Big Biomedical Data analysis

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Open Positions:

INEW! (updated 14/09/2021) We are seeking talented individuals who share our passion for single-cell genomics and machine learning application in health science.

We are a computational biology group at the Meakins-Christie Laboratories of the McGill University School of Medicine. Our lab focuses on studying cell dynamics in various biological processes in many diseases (e.g., developmental disorder, pulmonary diseases, cancers). Decoding cell dynamics is essential for understanding the pathogenesis of diseases and finding novel therapeutics. The existence of enormous heterogeneity in those diseases makes

My research:

Welcome!

- 1) Machine learning in health science probabilistic graphical models supervised/unsupervised deep neural nets
- 2) Single-cell Cellular dynamics Single-cell Transcriptomics Single-cell multi-omics Data visualizations

You?

- ~1 min quick introduction (In English/Chinese)
- 1) Who am I?
- 2) My major?
- 3) What do I want to get out from this course?

What this course is about?

Bioinformatics

Computational Biology

AI+health (machine learning in health science)

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Discovery of cell

Robert Hooke, 1665

Image from *Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.*

Discovery of gene

Gregor Mendel

Designation Service S

was a monk in mid 1800 's who discovered how genes were passed on.

Example 1 He used peas to determine the pattern of heredity

Discovery of DNA (and its double helix structure)

Swiss physician and biologist Friedrich Miescher

James Watson and Francis Crick

Images are from the DNA wiki page (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNA)

Human genome project

BIOLOGY PHYSICS CHEMISTRIC LA **FACTURERING** INFORMATION

What does DNA look like?

Images are from wiki pages (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNA_sequencing)

How to represent a cell (e.g., what we often call genomics)

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/364396236_Single_cell_technologies_From_research_to_application/figures?lo=1

DNA data

DNA data (genome)

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Why we need to study the DNA?

1) Better understand our human species (--> evolution)

It can answer who we are?

"Who" created us?

2) Better understand the mechanisms for many diseases

https://www.medicinenet.com/genetic_disease/article.htm

- 1. cystic fibrosis.
- 2. alpha- and beta-thalassemias.
- 3. sickle cell anemia (sickle cell disease),
- 4. Marfan syndrome,
- 5. fragile X syndrome,
- 6. Huntington's disease, and
- 7. hemochromatosis.

3) ** how to better "engineer" our genome**

(legal and ethical issues, might change in the near future)

RNA data

RNA is a big family

mRNAs: messenger RNA

miRNAs: microRNA

…

lncRNAs: long non-coding RNAs

mRNAs

How many?

Not sure (around 20k~30k).

What do they do?

microRNAs

How many?

 $~2k$

What do they do?

lncRNAs

How many?

30k~60k

What do they do?

-> interact with DNA, other mRNAs, proteins.

Why we want/need to study RNAs

Protein data

Protein sequence

Description:

Coordinates: Source:

1 - 85 (alignment region 1 - 84)

ofam

b

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1) How many proteins

80k-400k proteins in human

2) What do they do?

Proteins are large, complex molecules that play many critical roles in the body. They do most of the work in cells and are required for the structure, function, and regulation of the body's tissues and organs.

Other data

Other biomolecules

The four major types of biomolecules are [carbohydrates](https://www.britannica.com/science/carbohydrate), [lipids,](https://www.britannica.com/science/lipid) [nucleic acids,](https://www.britannica.com/science/nucleic-acid) and [proteins](https://www.britannica.com/science/protein).

Bioimaging data

X-ray CT-Scan

...

Clinical health record

 Disease severity Disease diagnosis Disease progression Disease treatment Disease prognosis

Biomedical Data analysis platform

Install your python

Anaconda platform

<https://www.anaconda.com/download>

1) download the versions for your computer (mac or windows)

2) install anaconda

3)

Write your first bioinformatics program

Write an "encoder" function to encode your name into DNA sequence

Write a "decoder" function to decode the DNA sequence into your name

Encoding rule:

https://www.illumina.com/content/dam/illumina-marketing/documents/landing/stem /Translate%20Your%20Name%20Into%20DNA%20Code.pdf

Translate Your Name Into DNA Code

Write your name in the space below and use the table to translate it into a DNA sequence.

Find one in the other team to evaluate your encoding

Who is your mate in the other team? Base-pairing of your initials

Example:

My initial: JD

=>**A**TC,**G**AT =>T,C (if no exact match, find the closest one)

Send him/her your encoded DNA sequence and your name for evaluation.

If it's the decoding and the given name are not consistent, figure out who is wrong (winner gets 1 score, loser gets 0)

 $S(A)=$

 $S(B)=$

At the end of the course, we will test whether S(A)/S(B) is significantly bigger than S(B)/S(A)?

All in the winner group will have a bonus of 5 scores

DNA data analysis

- 1) Download a DNA sequence
- 2) Sequence alignment
- 3) Find a DNA motif
- 4) Identify a DNA mutation
How to download DNA sequences?

1) Ensembl

<https://useast.ensembl.org/index.html>

2) NCBI

3) UCSC genome browser

Sequence alignment

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Edit distance

An edit operation is a pair $(x, y) \in (\Sigma \cup \{-\} \neq (-,-)$. We call (x,y)

- substitution if $x \neq -$ and $y \neq -$
- deletion iff $y = -$
- *insertion* iff $x = -$

For sequences a, b, write $a \rightarrow_{(x,y)} b$, iff a is transformed to b by operation (x, y) . Furthermore, write $a \Rightarrow_5 b$, iff a is transformed to b by a sequence of edit operations S .

