CS 466 Introduction to Bioinformatics Lecture 13

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Course Announcements

HW 3 will be released today – due Oct 29 by 11:59pm

Project proposal due on Nov. 14 (Motivation, Datasets/papers, Planned method/experiments, Timeline)

Project report due on Dec. 14

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- Introduction
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- Additive distance phylogeny
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Alignments and Trees





Guide tree in progressive alignment

Tree / star alignment

Tree topology represents similarity/distance between sequences

Biological sequences typically come from the present

Evolutionary Studies and Phylogenies

- Since Darwin's book (1859) until 1960s: Phylogeny reconstruction from anatomical features
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Example

- Giant pandas look like bears but have features that are unusual for bears and typical for racoons
- In 1985, Steven O'Brien and colleagues solved the giant panda classification problem using DNA sequences and algorithms





Out of Africa Hypothesis claims that our most ancient ancestor lived in Africa roughly 200,000 years ago

Evolutionary Tree of Humans



Evolutionary Tree of Species





http://bix.ucsd.edu/bioalgorithms/

[Lipinski *et al.,* 2008]

Question: What are the evolutionary relationships between species?

Evolutionary Tree of a Tumor



https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/09/160909223504.htm

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Clustering

Given:

(1)
$$n \times n$$
 matrix $D = [d_{i,j}]$

Want:

(1) Homogeneity within clusters(2) Separation between clusters





Organize elements into a tree such that:

- Leaves are elements
- Paths between leaves represent pairwise element distance
- Similar elements lie within same subtrees



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- 3. Construct a graph **T** by assigning one vertex to each cluster
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Definition of distance between clusters affects clustering!



Hierarchical Clustering – Linkage Criteria

Names	Formula
Maximum or complete-linkage clustering	$\max\{d(a,b):a\in A,b\in B\}.$
Minimum or single-linkage clustering	$\min \left\{ d(a,b): a \in A, b \in B ight\}.$
Mean or average linkage clustering, or UPGMA	$rac{1}{ A . B }\sum_{a\in A}\sum_{b\in B}d(a,b).$
Centroid linkage clustering, or UPGMC	$\ c_s - c_t\ $ where c_s and c_t are the centroids of clusters s and t , respectively.
Minimum energy clustering	$egin{aligned} & rac{2}{nm}\sum_{i,j=1}^{n,m}\ a_i-b_j\ _2 - rac{1}{n^2}\sum_{i,j=1}^n\ a_i-a_j\ _2 - rac{1}{m^2}\sum_{i,j=1}^m\ b_i-b_j\ _2 \end{aligned}$

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hierarchical_clustering#Linkage_criteria

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Distance

A **distance** (metric) on a set *X* is a function $d : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$ s.t. for all $x, y, z \in X$: *i*. $d(x, y) \ge 0$ [non-negativity] *ii*. d(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y [identity of indiscernibles] *iii*. d(x, y) = d(y, x) [symmetry] *iv*. $d(x, y) \le d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ [triangle inequality]

Examples:

- $X = \mathbb{R}$ and d(x, y) = |x y|
- $X = \Sigma^*$ and d is Hamming distance
- $X = \Sigma^*$ and d is edit distance

Alignment vs. Distance Matrices



Distances in Trees

Given a tree T with positive edge weights w(e), tree distance $d_T(i,j)$ between two leaves i and j is the sum of weights of edges on the unique path from i to j



 $d_T(1,4) = 12 + 13 + 14 + 17 + 13 = 69$

General Distance vs. Tree Distance

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Tree distance $d_T(i, j)$ not necessarily equal to $d_{i,j}$ as given by distance matrix obtained from alignment

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Distance-Based Phylogeny: Given $n \times n$ distance matrix $D = [d_{i,j}]$, find edge-weighted tree T with n leaves that best fits D

Question: How to define 'best fit'?

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Additive Distance Problem with n = 3 Sequences



Additive Distance Problem with n > 3 Sequences

Unrooted binary tree with *n* leaves has 2n - 3 edges and $\binom{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$

- $\binom{n}{2}$ pairwise distances:
- 2n-3 variables
- $\binom{n}{2}$ equations

NON-ADDITIVE otherwise



Solution not always possible for n > 3

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	v	w	x	У	z
v	0	10	17	16	16
w		0	15	14	14
x			0	9	15
У				0	14
z					0





W

V





V

		а	b	Z
	а	0	6	10
2	b		0	10
	Z			0

 \square



- 1. Find neighboring leaves *i* and *j* with parent *k*
- 2. Remove the rows and columns of *i* and *j*
- 3. Add a new row and column corresponding to k, where the distance from k to any other leaf m is computed as



4. Repeat steps 1-3 until tree has only two vertices

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Large Additive Distance Phylogeny Problem

Idea: find neighboring leaves by simply selecting pair of closest leaves



i and *j* are neighbors, but $(d_{ij} = 13) > (d_{jk} = 12)$.

Finding a pair of neighboring leaves is a nontrivial problem!

Degenerate Triples

A **degenerate triple** is a set of three distinct elements $i, j, k \in [n]$ such that $d_{i,j} + d_{j,k} = d_{i,k}$



Element j in a degenerate triple (i, j, k) lies* on the evolutionary path from i to k

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Looking for Degenerate Triples

If distance matrix D does not have a degenerate triple, one can create one by shortening all hanging edges



Decrease entries in matrix D by 2δ

Additive Phylogeny

- If there is no degenerative triple:
 - Reduce all hanging edges by the same amount δ , so that all pairwise distances in the matrix are reduced by 2δ .
- This process will eventually collapse one of the leaves (when δ equals the length of the shortest hanging edge), forming a degenerate triple (i, j, k)and reducing the size of the distance matrix D
- The attachment point for j can be recovered in the reverse transformations by saving $d_{i,j}$ for each collapsed leaf.



