain type

Parameters

- **component** – str'. The component i.e. *metabolite* or *local_parameter*
- **value** – str'. Value of the attribute to match by i.e. *metabolite* called A
- **by** – str'. Which attribute to search by. i.e. *name* or *key* or *value* (Default value = 'name')

Returns

py:class:Model.<component>'

Get reaction called A2B:

Get metabolite called A:

Get all reactions which have a fixed *simulation_type*:

Get all compartments with an initial value of 15 (concentration or particles depending on *quantity_type*):

Get metabolites in the nucleus compartment:

Return type Instance of '

```
>>> model.get('reaction', 'A2B', by='name')
```

```
>>> model.get('metabolite', 'A', by='name')
```

```
>>> model.get('global_quantity', 'fixed', by='simulation_
↳type')
```

```
>>> model.get('compartment', 15, by='initial_value')
```

```
>>> model.get('metabolite', 'nuc', by='compartment')
```

get_variable_names (*which='a', include_assignments=True, prefix=None*)

Get the names of variables in the model. If `include_assignments` is off these are omitted from the results (this is useful for `ParameterEstimation`) as they are not generally estimated. Prefix provides a way of filtering the returned list

Parameters **which** – string. Default='a'. A string containing any or all of characters 'a', 'm', 'g', 'l', 'c'

for all, metabolites, global_quantities, local_parameters and compartments respectively

include_assignments: Boolean. Default=True. If True, return global variables with assignments
prefix: str. Default=None. If given, returned parameter names are filtered to only include parameter

with *prefix* at the beginning.

Returns:

global_quantities

return – list each element is `GlobalQuantity`

Args:

Returns:

insert_parameters (***kwargs*)

Wrapper around the `InsetParameters` class

Parameters

- **kwargs** – Arguments for `InsertParameters`
- ****kwargs** –

Returns `py:class:Model`

key

Get the model reference - the 'key' from `self.get_model_units`

Returns *str*

Args:

Returns:

length_unit

return – *str*

Args:

Returns:

local_parameters

Get local parameters in model. `local_parameters` are those which are actively used in reactions and do not have a global variable assigned to them. The constant property returns all local parameters regardless of simulation type (fixed or assignment)

Returns *list*. Each element is `LocalParameter`

Args:

Returns:

metabolites

return – *list*. Each element is `Metabolite`

Args:

Returns:

name

return – *str*. The model name

Args:

Returns:

number_of_reactions

return – *int* number of reactions

Args:

Returns:

open (*copasi_file=None, as_temp=False*)

Open model with the gui. In order to work the environment variables must be properly set so that the command `CopasiUI` in the terminal or command prompt opens the model.

First `Model.save()` the model to `copasi_file` then open with `CopasiUI`. Optionally open with a temporary filename.

Parameters

- **copasi_file** – *str* or *None*. Same as `model.Save()` (Default value = *None*)
- **as_temp** – *bool*. Use temp file to open the model and remove

afterwards (Default value = *False*)

Returns *None*

parameter_descriptions

return – *list*. Each element a `ParameterDescription`

Args:

Returns:

parameter_sets

Here for potential future implementation of easy switching between parameter sets
:return:

Args:

Returns:

parameters

get all locals, globals and metabs as pandas dataframe

Returns `pandas.DataFrame`

Args:

Returns:

quantity_unit

return – str. The currently defined quantity unit

Args:

Returns:

reactions

assemble a list of reactions :return:

list each element a `Reaction`

Args:

Returns:

reference

Get model reference from xml

Returns *str*

Args:

Returns:

refresh()

Save the file then reload the Model. Can't use the save method though because the save method uses the refresh method. :return:

Args:

Returns:

remove(component, name)

General factor method for removing model components

Parameters

- **component** – str' which component to remove (i.e. metabolite)
- **name** – str' name of component to remove

Returns `py:class:Model`

remove_compartment (*value*, *by*='name')

Remove a compartment with the attribute given as the 'by' and value arguments

Parameters

- **value** – str'. Value of attribute to match i.e. 'Nucleus'
- **by** – str' which attribute to match i.e. 'name' or 'key' (Default value = 'name')

Returns py:class:*Model*

remove_function (*value*, *by*='name')

remove a function from model

Parameters

- **value** – str' value of attribute to match (i.e the functions name)
- **by** – str' which attribute to match by. default='name'

Returns py:class:*model.Model*

remove_global_quantity (*value*, *by*='name')

Remove a global quantity from your model

Parameters

- **value** – value to match by (i.e. ProteinA or ProteinB)
- **by** – attribute to match (i.e. name or key) (Default value = 'name')

Returns py:class:*model.Model*

remove_metabolite (*value*, *by*='name')

Remove metabolite from model.

Parameters

- **value** – str'. Attribute value to remove
- **by** – str' Any metabolite attribute type to match (Default value = 'name')

Returns

py:class:*Model*

Usage: ## Remove attribute called 'A'

Remove metabolites with initial concentration of 0

```
>>> model.remove_metabolite('A', by='name')
```

```
>>> model.remove_metabolite(0, by='concentration')
```

remove_reaction (*value*, *by*='name')

Remove reaction

Parameters

- **value** – str'. Value of attribute
- **by** – attribute of reaction to match default='name'

str which :py:class`Reaction` attribute to match

Returns py:class:*Model*

remove_state (*state*)

Remove state from StateTemplate and InitialState fields. Used for deleting metabolites and global quantities.