Example

 \triangle CCCGA \rightarrow _(C,-) \triangle CCGA \rightarrow _(G,T) \triangle CCTA \rightarrow _(-,T) \triangle ATCCTA $\text{ACCCGA} \Rightarrow_{(C,-),(G,T),(-,T)} \text{ATCCTA}$

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Comparing two DNA sequences

- Given two possibly related strings S1 and S2
	- What is the longest common subsequence?

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How can we compute best alignment

- Need scoring function:
	- $-$ Score(alignment) = Total cost of editing S1 into S2
	- Cost of mutation
	- Cost of insertion / deletion
	- Reward of match
- Need algorithm for inferring best alignment
	- Enumeration?
	- How would you do it?
	- How many alignments are there?

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Dynamic programming

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Example

Align the DNA sequence encoded from your initials with someone else in your opposite team

Compare the best alignment that you got, find out whether they are consistent.

If not, figure out which answer is correct

Record the score

 $S(A)$

 $S(B)$

Why we want to align sequences?

Essentially, sequence alignment is used to find the distance between "sequences"

A lot of applications:

- 1) Assembly the genome
- 2) Quantify gene expression
- 3) Study the conservation between species
- 4) Understand the evolution

Python Basics

Python basics

Basic syntax

https://www.learnpython.org/

Python file inputs/outputs

Read /Write

- 1) Write a string to a file
- 2) Read back the string from the file

1) Find a DNA motif

TF binding pattern-motif

Example: TATA BOX <-> TBP

TATABOX: TATAWAWA

TATA[A/T]A[A/T]A

 \Rightarrow

TATAAAAA

TATAAATA

TATATAAA

TATATATA

How to identify DNA motifs?

Enrichment analysis

An example:

JUND

JUNB

FOS

IRF1

IRF2

ATF2

How to find DNA motifs?

CHIP-Seq

(A) Sample preparation and sequencing

Nakato, Ryuichiro, and Toyonori Sakata. "Methods for ChIP-seq analysis: A practical workflow and advanced applications." *Methods* (2020).

Map the reads to the reference genome

bowtie2

<http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/bowtie2/index.shtml>

can be comma-separated tists can pe specified many times. E.g. '-U file1.fq,file2.fq -U file3.fq'.

Peak calling method

MACS2

https://hbctraining.github.io/Intro-to-ChIPseg/lessons/05_peak_calling_macs.html

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MACS2

iund@tiger:~\$ macs2 callpeak ,
| sage: macs2 callpeak [-h] -t TFILE [TFILE ...] [-c [CFILE [CFILE ...]]] [-f {AUTO.BAM.SAM.BED.ELAND.ELANDMULTI.ELANDEXPORT.BOWTIE. BAMPE, BEDPE}] [-g GSIZE] [--keep-dup KEEPDUPLICATES] [--buffer-size BUFFER SIZE] [--outdir OUTDIR] [-n NAME] [-B] [--verbose VERBOSE] [--trackline] [--SPMR] [-s TSIZE] [--bw BW] [-m MFOLD MFOLD] [--fix-bimodal] [--nomodel] [--shift SHIFT] [--extsize EXTSIZE] [-q QVALUE | -p PVALUE] [--to-large] [--ratio RATIO] [--down-sample] [--seed SEED] [--tempdir TEMPDIR] [--nolambda] [--slocal SMALLLOCAL] [--llocal LARGELOCAL] [--broad] [--broad-cutoff BROADCUTOFF] [--cutoff-analysis] [--call-summits] [--fe-cutoff FECUTOFF] macs2 callpeak: error: argument -t/--treatment is required

```
$ macs2 callpeak -t
bowtie2/H1hesc Nanog Rep1 aln.bam \
     -c bowtie2/H1hesc_Input_Rep1_aln.bam \
     -f BAM -q 1.3e+8 \
     -n Nanog-rep1 \
     --outdir macs2
```


https://academic.oup.com/nar/article/42/5/e35/1055374?login=true

Deepbind

https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.3300

Chip-seq data analysis pipeline

RNA-seq data analysis

RNA-seq

Quality control (qc)

Depending on the quality, you might need to trim the reads

fastp

Optional

https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/

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htseq-count [options] <alignment_files> <gff_file>

Quantify gene expression

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Linear regression

Linear regression

$$
y=\beta_0+\beta_1x_1+\beta_2x_2+\ldots+\beta_nx_n
$$

How to search the parameters?

1) Brute-force

2) Gradient descent

$$
E = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y}_i)^2
$$
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Logistic regression

Support-vector machine (SVM)

https://towardsdatascience.com/support-vector-machine-introduction-to-machine-learningalgorithms-934a444fca47

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Linear/non-linear classifier

Kernel function

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Decision tree

Random forest

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Pitfalls

Regularization

- L1- regularization
- L2-regularization
	- L1 tends to generate sparser solutions than a quadratic regularizer

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An example data

<https://www.kaggle.com/uciml/pima-indians-diabetes-database>

Try to download the data

wget https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/sdu_summerclass/RNA/diabetes.t xt

An example study (biomarker discovery)

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE162164

The image is from wiki

Homework 1:

description: you need to build a classifier (e.g., random forest or svm) for the prediction of TB on HIV patients.

steps :

1) download the dataset from the NIH GEO database

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/download/?acc=GSE162164&format=file>

2) annotate the patients with its phenotype in other words, some patients are HIV only, the rest are HIV + TB

