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ViennaRNA Package core - RNAlib

A Library for folding and comparing RNA secondary structures

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1.1 Introduction

The core of the Vienna RNA Package is formed by a collection of routines for the prediction and comparison of RNA secondary structures. These routines can be accessed through stand-alone programs, such as RNAfold, RNAdistance etc., which should be sufficient for most users. For those who wish to develop their own programs we provide a library which can be linked to your own code.

This document describes the library and will be primarily useful to programmers. However, it also contains details about the implementation that may be of interest to advanced users. The stand-alone programs are described in separate man pages. The latest version of the package including source code and html versions of the documentation can be found at

<http://www.tbi.univie.ac.at/~ivo/RNA/>

Chapter 2

Folding Routines - Functions for Folding RNA Secondary Structures

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2.1 Calculating Minimum Free Energy Structures

The library provides a fast dynamic programming minimum free energy folding algorithm as described by [Zuker & Stiegler \(1981\)](#).

Associated functions are:

```
float fold (char* sequence, char* structure);
```

Compute minimum free energy and an appropriate secondary structure of an RNA sequence.

```
float circfold (char* sequence, char* structure);
```

Compute minimum free energy and an appropriate secondary structure of a circular RNA sequence.

```
float energy_of_structure(const char *string,  
                        const char *structure,  
                        int verbosity_level);
```

Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA using global model detail settings.

```
float energy_of_circ_structure( const char *string,  
                              const char *structure,  
                              int verbosity_level);
```

Calculate the free energy of an already folded circular RNA.

```
void update_fold_params(void);
```

Recalculate energy parameters.

```
void free_arrays(void);
```

Free arrays for mfe folding.

See also

[fold.h](#), [cofold.h](#), [2Dfold.h](#), [Lfold.h](#), [alifold.h](#) and [subopt.h](#) for a complete list of available functions.

2.2 Calculating Partition Functions and Pair Probabilities

Instead of the minimum free energy structure the partition function of all possible structures and from that the pairing probability for every possible pair can be calculated, using a dynamic programming algorithm as described by [McCaskill \(1990\)](#). The following functions are provided:

```
float pf_fold ( char* sequence,
                char* structure)
```

Compute the partition function Q of an RNA sequence.

```
void free_pf_arrays (void)
```

Free arrays for the partition function recursions.

```
void update_pf_params (int length)
```

Recalculate energy parameters.

```
char *get_centroid_struct_pl( int length,
                              double *dist,
                              plist *pl);
```

Get the centroid structure of the ensemble.

```
char *get_centroid_struct_pr( int length,
                              double *dist,
                              double *pr);
```

Get the centroid structure of the ensemble.

```
double mean_bp_distance_pr( int length,
                             double *pr);
```

Get the mean base pair distance in the thermodynamic ensemble.

See also

[part_func.h](#), [part_func_co.h](#), [part_func_up.h](#), [2Dpfold.h](#), [LPfold.h](#), [alifold.h](#) and [MEA.h](#) for a complete list of available functions.

2.3 Searching for Predefined Structures

We provide two functions that search for sequences with a given structure, thereby inverting the folding routines.

```
float inverse_fold (char *start,
                   char *target)
```

Find sequences with predefined structure.

```
float inverse_pf_fold ( char *start,
                       char *target)
```

Find sequence that maximizes probability of a predefined structure.

The following global variables define the behavior or show the results of the inverse folding routines:

```
char *symbolset
```

This global variable points to the allowed bases, initially "AUGC".

See also

[inverse.h](#) for more details and a complete list of available functions.

2.4 Enumerating Suboptimal Structures

```
SOLUTION *subopt (char *sequence,
                 char *constraint,
                 int *delta,
                 FILE *fp)
```

Returns list of subopt structures or writes to fp.

```
SOLUTION *subopt_circ ( char *sequence,
                       char *constraint,
                       int *delta,
                       FILE *fp)
```

Returns list of circular subopt structures or writes to fp.

```
SOLUTION *zukersubopt(const char *string);
```

Compute Zuker type suboptimal structures.

```
char *TwoDpfold_pbacktrack ( TwoDpfold_vars *vars,
                             unsigned int d1,
                             unsigned int d2)
```

Sample secondary structure representatives from a set of distance classes according to their Boltzmann probability.

```
char *alipbacktrack (double *prob)
```

Sample a consensus secondary structure from the Boltzmann ensemble according its probability

.

```
char *pbacktrack(char *sequence);
```

Sample a secondary structure from the Boltzmann ensemble according its probability

.

```
char *pbacktrack_circ(char *sequence);
```

Sample a secondary structure of a circular RNA from the Boltzmann ensemble according its probability.

See also

[subopt.h](#), [part_func.h](#), [alifold.h](#) and [2Dpfold.h](#) for more detailed descriptions

2.5 Predicting hybridization structures of two molecules

The function of an RNA molecule often depends on its interaction with other RNAs. The following routines therefore allow to predict structures formed by two RNA molecules upon hybridization.

One approach to co-folding two RNAs consists of concatenating the two sequences and keeping track of the concatenation point in all energy evaluations. Correspondingly, many of the [cofold\(\)](#) and [co_pf_fold\(\)](#) routines below take one sequence string as argument and use the the global variable [cut_point](#) to mark the concatenation point. Note that while the *RNAcofold* program uses the '&' character to mark the chain break in its input, you should not use an '&' when using the library routines (set [cut_point](#) instead).

In a second approach to co-folding two RNAs, cofolding is seen as a stepwise process. In the first step the probability of an unpaired region is calculated and in a second step this probability of an unpaired region is multiplied with the probability of an interaction between the two RNAs. This approach is implemented for the interaction between a long target sequence and a short ligand RNA. Function [pf_unstru\(\)](#) calculates the partition function over all unpaired regions in the input sequence. Function [pf_interact\(\)](#), which calculates the partition function over all possible interactions between two sequences, needs both sequence as separate strings as input.

```
int cut_point
```

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Marks the position (starting from 1) of the first nucleotide of the second molecule within the concatenated sequence.

```
float cofold (char *sequence,
             char *structure)
```

Compute the minimum free energy of two interacting RNA molecules.

```
void free_co_arrays (void)
```

Free memory occupied by `cofold()`.

Partition Function Cofolding

To simplify the implementation the partition function computation is done internally in a null model that does not include the duplex initiation energy, i.e. the entropic penalty for producing a dimer from two monomers). The resulting free energies and pair probabilities are initially relative to that null model. In a second step the free energies can be corrected to include the dimerization penalty, and the pair probabilities can be divided into the conditional pair probabilities given that a re dimer is formed or not formed.

```
cofoldF co_pf_fold( char *sequence,
                   char *structure);
```

Calculate partition function and base pair probabilities.

```
void free_co_pf_arrays(void);
```

Free the memory occupied by `co_pf_fold()`.

Cofolding all Dimers, Concentrations

After computing the partition functions of all possible dimers one can compute the probabilities of base pairs, the concentrations out of start concentrations and sofar and soaway.

```
void compute_probabilities(
    double FAB,
    double FEA,
    double FEB,
    struct plist *prAB,
    struct plist *prA,
    struct plist *prB,
    int Alength)
```

Compute Boltzmann probabilities of dimerization without homodimers.

```
ConcEnt *get_concentrations(double FEAB,
                          double FEAA,
                          double FEBB,
                          double FEA,
                          double FEB,
                          double * startconc)
```

Given two start monomer concentrations a and b, compute the concentrations in thermodynamic equilibrium of all dimers and the monomers.

Partition Function Cofolding as a stepwise process

In this approach to cofolding the interaction between two RNA molecules is seen as a stepwise process. In a first step, the target molecule has to adopt a structure in which a binding site is accessible. In a second step, the ligand molecule will hybridize with a region accessible to an interaction. Consequently the algorithm is designed as a two step process: The first step is the calculation of the probability that a region within the target is unpaired, or equivalently, the calculation of the free energy needed to expose a region. In the second step we compute the free energy of an interaction for every possible binding site. Associated functions are:

```
pu_contrib *pf_unstru ( char *sequence,
                      int max_w)
```

Calculate the partition function over all unpaired regions of a maximal length.

```
void free_pu_contrib_struct (pu_contrib *pu)
```

Frees the output of function [pf_unstru\(\)](#).

```
interact *pf_interact (
    const char *s1,
    const char *s2,
    pu_contrib *p_c,
    pu_contrib *p_c2,
    int max_w,
    char *cstruc,
    int incr3,
    int incr5)
```

Calculates the probability of a local interaction between two sequences.

```
void free_interact (interact *pin)
```

Frees the output of function [pf_interact\(\)](#).

See also

[cofold.h](#), [part_func_co.h](#) and [part_func_up.h](#) for more details

2.6 Predicting local structures of large sequences

Local structures can be predicted by a modified version of the [fold\(\)](#) algorithm that restricts the span of all base pairs.

```
float Lfold ( const char *string,
             char *structure,
             int maxdist)
```

The local analog to [fold\(\)](#).

```
float aliLfold( const char **strings,
               char *structure,
               int maxdist)
```

```
float Lfoldz (const char *string,
             char *structure,
             int maxdist,
             int zsc,
             double min_z)
```

```
plist *pfl_fold (
    char *sequence,
    int winSize,
    int pairSize,
    float cutoffb,
    double **pU,
    struct plist **dpp2,
    FILE *pUfp,
    FILE *spup)
```

Compute partition functions for locally stable secondary structures (**berni! update me**)

See also

[Lfold.h](#) and [LPfold.h](#) for more details

2.7 Predicting Consensus Structures from Alignment

Consensus structures can be predicted by a modified version of the [fold\(\)](#) algorithm that takes a set of aligned sequences instead of a single sequence. The energy function consists of the mean energy averaged over the sequences, plus a covariance term that favors pairs with consistent and compensatory mutations and penalizes pairs that cannot be formed by all structures. For details see [Hofacker \(2002\)](#).

```
float alifold (const char **strings,
              char *structure)
```

Compute MFE and according consensus structure of an alignment of sequences.

```
float circularifold (const char **strings,
                   char *structure)
```

Compute MFE and according structure of an alignment of sequences assuming the sequences are circular instead of linear.

```
void free_alifold_arrays (void)
```

Free the memory occupied by MFE alifold functions.

```
float energy_of_alistruct (
    const char **sequences,
    const char *structure,
    int n_seq,
    float *energy)
```

Calculate the free energy of a consensus structure given a set of aligned sequences.

```
struct pair_info
```

A base pair info structure.

```
double cv_fact
```

This variable controls the weight of the covariance term in the energy function of alignment folding algorithms.

```
double nc_fact
```

This variable controls the magnitude of the penalty for non-compatible sequences in the covariance term of alignment folding algorithms.

See also

[alifold.h](#) for more details

2.8 Global Variables for the Folding Routines

The following global variables change the behavior the folding algorithms or contain additional information after folding.

```
int noGU
```

Global switch to forbid/allow GU base pairs at all.

```
int no_closingGU
```

GU allowed only inside stacks if set to 1.

```
int noLonelyPairs
```

Global switch to avoid/allow helices of length 1.

```
int tetra_loop
```

Include special stabilizing energies for some tri-, tetra- and hexa-loops;

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`int energy_set`

0 = BP; 1=any mit GC; 2=any mit AU-parameter

`float temperature`

Rescale energy parameters to a temperature in degC.

`int dangles`

Switch the energy model for dangling end contributions (0, 1, 2, 3).

`char *nonstandards`

contains allowed non standard base pairs

`int cut_point`

Marks the position (starting from 1) of the first nucleotide of the second molecule within the concatenated sequence.

`float pf_scale`

A scaling factor used by [pf_fold\(\)](#) to avoid overflows.

`int fold_constrained`

Global switch to activate/deactivate folding with structure constraints.

`int do_backtrack`

do backtracking, i.e.

`char backtrack_type`

A backtrack array marker for [inverse_fold\(\)](#).

include [fold_vars.h](#) if you want to change any of these variables from their defaults.

See also

[fold_vars.h](#) for a more complete and detailed description of all global variables and how to use them

2.9 Reading Energy Parameters from File

A default set of parameters, identical to the one described in [Mathews et.al. \(2004\)](#), is compiled into the library.

Alternately, parameters can be read from and written to a file.

```
void read_parameter_file (const char fname[])
```

Read energy parameters from a file.

```
void write_parameter_file (const char fname[])
```

Write energy parameters to a file.

To preserve some backward compatibility the RNALib also provides functions to convert energy parameter files from the format used in version 1.4-1.8 into the new format used since version 2.0

```
void convert_parameter_file (  
    const char *iname,  
    const char *oname,  
    unsigned int options)
```

Convert/dump a Vienna 1.8.4 formatted energy parameter file.

See also

[read_epars.h](#) and [convert_epars.h](#) for detailed description of the available functions

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Chapter 3

Parsing and Comparing - Functions to Manipulate Structures

Representations of Secondary Structures

The standard representation of a secondary structure is the *bracket notation*, where matching brackets symbolize base pairs and unpaired bases are shown as dots. Alternatively, one may use two types of node labels, 'P' for paired and 'U' for unpaired; a dot is then replaced by '(U)', and each closed bracket is assigned an additional identifier 'P'. We call this the expanded notation. In Fontana et al. (1993) a condensed representation of the secondary structure is proposed, the so-called homeomorphically irreducible tree (HIT) representation. Here a stack is represented as a single pair of matching brackets labeled 'P' and weighted by the number of base pairs. Correspondingly, a contiguous strain of unpaired bases is shown as one pair of matching brackets labeled 'U' and weighted by its length. Generally any string consisting of matching brackets and identifiers is equivalent to a plane tree with as many different types of nodes as there are identifiers.

Bruce Shapiro (1988) proposed a coarse grained representation, which, does not retain the full information of the secondary structure. He represents the different structure elements by single matching brackets and labels them as 'H' (hairpin loop), 'I' (interior loop), 'B' (bulge), 'M' (multi-loop), and 'S' (stack). We extend his alphabet by an extra letter for external elements 'E'. Again these identifiers may be followed by a weight corresponding to the number of unpaired bases or base pairs in the structure element. All tree representations (except for the dot-bracket form) can be encapsulated into a virtual root (labeled 'R'), see the example below.

The following example illustrates the different linear tree representations used by the package. All lines show the same secondary structure.

```
a) . (((((...(((...)))...((...)))...)).
    (U) (((((U) (U) (((U) (U) (U) P) P) P) (U) (U) ((U) (U) P) P) P) (U) P) P) (U)
b) (U) ((U2) ((U3) P3) (U2) ((U2) P2) P2) (U) P2) (U)
c) ((H) (H) M) B)
    (((((H) S) ((H) S) M) S) B) S)
    ((((((H) S) ((H) S) M) S) B) S) E)
d) (((((((H3) S3) ((H2) S2) M4) S2) B1) S2) E2) R)
```

Above: **Tree** representations of secondary structures. a) Full structure: the first line shows the more convenient condensed notation which is used by our programs; the second line shows the rather clumsy expanded notation for completeness, b) HIT structure, c) different versions of coarse grained structures: the second line is exactly Shapiro's representation, the first line is obtained by neglecting the stems. Since each loop is closed by a unique stem, these two lines are equivalent. The third line is an extension taking into account also the external digits. d) weighted coarse structure, this time including the virtual root.

For the output of aligned structures from string editing, different representations are needed, where we put the label on both sides. The above examples for tree representations would then look like:

```
a) (UU) (P (P (P (P (UU) (UU) (P (P (P (UU) (UU) (UU) P) P) P) (UU) (UU) (P (P (UU) (U...
b) (UU) (P2 (P2 (U2U2) (P2 (U3U3) P3) (U2U2) (P2 (U2U2) P2) P2) (UU) P2) (UU)
c) (B (M (HH) (HH) M) B)
    (S (B (S (M (S (HH) S) (S (HH) S) M) S) B) S)
    (E (S (B (S (M (S (HH) S) (S (HH) S) M) S) B) S) E)
d) (R (E2 (S2 (B1 (S2 (M4 (S3 (H3) S3) ((H2) S2) M4) S2) B1) S2) E2) R)
```

Aligned structures additionally contain the gap character '_'.

Parsing and Coarse Graining of Structures

Several functions are provided for parsing structures and converting to different representations.

```
char *expand_Full(const char *structure)
```

Convert the full structure from bracket notation to the expanded notation including root.

```
char *b2HIT (const char *structure)
```

Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the HIT notation including root.

```
char *b2C (const char *structure)
```

Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the a coarse grained notation using the 'H' 'B' 'I' 'M' and 'R' identifiers.

```
char *b2Shapiro (const char *structure)
```

Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the *weighted* coarse grained notation using the 'H' 'B' 'I' 'M' 'S' 'E' and 'R' identifiers.

```
char *expand_Shapiro (const char *coarse);
```

Inserts missing 'S' identifiers in unweighted coarse grained structures as obtained from [b2C\(\)](#).

```
char *add_root (const char *structure)
```

Adds a root to an un-rooted tree in any except bracket notation.

```
char *unexpand_Full (const char *ffull)
```

Restores the bracket notation from an expanded full or HIT tree, that is any tree using only identifiers 'U' 'P' and 'R'.

```
char *unweight (const char *wcoarse)
```

Strip weights from any weighted tree.

```
void unexpand_aligned_F (char *align[2])
```

Converts two aligned structures in expanded notation.

```
void parse_structure (const char *structure)
```

Collects a statistic of structure elements of the full structure in bracket notation.

See also

[RNAstruct.h](#) for prototypes and more detailed description

Distance Measures

A simple measure of dissimilarity between secondary structures of equal length is the base pair distance, given by the number of pairs present in only one of the two structures being compared. I.e. the number of base pairs that have to be opened or closed to transform one structure into the other. It is therefore particularly useful for comparing structures on the same sequence. It is implemented by

```
int bp_distance(const char *str1,
               const char *str2)
```

Compute the "base pair" distance between two secondary structures s1 and s2.

For other cases a distance measure that allows for gaps is preferable. We can define distances between structures as edit distances between trees or their string representations. In the case of string distances this is the same as "sequence alignment". Given a set of edit operations and edit costs, the edit distance is given by the minimum sum of the costs along an edit path converting one object into the other. Edit distances like these always define a metric. The edit operations used by us are insertion, deletion and replacement of nodes. String editing does not pay attention to the matching of brackets, while in tree editing matching brackets represent a single node of the tree. [Tree](#) editing is therefore usually preferable, although somewhat slower. String edit distances are always smaller or equal to tree edit distances.

The different level of detail in the structure representations defined above naturally leads to different measures of distance. For full structures we use a cost of 1 for deletion or insertion of an unpaired base and 2 for a base pair. Replacing an unpaired base for a pair incurs a cost of 1.

Two cost matrices are provided for coarse grained structures:

```
/* Null,  H,  B,  I,  M,  S,  E  */
{ 0,  2,  2,  2,  2,  1,  1}, /* Null replaced */
{ 2,  0,  2,  2,  2, INF, INF}, /* H   replaced */
{ 2,  2,  0,  1,  2, INF, INF}, /* B   replaced */
{ 2,  2,  1,  0,  2, INF, INF}, /* I   replaced */
{ 2,  2,  2,  2,  2,  0, INF, INF}, /* M   replaced */
{ 1, INF, INF, INF, INF, INF,  0, INF}, /* S   replaced */
{ 1, INF, INF, INF, INF, INF,  0}, /* E   replaced */

/* Null,  H,  B,  I,  M,  S,  E  */
{ 0, 100,  5,  5, 75,  5,  5}, /* Null replaced */
```

```

{ 100, 0, 8, 8, 8, INF, INF}, /* H replaced */
{ 5, 8, 0, 3, 8, INF, INF}, /* B replaced */
{ 5, 8, 3, 0, 8, INF, INF}, /* I replaced */
{ 75, 8, 8, 8, 0, INF, INF}, /* M replaced */
{ 5, INF, INF, INF, INF, 0, INF}, /* S replaced */
{ 5, INF, INF, INF, INF, INF, 0}, /* E replaced */

```

The lower matrix uses the costs given in [Shapiro \(1990\)](#). All distance functions use the following global variables:

```
int cost_matrix;
```

Specify the cost matrix to be used for distance calculations.

```
int edit_backtrack;
```

Produce an alignment of the two structures being compared by tracing the editing path giving the minimum distance.

```
char *aligned_line[4];
```

Contains the two aligned structures after a call to one of the distance functions with [edit_backtrack](#) set to 1.

See also

[utils.h](#), [dist_vars.h](#) and [stringdist.h](#) for more details

Functions for Tree Edit Distances

```
Tree *make_tree (char *struc)
```

Constructs a [Tree](#) (essentially the postorder list) of the structure 'struc', for use in [tree_edit_distance\(\)](#).

```
float tree_edit_distance (Tree *T1,
                        Tree *T2)
```

Calculates the edit distance of the two trees.

```
void free_tree(Tree *t)
```

Free the memory allocated for [Tree](#) t.

See also

[dist_vars.h](#) and [treedist.h](#) for prototypes and more detailed descriptions

Functions for String Alignment

```
swString *Make_swString (char *string)
```

Convert a structure into a format suitable for [string_edit_distance\(\)](#).

```
float      string_edit_distance (swString *T1,  
                                swString *T2)
```

Calculate the string edit distance of T1 and T2.

See also

[dist_vars.h](#) and [stringdist.h](#) for prototypes and more detailed descriptions

Functions for Comparison of Base Pair Probabilities

For comparison of base pair probability matrices, the matrices are first condensed into probability profiles which are then compared by alignment.

```
float *Make_bp_profile_bppm ( double *bppm,  
                             int length)
```

condense pair probability matrix into a vector containing probabilities for upstream paired, downstream paired and unpaired.

```
float profile_edit_distance ( const float *T1,  
                             const float *T2)
```

Align the 2 probability profiles T1, T2

.

See also

[ProfileDist.h](#) for prototypes and more details of the above functions

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4.1 Producing secondary structure graphs

```
int PS_rna_plot ( char *string,
                 char *structure,
                 char *file)
```

Produce a secondary structure graph in PostScript and write it to 'filename'.

```
int PS_rna_plot_a (
    char *string,
    char *structure,
    char *file,
    char *pre,
    char *post)
```

Produce a secondary structure graph in PostScript including additional annotation macros and write it to 'filename'.

```
int gmlRNA (char *string,
            char *structure,
            char *ssfile,
            char option)
```

Produce a secondary structure graph in Graph Meta Language (gml) and write it to a file.

```
int ssv_rna_plot (char *string,
                  char *structure,
                  char *ssfile)
```

Produce a secondary structure graph in SStructView format.

```
int svg_rna_plot (char *string,
                  char *structure,
                  char *ssfile)
```

Produce a secondary structure plot in SVG format and write it to a file.

```
int xrna_plot ( char *string,
               char *structure,
               char *ssfile)
```

Produce a secondary structure plot for further editing in XRNA.

```
int rna_plot_type
```

Switch for changing the secondary structure layout algorithm.

Two low-level functions provide direct access to the graph layouting algorithms:

```
int simple_xy_coordinates ( short *pair_table,
                           float *X,
                           float *Y)
```

Calculate nucleotide coordinates for secondary structure plot the *Simple way*

```
int naview_xy_coordinates ( short *pair_table,
                           float *X,
                           float *Y)
```

See also

[PS_dot.h](#) and [naview.h](#) for more detailed descriptions.

4.2 Producing (colored) dot plots for base pair probabilities

```
int PS_color_dot_plot ( char *string,
                       cpair *pi,
                       char *filename)
```

```
int PS_color_dot_plot_turn (char *seq,
                            cpair *pi,
                            char *filename,
                            int winSize)
```

```
int PS_dot_plot_list (char *seq,
                     char *filename,
                     plist *pl,
                     plist *mf,
                     char *comment)
```

Produce a postscript dot-plot from two pair lists.

```
int PS_dot_plot_turn (char *seq,
                     struct plist *pl,
                     char *filename,
                     int winSize)
```

See also

[PS_dot.h](#) for more detailed descriptions.

