Analysis and inference of gene networks from genomic data



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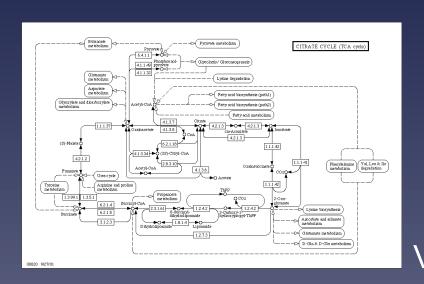


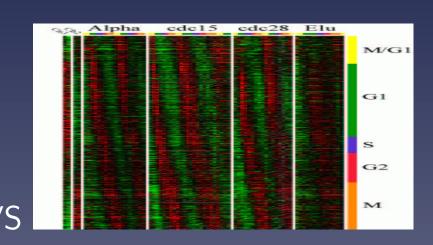
Motivations

- Many heterogeneous data about genes: sequences, expression, evolution, structures, etc...
- More and more data between genes: interactome, pathways, regulation etc...
- Goal: propose a formalism and algorithms to compare these data, and to infer gene networks from high-throughput genomic data.

Example 1:

Comparing gene expression and pathway databases





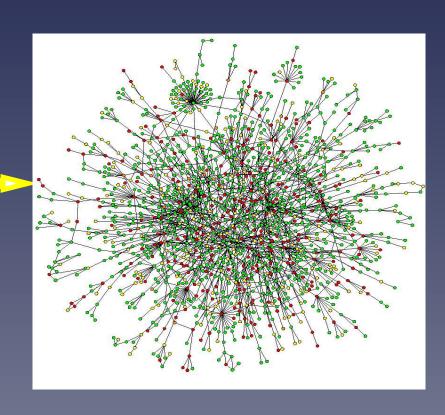
Detect active pathways? Denoise expression data?

Denoise pathway database? Find new pathways?

Are there "correlations"?

Example 2: Gene network inference





Outline

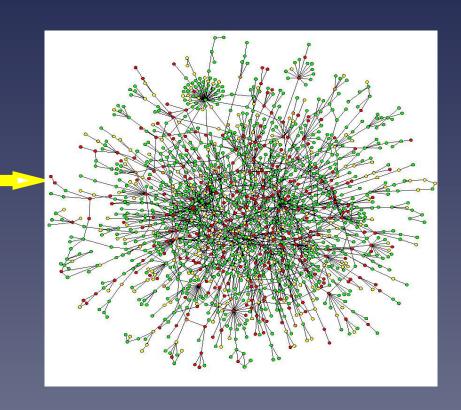
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- Extraction of pathway activity
- Learning from several heterogeneous data

Part 1

A direct approach to network inference

The problem

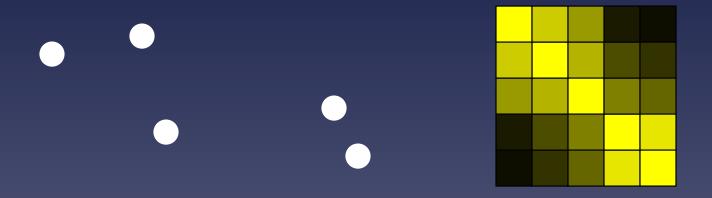




Related approaches

- Bayesian nets for regulatory networks (Friedman et al. 2000)
- Boolean networks (Akutsu, 2000)
- Joint graph method (Marcotte et al, 1999)