Parameters **state** – str'. key of state to remove (i.e. Metabolite_1)

Returns py:class:*Model*

reset_cache (*prop*)

Delete property from cache then reset it

Parameters **prop** – str'. property to reset

Returns py:class:*Model*

root

Root directory for model. The directory where copasi_file is saved.

Does not need a setter since root is derived from copasi_file property

Returns *str*

Args:

Returns:

save (*copasi_file=None*)

Save copasiML to copasi_filename.

Parameters **copasi_filename** – str' or *None*. Deafult is *None*.
When *None*

defaults to same filepath the model came from. If another path, saves to that path.

copasi_file: (Default value = None)

Returns py:class:*Model*

scan (***kwargs*)

Perform a parameter scan on model

This is a wrapper around `tasks.Scan` and accepts all of the same arguments, except the model which is already provided.

Parameters ****kwargs** –

Returns:

set (*component*, *match_value*, *new_value*, *match_field='name'*,
change_field='name')

Set a model components attribute to a new value

Parameters

- **component** – str‘ type of component to change (i.e. metbaolite)
- **match_value** – str‘, *int*, *float* depending on value of *match_field*.

The value to match. *new_value*: str‘, *int* or *float* depending on value of *match_field*

new value for component attribute *match_field*: str‘. The attribute of component to match by. (Default value = ‘name’) *change_field*: str‘ The attribute of the component matched that you want to change? (Default value = ‘name’)

Returns

py:class:*Model*

Set initial concentration of metabolite called ‘X’ to 50:

Set name of global quantity called ‘G’ to ‘H’:

```
>>> model.set('metabolite', 'X', 50, match_field='name',  
↳ change_field='concentration')
```

```
>>> model.set('global_quantity', 'G', 'H', match_field='name'  
↳ ', change_field='name')
```

states

The states (metabolites, globals, compartments) in the order they are read by Copasi from the StateTemplate element.

Returns *OrderedDict*

Args:

Returns:

time_unit

return – str current time unit defined by copasi

Args:

Returns:

to_antimony()

Returns antimony string of model. Wrapper around tellurium functions :return:

Args:

Returns:

to_sbml (sbml_file=None)

convert model to sbml

Parameters **sbml_file** – str‘. Path for SBML. Defaults to same as copasi filename

Returns `str`. Path to sbml file

volume_unit

return – `str`. The currently defined volume unit

Args:

Returns:

pycotools3.model.ImportSBML

class `pycotools3.model.ImportSBML` (`sbml_file`, `copasi_file=None`)

Import from sbml file

Accepts an SBML file, converts it to copasi format and reads it into a Model object

__init__ (`sbml_file`, `copasi_file=None`)

Parameters

- **sbml_file** (`str`) – path to sbml
- **copasi_file** (`None`, `str`) – Default is `None` and pycotools automatically creates a copasi model with the same name as the sbml file. Otherwise, a path to copasi_file.

Methods

`__init__`(`sbml_file`[, `copasi_file`])

param `sbml_file` path to sbml

`convert`()

Perform conversion using CopasiSE :return:

`copasi_filename`()

`load_model`()

convert ()

Perform conversion using CopasiSE :return:

Args:

Returns:

copasi_filename ()

load_model ()

pycotools3.model.InsertParameters

```
class pycotools3.model.InsertParameters(model, parameter_dict=None, df=None,
                                         parameter_path=None, index=0,
                                         quantity_type='concentration',
                                         inplace=False)
```

Parse parameters into a copasi model

Insert parameters from a file, dictionary or a pandas dataframe into a copasi file.

```
__init__(model, parameter_dict=None, df=None, parameter_path=None, index=0,
         quantity_type='concentration', inplace=False)
```

Parameters

- **model** (*Model*) – The model to parse parameters into
- **parameter_dict** (*dict*) – Default None. If not None, dict[parameter_name] = parameter_value
- **df** (*pandas.DataFrame*) – Default None. If not None, a dataframe containing parameters to insert
- **parameter_path** (*str*) – Default None. If not None a path to parameter estimation output file
- **index** (*int*) – Default 0 (best RSS). When multiple parameter sets available, rank of best fit you want to insert
- **quantity_type** (*str*) – concentration (default) or particle_numbers
- **inplace** (*bool*) – Whether to operate inplace or return a new model

Methods

<code>__init__(model[, parameter_dict, df, ...])</code>	param model The model to parse parameters into
<code>insert()</code>	User other methods defined in this class to insert parameters into the model :return:
<code>insert_compartments()</code>	insert new parameters into compartment :return:
<code>insert_global_quantities()</code>	insert new parameters into compartment :return:

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<code>insert_locals()</code>	return
<code>insert_metabolites()</code>	insert new parameters into compartment :return:
<code>read_model(m)</code>	param m
<code>to_dict()</code>	Args:

Attributes

<code>parameters</code>	Get parameters depending on the type of input.
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insert ()

User other methods defined in this class to insert parameters into the model :return:

Args:

Returns:

insert_compartments ()

insert new parameters into compartment :return:

Args:

Returns:

insert_global_quantities ()

insert new parameters into compartment :return:

Args:

Returns:

insert_locals ()

Returns

insert_metabolites ()

insert new parameters into compartment :return:

Args:

Returns:

parameters

Get parameters depending on the type of input. Converge on a pandas dataframe.
Columns = parameters, rows = parameter sets

Use check parameter consistency to see whether headers have been pruned or not.
If not try pruning them

Args:

Returns:

`to_dict()`

Args:

Returns return:

pycotools3.model.BuildAntimony

class pycotools3.model.**BuildAntimony**(*copasi_file: str*)

Build a copasi model using antimony

A context manager to create a copasi model *copasi_file* using the [antimony language](<http://tellurium.analogmachine.org/antimony-tutorial/>).

