Gene expression in artificial genomes after perturbations: gene insertion and knock-out

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Objective of the work



 Artificial genome modeled by "Random genome model" (T. Reil)

Objective: analyzing effects of perturbations of artificial genome on its expression



Random genome model

Insertion/KO

Experiments $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$

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Experiments

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- Sequence is scanned for a string which encodes the promoter of a gene

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Promoter determines the start of the coding sequence
Region between coding region and next promoter determines regulatory region

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- TFs are bound to the regulatory region of a gene in a sequencespecic fashion \rightarrow regulate gene expression of downstream gene
- TFs can have an enhancing or repressing effect

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Thermodynamical model of genomic regulation

- Regulation factor F_i of gene i reflects the interactions of the k regulators with RNAP
- **Promoter occupancy** Θ_i of gene *i*: probability that RNAP binds to promoter of gene *i* ($0 \le \Theta_i \le 1$)

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Expression rate E_i is directly proportional to Θ_i

Random genome model

- *E_i*<1 repressed gene,
- *E_i*=1 unregulated gene,
- *E_i*>1 activated gene

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Regulation



Network of a random genome



Insertion and knock-out of genes

- Modifications used to discover the role of the inserted or knockedout gene in considered organism
- RGM allows straightforward modeling of insertion/knock-out
- Effect of modifications on expression rate was analyzed



Insertion



Insertion



- In-degree of downstream gene doesn't change
- In-degree of downstream gene may change

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Expression E=500

- May differ from E=500 if regulated
- Expressions of insert and original are summed up \rightarrow overexpression

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Knock-out (KO)



Perturbations of the genome after modifications



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Homogeneous



- ⇒ increased probability of autoregulation of modified gene
- This gene is called hub

Experiments

- Microarray datasets of gene overexpression/ KO were analyzed
- Datasets contained rawintensities of genes of chips:
 - At least 1 "control-chip" (no overexpression/KO of the gene)
 - At least 1 chip containing measurements of the overexpression/KO
- After data preprocessing difference spectra were established

$$\log ratio = \ln E_{Treatment} - \ln E_{control}$$

Analysis of the effect of a gene on the expression profile of the cell

Insertion/KO

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Experiments-

Overexpression of PRDM5 (H. sapiens)

- Expression profiles of overexpression of tumorsuppressor PRDM5 were analyzed after 8, 24 and 48 h
- Dataset contained 12 chips



Experiments-

Overexpression of PRDM5 (H. sapiens)



- Black curve: distribution of differential expression
- Red curve: noise distribution (difference of expression rates of two control chips)
- PRDM5 rank 1 of differentially expressed genes
- ⇒ PRDM5 overexpressed
- Connectivity of PRDM5 could be calculated
- With increasing time the connectivity increases

⇒PRDM5 highly connected gene, which affected diff. exp. of other genes

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Experiments-

KO of genes

- Considered KO experiments didn't result in differential expression of the genome
- Initially the knocked-out gene itself wasn't highly expressed
- Often: difference specta of differential expression has the same slope as noise spectra

Experiments



Summary

- □ Gene insertion/KO in artificial genome was modeled → Insertion has global effects, KO local effects on expression
- Inhomogeneous networks modeled with the help of hubs → bigger effect on expression profile
- In KO experiments chosen the considered genes had local effects on expression as the gene wasn't highly connected

Thank you for your attention!

