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I "Ideal approach to phylogenetics" (SIAM News)

ultimate goal: given genetic data of n species,
find most likely evolutionary tree.

intermediate goal: given genetic data of n species
and a hypothetical tree, decide
whether tree fits data.

data: n strings over $\{A, C, G, T\}$, aligned:

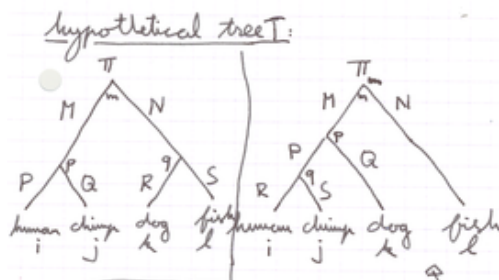
human A A A C G T G A C
chimp A A A G G A G A C
dog A A C C G A A T C
fish C C G A G G C A C

gives empirical
distribution on
 $\{A, C, G, T\}$.

$$\text{eg. } \frac{Pr(A, A, A, C)}{Pr(T, A, A, G)} = \frac{2}{9}.$$

gives statistical
model = family of
prob. distr on $\{A, C, G, T\}$
parameterised by

- ① initial distr. π
- ② transition mats



$$Pr(i, j, k, l) = \sum_{m, p, q} \pi_m M_{pm} N_{ln} P_{qp} Q_{lp} R_{iq} S_{jq}$$

$$Pr(i, j, k, l) = \sum_{m, p, q} \pi_m M_{pm} P_{ip} Q_{jp} N_{qm} R_{kq} S_{lq}$$

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problem: $\exists ? \pi, M, N, P, Q, R, S$ that give rise (almost) to the empirical distribution?

more precisely: we have a polynomial "map" Φ_T edges of T

$$\Phi_T: \Delta^3 \times \{4 \times 4 \text{ stoch. mats}\}$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta^{4^n - 1}$$

and an emp. distr. $\in \Delta^{4^n - 1}$, and want to test if emp. distr. $\in \text{im } \Phi$.

idea: find the ideal of $\text{im } \Phi$, and test equations on the emp. distr.

1st simplification: forget about non-neg. coords, and allow complex numbers:

$$\tilde{\Phi}_T: \{\pi \in \mathbb{C}^4 \mid \sum \pi_i = 1\} \times \{4 \times 4 \text{ mats} / \text{tr} = 1\}$$

$$\rightarrow \{\sigma \in \mathbb{C}^{(4)} \mid \sum_{i,j \in T} \sigma_{ij} = 1\}. \quad I(\text{im } \Phi) = I(\text{im } \tilde{\Phi})$$

2nd simplification: forget about π and col sums:

$$\Psi_T: \{4 \times 4 \text{-mats} / \text{tr} = 1\}^{\text{edges}(T)} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{(4^n)}$$

ex: $\sum_{p,q} \pi_{pm} P_{ip} Q_{jq} N_{qm} R_{iq} S_{iq}$

lim the cone over $\text{im } \tilde{\Phi}$ lies dense in $\text{im } \Psi$.

goal: find the ideal of $\text{im } \Psi$, given the tree T .

thm (Allman-Rhodes) From set-theoretic equations for $\begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array}$ one can construct set-theoretic equations for all trees in which all valencies ≤ 3 .

thm (Deininger-Kuttler) Same is true w set-theoretic replaced by scheme-theoretic.

(2.1) G finite group (e.g. for ex. $G = \{1\}$)

def A G -spaced tree consists of:

- a finite tree T
 - a finite G -set B_p for every vertex p of T .
- Set $V_p := \bigoplus B_p$, w bilin. form
 $\langle b, b' \rangle = \delta_{b, b'}$.

def A G -representation of a G -tree is collection

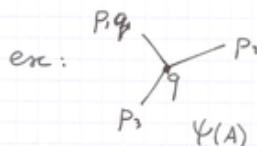
$$A = (A_{p,q})_{p \sim q} \\ (V_p \otimes V_q)^G.$$

def $A \in \text{rep}^G(T)$ then $\Psi(A) \in \bigotimes_{p \in \text{leaf}(T)} V_p$

defined as follows:

• start with $\bigotimes_{p \sim q} A_{p,q} \in \bigotimes_{p \in \text{vertex}(T)} V_p^{\otimes \text{degree}(p)}$

• contract with $\bigotimes_{p \in \text{internal}(T)} \left(\sum_{b \in B_p} b^{\otimes \text{degree}(p)} \right)$.



$$\sum_{b \in B_q} (A_{q p_1} b) \otimes (A_{q p_2} b) \otimes (A_{q p_3} b).$$

• leaves elt of $\bigotimes_{p \in \text{leaf}(T)} V_p$ (actually, G -invariant)

def $\text{EM}(T) = \{ \Psi(A) \mid A \in \text{rep}^G(T) \}$
 (Equivariant Model)

thm $(D-K)I(\text{EM}(T))$ can be constructed from
 $I(\text{EM}(T'))$ where T' runs over the included
 subtrees of T of diam ≤ 2 .

thm $I(\text{EM}(T)) = \sum_{q \in \text{vertex}(T)} I(\text{EM}(T_q))$.

