## Introduction to biological networks

## Outline

- Measurements
- Analysis
- Modelling


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- Measurements
+ Expression
+ Protein-protein interactions
+ Protein-DNA interactions
- Analysis
- Modelling





## Wanted measurements:

1. Concentration of mRNA RNA(t,c)
2. Concentration of protein Protein $(\mathrm{t}, \mathbf{c})$
3. Protein interactions K(Protein1,Protein2|t, c)
4. Protein-DNA interactions K(Protein,Site|t, c)

## Expression

## Expression

- mRNA level (average over many cells) at
- different time points
- different conditions
- Expression profiles
- Demo

Demo http://www.bio.davidson.edu/courses/genomics/chip/chip.html


## DNA chip measurements



Make fluorescently labeled complements of all present mRNAs


## DNA chip measurements



Hybridization



## DNA chip



## GeneChip ${ }^{\circledR}$ Probe Array



## cDNA microarray exp $\dagger$



## cDNA Spotted Microarrays



## Outcome

- mRNA level (average over many cells) at
- different time points
- different conditions
- different tissues
- normal and malignant samples

Expression profiles

## Expression profile



## Expression profile: cell cycle



## Research problems

1. Find genes that are differentially expressed, e.g. in response to perturbation.
2. Compare profiles and group genes or conditions that exhibit similar expression profiles: clustering.
3. Compare samples from two (or more) tissues and find features that can discriminate tissue, e.g. expression signatures of cancer types.
4. Given expression profiles from various perturbation experiments, infer the regulatory network.
5. Compare expression of different organisms alignment of profiles/networks.

## Data

1. High coverage (all genes)
2. Average over large population of cells
3. Significant level of experimental noise
4. Hard cross-platform comparison
5. Few data-points

## Protein-protein Interactions



## Protein-protein Interactions

Yeast two-hybrid assay:
Does a protein $A$ interact with $B$ ?


# Protein-protein Interactions 

Large scale yeast two-hybrid assay:
Find pairs of interacting proteins


A comprehensive two-hybrid analysis to explore the yeast protein interactome. Ito T et al, PNAS 2001
A comprehensive analysis of protein-protein interactions in $S$. cerevisiae.
P. Uetz et al, Nature 2000


## Research problems

1. Characterize statistical properties of the network.
2. Connect statistical properties to biological function and evolution.
3. Reveal biologically important features of the network e.g. clusters or motifs.
4. Use networks to predict function of specific genes.
5. Compare/align networks.

## Data

1. Many genes (up to 30\%).
2. Measurements in vivo, but not in the endogenous cells.
3. Average over large population of cells.
4. High level of false-positives.
5. Non discrimination between direct and indirect interactions.
6. No quantitative measure of the interaction strength.

## Protein-DNA interactions

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)


## ChIP chip measurements

DNA
PROBES ON A CHIP
For promoters ( $\sim 1-2 \mathrm{~Kb}$ around start of a gene)
Or tiling array of the whole genome
$-\infty-\infty-\infty-\infty-\infty$

Make fluorescently labeled complements of DNA fragments bound to the protein of interest


## ChIP chip measurements

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HYBREDIZATION


## protein-DNA interactions

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)



## Research problems

1. Find motifs recognized by each DNA-binding protein.
2. Find genes regulated by these proteins.
3. Use networks to predict function of specific genes.
4. Characterize statistical properties of the network.
5. Compare/align networks.

## Biochemical reactions

- Biochemical, metabolic reactions -"Chemical engine" - Determines cell physiology - Similar in all organisms.
- KEGG
- EcoCyc
- Metabolic Fluxes

the other chart: Cellular and Molecular Processes



## Metabolic Pathways




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KEGG database

## Examples of biological networks

- Regulation


Drew Endy (MIT)

## Outline

- Measurements
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+ Interactions/Reactions


## Alignment of networks


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Cross-species analysis of biological networks by Bayesian alignment

## Clusters in PPI networks



Fig. 2. Fragment of the protein network. Nodes and interactions in discov
ered clusters are shown in bold. Nodes are colored by functional categories in
为
tional modules in molecular networks

## Global protein function prediction from protein-protein interaction networks

Alexei Vazquez, Alessandro Flammini, Amos Maritan \& Alessandro Vespignani


## Clustering

## STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

GIVEN DATA POINTS $\mathbf{X}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{i}=1,2, \ldots \mathrm{~N}$, EMBEDDED IN D - DIMENSIONAL SPACE, IDENTIFY THE UNDERLYING STRUCTURE OF THE DATA. AIMS: PARTITION THE DATA INTO M CLUSTERS, POINTS OF SAME CLUSTER - "MORE SIMILAR"

