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Open Markov processes: A compositional framework for nonequilibrium steady states. BLAKE POLLARD, University of California, Riverside — Open Markov processes are generalizations of Markov processes in which probability can flow in and out of the system through some set of boundary states. We present a framework in which open Markov processes are morphisms in a category. Composition in this category provides a systematic way of constructing larger systems by composing smaller open systems. We describe a 'black-box functor' which characterizes non-equilibrium steady states of open Markov processes in terms of the steady state flows of probability through the system.

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