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Patterns in DNA Sequences

Signals in DNA sequence control events

- Start and end of genes
- Start and end of introns
- Transcription factor binding sites (regulatory elements)
- Ribosome binding sites
- Detection of these patterns are useful for
 - Understanding gene structure
 - Understanding gene regulation

Motifs in DNA Sequences

Given a collection of DNA sequences of promoter regions, locate the transcription factor binding sites (also called regulatory elements)
 Example:



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Motifs



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http://weblogo.berkeley.edu/examples.html

Motifs in DNA Sequences



Fig. 1. Some aligned sequences and their sequence logo. At the top of the figure are listed the 12 DNA sequences from the P_L and P_R control regions in bacteriophage lambda. These are bound by both the cl and cro proteins [16]. Each even numbered sequence is the complement of the preceding odd numbered sequence. The sequence logo, described in detail in the text, is at the bottom of the figure. The cosine wave is positioned to indicate that a minor groove faces the center of each symmetrical protein. Data which support this assignment are given in reference [17].

More Motifs in *E. Coli* DNA Sequences



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This figure shows two "sequence logos" which represents equence conservation at the 5' (donor) and 3' (acceptor) ends of human infroms. The region between the black vertical bars is removed during m RIA's splicing. The logos graphically demonstrate that most of the pattern for locating the infron ends resides on the infron. This allows more codon choices in the protein-coding exons. The logos also show a common pattern "CAGIGT", which suggests hat the mechanisms hat recognize the two ends of the infron had a common ancestor. See R. M. Stephens and T. D. Schneider, "Features of spliceosome evolution and function inferred from an analysis of the infrom antice sites", J. Mol. Bid, 23(2), 1124-1136, (1992)

Other Motifs in DNA Sequences: Human Splice Junctions



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Transcription Regulation



Prokaryotic Gene Characteristics

DNA PATTERNS IN THE E. coli lexa GENE

	GENE SEQUENCE	
CTGN NNNNN NNNNC AG TTGA CA	GAATTCGATAAATCTCTGGTTTATTGTGCAGTTTATGGTT TT	1
CTGN NNNNNNNNN AG	CCAAAATCGCCTTTTGCTGTATATACTCACAGCATAACTG	41
TATAAT, > mRNA star	CCAA -35 -10 TATACT >	
CTGN NNNNN NNNNC AG	TATA TACAC CCAGGGGGGGGGAATGAAAGCGTTAACGGCCA	81
GGAGG	+10 GGGGG Ribosomal binding site	
	GGCAACAAGAGGTGTTTGATCTCATCCGTGATCACATCAG	121
ATG	CCAGACAGGTATGCCGCCGACGCGTGCGGAAATCGCGCAG	161
	CGTTTGGGGTTCCGTTCCCCAAACGCGGCTGAAGAACATC	201
	TGAAGGCGCTGGCACGCAAAGGCGTTATTGAAATTGTTTC	241
	CGGCGCATCACGCGGGATTCGTCTGTTGCAGGAAGAGGAA	281
	GAAGGGTTGCCGCTGGTAGGTCGTGTGGCTGCCGGTGAAC	321
OPEN READING FRAME	CACTTCTGGCGCAACAGCATATTGAAGGTCATTATCAGGT	361
	CGATCCTTCCTTATTCAAGCCGAATGCTGATTTCCTGCTG	401
	CGCGTCAGCGGGATGTCGATGAAAGATATCGGCATTATGG	441
	ATGGTGACTTGCTGGCAGTGCATAAAACTCAGGATGTACG	481
	TAACGGTCAGGTCGTTGTCGCACGTATTGATGACGAAGTT	521
	I WOUTTIMAGOROTICABBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB	"JUL
	1 TETTECCAGAAAATAGCGAGTTTAAACCAATTETCETTEA	601
	1 CCTTCGTCAGCAGAGCTTCACCATTGAAGGGCTGGCGGTT	641
TAA	1 GGGGTTATTCGCAACGGCGACTGGCTGTAACATATCTCTG	681
	1 AGACCGCGATGCCGCCTGGCGTCGCGGTTTGTTTTCATC	721
	1 TCTCTTCATCAGGCTTGTCTGCATGGCATTCCTCACTTCA	761
	1 TCTGATAAAGCACTCTGGCATCTCGCCTTACCCATGATTT	801
	1 TCTCCAATATCACCGTTCCGTTGCTGGGACTGGTCGATAC	841
	1 GGCGGTAATTGGTCATCTTGATAGCCCGGTTTATTTGGGC	881
	1 GGCGTGGCGGTTGGCGCAACGGCGGACCAGCT	921