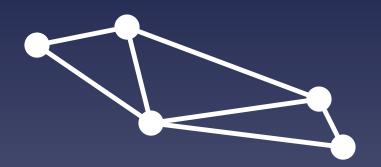


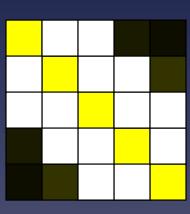


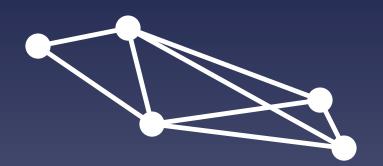


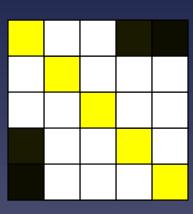




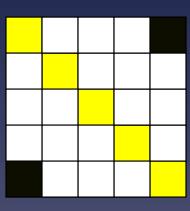


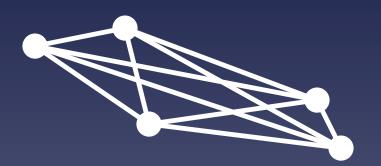


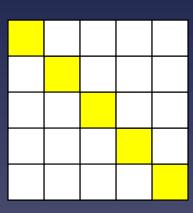




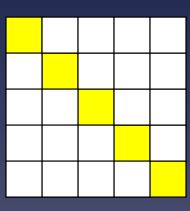


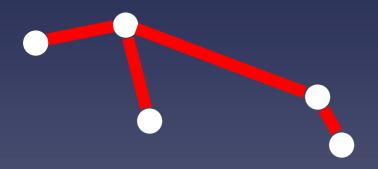


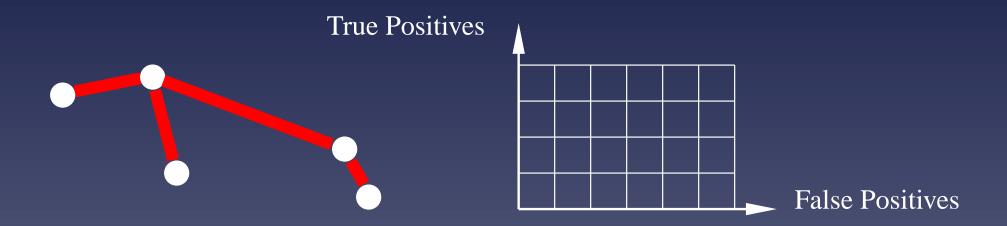


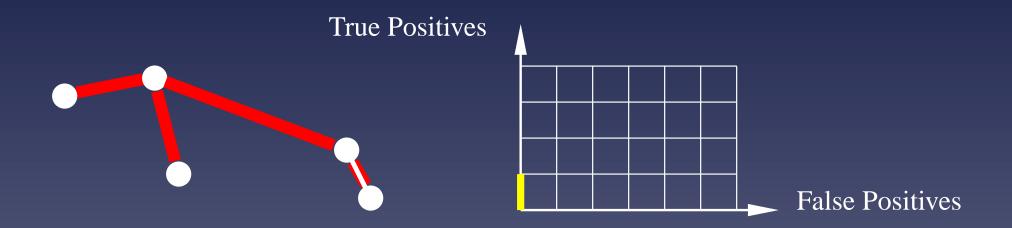


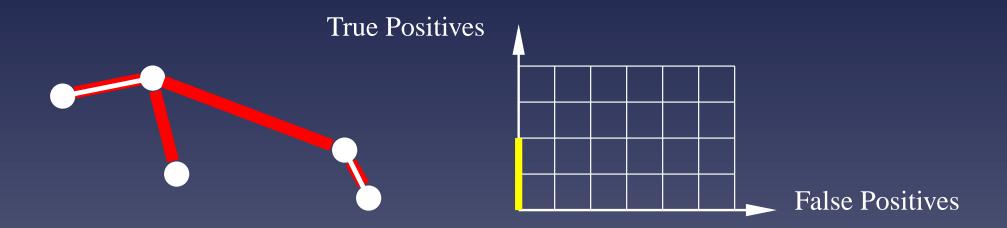


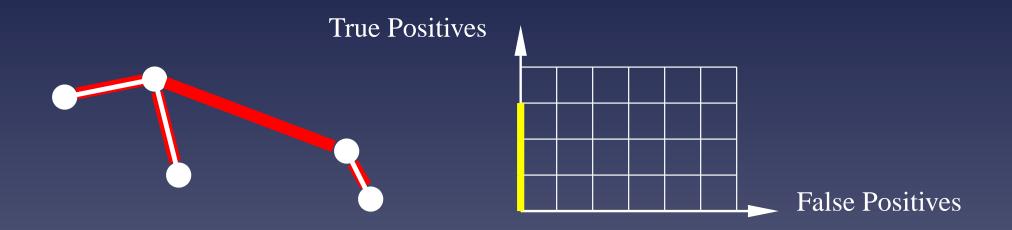


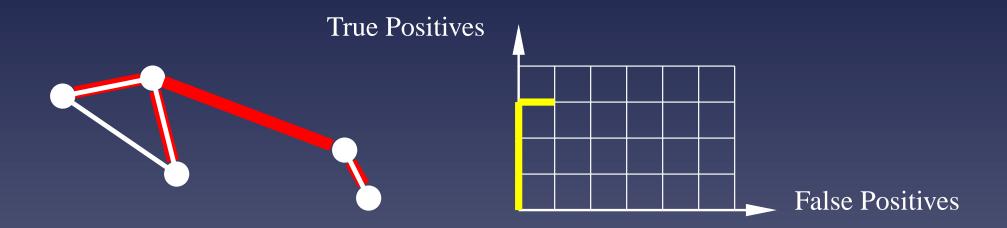


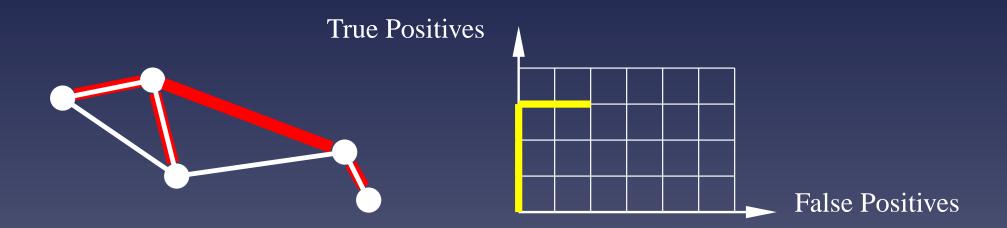


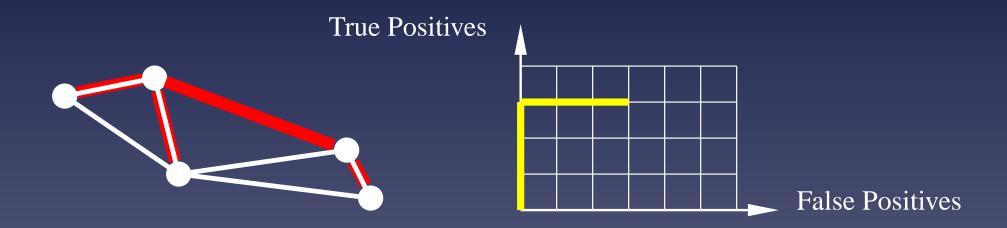


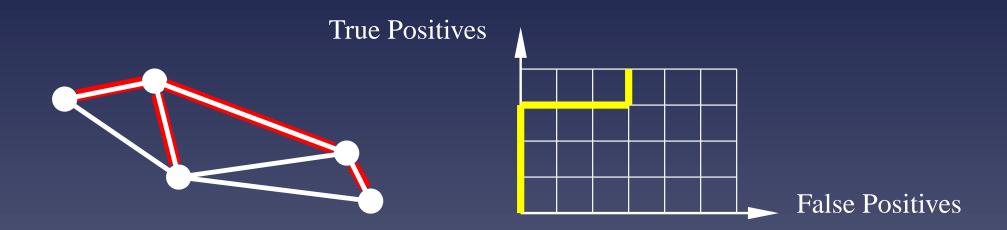


