Rate-Independent Constructs for Chemical Computation

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Appendix: Logarithm Reactions

We present chemical reactions that implement the pseudo-code presented in the text.

System Initialization As with our other modules, we have a small set of reactions to control the overall timing of our system.

$$2x + x'_{ab} + y'_{ab} \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} 2x + g^P \tag{1}$$

$$g^P + x' \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} x'$$
 (2)

$$g^P + y' \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} y'$$
 (3)

$$g^P \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} g^1 + g^2$$

$$\tag{4}$$

Halving We use a slight variation of our decrement module to implement the operation x = x / 2.

$$x + g^1 \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} x' + g^1$$
 (5)

$$g^1 + x_{\rm ab} \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} \varnothing$$
 (6)

$$2 x' + g'_{ab} \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} x + x^{rx}$$
 (7)

$$x^{\mathrm{rx}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{slow}} \varnothing$$
 (8)

$$x' + x_{ab}^{rx} + g_{ab}'^1 \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} \varnothing$$
 (9)

(10)

Increment We use our increment module to implement the line y = y + 1. We set y to be 1 initially.

$$y + g^2 \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} y' + g^2$$
 (11)

$$g^2 + y_{\rm ab} \xrightarrow{\rm slow} \varnothing$$
 (12)

$$y^{\mathrm{rx}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{slow}} \varnothing$$
 (14)

$$y' + y_{ab}^{rx} + g_{ab}'^2 \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} 2y$$
 (15)

(16)

Cleanup Once the module has completed, we decrement y by one, storing the result in y_f .

$$x'_{\rm ab} + y'_{\rm ab} \xrightarrow{\rm slow} done^{\rm P}$$
 (17)

$$done^{\mathbf{P}} + 2x \quad \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} 2x \tag{18}$$
$$done^{\mathbf{P}} + x' \quad \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} x' \tag{19}$$

$$done^{\mathbf{P}} + y' \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} y'$$
 (20)

$$done^{\mathbf{P}} \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} done$$
 (21)

$$2 \text{ done } \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} \text{ done}$$
 (22)

$$done + 2 y \xrightarrow{\text{slow}} y + y_f$$
 (23)

Absence Indicators Two special absence indicators are used by the halving and increment modules above; a total of 13 are needed for the system to function properly. They are of the same form as all other absence indicators, described in the paper.