Shown are matches to approximate consensus binding sites for LexA repressor (CTGANANANANANACAG), the -10 amd -35 promoter regions relative to the start of the mRNA (TTGACA and TATAAT), the ribosomal binding site on the mRNA (GGAGG), and the open reading frame (ATG...TAA). Only the second two of the predicted LexA binding sites actually bind the repressor.

FIGURE 9.6. The promoter and open reading frame of the E. coli lexA gene.

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FIGURE 9.13. Regulatory elements of two promoters. (A) The rat pepCK gene. The relative positions of the TFbinding sites are illustrated (Yamada et al. 1999). The glucocorticoid response unit (GRU) includes three accessory factor-binding sites (AF1, AF2, and AF3), two glucocorticoid response elements (GR1 and GR2), and a cAMP response element (CRE). A dimer of glucocorticoid receptors bound to each GR element is depicted. The retinoic response unit (RAU) includes two retinoic acid response elements (RARE1 and RARE2) that coincide with the AF1 and AF3, respectively (Sugiyama et al. 1998). The sequences of the two GR sites and the binding of the receptor to these sites are shown. These sites deviate from the consensus sites and depend on their activity on accessory proteins bound to other sites in the GRU. This dependence on accessory proteins is reduced if a more consensus-like (canonical) GR element comprising the sequence TGTTCT is present. The CRE that binds factor C/EBP is also shown. (B) The 2300-bp promoter of the developmentally regulated gene endo16 of the sea urchin (Bolouri and Davidson 2002). Different colors indicate different binding sites for distinct proteins and proteins shown above the line bind at unique locations, below the line at several locations. The regions A-G are functional modules that determine the expression of the gene in a particular tissue at a particular time of development and may either serve to induce transcription of the gene as a necessary developmental step (A, B, and G) or repress transcription (C-F) in tissues when it is not appropriate. (Reprinted, with permission, from Bolouri and Davidson 2002 [@2002 Elsevier].)

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Single Gene Activation



Multiple Gene Activation



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Transcription Regulation



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Motif-prediction: Whole genome

Problem: Given the upstream regions of all genes in the genome, find all over-represented sequence signatures.

Basic Principle: If a TF co-regulates many genes, then all these genes should have at least 1 binding site for it in their upstream region.



Motif Detection (TFBMs)

See evaluation by Tompa et al.

- [bio.cs.washington.edu/assessment]
- □Gibbs Sampling Methods: AlignACE, GLAM, SeSiMCMC, MotifSampler
- Uveight Matrix Methods: ANN-Spec, Consensus,
- **EM**: Improbizer, MEME
- □Combinatorial & Misc.: MITRA, oligo/dyad, QuickScore, <u>Weeder</u>, YMF

EM Algorithm

Goal: Find θ , Z that maximize Pr (X, Z | θ)

Initialize: random profile

E-step: Using profile, compute a likelihood value z_{ij} for each *m*-window at position *i* in input sequence *j*.

M-step: Build a new profile by using every *m*window, but weighting each one with value *z*_{ij}.





Gibbs Sampling for Motif Detection



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Gene Expression

- Process of transcription and/or translation of a gene is called gene expression.
- Every cell of an organism has the same genetic material, but different genes are expressed at different times.
- Patterns of gene expression in a cell is indicative of its state.

Hybridization

- □ If two complementary strands of DNA or mRNA are brought together under the right experimental conditions they will hybridize.
- \Box A hybridizes to $B \Rightarrow$
 - A is reverse complementary to B, or
 - A is reverse complementary to a subsequence of B.
- It is possible to experimentally verify whether A hybridizes to B, by labeling A or B with a radioactive or fluorescent tag, followed by excitation by laser.