4.3 Producing (colored) alignments

```
int PS_color_aln (
    const char *structure,
    const char *filename,
    const char *seqs[],
    const char *names[])
```

4.4 RNA sequence related utilities

Several functions provide useful applications to RNA sequences

```
char *random_string (int l,
                    const char symbols[])
```

Create a random string using characters from a specified symbol set.

```
int hamming ( const char *s1,
              const char *s2)
```

Calculate hamming distance between two sequences.

```
void str_DNA2RNA(char *sequence);
```

Convert a DNA input sequence to RNA alphabet.

```
void str_uppercase(char *sequence);
```

Convert an input sequence to uppercase.

4.5 RNA secondary structure related utilities

```
char *pack_structure (const char *struc)
```

Pack secondary secondary structure, 5:1 compression using base 3 encoding.

```
char *unpack_structure (const char *packed)
```

Unpack secondary structure previously packed with [pack_structure\(\)](#).

```
short *make_pair_table (const char *structure)
```

Create a pair table of a secondary structure.

```
short *copy_pair_table (const short *pt)
```

Get an exact copy of a pair table.

4.6 Miscellaneous Utilities

```
void print_tty_input_seq (void)
```

Print a line to *stdout* that asks for an input sequence.

```
void print_tty_constraint_full (void)
```

Print structure constraint characters to *stdout* (full constraint support).

```
void print_tty_constraint (unsigned int option)
```

Print structure constraint characters to *stdout*.

```
int *get_iindx (unsigned int length)
```

Get an index mapper array (*iindx*) for accessing the energy matrices, e.g.

```
int *get_indx (unsigned int length)
```

Get an index mapper array (*indx*) for accessing the energy matrices, e.g.

```
void constrain_ptypes (  
    const char *constraint,  
    unsigned int length,  
    char *ptype,  
    int *BP,  
    int min_loop_size,  
    unsigned int idx_type)
```

Insert constraining pair types according to constraint structure string.

```
char *get_line(FILE *fp);
```

Read a line of arbitrary length from a stream.

```
unsigned int read_record(  
    char **header,  
    char **sequence,  
    char ***rest,  
    unsigned int options);
```

Get a data record from *stdin*.

```
char *time_stamp (void)
```

Get a timestamp.

```
void warn_user (const char message[])
```

Print a warning message.

```
void nrerror (const char message[])
```

Die with an error message.

```
void  init_rand (void)
```

Make random number seeds.

```
unsigned short xsubi[3];
```

Current 48 bit random number.

```
double urn (void)
```

get a random number from [0..1]

```
int  int_urn (int from, int to)
```

Generates a pseudo random integer in a specified range.

```
void *space (unsigned size)
```

Allocate space safely.

```
void *xrealloc ( void *p,  
                unsigned size)
```

Reallocate space safely.

See also

[utils.h](#) for a complete overview and detailed description of the utility functions

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Chapter 5

Example - A Small Example Program

The following program exercises most commonly used functions of the library.

The program folds two sequences using both the mfe and partition function algorithms and calculates the tree edit and profile distance of the resulting structures and base pairing probabilities.

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "utils.h"
#include "fold_vars.h"
#include "fold.h"
#include "part_func.h"
#include "inverse.h"
#include "RNAstruct.h"
#include "treedist.h"
#include "stringdist.h"
#include "ProfileDist.h"

void main()
{
    char *seq1="CGCAGGGGAUACCCGCG", *seq2="GCGCCCAUAGGGACGC",
        *struct1,* struct2,* xstruc;
    float e1, e2, tree_dist, string_dist, profile_dist, kT;
    Tree *T1, *T2;
    swString *S1, *S2;
    float **pf1, **pf2;
    FLT_OR_DBL *bppm;
    /* fold at 30C instead of the default 37C */
    temperature = 30.; /* must be set *before* initializing */

    /* allocate memory for structure and fold */
    struct1 = (char* ) space(sizeof(char)*(strlen(seq1)+1));
    e1 = fold(seq1, struct1);

    struct2 = (char* ) space(sizeof(char)*(strlen(seq2)+1));
    e2 = fold(seq2, struct2);

    free_arrays(); /* free arrays used in fold() */

    /* produce tree and string representations for comparison */
    xstruc = expand_Full(struct1);
    T1 = make_tree(xstruc);
    S1 = Make_swString(xstruc);
    free(xstruc);

    xstruc = expand_Full(struct2);
    T2 = make_tree(xstruc);
    S2 = Make_swString(xstruc);
    free(xstruc);

    /* calculate tree edit distance and aligned structures with gaps */
    edit_backtrack = 1;
    tree_dist = tree_edit_distance(T1, T2);
    free_tree(T1); free_tree(T2);
    unexpand_aligned_F(aligned_line);
    printf("%s\n%s %3.2f\n", aligned_line[0], aligned_line[1], tree_dist);

    /* same thing using string edit (alignment) distance */
    string_dist = string_edit_distance(S1, S2);
    free(S1); free(S2);
    printf("%s mfe=%5.2f\n%s mfe=%5.2f dist=%3.2f\n",
        aligned_line[0], e1, aligned_line[1], e2, string_dist);
}

```

```

/* for longer sequences one should also set a scaling factor for
   partition function folding, e.g: */
kT = (temperature+273.15)*1.98717/1000.; /* kT in kcal/mol */
pf_scale = exp(-e1/kT/strlen(seq1));

/* calculate partition function and base pair probabilities */
e1 = pf_fold(seq1, struct1);
/* get the base pair probability matrix for the previous run of pf_fold() */
bppm = export_bppm();
pf1 = Make_bp_profile_bppm(bppm, strlen(seq1));

e2 = pf_fold(seq2, struct2);
/* get the base pair probability matrix for the previous run of pf_fold() */
bppm = export_bppm();
pf2 = Make_bp_profile(strlen(seq2));

free_pf_arrays(); /* free space allocated for pf_fold() */

profile_dist = profile_edit_distance(pf1, pf2);
printf("%s free energy=%5.2f\n%s free energy=%5.2f dist=%3.2f\n",
        aligned_line[0], e1, aligned_line[1], e2, profile_dist);

free_profile(pf1); free_profile(pf2);
}

```

In a typical Unix environment you would compile this program using:

```
cc ${OPENMP_CFLAGS} -c example.c -I${hpath}
```

and link using

```
cc ${OPENMP_CFLAGS} -o example -L${lpath} -lRNA -lm
```

where *hpath* and *lpath* point to the location of the header files and library, respectively.

Note

As default, the RNAlib is compiled with build-in *OpenMP* multithreading support. Thus, when linking your own object files to the library you have to pass the compiler specific *OPENMP_CFLAGS* (e.g. '-fopenmp' for **gcc**) even if your code does not use openmp specific code. However, in that case the *OpenMP* flags may be omitted when compiling example.c

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Chapter 7

Deprecated List

Global **base_pair** Do not use this variable anymore!

Global **centroid**(int length, double *dist) This function is deprecated and should not be used anymore as it is not threadsafe!

Global **energy_of_circ_struct**(const char *string, const char *structure) This function is deprecated and should not be used in future programs Use [energy_of_circ_structure\(\)](#) instead!

Global **energy_of_struct**(const char *string, const char *structure) This function is deprecated and should not be used in future programs! Use [energy_of_structure\(\)](#) instead!

Global **energy_of_struct_pt**(const char *string, short *ptable, short *s, short *s1) This function is deprecated and should not be used in future programs! Use [energy_of_structure_pt\(\)](#) instead!

Global **expHairpinEnergy**(int u, int type, short si1, short sj1, const char *string) Use [exp_E_Hairpin\(\)](#) from [loop_energies.h](#) instead

Global **expLoopEnergy**(int u1, int u2, int type, int type2, short si1, short sj1, short sp1, short sq1) Use [exp_E_IntLoop\(\)](#) from [loop_energies.h](#) instead

Global **get_plist**(struct plist *pl, int length, double cut_off) { This function is deprecated and will be removed soon! } use [assign_plist_from_pr\(\)](#) instead!

Global **HairpinE**(int size, int type, int si1, int sj1, const char *string) { This function is deprecated and will be removed soon. Use [E_Hairpin\(\)](#) instead! }

Global **iindx** Do not use this variable anymore!

Global **init_co_pf_fold**(int length) { This function is deprecated and will be removed soon! }

Global **init_pf_fold**(int length) This function is obsolete and will be removed soon!

Global **initialize_cofold**(int length) { This function is obsolete and will be removed soon! }

Global [initialize_fold](#)(int length) {This function is deprecated and will be removed soon!}

Global [LoopEnergy](#)(int n1, int n2, int type, int type_2, int si1, int sj1, int sp1, int sq1)
{This function is deprecated and will be removed soon. Use [E_IntLoop](#)() instead!}

Global [Make_bp_profile](#)(int length) This function is deprecated and will be removed soon! See [Make_bp_profile_bppm](#)() for a replacement

Global [mean_bp_dist](#)(int length) This function is not threadsafe and should not be used anymore. Use [mean_bp_distance](#)() instead!

Global [pr](#) Do not use this variable anymore!

Global [PS_dot_plot](#)(char *string, char *file) This function is deprecated and will be removed soon! Use [PS_dot_plot_list](#)() instead!

Chapter 8

Data Structure Index

8.1 Data Structures

Here are the data structures with brief descriptions:

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bondTEn (Base pair with associated energy)	??
cofoldF	??
ConcEnt	??
constrain	??
COORDINATE (This is a workarround for the SWIG Perl Wrapper RNA plot function that returns an array of type COORDINATE)	??
cpair (This datastructure is used as input parameter in functions of PS_dot.c)	??
duplexT	??
dupVar	??
folden	??
interact	??
intermediate_t	??
INTERVAL (Sequence interval stack element used in subopt.c)	??
LIST	??
LST_BUCKET	??
model_detailsT (The data structure that contains the complete model details used throughout the calculations)	??
move_t	??
PAIR (Base pair data structure used in subopt.c)	??
pair_info (A base pair info structure)	??
pairpro	??
paramT (The datastructure that contains temperature scaled energy param- eters)	??
path_t	??
pf_paramT (The datastructure that contains temperature scaled Boltzmann weights of the energy parameters)	??
plist (This datastructure is used as input parameter in functions of PS_dot.h and others)	??

Postorder_list	??
pu_contrib	??
pu_out	??
sect (Stack of partial structures for backtracking)	??
snoopT	??
SOLUTION (Solution element from subopt.c)	??
svm_model	??
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Tree	??
TwoDfold_solution (Solution element returned from TwoDfoldList)	??
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TwoDpfold_vars (Variables compound for 2Dfold partition function folding)	??

Chapter 9

File Index

9.1 File List

Here is a list of all documented files with brief descriptions:

mainpage.h	??
H/2Dfold.h (Compute the minimum free energy (MFE) and secondary structures for a partitioning of the secondary structure space according to the base pair distance to two fixed reference structures basepair distance to two fixed reference structures)	??
H/2Dpfold.h (Compute the partition function and stochastically sample secondary structures for a partitioning of the secondary structure space according to the base pair distance to two fixed reference structures)	??
H/ali_plex.h	??
H/alifold.h (Compute various properties (consensus MFE structures, partition function, Boltzmann distributed stochastic samples,)	??
H/aln_util.h	??
H/cofold.h (MFE version of cofolding routines)	??
H/convert_epars.h (Functions and definitions for energy parameter file format conversion)	??
H/data_structures.h (All datastructures and typedefs shared among the Vienna RNA Package can be found here)	??
H/dist_vars.h (Global variables for Distance-Package)	??
H/duplex.h (Duplex folding function declarations)	??
H/edit_cost.h (Global variables for Edit Costs included by treedist.c and stringdist.c)	??
H/energy_const.h (Energy constants)	??
H/energy_par.h	??
H/findpath.h (Compute direct refolding paths between two secondary structures)	??
H/fold.h (MFE calculations and energy evaluations for single RNA sequences)	??
H/fold_vars.h (Here all all declarations of the global variables used throughout RNALib)	??

H/inverse.h (Inverse folding routines)	??
H/Lfold.h (Predicting local MFE structures of large sequences)	??
H/loop_energies.h (Energy evaluation for MFE and partition function calculations)	??
H/LPfold.h (Function declarations of partition function variants of the Lfold algorithm)	??
H/MEA.h (Computes a MEA (maximum expected accuracy) structure)	??
H/mm.h (Several Maximum Matching implementations)	??
H/naview.h	??
H/pair_mat.h	??
H/params.h (Several functions to obtain (pre)scaled energy parameter data containers)	??
H/part_func.h (Partition function of single RNA sequences)	??
H/part_func_co.h (Partition function for two RNA sequences)	??
H/part_func_up.h (Partition Function Cofolding as stepwise process)	??
H/PKplex.h	??
H/plex.h	??
H/plot_layouts.h (Secondary structure plot layout algorithms)	??
H/ProfileAln.h	??
H/profiledist.h	??
H/PS_dot.h (Various functions for plotting RNA secondary structures, dot-plots and other visualizations)	??
H/read_epars.h (Functions to read and write energy parameter sets from/to files)	??
H/ribo.h	??
H/RNAstruct.h (Parsing and Coarse Graining of Structures)	??
H/snofold.h	??
H/snoop.h	??
H/stringdist.h (Functions for String Alignment)	??
H/subopt.h (RNAsubopt and density of states declarations)	??
H/svm_utils.h	??
H/treedist.h (Functions for Tree Edit Distances)	??
H/utils.h (Various utility- and helper-functions used throughout the Vienna RNA package)	??
lib/1.8.4_epars.h (Free energy parameters for parameter file conversion)	??
lib/1.8.4_intloops.h (Free energy parameters for interior loop contributions needed by the parameter file conversion functions)	??
lib/intl11.h	??
lib/intl11dH.h	??
lib/intl21.h	??
lib/intl21dH.h	??
lib/intl22.h	??
lib/intl22dH.h	??
lib/list.h	??

Chapter 10

Data Structure Documentation

10.1 bondT Struct Reference

base pair

10.1.1 Detailed Description

base pair

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.2 bondTEn Struct Reference

base pair with associated energy

10.2.1 Detailed Description

base pair with associated energy

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.3 cofoldF Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.4 ConcEnt Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.5 constrain Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.6 COORDINATE Struct Reference

this is a workarround for the SWIG Perl Wrapper RNA plot function that returns an array of type [COORDINATE](#)

10.6.1 Detailed Description

this is a workarround for the SWIG Perl Wrapper RNA plot function that returns an array of type [COORDINATE](#)

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.7 cpair Struct Reference

this datastructure is used as input parameter in functions of PS_dot.c

10.7.1 Detailed Description

this datastructure is used as input parameter in functions of PS_dot.c

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.8 duplexT Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.9 dupVar Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.10 folden Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

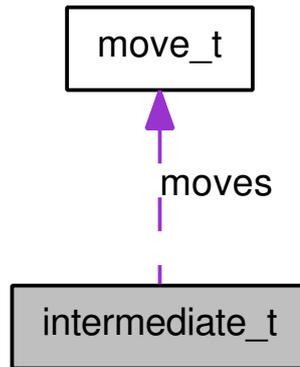
10.11 interact Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.12 intermediate_t Struct Reference

Collaboration diagram for intermediate_t:



The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.13 INTERVAL Struct Reference

sequence interval stack element used in subopt.c

10.13.1 Detailed Description

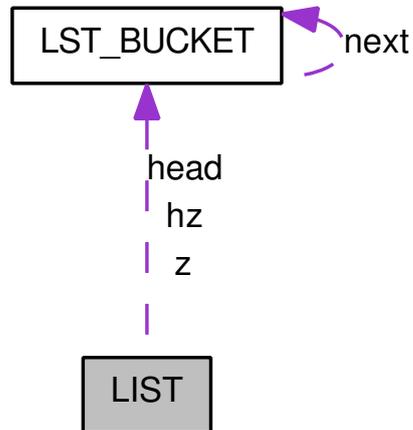
sequence interval stack element used in subopt.c

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.14 LIST Struct Reference

Collaboration diagram for LIST:



The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- lib/list.h

10.15 LST_BUCKET Struct Reference

Collaboration diagram for LST_BUCKET:



The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- lib/list.h

10.16 `model_detailsT` Struct Reference

The data structure that contains the complete model details used throughout the calculations.

10.16.1 Detailed Description

The data structure that contains the complete model details used throughout the calculations.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.17 move_t Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.18 PAIR Struct Reference

base pair data structure used in subopt.c

10.18.1 Detailed Description

base pair data structure used in subopt.c

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.19 pair_info Struct Reference

A base pair info structure.

10.19.1 Detailed Description

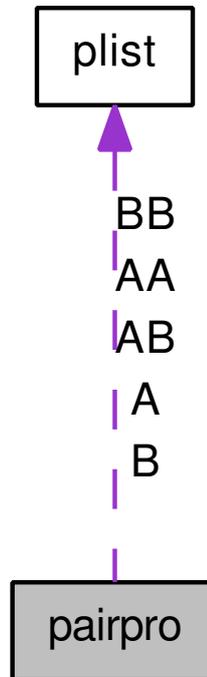
A base pair info structure. for each base pair (i,j) the structure lists: its probability 'p', an entropy-like measure for its well-definedness 'ent', and in 'bp[]' the frequency of each type of pair. 'bp[0]' contains the number of non-compatible sequences, 'bp[1]' the number of CG pairs, etc.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.20 pairpro Struct Reference

Collaboration diagram for pairpro:



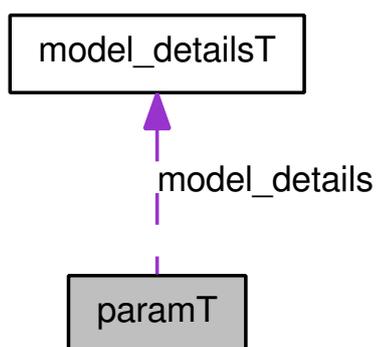
The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.21 paramT Struct Reference

The datastructure that contains temperature scaled energy parameters.

Collaboration diagram for paramT:



10.21.1 Detailed Description

The datastructure that contains temperature scaled energy parameters.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.22 path_t Struct Reference

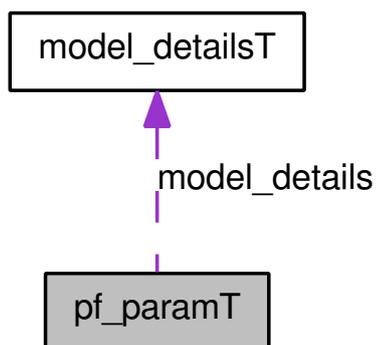
The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.23 pf_paramT Struct Reference

The datastructure that contains temperature scaled Boltzmann weights of the energy parameters.

Collaboration diagram for pf_paramT:



10.23.1 Detailed Description

The datastructure that contains temperature scaled Boltzmann weights of the energy parameters.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.24 plist Struct Reference

this datastructure is used as input parameter in functions of [PS_dot.h](#) and others

10.24.1 Detailed Description

this datastructure is used as input parameter in functions of [PS_dot.h](#) and others

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.25 Postorder_list Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/dist_vars.h](#)

10.26 pu_contrib Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.27 pu_out Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.28 sect Struct Reference

stack of partial structures for backtracking

10.28.1 Detailed Description

stack of partial structures for backtracking

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.29 snoopT Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.30 SOLUTION Struct Reference

solution element from subopt.c

10.30.1 Detailed Description

solution element from subopt.c

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.31 svm_model Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- `H/svm_utils.h`

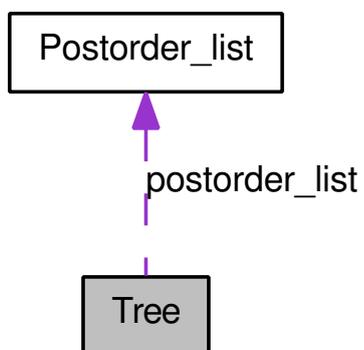
10.32 swString Struct Reference

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/dist_vars.h](#)

10.33 Tree Struct Reference

Collaboration diagram for Tree:



The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/dist_vars.h](#)

10.34 TwoDfold_solution Struct Reference

Solution element returned from TwoDfoldList.

10.34.1 Detailed Description

Solution element returned from TwoDfoldList. This element contains free energy and structure for the appropriate kappa (k), lambda (l) neighborhood. The datastructure contains two integer attributes 'k' and 'l' as well as an attribute 'en' of type float representing the free energy in kcal/mol and an attribute 's' of type char* containing the secondary structure representative,

A value of `INF` in k denotes the end of a list

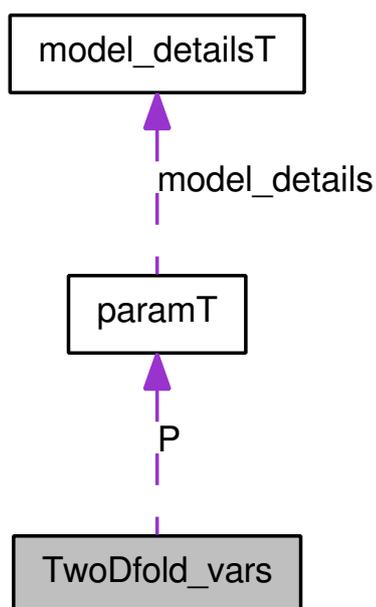
The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.35 TwoDfold_vars Struct Reference

Variables compound for 2Dfold MFE folding.

Collaboration diagram for TwoDfold_vars:



10.35.1 Detailed Description

Variables compound for 2Dfold MFE folding.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.36 TwoDpfold_solution Struct Reference

Solution element returned from TwoDpfoldList.

10.36.1 Detailed Description

Solution element returned from TwoDpfoldList. This element contains the partition function for the appropriate kappa (k), lambda (l) neighborhood. The datastructure contains two integer attributes 'k' and 'l' as well as an attribute 'q' of type FLT_OR_DBL.

A value of [INF](#) in k denotes the end of a list.

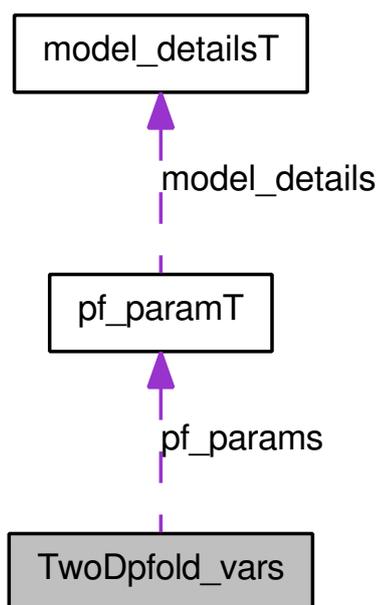
The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

10.37 TwoDpfold_vars Struct Reference

Variables compound for 2Dfold partition function folding.

Collaboration diagram for TwoDpfold_vars:



10.37.1 Detailed Description

Variables compound for 2Dfold partition function folding.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [H/data_structures.h](#)

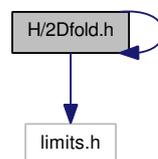
Chapter 11

File Documentation

11.1 H/2Dfold.h File Reference

Compute the minimum free energy (MFE) and secondary structures for a partitioning of the secondary structure space according to the base pair distance to two fixed reference structures basepair distance to two fixed reference structures.

Include dependency graph for 2Dfold.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



Functions

- `TwoDfold_vars * get_TwoDfold_variables` (const char *seq, const char *structure1, const char *structure2, int circ)
Get a structure of type `TwoDfold_vars` prefilled with current global settings.
- void `destroy_TwoDfold_variables` (`TwoDfold_vars *our_variables`)
Destroy a `TwoDfold_vars` datastructure without memory loss.
- `TwoDfold_solution * TwoDfoldList` (`TwoDfold_vars *vars`, int distance1, int distance2)

Compute MFE's and representative for distance partitioning.

- char * [TwoDfold_backtrack_f5](#) (unsigned int j, int k, int l, [TwoDfold_vars](#) *vars)

Backtrack a minimum free energy structure from a 5' section of specified length.

11.1.1 Detailed Description

Compute the minimum free energy (MFE) and secondary structures for a partitioning of the secondary structure space according to the base pair distance to two fixed reference structures basepair distance to two fixed reference structures.

11.1.2 Function Documentation

11.1.2.1 [TwoDfold_vars](#)* [get_TwoDfold_variables](#) (const char * *seq*, const char * *structure1*, const char * *structure2*, int *circ*)

Get a structure of type [TwoDfold_vars](#) prefilled with current global settings.

This function returns a datastructure of type [TwoDfold_vars](#). The data fields inside the [TwoDfold_vars](#) are prefilled by global settings and all memory allocations necessary to start a computation are already done for the convenience of the user

Note

Make sure that the reference structures are compatible with the sequence according to Watson-Crick- and Wobble-base pairing

See also

[destroy_TwoDfold_variables\(\)](#), [TwoDfold\(\)](#), [TwoDfold_circ](#)

Parameters

seq The RNA sequence

Parameters

structure1 The first reference structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

structure2 The second reference structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

circ A switch to indicate the assumption to fold a circular instead of linear RNA (0=OFF, 1=ON)

Returns

A datastructure prefilled with folding options and allocated memory

11.1.2.2 void destroy_TwoDfold_variables (TwoDfold_vars * our_variables)

Destroy a [TwoDfold_vars](#) datastructure without memory loss.

This function free's all allocated memory that depends on the datastructure given.

See also

[get_TwoDfold_variables\(\)](#)

Parameters

our_variables A pointer to the datastructure to be destroyed

11.1.2.3 TwoDfold_solution* TwoDfoldList (TwoDfold_vars * vars, int distance1, int distance2)

Compute MFE's and representative for distance partitioning.

This function computes the minimum free energies and a representative secondary structure for each distance class according to the two references specified in the datastructure 'vars'. The maximum basepair distance to each of both references may be set by the arguments 'distance1' and 'distance2', respectively. If both distance arguments are set to '-1', no restriction is assumed and the calculation is performed for each distance class possible.

The returned list contains an entry for each distance class. If a maximum basepair distance to either of the references was passed, an entry with $k=l=-1$ will be appended in the list, denoting the class where all structures exceeding the maximum will be thrown into. The end of the list is denoted by an attribute value of [INF](#) in the k-attribute of the list entry.

See also

[get_TwoDfold_variables\(\)](#), [destroy_TwoDfold_variables\(\)](#), [TwoDfold_solution](#)

Parameters

vars the datastructure containing all predefined folding attributes

Parameters

distance1 maximum distance to reference1 (-1 means no restriction)

Parameters

distance2 maximum distance to reference2 (-1 means no restriction)

11.1.2.4 char* TwoDfold_backtrack_f5 (unsigned int j, int k, int l, TwoDfold_vars * vars)

Backtrack a minimum free energy structure from a 5' section of specified length.

This function allows to backtrack a secondary structure beginning at the 5' end, a specified length and residing in a specific distance class. If the argument 'k' gets a value of -1, the structure that is backtracked is assumed to reside in the distance class where all structures exceeding the maximum basepair distance specified in [TwoDfoldList\(\)](#) belong to.

Note

The argument 'vars' must contain precalculated energy values in the energy matrices, i.e. a call to [TwoDfoldList\(\)](#) preceding this function is mandatory!

See also

[TwoDfoldList\(\)](#), [get_TwoDfold_variables\(\)](#), [destroy_TwoDfold_variables\(\)](#)

Parameters

j The length in nucleotides beginning from the 5' end

Parameters

k distance to reference1 (may be -1)

Parameters

l distance to reference2

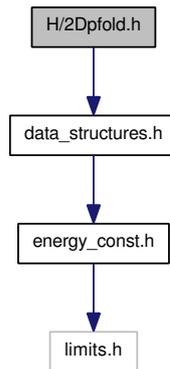
Parameters

vars the datastructure containing all predefined folding attributes

11.2 H/2Dpfold.h File Reference

Compute the partition function and stochastically sample secondary structures for a partitioning of the secondary structure space according to the base pair distance to two fixed reference structures.

Include dependency graph for 2Dpfold.h:



Functions

- `TwoDpfold_vars * get_TwoDpfold_variables` (`const char *seq`, `const char *structure1`, `char *structure2`, `int circ`)
Get a datastructure containing all necessary attributes and global folding switches.
- `TwoDpfold_vars * get_TwoDpfold_variables_from_MFE` (`TwoDfold_vars *mfe_vars`)
Get the datastructure containing all necessary attributes and global folding switches from a pre-filled mfe-datastructure.
- `void destroy_TwoDpfold_variables` (`TwoDpfold_vars *vars`)
Free all memory occupied by a `TwoDpfold_vars` datastructure.
- `TwoDpfold_solution * TwoDpfoldList` (`TwoDpfold_vars *vars`, `int maxDistance1`, `int maxDistance2`)
Compute the partition function for all distance classes.
- `char * TwoDpfold_pbacktrack` (`TwoDpfold_vars *vars`, `int d1`, `int d2`)
Sample secondary structure representatives from a set of distance classes according to their Boltzmann probability.
- `char * TwoDpfold_pbacktrack5` (`TwoDpfold_vars *vars`, `int d1`, `int d2`, `unsigned int length`)
Sample secondary structure representatives with a specified length from a set of distance classes according to their Boltzmann probability.

11.2.1 Detailed Description

Compute the partition function and stochastically sample secondary structures for a partitioning of the secondary structure space according to the base pair distance to two fixed reference structures.

11.2.2 Function Documentation

11.2.2.1 `TwoDpfold_vars* get_TwoDpfold_variables (const char * seq, const char * structure1, char * structure2, int circ)`

Get a datastructure containing all necessary attributes and global folding switches.

This function prepares all necessary attributes and matrices etc which are needed for a call of `TwoDpfoldList`. A snapshot of all current global model switches (dangles, temperature and so on) is done and stored in the returned datastructure. Additionally, all matrices that will hold the partition function values are prepared.

Parameters

seq the RNA sequence in uppercase format with letters from the alphabet {AUCG}

Parameters

structure1 the first reference structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

structure2 the second reference structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

circ a switch indicating if the sequence is linear (0) or circular (1)

Returns

the datastructure containing all necessary partition function attributes

11.2.2.2 `TwoDpfold_vars* get_TwoDpfold_variables_from_MFE (TwoDfold_vars * mfe_vars)`

Get the datastructure containing all necessary attributes and global folding switches from a pre-filled mfe-datastructure.

This function actually does the same as `get_TwoDpfold_variables` but takes its switches and settings from a pre-filled MFE equivalent datastructure

See also

[get_TwoDfold_variables\(\)](#), [get_TwoDpfold_variables\(\)](#)

Parameters

mfe_vars the pre-filled mfe datastructure

Returns

the datastructure containing all necessary partition function attributes

11.2.2.3 void destroy_TwoDpfold_variables (TwoDpfold_vars * vars)

Free all memory occupied by a [TwoDpfold_vars](#) datastructure.

This function free's all memory occupied by a datastructure obtained from from [get_TwoDpfold_variables\(\)](#) or [get_TwoDpfold_variables_from_MFE\(\)](#)

See also

[get_TwoDpfold_variables\(\)](#), [get_TwoDpfold_variables_from_MFE\(\)](#)

Parameters

vars the datastructure to be free'd

11.2.2.4 TwoDpfold_solution* TwoDpfoldList (TwoDpfold_vars * vars, int maxDistance1, int maxDistance2)

Compute the partition function for all distance classes.

This function computes the partition functions for all distance classes according the two reference structures specified in the datastructure 'vars'. Similar to [TwoDfoldList\(\)](#) the arguments maxDistance1 and maxDistance2 specify the maximum distance to both reference structures. A value of '-1' in either of them makes the appropriate distance restrictionless, i.e. all basepair distances to the reference are taken into account during computation. In case there is a restriction, the returned solution contains an entry where the attribute k=l=-1 contains the partition function for all structures exceeding the restriction. A values of [INF](#) in the attribute 'k' of the returned list denotes the end of the list

See also

[get_TwoDpfold_variables\(\)](#), [destroy_TwoDpfold_variables\(\)](#), [TwoDpfold_solution](#)

Parameters

vars the datastructure containing all necessary folding attributes and matrices

Parameters

maxDistance1 the maximum basepair distance to reference1 (may be -1)

Parameters

maxDistance2 the maximum basepair distance to reference2
(may be -1)

Returns

a list of partition functions for the appropriate distance classes

11.2.2.5 char* TwoDpfold_pbacktrack (TwoDpfold_vars * vars, int d1, int d2)

Sample secondary structure representatives from a set of distance classes according to their Boltzmann probability.

If the argument 'd1' is set to '-1', the structure will be backtracked in the distance class where all structures exceeding the maximum basepair distance to either of the references reside.

Note

The argument 'vars' must contain precalculated partition function matrices, i.e. a call to [TwoDpfoldList\(\)](#) preceding this function is mandatory!

See also

[TwoDpfoldList\(\)](#)

Parameters

vars the datastructure containing all necessary folding attributes and matrices

Parameters

d1 the distance to reference1 (may be -1)

Parameters

d2 the distance to reference2

Returns

a sampled secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

11.2.2.6 char* TwoDpfold_pbacktrack5 (TwoDpfold_vars * vars, int d1, int d2, unsigned int length)

Sample secondary structure representatives with a specified length from a set of distance classes according to their Boltzmann probability.

This function does essentially the same as `TwoDpfold_pbacktrack` with the only difference that partial structures, i.e. structures beginning from the 5' end with a specified length of the sequence, are backtracked

Note

The argument 'vars' must contain precalculated partition function matrices, i.e. a call to [TwoDpfoldList\(\)](#) preceding this function is mandatory!

This function does not work (since it makes no sense) for circular RNA sequences!

See also

[TwoDpfold_pbacktrack\(\)](#), [TwoDpfoldList\(\)](#)

Parameters

vars the datastructure containing all necessary folding attributes and matrices

Parameters

d1 the distance to reference1 (may be -1)

Parameters

d2 the distance to reference2

Parameters

length the length of the structure beginning from the 5' end

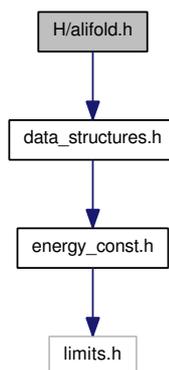
Returns

a sampled secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

11.3 H/alifold.h File Reference

compute various properties (consensus MFE structures, partition function, Boltzmann distributed stochastic samples, .

Include dependency graph for alifold.h:



Functions

- void [update_alifold_params](#) (void)
Update the energy parameters for alifold function.
- float [alifold](#) (const char **strings, char *structure)
Compute MFE and according consensus structure of an alignment of sequences.
- float [circularifold](#) (const char **strings, char *structure)
Compute MFE and according structure of an alignment of sequences assuming the sequences are circular instead of linear.
- void [free_alifold_arrays](#) (void)
Free the memory occupied by MFE alifold functions.
- int [get_mpi](#) (char *Aseq[], int n_seq, int length, int *mini)
Get the mean pairwise identity in steps from ?to?(ident).
- float ** [readribosum](#) (char *name)
Read a ribosum or other user-defined scoring matrix.
- float [energy_of_alistruct](#) (const char **sequences, const char *structure, int n_seq, float *energy)
Calculate the free energy of a consensus structure given a set of aligned sequences.
- void [encode_ali_sequence](#) (const char *sequence, short *S, short *s5, short *s3, char *ss, unsigned short *as, int circ)

Get arrays with encoded sequence of the alignment.

- void `alloc_sequence_arrays` (const char **sequences, short ***S, short ***S5, short ***S3, unsigned short ***a2s, char ***Ss, int circ)

Allocate memory for sequence array used to deal with aligned sequences.

- void `free_sequence_arrays` (unsigned int n_seq, short ***S, short ***S5, short ***S3, unsigned short ***a2s, char ***Ss)

Free the memory of the sequence arrays used to deal with aligned sequences.

- float `alipf_fold_par` (const char **sequences, char *structure, `plist **pl`, `pf_paramT *parameters`, int calculate_bppm, int is_constrained, int is_circular)
- float `alipf_fold` (const char **sequences, char *structure, `plist **pl`)

The partition function version of `alifold()` works in analogy to `pf_fold()`.

- float `alipf_circ_fold` (const char **sequences, char *structure, `plist **pl`)
- `FLT_OR_DBL * export_ali_bppm` (void)

Get a pointer to the base pair probability array.

- char * `alipbacktrack` (double *prob)

Sample a consensus secondary structure from the Boltzmann ensemble according its probability

.

Variables

- double `cv_fact`

This variable controls the weight of the covariance term in the energy function of alignment folding algorithms.

- double `nc_fact`

This variable controls the magnitude of the penalty for non-compatible sequences in the covariance term of alignment folding algorithms.

11.3.1 Detailed Description

compute various properties (consensus MFE structures, partition function, Boltzmann distributed stochastic samples, . . .) for RNA sequence alignments

11.3.2 Function Documentation

11.3.2.1 void update_alifold_params (void)

Update the energy parameters for alifold function.

Call this to recalculate the pair matrix and energy parameters after a change in folding parameters like [temperature](#)

11.3.2.2 float alifold (const char ** strings, char * structure)

Compute MFE and according consensus structure of an alignment of sequences.

This function predicts the consensus structure for the aligned 'sequences' and returns the minimum free energy; the mfe structure in bracket notation is returned in 'structure'.

Sufficient space must be allocated for 'structure' before calling [alifold\(\)](#).

Parameters

strings A pointer to a NULL terminated array of character arrays

Parameters

structure A pointer to a character array that may contain a constraining consensus structure (will be overwritten by a consensus structure that exhibits the MFE)

Returns

The free energy score in kcal/mol

11.3.2.3 float circularfold (const char ** strings, char * structure)

Compute MFE and according structure of an alignment of sequences assuming the sequences are circular instead of linear.

Parameters

strings A pointer to a NULL terminated array of character arrays

Parameters

structure A pointer to a character array that may contain a constraining consensus structure (will be overwritten by a consensus structure that exhibits the MFE)

Returns

The free energy score in kcal/mol

11.3.2.4 int get_mpi (char * Aseq[], int n_seq, int length, int * mini)

Get the mean pairwise identity in steps from ?to?(ident).

ParameterParameters

Aseq *n_seq* The number of sequences in the alignment

Parameters

length The length of the alignment

Parameters>Returns

mini The mean pairwise identity

11.3.2.5 float energy_of_alistruct (const char ** sequences, const char * structure, int n_seq, float * energy)

Calculate the free energy of a consensus structure given a set of aligned sequences.

Parameters

sequences The NULL terminated array of sequences

Parameters

structure The consensus structure

Parameters

n_seq The number of sequences in the alignment

Parameters

energy A pointer to an array of at least two floats that will hold the free energies (energy[0] will contain the free energy, energy[1] will be filled with the covariance energy term)

Returns

free energy in kcal/mol

11.3.2.6 void encode_ali_sequence (const char * sequence, short * S, short * s5, short * s3, char * ss, unsigned short * as, int circ)

Get arrays with encoded sequence of the alignment.

this function assumes that in S, S5, s3, ss and as enough space is already allocated (size must be at least sequence length+2)

Parameters

sequence The gapped sequence from the alignment

Parameters

S pointer to an array that holds encoded sequence

Parameters

s5 pointer to an array that holds the next base 5' of alignment position i

Parameters

s3 pointer to an array that holds the next base 3' of alignment position *i*

Parameters

ss *as* *circ* assume the molecules to be circular instead of linear (*circ*=0)

11.3.2.7 `void alloc_sequence_arrays (const char ** sequences, short *** S, short *** S5, short *** S3, unsigned short *** a2s, char *** Ss, int circ)`

Allocate memory for sequence array used to deal with aligned sequences.

Note that these arrays will also be initialized according to the sequence alignment given

See also

[free_sequence_arrays\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequences The aligned sequences

Parameters

S A pointer to the array of encoded sequences

Parameters

S5 A pointer to the array that contains the next 5' nucleotide of a sequence position

Parameters

S3 A pointer to the array that contains the next 3' nucleotide of a sequence position

Parameters

a2s A pointer to the array that contains the alignment to sequence position mapping

Parameters

Ss A pointer to the array that contains the ungapped sequence

Parameters

circ assume the molecules to be circular instead of linear (*circ*=0)

11.3.2.8 void free_sequence_arrays (unsigned int *n_seq*, short *** *S*, short *** *S5*, short *** *S3*, unsigned short *** *a2s*, char *** *Ss*)

Free the memory of the sequence arrays used to deal with aligned sequences.

This function frees the memory previously allocated with [alloc_sequence_arrays\(\)](#)

See also

[alloc_sequence_arrays\(\)](#)

Parameters

n_seq The number of aligned sequences

Parameters

S A pointer to the array of encoded sequences

Parameters

S5 A pointer to the array that contains the next 5' nucleotide of a sequence position

Parameters

S3 A pointer to the array that contains the next 3' nucleotide of a sequence position

Parameters

a2s A pointer to the array that contains the alignment to sequence position mapping

Parameters

Ss A pointer to the array that contains the ungapped sequence

11.3.2.9 float alipf_fold_par (const char ** *sequences*, char * *structure*, plist ** *pl*, pf_paramT * *parameters*, int *calculate_bppm*, int *is_constrained*, int *is_circular*)

Parameters	Parameters	Parameters	Parameters	Parameters	Parameters	Parameters	Returns
<i>sequences</i>	<i>structure</i>	<i>pl</i>	<i>parameters</i>	<i>calculate_bppm</i>	<i>is_constrained</i>	<i>is_circular</i>	

11.3.2.10 float alipf_fold (const char ** *sequences*, char * *structure*, plist ** *pl*)

The partition function version of [alifold\(\)](#) works in analogy to [pf_fold\(\)](#).

Pair probabilities and information about sequence covariations are returned via the 'pi' variable as a list of [pair_info](#) structs. The list is terminated by the first entry with pi.i = 0.

Parameters **Parameters** **Parameters** **Returns**
sequences *structure* *pl*

11.3.2.11 `float alipf_circ_fold (const char ** sequences, char * structure, plist ** pl)`

Parameters **Parameters** **Parameters** **Returns**
sequences *structure* *pl*

11.3.2.12 `FLT_OR_DBL* export_ali_bppm (void)`

Get a pointer to the base pair probability array.

Accessing the base pair probabilities for a pair (i,j) is achieved by