Examples

```
working_directory = os.path.dirname(__file__)
copasi_filename = os.path.join(working_directory,
    ↪ 'NegativeFeedbackModel.cps')
with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_filename) as loader:
    negative_feedback = loader.load(
        '''
        model negative_feedback()
            // define compartments
            compartment cell = 1.0
            //define species
            var A in cell
            var B in cell
            //define some global parameter for use in reactions
            vAProd = 0.1
            kADeg = 0.2
            kBProd = 0.3
            kBDeg = 0.4
            //define initial conditions
            A = 0
            B = 0
            //define reactions
            AProd: => A; cell*vAProd
            ADeg: A =>; cell*kADeg*A*B
            BProd: => B; cell*kBProd*A
            BDeg: B => ; cell*kBDeg*B
        end
        '''
    )
print(negative_feedback)
```

__init__(*copasi_file: str*)

Parameters **copasi_file** (*str*) – Path to a valid location on disk to store the copasi file

Methods

<code>__init__(copasi_file)</code>	param copasi_file Path to a valid location on disk to store the copasi file
<code>load(antimony_str)</code>	Load the antimony string <code>antimony_str</code> into a <code>copasi_file</code> and <i>Model</i> .

load (*antimony_str*)

Load the antimony string `antimony_str` into a `copasi_file` and *Model*.

Args `antimony_str` (*str*): A valid antimony string encoding a model

return

model (*Model*) A PyCoTools model containing the model defined in the **:parameter:‘antiomny_str‘**.

Parameters **antimony_str** –

Returns:

pycotools3.model.Build

class `pycotools3.model.Build(copasi_file)`

Build a copasi model.

Context manager for building a copasi model with only PyCoTools Functions.

Users should also see *BuildAntimony*

`__init__(copasi_file)`

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

Methods

<code>__init__(copasi_file)</code>	Initialize self.
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2.4.2 The tasks module

<i>TimeCourse</i>	Simulate a time course
<i>ParameterEstimation.Config</i>	A class for holding a parameter estimation configuration
<i>ParameterEstimation</i>	Interface to COPASI's parameter estimation task
<i>ParameterEstimation.Context</i>	High level interface to create a <i>ParameterEstimation.Config</i> object.
<i>Sensitivities</i>	Interface to COPASI sensitivity task
<i>Scan</i>	Interface to COPASI scan task
<i>Reports</i>	Creates reports in copasi output specification section.

pycotools3.tasks.TimeCourse

class pycotools3.tasks.**TimeCourse** (*model*, ***kwargs*)
Simulate a time course

A class for running a time course from python using a copasi model. All but one of copasi's solvers are supported and available via the *method* kwarg.

TimeCourse Kwargs	Description
intervals	Default: 100
step_size	Default: 0.01
end	Default: 1
start	Default: 0
update_model	Default: False
method	Default: deterministic
output_event	Default: False
scheduled	Default: True
automatic_step_size	Default: False
start_in_steady_state	Default: False
integrate_reduced_model	Default: False
relative_tolerance	Default: 1e-6
absolute_tolerance	Default: 1e-12
max_internal_steps	Default: 10000
max_internal_step_size	Default: 0
subtype	Default: 2
use_random_seed	Default: True
random_seed	Default: 1
epsilon	Default: 0.001
lower_limit	Default: 800
upper_limit	Default: 1000
partitioning_interval	Default: 1
runge_kutta_step_size	Default: 0.001
run	Default: True
correct_headers	Default: True
save	Default: False
<report_kwargs>	Arguments for report_kwargs are also accepted here

Args:

Returns:

__init__(*model*, ***kwargs*)
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

Methods

<code>__init__(model, **kwargs)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>adaptive_tau_leap()</code>	return
<code>check_integrity(allowed, given)</code>	Method to raise an error when a wrong kwarg is passed to a subclass

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<code>convert_bool_to_numeric(dct)</code>	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric2()</code>	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>create_task()</code>	Begin creating the segment of xml needed for a time course.
<code>deterministic()</code>	:return: lxml.etree._Element
<code>direct()</code>	return
<code>get_report_key()</code>	cross reference the timecourse task with the newly created time course reort to get the key
<code>get_variable_from_string(m, v[, glob])</code>	Use model entity name to get the pyco-tools3 variable
<code>gibson_bruck()</code>	return
<code>hybrid_lsoda()</code>	return
<code>hybrid_rk45()</code>	return
<code>hybrid_runge_kutta()</code>	return
<code>read_model(m)</code>	param m
<code>set_report()</code>	ser a time course report containing time and all species or global quantities defined by the user.
<code>set_timecourse()</code>	Set method specific sections of xml.
<code>simulate()</code>	
<code>tau_leap()</code>	return
<code>update_properties(kwargs)</code>	method for updating properties from kwargs
Attributes	
<code>schema</code>	

adaptive_tau_leap()