- M ALSO TO BE DETERMINED!
- GENERATEDENDROGRAM,
- IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT, "STABLE" CLUSTERS
"ILL POSED": ■ WHAT IS "MORE SIMILAR"?
- RESOLUTION

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## Gene expression



## Clustering

## CLUSTER ANALYSIS YIELDS DENDROGRAM

 $T$ (RESOLUTION)

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## CLUSTERING METHODS

-AGGLOMERATIVE HIERARCHICAL
-AVERAGE LINKAGE (GENES: EISEN ET. AL., PNAS 1998)
-CENTROID (REPRESENTATIVE)
-SELF ORGANIZED MAPS (KOHONEN 1997;
(GENES: GOLUB ET. AL., SCIENCE 1999)
--K-MEANS (GENES; TAMAYO ET. AL., PNAS 1999)
-PHYSICALLY MOTIVATED
-DETERMINISTIC ANNEALING (ROSE ET. AL.,PRL 1990; GENES: ALON ET. AL., PNAS 1999)
-SUPER-PARAMAGNETIC CLUSTERING (SPC)(BLATT ET.AL. GENES: GETZ ET. AL., PHYSICA 2000,PNAS 2000)

## Hierarchical (bottom-up) clustering

- Hierarchical agglomerative clustering:
we sequentially merge the
pair of "closest" points/clusters
- The procedure

1. Find two closest points (clusters) and merge them
2. Replace clusters with pseudo-points.
3. Proceed until we have a single cluster (all the points)

- Two prerequisites:

1. distance measure between two points
2. distance measure between clusters and
way of replacing clusters with points(cluster linkage)

- No notion of optimality, greedy algorithm



## Clustering

a) Single linkage

$$
d_{k l}=\min _{i \in C_{k}, j \in C_{l}} d\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{x}_{j}\right)
$$

b) Average linkage

$$
d_{k l}=\frac{1}{\left|C_{l}\right|\left|C_{k}\right|} \sum_{i \in C_{k}, j \in C_{l}} d\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{x}_{j}\right)
$$

c) Centroid linkage

$$
d_{k l}=d\left(\overline{\mathbf{x}}_{k}, \overline{\mathbf{x}}_{l}\right), \quad \overline{\mathbf{x}}_{l}=\frac{1}{\left|C_{l}\right|} \sum_{i \in C_{l}} \mathbf{x}_{i}
$$

## Clustering




## K-means

- Start with random
positions of centroids.


Iteration $=0$

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- Assign data points to centroids: find closest centroid for each point


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- Move centroids to center
of assigned points
-Iterate till minimal cost:
sum of distances to


## centroids

## K-means - Summary

- Result depends on initial centroids' position
- Fast algorithm: compute distances from data points to centroids
- Must preset K
- Clusters are convex and comact
- Fails for non-spherical distributions


## Super-paramagnetic clustering (SPC) <br> - Potts model

- a spin in each node
- connected spins inte $s_{i}=1, \ldots q$

$$
J_{i j}>0
$$

$$
\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{S})=\sum J_{i j}\left(1-\delta_{s_{i}, s_{j}}\right)
$$

- Order Parameter

$$
\begin{aligned}
N_{\max }(\mathcal{S}) & =\max \left\{N_{1(\mathcal{S})}, N_{2}(\mathcal{S}), \ldots N_{q}(\mathcal{S})\right\} \\
m(\mathcal{S}) & =\frac{q N_{\max }(\mathcal{S})-N}{(q-1) N}
\end{aligned}
$$

## 3circles:

$\mathrm{N}=4800$ POINTS $\mathrm{IN} \mathrm{D}=2$



## identifying stable clusters




## Same data - Average Linkage




# Same data - Average Linkage 



Choosing a value for $T$


## Chosen clusters




## Progression of the cell-cycle



## Statistical properties of biological networks

## Metabolic Pathways



KEGG database

## Andreas it's not a random graph!

Mol. Biol. Evol. 18(7):1283-1292. 2001



## Other power-law networks

Barabasi A et.al. Nature:411(2001)
Other power-law networks:

- Metabolic network
- Network of social interactions:
scientific collaborations, actors in films
- The Internet:
links, physical connections


