Summarizing the Solution Space in Tumor Phylogeny Inference by Multiple Consensus Trees

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Key challenge in phylogenetics:

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Under ISA, a phylogenetic tree may be equivalently* represented by a mutation tree

Solution Space of Lung Cancer Patient CRUK0037

Jamal-Hanjani et al. (2017). New England Journal of Medicine, 376(22), 2109–2121.

Jamal-Hanjani et al. inferred 17 trees for patient CRUK0037



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Question: Can we infer a single consensus tree?

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Inaccurate summary for diverse solution spaces

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Parent-child distance $d(T_1, T_2)$ is the size of the symmetric difference of the edge sets

Here, $d(T_1, T_2) = |E(T_1) \setminus E(T_2)| + |E(T_2) \setminus E(T_1)| = 4.$

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Question: How to find σ^* ?

Complexity

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$\min n(m-1) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{s=1}^{k} \sum_{p=1}^{m} \sum_{q=1}^{m} w_{i,s,p}$	q,q
s.t. $\sum_{s=1}^{k} x_{i,s} = 1$	$\forall i \in [n]$
$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i,s} \ge 1$	$\forall s \in [k]$
$\sum_{p=1}^{m} z_{s,p} = 1$	$\forall s \in [k]$
$\sum_{q=1}^m y_{s,p,q} = 1 - z_{s,p}$	$\forall s \in [k], p \in [m]$
$y_{s,p,q} \le b_{p,q}$	$\forall s \in [k], p,q \in [m]$
$\sum_{(p,q)\in\delta^{-}(U)} y_{s,p,q} + \sum_{p\in U} z_{s,p} \ge 1$	$\forall s \in [k], U \subseteq [m]$
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$w_{i,s,p,q} \le y_{s,p,q}$	$\forall i \in [n], s \in [k], p, q \in [m]$
$w_{i,s,p,q} \ge 0$	$\forall i \in [n], s \in [k], p, q \in [m]$
$y_{s,p,q} \le \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i,p,q} x_{i,s}$	$\forall s \in [k], p,q \in [m]$
$y_{s,p,q} \ge \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i,p,q} x_{i,s} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i,s} +$	1 $\forall s \in [k], p, q \in [m]$
$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i,s} \ge \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i,s+1} + 1$	$\forall s \in [k-1]$
$x_{i,s} \in \{0,1\}$	$\forall i \in [n], s \in [k]$
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$x_{i,s} \in \{0,1\}$	Tree T_i is assigned to cluster s
$y_{s,p,q} \ge 0$	Edge (p,q) is present in consensus tree R_s
$z_{s,p} \ge 0$	Vertex p is root of consensus tree R_s

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	$z_{s,n} > 0$	$\forall s \in [k], p \in [m]$

MILP does not scale well with k and n



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	#clusters k	MILP (1 h)	BF (1 h)	CA (1 h)	CA (100 r.)
(9	2	16	16	16	16
(1	3	16	16	16	16
lla	4	16	16	16	16
sır	5	16	14	16	16
[5]	2	15	13	15	15
n (]	3	13	7	13	13
iun	4	12	0	12	12
led	5	10	0	10	10
4)n	2	3	0	3	3
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Bayesian Information Criterion





Conclusion

- Introduced the Multiple Consensus Tree (MCT) problem
- Characterized combinatorial structure of optimal solutions
- Showed that MCT is NP-hard
- Presented a mixed integer linear program
- Presented an efficient heuristic and showed that it finds optimal solutions
- Model selection for the number of clusters

Future directions

- Relax infinite sites assumption
- Use medoids rather than centroids

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Available at: https://github.com/elkebir-group/MCT



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