3) do some basic file reading and processing (convert float values) 4) train a model, could be tricky, the performance could be very bad 5) you need some tricks to minimize the number of features (some feature selection to reduce the feature space) , for example, if you find a gene that is not very different from HIV vs HIV+TB, then you know this feature won't be important 6) you train the model and calculate the accuracy, report it 7) write a report (jupyter notebook, detailing each of the steps and results) you need also to tell me what is the biomarker (the most critical feature for the TB+HIV disease)

Clustering methods

Visualize the data

PCA (Essentially, it's linear transformation)

Visualize the data

t-SNE (and UMAP)

$$
p_{j|i} = \frac{\exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2/2\sigma_i^2)}{\sum_{k\neq i}\exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_k\|^2/2\sigma_i^2)}
$$

$$
p_{ij} = \frac{p_{j|i} + p_{i|j}}{2N}
$$

$$
q_{ij} = \frac{(1 + \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|^2)^{-1}}{\sum_k \sum_{l \neq k} (1 + \|\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{y}_l\|^2)^{-1}}
$$

$$
D_{\mathrm{KL}}(P \parallel Q) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} P(x) \log \biggl(\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \biggr).
$$

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-means_clustering#/media/File:K-means_convergence.gif `

Clustering methods

Hierarchical clustering

- The maximum distance between elements of each cluster (also called complete-linkage clustering): $\max\{d(x,y):x\in\mathcal{A},y\in\mathcal{B}\}.$
- The minimum distance between elements of each cluster (also called single-linkage clustering): $\min\{d(x,y):x\in\mathcal{A},y\in\mathcal{B}\}.$
- The mean distance between elements of each cluster (also called average linkage clustering, used e.g. in UPGMA):

$$
\frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}| \cdot |\mathcal{B}|} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{B}} d(x, y).
$$

• The sum of all intra-cluster variance

Clustering methods

Density estimator

Leiden clustering (/Louvian clustering)

Modularity is a measure of the structure of [networks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Complex_network) or [graphs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graph_(discrete_mathematics)) which measures the strength of division of a network into modules (also called groups, clusters or communities).

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Model selection?

How to choose $#$ of cluster (K) in the K-means?

How to choose the resolution parameter in Leiden clustering ?

Clustering evaluation metrics

Silhouette Score = $(b-a)/max(a,b)$

Graphical models

What is a graph

Node

Edge

Bayesian network

$$
P(X_1, ..., X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | X_1, ..., X_{i-1}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i | Parents(X_i))
$$

1) Inference $p(x|e)=p(x,e)/p(e)$

$$
P(x|e) = \alpha \sum_{\forall y \in Y} P(x, e, Y)
$$

p(WetGrass=True|Clouldy=True)

(2) Parameter learning

P(A|B)=N(mu,sigma)

3) Structure learning

Bayesian network

C=True=> S={0.1,0.9}

 $C=True=> R = \{0.8, 0.2\}$

 $C=True$ => $W=True$

C=True=>S=True, R=True (0.1*0.8) =>0.99 S=True, R=False (0.1*0.2) =>0.9 S=False, R=True (0.9*0.8) =>0.9 S=False, R=False (0.9,0.2) =>0

Markov chain

$$
P(X_{n+m} = s | X_0 = i_0, \dots, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}) = P(X_{n+m} = s | X_{n-1} = i_{n-1})
$$

$$
P = \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1/3 & 0 & 2/3 \\ 3 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{array}
$$

Diffusion

P=[p11,p12 P21,p22]

P^2=[p11*p11+p12*p21, p11*p12+p12*p22 p21*p11+p22*p21, p21*p12+p22*p22]

$$
P^5 = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0.246914 & 0.407407 & 0.345679 \\ 0.251029 & 0.36214 & 0.386831 \\ 0.251029 & 0.366255 & 0.382716 \end{array}\right),
$$

\n
$$
P^{10} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0.250013 & 0.37474 & 0.375248 \\ 0.249996 & 0.375095 & 0.374909 \\ 0.249996 & 0.375078 & 0.374926 \end{array}\right),
$$

\n
$$
P^{20} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0.2500000002 & 0.3749999913 & 0.3750000085 \\ 0.2499999999 & 0.375000003 & 0.374999997 \\ 0.2499999999 & 0.3750000028 & 0.3749999973 \end{array}\right).
$$

P^N

…

High-order Markov Chain

ACGTACTTCGAGGTTTTTAAACTACTACT

2nd transition matrix

 $AC \rightarrow G$ CT->T GT->A

 $TA \rightarrow C$

Transition matrix in the upstream region of the following genes

JUND

JUNB

FOS

IRF1

IRF2

ATF2

Hidden Markov Model (HMM)

Initial probabilities Transition probabilities Emission probabilities P(O|S)

Inference

Given Pi, emission matrix, transition matrix => infer hidden states that fit the observation

 \ddot{S} S $O\sqrt{2}$ \mathcal{B} H \mathcal{O} E /4 \mathcal{N} $0 - 6$ $\vert \vert$ 0.2 \mathbf{C} 08 0.4 TM 0.9 0.1 O, \Rightarrow

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Mann-whitney U test

H0: the probability of *X* being greater than *Y* is equal to the probability of *Y* being greater than *X*.

$$
U=\sum_{i=1}^n\sum_{j=1}^m S(X_i,Y_j),
$$

with

$$
S(X,Y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } Y < X, \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } Y = X, \\ 0, & \text{if } Y > X. \end{cases}
$$

How to calculate U-statistics

L: Li lei H: Han meimei

Result:

L H H H H L L L L L H

 $U1=$ $U2=$

L=[1,3,7,8] H=[2,1,9,6]

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$$

Fold change

 $X=[2,3,4,5]$

Y=[5,6,8,12]

 $x->y$

If mean(Y)>mean(X):

```
Fold change=mean(Y)/mean(X)
```
Else:

```
Fold change=-1* mean(X)/mean(Y)
```
Binomial test

Background frequency: 0.5 20 invites Yes: 15 times 20: 5 times

P-value?