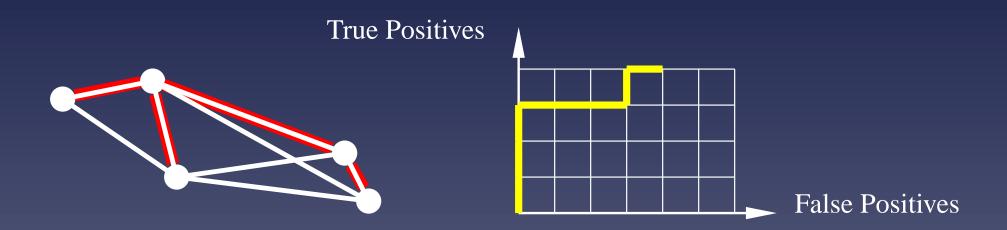


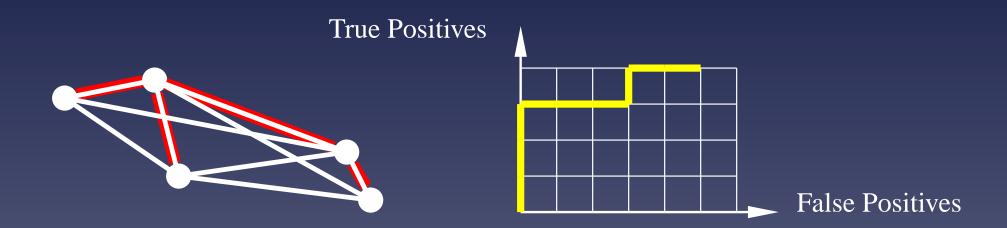


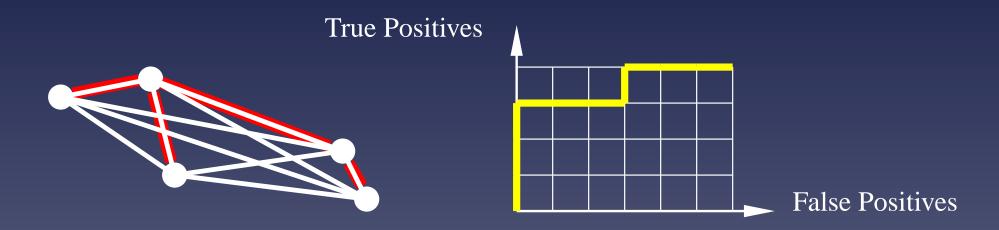






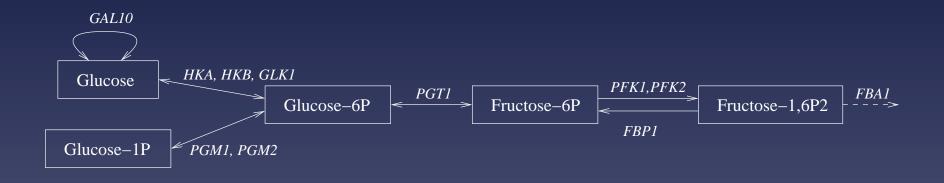


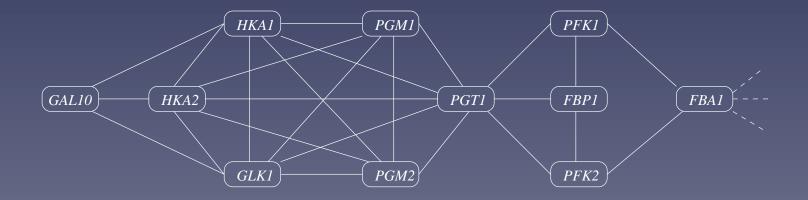




$$ROC = 21/24 = 87,5\%$$

Application: the metabolic gene network

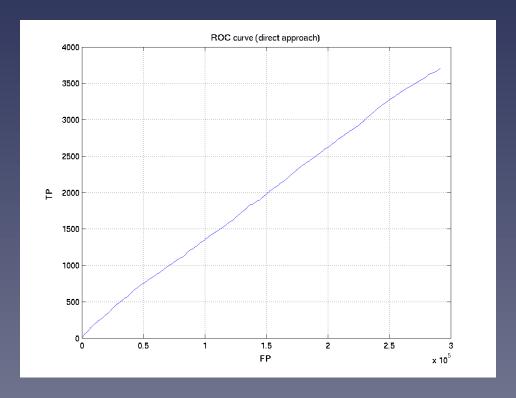




Link two genes when they can catalyze two successive reactions

Evaluation of the direct approach

The metabolic network of the yeast involves 769 genes. Each gene is represented by 157 expression measurements. (ROC=0.52)



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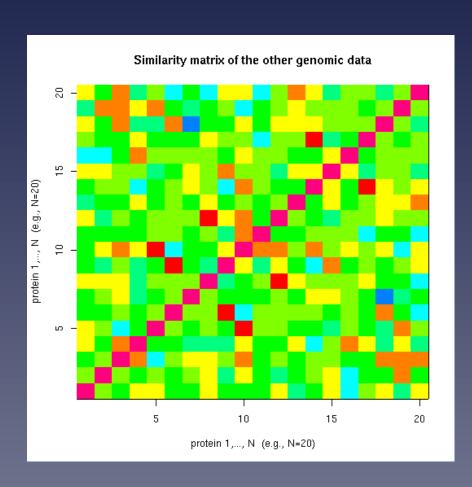
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- How to use prior knowledge about the network to be recovered?