Returns

create_task()

Begin creating the segment of xml needed for a time course. Define task and problem definition. This section of xml is common to all methods :return: lxml.etree._Element

Args:

Returns:

deterministic()

:return:lxml.etree._Element

direct()

Returns

get_report_key()

cross reference the timecourse task with the newly created time course reort to get the key

Args:

Returns:

gibson_bruck()

Returns

hybrid_lsoda()

Returns

hybrid_rk45()

Returns

hybrid_runge_kutta()

Returns

set_report()

ser a time course report containing time and all species or global quantities defined by the user.

Returns pycotools3.model.Model

Args:

Returns:

set_timecourse()

Set method specific sections of xml. This is a method element after the problem element that looks like this:

Returns lxml.etree._Element

Args:

Returns:

`simulate()`

`tau_leap()`

Returns

`pycotools3.tasks.ParameterEstimation.Config`

`pycotools3.tasks.ParameterEstimation`

class `pycotools3.tasks.ParameterEstimation` (*config*)

Interface to COPASI's parameter estimation task

Examples

Assuming a `ParameterEstimation.Config` object has been configured and is called *config* >>> `pe = ParameterEstimation(config)`

__init__ (*config*)

Configure a the parameter estimation task in copasi

Pycotools supports all the features of parameter estimation configuration as copasi, plus a few additional ones (such as the affected models setting).

Parameters **config** (`ParameterEstimation.Config`) – An appropriately configured `ParameterEstimation.Config` class

Examples

See `ParameterEstimation.Config` or `ParameterEstimation.Context` for detailed information on how to produce a `ParameterEstimation.Config` object. Note that the `ParameterEstimation.Context` class is higher level and should be the preferred way of constructing a `ParameterEstimation.Config` object while the `ParameterEstimation.Config` class gives you the same level of control as copasi but is bulkier to write.

Assuming the `ParameterEstimation.Config` class has already been created >>> `pe = ParameterEstimation(config)`

Methods

<code>__init__(config)</code>	Configure a the parameter estimation task in copasi
<code>check_integrity(allowed, given)</code>	Method to raise an error when a wrong kwarg is passed to a subclass
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric(dct)</code>	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric2()</code>	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>do_checks()</code>	validate integrity of user input
<code>get_component(model, component, string)</code>	Get component called string from model
<code>get_model_objects_from_strings()</code>	Get model objects from the strings provided by the user in the Config class :return: list of <i>model.Model</i> objects
<code>get_variable_from_string(m, v[, glob])</code>	Use model entity name to get the pycotools3 variable
<code>read_model(m)</code>	param m
<code>run(models)</code>	Run a parameter estimation using command line copasi.
<code>update_properties(kwargs)</code>	method for updating properties from kwargs

Attributes

<code>fit_dir</code>	Property holding the directory where the parameter estimation fitting occurs.
<code>global_quantities</code>	<i>Returns</i> – list of strings of global quantities present in the models
<code>local_parameters</code>	<i>Returns</i> – list of strings of local parameters in the model
<code>metabolites</code>	<i>Returns</i> – list of strings of metabolites in the model
<code>models</code>	Get models
<code>models_dir</code>	A directory containing models
<code>problem_dir</code>	Property holding the directory where the parameter estimation problem is stored :returns: str.
<code>results_directory</code>	A directory containing results, parameter estimation report files from copasi
<code>schema</code>	
<code>valid_methods</code>	

class Config(models, datasets, items, settings={}, defaults=None)

A class for holding a parameter estimation configuration

Stores all the settings needed for configuration of a parameter estimation using COPASI.

Examples

```
>>> ## create a model
>>> antimony_string = '''
...         model TestModell()
...             R1: A => B; k1*A;
...             R2: B => A; k2*B
...             A = 1
...             B = 0
...             k1 = 4;
...             k2 = 9;
...         end
...     '''
>>> copasi_filename = os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__
↳), 'example_model.cps')
>>> with model.BuildAntimony(copasi_filename) as loader:
...     mod = loader.load(antimony_string)
>>> ## Simulate some data from the model and write to file
>>> fname = os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__),
↳ 'timeseries.txt')
>>> data = self.model.simulate(0, 10, 11)
>>> data.to_csv(fname)
>>> ## create nested dict containing all the relevant_
↳ arguments for your configuration
>>> config_dict = dict(
...     models=dict(
...         ## model name is the users choice here
...         example1=dict(
...             copasi_file=copasi_filename
...         )
...     ),
...     datasets=dict(
...         experiments=dict(
...             ## experiment names are the users choice
...             report1=dict(
...                 filename=self.TC1.report_name,
...             ),
...         ),
...         ## our validations entry is empty here
...         ## but if you have validation data this_
↳ should
...         ## be the same as the experiments section
...         validations=dict(),
```