Single-cell genomics

Cells: the building blocks of life

Figure 1-17 Cell and Molecular Biology, 4/e (© 2005 John Wiley & Sons)

Why we need the single-cell?

Human Cells

Build a google map of human body **Build a google map of human** body **Better disease diagnosis and treatment**

Cell Atlas Initiatives

There are **37 trillion cells** The Human Cell Atlas will create a 'Google map' of the human body. This is a global effort. 482 cientist **countrie** INNER FAR MMUNE SYSTEM THYMUS ENDOTHEL 185 22 projects UNG **HEART SPI CCN BONE**
MARRC PANCREAS OVARIES INTESTINES **SEVELOPMENTAL BONE** SKIN HUMAN
CELL
ATLAS **MARCH 2018**

HuBMAP Human Cell ATLAS

Single-cell data is accumulating fast

Cell Count by Release Date

Single-cell vs. Bulk Sequencing

Single-cell Bulk

Single-cell applications in biomedical studies

[1] Engblom et al. Science. 2017 [2] Fadrosh et al. Nat Commun. 2016 [3] Treutlein et al. Nature. 2014 [4] Zheng et al. Cell. 2017 [5] Quadrato et al. Nature, 2017 [6] Heath et al. Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2016 All images retrieved from Illumina websites
Developmental Trajectory

Developmental trajectory inference methods

Farrell J. et al. Science,

Machine learning challenges?

- \star Curse of dimensionality
- \star High noise level
- \star Enormous heterogeneity
- \Rightarrow specific computational challenges:
- ❖ Reducing the data dimensionality
- ❖ Identifying sub-population (clustering problems)
- ❖ Reconstructing the cellular trajectories

Curse of dimensionality

Analyzing of the high dimensional data often suffers from the curse of dimensionality

The searching space increases exponentially Neighbors of each data point also increase exponentially Distances are on longer informative

$$
\lim_{d\to\infty}E\left(\frac{{\rm dist}_{\rm max}(d)-{\rm dist}_{\rm min}(d)}{{\rm dist}_{\rm min}(d)}\right)\to 0
$$

C1: Most importantly, human eyes can't see anything beyond 3D

Suppose your boss gives you a single-cell dataset (10k cells by 20k genes), and told you that he wants to see what it looks like.

What is your first thought?

$$
|\arg\min_F |x - F(x)|
$$

Dimensionality reduction

- Linear F **PCA**
- Non-linear F t-SNE (U-MAP) Auto-encoder

Non-linearly separable data

<https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/articles-dimred/pca/animation.webm>

Find a linear transformation to project the data from HD to LD space that minimize the projection error.

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left|\left|x_{i}-Px_{i}\right|\right|^{2}
$$

P represents the transformation matrix

t-SNE

1) Measuring the distance in higher dimensional space (Gaussian distribution)

$$
p_{j\,|\,i}=\tfrac{\exp(-||x_i-x_j||^2/2\sigma_i^2)}{\sum_{k\neq i}\exp(-||x_i-x_k||^2/2\sigma^2)}
$$

$$
p_{i,j=\frac{p_{i+j}+p_{j+i}}{2N}}
$$

$$
\textstyle\sum_{i,j} p_{i,j} = 1
$$

t-SNE

2) Measuring the distance in lower dimensional space (long-tail student t distribution)

$$
q_{ij} = \frac{\left(1{+}{||y_i{-}y_j||}^2\right)^{-1}}{\sum_k\sum_{l\ne k}\left(1{+}{||y_k{-}y_l||}^2\right)^{-1}}
$$

Why not using Gaussian distribution in LD too?

The Gaussian distribution in 2D space will force all time points "together" => crowding problem

This can be mitigated by the "long-tail" student t-distribution

(3) The locations of the points in the LD space (y) are determined by minimizing the (non-symmetric) [Kullback–Leibler divergence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kullback%E2%80%93Leibler_divergence) of the distribution P from the distribution Q.

$$
C=KL(P||Q)=\textstyle\sum_{i\neq j}p_{ij}\log\frac{p_{ij}}{q_{ij}}
$$

Then use the gradient descent to search the y_i that minimize the KL divergence C.

Diffusion map

- 1) Calculate the transition probability matrix M(i,j) (e.g., base on the distance and a chosen kernel).
- 2) Diffusion $M^t(i,j)$

$$
M^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\alpha_{11}}{\alpha_{21}} & \frac{\alpha_{12}}{\alpha_{22}} & \frac{\alpha_{13}}{\alpha_{23}} \\ \frac{\alpha_{31}}{\alpha_{31}} & \frac{\alpha_{32}}{\alpha_{32}} & \frac{\alpha_{33}}{\alpha_{33}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ \frac{\alpha_{31}}{\alpha_{32}} & \frac{\alpha_{33}}{\alpha_{33}} \end{bmatrix}
$$

g $M^{2}(1,1) = \frac{\alpha_{11}a_{11} + \alpha_{12}a_{21} + \alpha_{13}a_{31}}{\alpha_{13}a_{32}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\alpha_{12}}{\alpha_{13}} & \frac{\alpha_{13}}{\alpha_{13}} \\ \frac{\alpha_{13}}{\alpha_{13}} & \frac{\alpha_{13}}{\alpha_{13}} \end{bmatrix}$