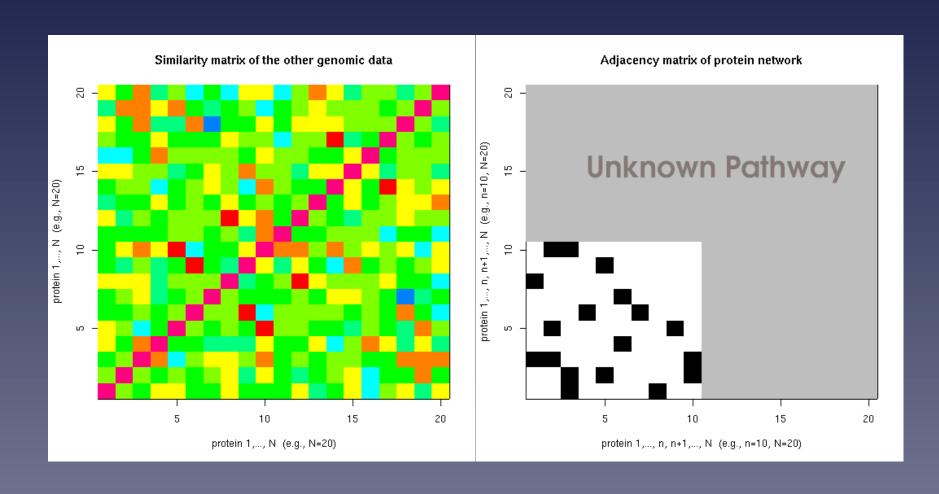
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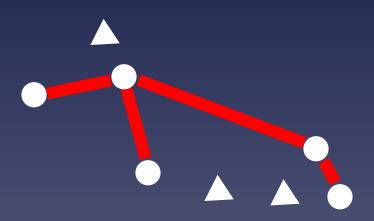
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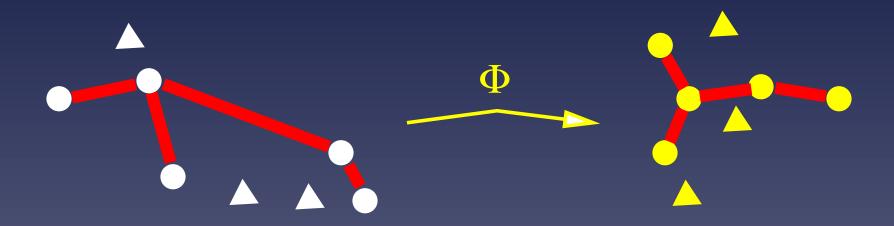
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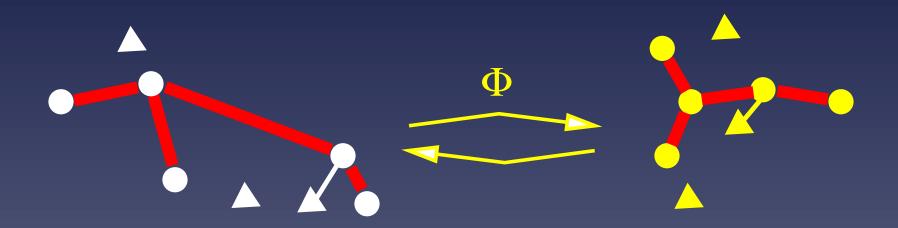
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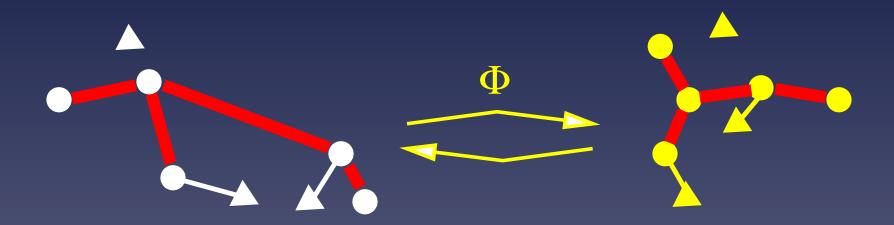
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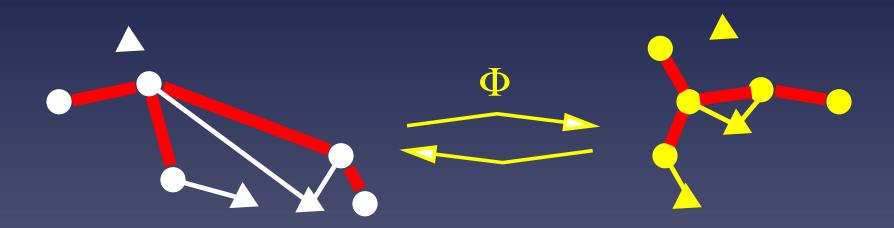
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- Then apply the direct strategy in the second space