```
FLT_OR_DBL *pr = export_bppm(); pr_ij = pr[iindx[i]-j];
```

See also

[get_iindx\(\)](#)

Returns

A pointer to the base pair probability array

11.3.2.13 `char* alipbacktrack (double * prob)`

Sample a consensus secondary structure from the Boltzmann ensemble according its probability

.

Parameters

prob to be described (berni)

Returns

A sampled consensus secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

11.3.3 Variable Documentation

11.3.3.1 `double cv_fact`

This variable controls the weight of the covariance term in the energy function of alignment folding algorithms.

Default is 1.

11.3.3.2 double nc_fact

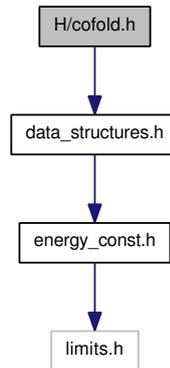
This variable controls the magnitude of the penalty for non-compatible sequences in the covariance term of alignment folding algorithms.

Default is 1.

11.4 H/cofold.h File Reference

MFE version of cofolding routines.

Include dependency graph for cofold.h:



Functions

- float `cofold` (const char *sequence, char *structure)
Compute the minimum free energy of two interacting RNA molecules.
- void `free_co_arrays` (void)
Free memory occupied by `cofold()`.
- void `update_cofold_params` (void)
Recalculate parameters.
- `SOLUTION` * `zukersubopt` (const char *string)
Compute Zuker type suboptimal structures.
- void `get_monomere_mfes` (float *e1, float *e2)
get_monomer_free_energies
- void `export_cofold_arrays` (int **f5_p, int **c_p, int **fML_p, int **fM1_p, int **fc_p, int **indx_p, char **ptype_p)
Export the arrays of partition function cofold.
- void `initialize_cofold` (int length)
allocate arrays for folding

11.4.1 Detailed Description

MFE version of cofolding routines. This file includes (almost) all function declarations within the **RNALib** that are related to MFE Cofolding... This also includes the Zuker suboptimals calculations, since they are implemented using the cofold routines.

11.4.2 Function Documentation

11.4.2.1 float cofold (const char * *sequence*, char * *structure*)

Compute the minimum free energy of two interacting RNA molecules.

The code is analog to the `fold()` function. If `cut_point == -1` results should be the same as with `fold()`.

Parameters

sequence The two sequences concatenated

Parameters

structure Will hold the barcket dot structure of the dimer molecule

Returns

minimum free energy of the structure

11.4.2.2 SOLUTION* zokersubopt (const char * *string*)

Compute Zuker type suboptimal structures.

Compute Suboptimal structures according to M. Zuker, i.e. for every possible base pair the minimum energy structure containing the resp. base pair. Returns a list of these structures and their energies.

Parameters

string RNA sequence

Returns

List of zuker suboptimal structures

11.4.2.3 void get_monomere_mfes (float * *e1*, float * *e2*)

`get_monomer_free_energies`

Export monomer free energies out of cofold arrays

Parameters

e1 A pointer to a variable where the energy of molecule A will be written to

Parameters

e2 A pointer to a variable where the energy of molecule B will be written to

11.4.2.4 void export_cofold_arrays (int *f5_p*, int ***c_p*, int ***fML_p*, int ***fM1_p*, int ***fc_p*, int ***indx_p*, char ***ptype_p*)**

Export the arrays of partition function cofold.

Export the cofold arrays for use e.g. in the concentration Computations or suboptimal secondary structure backtracking

Parameters

f5_p A pointer to the 'f5' array, i.e. array containing best free energy in interval [1,j]

Parameters

c_p A pointer to the 'c' array, i.e. array containing best free energy in interval [i,j] given that i pairs with j

Parameters

fML_p A pointer to the 'M' array, i.e. array containing best free energy in interval [i,j] for any multiloop segment with at least one stem

Parameters

fM1_p A pointer to the 'M1' array, i.e. array containing best free energy in interval [i,j] for multiloop segment with exactly one stem

Parameters

fc_p A pointer to the 'fc' array, i.e. array ...

Parameters

indx_p A pointer to the indexing array used for accessing the energy matrices

Parameters

ptype_p A pointer to the ptype array containing the base pair types for each possibility (i,j)

11.4.2.5 void initialize_cofold (int *length*)

allocate arrays for folding

Deprecated

{ This function is obsolete and will be removed soon! }

11.5 H/convert_epars.h File Reference

Functions and definitions for energy parameter file format conversion.

Defines

- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_ALL` 1U
Flag to indicate printing of a complete parameter set.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_HP` 2U
Flag to indicate printing of hairpin contributions.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_STACK` 4U
Flag to indicate printing of base pair stack contributions.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_HP` 8U
Flag to indicate printing of hairpin mismatch contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_INT` 16U
Flag to indicate printing of interior loop mismatch contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_INT_1N` 32U
Flag to indicate printing of 1:n interior loop mismatch contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_INT_23` 64U
Flag to indicate printing of 2:3 interior loop mismatch contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_MULTI` 128U
Flag to indicate printing of multi loop mismatch contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_EXT` 256U
Flag to indicate printing of exterior loop mismatch contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_DANGLE5` 512U
Flag to indicate printing of 5' dangle contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_DANGLE3` 1024U
Flag to indicate printing of 3' dangle contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_INT_11` 2048U
Flag to indicate printing of 1:1 interior loop contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_INT_21` 4096U
Flag to indicate printing of 2:1 interior loop contribution.
- #define `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_INT_22` 8192U

Flag to indicate printing of 2:2 interior loop contribution.

- #define [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_BULGE](#) 16384U

Flag to indicate printing of bulge loop contribution.

- #define [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_INT](#) 32768U

Flag to indicate printing of interior loop contribution.

- #define [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_ML](#) 65536U

Flag to indicate printing of multi loop contribution.

- #define [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MISC](#) 131072U

Flag to indicate printing of misc contributions (such as terminalAU).

- #define [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_SPECIAL_HP](#) 262144U

Flag to indicate printing of special hairpin contributions (tri-, tetra-, hexa-loops).

- #define [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_VANILLA](#) 524288U

Flag to indicate printing of given parameters only

Note

This option overrides all other output options, except [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_DUMP](#) !

- #define [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_NINIO](#) 1048576U

Flag to indicate printing of interior loop asymmetry contribution.

- #define [VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_DUMP](#) 2097152U

Flag to indicate dumping the energy contributions from the library instead of an input file.

Functions

- void [convert_parameter_file](#) (const char *iname, const char *oname, unsigned int options)

Convert/dump a Vienna 1.8.4 formatted energy parameter file.

11.5.1 Detailed Description

Functions and definitions for energy parameter file format conversion.

11.5.2 Function Documentation

11.5.2.1 void `convert_parameter_file` (const char * *iname*, const char * *oname*, unsigned int *options*)

Convert/dump a Vienna 1.8.4 formatted energy parameter file.

The options argument allows to control the different output modes.

Currently available options are:

`VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_ALL`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_HP`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_STACK`

`VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_HP`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_INT`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_INT_1N`

`VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_INT_23`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_MULTI`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MM_EXT`

`VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_DANGLE5`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_DANGLE3`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_INT_11`

`VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_INT_21`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_INT_22`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_BULGE`

`VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_INT`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_ML`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_MISC`

`VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_SPECIAL_HP`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_VANILLA`, `VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_NINIO`

`VRNA_CONVERT_OUTPUT_DUMP`

The defined options are fine for bitwise compare- and assignment-operations, e. g.: pass a collection of options as a single value like this:

```
convert_parameter_file(ifile, ofile, option_1 | option_2 | option_n)
```

Parameters

iname The input file name (If NULL input is read from stdin)

Parameters

oname The output file name (If NULL output is written to stdout)

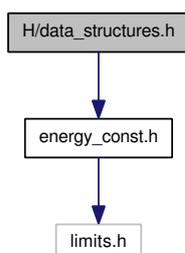
Parameters

options The options (as described above)

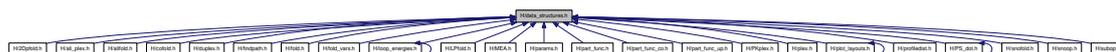
11.6 H/data_structures.h File Reference

All datastructures and typedefs shared among the Vienna RNA Package can be found here.

Include dependency graph for data_structures.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



Data Structures

- struct [plist](#)
this datastructure is used as input parameter in functions of [PS_dot.h](#) and others
- struct [cpair](#)
this datastructure is used as input parameter in functions of [PS_dot.c](#)
- struct [COORDINATE](#)
this is a workarround for the SWIG Perl Wrapper RNA plot function that returns an array of type [COORDINATE](#)
- struct [sect](#)
stack of partial structures for backtracking
- struct [bondT](#)
base pair
- struct [bondTEn](#)
base pair with associated energy
- struct [model_detailsT](#)
The data structure that contains the complete model details used throughout the calculations.

- struct [paramT](#)
The datastructure that contains temperature scaled energy parameters.
- struct [pf_paramT](#)
The datastructure that contains temperature scaled Boltzmann weights of the energy parameters.
- struct [PAIR](#)
base pair data structure used in subopt.c
- struct [INTERVAL](#)
sequence interval stack element used in subopt.c
- struct [SOLUTION](#)
solution element from subopt.c

- struct [cofoldF](#)
- struct [ConcEnt](#)
- struct [pairpro](#)
- struct [pair_info](#)
A base pair info structure.

- struct [move_t](#)
- struct [intermediate_t](#)
- struct [path_t](#)
- struct [pu_contrib](#)
- struct [interact](#)
- struct [pu_out](#)
- struct [constrain](#)
- struct [duplexT](#)
- struct [folden](#)
- struct [snoopT](#)
- struct [dupVar](#)
- struct [TwoDfold_solution](#)
Solution element returned from TwoDfoldList.

- struct [TwoDfold_vars](#)
Variables compound for 2Dfold MFE folding.

- struct [TwoDpfold_solution](#)
Solution element returned from TwoDpfoldList.

- struct [TwoDpfold_vars](#)
Variables compound for 2Dfold partition function folding.

Defines

- #define `MAXALPHA` 20
Maximal length of alphabet.
- #define `MAXDOS` 1000
Maximum density of states discretization for subopt.

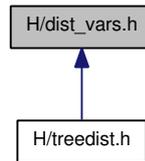
11.6.1 Detailed Description

All datastructures and typedefs shared among the Vienna RNA Package can be found [here](#).

11.7 H/dist_vars.h File Reference

Global variables for Distance-Package.

This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



Data Structures

- struct [Postorder_list](#)
- struct [Tree](#)
- struct [swString](#)

Variables

- int [edit_backtrack](#)
Produce an alignment of the two structures being compared by tracing the editing path giving the minimum distance.
- char * [aligned_line](#) [4]
Contains the two aligned structures after a call to one of the distance functions with [edit_backtrack](#) set to 1.
- int [cost_matrix](#)
Specify the cost matrix to be used for distance calculations.

11.7.1 Detailed Description

Global variables for Distance-Package.

11.7.2 Variable Documentation

11.7.2.1 int edit_backtrack

Produce an alignment of the two structures being compared by tracing the editing path giving the minimum distance.

set to 1 if you want backtracking

11.7.2.2 int cost_matrix

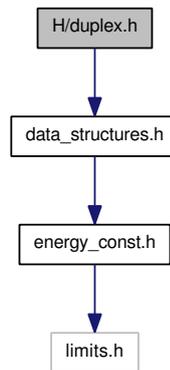
Specify the cost matrix to be used for distance calculations.

if 0, use the default cost matrix (upper matrix in example), otherwise use Shapiro's costs (lower matrix).

11.8 H/duplex.h File Reference

Duplex folding function declarations.

Include dependency graph for duplex.h:



11.8.1 Detailed Description

Duplex folding function declarations. ...

11.9 H/edit_cost.h File Reference

global variables for Edit Costs included by treedist.c and stringdist.c

11.9.1 Detailed Description

global variables for Edit Costs included by treedist.c and stringdist.c

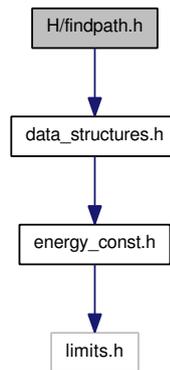
11.10.1 Detailed Description

energy constants

11.11 H/findpath.h File Reference

Compute direct refolding paths between two secondary structures.

Include dependency graph for findpath.h:



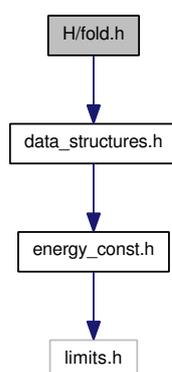
11.11.1 Detailed Description

Compute direct refolding paths between two secondary structures.

11.12 H/fold.h File Reference

MFE calculations and energy evaluations for single RNA sequences.

Include dependency graph for fold.h:



Functions

- float `fold_par` (const char *sequence, char *structure, `paramT` *parameters, int is_constrained, int is_circular)
Compute minimum free energy and an appropriate secondary structure of an RNA sequence.
- float `fold` (const char *sequence, char *structure)
Compute minimum free energy and an appropriate secondary structure of an RNA sequence.
- float `circfold` (const char *sequence, char *structure)
Compute minimum free energy and an appropriate secondary structure of a circular RNA sequence.
- float `energy_of_structure` (const char *string, const char *structure, int verbosity_level)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA using global model detail settings.
- float `energy_of_struct_par` (const char *string, const char *structure, `paramT` *parameters, int verbosity_level)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.
- float `energy_of_circ_structure` (const char *string, const char *structure, int verbosity_level)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded circular RNA.

- float [energy_of_circ_struct_par](#) (const char *string, const char *structure, [paramT](#) *parameters, int verbosity_level)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded circular RNA.
- int [energy_of_structure_pt](#) (const char *string, short *ptable, short *s, short *s1, int verbosity_level)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.
- int [energy_of_struct_pt_par](#) (const char *string, short *ptable, short *s, short *s1, [paramT](#) *parameters, int verbosity_level)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.
- void [free_arrays](#) (void)
Free arrays for mfe folding.
- void [parenthesis_structure](#) (char *structure, [bondT](#) *bp, int length)
Create a dot-bracket/parenthesis structure from backtracking stack.
- void [parenthesis_zuker](#) (char *structure, [bondT](#) *bp, int length)
Create a dot-bracket/parenthesis structure from backtracking stack obtained by zuker suboptimal calculation in cofold.c.
- void [update_fold_params](#) (void)
Recalculate energy parameters.
- void [assign_plist_from_db](#) ([plist](#) **pl, const char *struc, float pr)
Create a plist from a dot-bracket string.
- int [LoopEnergy](#) (int n1, int n2, int type, int type_2, int si1, int sj1, int sp1, int sq1)
- int [HairpinE](#) (int size, int type, int si1, int sj1, const char *string)
- void [initialize_fold](#) (int length)
Allocate arrays for folding
.
- float [energy_of_struct](#) (const char *string, const char *structure)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.
- int [energy_of_struct_pt](#) (const char *string, short *ptable, short *s, short *s1)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.
- float [energy_of_circ_struct](#) (const char *string, const char *structure)
Calculate the free energy of an already folded circular RNA.

Variables

- int `logML`
if nonzero use logarithmic ML energy in energy_of_struct
- int `uniq_ML`
do ML decomposition uniquely (for subopt)
- int `cut_point`
brief set to first pos of second seq for cofolding
- int `eos_debug`
brief verbose info from energy_of_struct

11.12.1 Detailed Description

MFE calculations and energy evaluations for single RNA sequences. This file includes (almost) all function declarations within the RNAlib that are related to MFE folding...

11.12.2 Function Documentation

11.12.2.1 `float fold_par (const char * sequence, char * structure, paramT * parameters, int is_constrained, int is_circular)`

Compute minimum free energy and an appropriate secondary structure of an RNA sequence.

The first parameter given, the RNA sequence, must be *uppercase* and should only contain an alphabet Σ that is understood by the RNAlib

(e.g. $\Sigma = \{A, U, C, G\}$)

The second parameter, *structure*, must always point to an allocated block of memory with a size of at least `strlen(sequence) + 1`

If the third parameter is `NULL`, global model detail settings are assumed for the folding recursions. Otherwise, the provided parameters are used.

The fourth parameter indicates whether a secondary structure constraint in enhanced dot-bracket notation is passed through the structure parameter or not. If so, the characters "`| x < >`" are recognized to mark bases that are paired, unpaired, paired upstream, or downstream, respectively. Matching brackets "`()`" denote base pairs, dots "`.`" are used for unconstrained bases.

To indicate that the RNA sequence is circular and thus has to be post-processed, set the last parameter to non-zero

After a successful call of `fold_par()`, a backtracked secondary structure (in dot-bracket notation) that exhibits the minimum of free energy will be written to the memory *struc-*

ture is pointing to. The function returns the minimum of free energy for any fold of the sequence given.

Note

OpenMP: Passing NULL to the 'parameters' argument involves access to several global model detail variables and thus is not to be considered threadsafe

See also

[fold\(\)](#), [circfold\(\)](#), [model_detailsT](#), [set_energy_model\(\)](#), [get_scaled_parameters\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequence RNA sequence

Parameters

structure A pointer to the character array where the secondary structure in dot-bracket notation will be written to

Parameters

parameters A data structure containing the prescaled energy contributions and the model details. (NULL may be passed, see OpenMP notes above)

Parameters

is_constrained Switch to indicate that a structure constraint is passed via the structure argument (0==off)

Parameters

is_circular Switch to (de-)activate postprocessing steps in case RNA sequence is circular (0==off)

Returns

the minimum free energy (MFE) in kcal/mol

11.12.2.2 float fold (const char * *sequence*, char * *structure*)

Compute minimum free energy and an appropriate secondary structure of an RNA sequence.

This function essentially does the same thing as [fold_par\(\)](#). However, it takes its model details, i.e. [temperature](#), [dangles](#), [tetra_loop](#), [noGU](#), [no_closingGU](#), [fold_constrained](#), [noLonelyPairs](#) from the current global settings within the library

Use [fold_par\(\)](#) for a completely threadsafe variant

See also

[fold_par\(\)](#), [circfold\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequence RNA sequence

Parameters

structure A pointer to the character array where the secondary structure in dot-bracket notation will be written to

Returns

the minimum free energy (MFE) in kcal/mol

11.12.2.3 float circfold (const char * *sequence*, char * *structure*)

Compute minimum free energy and an appropriate secondary structure of a circular RNA sequence.

This function essentially does the same thing as [fold_par\(\)](#). However, it takes its model details, i.e. [temperature](#), [dangles](#), [tetra_loop](#), [noGU](#), [no_closingGU](#), [fold_constrained](#), [noLonelyPairs](#) from the current global settings within the library

Use [fold_par\(\)](#) for a completely threadsafe variant

See also

[fold_par\(\)](#), [circfold\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequence RNA sequence

Parameters

structure A pointer to the character array where the secondary structure in dot-bracket notation will be written to

Returns

the minimum free energy (MFE) in kcal/mol

11.12.2.4 float energy_of_structure (const char * *string*, const char * *structure*, int *verbosity_level*)

Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA using global model detail settings.

If verbosity level is set to a value >0, energies of structure elements are printed to stdout

Note

OpenMP: This function relies on several global model settings variables and thus is not to be considered threadsafe. See [energy_of_struct_par\(\)](#) for a completely threadsafe implementation.

See also

[energy_of_struct_par\(\)](#), [energy_of_circ_structure\(\)](#)

Parameters

string RNA sequence

Parameters

structure secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

verbosity_level a flag to turn verbose output on/off

Returns

the free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in kcal/mol

11.12.2.5 `float energy_of_struct_par (const char * string, const char * structure, paramT * parameters, int verbosity_level)`

Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.

If verbosity level is set to a value >0, energies of structure elements are printed to stdout

See also

[energy_of_circ_structure\(\)](#), [energy_of_structure_pt\(\)](#), [get_scaled_parameters\(\)](#)

Parameters

string RNA sequence in uppercase letters

Parameters

structure Secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

parameters A data structure containing the prescaled energy contributions and the model details.

Parameters

verbosity_level A flag to turn verbose output on/off

Returns

The free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in kcal/mol

11.12.2.6 float `energy_of_circ_structure` (`const char * string`, `const char * structure`, `int verbosity_level`)

Calculate the free energy of an already folded circular RNA.

Note

OpenMP: This function relies on several global model settings variables and thus is not to be considered threadsafe. See [energy_of_circ_struct_par\(\)](#) for a completely threadsafe implementation.

If verbosity level is set to a value >0, energies of structure elements are printed to stdout

See also

[energy_of_circ_struct_par\(\)](#), [energy_of_struct_par\(\)](#)

Parameters

string RNA sequence

Parameters

structure Secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

verbosity_level A flag to turn verbose output on/off

Returns

The free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in kcal/mol

11.12.2.7 float `energy_of_circ_struct_par` (`const char * string`, `const char * structure`, `paramT * parameters`, `int verbosity_level`)

Calculate the free energy of an already folded circular RNA.

If verbosity level is set to a value >0, energies of structure elements are printed to stdout

See also

[energy_of_struct_par\(\)](#), [get_scaled_parameters\(\)](#)

Parameters

string RNA sequence

Parameters

structure Secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

parameters A data structure containing the prescaled energy contributions and the model details.

Parameters

verbosity_level A flag to turn verbose output on/off

Returns

The free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in kcal/mol

11.12.2.8 `int energy_of_structure_pt (const char * string, short * ptable, short * s, short * sI, int verbosity_level)`

Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.

If verbosity level is set to a value >0, energies of structure elements are printed to stdout

Note

OpenMP: This function relies on several global model settings variables and thus is not to be considered threadsafe. See [energy_of_struct_pt_par\(\)](#) for a completely threadsafe implementation.

See also

[make_pair_table\(\)](#), [energy_of_struct_pt_par\(\)](#)

Parameters

string RNA sequence

Parameters

ptable the pair table of the secondary structure

Parameters

s encoded RNA sequence

Parameters

sI encoded RNA sequence

Parameters

verbosity_level a flag to turn verbose output on/off

Returns

the free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in 10kcal/mol

11.12.2.9 `int energy_of_struct_pt_par (const char * string, short * ptable, short * s, short * sI, paramT * parameters, int verbosity_level)`

Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.

If verbosity level is set to a value >0, energies of structure elements are printed to stdout

See also

[make_pair_table\(\)](#), [energy_of_struct_par\(\)](#), [get_scaled_parameters\(\)](#)

Parameters

string RNA sequence in uppercase letters

Parameters

ptable The pair table of the secondary structure

Parameters

s Encoded RNA sequence

Parameters

sI Encoded RNA sequence

Parameters

parameters A data structure containing the prescaled energy contributions and the model details.

Parameters

verbosity_level A flag to turn verbose output on/off

Returns

The free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in 10kcal/mol

11.12.2.10 `void parenthesis_structure (char * structure, bondT * bp, int length)`

Create a dot-bracket/parenthesis structure from backtracking stack.

Note

This function is threadsafe

11.12.2.11 void parenthesis_zuker (char * *structure*, bondT * *bp*, int *length*)

Create a dot-bracket/parenthesis structure from backtracking stack obtained by zuker suboptimal calculation in cofold.c.

Note

This function is threadsafe

11.12.2.12 void assign_plist_from_db (plist ** *pl*, const char * *struc*, float *pr*)

Create a plist from a dot-bracket string.

The dot-bracket string is parsed and for each base pair an entry in the plist is created. The probability of each pair in the list is set by a function parameter.

The end of the plist is marked by sequence positions *i* as well as *j* equal to 0. This condition should be used to stop looping over its entries

This function is threadsafe

Parameters

pl A pointer to the plist that is to be created

Parameters

struc The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

pr The probability for each base pair

11.12.2.13 int LoopEnergy (int *n1*, int *n2*, int *type*, int *type_2*, int *si1*, int *sj1*, int *sp1*, int *sq1*)**Deprecated**

{This function is deprecated and will be removed soon. Use [E_IntLoop\(\)](#) instead!}

11.12.2.14 int HairpinE (int *size*, int *type*, int *si1*, int *sj1*, const char * *string*)**Deprecated**

{This function is deprecated and will be removed soon. Use [E_Hairpin\(\)](#) instead!}

11.12.2.15 void initialize_fold (int *length*)

Allocate arrays for folding

.

Deprecated

{This function is deprecated and will be removed soon!}

11.12.2.16 float energy_of_struct (const char * *string*, const char * *structure*)

Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.

Note

This function is not entirely threadsafe! Depending on the state of the global variable `eos_debug` it prints energy information to stdout or not...

Deprecated

This function is deprecated and should not be used in future programs! Use `energy_of_structure()` instead!

See also

`energy_of_structure`, `energy_of_circ_struct()`, `energy_of_struct_pt()`

Parameters

string RNA sequence

Parameters

structure secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Returns

the free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in kcal/mol

11.12.2.17 int energy_of_struct_pt (const char * *string*, short * *p*table, short * *s*, short * *sI*)

Calculate the free energy of an already folded RNA.

Note

This function is not entirely threadsafe! Depending on the state of the global variable `eos_debug` it prints energy information to stdout or not...

Deprecated

This function is deprecated and should not be used in future programs! Use `energy_of_structure_pt()` instead!

See also

`make_pair_table()`, `energy_of_structure()`

Parameters

string RNA sequence

Parameters

ptable the pair table of the secondary structure

Parameters

s encoded RNA sequence

Parameters

sI encoded RNA sequence

Returns

the free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in 10kcal/mol

11.12.2.18 float `energy_of_circ_struct` (`const char * string`, `const char * structure`)

Calculate the free energy of an already folded circular RNA.

Note

This function is not entirely threadsafe! Depending on the state of the global variable `eos_debug` it prints energy information to stdout or not...

Deprecated

This function is deprecated and should not be used in future programs Use `energy_of_circ_structure()` instead!

See also

`energy_of_circ_structure()`, `energy_of_struct()`, `energy_of_struct_pt()`

Parameters

string RNA sequence

Parameters

structure secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

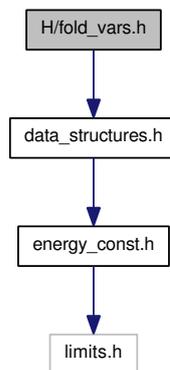
Returns

the free energy of the input structure given the input sequence in kcal/mol

11.13 H/fold_vars.h File Reference

Here all all declarations of the global variables used throughout RNAlib.

Include dependency graph for fold_vars.h:



Functions

- void `set_model_details` (`model_detailsT *md`)
Set default model details.

Variables

- int `fold_constrained`
Global switch to activate/deactivate folding with structure constraints.
- int `noLonelyPairs`
Global switch to avoid/allow helices of length 1.
- int `dangles`
Switch the energy model for dangling end contributions (0, 1, 2, 3).
- int `noGU`
Global switch to forbid/allow GU base pairs at all.
- int `no_closingGU`
GU allowed only inside stacks if set to 1.
- int `tetra_loop`
Include special stabilizing energies for some tri-, tetra- and hexa-loops;.
- int `energy_set`

0 = BP; 1=any mit GC; 2=any mit AU-parameter

- int `circ`
backward compatibility variable.
- int `csv`
generate comma seperated output
- int `oldAliEn`
use old alifold energies (with gaps)
- int `ribo`
use ribosum matrices
- char * `RibosumFile`
warning this variable will vanish in the future ribosums will be compiled in instead
- char * `nonstandards`
contains allowed non standard base pairs
- double `temperature`
Rescale energy parameters to a temperature in degC.
- int `james_rule`
interior loops of size 2 get energy 0.8Kcal and no mismatches, default 1
- int `logML`
use logarithmic multiloop energy function
- int `cut_point`
Marks the position (starting from 1) of the first nucleotide of the second molecule within the concatenated sequence.
- `bondT` * `base_pair`
Contains a list of base pairs after a call to `fold()`.
- `FLT_OR_DBL` * `pr`
A pointer to the base pair probability matrix.
- int * `iindx`
index array to move through pr.
- double `pf_scale`
A scaling factor used by `pf_fold()` to avoid overflows.
- int `do_backtrack`

do backtracking, i.e.

- char [backtrack_type](#)

A backtrack array marker for [inverse_fold\(\)](#).

11.13.1 Detailed Description

Here all all declarations of the global variables used throughout RNAlib.

11.13.2 Function Documentation

11.13.2.1 void [set_model_details](#) ([model_detailsT](#) * *md*)

Set default model details.

Use this function if you wish to initialize a [model_detailsT](#) data structure with its default values, i.e. the global model settings

See also

Parameters

md A pointer to the data structure that shall be initialized

11.13.3 Variable Documentation

11.13.3.1 int [noLonelyPairs](#)

Global switch to avoid/allow helices of length 1.

Disallow all pairs which can only occur as lonely pairs (i.e. as helix of length 1). This avoids lonely base pairs in the predicted structures in most cases.

11.13.3.2 int [dangles](#)

Switch the energy model for dangling end contributions (0, 1, 2, 3).

If set to 0 no stabilizing energies are assigned to bases adjacent to helices in free ends and multiloops (so called dangling ends). Normally ([dangles](#) = 1) dangling end energies are assigned only to unpaired bases and a base cannot participate simultaneously in two dangling ends. In the partition function algorithm [pf_fold\(\)](#) these checks are neglected. If [dangles](#) is set to 2, all folding routines will follow this convention. This treatment of dangling ends gives more favorable energies to helices directly adjacent to one another, which can be beneficial since such helices often do engage in stabilizing interactions through co-axial stacking.

If `dangles = 3` co-axial stacking is explicitly included for adjacent helices in mutli-loops. The option affects only mfe folding and energy evaluation (`fold()` and `energy_of_structure()`), as well as suboptimal folding (`subopt()`) via re-evaluation of energies. Co-axial stacking with one intervening mismatch is not considered so far.

Default is 2 in most algorithms, partition function algorithms can only handle 0 and 2

11.13.3.3 `int tetra_loop`

Include special stabilizing energies for some tri-, tetra- and hexa-loops;

default is 1.

11.13.3.4 `int energy_set`

0 = BP; 1=any mit GC; 2=any mit AU-parameter

If set to 1 or 2: fold sequences from an artificial alphabet ABCD..., where A pairs B, C pairs D, etc. using either GC (1) or AU parameters (2); default is 0, you probably don't want to change it.

11.13.3.5 `int circ`

backward compatibility variable.

. this does not effect anything

11.13.3.6 `char* nonstandards`

contains allowed non standard base pairs

Lists additional base pairs that will be allowed to form in addition to GC, CG, AU, UA, GU and UG. Nonstandard base pairs are given a stacking energy of 0.

11.13.3.7 `double temperature`

Rescale energy parameters to a temperature in degC.

Default is 37C. You have to call the `update_..._params()` functions after changing this parameter.

11.13.3.8 `int cut_point`

Marks the position (starting from 1) of the first nucleotide of the second molecule within the concatenated sequence.

To evaluate the energy of a duplex structure (a structure formed by two strands), concatenate the to sequences and set it to the first base of the second strand in the concatenated sequence. The default value of -1 stands for single molecule folding. The

cut_point variable is also used by [PS_rna_plot\(\)](#) and [PS_dot_plot\(\)](#) to mark the chain break in postscript plots.

11.13.3.9 `bondT*` `base_pair`

Contains a list of base pairs after a call to [fold\(\)](#).

`base_pair[0].i` contains the total number of pairs.

Deprecated

Do not use this variable anymore!

11.13.3.10 `FLT_OR_DBL*` `pr`

A pointer to the base pair probability matrix.

Deprecated

Do not use this variable anymore!

11.13.3.11 `int*` `iindx`

index array to move through `pr`.

The probability for base `i` and `j` to form a pair is in `pr[iindx[i]-j]`.

Deprecated

Do not use this variable anymore!

11.13.3.12 `double` `pf_scale`

A scaling factor used by [pf_fold\(\)](#) to avoid overflows.

Should be set to approximately $\exp((-F/kT)/length)$, where F is an estimate for the ensemble free energy, for example the minimum free energy. You must call [update_pf_params\(\)](#) after changing this parameter.

If `pf_scale` is -1 (the default), an estimate will be provided automatically when computing partition functions, e.g. [pf_fold\(\)](#). The automatic estimate is usually insufficient for sequences more than a few hundred bases long.

11.13.3.13 `int` `do_backtrack`

do backtracking, i.e.

compute secondary structures or base pair probabilities

If 0, do not calculate pair probabilities in [pf_fold\(\)](#); this is about twice as fast. Default is 1.

11.13.3.14 char backtrack_type

A backtrack array marker for [inverse_fold\(\)](#).

If set to 'C': force (1,N) to be paired, 'M' fold as if the sequence were inside a multi-loop. Otherwise ('F') the usual mfe structure is computed.

11.14 H/inverse.h File Reference

Inverse folding routines.

Functions

- float [inverse_fold](#) (char *start, const char *target)
Find sequences with predefined structure.
- float [inverse_pf_fold](#) (char *start, const char *target)
Find sequence that maximizes probability of a predefined structure.

Variables

- char * [symbolset](#)
This global variable points to the allowed bases, initially "AUGC".
- float [final_cost](#)
when to stop [inverse_pf_fold\(\)](#)
- int [give_up](#)
default 0: try to minimize structure distance even if no exact solution can be found
- int [inv_verbose](#)
print out substructure on which [inverse_fold\(\)](#) fails

11.14.1 Detailed Description

Inverse folding routines.

11.14.2 Function Documentation

11.14.2.1 float [inverse_fold](#) (char * *start*, const char * *target*)

Find sequences with predefined structure.

This function searches for a sequence with minimum free energy structure provided in the parameter 'target', starting with sequence 'start'. It returns 0 if the search was successful, otherwise a structure distance in terms of the energy difference between the search result and the actual target 'target' is returned. The found sequence is returned in 'start'. If [give_up](#) is set to 1, the function will return as soon as it is clear that the search will be unsuccessful, this speeds up the algorithm if you are only interested in exact solutions.

Parameters

start The start sequence

Parameters

target The target secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Returns

The distance to the target in case a search was unsuccessful, 0 otherwise

11.14.2.2 float inverse_pf_fold (char * start, const char * target)

Find sequence that maximizes probability of a predefined structure.

This function searches for a sequence with maximum probability to fold into the provided structure 'target' using the partition function algorithm. It returns $-kT \cdot \log(p)$ where p is the frequency of 'target' in the ensemble of possible structures. This is usually much slower than [inverse_fold\(\)](#).

Parameters

start The start sequence

Parameters

target The target secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Returns

The distance to the target in case a search was unsuccessful, 0 otherwise

11.14.3 Variable Documentation**11.14.3.1 char* symbolset**

This global variable points to the allowed bases, initially "AUGC".

It can be used to design sequences from reduced alphabets.

11.15 H/Lfold.h File Reference

Predicting local MFE structures of large sequences.

Functions

- float [Lfold](#) (const char *string, char *structure, int maxdist)
The local analog to [fold\(\)](#).
- float [aliLfold](#) (const char **strings, char *structure, int maxdist)
- float [Lfoldz](#) (const char *string, char *structure, int maxdist, int zsc, double min_z)

11.15.1 Detailed Description

Predicting local MFE structures of large sequences.

11.15.2 Function Documentation

11.15.2.1 float Lfold (const char * string, char * structure, int maxdist)

The local analog to [fold\(\)](#).

Computes the minimum free energy structure including only base pairs with a span smaller than 'maxdist'

Parameters Parameters Parameters

string structure maxdist

11.15.2.2 float aliLfold (const char ** strings, char * structure, int maxdist)

Parameters Parameters Parameters Returns

strings structure maxdist

11.15.2.3 float Lfoldz (const char * string, char * structure, int maxdist, int zsc, double min_z)

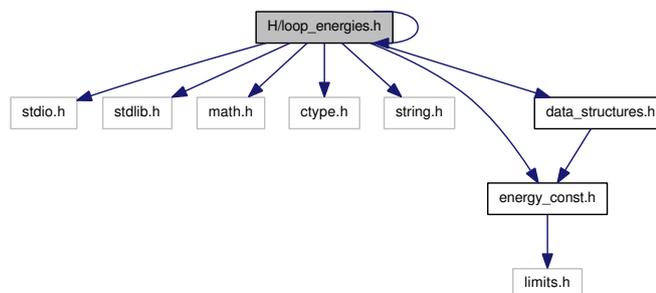
Parameters Parameters Parameters Parameters Parameters

string structure maxdist zsc min_z

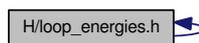
11.16 H/loop_energies.h File Reference

Energy evaluation for MFE and partition function calculations.

Include dependency graph for loop_energies.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



Functions

- PRIVATE int [E_IntLoop](#) (int n1, int n2, int type, int type_2, int si1, int sj1, int sp1, int sq1, [paramT](#) *P)
- PRIVATE int [E_Hairpin](#) (int size, int type, int si1, int sj1, const char *string, [paramT](#) *P)
- PRIVATE int [E_Stem](#) (int type, int si1, int sj1, int extLoop, [paramT](#) *P)
- PRIVATE double [exp_E_Stem](#) (int type, int si1, int sj1, int extLoop, [pf_paramT](#) *P)
- PRIVATE double [exp_E_Hairpin](#) (int u, int type, short si1, short sj1, const char *string, [pf_paramT](#) *P)
- PRIVATE double [exp_E_IntLoop](#) (int u1, int u2, int type, int type2, short si1, short sj1, short sp1, short sq1, [pf_paramT](#) *P)

11.16.1 Detailed Description

Energy evaluation for MFE and partition function calculations. This file contains functions for the calculation of the free energy ΔG of a hairpin- [[E_Hairpin\(\)](#)] or interior-loop [[E_IntLoop\(\)](#)] .

The unit of the free energy returned is $10^{-2} * \text{kcal/mol}$

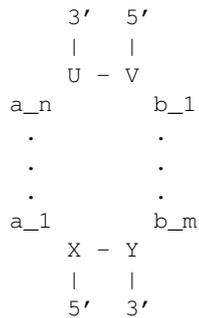
In case of computing the partition function, this file also supplies functions which return the Boltzmann weights $e^{-\Delta G/kT}$ for a hairpin- [[exp_E_Hairpin\(\)](#)] or interior-loop [[exp_E_IntLoop\(\)](#)].

11.16.2 Function Documentation

11.16.2.1 PRIVATE int E_IntLoop (int *n1*, int *n2*, int *type*, int *type_2*, int *si1*, int *sj1*, int *sp1*, int *sq1*, paramT * *P*)

Compute the Energy of an interior-loop

This function computes the free energy ΔG of an interior-loop with the following structure:



This general structure depicts an interior-loop that is closed by the base pair (X,Y). The enclosed base pair is (V,U) which leaves the unpaired bases a₁-a_n and b₁-b_n that constitute the loop. In this example, the length of the interior-loop is (*n* + *m*) where *n* or *m* may be 0 resulting in a bulge-loop or base pair stack. The mismatching nucleotides for the closing pair (X,Y) are:

5'-mismatch: a₁

3'-mismatch: b_m

and for the enclosed base pair (V,U):

5'-mismatch: b₁

3'-mismatch: a_n

Note

Base pairs are always denoted in 5'->3' direction. Thus the enclosed base pair must be 'turned around' when evaluating the free energy of the interior-loop

See also

[scale_parameters\(\)](#)
[paramT](#)

Note

This function is threadsafe

Parameters

n1 The size of the 'left'-loop (number of unpaired nucleotides)

Parameters

n2 The size of the 'right'-loop (number of unpaired nucleotides)

Parameters

type The pair type of the base pair closing the interior loop

Parameters

type_2 The pair type of the enclosed base pair

Parameters

si1 The 5'-mismatching nucleotide of the closing pair

Parameters

sj1 The 3'-mismatching nucleotide of the closing pair

Parameters

sp1 The 3'-mismatching nucleotide of the enclosed pair

Parameters

sq1 The 5'-mismatching nucleotide of the enclosed pair

Parameters

P The data-structure containing scaled energy parameters

Returns

The Free energy of

the
Interior-
loop
in
dcal/-
mol

11.16.2.2 PRIVATE int E_Hairpin (int *size*, int *type*, int *siI*, int *sjI*, const char **string*, paramT **P*)

Compute the Energy of a hairpin-loop

To evaluate the free energy of a hairpin-loop, several parameters have to be known. A general hairpin-loop has this structure:

```

      a3 a4
a2      a5
a1      a6
X - Y
|   |
5'  3'
```

where X-Y marks the closing pair [e.g. a (G,C) pair]. The length of this loop is 6 as there are six unpaired nucleotides (a1-a6) enclosed by (X,Y). The 5' mismatching nucleotide is a1 while the 3' mismatch is a6. The nucleotide sequence of this loop is "a1.a2.a3.a4.a5.a6"

Note

The parameter sequence should contain the sequence of the loop in capital letters of the nucleic acid alphabet if the loop size is below 7. This is useful for unusually stable tri-, tetra- and hexa-loops which are treated differently (based on experimental data) if they are tabulated.

See also

[scale_parameters\(\)](#)
[paramT](#)

Warning

Not (really) thread safe! A threadsafe implementation will replace this function in a future release!

Energy evaluation may change due to updates in global variable "tetra_loop"

Parameters

size The size of the loop (number of unpaired nucleotides)

Parameters

type The pair type of the base pair closing the hairpin

Parameters

si1 The 5'-mismatching nucleotide

Parameters

sj1 The 3'-mismatching nucleotide

Parameters

string The sequence of the loop

Parameters

P The datastructure containing scaled energy parameters

Returns

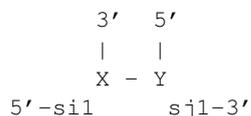
The Free energy of the Hairpin-loop in dcal/mol

11.16.2.3 PRIVATE int E_Stem (int *type*, int *si1*, int *sj1*, int *extLoop*, paramT * *P*)

Compute the energy contribution of a stem branching off a loop-region

This function computes the energy contribution of a stem that branches off a loop region. This can be the case in multiloops, when a stem branching off increases the degree of the loop but also *immediately interior base pairs* of an exterior loop contribute free energy. To switch the behavior of the function according to the evaluation of a multiloop- or exterior-loop-stem, you pass the flag 'extLoop'. The returned energy contribution consists of a TerminalAU penalty if the pair type is greater than 2, dangling end contributions of mismatching nucleotides adjacent to the stem if only one of the *si1*, *sj1* parameters is greater than 0 and mismatch energies if both mismatching nucleotides are positive values. Thus, to avoid incooperating dangling end or mismatch energies just pass a negative number, e.g. -1 to the mismatch argument.

This is an illustration of how the energy contribution is assembled:



Here, (X,Y) is the base pair that closes the stem that branches off a loop region. The nucleotides *si1* and *sj1* are the 5'- and 3'- mismatches, respectively. If the base pair type of (X,Y) is greater than 2 (i.e. an A-U or G-U pair, the TerminalAU penalty will be included in the energy contribution returned. If *si1* and *sj1* are both nonnegative numbers, mismatch energies will also be included. If one of *si1* or *sj1* is a negative

value, only 5' or 3' dangling end contributions are taken into account. To prohibit any of these mismatch contributions to be incorporated, just pass a negative number to both, *si1* and *sj1*. In case the argument *extLoop* is 0, the returned energy contribution also includes the *internal-loop-penalty* of a multiloop stem with closing pair type.

See also

[E_MLstem\(\)](#)
[E_ExtLoop\(\)](#)

Note

This function is threadsafe

Parameters

type The pair type of the first base pair un the stem

Parameters

si1 The 5'-mismatching nucleotide

Parameters

sj1 The 3'-mismatching nucleotide

Parameters

extLoop A flag that indicates whether the contribution reflects the one of an exterior loop or not

Parameters

P The datastructure containing scaled energy parameters

Returns

The Free energy of the branch off the loop in dcal/mol

11.16.2.4 PRIVATE double exp_E_Stem (int *type*, int *si1*, int *sj1*, int *extLoop*, pf_paramT * *P*)

Compute the Boltzmann weighted energy contribution of a stem branching off a loop-region

This is the partition function variant of [E_Stem\(\)](#)

See also

[E_Stem\(\)](#)

Note

This function is threadsafe

Returns

The Boltzmann weighted energy contribution of the branch off the loop

11.16.2.5 PRIVATE double exp_E_Hairpin (int *u*, int *type*, short *siI*, short *sjI*, const char * *string*, pf_paramT * *P*)
Compute Boltzmann weight $e^{-\Delta G/kT}$ of a hairpin loop

multiply by scale[*u*+2]

See also

[get_scaled_pf_parameters\(\)](#)
[pf_paramT](#)
[E_Hairpin\(\)](#)

Warning

Not (really) thread safe! A threadsafe implementation will replace this function in a future release!

Energy evaluation may change due to updates in global variable "tetra_loop"

Parameters

u The size of the loop (number of unpaired nucleotides)

Parameters

type The pair type of the base pair closing the hairpin

Parameters

siI The 5'-mismatching nucleotide

Parameters

sjI The 3'-mismatching nucleotide

Parameters

string The sequence of the loop

Parameters

P The datastructure containing scaled Boltzmann weights of the energy parameters

Returns

The Boltzmann weight of the Hairpin-loop

11.16.2.6 PRIVATE double exp_E_IntLoop (int *u1*, int *u2*, int *type*, int *type2*, short *si1*, short *sj1*, short *sp1*, short *sql*, pf_paramT * *P*)

Compute Boltzmann weight $e^{-\Delta G/kT}$ of interior loop

multiply by scale[u1+u2+2] for scaling

See also

[get_scaled_pf_parameters\(\)](#)
[pf_paramT](#)
[E_IntLoop\(\)](#)

Note

This function is threadsafe

Parameters

u1 The size of the 'left'-loop (number of unpaired nucleotides)

Parameters

u2 The size of the 'right'-loop (number of unpaired nucleotides)

Parameters

type The pair type of the base pair closing the interior loop

Parameters

type2 The pair type of the enclosed base pair

Parameters

si1 The 5'-mismatching nucleotide of the closing pair

Parameters

sj1 The 3'-mismatching nucleotide of the closing pair

Parameters

sp1 The 3'-mismatching nucleotide of the enclosed pair

Parameters

sql The 5'-mismatching nucleotide of the enclosed pair

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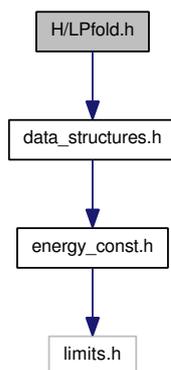
Returns

The
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loop

11.17 H/LPfold.h File Reference

Function declarations of partition function variants of the Lfold algorithm.

Include dependency graph for LPfold.h:



Functions

- void `update_pf_paramsLP` (int length)
- `plist * pfl_fold` (char *sequence, int winSize, int pairSize, float cutoffb, double **pU, struct `plist` **dpp2, FILE *pUfp, FILE *spup)

*Compute partition functions for locally stable secondary structures (**berni!** update me)*
- void `putoutpU_prob` (double **pU, int length, int ulength, FILE *fp, int energies)

Writes the unpaired probabilities (pU) or opening energies into a file.
- void `putoutpU_prob_bin` (double **pU, int length, int ulength, FILE *fp, int energies)

Writes the unpaired probabilities (pU) or opening energies into a binary file.
- void `init_pf_foldLP` (int length)

Dunno if this function was ever used by external programs linking to RNALib, but it was declared PUBLIC before.

11.17.1 Detailed Description

Function declarations of partition function variants of the Lfold algorithm.

11.17.2 Function Documentation

11.17.2.1 void update_pf_paramsLP (int length)

Parameters

length

11.17.2.2 plist* pfl_fold (char * sequence, int winSize, int pairSize, float cutoffb, double ** pU, struct plist ** dpp2, FILE * pUfp, FILE * spup)

Compute partition functions for locally stable secondary structures (**berni! update me**)

pfl_fold computes partition functions for every window of size 'winSize' possible in a RNA molecule, allowing only pairs with a span smaller than 'pairSize'. It returns the mean pair probabilities averaged over all windows containing the pair in 'pl'. 'winSize' should always be \geq 'pairSize'. Note that in contrast to Lfold(), bases outside of the window do not influence the structure at all. Only probabilities higher than 'cutoffb' are kept.

If 'pU' is supplied (i.e is not the NULL pointer), pfl_fold() will also compute the mean probability that regions of length 'u' and smaller are unpaired. The parameter 'u' is supplied in 'pup[0][0]'. On return the 'pup' array will contain these probabilities, with the entry on 'pup[x][y]' containing the mean probability that x and the y-1 preceding bases are unpaired. The 'pU' array needs to be large enough to hold n+1 float* entries, where n is the sequence length.

If an array dpp2 is supplied, the probability of base pair (i,j) given that there already exists a base pair (i+1,j-1) is also computed and saved in this array. If pUfp is given (i.e. not NULL), pU is not saved but put out immediately. If spup is given (i.e. is not NULL), the pair probabilities in pl are not saved but put out immediately.

Parameters

sequence RNA sequence

Parameters

winSize size of the window

Parameters

pairSize maximum size of base pair

Parameters

cutoffb cutoffb for base pairs

Parameters

pU array holding all unpaired probabilities

Parameters

dpp2 array of dependent pair probabilities

Parameters*pUfp* file pointer for pU**Parameters***spup* file pointer for pair probabilities**Returns**

list of pair probabilities

11.17.2.3 void putoutputU_prob (double ** *pU*, int *length*, int *ulength*, FILE * *fp*, int *energies*)

Writes the unpaired probabilities (pU) or opening energies into a file.

Can write either the unpaired probabilities (accessibilities) pU or the opening energies $-\log(pU)kT$ into a file

Parameters*pU* pair probabilities**Parameters***length* length of RNA sequence**Parameters***ulength* maximum length of unpaired stretch**Parameters***fp* file pointer of destination file**Parameters***energies* switch to put out as opening energies

11.17.2.4 void putoutputU_prob_bin (double ** *pU*, int *length*, int *ulength*, FILE * *fp*, int *energies*)

Writes the unpaired probabilities (pU) or opening energies into a binary file.

Can write either the unpaired probabilities (accessibilities) pU or the opening energies $-\log(pU)kT$ into a file

Parameters*pU* pair probabilities

Parameters

length length of RNA sequence

Parameters

ulength maximum length of unpaired stretch

Parameters

fp file pointer of destination file

Parameters

energies switch to put out as opening energies

11.17.2.5 void init_pf_foldLP (int *length*)

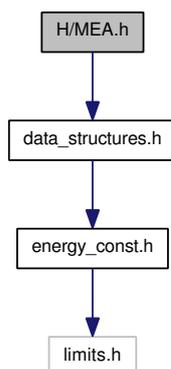
Dunno if this function was ever used by external programs linking to RNAlib, but it was declared PUBLIC before.

Anyway, never use this function as it will be removed soon and does nothing at all

11.18 H/MEA.h File Reference

Computes a MEA (maximum expected accuracy) structure.

Include dependency graph for MEA.h:



Functions

- float **MEA** (plist *p, char *structure, double gamma)
Computes a MEA (maximum expected accuracy) structure.

11.18.1 Detailed Description

Computes a MEA (maximum expected accuracy) structure.

11.18.2 Function Documentation

11.18.2.1 float MEA (plist * p, char * structure, double gamma)

Computes a MEA (maximum expected accuracy) structure.

The algorithm maximizes the expected accuracy

$$A(S) = \sum_{(i,j) \in S} 2\gamma p_{ij} + \sum_{i \notin S} p_i^u$$

Higher values of γ result in more base pairs of lower probability and thus higher sensitivity. Low values of γ result in structures containing only highly likely pairs (high specificity). The code of the MEA function also demonstrates the use of sparse dynamic programming scheme to reduce the time and memory complexity of folding.

11.19 H/mm.h File Reference

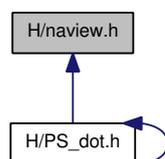
Several Maximum Matching implementations.

11.19.1 Detailed Description

Several Maximum Matching implementations. This file contains the declarations for several maximum matching implementations

11.20 H/naview.h File Reference

This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:

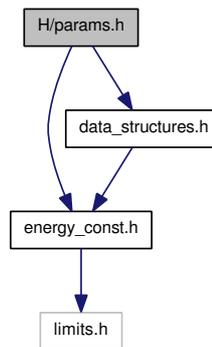


11.20.1 Detailed Description

11.21 H/params.h File Reference

Several functions to obtain (pre)scaled energy parameter data containers.

Include dependency graph for params.h:



Functions

- `paramT * scale_parameters` (void)
Get precomputed energy contributions for all the known loop types.
- `paramT * get_scaled_parameters` (double `temperature`, `model_detailsT` md)
Get precomputed energy contributions for all the known loop types.
- `pf_paramT * get_scaled_pf_parameters` (void)
get a datastructure of type `pf_paramT` which contains the Boltzmann weights of several energy parameters scaled according to the current temperature
- `pf_paramT * get_boltzmann_factors` (double `temperature`, double `betaScale`, `model_detailsT` md, double `pf_scale`)
Get precomputed Boltzmann factors of the loop type dependent energy contributions with independent thermodynamic temperature.
- `pf_paramT * get_boltzmann_factor_copy` (`pf_paramT *parameters`)
Get a copy of already precomputed Boltzmann factors.
- `pf_paramT * get_scaled_alipf_parameters` (unsigned int `n_seq`)
Get precomputed Boltzmann factors of the loop type dependent energy contributions (alifold variant).
- `pf_paramT * get_boltzmann_factors_ali` (unsigned int `n_seq`, double `temperature`, double `betaScale`, `model_detailsT` md, double `pf_scale`)
Get precomputed Boltzmann factors of the loop type dependent energy contributions (alifold variant) with independent thermodynamic temperature.

11.21.1 Detailed Description

Several functions to obtain (pre)scaled energy parameter data containers.

11.21.2 Function Documentation

11.21.2.1 `paramT* scale_parameters (void)`

Get precomputed energy contributions for all the known loop types.

Note

OpenMP: This function relies on several global model settings variables and thus is not to be considered threadsafe. See [get_scaled_parameters\(\)](#) for a completely threadsafe implementation.

Returns

A set of precomputed energy contributions

11.21.2.2 `paramT* get_scaled_parameters (double temperature, model_detailsT md)`

Get precomputed energy contributions for all the known loop types.

Call this function to retrieve precomputed energy contributions, i.e. scaled according to the temperature passed. Furthermore, this function assumes a data structure that contains the model details as well, such that subsequent folding recursions are able to retrieve the correct model settings

See also

[model_detailsT](#), [set_model_details\(\)](#)

Parameters

temperature The temperature in degrees Celcius

Parameters

md The model details

Returns

precomputed energy contributions and model settings

11.21.2.3 `pf_paramT* get_scaled_pf_parameters (void)`

get a datastructure of type `pf_paramT` which contains the Boltzmann weights of several energy parameters scaled according to the current temperature

Returns

The datastructure containing Boltzmann weights for use in partition function calculations

11.21.2.4 pf_paramT* get_boltzmann_factors (double *temperature*, double *betaScale*, model_detailsT *md*, double *pf_scale*)

Get precomputed Boltzmann factors of the loop type dependent energy contributions with independent thermodynamic temperature.

This function returns a data structure that contains all necessary precalculated Boltzmann factors for each loop type contribution.

In contrast to [get_scaled_pf_parameters\(\)](#), this function enables setting of independent temperatures for both, the individual energy contributions as well as the thermodynamic temperature used in $\exp(-\Delta G/kT)$

See also

[get_scaled_pf_parameters\(\)](#), [get_boltzmann_factor_copy\(\)](#)

Parameters

dangle_model The dangle model to be used (possible values: 0 or 2)

Parameters

temperature The temperature in degC used for (re-)scaling the energy contributions

Parameters

alpha A scaling value that is used as a multiplication factor for the absolute temperature of the system

Returns

A set of precomputed Boltzmann factors

11.21.2.5 pf_paramT* get_boltzmann_factor_copy (pf_paramT * *parameters*)

Get a copy of already precomputed Boltzmann factors.

See also

[get_boltzmann_factors\(\)](#), [get_scaled_pf_parameters\(\)](#)

Parameters

parameters The input data structure that shall be copied

Returns

A copy of the provided Boltzmann factor dataset

11.21.2.6 pf_paramT* get_scaled_alipf_parameters (unsigned int *n_seq*)

Get precomputed Boltzmann factors of the loop type dependent energy contributions (alifold variant).

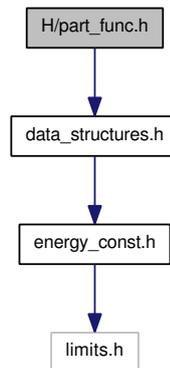
11.21.2.7 pf_paramT* get_boltzmann_factors_ali (unsigned int *n_seq*, double *temperature*, double *betaScale*, model_detailsT *md*, double *pf_scale*)

Get precomputed Boltzmann factors of the loop type dependent energy contributions (alifold variant) with independent thermodynamic temperature.

11.22 H/part_func.h File Reference

Partition function of single RNA sequences.

Include dependency graph for part_func.h:



Functions

- float [pf_fold_par](#) (const char *sequence, char *structure, [pf_paramT](#) *parameters, int calculate_bppm, int is_constrained, int is_circular)
Compute the partition function Q for a given RNA sequence.
- float [pf_fold](#) (const char *sequence, char *structure)
Compute the partition function Q of an RNA sequence.
- float [pf_circ_fold](#) (const char *sequence, char *structure)
Compute the partition function of a circular RNA sequence.
- char * [pbacktrack](#) (char *sequence)
Sample a secondary structure from the Boltzmann ensemble according its probability
- char * [pbacktrack_circ](#) (char *sequence)
Sample a secondary structure of a circular RNA from the Boltzmann ensemble according its probability.
- void [free_pf_arrays](#) (void)
Free arrays for the partition function recursions.
- void [update_pf_params](#) (int length)
Recalculate energy parameters.
- FLT_OR_DBL * [export_bppm](#) (void)

Get a pointer to the base pair probability array.

- void `assign_plist_from_pr` (`plist **pl`, `FLT_OR_DBL *probs`, `int length`, `double cutoff`)

Create a plist from a probability matrix.

- int `get_pf_arrays` (`short **S_p`, `short **S1_p`, `char **ptype_p`, `FLT_OR_DBL **qb_p`, `FLT_OR_DBL **qm_p`, `FLT_OR_DBL **q1k_p`, `FLT_OR_DBL **qln_p`)

Get the pointers to (almost) all relevant computation arrays used in partition function computation.

- double `get_subseq_F` (`int i`, `int j`)

Get the free energy of a subsequence from the `q[]` array.

- char * `get_centroid_struct_pl` (`int length`, `double *dist`, `plist *pl`)

Get the centroid structure of the ensemble.

- char * `get_centroid_struct_pr` (`int length`, `double *dist`, `FLT_OR_DBL *pr`)

Get the centroid structure of the ensemble.

- double `mean_bp_distance` (`int length`)

Get the mean base pair distance of the last partition function computation.

- double `mean_bp_distance_pr` (`int length`, `FLT_OR_DBL *pr`)

Get the mean base pair distance in the thermodynamic ensemble.

- void `bppm_to_structure` (`char *structure`, `FLT_OR_DBL *pr`, `unsigned int length`)

Create a dot-bracket like structure string from base pair probability matrix.

- char `bppm_symbol` (`const float *x`)

Get a pseudo dot bracket notation for a given probability information.

- void `init_pf_fold` (`int length`)

Allocate space for `pf_fold()`.

- char * `centroid` (`int length`, `double *dist`)

- double `mean_bp_dist` (`int length`)

get the mean pair distance of ensemble

- double `expLoopEnergy` (`int u1`, `int u2`, `int type`, `int type2`, `short si1`, `short sj1`, `short sp1`, `short sq1`)

- double `expHairpinEnergy` (`int u`, `int type`, `short si1`, `short sj1`, `const char *string`)

Variables

- [int st_back](#)

a flag indicating that auxiliary arrays are needed throughout the computations which are necessary for stochastic backtracking

11.22.1 Detailed Description

Partition function of single RNA sequences. This file includes (almost) all function declarations within the **RNAlib** that are related to Partition function folding...

Note

If you plan on using the functions provided from this section of the RNAlib concurrently via **OpenMP** you have to place a *COPYIN* clause right before your *PARALLEL* directive! Otherwise, some functions may not behave as expected. A complete list of variables that have to be passed to the *COPYIN* clause can be found in the detailed description of each function below.

11.22.2 Function Documentation

11.22.2.1 `float pf_fold_par (const char * sequence, char * structure, pf_paramT * parameters, int calculate_bppm, int is_constrained, int is_circular)`

Compute the partition function Q for a given RNA sequence.

If *structure* is not a NULL pointer on input, it contains on return a string consisting of the letters ". , | { } ()" denoting bases that are essentially unpaired, weakly paired, strongly paired without preference, weakly upstream (downstream) paired, or strongly up- (down-)stream paired bases, respectively. If *fold_constrained* is not 0, the *structure* string is interpreted on input as a list of constraints for the folding. The character "x" marks bases that must be unpaired, matching brackets " ()" denote base pairs, all other characters are ignored. Any pairs conflicting with the constraint will be forbidden. This is usually sufficient to ensure the constraints are honored. If the parameter *calculate_bppm* is set to 0 base pairing probabilities will not be computed (saving CPU time), otherwise after calculations took place *pr* will contain the probability that bases i and j pair.

Note

The global array *pr* is deprecated and the user who wants the calculated base pair probabilities for further computations is advised to use the function [export_bppm\(\)](#)

See also

[pf_circ_fold\(\)](#), [bppm_to_structure\(\)](#), [export_bppm\(\)](#), [get_boltzmann_factors\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequence The RNA sequence input

Parameters

structure A pointer to a char array where a base pair probability information can be stored in a pseudo-dot-bracket notation (may be NULL, too)

Parameters

parameters Data structure containing the precalculated Boltzmann factors

Parameters

calculate_bppm Switch to Base pair probability calculations on/off (0==off)

Parameters

is_constrained Switch to indicate that a structure constraint is passed via the structure argument (0==off)

Parameters

is_circular Switch to (de-)activate postprocessing steps in case RNA sequence is circular (0==off)

Returns

The Gibbs free energy of the ensemble ($G = -RT \cdot \log(Q)$) in kcal/mol

11.22.2.2 float pf_fold (const char * sequence, char * structure)

Compute the partition function Q of an RNA sequence.

If *structure* is not a NULL pointer on input, it contains on return a string consisting of the letters ". , | { } ()" denoting bases that are essentially unpaired, weakly paired, strongly paired without preference, weakly upstream (downstream) paired, or strongly up- (down-)stream paired bases, respectively. If *fold_constrained* is not 0, the *structure* string is interpreted on input as a list of constraints for the folding. The character "x" marks bases that must be unpaired, matching brackets " ()" denote base pairs, all other characters are ignored. Any pairs conflicting with the constraint will be forbidden. This is usually sufficient to ensure the constraints are honored. If *do_backtrack* has been set to 0 base pairing probabilities will not be computed (saving CPU time), otherwise *pr* will contain the probability that bases i and j pair.

Note

The global array *pr* is deprecated and the user who wants the calculated base pair probabilities for further computations is advised to use the function [export_bppm\(\)](#)

See also

[pf_circ_fold\(\)](#), [bppm_to_structure\(\)](#), [export_bppm\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequence The RNA sequence input

Parameters

structure A pointer to a char array where a base pair probability information can be stored in a pseudo-dot-bracket notation (may be NULL, too)

Returns

The Gibbs free energy of the ensemble ($G = -RT \cdot \log(Q)$) in kcal/mol

11.22.2.3 float pf_circ_fold (const char * sequence, char * structure)

Compute the partition function of a circular RNA sequence.

See also

[pf_fold\(\)](#), [pf_fold_par\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequence The RNA sequence input

Parameters

structure A pointer to a char array where a base pair probability information can be stored in a pseudo-dot-bracket notation (may be NULL, too)

Returns

The Gibbs free energy of the ensemble ($G = -RT \cdot \log(Q)$) in kcal/mol

11.22.2.4 char* pbacktrack (char * sequence)

Sample a secondary structure from the Boltzmann ensemble according its probability

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Note

You have to call [pf_fold\(\)](#) first in order to fill the partition function matrices

OpenMP notice:

This function relies on passing the following variables to the appropriate *COPYIN* clause (*additionally to the ones needed by [pf_fold\(\)](#)*):

pstruc, sequence

Parameters

sequence The RNA sequence

Returns

A sampled secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

11.22.2.5 char* pbacktrack_circ (char * sequence)

Sample a secondary structure of a circular RNA from the Boltzmann ensemble according to its probability.

This function does the same as [pbacktrack\(\)](#) but assumes the RNA molecule to be circular

Note**OpenMP notice:**

This function relies on passing the following variables to the appropriate *COPYIN* clause (*additionally to the ones needed by [pf_fold\(\)](#)*):

pstruc, sequence

Parameters

sequence The RNA sequence

Returns

A sampled secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

11.22.2.6 void free_pf_arrays (void)

Free arrays for the partition function recursions.

Call this function if you want to free all allocated memory associated with the partition function forward recursion.

Note

Successive calls of [pf_fold\(\)](#), [pf_circ_fold\(\)](#) already check if they should free any memory from a previous run.

OpenMP notice:

This function should be called before leaving a thread in order to avoid leaking memory

See also

[pf_fold\(\)](#), [pf_circ_fold\(\)](#)

11.22.2.7 void update_pf_params (int length)

Recalculate energy parameters.

Call this function to recalculate the pair matrix and energy parameters after a change in folding parameters like [temperature](#)

11.22.2.8 FLT_OR_DBL* export_bppm (void)

Get a pointer to the base pair probability array.

Accessing the base pair probabilities for a pair (i,j) is achieved by