Autoencoder

Input

Output

$$
\begin{aligned}&\phi:\mathcal{X}\rightarrow\mathcal{F} \\&\psi:\mathcal{F}\rightarrow\mathcal{X} \\&\phi,\psi=\argmin_{\phi,\psi}\|X-(\psi\circ\phi)X\|^2\end{aligned}
$$

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RECAP 1

- 1) Dimensionality reduction techniques are commonly used in single-cell genomics
- 2) Popular techniques: Linear: PCA (Linear), Non-linear: Classical: t-SNE/UMAP, Neuron network: Autoencoder
- 3) It is usually the first step of the high-dimensional data analysis

C2. Single-cell data is very noisy

The single-cell dataset (10k cells by 20k genes) data is very noisy You want to "fix" or "clean" the data, what would you do?

Single-cell data "fixing"

MAGIC[1] is a popular method to fix the missing values (e.g., dropout) in single-cell

[1] Dana Pe'er et al. Cell, 2018

 $M^{t}(i, j)$

represents the probability that a random walk of length *t* starting at cell *i* will reach cell *j*, thus we call *t* the "diffusion time."

$$
M\left(i,j\right)=\ \frac{A\left(i,j\right)}{\sum_{k}A\left(i,k\right)}
$$

 $A\left(i,j\right)=e^{-\left(\frac{Dist\left(i,j\right)}{\sigma}\right)^{2}}$

Markov transition probability from i -> j

$$
D_{imputed} = M^t \ast D
$$

Single-cell data denoising

Guess what is the most commonly used track?

=> remove the "bad cells"

How?

- 1) Remove cells with low # of expressing genes
- 2) Remove cells with high % of mitochondrial reads

RECAP 2

- 1) Single-cell imputation (e.g., MAGIC ->data fixing)
- 2) Single-cell data cleaning (e.g., filtering -> denoising)
- 3) Garbage in => Garbage out

Always try to clean the data first before the actual modeling/analysis

C3. Single-cell data is enormously heterogeneous

The single-cell dataset (10k cells by 20k genes) data is **heterogeneous You want to identify all sub-populations, what would you do?**

Clustering

K-Means

Assignment:

$$
S_i^{(t)} = \big\{ x_p : \big\| x_p - m_i^{(t)} \big\|^2 \leq \big\| x_p - m_j^{(t)} \big\|^2 \; \forall j, 1 \leq j \leq k \big\},
$$

Assign the cell to the closest cluster (nearest centroid).

Update:

$$
m_i^{(t+1)} = \frac{1}{\left| S_i^{(t)} \right|} \sum_{x_j \in S_i^{(t)}} x_j
$$

From Wiki page

Louvian/Leiden

$$
Q = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i,j} \left[A_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{2m} \right] \delta(c_i, c_j),
$$

where

Aij is the weight of the edge between i and j.

ki is the sum of weights of the vertex attached to the vertex I, also called as degree

of the node

ci is the community to which vertex i is assigned

 $\delta(x,y)$ is 1 if x = y and 0 otherwise

 $m = (1/2)\sum_{i}$ Aij i.e number of links

1st step: A greedy algorithm is applied to search for the maximal Q (moving a node from community i to all its neighbors) => guarantee a local optical.

2nd step: update the weight between communities.

Such passes are repeatedly carried out until there is no more change in the cluster, and a maximum of modularity is achieved.

Supervised neural network for clustering

$$
Loss = \sum\nolimits_{i \, \in \, D} \lvert \lvert y_i - F \left(x_i \right) \rvert \rvert^2
$$

Variational autoencoder

How to annotate cluster?

Now, you got the clusters. But, what are those clusters? (e.g., what cell types they are? What set of genes they are expressing)

OPEN QUESTION

A few existing solution:

- (1) Use marker genes
- (2) Use functional analysis (e.g., GO enrichment)
- (3) Compare with expression data with known cell types

RECAP 3

- 1) Clustering is the most widely used method to identify sub-populations
- 2) Popular methods: K-means, SOM, Louvian, Leiden, ANN (supervised)
- 3) No good ways to annotate clusters yet.

C4. Reconstructing trajectories from Single-cell data

How to infer the cell dynamics (the cellular state change over time) from single-cell data (often time-series)

Monocle

$$
\min_{\mathcal{G}\in G_b} \min_{f_{\mathcal{G}}\in \mathcal{F}} \min_{z} \sum_{i=1}^N ||x_i - f_{\mathcal{G}}(z_i)||^2
$$

$$
+ \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{(V_i, V_j)\in \mathcal{E}} b_{i,j} ||f_{\mathcal{G}}(z_i) - f_{\mathcal{G}}(z_j)||^2
$$

Qiu et al. Nature Methods, 2017

PAGA

1) Graph partitioning and abstraction

- 2) Pseudo-time estimation
- 3) Preserving Graph topology across resolutions

RECAP 4

- 1) Trajectory methods are employed to interrogate the dynamic cellular transition
- 2) Popular methods: Monocle, Seurat, etc.

C5. Reconstructing the regulatory networks underlying the trajectories How to infer the transcription factors and pathways that dictate the cellular dynamics

GENIE3

SIMPLE BUT POWERFUL (Champion of the DREAM Challenge)

Huynh-Thu et al. Plos one, 2010

SCDIFF

Ding et al. Genome Research 2019

RECAP 4

- 1) Trajectory methods are employed to interrogate the dynamic cellular transition
- 2) Popular methods: Monocle, Seurat, etc.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Any new ideas to reduce the data dimensionality? Any new strategies to cluster the data points? Any new methods to infer the gene regulatory network?