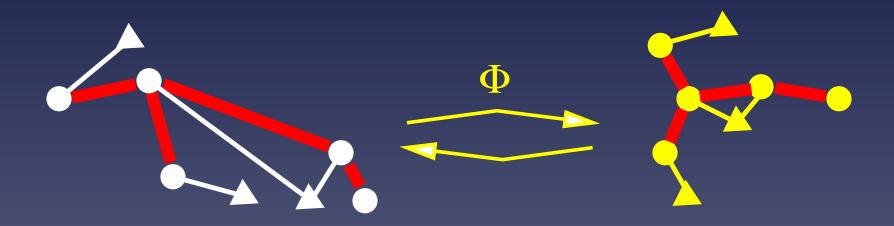


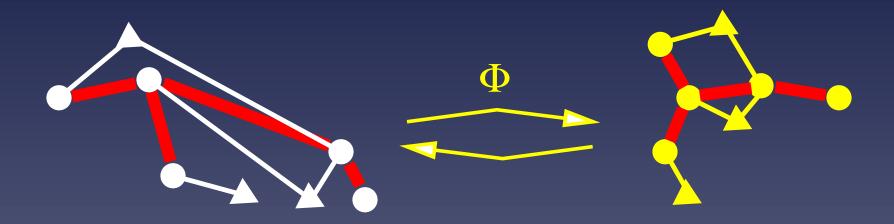












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• If the data are centered $(\sum_i x_i = 0)$, then this is equivalent to minimizing:

$$R'(f) = \frac{\sum_{(i,j)\in E} (f(x_i) - f(x_j))^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)^2}.$$

Regularization

For statistical reasons (particularly in large dimension), it is safer to minimize:

$$\min_{f(x)=w^{\top}x} R_{reg}(f) = \frac{\sum_{i \sim j} (f(x_i) - f(x_j))^2 + \lambda ||w||^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)^2}$$

Influence of λ

- $\longrightarrow +\infty : \overline{\mathsf{PCA}}$
 - ★ Useful for noisy, high-dimensional data.
 - ★ Used in spectral clustering. The graph does not play any role (unsupervised)
- $\lambda \to 0$: second smallest eigenvector of the graph
 - Useful to embed the graph in a Euclidean space (used in graph partitioning)
 - ★ Sensitive to noise. Mapping of points outside of the graph unstable (overfitting)

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$$w_i = \mathop{\arg\min}_{w \perp \{w_1, \dots, w_{i-1}\}, \hat{\text{var}}(f_w) = 1} \left\{ \sum_{i \sim j} \left(f_w(x_i) - f_w(x_j) \right)^2 + \lambda ||w||^2 \right\}.$$

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• Each features satisfies $w = \sum_i \alpha_i x_i$ (Representer theorem)

Solving the problem

The problem can then be rewritten:

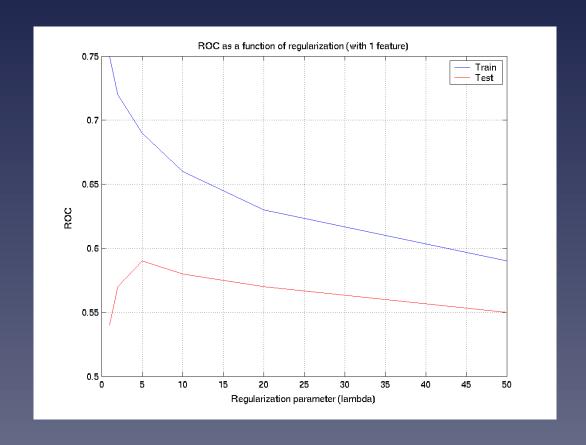
$$\alpha_i = \mathop{\arg\min}_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha K_V \alpha_1 = \ldots = \alpha K_V \alpha_{i-1} = 0} \left\{ \frac{\alpha^\top K_V L K_V \alpha + \lambda \alpha^\top K_V \alpha}{\alpha^\top K_V^2 \alpha} \right\}$$

where K_V is the centered $n \times n$ matrix of inner products and L is the Laplacian of the graph

It is equivalent to solving the generalized eigenvalue problem:

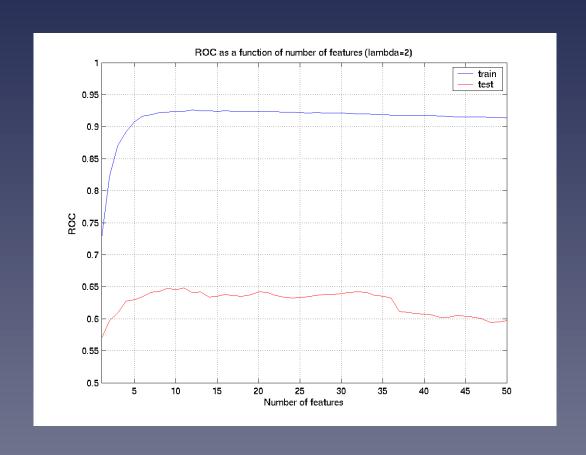
$$(LK_V + \lambda I)\alpha = \mu K_V \alpha.$$

Evaluation of the supervised approach: effect of λ



Metabolic network, 10-fold cross-validation, 1 feature

Evaluation of the supervised approach: number of features ($\lambda=2$)

