

## 'omics data analysis and systems biology

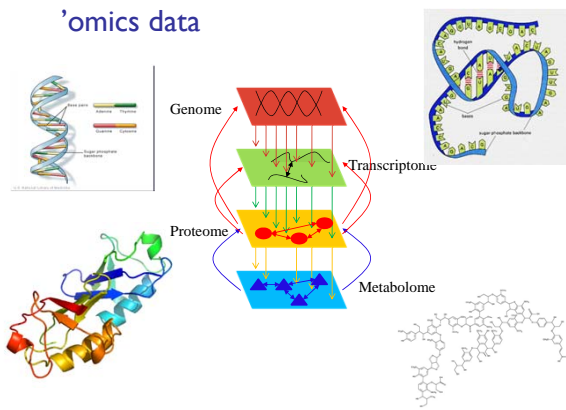
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## 'omics data

- **Transcriptomics** - quantifications of gene expression
- **Proteomics** - quantifications of proteins (peptides)
- **Metabolomics** - quantifications of metabolites

## 'omics data

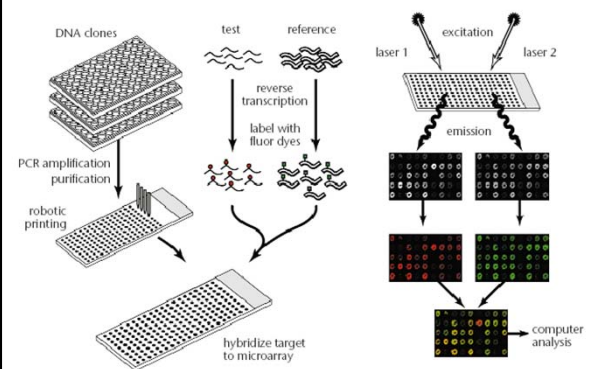


## Analysis of 'omics data

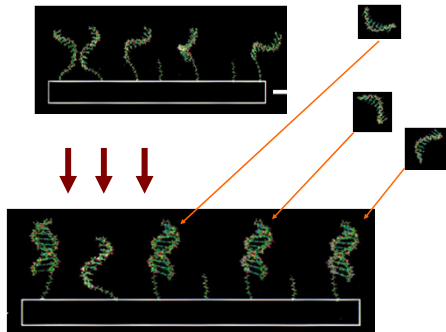
1. Preprocessing
2. Browsing the data
3. Model inference and selection
4. Model evaluation
5. Genome annotation quality
6. Result visualization
7. Systems biology

## Pre-processing and browsing

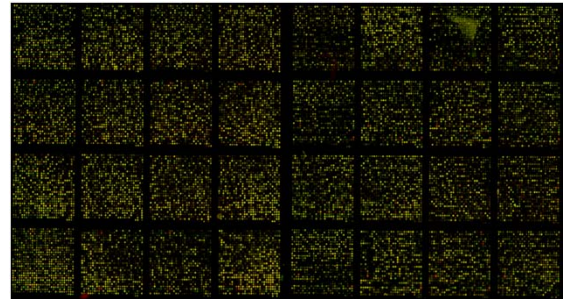
## Microarray



## Hybridization



## Image after scanning



## Microarray data

M < 100

Gene/Expr	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	E10	...	EM
G1	0,72	0,10	0,57	1,08	0,66	0,39	0,49	0,28	0,50	0,66	...	0,52
G2	1,58	1,05	1,15	1,22	0,54	0,73	0,82	0,82	0,90	0,73	...	0,75
G3	1,10	0,97	1,00	0,90	0,67	0,81	0,88	0,77	0,71	0,57	...	0,46
G4	0,97	1,00	0,85	0,84	0,72	0,66	0,68	0,47	0,61	0,59	...	0,65
G5	1,21	1,29	1,08	0,89	0,88	0,66	0,85	0,67	0,58	0,82	...	0,60
G6	1,45	1,44	1,12	1,10	1,15	0,79	0,77	0,78	0,71	0,67	...	0,36
G7	1,15	1,10	1,00	1,08	0,79	0,98	1,03	0,59	0,57	0,46	...	0,39
G8	1,32	1,35	1,13	1,00	0,91	1,22	1,05	0,58	0,57	0,53	...	0,43
G9	1,01	1,38	1,21	0,79	0,85	0,78	0,73	0,64	0,58	0,43	...	0,47
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GN	0,85	1,03	1,00	0,81	0,82	0,73	0,51	0,24	0,54	0,43	...	0,51

N ≈ 10000

$2.3/2.4 = \text{"Red/Green"}$

## log-transformation

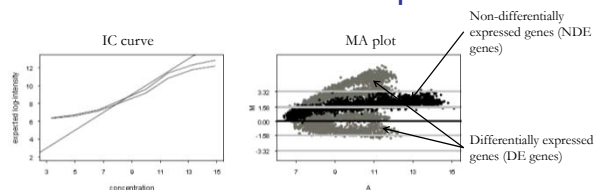
M < 100

Gene/Expr	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	E10	...	EM
G1	-0,47	-3,32	-0,81	0,11	-0,60	-1,36	-1,03	-1,84	-1,00	-0,60	...	-0,94
G2	0,66	0,07	0,20	0,29	-0,89	-0,45	-0,29	-0,29	-0,15	-0,45	...	-0,42
G3	0,14	-0,04	0,00	-0,15	-0,58	-0,30	-0,18	-0,38	-0,49	-0,81	...	-1,12
G4	-0,04	0,00	-0,23	-0,25	-0,47	-0,60	-0,56	-1,09	-0,71	-0,76	...	-0,62
G5	0,28	0,37	0,11	-0,17	-0,18	-0,60	-0,23	-0,58	-0,79	-0,29	...	-0,74
G6	0,54	0,63	0,16	0,14	0,20	-0,34	-0,38	-0,36	-0,49	-0,58	...	-1,47
G7	0,20	0,14	0,00	0,11	-0,34	-0,03	0,04	-0,76	-0,81	-1,12	...	-1,36
G8	0,40	0,43	0,18	0,00	-0,14	0,29	0,07	-0,79	-0,81	-0,92	...	-1,22
G9	0,01	0,46	0,28	-0,34	-0,23	-0,36	-0,45	-0,64	-0,79	-1,22	...	-1,09
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GN	-0,23	0,04	0,00	-0,30	-0,29	-0,45	-0,97	-2,06	-0,89	-1,22	...	-0,97

N ≈ 10000

$\log(2.3/2.4) = \log(\text{"Red/Green"})$

## IC-curve and MA plot

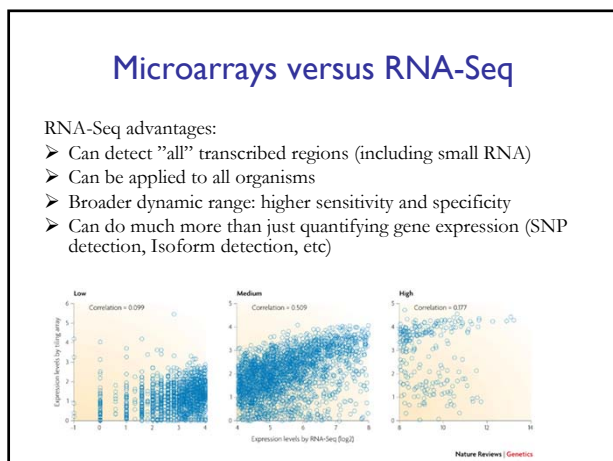
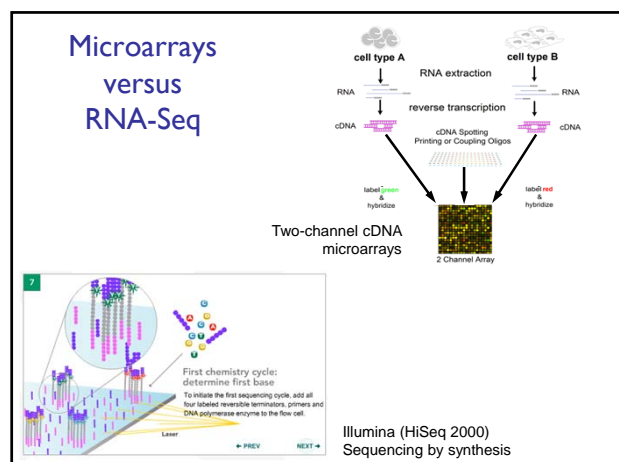
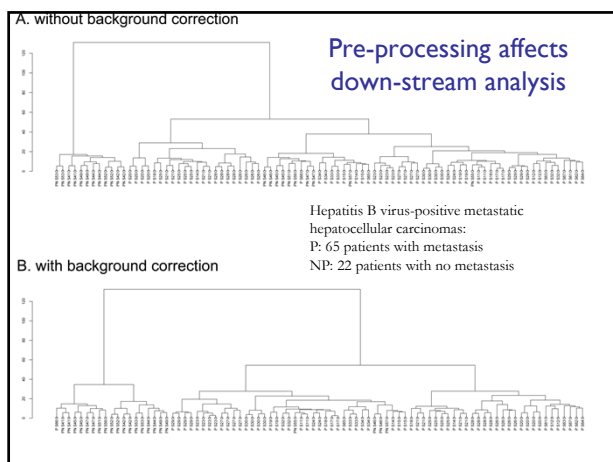


