# Inference of missing edges in biological networks 

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## Proteins



## Network 1: protein-protein interaction



## Network 2: metabolic network



## Network 3: gene regulatory network



## 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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## Evaluation on metabolic network reconstruction

- The known metabolic network of the yeast involves 769 proteins.
- Predict edges from distances between a variety of genomic data (expression, localization, phylogenetic profiles, interactions).



## Evaluation on regulatory network reconstruction

## Large-Scale Mapping and Validation of Escherichia coli Transcriptional Regulation from a Compendium of Expression Profiles

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## 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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## Theorem (V. et al., 2007)

- A SVM with the representation

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solves this metric learning problem without the constraint $M \geq 0$.

- Equivalently, train the SVM over pairs with the metric learning pairwise kernel:

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\begin{aligned}
& K_{M L P K}\left(\left(u_{1}, v_{1}\right),\left(u_{2}, v_{2}\right)\right)=\psi\left(u_{1}, v_{1}\right)^{\top} \psi\left(u_{2}, v_{2}\right) \\
& \quad=\left[K\left(u_{1}, u_{2}\right)-K\left(u_{1}, v_{2}\right)-K\left(v_{1}, u_{2}\right)+K\left(u_{2}, v_{2}\right)\right]^{2}
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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).
- work for any network
- work with any data
- can integrate heterogeneous data, which strongly improves performance
- Current research: infer edges simultaneously with global constraints on the graph?


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