Infer cell-cell interactions from pseudotime ordering of single-cell data

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Why cell-cell interaction inference matters?

Armingol, Erick, et al. "Deciphering cell–cell interactions and communication from gene expression." *Nature Reviews Genetics* 22.2 (2021): 71-88.

Cell-cell interactions play critical roles in cancer progression

Müller, Luise, et al. "Bidirectional crosstalk between cancer stem cells and immune cell subsets." *Frontiers in immunology* (2020): 140.
Existing methods?

Most existing methods are based on Expression thresholding

CellphoneDB

nature protocols

PROTOCOL https://doi.org/10.1038/s41596-020-0292-x

CellPhoneDB: inferring cell-cell communication from combined expression of multi-subunit ligand-receptor complexes

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Limitations?

1) Information loss if only using the mean expression

2)Not all cells in the cluster are the same (Most biological processes are continuous)

Mean expression (ligand, receptor) based methods score the above 4 patterns the same. But, they are not!

How to address this limitation?

- ❖ Mean expression (Ligand, Receptor)=> two scalar value
- VS.
- ❖ Temporal expression (Ligand, Receptor) => two vectors

Solution: Integrate time/pseudo-time information with gene expression to infer Cell-cell interactions

Impact of different sizes of the sliding window

Window Size

Calculating p-value for all L-R pairs

randomization => null distribution of interaction score

 \Rightarrow right-tail probability => p-value

How to infer the cellular trajectory? scdiff

Ding J et al. Genome Research, 2018

How to infer the cellular trajectory? cshmm

Lin, Chieh, and Ziv Bar-Joseph. "Continuous-state HMMs for modeling time-series single-cell RNA-Seq data." *Bioinformatics* 35.22 (2019): 4707-4715.

Selecting paired clusters

- ❖ Most other methods infer cell-cell interactions between all possible clusters
- ❖ Trasig: Cells can only interact if both are active at the same time

For example, in a developmental process, cells at day E1 is unlikely to interact with cells profiled at day E16.

Temporal alignment

Is the time in each path of the interaction partners the same? What if they are not? Alignment!

 $\tau_j(t) = \frac{(t-b_j)}{a_j}$

Scaling and shifting

Trajectory and pseudotime inferred by other methods

Street, Kelly, et al. "Slingshot: cell lineage and pseudotime inference for single-cell transcriptomics." *BMC genomics* 19.1 (2018): 1-16. Cao, Junyue, et al. "The single-cell transcriptional landscape of mammalian organogenesis." *Nature* 566.7745 (2019): 496-502.

Trajectory on liver organoid differentiation data

Mo R. Ebrahimkhani, MD Associate professor University of Pittsburgh

Cell type annotation

- Stellate-like cells
- **Endothelial-like cells**
- Progenitor-like cells

KRT7

ALB

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SCT

 FGG

ASGR1

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Cell-cell interactions for the liver organoid data

Temporal expression patterns for identified L-R pairs

Ligand-receptor interaction predictions of interest for functional studies

Sending and receiving cell populations

Red: sender, Blue: Receiver

Experimental validation -1

CD34: hepatic progenitor cells

Experimental validation-2

VEGF inhibitor

Experimental validation-3

Comparison with other methods-1

Cabello-Aguilar, Simon, et al. "SingleCellSignalR: inference of intercellular networks from single-cell transcriptomics." *Nucleic acids research* 48.10 (2020): e55-e55.

Efremova, Mirjana, et al. "CellPhoneDB: inferring cell–cell communication from combined expression of multi-subunit ligand–receptor complexes." *Nature protocols* 15.4 (2020): 1484-1506.

Comparison with other methods-2

interacting pair

Comparison with other methods-3

Trasig works with other pseudotime inference methods(Slingshot)

oligodendrocyte cell differentiation data [https://zenodo.org/r ecord/1443566#.Yh XJXYzMJhF]

Saelens, Wouter, et al. "A comparison of single-cell trajectory inference methods." *Nature biotechnology* 37.5 (2019): 547-554.

Trasig works with Monocle3

hepatoblast differentiation data:

Yang, L. et al. A single-cell transcriptomic analysis reveals precise pathways and regulatory mechanisms underlying hepatoblast differentiation. Hepatology

66, 1387–1401 (2017)

regulation of endothelial cell migration regulation of endothelial cell proliferation vascular endothelial growth factor receptor binding vascular endothelial growth factor receptor signaling pathway vascular endothelial growth factor signaling pathway vascular endothelial growth factor-activated receptor activity vascular process in circulatory system venous blood vessel development

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interacting pair

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Comparison with another L-R database

Hou, R., Denisenko, E., Ong, H. T., Ramilowski, J. A. & Forrest, A. R. Predicting cell-to-cell communication networks using natmi. Nat. Commun 11, 1–11 (2020).

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Cellular dynamics in various biological processes

Cell differentiation & reprogramming

Schiebinger, Geoffrey, et al. "Optimal-transport analysis of single-cell gene expression identifies developmental trajectories in reprogramming." *Cell* 176.4 (2019): 928-943.

McDonough, John E., et al. "Transcriptional regulatory model of fibrosis progression in the human lung." *JCI insight* 4.22 (2019).

How to identify the regulators that dictate the cellular dynamics in those biological processes for "interventions"?

Regulators in Gene regulatory networks (GRN)

GRN inference

Zhou, Qing, et al. "A gene regulatory network in mouse embryonic stem cells." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 104.42 (2007): 16438-16443.