cDNA-microarray experiments where two populations are compared

- IC curve: In spike-in experiments all RNA-abundances are known: the IC-curve plots the expected RNA-abundances against the measured values (*i.e.* the *concentration*)
- MA plot: log-ratios are plotted against the average log-intensities

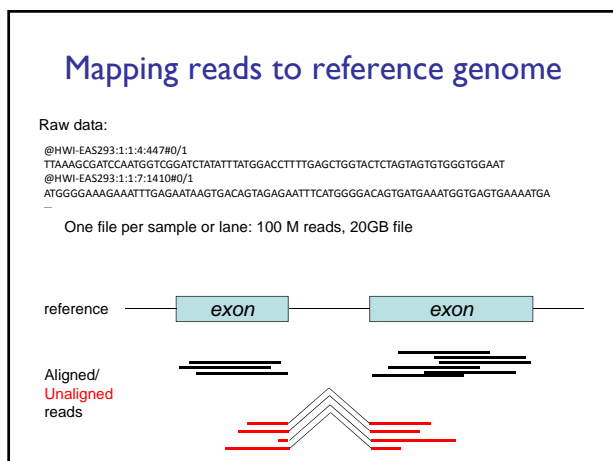
## 'omics preprocessing

- **Background correction.** Aims to straighten the lower knee in the IC-curve.
- **Saturation correction.** Aims to straighten the upper knee in the IC-curve.
- **Dye normalization.** Aims to put the IC-curves into a common scale (common slope).



### RNA-Seq

- Illumina HiSeq2000
  - Read length: 100bp
  - Paired-end reads: 2-100 bp
  - 150-300 Gbp per run
  - 10 lanes per run (flow cell)
  - 75-150 M reads per lane
- Multiplexing (bar-coding): 3 samples per lane
- 10 - 150 ng of total RNA per wood section requires amplification



### Quantifying expression

- Count the number of reads mapped to each gene

Gene 1 Gene 2

Sample 1

Gene 1 Gene 2

Sample 2

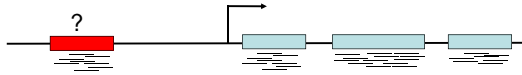
**RPKM = Reads Per Kilobase of exon model per Million mapped reads**

	Gene 1	Gene 2
Sample 1	14 reads	5 reads
Sample 2	10 reads	2 reads

	Gene 1	Gene 2
Sample 1	0.18 RPKM	0.25 RPKM
Sample 2	0.25 RPKM	0.2 RPKM

## Novel transcribed regions

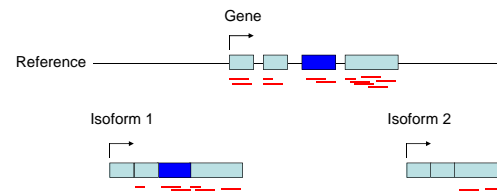
- Detect regions outside known gene models



- Go through whole genome
  - Sliding window or similar
  - Search for regions with high coverage
  - Do semi-*de novo* transcript assembly

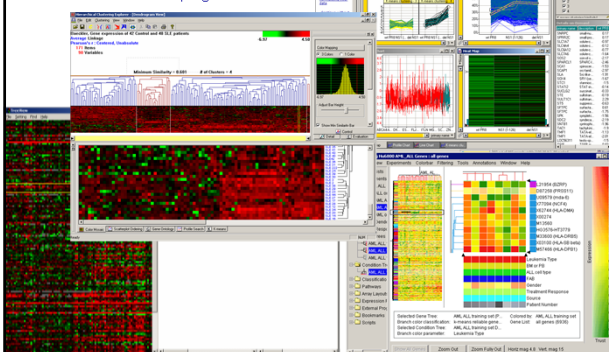
## Isoform detection (splicing variants)

- Detected by methods that reconstruct entire transcripts

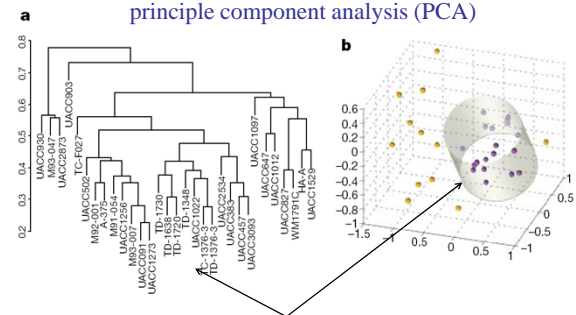


## Look at your data!

Cluster/Treeview  
Hierarchical Clustering Explorer (HCE)  
Spotfire  
GeneSpring



## Hierarchical clustering and principle component analysis (PCA)



19 melanomas of all 31 cutaneous melanoma samples  
(Bittner et al. *Nature*. 406: 536, 2000)

## Model inference and selection

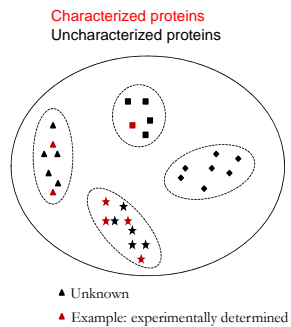
## Model inference methods

- **Unsupervised learning** (clustering, class discovery); used to “discover” natural groups of genes/experiments e.g.
  - discover subclasses of a form of cancer that is clinically homogenous
- **Supervised learning**; used to “learn” a model of a set of predefined classes of genes/experiments e.g.
  - diagnosis of cancer/subclasses of cancer

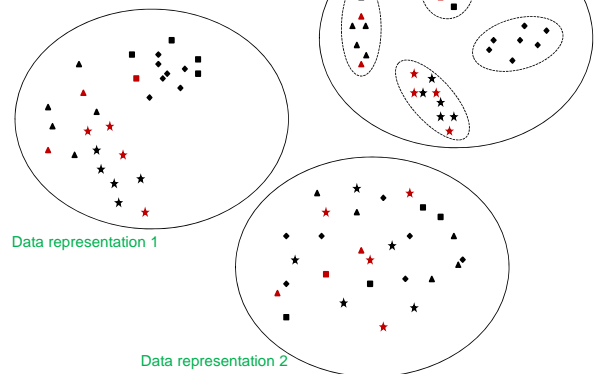
## The machine learning strategy ...

