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## **Title**

Determination of the composition of heterogeneous binder solutions by surface plasmon resonance biosensing

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## 1. Supplementary Appendix A - Hessian matrix with $N$ analytes

The hessian matrix can be approximated by:

$$H \approx \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\partial R_{TOT,pred}^{s,t}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \right)^T \left( \frac{\partial R_{TOT,pred}^{s,t}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = [k'_a, k'_d, R'_{max}, R'_I]'$$

With

$$\frac{\partial R_{TOT,pred}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial R_{pred,i}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

The derivatives in (31) can be evaluated by solving the following ODEs along with the system of ODE in (6):

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}}{dt} = f(\mathbf{R}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{d\mathbf{R}}{d\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{R}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

$$\mathbf{R}(0) = [R_1(0), \dots, R_N(0)]' = [0, \dots, 0]'$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \right|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$f_i = k_{ai} F_i C_{TOT} R_{max,i} \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{R_j}{R_{max,j}} \right) - k_{di} R_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N$$

Here we present a way to compute the necessary gradient  $\frac{\partial R_{TOT,pred}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}$  to compute the hessian matrix related to the estimation of the kinetic parameters. Consider 3 matrices:

$$\mathbf{X}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial k_{a,1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial k_{a,N}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_N}{\partial k_{a,1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial R_N}{\partial k_{a,N}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{k}_a}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial k_{d,1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial k_{d,N}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_N}{\partial k_{d,1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial R_N}{\partial k_{d,N}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{k}_d}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial R_{max,1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial R_{max,N}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_N}{\partial R_{max,1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial R_N}{\partial R_{max,N}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{R}_{max}}$$

With  $\mathbf{R} = [R_1, \dots, R_N]'$ .

**Sensibility with respect to  $k_{a,i}$  :**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{X}_1}{dt}(i, i) &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{a,i}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial k_{a,i}} + \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_j} * \frac{\partial R_j}{\partial k_{a,i}} \\ &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{a,i}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * X_1(i, i) + \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_j} * X_1(j, i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{X}_1}{dt}(i, j) &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{a,j}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial k_{a,j}} + \sum_{k \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_k} * \frac{\partial R_k}{\partial k_{a,j}} \\ &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{a,j}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * X_1(i, j) + \sum_{k \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_k} * X_1(k, j) \end{aligned}$$

With partial derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} &= -k_{a,i} F_i C_{TOT} - k_{a,i} \\ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_j} &= -k_{a,i} F_i C_{TOT} \frac{R_{max,i}}{R_{max,j}} \\ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{a,i}} &= F_i C_{TOT} R_{max,i} \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{R_j}{R_{max,j}} \right) \\ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{a,j}} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain:

$$\frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial \mathbf{k}_a} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial k_{a1}} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial k_{aN}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial k_{a1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial k_{aN}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sensibility with respect to  $k_{d,i}$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dX_2}{dt}(i,i) &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{d,i}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial k_{d,i}} + \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_j} * \frac{\partial R_j}{\partial k_{d,i}} \\ &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{d,i}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * X_2(i,i) + \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_j} * X_2(j,i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dX_2}{dt}(i,j) &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{d,j}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial k_{d,j}} + \sum_{k \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_k} * \frac{\partial R_k}{\partial k_{d,j}} \\ &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{d,j}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * X_2(i,j) + \sum_{k \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_k} * X_2(k,j) \end{aligned}$$

With partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{d,i}} = -R_i$$

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial k_{d,j}} = 0$$

We obtain:

$$\frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial \mathbf{k}_d} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial k_{d1}} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial k_{dN}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial k_{d1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial k_{dN}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sensibility with respect to  $R_{max,i}$  :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dX_3}{dt}(i,i) &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_{max,i}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial R_{max,i}} + \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_j} * \frac{\partial R_j}{\partial R_{max,i}} \\ &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_{max,i}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * X_3(i,i) + \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_j} * X_3(j,i)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dX_3}{dt}(i,j) &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_{max,j}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial R_{max,j}} + \sum_{k \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_k} * \frac{\partial R_k}{\partial R_{max,j}} \\ &= \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_{max,j}} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_i} * X_3(i,j) + \sum_{k \neq i}^N \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_k} * X_3(k,j)\end{aligned}$$

With partial derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_{max,i}} &= k_{a,i} F_i C_{TOT} \left( 1 - \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{R_j}{R_{max,j}} \right) \\ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial R_{max,j}} &= \frac{k_{a,i} F_i C_{TOT} R_{max,i}}{R_{max,j}^2} R_j\end{aligned}$$

We obtain:

$$\frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial R_{max}} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial R_{max,1}} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial R_i}{\partial R_{max,N}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial R_{max,1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial R_{max,N}} \end{bmatrix}$$

For each time point of each sensorgram, we obtain:

$$\frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial \theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial k_{a1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial k_{aN}} \\ \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial k_{d1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial k_{dN}} \\ \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial R_{max,1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial R_{PRED,TOT}}{\partial R_{max,N}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Which enables the computation of the gradient  $\frac{\partial R_{TOT,pred}}{\partial \theta}$ . Computing this gradient at every time step of every sensorgram in the data set is necessary to compute the hessian matrix.

## 2. Supplementary Appendix B - Confidence intervals on the fractions

We define  $\hat{F}_i$  as the estimated fraction of analyte  $i$ , i.e.:

$$\hat{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{F}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{F}_N \end{bmatrix}$$

We propose an algorithm similar to the bisection method. Pose:

$$G(F_{i0}) = J(\theta)|_{F_i=F_{i0}} - J(\hat{\theta}) - F_{1-\alpha}(1, n-p) * \frac{n-p}{J(\hat{\theta})}$$

The boundary of the confidence interval is such that  $G(F_{i0}) = 0$ . If points  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $G(a) > 0$  and  $G(b) < 0$  are known, the algorithm consists in:

1. Compute  $G\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$ .
2. If  $G\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) < 0$ , pose  $b = \frac{a+b}{2}$ . Otherwise, pose  $a = \frac{a+b}{2}$ .
3. Test for convergence, i.e. the algorithm can be stopped if  $a - b < TOL$  or if  $\frac{a+b}{2}$  is such that  $F_{i0} > 1$  in the case of an upper bound or  $F_{i0} < 0$  in the case of a lower bound.
4. If there is convergence, the boundary is given by  $\hat{F}_i + \frac{a+b}{2}$  in the case of an upper bound or  $\hat{F}_i - \frac{a+b}{2}$  in the case of a lower bound. Otherwise, return to step 1.
5. Repeat for every analyte and for upper and lower bounds.

To obtain starting points for  $a$  and  $b$ , we can:

1. Pose  $a = 0.5\%$  and  $b = 0\%$ .
2. Compute  $G(a)$ .
3. If  $G(a) < 0$ , pose  $b = a$ , double  $a$  then return to step 2.
4. If  $G(a) > 0$ , the current  $a$  and  $b$  can be used as a starting point for the bisection algorithm.