```
FLT_OR_DBL *pr = export_bppm(); pr_ij = pr[iindx[i]-j];
```

Note

Call [pf_fold\(\)](#) before using this function!

See also

[pf_fold\(\)](#), [pf_circ_fold\(\)](#), [get_iindx\(\)](#)

Returns

A pointer to the base pair probability array

11.22.2.9 void assign_plist_from_pr (plist **pl, FLT_OR_DBL *probs, int length, double cutoff)

Create a plist from a probability matrix.

The probability matrix given is parsed and all pair probabilities above the given threshold are used to create an entry in the plist

The end of the plist is marked by sequence positions i as well as j equal to 0. This condition should be used to stop looping over its entries

Note

This function is threadsafe

Parameters

pl A pointer to the plist that is to be created

Parameters

probs The probability matrix used for creating the plist

Parameters

length The length of the RNA sequence

Parameters

cutoff The cutoff value

11.22.2.10 `int get_pf_arrays (short ** S_p, short ** SI_p, char ** ptype_p,
FLT_OR_DBL ** qb_p, FLT_OR_DBL ** qm_p, FLT_OR_DBL **
q1k_p, FLT_OR_DBL ** qln_p)`

Get the pointers to (almost) all relevant computation arrays used in partition function computation.

Note

In order to assign meaningful pointers, you have to call `pf_fold` first!

See also

[pf_fold\(\)](#), [pf_circ_fold\(\)](#)

Parameters

S_p A pointer to the 'S' array (integer representation of nucleotides)

Parameters

SI_p A pointer to the 'S1' array (2nd integer representation of nucleotides)

Parameters

ptype_p A pointer to the pair type matrix

Parameters

qb_p A pointer to the Q^B matrix

Parameters

qm_p A pointer to the Q^M matrix

Parameters

q1k_p A pointer to the 5' slice of the Q matrix ($q1k(k) = Q(1, k)$)

Parameters

qln_p A pointer to the 3' slice of the Q matrix ($qln(l) = Q(l, n)$)

Returns

Non Zero if everything went fine, 0 otherwise

11.22.2.11 `char* get_centroid_struct_pl (int length, double * dist, plist * pl)`

Get the centroid structure of the ensemble.

This function is a threadsafe replacement for [centroid\(\)](#) with a 'plist' input

The centroid is the structure with the minimal average distance to all other structures

$$\langle d(S) \rangle = \sum_{(i,j) \in S} (1 - p_{ij}) + \sum_{(i,j) \notin S} p_{ij}$$

Thus, the centroid is simply the structure containing all pairs with $p_{ij} > 0.5$ The distance of the centroid to the ensemble is written to the memory addressed by *dist*.

Parameters

length The length of the sequence

Parameters

dist A pointer to the distance variable where the centroid distance will be written to

Parameters

pl A pair list containing base pair probability information about the ensemble

Returns

The centroid structure of the ensemble in dot-bracket notation

11.22.2.12 char* get_centroid_struct_pr (int length, double * dist, FLT_OR_DBL * pr)

Get the centroid structure of the ensemble.

This function is a threadsafe replacement for [centroid\(\)](#) with a probability array input

The centroid is the structure with the minimal average distance to all other structures

$$\langle d(S) \rangle = \sum_{(i,j) \in S} (1 - p_{ij}) + \sum_{(i,j) \notin S} p_{ij}$$

Thus, the centroid is simply the structure containing all pairs with $p_{ij} > 0.5$ The distance of the centroid to the ensemble is written to the memory addressed by *dist*.

Parameters

length The length of the sequence

Parameters

dist A pointer to the distance variable where the centroid distance will be written to

Parameters

pr A upper triangular matrix containing base pair probabilities (access via iindx [get_iindx\(\)](#))

Returns

The centroid structure of the ensemble in dot-bracket notation

11.22.2.13 double mean_bp_distance (int length)

Get the mean base pair distance of the last partition function computation.

Note

To ensure thread-safety, use the function [mean_bp_distance_pr\(\)](#) instead!

See also

[mean_bp_distance_pr\(\)](#)

Parameters>Returns

length mean base pair distance in thermodynamic ensemble

11.22.2.14 double mean_bp_distance_pr (int length, FLT_OR_DBL * pr)

Get the mean base pair distance in the thermodynamic ensemble.

This is a threadsafe implementation of [mean_bp_dist\(\)](#) !

$$\langle d \rangle = \sum_{a,b} p_a p_b d(S_a, S_b)$$

this can be computed from the pair probs p_{ij} as

$$\langle d \rangle = \sum_{ij} p_{ij} (1 - p_{ij})$$

Note

This function is threadsafe

Parameters

length The length of the sequence

Parameters

pr The matrix containing the base pair probabilities

Returns

The mean pair distance of the structure ensemble

11.22.2.15 void init_pf_fold (int length)

Allocate space for [pf_fold\(\)](#).

Deprecated

This function is obsolete and will be removed soon!

11.22.2.16 char* centroid (int length, double * dist)**Deprecated**

This function is deprecated and should not be used anymore as it is not threadsafe!

See also

[get_centroid_struct_pl\(\)](#), [get_centroid_struct_pr\(\)](#)

11.22.2.17 double mean_bp_dist (int length)

get the mean pair distance of ensemble

Deprecated

This function is not threadsafe and should not be used anymore. Use [mean_bp_distance\(\)](#) instead!

11.22.2.18 double expLoopEnergy (int u1, int u2, int type, int type2, short si1, short sj1, short sp1, short sql)**Deprecated**

Use [exp_E_IntLoop\(\)](#) from [loop_energies.h](#) instead

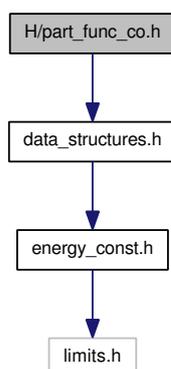
11.22.2.19 double expHairpinEnergy (int u, int type, short si1, short sj1, const char * string)**Deprecated**

Use [exp_E_Hairpin\(\)](#) from [loop_energies.h](#) instead

11.23 H/part_func_co.h File Reference

Partition function for two RNA sequences.

Include dependency graph for part_func_co.h:



Functions

- [cofoldF co_pf_fold](#) (char *sequence, char *structure)
Calculate partition function and base pair probabilities.
- [cofoldF co_pf_fold_par](#) (char *sequence, char *structure, [pf_paramT](#) *parameters, int calculate_bppm, int is_constrained)
Calculate partition function and base pair probabilities.
- [FLT_OR_DBL * export_co_bppm](#) (void)
Get a pointer to the base pair probability array.
- void [free_co_pf_arrays](#) (void)
Free the memory occupied by [co_pf_fold\(\)](#).
- void [update_co_pf_params](#) (int length)
Recalculate energy parameters.
- void [update_co_pf_params_par](#) (int length, [pf_paramT](#) *parameters)
Recalculate energy parameters.
- void [compute_probabilities](#) (double FAB, double FEA, double FEB, struct [plist](#) *prAB, struct [plist](#) *prA, struct [plist](#) *prB, int Alength)
Compute Boltzmann probabilities of dimerization without homodimers.
- [ConcEnt](#) * [get_concentrations](#) (double FEAB, double FEAA, double FEBB, double FEA, double FEB, double *startconc)

Given two start monomer concentrations a and b , compute the concentrations in thermodynamic equilibrium of all dimers and the monomers.

- `plist * get_plist` (struct `plist` *pl, int length, double cut_off)
DO NOT USE THIS FUNCTION ANYMORE.
- void `init_co_pf_fold` (int length)
DO NOT USE THIS FUNCTION ANYMORE.

Variables

- int `mirnatog`
Toggles no intrabp in 2nd mol.
- double `F_monomer` [2]
Free energies of the two monomers.

11.23.1 Detailed Description

Partition function for two RNA sequences. As for folding one RNA molecule, this computes the partition function of all possible structures and the base pair probabilities. Uses the same global `pf_scale` variable to avoid overflows.

To simplify the implementation the partition function computation is done internally in a null model that does not include the duplex initiation energy, i.e. the entropic penalty for producing a dimer from two monomers). The resulting free energies and pair probabilities are initially relative to that null model. In a second step the free energies can be corrected to include the dimerization penalty, and the pair probabilities can be divided into the conditional pair probabilities given that a re dimer is formed or not formed.

After computing the partition functions of all possible dimers one can compute the probabilities of base pairs, the concentrations out of start concentrations and sofar and soaway.

Dimer formation is inherently concentration dependent. Given the free energies of the monomers A and B and dimers AB, AA, and BB one can compute the equilibrium concentrations, given input concentrations of A and B, see e.g. Dimitrov & Zuker (2004)

11.23.2 Function Documentation

11.23.2.1 `cofoldF co_pf_fold` (char * *sequence*, char * *structure*)

Calculate partition function and base pair probabilities.

This is the cofold partition function folding. The second molecule starts at the [cut_point](#) nucleotide.

Note

OpenMP: Since this function relies on the global parameters [do_backtrack](#), [dangles](#), [temperature](#) and [pf_scale](#) it is not threadsafe according to concurrent changes in these variables! Use [co_pf_fold_par\(\)](#) instead to circumvent this issue.

See also

[co_pf_fold_par\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequence Concatenated RNA sequences

Parameters

structure Will hold the structure or constraints

Returns

[cofoldF](#) structure containing a set of energies needed for concentration computations.

11.23.2.2 [cofoldF](#) [co_pf_fold_par](#) (`char * sequence`, `char * structure`, `pf_paramT * parameters`, `int calculate_bppm`, `int is_constrained`)

Calculate partition function and base pair probabilities.

This is the cofold partition function folding. The second molecule starts at the [cut_point](#) nucleotide.

See also

[get_boltzmann_factors\(\)](#), [co_pf_fold\(\)](#)

Parameters

sequence Concatenated RNA sequences

Parameters

structure Pointer to the structure constraint

Parameters

parameters Data structure containing the precalculated Boltzmann factors

Parameters

calculate_bppm Switch to turn Base pair probability calculations on/off (0==off)

Parameters

is_constrained Switch to indicate that a structure constraint is passed via the structure argument (0==off)

Returns

[cofoldF](#) structure containing a set of energies needed for concentration computations.

11.23.2.3 FLT_OR_DBL* export_co_bppm (void)

Get a pointer to the base pair probability array.

Accessing the base pair probabilities for a pair (i,j) is achieved by