Regression/Correlation/ODE based GRN inference

Huynh-Thu, Vân Anh, et al. "Inferring regulatory networks from expression data using tree-based methods." *PloS one* 5.9 (2010): e12776.

Probabilistic Graph based GRN inference

DREM

RNA-seq vs. Multi-omics

Lee, Jeongwoo, Do Young Hyeon, and Daehee Hwang. "Single-cell multiomics: technologies and data analysis methods." *Experimental & Molecular Medicine* 52.9 (2020): 1428-1442.

Multi-omic Variation Epigenome **Healthy Transcriptome Proteome Disease Metabolome**

Multi-omics: Complementary views from different perspectives

Sun, Yan V., and Yi-Juan Hu. "Integrative analysis of multi-omics data for discovery and functional studies of complex human diseases." *Advances in genetics* 93 (2016): 147-190.

Interactive Dynamic Regulatory Events Miner (IDREM)

Model Overview

IOHMM model M =(H,E,ϴ,Ψ)

H,E denote the nodes and edges -> model structure.

ϴ,Ψ represent the parameters for calculating the the emission and transition probabilities

-> model parameters under current structure

 ϴ denote the parameters for a gaussian model, which maps the **gene expression** at each node => emission probability.

Ψ denote the parameters for a regression model, which maps the input (**TF-DNA binding**) => transition probability (e.g. 0.95, 0.05 shown in D).
Model learning

- (1) Randomly split all genes into a train set (75%) and a test set (25%).
- (2) Start searching the structure from a single chain.

 (3) Under current structure (H,E), Use Baum-welch algorithm to find the model parameters (using train set) which present the maximal likelihood on test set r(G_test|M). M is the current model M =(H,E, Θ , Ψ).

(4) Random Split the path under certain constraints (e.g. no more 3 edges coming out from node). Then calculate the score for the new model r(G_test|M_new). M_new is the model after the splitting.

(5) We keep doing the above process until the score converges.

Then, we got the final Structure. Finally, we used all genes to estimate the model parameters => Final Model M.

Score calculation

$$
r(G|M) = \sum_{g \in G} \log \sum_{q \in Q} \prod_{t=1}^{n-1} f_{q(t)(o_g(t))} \prod_{t=1}^{n-1} P(H_t = q(t)|H_{t-1} = q(t-1), I(g,t))
$$

The first product denotes the emission probability and the second product represents the transition probability. The inner sum is over all paths and the outer sum is over all genes in G. \$I(g, t)\$ is the dynamic input prior learned by integrating all omics data.

$$
P(H_t = q(t)|H_{t-1} = q(t-1), I(g,t))
$$

This probability can be calculated using a regression model

Where the omics integration happens

Integration of TF-DNA interaction data

$$
RegValue(TF_x, time_z) = |expression(x, z + 1) - expression(x, z)|
$$

Then, we normalize all RegValue to [0,1] using the logistic function

$$
f_w(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-xw}}
$$

To determine the sign of the regulation RegDirection (x,y,z) (Note: if the original TF-DNA file already has this information, just use it directly)

If TF up , target up (activation 1) If TF up, target down (repression -1) If TF down, target up (repression -1) If TF down, target down (activation 1)

The final TF-DNA interaction value :

Interaction(TFx,geney,timez)=RegValue(x,z)∗RegDirection(x,y,z)∗TFDNA(x,y,z)

Where, TFDNA (x, y, z) is the binary to represent whether TF x is binding to gene y at time point z.

Integration of miRNA data

miRNA information was treated as a special type of "TF", which can only repress the target expression. On the other hand, TF can either activate or repress target expression.

Integration of proteomics and PPI

It's not accurate to use gene expression level to represent the level of corresponding TF. Besides, TF regulates the gene expression via a "impact" on RNA polymerase (Pre-initialization complex-PIC). The impact was by a series of Protein-protein interactions.

$$
TF_x = \frac{1}{|Y|} \sum_{\{y \in Y\}} \text{ProteinLevel}_x * \text{ProteinLevel}_y * \text{PPI}(x, y)
$$

Y: interacting proteins of x; Protein level all normalized to [0,1]

E.g.,

Case A: TF x is highly expressing, but none of its known interacting proteins are expressing.

Case B: TF y is expressing and so do its interacting proteins. TF x and y are both known to regulate gene z. In this specific case, TF x is more likely active compared with

Integration of methylation data

In the main framework, the TF-DNA data is static, which means it's not changing during the process. This is definitely not the case in reality. Here, we can use the methylation data to get the dynamic TF-DNA binding information. The methylation in the promoter region will silence the downstream gene expression [pubmed 24555846]. Detail steps:

- (1) Mapping the methylation reads and calling the methylation peaks.
- (2) Compare the peaks with genomic location of TSSs of all genes.
- (3) If there are peaks found in the promoter region (within upstream 10k of gene TSS), the promote of gene get methylated and we will modify all TF-DNA binding related to this gene.

The transition model will be impacted by the dynamic TF-DNA binding. As the transition model and emission model are tangling with each other, the emission model will be also impacted.

IDREM software interface

<u> ∌</u> Options

IDREM application in lung development

➢ **Gene expression**

The gene expression is in FPKM format with 15 time points.

➢ **miRNA expression**

The miRNA expression data is from NanoString technologies- ncount expression. Based on the manual from NanoString technologies, it needs to be normalized. http://www.nanostring.com/media/pdf/MAN_nCounter_Gene_Expression_Data_Analysis_Guidelines.pdf

Here, we used the housekeeping genes to do the normalization.