... iteratively uses experiments to provide representative examples and computational models to provide experimentalists with new, testable hypotheses

- Clustering
- Nearest neighbor predictors
  - evolutionary link
  - need few examples
- Model inducers
  - more powerful
  - interpretable models



## Data representation



## Clustering analysis

Need to define;

- measure of similarity
- algorithm for using the measure of similarity to discover natural groups in the data

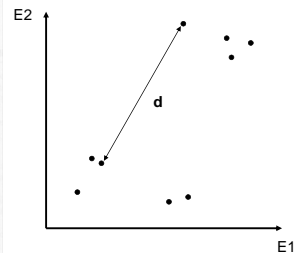
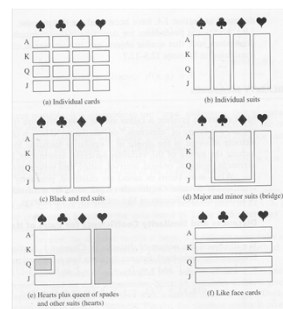
The number of ways to divide  $n$  items into  $k$  clusters:  $k^n/k!$

Example:  $10^{500}/10! = 2.756 \times 10^{493}$

## Measure of similarity

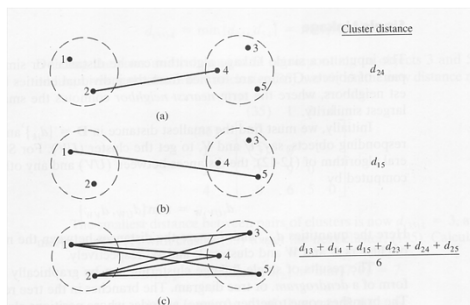
What is similar?

Euclidean distance



## Hierarchical clustering

Inter-cluster similarity measures: (a) single linkage, (b) complete linkage and (c) average linkage



## Example of hierarchical clustering: languages of Europe

TABLE 12.3 NUMERALS IN 11 LANGUAGES

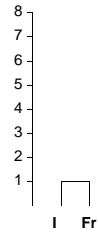
English (E)	Norwegian (N)	Danish (Da)	Dutch (Du)	German (G)	French (Fr)	Spanish (Sp)	Italian (I)	Polish (P)	Hungarian (H)	Finnish (Fi)
one	en	en	een	eins	un	uno	uno	jeden	egy	yksi
two	to	to	twee	zwei	deux	dos	due	dwa	ketto	kaksi
three	tre	tre	drie	drei	trois	tres	tre	trzy	harom	kolme
four	fire	fire	vier	vier	quatre	cuatro	quattro	cztery	negy	neua
five	fem	fem	vijf	fünf	cinq	cinco	cinque	piec	öt	viisi
six	seks	seks	zes	sechs	six	seis	sei	szesc	hat	kunsi
seven	sju	syv	zeven	sieben	sept	siete	sette	siedem	het	seitsemän
eight	atte	otte	acht	acht	huit	ocho	otto	osiem	nyolc	kahdeksan
nine	ni	ni	negen	neun	neuf	nueve	nove	dzieci	kilenc	yhdeksän
ten	ti	ti	tien	zehn	dix	dier	dici	dziesięc	tíz	kymmenen

Distance: Frequency of numbers with different first letter e.g.  
 $d_{EN} = 2$   $d_{EDu} = 7$   $d_{SpI} = 1$

Inter-cluster strategy: SINGEL LINKAGE

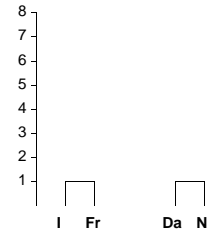
### Iteration 1

	E	N	Da	Du	G	Fr	Sp	I	P	H	Fi
E	0										
N	2	0									
Da	2	1	0								
Du	7	5	6	0							
G	6	4	5	5	0						
Fr	6	6	6	9	7	0					
Sp	6	6	5	9	7	2	0				
I	6	6	5	9	7	1	1	0			
P	7	7	6	10	8	5	3	4	0		
H	9	8	8	8	9	10	10	10	10	0	
Fi	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0	



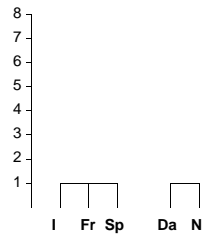
### Iteration 2

	I	Fr	E	N	Da	Du	G	Sp	P	H	Fi
I	0										
Fr	6	0									
E	6	2	0								
N	5	2	1	0							
Da	9	7	5	6	0						
Du	7	6	4	5	5	0					
G	6	6	5	9	7	0					
Sp	1	6	6	5	9	7	0				
P	4	7	7	6	10	8	3	0			
H	10	9	8	8	9	10	10	0			
Fi	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0		



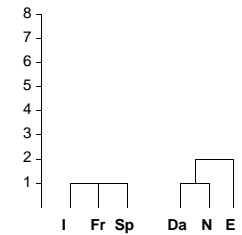
### Iteration 3

	Da	N	I	Fr	E	Du	G	Sp	P	H	Fi
Da	0										
N	5	0									
I	5	0									
Fr	2	6	0								
E	5	9	7	0							
Du	4	7	6	5	0						
G	5	1	6	9	7	0					
Sp	6	4	7	10	8	3	0				
P	8	10	9	8	9	10	10	0			
H	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0		
Fi	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0	



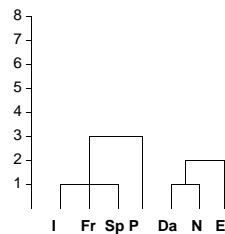
### Iteration 4

	Sp	I	Fr	Da	N	E	Du	G	P	H	Fi
Sp	0										
I	5	0									
Fr	6	2	0								
Da	9	5	7	0							
N	7	4	6	5	0						
E	3	6	7	10	8	0					
Du	10	8	8	9	8	9	10	0			
G	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0			
P	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0		
H	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0	
Fi	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0	



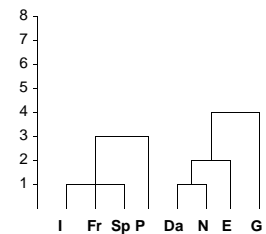
### Iteration 5

	E	Da	Sp	I	Fr	Du	G	P	H	Fi
E	0									
Da	5	0								
N	5	9	0							
Sp	4	7	5	0						
I	6	3	10	8	0					
Fr	8	10	8	8	9	10	0			
Du	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0		
G	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0	
P	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0
H	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8
Fi	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8



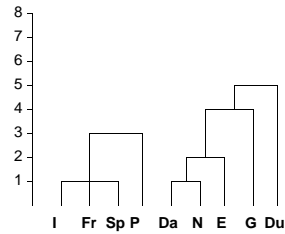
### Iteration 6

	P	Sp	E	Da	I	Fr	N	Du	G	H	Fi
P	0										
Sp	5	0									
E	9	5	0								
Da	7	4	5	0							
N	10	8	8	9	0						
Du	9	9	9	9	8	0					
G	9	9	9	9	9	8	0				
H	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0			
Fi	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	0		



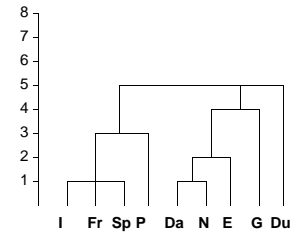
### Iteration 7

	G E				
D a	P S p				
N	I F r	D u	H	F i	
G E					
D a	0				
N					
P S p	5	0			
I F r	5	9	0		
D u	8	10	8	0	
H	9	9	9	8	0
F i					



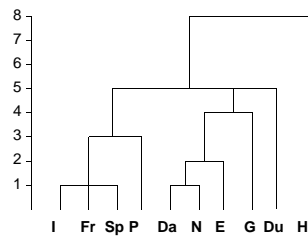
### Iteration 8

	D u				
G E	P S p				
D a	I F r	H	F i		
N					
D u	0				
G E					
D a					
N					
P S p	5	0			
I F r	8	10	0		
H	9	9	8	0	
F i					



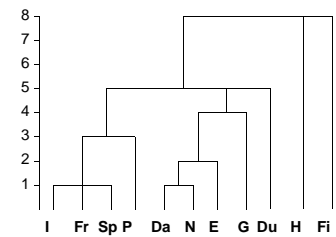
### Iteration 9

	P S p I F r			
D u G E	D a N	H	F i	
D a N	0			
H	8	0		
F i	9	8	0	

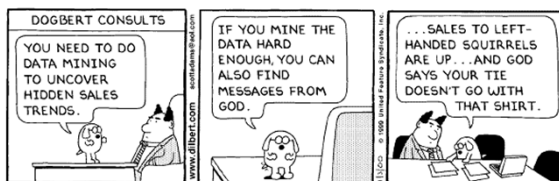


### Iteration 10

		P S p I F r		
F i H	D u G E	D a N		
F i H	0			
P S p I				
F r D u G	8	0		
E D a N				



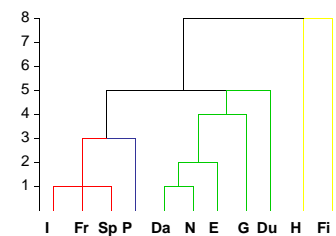
Any data mining result needs to be consistent BOTH with the data and current knowledge!