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major tool:

def

if $V \in M_{k,l}(\mathbb{C})$, $W \in M_{l,m}(\mathbb{C})$ varieties
~~assumed to be~~
 then $V \cdot W = \{MN \mid M \in V, N \in W\} \in M_{k,m}$.

prop

if $V \in M_{k,l}(\mathbb{C})$, $W \in M_{l,m}(\mathbb{C})$ then and
 $V = V \cdot M_{l,l}$, $W = M_{l,l} \cdot W$, then

$$I(V \cdot W) = I(V \cdot M_{l,m}) + I(M_{k,l} \cdot W)$$

proof

uses Taylor's FFT for GL_{k,l}!

cor

$$I(V \cdot M_{l,m}) = I(V') + I(R_l)$$

$$V' = \{M \in M_{k,m} \mid M \cdot M_{m,l} \in V\}$$

$$R_l = \{M \in M_{k,m} \mid M \cdot M_{m,l} \in l\}.$$

pf of cor

~~$V \cdot M_{l,m} \in V' \cdot R_l$~~ set $W' := M_{m,l} \cdot M_{l,m}$
 apply ~~for~~ prop. ~~to~~ to (k, m, m, V', W') :

cor $I(V \cdot W)$ can be expressed in $I(V)$, $I(W)$.
 $V' \cdot M_{m,l} \in V$ so $I(V \cdot M_{l,m}) \subseteq I(V' \cdot M_{m,l} \cdot M_{l,m}) = I(V' \cdot W') = I(V')$

use:



$$EM(T) = EM(T_1) \cdot EM(T_2)$$

$$\sum_{m,p,q} M_{pm} P_{ip} Q_{jp} N_{qm} R_{lq} S_{lq}$$

$$\sum_m \left(\sum_p M_{pm} P_{ip} Q_{jp} \right) \left(\sum_q N_{qm} R_{lq} S_{lq} \right)$$

(i,j,m) -entry from $\Psi_{T_1}(M,P,Q)$ (k,l,m) -entry from $\Psi_{T_2}(N,R,S)$.

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BAD NEWS: we don't know ^{set-theoretic} eqs for EP  with $G = \{1\}$.

all B_p of size 4. Well, we know some but not if they suffice. (eg. a 1728-dim space of quintics)

Luckily, we do know such eqs ~~as~~ for models w more symmetry (larger G) imposed (Sturmfels - Sullivan - Caronellus -).

Our result explains ~~why~~ in a unified way how to construct all eqs for larger trees.

Proof of prop:

$$f \in I(V \cdot W) \rightsquigarrow \tilde{f} : M_{k,l} \times M_{l,m} \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

$$(M, N) \mapsto f(MN)$$

$\tilde{f} \in I(V \times W)$ so

$$\tilde{f} = \tilde{f}_1 \otimes h_1 + \tilde{f}_2 \otimes h_2$$

where $f_1 \in I(V)$, $f_2 \in I(W)$, $h_1 \in \mathbb{C}[M_{k,l}]$, $h_2 \in \mathbb{C}[M_{l,m}]$

$\tilde{f}$ is GL_l -inv. thus

$$\tilde{f} = \rho(\tilde{f}) = \underbrace{\rho(f_1 \otimes h_1)}_{\tilde{g}_1} + \underbrace{\rho(h_2 \otimes f_2)}_{\tilde{g}_2}$$

$\tilde{g}_1 \in I(V) \otimes \mathbb{C}[M_{k,l}]$ (as V is GL_l -inv)

$\tilde{g}_2 \in \mathbb{C}[M_{k,l}] \otimes I(W)$ (as W is GL_l -inv)

FFT: $\exists g_1, g_2 \in \mathbb{C}[M_{k,l}] : \tilde{g}_i(MN) = g_i(MN), i=1,2.$
 $\tilde{f} = g_1 + g_2 \in I(V \cdot M_{k,l}) + I(M_{k,l} \cdot W).$ □