```
FLT_OR_DBL *pr = export_bppm(); pr_ij = pr[iindx[i]-j];
```

See also

[get_iindx\(\)](#)

Returns

A pointer to the base pair probability array

11.23.2.4 void update_co_pf_params (int length)

Recalculate energy parameters.

This function recalculates all energy parameters given the current model settings.

Note

This function relies on the global variables [pf_scale](#), [dangles](#) and [temperature](#). Thus it might not be threadsafe in certain situations. Use [update_co_pf_params_par\(\)](#) instead.

See also

[get_boltzmann_factors\(\)](#), [update_co_pf_params_par\(\)](#)

Parameters

length Length of the current RNA sequence

11.23.2.5 void update_co_pf_params_par (int *length*, pf_paramT * *parameters*)

Recalculate energy parameters.

This function recalculates all energy parameters given the current model settings. It's second argument can either be NULL or a data structure containing the precomputed Boltzmann factors. In the first scenario, the necessary data structure will be created automatically according to the current global model settings, i.e. this mode might not be threadsafe. However, if the provided data structure is not NULL, threadsafety for the model parameters [dangles](#), [pf_scale](#) and [temperature](#) is regained, since their values are taken from this data structure during subsequent calculations.

See also

[get_boltzmann_factors\(\)](#), [update_co_pf_params\(\)](#)

Parameters

length Length of the current RNA sequence

Parameters

parameters data structure containing the precomputed Boltzmann factors

11.23.2.6 void compute_probabilities (double *FAB*, double *FEA*, double *FEB*, struct plist * *prAB*, struct plist * *prA*, struct plist * *prB*, int *Alength*)

Compute Boltzmann probabilities of dimerization without homodimers.

Given the pair probabilities and free energies (in the null model) for a dimer AB and the two constituent monomers A and B, compute the conditional pair probabilities given that a dimer AB actually forms. Null model pair probabilities are given as a list as produced by [assign_plist_from_pr\(\)](#), the dimer probabilities 'prAB' are modified in place.

Parameters

FAB free energy of dimer AB

Parameters

FEA free energy of monomer A

Parameters

FEB free energy of monomer B

Parameters

prAB pair probabilities for dimer

Parameters

prA pair probabilities monomer

Parameters*prB* pair probabilities monomer**Parameters***Alength* Length of molecule A**11.23.2.7 ConcEnt* get_concentrations (double *FEAB*, double *FEAA*, double *FEBB*, double *FEA*, double *FEB*, double * *startconc*)**

Given two start monomer concentrations a and b, compute the concentrations in thermodynamic equilibrium of all dimers and the monomers.

This function takes an array 'startconc' of input concentrations with alternating entries for the initial concentrations of molecules A and B (terminated by two zeroes), then computes the resulting equilibrium concentrations from the free energies for the dimers. Dimer free energies should be the dimer-only free energies, i.e. the FcAB entries from the [cofoldF](#) struct.

Parameters*FEAB* Free energy of AB dimer (FcAB entry)**Parameters***FEAA* Free energy of AA dimer (FcAB entry)**Parameters***FEBB* Free energy of BB dimer (FcAB entry)**Parameters***FEA* Free energy of monomer A**Parameters***FEB* Free energy of monomer B**Parameters***startconc* List of start concentrations
[a0],[b0],[a1],[b1],..., [an][bn],[0],[0]**Returns**[ConcEnt](#) array containing the equilibrium energies and start concentrations**11.23.2.8 plist* get_plist (struct plist * *pl*, int *length*, double *cut_off*)**

DO NOT USE THIS FUNCTION ANYMORE.

Deprecated

{ This function is deprecated and will be removed soon!} use [assign_plist_from_pr\(\)](#) instead!

11.23.2.9 void init_co_pf_fold (int *length*)

DO NOT USE THIS FUNCTION ANYMORE.

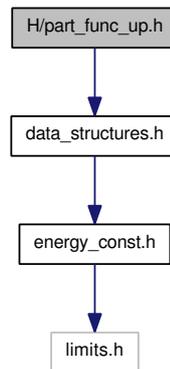
Deprecated

{ This function is deprecated and will be removed soon!}

11.24 H/part_func_up.h File Reference

Partition Function Cofolding as stepwise process.

Include dependency graph for part_func_up.h:



Functions

- `pu_contrib * pf_unstru` (`char *sequence`, `int max_w`)
Calculate the partition function over all unpaired regions of a maximal length.
- `interact * pf_interact` (`const char *s1`, `const char *s2`, `pu_contrib *p_c`, `pu_contrib *p_c2`, `int max_w`, `char *cstruc`, `int incr3`, `int incr5`)
Calculates the probability of a local interaction between two sequences.
- `void free_interact` (`interact *pin`)
Frees the output of function `pf_interact()`.
- `void free_pu_contrib_struct` (`pu_contrib *pu`)
Frees the output of function `pf_unstru()`.

11.24.1 Detailed Description

Partition Function Cofolding as stepwise process. In this approach to cofolding the interaction between two RNA molecules is seen as a stepwise process. In a first step, the target molecule has to adopt a structure in which a binding site is accessible. In a second step, the ligand molecule will hybridize with a region accessible to an interaction. Consequently the algorithm is designed as a two step process: The first step is the calculation of the probability that a region within the target is unpaired, or equivalently, the calculation of the free energy needed to expose a region. In the second step we compute the free energy of an interaction for every possible binding site.

11.24.2 Function Documentation

11.24.2.1 pu_contrib* pf_unstru (char * sequence, int max_w)

Calculate the partition function over all unpaired regions of a maximal length.

You have to call function `pf_fold()` providing the same sequence before calling `pf_unstru()`. If you want to calculate unpaired regions for a constrained structure, set variable 'structure' in function 'pf_fold()' to the constrain string. It returns a `pu_contrib` struct containing four arrays of dimension $[i = 1 \text{ to } \text{length}(\text{sequence})][j = 0 \text{ to } u-1]$ containing all possible contributions to the probabilities of unpaired regions of maximum length u. Each array in `pu_contrib` contains one of the contributions to the total probability of being unpaired: The probability of being unpaired within an exterior loop is in array `pu_contrib->E`, the probability of being unpaired within a hairpin loop is in array `pu_contrib->H`, the probability of being unpaired within an interior loop is in array `pu_contrib->I` and probability of being unpaired within a multi-loop is in array `pu_contrib->M`. The total probability of being unpaired is the sum of the four arrays of `pu_contrib`.

This function frees everything allocated automatically. To free the output structure call `free_pu_contrib()`.

Parameters Parameters Returns

sequence *max_w*

11.24.2.2 interact* pf_interact (const char * s1, const char * s2, pu_contrib * p_c, pu_contrib * p_c2, int max_w, char * cstruc, int incr3, int incr5)

Calculates the probability of a local interaction between two sequences.

The function considers the probability that the region of interaction is unpaired within 's1' and 's2'. The longer sequence has to be given as 's1'. The shorter sequence has to be given as 's2'. Function `pf_unstru()` has to be called for 's1' and 's2', where the probabilities of being unpaired have to be given in 'p_c' and 'p_c2', respectively. If you do not want to include the probabilities of being unpaired for 's2' set 'p_c2' to NULL. If variable 'cstruc' is not NULL, constrained folding is done: The available constrains for intermolecular interaction are: '.' (no constrain), 'x' (the base has no intermolecular interaction) and '|' (the corresponding base has to be paired intermolecularly).

The parameter 'w' determines the maximal length of the interaction. The parameters 'incr5' and 'incr3' allows inclusion of unpaired residues left ('incr5') and right ('incr3') of the region of interaction in 's1'. If the 'incr' options are used, function `pf_unstru()` has to be called with $w=w+\text{incr5}+\text{incr3}$ for the longer sequence 's1'.

It returns a structure of type `interact` which contains the probability of the best local interaction including residue i in P_i and the minimum free energy in G_i , where i is the position in sequence 's1'. The member G_{ikjl} of structure `interact` is the best interaction between region $[k,i]$ $k < i$ in longer sequence 's1' and region $[j,l]$ $j < l$ in 's2'. G_{ikjl_wo} is G_{ikjl} without the probability of being unpaired.

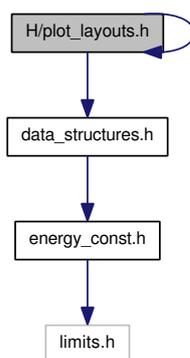
Use [free_interact\(\)](#) to free the returned structure, all other stuff is freed inside [pf_interact\(\)](#).

Parameter	Parameter	Parameter	Parameter	Parameters	Parameters	Parameter	Parameter	Returns
<i>s1</i>	<i>s2</i>	<i>p_c</i>	<i>p_c2</i>	<i>max_w</i>	<i>cstruc</i>	<i>incr3</i>	<i>incr5</i>	

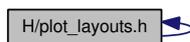
11.25 H/plot_layouts.h File Reference

Secondary structure plot layout algorithms.

Include dependency graph for plot_layouts.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



Defines

- #define [VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_SIMPLE](#) 0
Definition of Plot type simple
- #define [VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_NAVIEW](#) 1
Definition of Plot type Naview
- #define [VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_CIRCULAR](#) 2
Definition of Plot type Circular

Functions

- int [simple_xy_coordinates](#) (short *pair_table, float *X, float *Y)
Calculate nucleotide coordinates for secondary structure plot the Simple way
- int [simple_circplot_coordinates](#) (short *pair_table, float *x, float *y)
Calculate nucleotide coordinates for Circular Plot

Variables

- int `rna_plot_type`

Switch for changing the secondary structure layout algorithm.

11.25.1 Detailed Description

Secondary structure plot layout algorithms. c Ronny Lorenz The ViennaRNA Package

11.25.2 Define Documentation

11.25.2.1 `#define VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_SIMPLE 0`

Definition of Plot type *simple*

This is the plot type definition for several RNA structure plotting functions telling them to use **Simple** plotting algorithm

See also

[rna_plot_type](#), [PS_rna_plot_a\(\)](#), [PS_rna_plot\(\)](#), [svg_rna_plot\(\)](#), [gmlRNA\(\)](#), [ssv_rna_plot\(\)](#), [xrna_plot\(\)](#)

11.25.2.2 `#define VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_NAVIEW 1`

Definition of Plot type *Naview*

This is the plot type definition for several RNA structure plotting functions telling them to use **Naview** plotting algorithm

See also

[rna_plot_type](#), [PS_rna_plot_a\(\)](#), [PS_rna_plot\(\)](#), [svg_rna_plot\(\)](#), [gmlRNA\(\)](#), [ssv_rna_plot\(\)](#), [xrna_plot\(\)](#)

11.25.2.3 `#define VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_CIRCULAR 2`

Definition of Plot type *Circular*

This is the plot type definition for several RNA structure plotting functions telling them to produce a **Circular plot**

See also

[rna_plot_type](#), [PS_rna_plot_a\(\)](#), [PS_rna_plot\(\)](#), [svg_rna_plot\(\)](#), [gmlRNA\(\)](#), [ssv_rna_plot\(\)](#), [xrna_plot\(\)](#)

11.25.3 Function Documentation

11.25.3.1 int simple_xy_coordinates (short * pair_table, float * X, float * Y)

Calculate nucleotide coordinates for secondary structure plot the *Simple way*

See also

[make_pair_table\(\)](#), [rna_plot_type](#), [simple_circplot_coordinates\(\)](#), [naview_xy_coordinates\(\)](#), [PS_rna_plot_a\(\)](#), [PS_rna_plot](#), [svg_rna_plot\(\)](#)

Parameters

pair_table The pair table of the secondary structure

Parameters

X a pointer to an array with enough allocated space to hold the x coordinates

Parameters

Y a pointer to an array with enough allocated space to hold the y coordinates

Returns

length of sequence on success, 0 otherwise

11.25.3.2 int simple_circplot_coordinates (short * pair_table, float * x, float * y)

Calculate nucleotide coordinates for *Circular Plot*

This function calculates the coordinates of nucleotides mapped in equal distances onto a unit circle.

Note

In order to draw nice arcs using quadratic bezier curves that connect base pairs one may calculate a second tangential point P^t in addition to the actual R^2 coordinates. the simplest way to do so may be to compute a radius scaling factor rs in the interval $[0, 1]$ that weights the proportion of base pair span to the actual length of the sequence. This scaling factor can then be used to calculate the coordinates for P^t , i.e. $P_x^t[i] = X[i] * rs$ and $P_y^t[i] = Y[i] * rs$.

See also

[make_pair_table\(\)](#), [rna_plot_type](#), [simple_xy_coordinates\(\)](#), [naview_xy_coordinates\(\)](#), [PS_rna_plot_a\(\)](#), [PS_rna_plot](#), [svg_rna_plot\(\)](#)

Parameters

pair_table The pair table of the secondary structure

Parameters

x a pointer to an array with enough allocated space to hold the x coordinates

Parameters

y a pointer to an array with enough allocated space to hold the y coordinates

Returns

length of sequence on success, 0 otherwise

11.25.4 Variable Documentation

11.25.4.1 `int rna_plot_type`

Switch for changing the secondary structure layout algorithm.

Current possibilities are 0 for a simple radial drawing or 1 for the modified radial drawing taken from the *naview* program of [Brucoleri & Heinrich \(1988\)](#).

Note

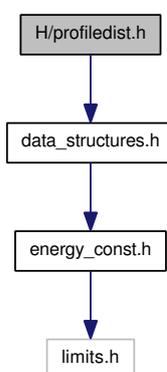
To provide thread safety please do not rely on this global variable in future implementations but pass a plot type flag directly to the function that decides which layout algorithm it may use!

See also

[VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_SIMPLE](#), [VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_NAVIEW](#), [VRNA_PLOT_TYPE_CIRCULAR](#)

11.26 H/profiledist.h File Reference

Include dependency graph for profiledist.h:



Functions

- float [profile_edit_distance](#) (const float *T1, const float *T2)
Align the 2 probability profiles T1, T2
.
- float * [Make_bp_profile_bppm](#) (FLT_OR_DBL *bppm, int length)
condense pair probability matrix into a vector containing probabilities for upstream paired, downstream paired and unpaired.
- void [print_bppm](#) (const float *T)
print string representation of probability profile
- void [free_profile](#) (float *T)
free space allocated in Make_bp_profile
- float * [Make_bp_profile](#) (int length)

11.26.1 Detailed Description

11.26.2 Function Documentation

11.26.2.1 float [profile_edit_distance](#) (const float * T1, const float * T2)

Align the 2 probability profiles T1, T2

.

This is like a Needleman-Wunsch alignment, we should really use affine gap-costs ala Gotoh

11.26.2.2 `float* Make_bp_profile_bppm (FLT_OR_DBL * bppm, int length)`

condense pair probability matrix into a vector containing probabilities for upstream paired, downstream paired and unpaired.

This resulting probability profile is used as input for `profile_edit_distance`

Parameters

bppm A pointer to the base pair probability matrix

Parameters

length The length of the sequence

Returns

The bp profile

11.26.2.3 `void free_profile (float * T)`

free space allocated in `Make_bp_profile`

Backward compatibility only. You can just use plain `free()`

11.26.2.4 `float* Make_bp_profile (int length)`**Note**

This function is NOT threadsafe

See also

[Make_bp_profile_bppm\(\)](#)

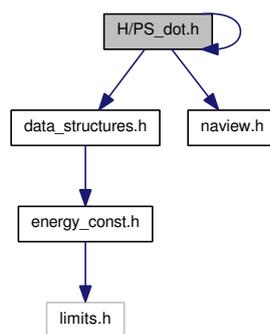
Deprecated

This function is deprecated and will be removed soon! See [Make_bp_profile_bppm\(\)](#) for a replacement

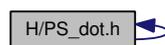
11.27 H/PS_dot.h File Reference

Various functions for plotting RNA secondary structures, dot-plots and other visualizations.

Include dependency graph for PS_dot.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



Functions

- `int PS_rna_plot` (`char *string`, `char *structure`, `char *file`)
Produce a secondary structure graph in PostScript and write it to 'filename'.
- `int PS_rna_plot_a` (`char *string`, `char *structure`, `char *file`, `char *pre`, `char *post`)
Produce a secondary structure graph in PostScript including additional annotation macros and write it to 'filename'.
- `int gmlRNA` (`char *string`, `char *structure`, `char *ssfile`, `char option`)
Produce a secondary structure graph in Graph Meta Language (gml) and write it to a file.
- `int ssv_rna_plot` (`char *string`, `char *structure`, `char *ssfile`)
Produce a secondary structure graph in SStructView format.
- `int svg_rna_plot` (`char *string`, `char *structure`, `char *ssfile`)
Produce a secondary structure plot in SVG format and write it to a file.
- `int xrna_plot` (`char *string`, `char *structure`, `char *ssfile`)
Produce a secondary structure plot for further editing in XRNA.

- int `PS_dot_plot_list` (char *seq, char *filename, `plist` *pl, `plist` *mf, char *comment)
Produce a postscript dot-plot from two pair lists.
- int `aliPS_color_aln` (const char *structure, const char *filename, const char *seqs[], const char *names[])
PS_color_aln for duplexes.
- int `PS_dot_plot` (char *string, char *file)
Wrapper to PS_dot_plot_list.

11.27.1 Detailed Description

Various functions for plotting RNA secondary structures, dot-plots and other visualizations.

11.27.2 Function Documentation

11.27.2.1 int `PS_rna_plot` (char * *string*, char * *structure*, char * *file*)

Produce a secondary structure graph in PostScript and write it to 'filename'.

Note that this function has changed from previous versions and now expects the structure to be plotted in dot-bracket notation as an argument. It does not make use of the global `base_pair` array anymore.

Parameters

string The RNA sequence

Parameters

structure The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

file The filename of the postscript output

Returns

1 on success, 0 otherwise

11.27.2.2 int `PS_rna_plot_a` (char * *string*, char * *structure*, char * *file*, char * *pre*, char * *post*)

Produce a secondary structure graph in PostScript including additional annotation macros and write it to 'filename'.

Same as [PS_rna_plot\(\)](#) but adds extra PostScript macros for various annotations (see generated PS code). The 'pre' and 'post' variables contain PostScript code that is verbatim copied in the resulting PS file just before and after the structure plot. If both arguments ('pre' and 'post') are NULL, no additional macros will be printed into the PostScript.

Parameters

string The RNA sequence

Parameters

structure The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

file The filename of the postscript output

Parameters

pre PostScript code to appear before the secondary structure plot

Parameters

post PostScript code to appear after the secondary structure plot

Returns

1 on success, 0 otherwise

11.27.2.3 int gmlRNA (char * *string*, char * *structure*, char * *ssfile*, char *option*)

Produce a secondary structure graph in Graph Meta Language (gml) and write it to a file.

If 'option' is an uppercase letter the RNA sequence is used to label nodes, if 'option' equals 'X' or 'x' the resulting file will coordinates for an initial layout of the graph.

Parameters

string The RNA sequence

Parameters

structure The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

ssfile The filename of the gml output

Parameters

option The option flag

Returns

1 on success, 0 otherwise

11.27.2.4 int ssv_rna_plot (char * *string*, char * *structure*, char * *ssfile*)

Produce a secondary structure graph in SStructView format.

Write coord file for SStructView

Parameters

string The RNA sequence

Parameters

structure The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

ssfile The filename of the ssv output

Returns

1 on success, 0 otherwise

11.27.2.5 int svg_rna_plot (char * *string*, char * *structure*, char * *ssfile*)

Produce a secondary structure plot in SVG format and write it to a file.

Parameters

string The RNA sequence

Parameters

structure The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

ssfile The filename of the svg output

Returns

1 on success, 0 otherwise

11.27.2.6 int xrna_plot (char * *string*, char * *structure*, char * *ssfile*)

Produce a secondary structure plot for further editing in XRNA.

Parameters

string The RNA sequence

Parameters

structure The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

ssfile The filename of the xrna output

Returns

1 on success, 0 otherwise

11.27.2.7 int PS_dot_plot_list (char * seq, char * filename, plist * pl, plist * mf, char * comment)

Produce a postscript dot-plot from two pair lists.

This function reads two plist structures (e.g. base pair probabilities and a secondary structure) as produced by [assign_plist_from_pr\(\)](#) and [assign_plist_from_db\(\)](#) and produces a postscript "dot plot" that is written to 'filename'.

Using base pair probabilities in the first and mfe structure in the second plist, the resulting "dot plot" represents each base pairing probability by a square of corresponding area in a upper triangle matrix. The lower part of the matrix contains the minimum free energy structure.

See also

[assign_plist_from_pr\(\)](#), [assign_plist_from_db\(\)](#)

Parameters

seq The RNA sequence

Parameters

filename A filename for the postscript output

Parameters

pl The base pair probability pairlist

Parameters

mf The mfe secondary structure pairlist

Parameters

comment A comment

Returns

1 if postscript was successfully written, 0 otherwise

11.27.2.8 int PS_dot_plot (char * string, char * file)

Wrapper to PS_dot_plot_list.

Produce postscript dot-plot Reads base pair probabilities produced by [pf_fold\(\)](#) from the global array [pr](#) and the pair list [base_pair](#) produced by [fold\(\)](#) and produces a postscript "dot plot" that is written to 'filename'. The "dot plot" represents each base pairing probability by a square of corresponding area in a upper triangle matrix. The lower part of the matrix contains the minimum free energy

Note

DO NOT USE THIS FUNCTION ANYMORE SINCE IT IS NOT THREAD-SAFE

Deprecated

This function is deprecated and will be removed soon! Use [PS_dot_plot_list\(\)](#) instead!

11.28 H/read_epars.h File Reference

Functions to read and write energy parameter sets from/to files.

Functions

- void [read_parameter_file](#) (const char fname[])
Read energy parameters from a file.
- void [write_parameter_file](#) (const char fname[])
Write energy parameters to a file.

11.28.1 Detailed Description

Functions to read and write energy parameter sets from/to files.

11.28.2 Function Documentation

11.28.2.1 void read_parameter_file (const char *fname*[])

Read energy parameters from a file.

Parameters

fname The path to the file containing the energy parameters

11.28.2.2 void write_parameter_file (const char *fname*[])

Write energy parameters to a file.

Parameters

fname A filename (path) for the file where the current energy parameters will be written to

11.29 H/RNAstruct.h File Reference

Parsing and Coarse Graining of Structures.

Functions

- char * [b2HIT](#) (const char *structure)
Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the HIT notation including root.
- char * [b2C](#) (const char *structure)
Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the a coarse grained notation using the 'H' 'B' 'I' 'M' and 'R' identifiers.
- char * [b2Shapiro](#) (const char *structure)
Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the weighted coarse grained notation using the 'H' 'B' 'I' 'M' 'S' 'E' and 'R' identifiers.
- char * [add_root](#) (const char *structure)
Adds a root to an un-rooted tree in any except bracket notation.
- char * [expand_Shapiro](#) (const char *coarse)
Inserts missing 'S' identifiers in unweighted coarse grained structures as obtained from [b2C\(\)](#).
- char * [expand_Full](#) (const char *structure)
Convert the full structure from bracket notation to the expanded notation including root.
- char * [unexpand_Full](#) (const char *ffull)
Restores the bracket notation from an expanded full or HIT tree, that is any tree using only identifiers 'U' 'P' and 'R'.
- char * [unweight](#) (const char *wcoarse)
Strip weights from any weighted tree.
- void [unexpand_aligned_F](#) (char *align[2])
Converts two aligned structures in expanded notation.
- void [parse_structure](#) (const char *structure)
Collects a statistic of structure elements of the full structure in bracket notation.

Variables

- int [loop_size](#) [STRUC]
contains a list of all loop sizes.

- int [helix_size](#) [STRUC]
contains a list of all stack sizes.
- int [loop_degree](#) [STRUC]
contains the corresponding list of loop degrees.
- int [loops](#)
contains the number of loops (and therefore of stacks).
- int [unpaired](#)
contains the number of unpaired bases.
- int [pairs](#)
contains the number of base pairs in the last parsed structure.

11.29.1 Detailed Description

Parsing and Coarse Graining of Structures. Example:

```
* .((..(((...)))..((...))). is the bracket or full tree
* becomes expanded: - expand_Full() -
* ((U)((U)(U)(((U)(U)(U)P)P)P)(U)(U)((U)(U)P)P)P)(U)R)
* HIT: - b2HIT() -
* ((U1)((U2)((U3)P3)(U2)((U2)P2)P2)(U1)R)
* Coarse: - b2C() -
* ((H)((H)M)R)
* becomes expanded: - expand_Shapiro() -
* (((H)S)((H)S)M)S)R)
* weighted Shapiro: - b2Shapiro() -
* (((((H3)S3)((H2)S2)M4)S2)E2)R)
*
```

11.29.2 Function Documentation

11.29.2.1 char* b2HIT (const char * *structure*)

Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the HIT notation including root.

Parameters **Returns**

structure

11.29.2.2 char* b2C (const char * *structure*)

Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the a coarse grained notation using the 'H' 'B' 'I' 'M' and 'R' identifiers.

Parameters Returns*structure***11.29.2.3 char* b2Shapiro (const char * structure)**

Converts the full structure from bracket notation to the *weighted* coarse grained notation using the 'H' 'B' 'I' 'M' 'S' 'E' and 'R' identifiers.

Parameters Returns*structure***11.29.2.4 char* add_root (const char * structure)**

Adds a root to an un-rooted tree in any except bracket notation.

Parameters Returns*structure***11.29.2.5 char* expand_Shapiro (const char * coarse)**

Inserts missing 'S' identifiers in unweighted coarse grained structures as obtained from [b2C\(\)](#).

Parameters>Returns*coarse***11.29.2.6 char* expand_Full (const char * structure)**

Convert the full structure from bracket notation to the expanded notation including root.

Parameters Returns*structure***11.29.2.7 char* unexpand_Full (const char * ffull)**

Restores the bracket notation from an expanded full or HIT tree, that is any tree using only identifiers 'U' 'P' and 'R'.

Parameters>Returns*ffull*

11.29.2.8 char* unweight (const char * *wcoarse*)

Strip weights from any weighted tree.

Parameters Returns

wcoarse

11.29.2.9 void unexpand_aligned_F (char * *align*[2])

Converts two aligned structures in expanded notation.

Takes two aligned structures as produced by `tree_edit_distance()` function back to bracket notation with '_' as the gap character. The result overwrites the input.

Parameters

align

11.29.2.10 void parse_structure (const char * *structure*)

Collects a statistic of structure elements of the full structure in bracket notation.

The function writes to the following global variables: `loop_size`, `loop_degree`, `helix_size`, `loops`, `pairs`, `unpaired`

Parameters Returns

structure

11.29.3 Variable Documentation**11.29.3.1 int loop_size[STRUC]**

contains a list of all loop sizes.

`loop_size[0]` contains the number of external bases.

11.30 H/stringdist.h File Reference

Functions for String Alignment.

Include dependency graph for stringdist.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



Functions

- `swString * Make_swString` (`char *string`)
Convert a structure into a format suitable for `string_edit_distance()`.
- `float string_edit_distance` (`swString *T1`, `swString *T2`)
Calculate the string edit distance of `T1` and `T2`.

11.30.1 Detailed Description

Functions for String Alignment.

11.30.2 Function Documentation

11.30.2.1 `swString* Make_swString` (`char * string`)

Convert a structure into a format suitable for `string_edit_distance()`.

Parameter **Returns**

string

11.30.2.2 `float string_edit_distance` (`swString * T1`, `swString * T2`)

Calculate the string edit distance of `T1` and `T2`.

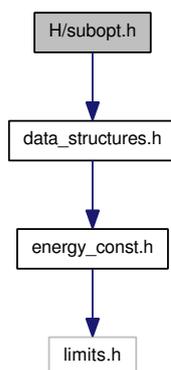
Parameter **Parameter** **Returns**

T1 *T2*

11.31 H/subopt.h File Reference

RNAsubopt and density of states declarations.

Include dependency graph for subopt.h:



Functions

- **SOLUTION** * `subopt` (char *seq, char *sequence, int delta, FILE *fp)
Returns list of subopt structures or writes to fp.
- **SOLUTION** * `subopt_circ` (char *seq, char *sequence, int delta, FILE *fp)
Returns list of circular subopt structures or writes to fp.

Variables

- int `subopt_sorted`
Sort output by energy.
- double `print_energy`
printing threshold for use with logML

11.31.1 Detailed Description

RNAsubopt and density of states declarations.

11.31.2 Function Documentation

11.31.2.1 SOLUTION* subopt (char * *seq*, char * *sequence*, int *delta*, FILE * *fp*)

Returns list of subopt structures or writes to *fp*.

This function produces **all** suboptimal secondary structures within '*delta*' * 0.01 kcal/mol of the optimum. The results are either directly written to a '*fp*' (if '*fp*' is not NULL), or (*fp*==NULL) returned in a SOLUTION * list terminated by an entry where the 'structure' pointer is NULL.

Parameter	Parameters	Parameter	Parameter	Returns
	<i>seq</i>	<i>sequence</i>	<i>delta</i>	<i>fp</i>

11.31.2.2 SOLUTION* subopt_circ (char * *seq*, char * *sequence*, int *delta*, FILE * *fp*)

Returns list of circular subopt structures or writes to *fp*.

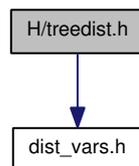
This function is similar to [subopt\(\)](#) but calculates secondary structures assuming the RNA sequence to be circular instead of linear

Parameter	Parameters	Parameter	Parameter	Returns
	<i>seq</i>	<i>sequence</i>	<i>delta</i>	<i>fp</i>

11.32 H/treedist.h File Reference

Functions for [Tree](#) Edit Distances.

Include dependency graph for treedist.h:



Functions

- [Tree](#) * [make_tree](#) (char *struc)
Constructs a [Tree](#) (essentially the postorder list) of the structure 'struc', for use in [tree_edit_distance\(\)](#).
- float [tree_edit_distance](#) ([Tree](#) *T1, [Tree](#) *T2)
Calculates the edit distance of the two trees.
- void [print_tree](#) ([Tree](#) *t)
Print a tree (mainly for debugging).
- void [free_tree](#) ([Tree](#) *t)
Free the memory allocated for [Tree](#) t.

11.32.1 Detailed Description

Functions for [Tree](#) Edit Distances.

11.32.2 Function Documentation

11.32.2.1 [Tree](#)* [make_tree](#) (char * *struc*)

Constructs a [Tree](#) (essentially the postorder list) of the structure 'struc', for use in [tree_edit_distance\(\)](#).

Parameters

struc may be any rooted structure representation.

Returns

11.32.2.2 float tree_edit_distance (Tree * *T1*, Tree * *T2*)

Calculates the edit distance of the two trees.

Parameters

T1 *T2*

11.32.2.3 void free_tree (Tree * *t*)

Free the memory allocated for [Tree](#) *t*.

Parameters

t

11.33 H/Utils.h File Reference

Various utility- and helper-functions used throughout the Vienna RNA package.

Defines

- #define `VRNA_INPUT_ERROR` 1U
Output flag of `get_input_line()`: "An ERROR has occurred, maybe EOF".
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_QUIT` 2U
Output flag of `get_input_line()`: "the user requested quitting the program".
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_MISC` 4U
Output flag of `get_input_line()`: "something was read".
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_FASTA_HEADER` 8U
*Input/Output flag of `get_input_line()`:
if used as input option this tells `get_input_line()` that the data to be read should comply
with the FASTA format.*
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_SEQUENCE` 16U
*Input flag for `get_input_line()`:
Tell `get_input_line()` that we assume to read a nucleotide sequence.*
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_CONSTRAINT` 32U
*Input flag for `get_input_line()`:
Tell `get_input_line()` that we assume to read a structure constraint.*
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_NO_TRUNCATION` 256U
*Input switch for `get_input_line()`: "do not truncate the line by eliminating white
spaces at end of line".*
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_NO_REST` 512U
Input switch for `read_record()`: "do fill rest array".
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_NO_SPAN` 1024U
Input switch for `read_record()`: "never allow data to span more than one line".
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_NOSKIP_BLANK_LINES` 2048U
Input switch for `read_record()`: "do not skip empty lines".
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_BLANK_LINE` 4096U
Output flag for `read_record()`: "read an empty line".
- #define `VRNA_INPUT_NOSKIP_COMMENTS` 128U
Input switch for `get_input_line()`: "do not skip comment lines".

- #define `VRNA_INPUT_COMMENT` 8192U
Output flag for `read_record()`: "read a comment".
- #define `VRNA_CONSTRAINT_PIPE` 1U
pipe sign '|' switch for structure constraints (paired with another base)
- #define `VRNA_CONSTRAINT_DOT` 2U
dot '.'.
- #define `VRNA_CONSTRAINT_X` 4U
'x' switch for structure constraint (base must not pair)
- #define `VRNA_CONSTRAINT_ANG_BRACK` 8U
angle brackets '<', '>' switch for structure constraint (paired downstream/upstream)
- #define `VRNA_CONSTRAINT_RND_BRACK` 16U
round brackets '(', ')' switch for structure constraint (base i pairs base j)
- #define `VRNA_CONSTRAINT_MULTILINE` 32U
constraint may span over several lines
- #define `VRNA_CONSTRAINT_NO_HEADER` 64U
do not print the header information line
- #define `VRNA_CONSTRAINT_ALL` 128U
placeholder for all constraining characters
- #define `MIN2(A, B)` ((A) < (B) ? (A) : (B))
Get the minimum of two comparable values.
- #define `MAX2(A, B)` ((A) > (B) ? (A) : (B))
Get the maximum of two comparable values.
- #define `MIN3(A, B, C)` (MIN2((MIN2((A),(B))) ,(C)))
Get the minimum of three comparable values.
- #define `MAX3(A, B, C)` (MAX2((MAX2((A),(B))) ,(C)))
Get the maximum of three comparable values.
- #define `XSTR(s)` STR(s)
Stringify a macro after expansion.
- #define `STR(s)` #s
Stringify a macro argument.

- #define `FILENAME_MAX_LENGTH` 80
Maximum length of filenames that are generated by our programs.
- #define `FILENAME_ID_LENGTH` 42
Maximum length of id taken from fasta header for filename generation.

Functions

- void * `space` (unsigned size)
Allocate space safely.
- void * `xrealloc` (void *p, unsigned size)
Reallocate space safely.
- void `nrrerror` (const char message[])
Die with an error message.
- void `warn_user` (const char message[])
Print a warning message.
- void `init_rand` (void)
Make random number seeds.
- double `urn` (void)
get a random number from [0..1]
- int `int_urn` (int from, int to)
Generates a pseudo random integer in a specified range.
- char * `time_stamp` (void)
Get a timestamp.
- char * `random_string` (int l, const char symbols[])
Create a random string using characters from a specified symbol set.
- int `hamming` (const char *s1, const char *s2)
Calculate hamming distance between two sequences.
- int `hamming_bound` (const char *s1, const char *s2, int n)
Calculate hamming distance between two sequences up to a specified length.
- char * `get_line` (FILE *fp)
Read a line of arbitrary length from a stream.
- unsigned int `get_input_line` (char **string, unsigned int options)

Retrieve a line from 'stdin' safely while skipping comment characters and other features This function returns the type of input it has read if recognized.

- unsigned int `read_record` (char **header, char **sequence, char ***rest, unsigned int options)

Get a data record from stdin.

- char * `pack_structure` (const char *struc)

Pack secondary structure, 5:1 compression using base 3 encoding.

- char * `unpack_structure` (const char *packed)

Unpack secondary structure previously packed with `pack_structure()`.

- short * `make_pair_table` (const char *structure)

Create a pair table of a secondary structure.

- short * `copy_pair_table` (const short *pt)

Get an exact copy of a pair table.

- short * `alimake_pair_table` (const char *structure)

Pair table for snoop align.

- short * `make_pair_table_snoop` (const char *structure)

returns a newly allocated table, such that: table[i]=j if (i,j) pair or 0 if i is unpaired, table[0] contains the length of the structure.

- int `bp_distance` (const char *str1, const char *str2)

Compute the "base pair" distance between two secondary structures s1 and s2.

- void `print_tty_input_seq` (void)

Print a line to stdout that asks for an input sequence.

- void `print_tty_input_seq_str` (const char *s)

Print a line with a user defined string and a ruler to stdout.

- void `print_tty_constraint_full` (void)

Print structure constraint characters to stdout (full constraint support).

- void `print_tty_constraint` (unsigned int option)

Print structure constraint characters to stdout.

- void `str_DNA2RNA` (char *sequence)

Convert a DNA input sequence to RNA alphabet.

- void `str_uppercase` (char *sequence)

Convert an input sequence to uppercase.

- int * [get_iindx](#) (unsigned int length)
Get an index mapper array (iindx) for accessing the energy matrices, e.g.
- int * [get_indx](#) (unsigned int length)
Get an index mapper array (indx) for accessing the energy matrices, e.g.
- void [constrain_ptypes](#) (const char *constraint, unsigned int length, char *ptype, int *BP, int min_loop_size, unsigned int idx_type)
Insert constraining pair types according to constraint structure string.

Variables

- unsigned short [xsubi](#) [3]
Current 48 bit random number.

11.33.1 Detailed Description

Various utility- and helper-functions used throughout the Vienna RNA package.

11.33.2 Define Documentation

11.33.2.1 #define VRNA_INPUT_FASTA_HEADER 8U

Input/Output flag of [get_input_line\(\)](#):

if used as input option this tells [get_input_line\(\)](#) that the data to be read should comply with the FASTA format.

the function will return this flag if a fasta header was read

11.33.2.2 #define VRNA_INPUT_SEQUENCE 16U

Input flag for [get_input_line\(\)](#):

Tell [get_input_line\(\)](#) that we assume to read a nucleotide sequence.

11.33.2.3 #define VRNA_INPUT_CONSTRAINT 32U

Input flag for [get_input_line\(\)](#):

Tell [get_input_line\(\)](#) that we assume to read a structure constraint.

11.33.2.4 #define VRNA_CONSTRAINT_DOT 2U

dot `.

` switch for structure constraints (no constraint at all)

11.33.2.5 #define FILENAME_MAX_LENGTH 80

Maximum length of filenames that are generated by our programs.

This definition should be used throughout the complete ViennaRNA package wherever a static array holding filenames of output files is declared.

11.33.2.6 #define FILENAME_ID_LENGTH 42

Maximum length of id taken from fasta header for filename generation.

this has to be smaller than FILENAME_MAX_LENGTH since in most cases, some suffix will be appended to the ID

11.33.3 Function Documentation**11.33.3.1 void* space (unsigned size)**

Allocate space safely.

Parameters

size The size of the memory to be allocated in bytes

Returns

A pointer to the allocated memory

11.33.3.2 void* xrealloc (void *p, unsigned size)

Reallocate space safely.

Parameters

p A pointer to the memory region to be reallocated

Parameters

size The size of the memory to be allocated in bytes

Returns

A pointer to the newly allocated memory

11.33.3.3 void nerror (const char *message* [])

Die with an error message.

See also

[warn_user\(\)](#)

Parameters

message The error message to be printed before exiting with 'FAILURE'

11.33.3.4 void warn_user (const char *message* [])

Print a warning message.

Print a warning message to *stderr*

Parameters

message The warning message

11.33.3.5 double urn (void)

get a random number from [0..1]

Note

Usually implemented by calling *erand48()*.

Returns

A random number in range [0..1]

11.33.3.6 int int_urn (int *from*, int *to*)

Generates a pseudo random integer in a specified range.

Parameters

from The first number in range

Parameters

to The last number in range

Returns

A pseudo random number in range [from, to]

11.33.3.7 char* time_stamp (void)

Get a timestamp.

Returns a string containing the current date in the format

```
Fri Mar 19 21:10:57 1993
```

Returns

A string containing the timestamp

11.33.3.8 char* random_string (int l, const char symbols[])

Create a random string using characters from a specified symbol set.

Parameters

l The length of the sequence

Parameters

symbols The symbol set

Returns

A random string of length 'l' containing characters from the symbolset

11.33.3.9 int hamming (const char * s1, const char * s2)

Calculate hamming distance between two sequences.

Calculate the number of positions in which

Parameters

s1 The first sequence

Parameters

s2 The second sequence

Returns

The hamming distance between s1 and s2

11.33.3.10 int hamming_bound (const char * s1, const char * s2, int n)

Calculate hamming distance between two sequences up to a specified length.

This function is similar to [hamming\(\)](#) but instead of comparing both sequences up to their actual length only the first 'n' characters are taken into account

Parameters

s1 The first sequence

Parameters

s2 The second sequence

Returns

The hamming distance between *s1* and *s2*

11.33.3.11 char* get_line (FILE *fp)

Read a line of arbitrary length from a stream.

Returns a pointer to the resulting string. The necessary memory is allocated and should be released using *free()* when the string is no longer needed.

Parameters

fp A file pointer to the stream where the function should read from

Returns

A pointer to the resulting string

11.33.3.12 unsigned int get_input_line (char **string, unsigned int options)

Retrieve a line from 'stdin' safely while skipping comment characters and other features. This function returns the type of input it has read if recognized.

An option argument allows to switch between different reading modes.

Currently available options are:

VRNA_INPUT_NOPRINT_COMMENTS, [VRNA_INPUT_NOSKIP_COMMENTS](#),
VRNA_INPUT_NOELIM_WS_SUFFIX

pass a collection of options as one value like this:

```
get_input_line(string, option_1 | option_2 | option_n)
```

If the function recognizes the type of input, it will report it in the return value. It also reports if a user defined 'quit' command (@-sign on 'stdin') was given. Possible return values are:

[VRNA_INPUT_FASTA_HEADER](#), [VRNA_INPUT_ERROR](#), [VRNA_INPUT_MISC](#), [VRNA_INPUT_QUIT](#)

Parameters

string A pointer to the character array that contains the line read

Parameters

options A collection of options for switching the functions behavior

Returns

A flag with information about what has been read

11.33.3.13 `unsigned int read_record (char ** header, char ** sequence, char *** rest, unsigned int options)`

Get a data record from stdin.

This function may be used to obtain complete datasets from stdin. A dataset is always defined to contain at least a sequence. If data on stdin starts with a fasta header, i.e. a line like

```
>some header info
```

then `read_record()` will assume that the sequence that follows the header may span over several lines. To disable this behavior and to assign a single line to the argument 'sequence' one can pass `VRNA_INPUT_NO_SPAN` in the 'options' argument. If no fasta header is read in the beginning of a data block, a sequence must not span over multiple lines!

Unless the options `VRNA_INPUT_NOSKIP_COMMENTS` or `VRNA_INPUT_NOSKIP_BLANK_LINES` are passed, a sequence may be interrupted by lines starting with a comment character or empty lines.

A sequence is regarded as completely read if it was either assumed to not span over multiple lines, a secondary structure or structure constraint follows the sequence on the next line or a new header marks the beginning of a new sequence...

All lines following the sequence (this includes comments) and not initiating a new dataset are available through the line-array 'rest'. Here one can usually find the structure constraint or other information belonging to the current dataset. Filling of 'rest' may be prevented by passing `VRNA_INPUT_NO_REST` to the options argument.

Note

This function will exit any program with an error message if no sequence could be read!

The main purpose of this function is to be able to easily parse blocks of data from stdin in the header of a loop where all calculations for the appropriate data is done inside the loop. The loop may be then left on certain return values, e.g.:

```
char *id, *seq, **rest;
int i;
while(!(read_record(&id, &seq, &rest, 0) & (VRNA_INPUT_ERROR | VRNA_INPUT_QUIT))){
    if(id) printf("%s\n", id);
    printf("%s\n", seq);
    if(rest)
        for(i=0;rest[i];i++)
            printf("%s\n", rest[i]);
}
```

In the example above, the while loop will be terminated when `read_record()` returns either an error or a user initiated quit request.

As long as data is read from stdin, the id is printed if it is available for the current block of data. The sequence will be printed in any case and if some more lines belong to the current block of data each line will be printed as well.

Note

Do not forget to free the memory occupied by header, sequence and rest!

Parameters

header A pointer which will be set such that it points to the header of the record

Parameters

sequence A pointer which will be set such that it points to the sequence of the record

Parameters

rest A pointer which will be set such that it points to an array of lines which also belong to the record

Parameters

options Some options which may be passed to alter the behavior of the function, use 0 for no options

Returns

A flag with information about what the function actually did read

11.33.3.14 char* pack_structure (const char * struc)

Pack secondary structure, 5:1 compression using base 3 encoding.

Returns a binary string encoding of the secondary structure using a 5:1 compression scheme. The string is NULL terminated and can therefore be used with standard string functions such as strcmp(). Useful for programs that need to keep many structures in memory.

Parameters

struc The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Returns

The binary encoded structure

11.33.3.15 char* unpack_structure (const char * packed)

Unpack secondary structure previously packed with [pack_structure\(\)](#).

Translate a compressed binary string produced by [pack_structure\(\)](#) back into the familiar dot-bracket notation.

Parameters

packed The binary encoded packed secondary structure

Returns

The unpacked secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

11.33.3.16 short* make_pair_table (const char * structure)

Create a pair table of a secondary structure.

Returns a newly allocated table, such that table[i]=j if (i,j) pair or 0 if i is unpaired, table[0] contains the length of the structure.

Parameters

structure The secondary structure in dot-bracket notation

Returns

A pointer to the created pair_table

11.33.3.17 short* copy_pair_table (const short * pt)

Get an exact copy of a pair table.

Parameters

pt The pair table to be copied

Returns

A pointer to the copy of 'pt'

11.33.3.18 short* alimake_pair_table (const char * structure)

Pair table for snoop align.

11.33.3.19 short* make_pair_table_snoop (const char * structure)

returns a newly allocated table, such that: table[i]=j if (i,j) pair or 0 if i is unpaired, table[0] contains the length of the structure.

The special pseudoknotted H/ACA-mRNA structure is taken into account.

11.33.3.20 int bp_distance (const char * str1, const char * str2)

Compute the "base pair" distance between two secondary structures s1 and s2.

The sequences should have the same length. dist = number of base pairs in one structure but not in the other same as edit distance with open-pair close-pair as move-set

Parameters

str1 First structure in dot-bracket notation

Parameters

str2 Second structure in dot-bracket notation

Returns

The base pair distance between *str1* and *str2*

11.33.3.21 void print_tty_input_seq (void)

Print a line to *stdout* that asks for an input sequence.

There will also be a ruler (scale line) printed that helps orientation of the sequence positions

11.33.3.22 void print_tty_input_seq_str (const char * s)

Print a line with a user defined string and a ruler to *stdout*.

(usually this is used to ask for user input) There will also be a ruler (scale line) printed that helps orientation of the sequence positions

Parameters

s A user defined string that will be printed to *stdout*

11.33.3.23 void print_tty_constraint_full (void)

Print structure constraint characters to *stdout* (full constraint support).

11.33.3.24 void print_tty_constraint (unsigned int option)

Print structure constraint characters to *stdout*.

(constraint support is specified by option parameter)

Currently available options are:

[VRNA_CONSTRAINT_PIPE](#) (paired with another base)

[VRNA_CONSTRAINT_DOT](#) (no constraint at all)

[VRNA_CONSTRAINT_X](#) (base must not pair)

[VRNA_CONSTRAINT_ANG_BRACK](#) (paired downstream/upstream)

[VRNA_CONSTRAINT_RND_BRACK](#) (base *i* pairs base *j*)

pass a collection of options as one value like this:

```
print_tty_constraint(option_1 | option_2 | option_n)
```

Parameters

option Option switch that tells which constraint help will be printed

11.33.3.25 void str_DNA2RNA (char * *sequence*)

Convert a DNA input sequence to RNA alphabet.

This function substitutes *T* and *t* with *U* and *u*, respectively

Parameters

sequence The sequence to be converted

11.33.3.26 void str_uppercase (char * *sequence*)

Convert an input sequence to uppercase.

Parameters

sequence The sequence to be converted

11.33.3.27 int* get_iindx (unsigned int *length*)

Get an index mapper array (*iindx*) for accessing the energy matrices, e.g. in partition function related functions.

Access of a position "(i,j)" is then accomplished by using

$(i, j) \sim \text{iindx}[i]-j$

This function is necessary as most of the two-dimensional energy matrices are actually one-dimensional arrays throughout the ViennaRNAPackage

Consult the implemented code to find out about the mapping formula ;)

See also

[get_indx\(\)](#)

Parameters

length The length of the RNA sequence

Returns

The mapper array

11.33.3.28 int* get_indx (unsigned int length)

Get an index mapper array (*indx*) for accessing the energy matrices, e.g. in MFE related functions.

Access of a position "(i,j)" is then accomplished by using

```
(i, j) ~ indx[j]+i
```

This function is necessary as most of the two-dimensional energy matrices are actually one-dimensional arrays throughout the ViennaRNAPackage

Consult the implemented code to find out about the mapping formula ;)

See also

[get_iindx\(\)](#)

Parameters

length The length of the RNA sequence

Returns

The mapper array

11.33.3.29 void constrain_ptypes (const char * constraint, unsigned int length, char * ptype, int * BP, int min_loop_size, unsigned int idx_type)

Insert constraining pair types according to constraint structure string.

See also

[get_indx\(\)](#), [get_iindx\(\)](#)

Parameters

constraint The structure constraint string

Parameters

length The actual length of the sequence (constraint may be shorter)

Parameters

ptype A pointer to the basepair type array

Parameters

min_loop_size The minimal loop size (usually [TURN](#))

Parameters

idx_type Define the access type for base pair type array (0 = *indx*, 1 = *iindx*)

11.33.4 Variable Documentation

11.33.4.1 unsigned short xsubi[3]

Current 48 bit random number.

This variable is used by [urn\(\)](#). These should be set to some random number seeds before the first call to [urn\(\)](#).

See also

[urn\(\)](#)

11.34 lib/1.8.4_epars.h File Reference

Free energy parameters for parameter file conversion.

11.34.1 Detailed Description

Free energy parameters for parameter file conversion. This file contains the free energy parameters used in ViennaRNAPackage 1.8.4. They are summarized in:

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11.35 lib/1.8.4_intloops.h File Reference

Free energy parameters for interior loop contributions needed by the parameter file conversion functions.

11.35.1 Detailed Description

Free energy parameters for interior loop contributions needed by the parameter file conversion functions.