Measuring gene expression

- Gene expression for a single gene can be measured by extracting mRNA from the cell and doing a simple hybridization experiment.
- Given a sample of cells, gene expression for every gene can be measured using a single <u>microarray</u> experiment.

Microarray/DNA chip technology

- High-throughput method to study gene expression of thousands of genes simultaneously.
- Many applications:
 - Genetic disorders & Mutation/polymorphism detection
 - Study of disease subtypes
 - Drug discovery & toxicology studies
 - Pathogen analysis
 - Differing expressions over time, between tissues, between drugs, across disease states

Microarray Data

Gene	Expression Level
Gene1	
Gene2	
Gene3	

Gene Chips





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Microarray/DNA chips (Simplified)

- Construct probes corresponding to reverse complements of genes of interest.
- Aicroscopic quantities of probes placed on solid surfaces at defined spots on the chip.
- Extract mRNA from sample cells and label them.
- Apply labeled sample (mRNA extracted from cells) to every spot, and allow hybridization.
- Wash off unhybridized material.
- Use optical detector to measure amount of fluorescence from each spot.

Affymetrix DNA chip schematic



What's on the slide?



RNA fragments with fluorescent tags from sample to be tested

Shining a laser light at GeneChip® array causes tagged DNA fragments that hybridized to glow



DNA Chips & Images



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Microarrays: competing technologies

- Affymetrix & Agilent
- Differ in:
 - method to place DNA: Spotting vs. photolithography
 - Length of probe
 - Complete sequence vs. series of fragments

Study effect of treatment over time





http://www.arabidopsis.org/info/2010_projects/comp_proj/AFGC/RevisedAFGC/Friday/

How to compare 2 cell samples with Two-Color Microarrays?

- mRNA from sample 1 is extracted and labeled with a red fluorescent dye.
- mRNA from sample 2 is extracted and labeled with a green fluorescent dye.
- Mix the samples and apply it to every spot on the microarray. Hybridize sample mixture to probes.
- Use optical detector to measure the amount of green and red fluorescence at each spot.

Sources of Variations & Experimental Errors

- Variations in cells/individuals
- Variations in mRNA extraction, isolation, introduction of dye, variation in dye incorporation, dye interference
- Variations in probe concentration, probe amounts, substrate surface characteristics
- Variations in hybridization conditions and kinetics
- Variations in optical measurements, spot misalignments, discretization effects, noise due to scanner lens and laser irregularities
- Cross-hybridization of sequences with high sequence identity
- Limit of factor 2 in precision of results
- Variation changes with intensity: larger variation at low or high expression levels



Clustering

Clustering is a general method to study patterns in gene expressions.

Several known methods:

- Hierarchical Clustering (Bottom-Up Approach)
- K-means Clustering (Top-Down Approach)
- Self-Organizing Maps (SOM)

Hierarchical Clustering: Example



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A Dendrogram



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Hierarchical Clustering [Johnson, SC, 1967]

- Given n points in R^d, compute the distance between every pair of points
- While (not done)
 - Pick closest pair of points s_i and s_j and make them part of the same cluster.
 - Replace the pair by an average of the two s_{ij}
- <u>Try the applet at:</u> http://home.dei.polimi.it/matteucc/Clustering/ tutorial_html/AppletH.html

K-Means Clustering: Example

Example from Andrew Moore's tutorial on Clustering.









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K-Means Clustering [McQueen '67]

Repeat

Start with randomly chosen cluster centers

- Assign points to give greatest increase in score
- Recompute cluster centers
- Reassign points until (no changes)

<u>Try the applet at:</u> http://home.dei.polimi.it/matteucc/Clustering/tutorial_html/ AppletH.html

Comparisons

- Hierarchical clustering
 - Number of clusters not preset.
 - Complete hierarchy of clusters
 - Not very robust, not very efficient.
- K-Means
 - Need definition of a mean. Categorical data?
 - More efficient and often finds optimum clustering.