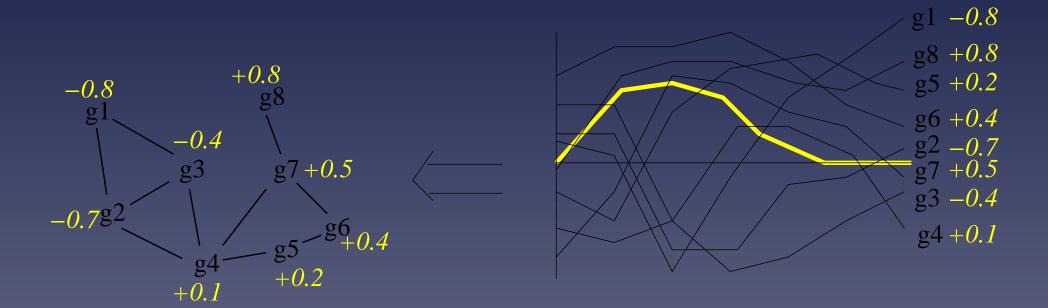


Part 3

Extraction of pathway activity

The idea

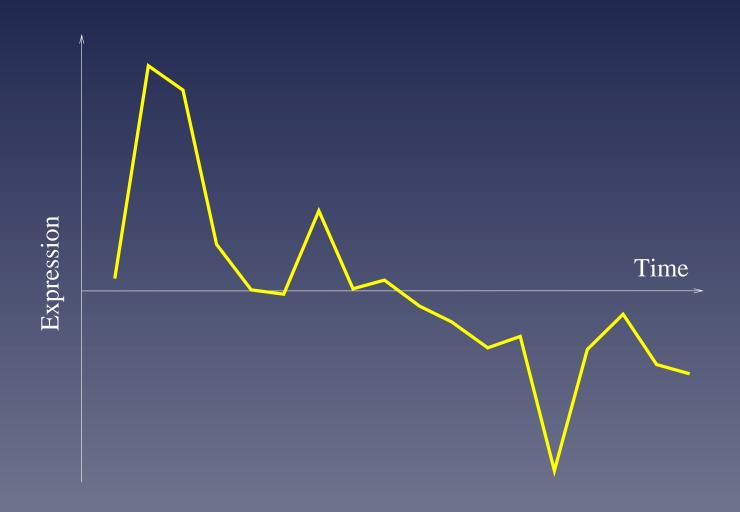
- The previous approach is a way to extract features from gene expression data: $f(x) = w^{T}x$.
- These features are smooth on the graph: connected nodes tend to have similar values
- This is way to detect "correlations" between gene expression data and metabolic network: typical activity patterns of typical pathways



Experiment

- Gene network: two genes are linked if the catalyze successive reactions in the KEGG database (669 yeast genes)
- Expression profiles: 18 time series measures for the 6,000 genes of yeast, during two cell cycles

First pattern of expression

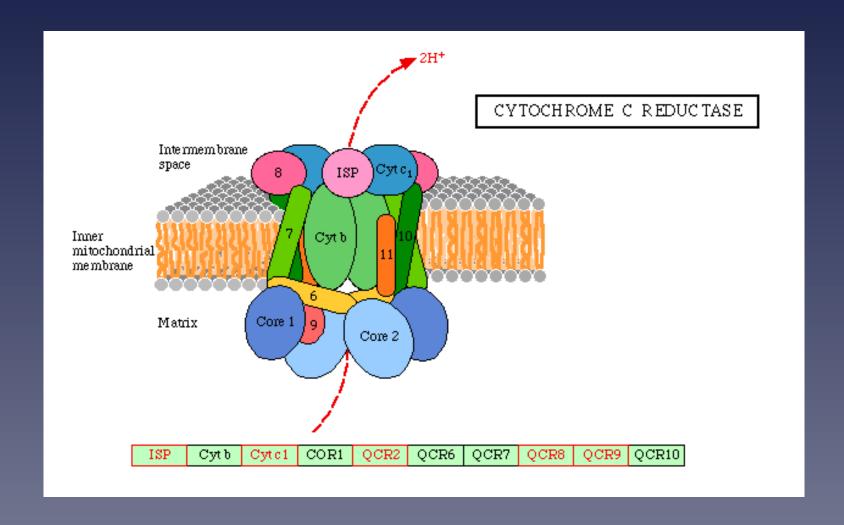


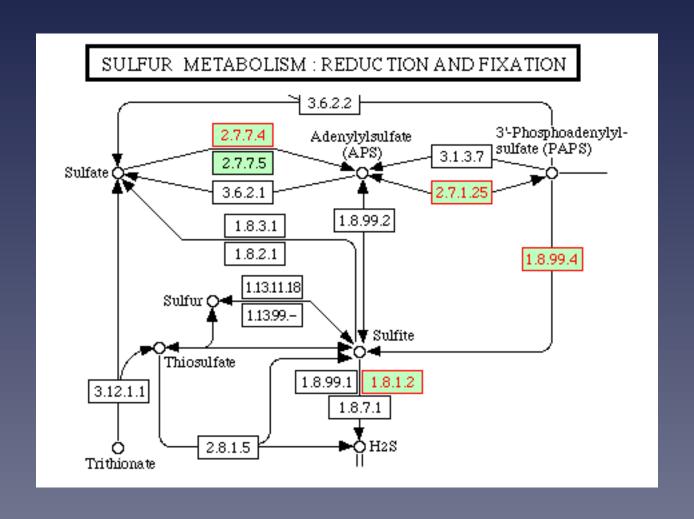
Related metabolic pathways

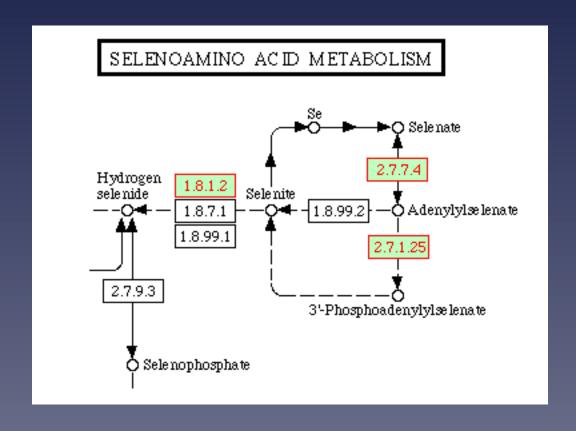
50 genes with highest $s_2 - s_1$ belong to:

- Oxidative phosphorylation (10 genes)
- Citrate cycle (7)
- Purine metabolism (6)
- Glycerolipid metabolism (6)
- Sulfur metabolism (5), etc...