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### Evaluation of clusters

Clusters may be evaluated according to how well they describe current knowledge



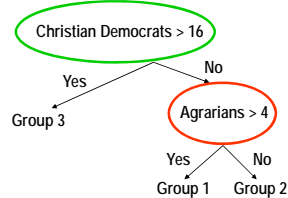
Roman  
Slavic  
Germanic  
Ugro-Finnish

### Example: Decision tree learning

Country	Communists	Socialists	Greens	Social Democrats	Liberals	Agrarians	Subnational, regional and ethnic parties	Christian Democrats	Conservatives	Extreme Right
Norway	0	7	0	38	4	5	0	9	24	6
Denmark	6	0	0	43	10	17	0	2	18	1
Sweden	4	0	0	32	13	14	0	3	15	0
Ireland	15	0	2	24	3	25	0	0	21	0
Iceland	0	18	0	14	4	6	0	0	26	0
UK	0	0	0	30	15	0	0	5	42	0
Netherlands	2	5	0	30	23	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	2	0	4	27	19	0	0	14	31	0
Luxembourg	6	1	1	31	21	0	0	38	0	0
Switzerland	2	0	2	22	23	11	0	22	3	0
Austria	1	0	2	44	0	0	0	41	0	0
Germany	1	0	3	40	9	0	0	40	0	0
France	15	2	2	28	20	0	0	45	2	0
Italy	20	0	0	15	4	0	0	35	0	0
Greece	10	0	0	30	9	0	0	40	44	0
Spain	18	0	0	30	14	0	0	10	21	0
Portugal	18	0	1	31	38	0	0	1	11	0

Class knowledge:

- Group 1: Nordic countries
- Group 2: UK, France, Greece, Spain, Portugal
- Group 3: Benelux countries, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Germany



### Example: Decision tree learning

Some concepts:

- Data:** Observations collected from the real world (e.g. the voting pattern in Sweden). Observations consist of a number of **features** (e.g. communist votes)
- Examples:** Observations labeled with class information (e.g. Sweden belong to group 1).
- Model:** A general representation of the data (e.g. the decision tree)

Models are **induced**!

- Induction: Using specific information/data to arrive at general knowledge (e.g. from examples to a decision tree).
- Deduction: Using general knowledge to say something about a specific case (e.g. using a decision tree to predict the group of a new country).

Models can be **predictive** and/or **descriptive**.

### Prior Probability

- $w$  - state of nature, e.g.
  - $w_1$  the object is a fish,  $w_2$  the object is a bird, etc.
  - $w_1$  this course is good,  $w_2$  this course is bad
  - etc.
- A priori* probability (or prior)  $P(w_i)$

### Class-conditional probability

- Observation  $x$ , e.g.
  - The objects has wings
  - The 10 minutes of the lecture was interesting
- Class-conditional probability  $p(x|w)$

### Bayes decision rule

Suppose the priors  $P(w_j)$  and conditional densities  $p(x|w_j)$  are known

$$P(w_j | x) = \frac{p(x | w_j) P(w_j)}{p(x)}$$

Labels:  $p(x | w_j)$  is likelihood,  $P(w_j)$  is prior,  $P(w_j | x)$  is posterior,  $p(x)$  is evidence.

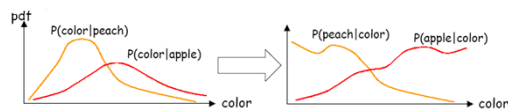
Bayes decision rule:

Two classes: If  $P(w_1|x) > P(w_2|x)$  then choose  $w_1$ , else choose  $w_2$ .

In general: Choose

$$w^* = \arg \max_i P(w_i | x)$$

### Example

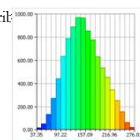


- Bayes Decision Rule
  - If  $P(\text{apple} | \text{color}) > P(\text{peach} | \text{color})$  then choose apple
- Note that the evidence  $p(\text{color})$  is only necessary for normalization purposes; it does not affect the decision rule

### So, what about the data?

- Use examples to estimate the probability distrib:

- $P(w)$  is easy.
- $p(x|w)$ : Histogram!



- One feature: bins are rectangles, Two features: cubes,  $n$ -features: hyper-cubes.
- More dimensions/features require more training data: **Curse of dimensionality!**
  - If we need 10 observations when we have one feature (to get a good histogram), then we need  $10^n$  observations when we have  $n$ -features!
- If the true probability distributions are known, then Bayes decision rule is optimal (minimizes error rate).



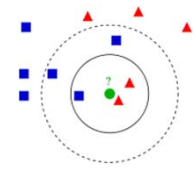
## Feature selection

Feature selection is used to deal with the **curse of dimensionality**

- **Ranking methods**: compute the discriminatory capability of each feature and select the best ones
- **Wrapper methods**: select a subset of features, induce a model and use its prediction performance as fitness. Repeat. Computationally expensive!
- **Dimensionality reduction**: map your features into a smaller features space (e.g. PCA)

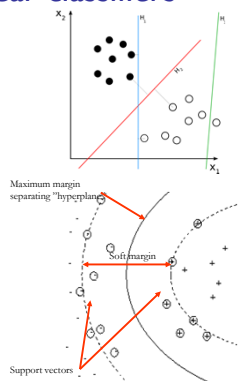
## k-nearest neighbor

- The simplest of all machine learning algorithms.
- Each observation is a point in the  $n$ -dimensional space spanned by the features.
- An observation is assigned to the class most common amongst its  $k$  nearest neighbors.
- "Nearest" can be defined differently: Euclidean distance, correlation, etc.
- **Lazy learning** where the function is only approximated locally and all computation is delayed until classification.



## Linear versus non-linear classifiers

- Linear: Finds a hyperplane that separates the classes
  - In two dimensions:  $w_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2x_2$
  - Use the examples  $\mathbf{x}$  to estimate  $\mathbf{w}$
- Non-linear: Support vector machines uses the **kernel trick**:
  - The kernel maps the observations into a higher dimensional space where the problem is linearly separable

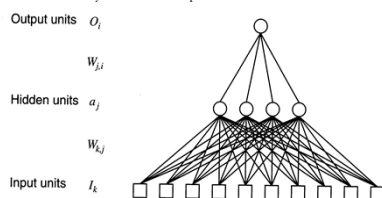


## Artificial neural networks

- Inspired by how the brain works – a mathematical model of the operation of the brain
- Brain versus computers:
  - serial versus parallel computing
  - even though a computer is much faster in raw switching speed, the brain is faster at what it does
- An ANN is a number of **nodes** (units) connected by **links**. Each link is associated with a numerical **weight**.
  - Training set:  $(x_1, f(x_1)), (x_2, f(x_2)), \dots, (x_n, f(x_n))$
  - Learning in an ANN is reduced to the process of using the training data to tune the weights so that the network represents the function  $f$

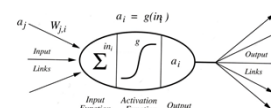
## Network structure

- **Feed-forward network**: all units are connected to all units in the next layer
  - One (sufficiently large) hidden layer can represent any continuous function
  - More hidden layers can even represent discontinuous functions