## it's not a random graph!

Table 1
Comparison of Statistical Features Between Random Graphs and the Yeast Protein Interaction Network

|  | Yeast | Random Graphs |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ER | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{PL} \\ (\tau=2.5) \end{gathered}$ |
| Whole graph |  |  |  |
| Nodes | 985 | 984.02 (10.39) | 970.7 (81.57) |
| Degree. | 1.83 | 1.85 (0.98) | 1.64 (1.76) |
| No. of components. | 163 | 108 (8)* | 266.3 (30.6)* |
| Giant component |  |  |  |
| Nodes | 466 | 624.0 (38.7)* | 336.9 (86) |
| Degree. | 2.3 | 2.07 (1.05) | 2.50 (2.6) |
| Clustering coefficient ( $\times 10^{-3}$ ) | 22 | 0.59 (0.9)* | 4.02 (2.3)* |
| Characteristic path length | 7.14 | 15.88 (1.76)* | 6.01 (1.14) |

$$
\text { Random vS power-law }
$$

Barabasi A et.al. Nature:411(2001)
Wagner A Mol Biol Evol:18(2001)
The network of protein-protein interactions
(and other molecular biological networks)
are power-law networks!
WHY?
• Power law networks are "better"...
OR/AND
• Biological networks became power-law due to
evolution.



Figure 2 Changes in the diameter $d$ of the network as a function of the fraction $f$ of the removed nodes. a, Comparison between the exponential (E) and scale-free (SF) network models, each containing $N=10,000$ nodes and 20,000 links (that is, $k=4$ ).


Figure 3 Network fragmentation under random failures and attacks. The relative size of the largest cluster $S$ (open symbols) and the average size of the isolated clusters $s$ (filled symbols) as a function of the fraction of removed nodes $f$ for the same systems as in Fig. 2. The size $S$ is defined as the fraction of nodes contained in the largest cluster (that is, $S=1$


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## Random <br> Power-law

## Equally stable to random failures

More sensitive to attacks

## POWER-LAW NETWORKS

- Tolerant to random "attacks",
- But more sensitive to targeted attacks!


## Evolution of power-law graphs

1. Growth
2. Preferential attachment

Albert and Barabasi 2000
Herbert A. Simon 1955
Yule 1925

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## Evolution of graphs

- Growth

1. start with mo nodes
2. add a node with $m$ edges
3. connect these edges to existing nodes at timestep $\dagger$ : $\dagger+$ mo nodes, tm edges

## Evolution of graphs

- Preferential attachment

Probability $\Pi$ of connection to node $i$ depends on the degree $k_{i}$ of this node.
E.g. $\quad \Pi\left(k_{i}\right)=\frac{k_{i}}{\sum_{j} k_{j}}$
"Rich gets richer"

## Yule model <br> Growth of biological genera (families)

1. New species evolve at a constant rate
2. Out of new $m$ species, one diverges to form a new family
equivalent to:
Measure time in the number of families
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\begin{aligned}
& p_{k}=\frac{k-1}{k+1+1 / m} p_{k-1} \\
& p_{k} \rightarrow k^{-\alpha} \quad \alpha=2+1 / m
\end{aligned}
$$

[Alberts and Barabasi, 2000] = [Yule, 1925 for $\mathrm{m}=1$ ]

## Better evolution of graphs

A. Wagner, M.Lassig, A.Maritan etc

- Gene duplication
- Mutations
- Preferential attachment


## More biological neutral evolution of graphs

A.Wagner, M.Lassig, A.Maritan, S.Redner etc.

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$0-$

=> Broad (not power-law) distribution!


## More biological neutral evolution of graphs

- Gene duplication and re-wiring

Infinite-Order Percolation and Giant Fluctuations in a Protein Interaction Network
J. Kim ${ }^{1}$, P. L. Krapivsky ${ }^{2}$, B. Kahng ${ }^{1}$, and S. Redner ${ }^{2}$


FIG. 1. Growth steps of the protein interaction network: The new node duplicates 2 out of the 3 links between the target node (shaded) and its neighbors. Each successful duplication occurs with probability $1-\delta$ (solid lines). The new node also attaches to any other network node with probability $\beta / N$ (dotted lines). Thus 3 previously disconnected clusters
are joined by the complete event.