In the miRNA expression dataset, they offered the expression for a few housekeeping genes: Actb,B2m,Gapdh,Rpl19

The normalization steps:

First calculate the geometric mean of the expression of these housekeeping genes for each lane (sample)

$$
g_{sample} = (\prod_{i \in H} g_i)^{(1/|H|)}
$$

➢ **Proteomics data**

There are 15 time points for the proteomics data

Summary Table

➢ **Methylation data**

we have the methylation for the following 6 time point: p0.5, p2.5,p7,p10,p19,p28

By combined all the above datasets, we decided to use the following 14 time points.

Ding, Jun, et al. "Integrating multiomics longitudinal data to reconstruct networks underlying lung development." *American Journal of Physiology-Lung Cellular and Molecular Physiology* 317.5 (2019): L556-L568.

path expression pattern

Experimental validation for the novel regulators (miR-539 and miR-590) from IDREM

McDonough, John E., et al. "Transcriptional regulatory model of fibrosis progression in the human lung." *JCI insight* 4.22 (2019).

Summary -I

- 1) Graphical models are very flexible for data integration (particularly the Input-output hidden markov)
- 2) Integration of multi-omics data could lead to the discovery of novel regulators for various biological processes
- 3) Interactively visualized model could promote novel biological discoveries

Multi-omic model that identifies novel drugs against COVID-19 SARS-Cov2 modified SDREM analysis

DREM is useful, but several questions remain …

Response to infection Cell membrane What happened here? $8 - 20$ and $12 - 2$ Nucleus**AHRA** 198

SDREM: Extending DREM to model signaling networks

Inputs:

- Condition specific inputs:
	- Time series expression data following treatment
	- (A few) receptors interacting with invader or activated by condition of interest
	- Phosphorylation data
	- Protein level data
- General interaction data (not necessarily from the same condition):
	- Protein-DNA interactions
	- Motif information
	- Protein interaction networks

Inferring signaling pathways

Iterative method for reconstructing dynamic signaling and regulatory networks

Identify TFs actively regulating gene expression

Determine which active TFs are well-connected in the PPI network?

mSDREM model

Red – Source proteins (interacting with virus protein directly) Green – Inferred signaling proteins Blue – TFs

Diamond shape – Top phosphorelated protein

Detailed results can available at: [https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/re](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/) [sults/BU_RNA_Proteomics/](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/)

The IDREM model of the RNA-seq + Proteomics data

Interactive viewer:

[https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYq](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/cpm.csv.log.merged.csv_viz/idrem_result.html) [UmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/cpm.](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/cpm.csv.log.merged.csv_viz/idrem_result.html) [csv.log.merged.csv_viz/idrem_result.html](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/cpm.csv.log.merged.csv_viz/idrem_result.html)

Using the tool you can explore gene expression levels, top TFs and the paths they regulate and protein levels of all genes.

Please refer to the manual (bottom of the panel) for a description of the iDREM model.

Top 50 proteins from msdrem single knock-out

Please find a complete list of inferred proteins using the link below:

[https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/singleKnockDown_Protein](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/singleKnockDown_ProteinInfo.tsv) [Info.tsv](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/singleKnockDown_ProteinInfo.tsv)

Top Phosphorylated proteins: 676 in total. They are the largest log fold change of phosphorylation (vs uninfected). Please refer to page 2 for the detailed step of getting top phosphorylated proteins.

Top protein pairs from msdrem double knock-out

Please find a complete list of inferred proteins using the link below: [https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/DoubleKn](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/DoubleKnockDown_ProteinInfo_1k.tsv) [ockDown_ProteinInfo_1k.tsv](https://filedn.com/lL2xsyY8teiHHTk3wYqUmVu/results/BU_RNA_Proteomics/DoubleKnockDown_ProteinInfo_1k.tsv)

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Intersection of top genes with underlying condition genes

Protein top 100 gene list + TF

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Enriched GO categories for intersection genes

TOP RANKED PROTEINS+TFS WITH RNA SCREEN HITS EVIDENCE

- Top ranked proteins+TFs from mSDREM analysis (179 genes)
	- 45 genes from mSDREM and condition-specific analysis

P-value 4.72E-03*

SDREM Predictions

Drugs:

- 1. Bortezomib (NFKb inhibitor) concentrations: 10uM, 1uM, 0.1uM, 0.01uM 1. Stock = $50mM$
	- 2. IC₅₀ (A549s) = 0.0025 μ M
- 2. 5-Azacytidine (DNMT1 inhibitor) concentrations: 10uM, 1uM, 0.1uM, 0.01uM
	- 1. Stock = 100m M
- 3. Fedratinib (BRD4 inhibitor) concentrations: 10uM, 1uM, 0.1uM, 0.01uM
	- 1. Stock = 50mM
	- 2. IC₅₀ (Caco-2) = 2.1-6.5uM, (HEK293) 1.2uM
- 4. Neratinib (ERBB2 inhibitor) concentrations: 10uM*,* 1uM, 0.1uM, 0.01uM
	- 1. Stock = $10mM$

2. IC₅₀ (MDA and other cancer cell lines) = <0.005uM or 1-10uM *Apical: 30 minute pre-treatment only, treat apically with virus for 1 hr, then only basolaterally for remainder of experiment*

Summary -II

- 1) iDREM framework could be extended to study infectious disease (signaling networks + regulatory networks)
- 2) Integration of multi-omics data could lead to the discovery of novel drug for COVID

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Third-generation sequencing

https://nanoporetech.com/applications/dna-nanopore-sequencing

https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/neuroscience/nanopore-sequen cing