# Inference of biological networks with supervised machine learning 

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## Biological networks



## Data available

Biologists have collected a lot of data about proteins. e.g.,

- Gene expression measurements
- Phylogenetic profiles
- Location of proteins/enzymes in the cell


How to use this information "intelligently" to find a good function that predicts edges between nodes.

## Our goal



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## Supervised methods

## Motivation

In actual applications,

- we know in advance parts of the network to be inferred
- the problem is to add/remove nodes and edges using genomic data as side information



## Supervised method

- Given genomic data and the currently known network...
- Infer missing edges between current nodes and additional nodes.


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## Representing a pair as a vector

- Each individual protein is represented by a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^{p}$
- We must represent a pair of proteins $(u, v)$ by a vector $\psi(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^{q}$ in order to estimate a linear classifier
- Question: how build $\psi(u, v)$ from $u$ and $v$ ?


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## Results: protein-protein interaction (yeast)


(from Bleakley et al., 2007)

## Results: metabolic gene network (yeast)


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## Results: regulatory network (E. coli)




| Method | Recall at 60\% | Recall at 80\% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| SIRENE | $\mathbf{4 4 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 . 6 \%}$ |
| CLR | $7.5 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ |
| Relevance networks | $4.7 \%$ | $3.3 \%$ |
| ARACNe | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Bayesian network | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

SIRENE = Supervised Inference of REgulatory NEtworks (Mordelet and V., 2008)

## Applications: missing enzyme prediction

## Prediction of missing enzyme genes in a bacterial metabolic network

## Reconstruction of the lysine-degradation pathway of Pseudomonas aeruginosa

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Research Article

## Prediction of nitrogen metabolism-related genes in Anabaena by kernel-based network analysis

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## Applications: function annotation

Determination of the role of the bacterial peptidase PepF by statistical inference and further experimental validation

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## Application: predicted regulatory network (E. coli)



Prediction at 60\% precision, restricted to transcription factors (from Mordelet and V., 2008).

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## Take-home messages

- When the network is known in part, supervised methods can be more adapted than unsupervised ones.
- A variety of methods have been investigated recently (metric learning, matrix completion, pattern recognition).
- The current winner on our benchmarks (metabolic, PPI and regulatory networks) is the local pattern recognition approach, which reaches high performance
- These methods:
- work for any network
- work with any data
- can integrate heterogeneous data, which strongly improves performance


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