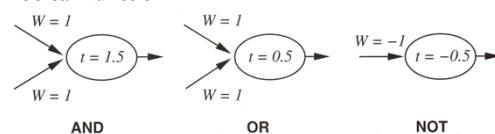


- **Recurrent network**: feed back loops, internal states (memory):
  - E.g. The brain is clearly a recurrent network

## Boolean functions



- Units can represent the basic logical gates
- Thus, units can build networks that can represent any Boolean function

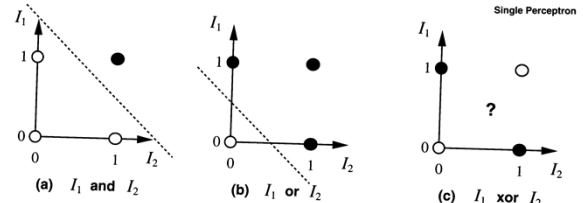


## Optimal network structures, overfitting and Occam's razor

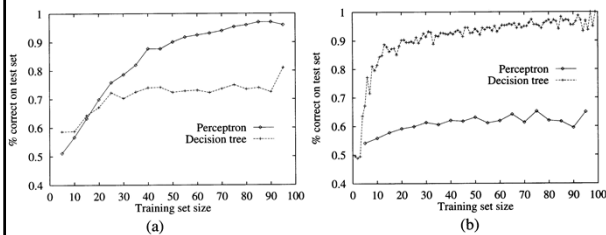
- Too small network: the network will be incapable of representing the desired function
- Too large network: the network can memorize all the examples by forming a lookup table: **Overfitting!**
- Every algorithm involved with classification runs the risk of overfitting the data
  - The alg. learns the errors (noise) in the data as well as the underlying structure of the processes that created the data
  - Occurs because the alg. tries to reduce the classification error on the training data
  - A model X is overfitted if there exists a model Y that do better on the unseen test set, but worse on the training set
- To identify this phenomenon:
  - Use training/test sets
  - Choose the simplest model that explains the data! **Occam's razor**

## Perceptrons

- Perceptrons: single-layer, feed-forward networks
  - Majority function: outputs 1 if a majority of the  $n$  inputs are 1 (would require a decision tree with  $O(2^n)$  nodes)
- A perceptron can only represent a function if there is a line that separates all the white dots (0s) from the black dots (1s), i.e. **functions that are linearly separable**



## Perceptrons versus decision trees: Example



- (a) Majority function  
(b) Waiting problem

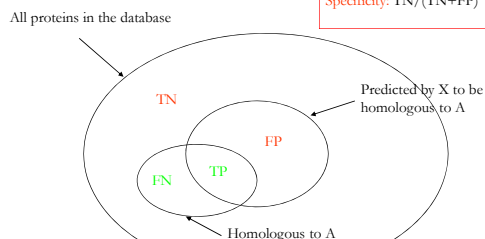
Example	Attributes										Goal
	Alt	Ber	Fri	Hun	Par	Price	Rain	Res	Type	Est	Weather
$X_1$	Yes	No	No	Yes	Some	\$55	No	Yes	French	0-10	Yes
$X_2$	Yes	No	No	Yes	Full	\$	No	No	Thai	10-60	No
$X_3$	Yes	No	Yes	No	Some	\$	No	No	Burger	0-10	Yes
$X_4$	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full	\$	No	No	Thai	10-30	Yes
$X_5$	Yes	No	Yes	No	Full	\$55	No	Yes	French	>60	No
$X_6$	No	No	Yes	Some	\$5	Yes	Italian	0-10	Yes		Yes
$X_7$	No	No	No	No	None	\$	Yes	No	Burger	0-10	No
$X_8$	No	No	No	Yes	Some	\$5	Yes	Thai	0-10	Yes	
$X_9$	No	No	Yes	No	Full	\$	Yes	No	Burger	>60	No
$X_{10}$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	\$55	No	Yes	Italian	10-30	No
$X_{11}$	No	No	No	No	None	\$	No	No	Thai	0-10	No
$X_{12}$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Full	\$	No	No	Burger	10-60	Yes

## Model evaluation

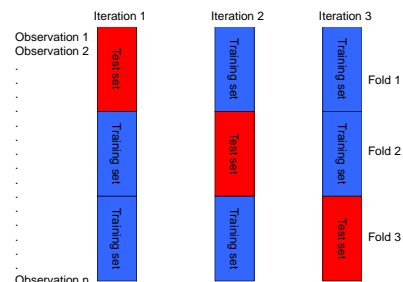
## Method power

You want to find homologous proteins to a specific protein A using some computational method X:

Sensitivity:  $TP/(TP+FN)$   
Specificity:  $TN/(TN+FP)$



## Cross validation



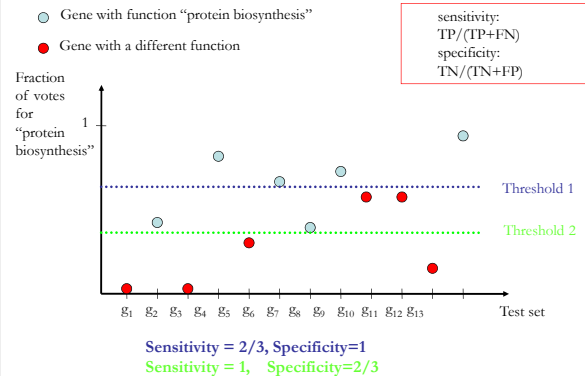
- $k$ -fold cross validation:  $k$  iterations
- Leave-one out cross validation:  $n$  iterations

## Evaluation

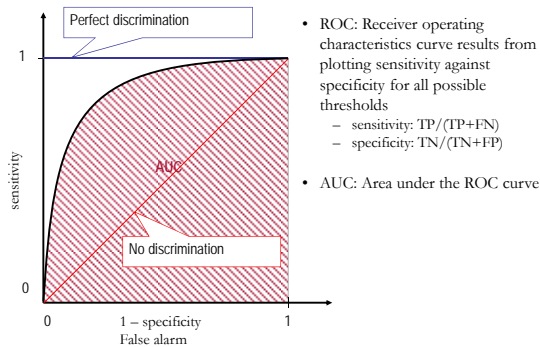
- Classifications can be
  - True positives (TP)
  - False negatives (FN)
  - True negatives (TN)
  - False positives (FP)
- Evaluation measures:
  - accuracy =  $(TP+TN)/(TP+FN+TN+FP)$
  - sensitivity =  $TP/(TP+FN)$
  - specificity =  $TN/(TN+FP)$
- Confusion matrix:

		Predicted	
		Class 0	Class 1
Actual	Class 0	TN	FP
	Class 1	FN	TP

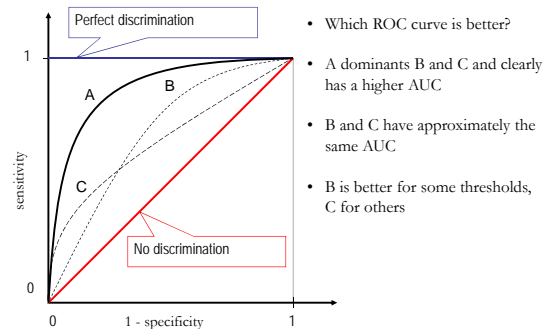
## Threshold selection



## ROC analysis and classifier evaluation



## ROC analysis and classifier evaluation



## Machine learning summary

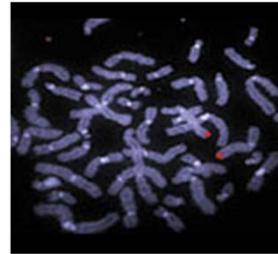
- Machine learning allows **models** with **predictive** and **descriptive** capabilities to be **induced** from examples
- **Evaluation**: training set, test set, cross validation, ...
- Different approaches have different strengths and weaknesses
  - Linear versus non-linear
  - Interpretable versus black box
  - Regression versus classification