Reading

The following slides come from a series of talks by Rafael Irizzary from Johns Hopkins

Much of the material can be found in detail in the following papers from [http://www.biostat.jhsph.edu/~ririzarr/papers/]

- Irizarry, RA, Hobbs, B, Collin, F, Beazer-Barclay, YD, Antonellis, KJ, Scherf, U, Speed, TP (2003) Exploration, Normalization, and Summaries of High Density Oligonucleotide Array Probe Level Data. Biostatistics. Vol. 4, Number 2: 249-264.
- Bolstad, B.M., Irizarry RA, Astrand, M, and Speed, TP (2003), A Comparison of Normalization Methods for High Density Oligonucleotide Array Data Based on Bias and Variance. Bioinformatics. 19(2):185-193.

Inference Process



Affymetrix Genechip Design



Workflow: Analyzing Affy data



Affy Files

- DAT file: image file, about 10 million pixels, 30-50 MB
- CEL file: cell intensity file with probe level PM and MM values
- CDF file: chip description file describing which probes go in which probe sets and the location of probe-pair sets (genes, gene fragments, ESTs)

Image analysis & Background Correction

- Each probe cell: 10 X 10 pixels
- Gridding estimates location of probe cell centers
- Signal is computed by
 - Ignoring outer 36 pixels leaving a 8 X 8 pixel area
 - Taking the 75 percentile of the signal from the 8 X 8 pixel area
- Background signal is computed as the average of the lowest 2% probe cell values, which is then subtracted from the individual signals

Standard Normalization Procedure

- Log-transform the data
- Ensure that the average intensity and the standard deviation are the same across all arrays.
- This requires the choice of a baseline array, which may or may not be obvious.

Analyzing Affy data

🗆 MAS 4.0

- Works with PM-MM
- Negative values result very often
- Very noisy for low expressed genes
- Averages without log-transformation
- dChip [Li & Wong, PNAS 98(1):31-36]
 - Accounts for probe effect
 - Uses non-linear normalization
 - Multi-chip analysis reveals outliers

🗆 MAS 5.0

Improves on problems with MAS 4.0

From Talk by Irizzary

Why you use log-transforms?



From Talk by Irizzary

Problem with using (transformed) PM-MM



Bimodality for large expression values



From Talk by Irizzary

MAS 5.0

MAS 5.0 is Affymetrix software for microarray data analysis.

Ad hoc background procedure used

□ For summarization, they use:

- Signal = TukeyBiweight{log(PMj-MMj*)}
- Tukey Biweight: $B(x) = (1 (x/c)^2)^2$, if x<c

= 0 otherwise

Ad hoc scale normalization used

2 replicate arrays





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We have to deal with variations!



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Spike-in Experiment

Replicate RNA samples were hybridized to various arrays

- Some probe sets were spiked in at different concentrations across the different arrays
- Goal was to see if these spiked probe sets "stood out" as differentially expressed

Analyzing Spike-in data with MAS 5.0



Robust Multiarray normalization (RMA)

Background correction separately for each array
Find E{Sig | Sig+Bgd = PM}

Bgd is normal and Sig is exponential

- Uses quantile normalization to achieve "identical empirical distributions of intensities" on all arrays
- Summarization: Performed separately for each probe set by fitting probe level additive model
- Uses median polish algorithm to robustly estimate expression on a specific chip
- Also see GCRMA [Wu, Irizzary et al., 2004]

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Analyzing Spike-in data with RMA



MvA and q-q plots



MvA and q-q Plots

e) Li and Wong's 8 MVA plot



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Before and after quantile normalization



Fig. 2. 10 pairwise *M* versus *A* plots using liver (at concentration 10) dilution series data for unadjusted data.

Fig. 3. 10 pairwise M versus A plots using liver (at concentration 10) dilution series data after quantile normalization.

From Talk by Irizzary

Bioconductor

- Bioconductor is an open source and open development software project for the analysis of biomedical and genomic data.
- World-wide project started in 2001
- and the R package system are used to design and distribute software
- Commercial version of Bioconductor software called ArrayAnalyzer

R: A Statistical Programming Language

Try the tutorial at: [http://www.cyclismo.org/tutorial/R/]
Also at: [http://www.math.ilstu.edu/dhkim/Rstuff/Rtutor.html]