# Structured feature selection 

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## Rationale of the team



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# Example: Toxicogenetics / Pharmacogenomics 

Toxicogenetics Challenge Data

| Chemical |
| :---: |
| descriptors |
| 10 K attributes |

Genotypes

| Cytotoxicity <br> data (EC <br> 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Training Set |

156 chemicals

## Problem: n << p

> Toxicogenetics Challenge Data

$\mathrm{n}=5 \mathrm{E} 4$

156 chemicals

## Example: Patient stratification



## Problem again: $n \ll p$




Patients with same condition


Good responders
$\mathrm{n}=1 \mathrm{E} 2$ ~ 1 E 4
(patients)
$p=1 E 4 \sim 1 E 7$
(genes, mutations, copy numbers, ...)

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## Feature Selection


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## Feature Selection techniques

1) Filter methods: test association between features and response one by one (eg: correlation, t-test, ...)
2) Wrapper methods: search a subset of features such that the classifier works well (best subset selection, forward search, recursive feature elimination...)
3) Embedded methods: directly optimize sparse models (eg: lasso, elastic net, ...)

## But...

## Gene expression profiling predicts clinical outcome of breast cancer

Laura J. van 't Veer ${ }^{\star} \dagger$, Hongyue Dai $\dagger \ddagger$, Marc J. van de Vijver ${ }^{\star} \dagger$, Yudong D. He $\ddagger$, Augustinus A. M. Hart*, Mao Mao $\ddagger$, Hans L. Peterse*, Karin van der Kooy ${ }^{\star}$, Matthew J. Marton $\ddagger$, Anke T. Witteveen*, George J. Schreiber $\ddagger$, Ron M. Kerkhoven ${ }^{\star}$, Chris Roberts $\ddagger$, Peter S. Linsley $\ddagger$, René Bernards ${ }^{\star}$ \& Stephen H. Friend $\ddagger$

70 genes (Nature, 2002)

Gene-expression profiles to predict distant metastasis of lymph-node-negative primary breast cancer

Yixin Wang, Jan G M Klijn, Yi Zhang, Anieta M Sieuwerts, Maxime P Look, Fei Yang, Dmitri Talantov, Mieke Timmermans, Marion E Meijer-van Gelder, Jack Yu, Tim Jatkoe, Els MJJ Berns, David Atkins, John A Foekens

76 genes (Lancet, 2005)

## 3 genes in common



## and nothing seems to work better


(Haury et al., 2011)

## Give up machine learning and go to Tahiti?



## Sparsity with the LASSO

- Linear model
$f(x)=w 1 x 1+w 2 x 2+\ldots+w P x P$
- Sparse when wK=0 for many K’s
- Learn a sparse model by minimize Error(w)
such that
$w$ is in the grey box 0
- O is convex -> efficient algorithm
- O has edges -> sparsity



# Structured sparsity with atomic norms 

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1) Choose a set of ATOMS
2) Take the convex hull
3) Minimize Error(w) such that w is in the convex hull

The solution is a sparse model over the ATOMS!

## Quizz: where are the atoms?



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## Quizz (cont.)



## Trace norm

to learn matrices with small rank

Graph Lasso (Jacob et al. 2009) to select features that tend to be connected over a given network

# Breast cancer prognosis signature with Lasso (accuracy=61\%) 



## Breast cancer prognosis signature with Graph Lasso (accuracy=64\%)



CDC45L- ORC6L VEGFA- VEGFB PCSK6- BTG2 ALDH3A2-C6orf35 AURKB-BIRC5 PSMD2- ZBTB16 PLP2 BCAP31 FADS1 - FADS2

## Learning sparse models with disjoint support?

## Motivation

- Multiclass or multi-task classification problems
- Eg: predict identity and emotion from a face
- Eg: cascade of classifiers




## An atomic norm (ECML 2014)



## Application: Microbial identification from MALDI-TOF MS spectra



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## Learning low-rank matrices with sparse factors ?



## An atomic norm (NIPS 2014)


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$$
X=\sum_{i=1}^{r} u_{i} v_{i}^{\top}
$$




## An atomic norm (NIPS 2014)



## Theorem

Learning with this norm is « statistically optimal » to infer sparse low-rank matrices

## But

Convex but NP-hard

## Preliminary results on sparse PCA




| Sample covariance | Trace | $\ell_{1}$ | Trace $+\ell_{1}$ | Sequential | $\Omega_{k, \succeq}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $4.20 \pm 0.02$ | $0.98 \pm 0.01$ | $2.07 \pm 0.01$ | $0.96 \pm 0.01$ | $0.93 \pm 0.08$ | $\mathbf{0 . 5 9} \pm \mathbf{0 . 0 3}$ |

## Conclusion Make your Atomic norm !



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