## Machine learning summary cont.

- **Overfitting**: you select a model A over a model B when A performs better on the training set, but worse on the unseen test set
  - Stop before overfitting occurs (e.g. before the decision tree is too long or when the performance of the neural network no longer improves)
  - **Occam's razor**: Select the simplest model that explains the data (do not use non-linear methods on a linearly separable problem)
- **Course of dimensionality**
  - Rule of thumb: You need more observations than features
  - Use **dimensionality reduction** methods (e.g. PCA) or **feature selection** (on the training set)

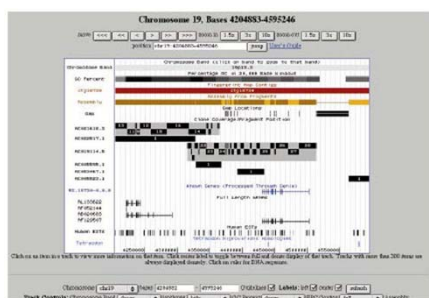
## Genome annotation quality

## How to get from here...



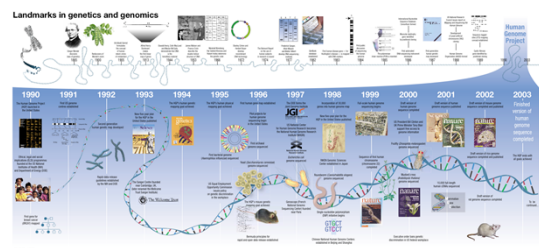
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## ...to here?



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## Human genome project timeline



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## ESTs/RNASeq –

### A rapid gateway into the genome

- Only expressed parts of genes
- Necessary for genome annotation
- Short and incomplete
- Often bad quality and sometimes with cloning artifacts



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## Whole genome shotgun sequencing

- 2, 10 and 50 kbp libraries
- Sequenced from both ends
- Sequence “mates”
- 8-fold coverage
- **NOW:** more and more use of short reads



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## Full genome sequencing: Reconstruct the chromosomes...



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## Whole genome assembly and mapping

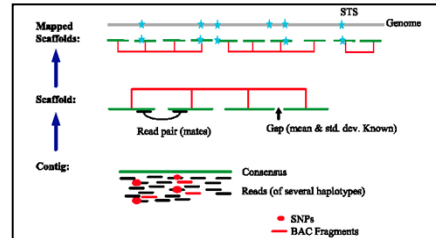
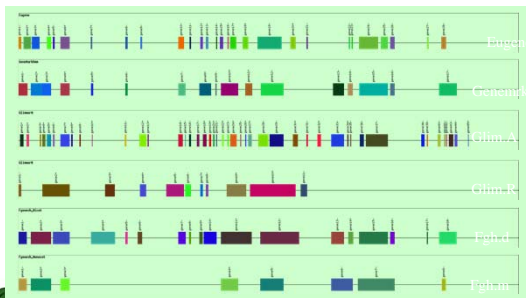


Fig. 3. Anatomy of whole-genome assembly. Overlapping shredded BAC fragments (red lines) and internally derived reads from five different individuals (black lines) are combined to produce a contig and a consensus sequence (green line). Contigs are connected into scaffolds (red) by using mate pair information. Scaffolds are then mapped to the genome (gray line) with STS (blue star) physical map information.



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## Where are the genes?



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## Algorithms must be trained for:

- Splice sites
- Exon/intron lengths
- Codon usage
- GC frequencies exons/introns
- Transcription start sites
- Polyadenylation sites
- UTR (untranslated region) lengths

and predicted exons must be joined to genes  
(ESTs necessary)



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## Annotation:

- Comparisons to databases
- What is significant similarity (on protein level or on DNA level)?
- What if the other databases are wrong? (which they are)
- There is no "best database"



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## A typical genome (Arabidopsis)

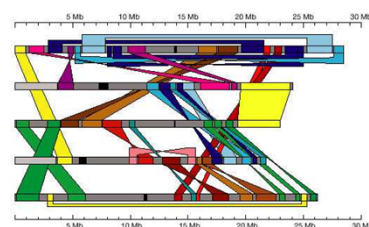


Figure 4 Segmentally duplicated regions in the Arabidopsis genome. Individual chromosomes are depicted as horizontal gray bars (with chromosome 1 at the top), centromeres are marked black. Coloured bands connect corresponding duplicated segments. Similarity between the rDNA repeats are excluded. Duplicated segments in reversed orientation are connected with twisted coloured bands. The scale is in megabases.



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## A typical eukaryotic genome

- 15 - 50 000 genes
- Most in dispersed gene families
- Duplications
- Many repetitive sequences  
(e.g. microsatellites of 1-6 base pairs)
- Many pseudogenes
- Centromeres and telomeres



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## Annotation quality

- 1/3 of all genes are typically "unknown"

For the rest, some kind of function can be assigned but

- 1/3 has a good annotation
- 1/3 has an imprecise annotation
- 1/3 has a bad annotation

Curation is needed, but who will do it?



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## Classification

- According to function?
- According to biochemical pathway?
- According to Gene Ontology?



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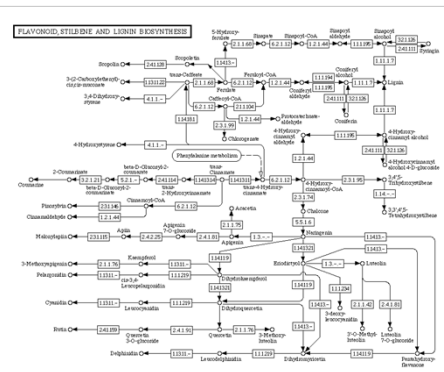
## Main classes in MIPS

- Metabolism
- Energy
- Cell growth, division and DNA synthesis
- Transcription
- Protein synthesis
- Protein destination
- Transport facilitation
- Cellular transport
- Cellular communication/signal transd.
- Cell rescue defence, death and aging etc.



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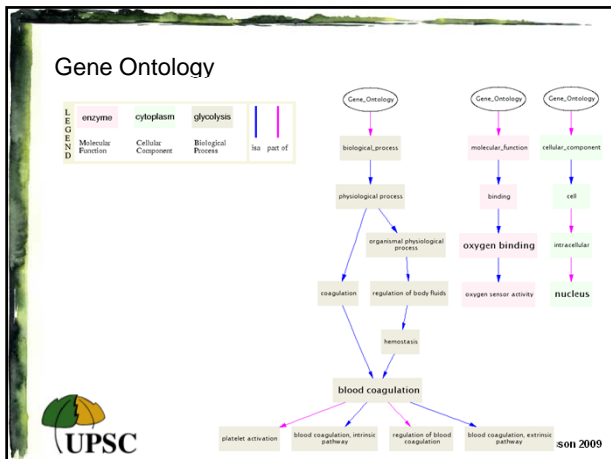
## Biochemical pathways - KEGG