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```

...         ),
...         items=dict(
...             fit_items=dict(
...                 A=dict(
...                     affected_experiments='report1'
...                 ),
...                 B=dict(
...                     affected_validation_experiments=[
... ↪ 'report2']
...             ),
...             k1={},
...             k2={},
...         ),
...         constraint_items=dict(
...             k1=dict(
...                 lower_bound=1e-2,
...                 upper_bound=10
...             )
...         )
...     ),
...     settings=dict(
...         method='genetic_algorithm_sr',
...         population_size=2,
...         number_of_generations=2,
...         working_directory=os.path.dirname(__file__),
...         copy_number=4,
...         pe_number=2,
...         weight_method='value_scaling',
...         validation_weight=2.5,
...         validation_threshold=9,
...         randomize_start_values=True,
...         calculate_statistics=False,
...         create_parameter_sets=False
...     )
... )
>>> config = ParameterEstimation.Config(**config_dict)

```

configure()

Configure the class for production of parameter estimation config

Like a main method for this class. Uses the other methods in the class to configure a `ParameterEstimation.Config` object

Returns Operates inplace and returns None

constraint_items

Returns – The constraint items as nested dict

experiment_filenames

Returns – A list of experiment filenames

experiment_names

Returns – A list of experiment names

experiments

The experiments property :returns: datasets.experiments as dict

fit_items

Returns – The fit items as nested dict

from_json (*string*)

Create config object from json format :param string: a valid json string :type string: Str

Returns ParameterEstimation.Config

from_yaml (*yml*)

Read config object from yaml file :param yml: full path to text file containing configuration arguments in yaml format :type yml: str

Returns ParameterEstimation.Config

model_objects

Returns – A list of model objects for mapping

set_default_fit_items_dct ()

Configure missing entries for items.fit_items when they are in nested dict format

Returns None. Method operates inplace on class attributes

set_default_fit_items_str ()

Configure missing entries for items.fit_items when they are strings pointing towards model variables

Returns None. Method operates inplace on class attributes

to_json ()

Output arguments as json

Returns: str All arguments in json format

to_yaml (*filename=None*)

Output arguments as yaml

Parameters **filename** (*str*, *None*) – If not None (default), path to write yaml configuration to

Returns Config object as string in yaml format

validation_filenames

Returns – a list of validation filenames

validation_names

Returns – A list of validation names

validations

The validations property :returns: datasets.validations as dict

class Context (*models*, *experiments*, *working_directory=None*, *context='s'*, *parameters='mg'*, *filename=None*, *validation_experiments={}*, *settings={}*)

High level interface to create a [ParameterEstimation.Config](#) object.

Enables the construction of a `ParameterEstimation.Config` object assuming one of several common patterns of usage.

Examples

Assuming that we have two copasi models (*mod1* and *mod2*) and two experimental data files (*fname1*, *fname2*), correctly formatted according to the copasi specification. We can generate a config object that specifies the fitting of both experiments to both models and to fit all global and local parameters *parameters='gl'* in each.

```
with ParameterEstimation.Context (
    [mod1, mod2], [fname1, fname2],
    context='s', parameters='gl') as context:
    context.set('method', 'genetic_algorithm_sr')
    context.set('number_of_generations', 25)
    context.set('population_size', 10)
    config = context.get_config()

