

Note that the symbol K is already predefined, so we use k

In[1]:= ?? K

K is a default generic name for a summation index in a symbolic sum.

$$y = R_{P,ss}/R_T$$

As derived, we must solve these two equations, for y, eliminating x :

In[2]:= **GKrule = Solve[{x + y == 1, (u x) / (J + x) == (v y) / (k + y)}, y, x]**

Solve: Warning: x is not a valid domain specification. Assuming it is a variable to eliminate.

$$\text{Out[2]} = \left\{ \left\{ y \rightarrow \frac{u - k u - v - J v - \sqrt{4 k u (u - v) + (-u + k u + v + J v)^2}}{2 (u - v)} \right\}, \right. \\ \left. \left\{ y \rightarrow \frac{u - k u - v - J v + \sqrt{4 k u (u - v) + (-u + k u + v + J v)^2}}{2 (u - v)} \right\} \right\}$$

In[3]:= **GK1 = y /. GKrule[[1]]**

$$\text{Out[3]} = \left(u - k u - v - J v - \sqrt{4 k u (u - v) + (-u + k u + v + J v)^2} \right) / (2 (u - v))$$

eq .7 in PNAS 1981, ref [30], see http://www.nat.vu.nl/~ivo/SB/dynamic_models/MM/GoldbeterPNAS1981_78_6840.pdf

is arrived at by division through v in numerator and denominator:

In[4]:= **GK1 /. v -> 1 /. u -> (u / v)**

$$\text{Out[4]} = \frac{-1 - J - \sqrt{\left(1 + J - \frac{u}{v} + \frac{k u}{v}\right)^2 + \frac{4 k u \left(-1 + \frac{u}{v}\right)}{v}} + \frac{u}{v} - \frac{k u}{v}}{2 \left(-1 + \frac{u}{v}\right)}$$

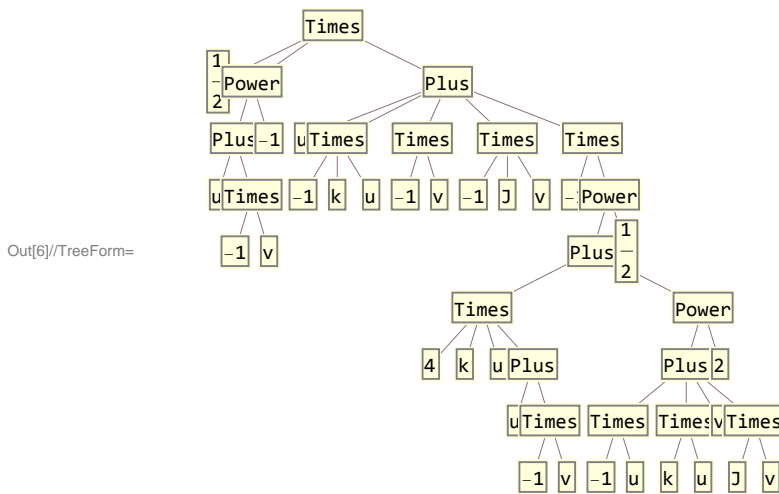
To derive the Goldbeter - Koshland function we follow the derivation in [http : // en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldbeter - Koshland_kinetics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldbeter-Koshland_kinetics)

any Mathematica expression has an internal representation, which you can see using **TreeForm** or **FullForm**

In[5]:= **GK1 // FullForm**

Out[5]//FullForm= Times[Rational[1, 2], Power[Plus[u, Times[-1, v]], -1],
Plus[u, Times[-1, k, u], Times[-1, v], Times[-1, J, v],
Times[-1, Power[Plus[Times[4, k, u, Plus[u, Times[-1, v]]],
Power[Plus[Times[-1, u], Times[k, u], v, Times[J, v]], 2]], Rational[1, 2]]]]

In[6]:= **GK1 // TreeForm**



On the first level GK1 is a multiplication of three terms

In[7]:= **GK1 [[1]]**

Out[7]=
$$\frac{1}{2}$$

In[8]:= **GK1 [[2]]**

Out[8]=
$$\frac{1}{u - v}$$

In[9]:= **GK1 [[3]]**

Out[9]=
$$u - k u - v - J v - \sqrt{4 k u (u - v) + (-u + k u + v + J v)^2}$$

In[10]:= **GK2 = y /. GKrule [[2]]**

Out[10]=
$$\frac{u - k u - v - J v + \sqrt{4 k u (u - v) + (-u + k u + v + J v)^2}}{2 (u - v)}$$

Likewise, on the first level GK2 is a multiplication of three terms, and we need the third one for further simplification:

In[11]:= **GK2 [[3]]**

Out[11]=
$$u - k u - v - J v + \sqrt{4 k u (u - v) + (-u + k u + v + J v)^2}$$

In[12]:= **Simplify [GK1 GK2 [[3]]] / GK2 [[3]]**

Out[12]=
$$-\frac{2 k u}{u - k u - v - J v + \sqrt{4 k u (u - v) + (-u + k u + v + J v)^2}}$$

and this is the form we find in the Sniffers paper.

Exercise : prove eq.I.9 from the lecture notes

First study the functions.nb by executing the commands and reading the Help pages. Next define (using SetDelayed) the GK function with four arguments u , v , J and k using the above expression

In[13]:=

Now prove eq. 1.9 from the lecture notes using Simplify

In[14]:=