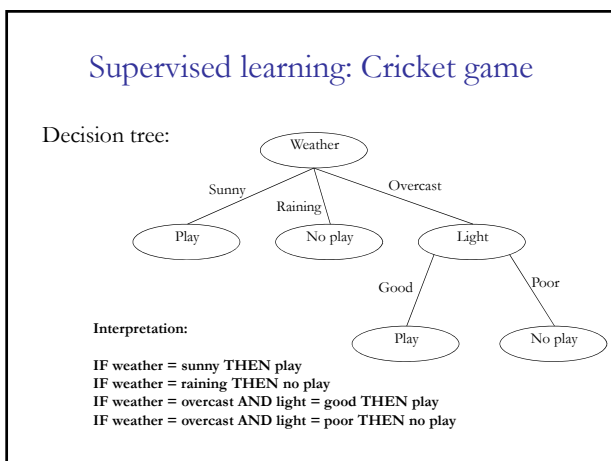
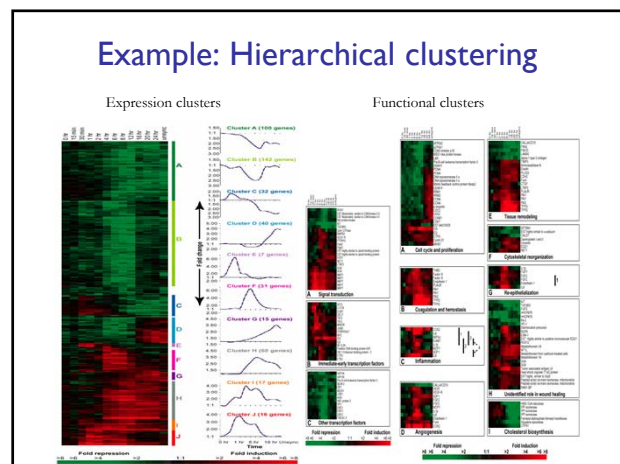
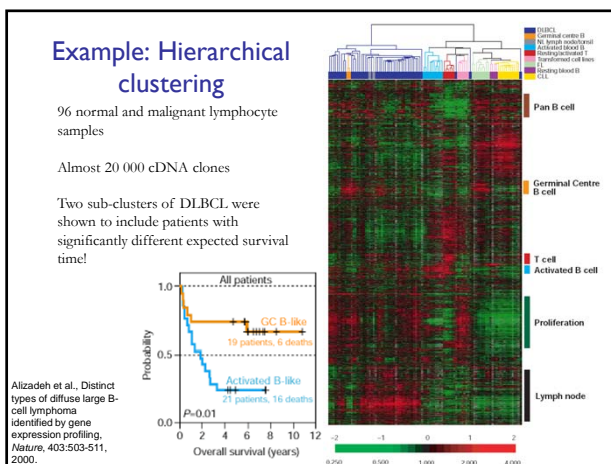
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The screenshot shows the Gene Ontology Consortium (GO) website. The header includes the GO logo and navigation links like 'Open all menus', 'Site map', 'Home', 'News', and 'FAQ'. The main content area features a 'What is the Gene Ontology?' section, a 'Download the Ontologies' section, and a 'What's New?' section. The 'What's New?' section mentions the release of GO slim files for 2009. The footer includes the UPSC logo and the text 'Stefan Jansson 2009'.





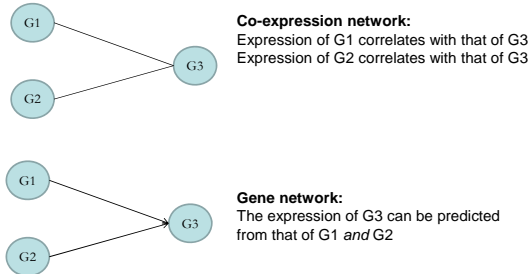
## Result visualization



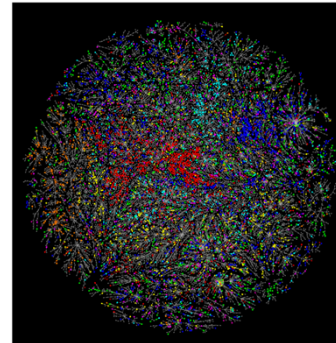
## Network representations

- Network: nodes connected by edges
- Nodes represent genes, proteins, metabolites
- Edges represent relationships
  - Co-expression networks: expression correlation
  - Protein-protein networks: proteins form a functional complex
  - Gene networks: genes affect the expression of other genes
  - Regulatory network: transcription factors regulate genes by binding DNA motifs in the promoter region
- Network representations are flexible and allow integration of heterogeneous data

## Co-expression networks versus gene networks



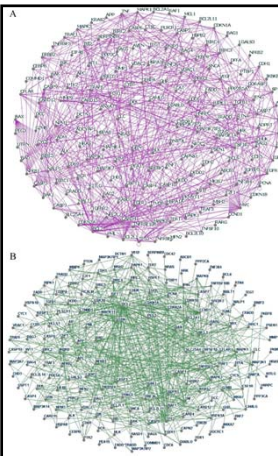
## Co-expression network in aspen trees



Based on a UPSC collection of over 1000 cDNA microarrays

A. Grünlund, R.P. Bhaleao, J. Karlsson. Modular gene expression in Poplar: a multilayer network approach. New Phytologist, 2009.

## Global protein-protein interactions of apoptosis in cancerous and normal cells



- (A) Apoptotic protein-protein interaction network in HeLa cells
- (B) Apoptotic protein-protein interaction network in normal primary lung fibroblasts
- Two-hybrid data sets, four online databases and microarray data

Chu and Chen BMC Systems Biology 2008 2:56

## Regulatory network in Arabidopsis

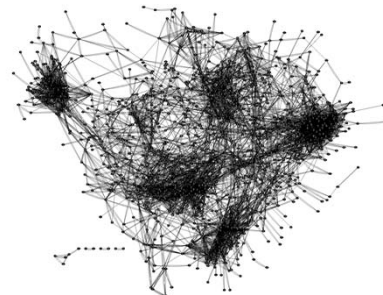
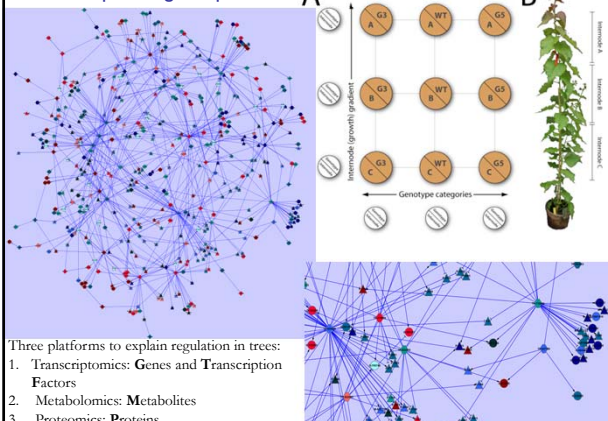


Figure 1

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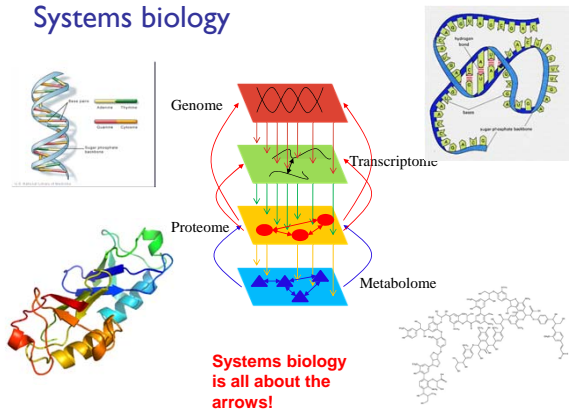
## Combined profiling in aspen trees



## Systems biology



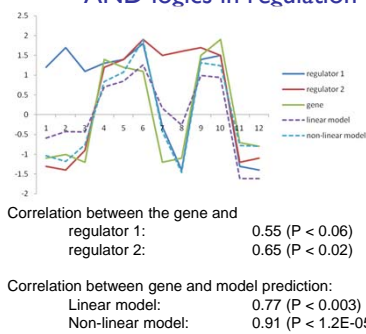
## Systems biology



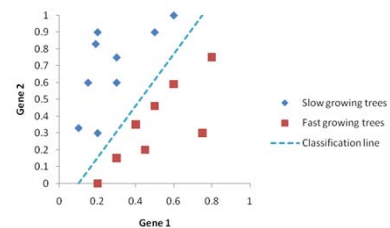
## Holistic versus reductionistic

- Traditionally:
  - Can biology be reduced to chemistry?
  - Can chemistry be reduced to physics?
- Operationally:
  - Are the assumptions/simplifications in the scientific method reasonable?
  - E.g. can the regulatory mechanism of this cluster be found by considering candidate transcription factors one by one?
  - E.g. can the expression difference between slow and fast growing trees be found by finding (individual) differentially expressed genes?

## Does interactions matter? - AND logics in regulation

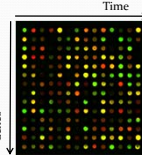


## Does interactions matter? - differential expression



## Inferring regulatory mechanism

### Time series data

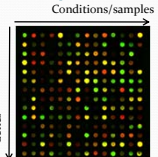


For each gene  $i$ :

$$\frac{dy_i}{dt} = \alpha_i - \partial_i y_i + \sum_j \beta_{ij} y_j$$

where  $\alpha_i$  is its transcription rate,  
 $\partial_i$  the degradation coefficient,  
and  $\beta_{ij}$  is the regulatory effect that gene  $j$  has on gene  $i$ .