pe = ParameterEstimation(config)
```

add_experiments (*experiments*: (<class 'str'>, <class 'list'>))

Add list of experiments to class attributes :param experiments: Path pointing to experimental data file or list of paths pointing to experimental data files :type experiments: str, list

Returns None

add_models (*models*: (<class 'str'>, <class 'list'>))

Add models to class attributes

Parameters *models* (*str*, *list*) – Path to copasi file or list of paths to copasi files

Returns None

add_setting (*setting*, *value*)

Parameters

- **setting** –
- **value** –

Returns:

add_settings (*settings*)

Parameters *settings* –

Returns:

add_validation_experiments (*experiments*: (<class 'str'>, <class 'list'>))

Add experiments to validation_experiments attribute

Parameters *experiments* (*str*, *list*) – path to validation data or list of paths to validation data

Returns None

add_working_directory (*working_directory*: *str*)

Add working_directory to class attributes. Put in same path as first copasi

model if argument not specified. :param working_directory: Path to location on the system to store analysis :type working_directory: str

Returns None

set (*parameter*, *value*)

Set the value of *parameter* to *value*.

Looks for the first instance of *parameter* and sets its value to *value*. To set all values of a parameter, see `ParameterEstimation.Config.set_all()`

Parameters

- **parameter** – A key somewhere in the nested structure of the config object
- **value** – A value to replace the current value with

Returns None

do_checks ()

validate integrity of user input

fit_dir

Property holding the directory where the parameter estimation fitting occurs. This can be enumerated under a single problem directory to group similar parameter estimations :returns: str. A directory.

get_model_objects_from_strings ()

Get model objects from the strings provided by the user in the Config class :return: list of *model.Model* objects

Returns list of model objects

global_quantities

Returns – list of strings of global quantities present in the models

local_parameters

Returns – list of strings of local parameters in the model

metabolites

Returns – list of strings of metabolites in the model

models

Get models

Returns the models entry of the *ParameterEstimation.Config* object

models_dir

A directory containing models

Each model will be configured in a different directory when multiple models are being configured simultaneously :returns: dct. Location of models directories

problem_dir

Property holding the directory where the parameter estimation problem is stored :returns: str. A directory.

results_directory

A directory containing results, parameter estimation report files from copasi

Each model configured will have their own results directory :returns: dict[model] = results_directory

run (*models*)

Run a parameter estimation using command line copasi.

Parameters **models** – dict of models. Output from _setup()

Returns dict of models. Output from _setup()

Return type param models

pycotools3.tasks.ParameterEstimation.Context

pycotools3.tasks.Sensitivities

class pycotools3.tasks.**Sensitivities** (*model*, ***kwargs*)

Interface to COPASI sensitivity task

__init__ (*model*, ***kwargs*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

Methods

<code>__init__(model, **kwargs)</code>	Initialize self.
<code>add_list_of_variables_element()</code>	
<code>check_integrity(allowed, given)</code>	Method to raise an error when a wrong kwarg is passed to a subclass
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric(dct)</code>	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric2()</code>	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>create_new_report()</code>	
<code>create_problem()</code>	
<code>create_sensitivity_task()</code>	
<code>get_component(model, component, string)</code>	Get component called string from model
<code>get_report_key()</code>	
<code>get_single_object_references()</code>	
<code>get_variable_from_string(m, v[, glob])</code>	Use model entity name to get the pycotools3 variable
<code>process_data()</code>	

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<code>read_model(m)</code>	
	param m
<code>replace_sensitivities_task()</code>	
<code>run_task()</code>	
<code>sensitivity_task_key()</code>	Get the sensitivity task as it currently is in the model as <code>etree.Element</code> :return:
<code>set_cause()</code>	
<code>set_effect()</code>	
<code>set_method()</code>	
<code>set_report()</code>	
<code>set_secondary_cause()</code>	
<code>set_subtask()</code>	
<code>update_properties(kwargs)</code>	method for updating properties from <code>kwargs</code>

Attributes

<code>cross_section_cause</code>
<code>cross_section_effect</code>
<code>evaluation_cause</code>
<code>evaluation_effect</code>
<code>optimization_cause</code>
<code>optimization_effect</code>
<code>parameter_estimation_cause</code>
<code>parameter_estimation_effect</code>
<code>schema</code>
<code>sensitivity_number_map</code>
<code>steady_state_cause</code>
<code>steady_state_effect</code>
<code>subtasks</code>
<code>time_series_cause</code>
<code>time_series_effect</code>
<code>update_model</code>

`add_list_of_variables_element()`

`create_new_report()`

`create_problem()`

`create_sensitivity_task()`

`get_report_key()`

`get_single_object_references()`

`process_data()`

replace_sensitivities_task()

run_task()

sensitivity_task_key()

Get the sensitivity task as it currently is in the model as etree.Element :return:

Args:

Returns:

set_cause()

set_effect()

set_method()

set_report()

set_secondary_cause()

set_subtask()

pycotools3.tasks.Scan

class pycotools3.tasks.**Scan**(*model*, ***kwargs*)

Interface to COPASI scan task

Args:

Returns:

__init__(*model*, ***kwargs*)

Parameters

- **model** – Model
- **kwargs** –

Methods

<code><i>__init__</i></code> (<i>model</i> , <i>**kwargs</i>)	param model
<code>check_integrity</code> (allowed, given)	Method to raise an error when a wrong kwarg is passed to a subclass