## A biophysical model of apparent power-law

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Binding constant $\mathrm{Kd}=\exp (-\Delta \mathrm{G} / \mathrm{kT})$
Bound in experiment: $\mathrm{Kd}<\mathrm{Kc}$
If $\Delta \mathrm{G}$ is distributed normally

$$
\mathrm{P}(\Delta \mathrm{G}) \sim \exp \left(-(\Delta \mathrm{G}-<\Delta \mathrm{G}>)^{2} /\left(2 \mathrm{~s}^{2}\right)\right)
$$

then
$\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{Kd}) \sim \exp \left((\log (\mathrm{Kd})-\mu)^{2} /\left(2 \mathrm{~s}^{2}\right)\right)<--$ looks like power-law!


## Connecting to biology

# Lethality and centrality (2001) <br> H. Jeong*, S. P. Mason $\dagger$, A.-L. Barabísi*. 

 Z. N. Oltvai $\dagger$

Lethality and centrality in protein networks

## Lethality and centrality (2008)



Network properties of genes harboring inherited disease mutations
Igor Feldman*, Andrey Rzhetsky**, and Dennis Vitkup**

## Generalization of evolution by duplication and attachment

For fixed parameters, $\gamma \in \mathbf{R}, 0 \leq p<1$ and a positive integer $k>1$, begin with $k$ bins, each containing one ball and then introduce balls one at a time. For each new ball, with probability $p$, create a new bin and place the ball in that bin; with probability $1-p$, place the ball in an existing bin, such that the probability the ball is placed in a bin is proportional to $m^{\gamma}$, where $m$ is the number of balls in that bin.


## Generalization of evolution by duplication and attachment

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| $\gamma=1$ | Polya's urn problem | power law distribution | $f_{i} \propto i^{(-1+1 /(1-p))}$ |
| $0<\gamma<1$ | all bins grow at the same rate asymptotically | exponentially decreasing assuming (*) | $f_{i} \times i^{-\gamma} e^{-K i^{1-\gamma} /(1-\gamma)}$ |
| $\gamma=0$ |  |  | $f_{i} \propto(K+1)^{-i}$ |
| $\gamma<0$ |  |  | $f_{i}=O\left(((i-1)!)^{\gamma} / K^{i}\right)$ |

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## Flux Balance Analysis

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No accumulation of intermediates \(=\)
\# of molecules in = \# of molecules out \(=\)
Vin + Vout \(=0\)
```


## Example:

2A+B -> 3D
D+C->E

$$
\left(2 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{A}}+\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{B}}\right) / 3=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{E}}
$$

Flux Balance Analysis


Steady state Mass Balance


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Steady state Mass Balance


Flux Balance Analysis


Total Number of fluxes $=11$
Total numer of known flux $=1$
Total number of Metabolites $=5$
Total number of d.f $=11-1+5=5$
(i.e 5 possible solutions for this reaction network)

## Flux Balance Analysis

- If cells optimize their growth rate then we need to find a solution that maximizes growth.
- Growth = biomass/time
$+1 \mathrm{BIOM}-0.582 \mathrm{GLY}-0.0485 \mathrm{Me}$ thylTHF-0.25GLN- $\quad 45.135 \mathrm{ATP}+44.96 \mathrm{ADP}+44.96 \mathrm{Pi}$
$0.25 \mathrm{GLU}-0.176 \mathrm{PHE}-0.131 \mathrm{TYR}-0.205 \mathrm{SER}-0.054 \mathrm{TRP}-0.229 \mathrm{ASP}-0.229 \mathrm{ASN}-0.326 \mathrm{LYS}-$

Millimoles of metabolites present in 1 gm (dry wt.) of biomass

## Flux Balance Analysis

- Input: stoichiometric matrix optimization function (biomass)
- Calculations:

$$
\frac{d \mathbf{X}}{d t}=\mathbf{S} \bullet \mathbf{v}-\mathbf{b}=0
$$

Maximize $Z$

$$
Z=\sum c_{i} \cdot v_{i}=\mathbf{c} \bullet \mathbf{v}
$$

- Output: fluxes, growth rate


## Flux Balance Analysis

- Linear programming
CLnear Programming - -

Constraint 1
Constraint 2
Constraint 3
Constraint 4
Constraint 5
Constraint 6
Constraint 7
Constraint 8
Constraint 9
Constraint 10
Objective function


## Flux Balance Analysis

- Linear programming



## Flux Balance Analysis

- Effects of external conditions
- Effect of mutations
- Predictive cell physiology

Flux Balance Analysis

- Effect of $C$ and $N$ starvation



## Flux Balance Analysis

- Effect of mutations and starvation




## Networks

- Structure and dynamics of some biological network can be studied experimentally
(partially and with lots of mistakes!)
- Networks don't look like random graphs, more like power-law graphs.
- results of neutral evolution
- results of selection