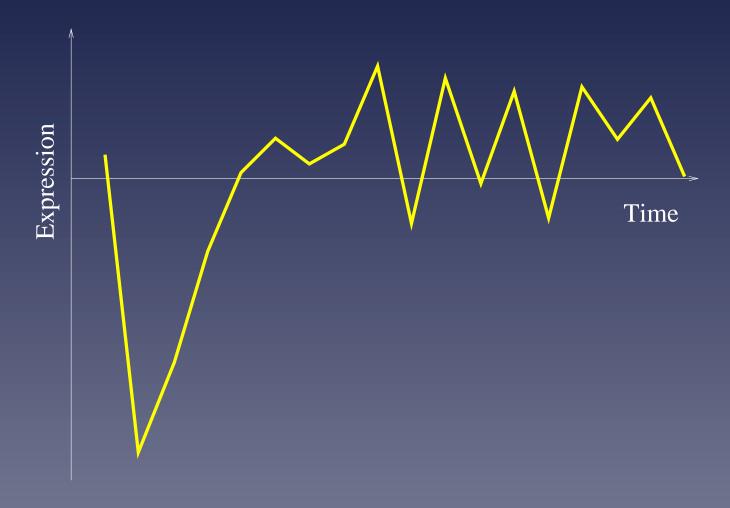
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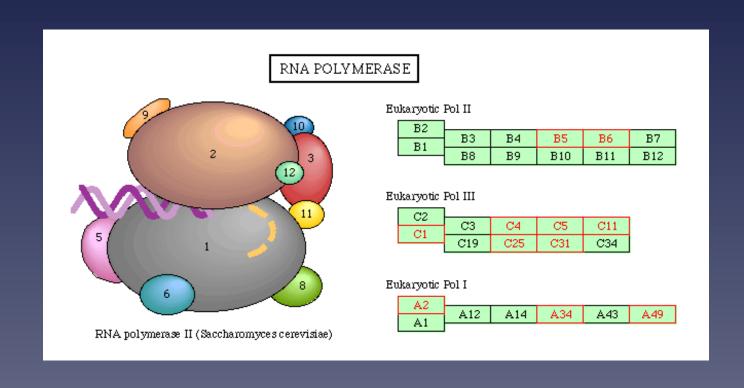


