Dugga 2016-02-16, TBMT19 and TBMT37

Write Dugga-id on all pages. If you are doing this as an omdugga from previous years, Dugga 1 corresponds to questions 1-3, Dugga 2, to questions 3-5. If you take the course 2016, do all questions.

1) Consider the following model, in reaction form

- a) What are the states?
- b) What are the parameters?
- c) What can be measured? (describe it in words)

2) Consider the following set of reactions:

(R1)
$$A \Rightarrow B$$

(R2)
$$B \Rightarrow C$$

(R3)
$$B + C => A$$

- a) What are the differential equations? Assume mass action kinetics for R1 and R3, and Michaelis-Menten kinetics for R2. Don't forget to specify the initial conditions. Specify some values for any parameters you might introduce.
- b) Add a measurement equation saying that you can measure something that is proportional to the sum of A and B.

- 3) Fitting the model to data
 - a) What is the input and output of a cost function?
 - b) What are the residuals, and how do they relate to the cost function?
 - c) What is the principle behind numerical simulations of ordinary differential equations?

4) Statistical tests

- a) Name one benefit of using independent validation data
- b) What is the null hypothesis of a whiteness test?
- c) What happens if you do not reject a chi-square test?

5) Closing the loop

- a) A core prediction has been tested experimentally, and the experiment shows that a value outside the predicted interval has been obtained. What can we then conclude? How would that be different if the prediction was not known to be a core prediction?
- b) You have two models that are acceptable given the current data. How can you use predictions to design an experiment that ensures that a new experiment will be able to distinguish between the models?
- c) Is it better to have a well-determined or an undetermined prediction when trying to convince a biologist to collect experimental measurements of that prediction? Motivate your answer.

Good luck!

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