Additive Phylogeny

AdditivePhylogeny(D) if D is a 2 x 2 matrix $T = \text{tree of a single edge of length } D_{1.2}$ return T if D is non-degenerate Compute trimming parameter δ Trim(D, δ) Find a triple *i*, *j*, *k* in *D* such that $D_{ii} + D_{ik} = D_{ik}$ $x = D_{ii}$ Remove j^{th} row and j^{th} column from D T = AdditivePhylogeny(D).Add a new vertex v to T at distance x from i to k Add j back to T by creating an edge (v,j) of length 0 for every leaf *I* in *T* if distance from *I* to *v* in the tree $\neq D_{Li}$ output "matrix is not additive" return Extend all "hanging" edges by length δ return T



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Additive Distance Matrices Matrix *D* is 2 4 0 B 2 4 4 B 2 0 4 4 C 4 4 0 2 D 4 4 2 0 2 **ADDITIVE** if there exists a tree T with $d_{ii}(T) = D_{ii}$ D 2 **NON-ADDITIVE** 2 2 0 B C D otherwise

This is a constructive definition

Question: Can we characterize set of additive matrices?

Four Point Condition (Zaretskii 1965, Buneman 1971)

Four point condition of matrix $D = [d_{i,i}]$:

Every four leaves (quartet) can be labeled as (*i*, *j*, *k*, *l*) such that

$$d_{i,j} + d_{k,l} \le d_{i,k} + d_{j,l} = d_{i,l} + d_{j,k}$$



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If two leaves are the same, four point condition is triangle inequality (e.g. set l = j)

Four point condition generalizes triangle inequality and defines a subset of distances, namely additive distances

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$$\begin{aligned} d_{i,k} + d_{j,l} &= (\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4) + (\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_5) = d_{i,l} + d_{j,k} \\ &\geq (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) + (\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) = d_{i,j} + d_{k,l} \end{aligned}$$

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Proof: (<=) Assume four point condition holds. Need an algorithm to construct T. AdditivePhylogeny(T) is one such algorithm^{*}. Neighbor joining is another algorithm.

*we have not proved correctness nor shown how to correct δ

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Theorem: Let *D* be an $n \times n$ matrix. The following statements are equivalent.

- 1. Matrix *D* is additive.
- 2. There exists a unique tree T (modulo isomorphism) s.t. $d_{i,j} = d_T(i,j)$ for all $(i,j) \in n^2$.
- 3. Four point condition holds for every quartet $(i, j, k, l) \in [n]^4$.

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Large Additive Distance Phylogeny Problem: Given $n \times n$ matrix $D = [d_{i,j}]$, find tree T with n leaves and edge weights such that $\max_{(i,j)\in[n]^2} |d_T(i,j) - d_{i,j}|$ is minimum.

Equivalently, find additive matrix D' closest to input matrix D

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Neighbor Joining Algorithm (Saitou and Nei 1987)

- Constructs binary unrooted trees.
- Recall: leaves *a* and *b* are neighbors if they have a common parent
- Recall: closest leaves are not necessarily neighbors
- NJ: Find pair of leaves that are "close" to each other but "far" from other leaves

Two advantages: (1) reproduces correct tree for additive matrix, and (2) otherwise gives good approximation of correct tree



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Selection criterion: distance between clusters affects clustering!



Neighbor Joining: Selection Criterion



Let $C = \{1, ..., n\}$ be current clusters/leaves.

Define: $u_i = \sum_k D(i, k)$.

Intuitively, *u_i* measures separation of *i* from other leaves.

Goal: Minimize D(i, j) and maximize $u_i + u_{j}$.

Solution: Find pair (i, j) that minimizes: $S_D(i, j) = (n - 2) D(i, j) - u_i - u_j$

Claim: Given additive matrix D. $S_D(x, y) = \min S_D(i, j)$ if and only if x and y are neighbors in tree T with $d_T = D$.

Neighboring Joining: Algorithm

Initialization:

Form *n* clusters $C_1, C_2, ..., C_n$, one for each leaf node.

Define tree T to be the set of leaf nodes, one per sequence.

Iteration: (D is $m \times m$)

Pick *i*, *j* such that $S_D(i, j) = (m - 2) D(i, j) - u_i - u_j$ is minimal.

Merge *i* and *j* into new node [*ij*] in *T*. Assign length $\frac{1}{2} (D(i, j) + 1/(m-2) (u_i - u_j))$ to edge (*i*, [*ij*]) Assign length $\frac{1}{2} (D(i, j) + 1/(m-2) (u_j - u_i))$ to edge (*j*, [*ij*])

Remove rows and columns from D corresponding to *i* and *j*. Add row and column to D for new vertex [*ij*]. Set D([*ij*], *m*) = $\frac{1}{2}$ [D(*i*, *m*) + D(*j*, *m*) - D(*i*,*j*)]

Termination:

When only one cluster

Question: Does this create rooted or unrooted trees?



Advantages of Neighbor Joining

Theorem: Let D be an $n \times n$ matrix. If matrix D is additive then neighbor joining produces the unique phylogenetic tree T (modulo isomorphism) such that $d_{i,j} = d_T(i,j)$ for all $(i,j) \in n^2$.

Theorem: Let D be an $n \times n$ matrix. If there exists an additive matrix D' such that $|D - D'|_{\infty} \leq 0.5$ then neighbor joining applied to D reconstructs the unique tree T (modulo isomorphism) such that $d'_{i,j} = d_T(i,j)$ for all $(i,j) \in n^2$.

Neighbor Joining in Practice



Neighbor Joining tree relating copy number profiles from single cells in a tumor.

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