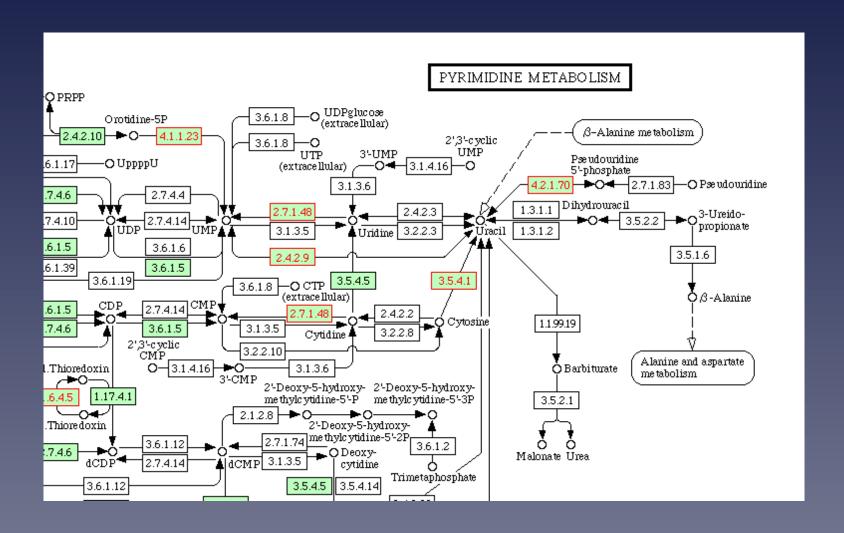


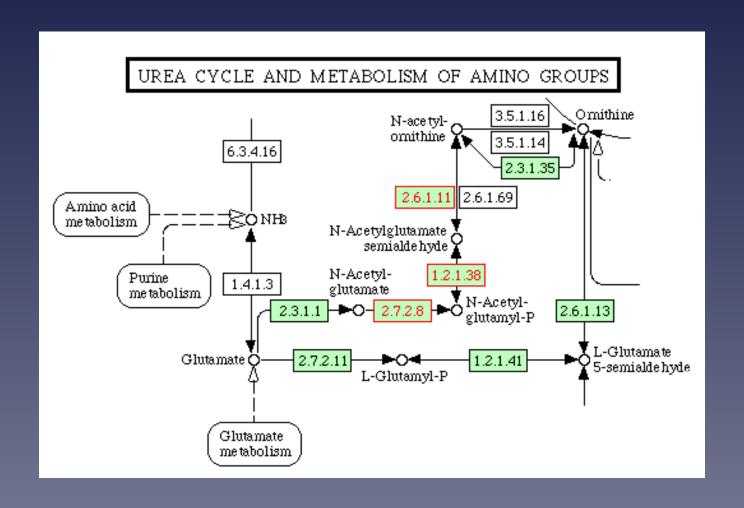
Opposite pattern



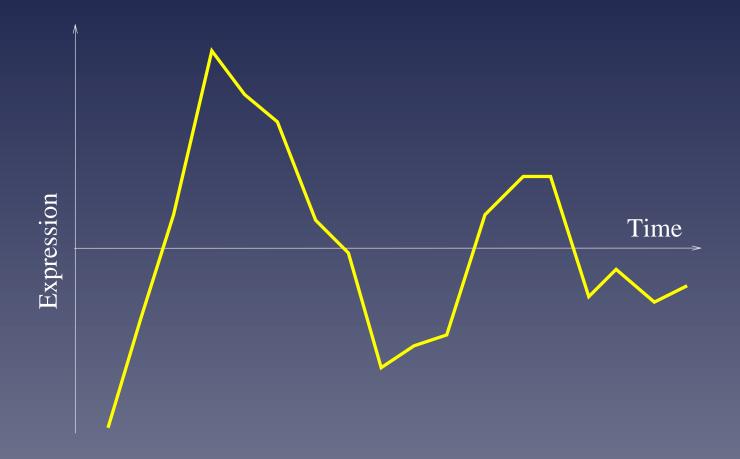
- RNA polymerase (11 genes)
- Pyrimidine metabolism (10)
- Aminoacyl-tRNA biosynthesis (7)
- Urea cycle and metabolism of amino groups (3)
- Oxidative phosphorlation (3)
- ATP synthesis(3) , etc...







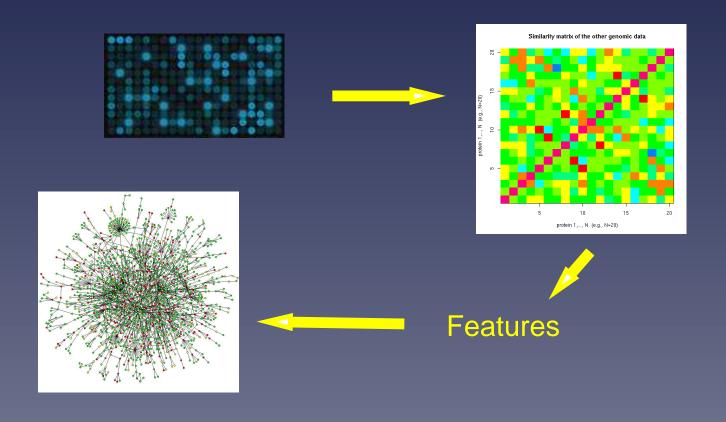
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Part 4

Learning from several heterogeneous data

Summary of the process



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- However, more general measures are allowed: they simply must be symetric positive definite
- This enables nonlinear features, as well as features from other types of data, as soon as a symetric p.d. function K(x,y) is defined

Kernels

Several kernels have been developed recently:

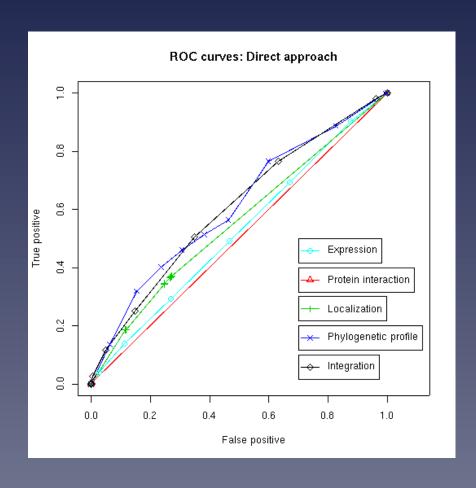
- for phylogenetic profiles (JPV. 2004)
- for gene sequences (Leslie et al. 2003, Saigo et al. 2004, ...)
- for nodes in a network (Kondor et al. 2000)

Learning from heterogeneous data

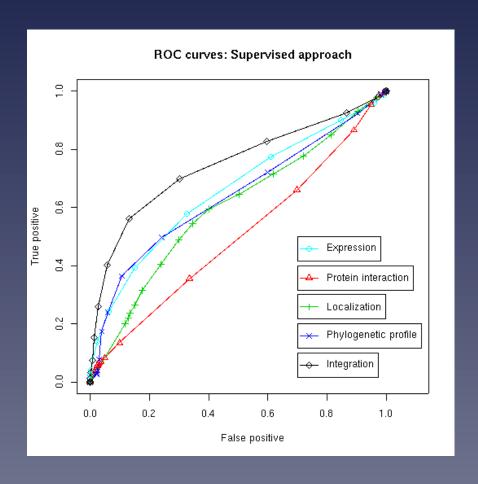
- Suppose several data are available about the genes, e.g., expression, localization, struture, predicted interaction etc...
- Each data can be represented by a positive definite similarity matrix K_1, \ldots, K_p called kernels
- Kernel can be combined by various operations, e.g., addition:

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^{p} K_i$$

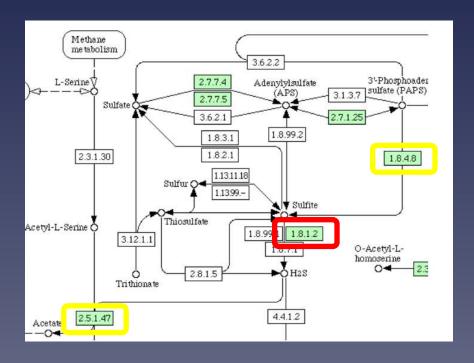
Learning from heterogeneous data (unsupervised)



Learning from heterogeneous data (supervised)



Application: missing enzyme prediction



The gene YJR137C was predicted in 09/2003 between EC:1.8.4.8 and EC:2.5.1.47. It was recently annotated as EC:1.8.1.2

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- A new approach to feature extractions and supervised network inference, many possible variants and extensions
- Straightforward generalization to any network (e.g., interactome):
 the same data can be used to infer different networks
- Currently tested on characterization of tumor cells (with Institut Curie) and metabolism of P. falciparum (with Institut Pasteur).