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric</code> (dct)	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric2</code> ()	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code><i>create_scan</i></code> ()	metabolite cn:

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<i>define_report()</i>	Use Report class to create report :return:
<i>execute()</i>	
<i>get_report_key()</i>	
<i>get_variable_from_string(m, v[, glob])</i>	Use model entity name to get the pyco- tools3 variable
<i>read_model(m)</i>	
param m	
<i>remove_scans()</i>	Remove all scans that have been defined.
<i>set_scan_options()</i>	
<i>update_properties(kwargs)</i>	method for updating properties from kwargs

Attributes

 schema

create_scan ()**metabolite cn:** CN=Root,Model=New Model,Vector=Compartments[nuc],Vector=Metabolites[A**Returns**

Args:

Returns:

define_report ()

Use Report class to create report :return:

Args:

Returns:

execute ()**get_report_key ()****remove_scans ()**

Remove all scans that have been defined.

Returns

Args:

Returns:

set_scan_options ()

pycotools3.tasks.Reports

class pycotools3.tasks.**Reports** (*model*, ****kwargs**)

Creates reports in copasi output specification section. Which report is controlled by the report_type key word. The following are valid types of report:

Report Types	Description
time_course	Report definition for collection of time course data.
parameter_estimation	Collect parameter estimates from parameter estimations run from the parameter estimation task
multi_parameter_estimation	Collect parameter estimation data from parameter estimations run from the scan task with copasi's repeat feature
profile_likelihood	Collect both the parameter being scanned value and the parameter estimates

Here are the keyword arguments accepted by the Reports class.

Args:

Returns:

`__init__` (*model*, ****kwargs**)

Parameters

- **model** – model.Model.
- **kwargs** – see report_kwargs

Methods

<code>__init__</code> (<i>model</i> , **kwargs)	param model
<code>check_integrity(allowed, given)</code>	Method to raise an error when a wrong kwarg is passed to a subclass
<code>clear_all_reports()</code>	Having multile reports defined at once can be really annoying and give you unexpected results.
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric(dct)</code>	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>convert_bool_to_numeric2()</code>	CopasiML uses 1's and 0's for True or False in some but not all places.
<code>get_component(model, component, string)</code>	Get component called string from model
<code>get_variable_from_string(m, v[, glob])</code>	Use model entity name to get the pycotools3 variable

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<i>multi_parameter_estimation()</i>	Define a parameter estimation report and include the progression of the parameter estimation (function evaluations).
<i>parameter_estimation()</i>	Define a parameter estimation report and include the progression of the parameter estimation (function evaluations).
<i>profile_likelihood()</i>	Create report of a parameter and best value for a parameter estimation for profile likelihoods
<i>read_model(m)</i>	
param m	
<i>remove_report</i> (report_name)	remove report called report_name
<i>run()</i>	Execute code that builds the report defined by the kwargs
<i>scan()</i>	creates a report to collect scan time course results.
<i>sensitivity()</i>	
<i>timecourse()</i>	creates a report to collect time course results.
<i>update_properties</i> (kwargs)	method for updating properties from kwargs

Attributes

schema

clear_all_reports()

Having multiple reports defined at once can be really annoying and give you unexpected results. Use this function to remove all reports before defining a new one to ensure you only have one active report any once. :return:

Args:

Returns:

multi_parameter_estimation()

Define a parameter estimation report and include the progression of the parameter estimation (function evaluations). Defaults to including all metabolites, global variables and local variables with the RSS best value. These can be over-ridden with the `global_quantities`, `LocalParameters` and `metabolites` keywords.

Args:

Returns:

parameter_estimation()

Define a parameter estimation report and include the progression of the parameter

estimation (function evaluations). Defaults to including all metabolites, global variables and local variables with the RSS best value. These can be over-ridden with the `global_quantities`, `LocalParameters` and `metabolites` keywords.

Args:

Returns:

profile_likelihood()

Create report of a parameter and best value for a parameter estimation for profile likelihoods

Args:

Returns:

remove_report (*report_name*)

remove report called *report_name*

Parameters *report_name* – return: `pycotools3.model.Model`

Returns `pycotools3.model.Model`

run ()

Execute code that builds the report defined by the `kwargs`

scan ()

creates a report to collect scan time course results.

By default all species and all global quantities are used with Time on the left most column. This behavior can be overwritten by passing lists of metabolites to the `metabolites` keyword or global quantities to the `global_quantities` keyword

Args:

Returns:

sensitivity ()

timecourse ()

creates a report to collect time course results.

By default all species and all global quantities are used with Time on the left most column. This behavior can be overwritten by passing lists of metabolites to the `metabolites` keyword or global quantities to the `global_quantities` keyword

Args:

Returns:

2.4.3 The viz module

The viz module exists to make visualising simulation output quick and easy for common patterns, such as plotting time courses or comparing parameter estimation output to experimental data. However it should be emphasised that the *matplotlib* and *seaborn* libraries are always close to hand in Python.

The viz module is currently in a state of rebuilding and so I only describe here the features which currently work.

<i>Parse</i>	General class for parsing copasi output into Python.
<i>PlotTimeCourse</i>	Plot time course data
<i>Boxplots</i>	Plot a boxplot for multi parameter estimation data.

pycotools3.viz.Parse