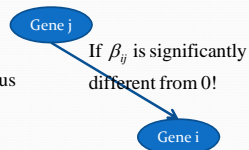
### Steady state data



$$\frac{dy_i}{dt} = 0 \text{ and } \partial_i = 1, \text{ thus}$$

$$y_i = \alpha_i + \sum_j \beta_{ij} y_j$$

If  $\beta_{ij}$  is significantly  
different from 0!



## Example: Three genes

$$\alpha = -0.46$$

$$\beta_{12} = 0.43$$

$$\beta_{13} = 0.50$$

$$y_1 = \alpha + \beta_{12} y_2 + \beta_{13} y_3$$

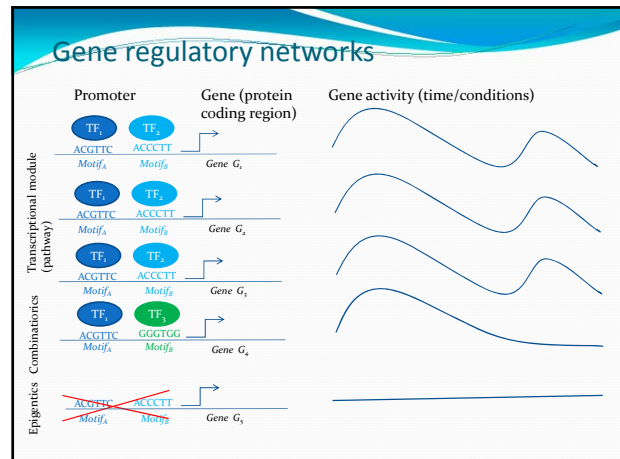
Expr	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_1$	$y_1$ predicted	
Cond. A	1.2	-1.3	-1.1	$\alpha + \beta_{12} \cdot 1.2 + \beta_{13} \cdot (-1.3)$	-0.594
Cond. B	1.7	-1.4	-1	$\alpha + \beta_{12} \cdot 1.7 + \beta_{13} \cdot (-1.4)$	-0.429
Cond. C	1.1	-0.9	-1.2	$\alpha + \beta_{12} \cdot 1.2 + \beta_{13} \cdot (-0.9)$	-0.437
Cond. D	1.3	1.2	1.4	$\alpha + \beta_{12} \cdot 1.3 + \beta_{13} \cdot 1.2$	0.699
Cond. E	1.4	1.4	1.2	$\alpha + \beta_{12} \cdot 1.4 + \beta_{13} \cdot 1.4$	0.842
Cond. F	1.8	1.9	1.1	$\alpha + \beta_{12} \cdot 1.8 + \beta_{13} \cdot 1.9$	1.264
...	...	...	...	...	...

Correlation: 0.78

Choose  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_{12}$  and  $\beta_{13}$  so that the correlation  
between observed ( $y_1$ ) and predicted ( $y_1$   
predicted) expression is maximized!

## Two types of networks inferred from expression data

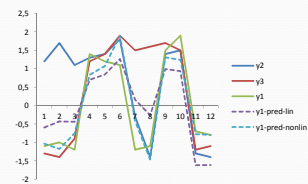
- **Gene networks:** describe the effect that genes have on the expression of one gene (direct or indirect regulation)
- **Regulatory network:** describe transcription factors regulating genes by binding DNA motifs in the promoter region (physical regulation)
- Gene networks cannot distinguish direct and indirect effect (e.g. the framework on the two previous slides)
- Regulatory networks describe causality: need to incorporate promoter information and knowledge of transcription factors



## Linear versus non-linear models

- **Linear model:**  $y_1 = \alpha + \beta_{12}y_2 + \beta_{13}y_3$
- **Non-linear model:**  $y_1 = \alpha + \beta_{12}y_2 + \beta_{13}y_3 + \beta_{123}y_2y_3$ 
  - $\beta_{123} > 0$ : synergistic interactions
  - $\beta_{123} < 0$ : competitive relationship

## AND - logic

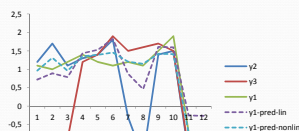


Linear model:  
 $\alpha = -0.46$   
 $\beta_{12} = 0.43$   
 $\beta_{13} = 0.50$

Non-linear model:  
 $\alpha = -0.55$   
 $\beta_{12} = 0.37$   
 $\beta_{13} = 0.27$   
 $\beta_{123} = 0.37$

Correlation between observed and predicted:  
 Linear model: 0.77  
 Non-linear model: 0.91  
 Correlation between gene 1 and  
 gene 2: 0.55  
 gene 3: 0.65

## OR - logic

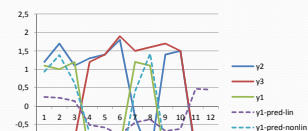


Linear model:  
 $\alpha = 0.59$   
 $\beta_{12} = 0.40$   
 $\beta_{13} = 0.27$

Non-linear model:  
 $\alpha = 0.64$   
 $\beta_{12} = 0.43$   
 $\beta_{13} = 0.40$   
 $\beta_{123} = -0.21$

Correlation between observed and predicted:  
 Linear model: 0.85  
 Non-linear model: 0.96  
 Correlation between gene 1 and  
 gene 2: 0.72  
 gene 3: 0.60

## XOR - logic



Linear model:  
 $\alpha = -0.02$   
 $\beta_{12} = -0.10$   
 $\beta_{13} = 0.30$

Non-linear model:  
 $\alpha = 0.11$   
 $\beta_{12} = -0.01$   
 $\beta_{13} = 0.03$   
 $\beta_{123} = -0.56$

Correlation between observed and predicted:  
 Linear model: 0.40  
 Non-linear model: 0.92  
 Correlation between gene 1 and  
 gene 2: -0.19  
 gene 3: -0.39

## Overfitting and the curse of dimensionality

$x = 7y$   
 $y = 3 + x$

Has a unique solution:  $x = -3.5, y = -0.5$

$x = 7y$   
 $y = z + x$

Has many solutions:  $z = 3, x = -3.5, y = -0.5$   
 $z = 6, x = -7, y = -1$   
 ...

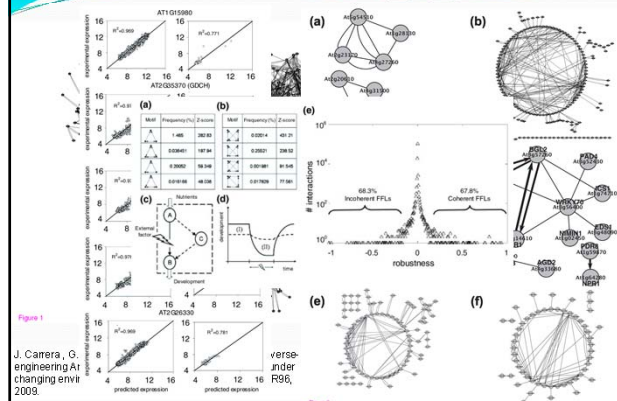
i.e. we need more samples than genes in order to solve:

$$y_i = \alpha_i + \sum_j \beta_{ij} y_j$$

there are ~45 000 genes in *Populus* ...  
 and even ~2500 transcription factors ...



## Regulatory network of Arabidopsis



## Summary: Systems biology

- Traditional methods treat and visualize genes as independent entities (reductionistic):
  - Hierarchical clustering
  - Co-expression networks
- Systems biology treat and visualize genes in the context of other genes (holistic)
  - Gene networks
  - Gene regulatory networks

## Some freely available tools

- R contains packages for most methods discussed here
- Hierarchical clustering: MeV (MultiExperiment Viewer)
- Machine learning: RapidMiner
- Networks: Cytoscape