Chemoinformatics and biological network A focus on a ligand-target interaction network

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Part 1 Biological network

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• XML based pathway representation format BioPAX, PSIMI, SBML, KGML

Types of biological network (I)

• Metabolic network

- Represent chain of chemical reactions of small molecules, called metabolites or substrates.
- Metabolic reactions are reversible i.e. they occur in both directions.
- Undirected network represented by complete metabolic pathways.
- Databases: KEGG, Reactome, SMPDB, WikiPathways, MANET



Nodes: chemicals (substrates) Links: chemistry reactions

Metabolic network example [RSM+02]

Types of biological network (II)

• Protein-protein interaction network

- A protein can interact with another protein, e.g., to build a protein complex or to activate it.
- Protein-protein interactions form large undirected network.
- Databases: BIND, BioGRID, CCSB Interactome, NetPro, BioLipprotein-ligand binding database



Protein interaction network example[JMBO01]

Types of biological network (III)

• Signal transduction network example

- The complete network of all directed signal transduction pathways
- Represent communication between cells. First molecule in a pathway receives a signal, it activates another molecule.
- Databases: KEGG, MiST, NCI / Nature Pathway Interaction



Signal transduction network example $[GBR^+13]$

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Types of biological network (IV)

• Gene regulatory network

- Directed network of gene regulatory pathways
- It models the indirect regulation and interaction of genes.
- Databases: KEGG, BioGPS, GeneMania, BioCarta, Reactome



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- Output
 - Network with pathways

Part 2 Ligand-target interaction network

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Ligand-target interaction

Ligand

- Low molecular weight chemical compound (weight < 900 daltons).
- Ligands are drugable molecules [Wik18]
- Ligand classes:

Synthetic organic, Metabolite, Natural product, Endogenous peptide, Inorganic, Approved drug



Stable complex using ligand and target [Wik17b]

Target or receptor

- Partner molecule to a ligand in complex forming process and most known targets are **proteins**.
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Ligand-target interaction network

- Network is formed by using nodes (ligands, targets) and edges (interaction)
- Undirected network
- Predict new ligand-target interaction using topology of network
- Biggest database for interactions: IUPHAR / BPS database

Main application: Drug discovery



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Dataset

- Dataset from IUPHAR/BPS Guide to pharmacology (GtoPdb) database in PostgreSQL format
- Size of database = 18.6 MB
- 8872 ligands, 2900 target proteins, 16979 ligand-target interactions

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• Number of literature data = 31,239 publications

Software

- Programming language: Python
- Database: PostgreSQL

Simple Random Walk

Simple Random Walk on a Graph

- Start from a random node at time t = 0
- Choose a neighbor randomly (including previous node) and move there
- Repeat until $t = \infty$ where ∞ : sufficiently large.
- Random walk on a graph G = (V, E):
 - a sequence of state vectors: $(p^0, p^1, p^2, \dots, p^n)$
- p^t = random walker state vector at time t

$$p^t = P * p^{t-1} \tag{1}$$

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where P: transition probability matrix

• Markov chain with memory 1

Simple Random Walk: illustration

t = 1, p¹ = P * p⁰, paths of length 1 from p₀,
t = 2, p² = P * p¹ = P² * p⁰, paths of length 2,
t = 3, p³ = P * p² = P³ * p⁰, paths of length 3,
t = ∞, p[∞] = P * p^{t-1} = P[∞] * p⁰, long paths.



Random walk example

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Simple random walk

- $p = (p_1, \ldots, p_n)), q = (q_1, \ldots, q_n)$ two state vectors,
- Euclidean distance:

$$d(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = d(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \sqrt{(q_1 - p_1)^2 + (q_2 - p_2)^2 + \dots + (q_n - p_n)^2}$$

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- Convergent (the distance between two successive states is decreasing)
- Stochastic (none of the other behviours)

Experimental results

Ligand-target interaction network

• Interaction network of ligand-target



Ligand-target interaction network

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Connected Component (CC)

• Connected component of an undirected graph G is a connected subgraph of G of maximum size.



Connected component example [Wik17a]

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• Total 490 CC in ligand-target interaction network of IUPHAR database

10 largest Connected Component (CC) with ligand distribution in IUPHAR

		Ligand Class or Family						
Connected Component (CC)	Total number of nodes in CC	Metabolite	Natural Product	Inorganic	Peptide	Antibody	Synthetic organic	Total
1	5588	313	154	27	580	27	3597	4698
2	248	3	1	0	0	0	235	239
3	154	0	1	0	91	0	53	145
4	113	0	0	0	95	0	12	107
5	103	0	0	0	67	0	32	99
6	101	0	1	0	16	70	8	95
7	96	0	0	0	43	0	50	93
8	84	0	0	0	72	0	9	81
9	65	0	0	0	47	0	11	58
10	58	0	1	0	37	0	17	55

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10 largest CC with Euclidean distance after 100 steps



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10 largest Connected Component (CC) Convergence status after 100 steps

Connected Component (CC)	Converged	Cyclic	Stochastic
1	Yes		
2	yes		
3	Yes		
4		Yes	
5		Yes	
6			Yes
7		Yes	
8			Yes
9			Yes
10	Yes		

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Cyclic or non-cyclic state vectors detection after 100, 1000, 10000 steps

	Iteration						
Connected Component	100		1000		10000		
(CC) with number of nodes	Number of a cyclic state	Number of a non- cyclic state	Number of a cyclic state	Number of a non- cyclic state	Number of a cyclic state	Number of a non- cyclic state	
CC 1 (5588 nodes)	0	5588	0	5588	5588	0	
CC 2 (248 nodes)	0	248	248	0	248	0	
CC 3 (154 nodes)	0	154	154	0	154	0	
CC 4 (113 nodes)	0	113	113	0	113	0	
CC 5 (103 nodes)	103	0	103	0	103	0	
CC 6 (101 nodes)	0	101	101	0	101	0	
CC 7 (96 nodes)	96	0	96	0	96	0	
CC 8 (84 nodes)	84	0	84	0	84	0	
CC 9 (65 nodes)	0	65	0	65	0	65	
CC 10 (58 nodes)	4	54	58	0	58	0	

- Convergence is not guaranteed with simple random walk.
- When number of iterations are increased most of the state vectors are in cyclic behavior.
- We can predict interactions using last state vector.
- In future, extension of simple random walk i.e Random Walk with Restart probability may give good results.

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• Interaction or link prediction is better with RWR.

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