```
class pycotools3.viz.Parse(cls_instance,          log10=False,          co-
                             pasi_file=None, alpha=0.95, rss_value=None,
                             num_data_points=None)
```

General class for parsing copasi output into Python.

First argument is an instance of a pycotools3 class.

instance	Description
tasks.TimeCourse	Parse time course data from TC.report_name into pandas.df
tasks.ParameterEstimation	Parse parameter estimation data from PE.report_name into pandas.df
tasks.Scan	Parse scan data from scan.report_name
tasks.MultiParameterEstimation	Parse folder of parameter estimation data from MPE.results_directory into pandas.df
Parse	enable parsing from a parse instance. Just returns itself
str	Parse data from folder of parameter estimation data into pandas.df. Requires the copasi file argument.

Args:

Returns:

```
__init__(cls_instance,  log10=False,  copasi_file=None,  alpha=0.95,
          rss_value=None, num_data_points=None)
```

Parameters

- **cls_instance** – A instance of pycotools3 class
- **log10** – *bool*. Whether to work on log10 scale
- **copasi_file** – *str*. Optional but necessary when cls_instance is string. Must be the copasi_file which produced the parameter estimation data as Parse extracts data headers from the copasi file
- **rss_value** – float When cls is a profile likelihood with the current_parameters setting,
 rss_value may not be empty. It is not automatically inferable from the COPASI model and must be specified separately.

- **num_data_points** – int When cls is a profile likelihood with current paraemters setting, the number of data points cannot be automatically inferred for the calculation of likelihood ratio based confidence intervals. Therefore, this must be specified by the user.

Methods

<code>__init__(cls_instance[, log10, co-</code> <code>pasi_file, ...])</code>	param <code>cls_instance</code>
<code>from_chaser_estimations(cls_instance[,</code> <code>folder])</code>	return
<code>from_folder()</code>	param <code>folder</code> return:
<code>from_multi_parameter_estimation(cls_instance)</code>	Results without headers - parse the results give them the proper headers then overwrite the file again
<code>from_profile_likelihood()</code>	Parse data from tasks. ProfileLikelihood :return: pandas.DataFrame
<code>from_timecourse()</code>	read time course data into pandas dataframe.
<code>parse()</code>	determine class type of self.cls_instance and call the appropriate method for pars- ing the data type :return:
<code>parse_scan()</code>	read scan data into pandas Dataframe.

Attributes

<code>from_parameter_estimation</code>	Parse parameter estimation data.
--	----------------------------------

from_chaser_estimations (cls_instance, folder=None)

Returns

Parameters

- **cls_instance** –
- **folder** – (Default value = None)

Returns:

from_folder ()

Parameters **folder** – return:

Returns:

static from_multi_parameter_estimation (*cls_instance*,
folder=None)

Results come without headers - parse the results give them the proper headers then overwrite the file again

Parameters

- **cls_instance** – instance of MultiParameterEstiamtion
- **folder** – alternative folder to parse from. Useful for tests (Default value = None)

Returns:

from_parameter_estimation

Parse parameter estimation data. Store the data in a cache. :return:

Args:

Returns:

from_profile_likelihood()

Parse data from `tasks.ProfileLikelihood` :return:

`pandas.DataFrame`

Args:

Returns:

from_timecourse()

read time course data into pandas dataframe. Remove copasi generated square brackets around the variables :return: `pandas.DataFrame`

Args:

Returns:

parse()

determine class type of `self.cls_instance` and call the appropriate method for parsing the data type :return:

Args:

Returns:

parse_scan()

read scan data into pandas Dataframe. :return: `pandas.DataFrame`

Args:

Returns:

pycotools3.viz.PlotTimeCourse

class pycotools3.viz.PlotTimeCourse (cls, **kwargs)

Plot time course data

Time course kwargs:

kwarg	Description
x	<i>str</i> . Parameter to go on x axis. defaults to ‘Time’. If not ‘Time’ then plot is a phase space plot
y	<i>str</i> or <i>list</i> of <i>str</i> . Parameters for the y axis.
log10	<i>bool</i> plot on log10 scale
sepa- rate	<i>bool</i> ‘separate time courses onto different axes. Default: True
**kwargs	See kwargs for more options

Args:

Returns:

`__init__(cls, **kwargs)`

Parameters

- **cls** – Instance of tasks.TimeCourse class
- **kwargs** –

Methods

<code>__init__(cls, **kwargs)</code>	param cls
<code>context([font_scale, rc])</code>	param context (Default value = ‘poster’)
<code>create_directory(results_directory)</code>	create directory for results and switch to it
<code>parse(cls, log10[, copasi_file])</code>	Mixin method interface to parse class :return:
<code>plot()</code>	return
<code>plot_kwargs()</code>	

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<code>save_figure(directory, filename[, dpi])</code>	param directory
<code>truncate(data, mode, theta)</code>	mixin method interface to truncate data
<code>update_properties(kwargs)</code>	method for updating properties from kwargs

plot()**Returns****pycotools3.viz.Boxplots****class** `pycotools3.viz.Boxplots` (*cls*, ****kwargs**)

Plot a boxplot for multi parameter estimation data.

kwarg	Description
<code>num_per_plot</code>	Number of parameter per plot. Remainder fills up another plot.
**kwargs	see kwargs options

Args:

Returns:

__init__ (*cls*, ****kwargs**)**Parameters**

- **cls** – instance of `tasks.MultiParameterEstimation` or string . Same as `PlotTimeCourseEnsemble`
- **kwargs** –

Methods

<code>__init__(cls, **kwargs)</code>	param cls
<code>context([font_scale, rc])</code>	param context (Default value = 'poster')
<code>create_directory()</code>	return

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<code>divide_data()</code>	split data into multi plot :return:
<code>parse(cls, log10[, copasi_file])</code>	Mixin method interface to parse class :return:
<code>plot()</code>	Plot multiple parameter estimation data as boxplot :return:
<code>plot_kwargs()</code>	
<code>save_figure(directory, filename[, dpi])</code>	param directory
<code>truncate(data, mode, theta)</code>	mixin method interface to truncate data
<code>update_properties(kwargs)</code>	method for updating properties from kwargs

create_directory ()

Returns

divide_data ()

split data into multi plot :return:

Args:

Returns:

plot ()

Plot multiple parameter estimation data as boxplot :return:

Args:

Returns:

CHAPTER 3

Support

Users can post a question on stack-overflow using the `pycotools` tag. I get email notifications for these questions and will respond.

CHAPTER 4

People

PyCoTools has been developed by Ciaran Welsh in Daryl Shanley's lab at Newcastle University.

CHAPTER 5

Caveats

- Non-ascii characters are minimally supported and can break PyCoTools
- Do not use unusual characters or naming systems (i.e. A reaction name called “A -> B” will break pycotools)
- In COPASI we can have (say) a global quantity and a metabolite with the same name because they are different entities. This is not supported in Pycotools and you must use unique names for every model component

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