

Describing DNA sequences using Markov chains

An introduction

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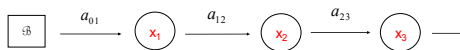
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1. What's a **Markov chain** and what has it to do with DNA?



Андрей Андреевич Марков (1856 – 1922)

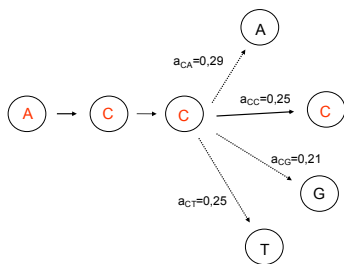
Markov chain



- **Model:** sequence is created by a random process
- **Alphabet:** set of values building up the chain, e.g. $x_i = \{A, C, G, T\}$
- **Markov property:** the value at x_{i+1} only depends on x_i , but not on x_{i-1}, x_{i-2}, \dots
- **Transition probability:** $a_{st} = P(x_i = t \mid x_{i-1} = s)$

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Markov-chain for DNA



$a_{cA}=0.29$ = probability that a C is followed by an A

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Drawing a long Markov chain (for DNA)

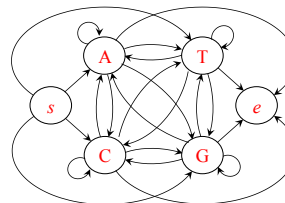


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Notation for the joint probability of a chain

$$P(\vec{x}) = P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, X_3 = x_3, \dots, X_N = x_N)$$

$$= P(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_N)$$

$$P(\vec{x}) = P(X_1 = A, X_2 = C, X_3 = C, X_4 = G, X_5 = T)$$

$$= P(A, C, C, G, T)$$

Probability of a particular chain

$$P(\vec{x}) = P(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{N-1}, x_N)$$

Use multiple times: $P(x,y) = P(x|y) \cdot P(y)$

$$P(\vec{x}) = P(x_1) \cdot P(x_2 | x_1) \cdot P(x_3 | x_2, x_1) \cdot P(x_4 | x_3, x_2, x_1) \cdot \dots$$

With the Markov property, this becomes much easier:

$$P(\vec{x}) = P(x_1) \cdot P(x_2 | x_1) \cdot P(x_3 | x_2) \cdot P(x_4 | x_3) \cdot \dots \cdot P(x_N | x_{N-1})$$

Probability of the Markov chain¹

$$P(\vec{x}) = P(x_1) \cdot P(x_2 | x_1) \cdot P(x_3 | x_2) \cdot P(x_4 | x_3) \cdot \dots \cdot P(x_N | x_{N-1})$$

let $a_{x_i|x_{i-1}} = P(x_i | x_{i-1})$

$$P(\vec{x}) = P(x_1) \cdot a_{x_2|x_1} \cdot a_{x_3|x_2} \cdot \dots \cdot a_{x_{N-1}|x_{N-2}} \cdot a_{x_N|x_{N-1}}$$

$$P(\vec{x}) = P(x_1) \cdot \prod_{i=2}^N a_{x_i|x_{i-1}} \quad \text{with} \quad P(x_1) = a_{x_0|x_1}$$

$$P(\vec{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^N a_{x_i|x_{i-1}}$$

¹considering homogeneous Markov-chains only

ML estimators for the transition probabilities in DNA

- count the frequency of dinucleotides in genomic data c_{st}
- Normalization: (**a** = probabilities; **c** = "counts"):

$$a_{st} = \frac{c_{st}}{\sum_i c_{si}} \quad s, t \in \{A, C, G, T\}$$

ML estimators for the transition probabilities in DNA

$$c_{CG} = 100 \quad c_{CA} = 150 \quad c_{CT} = 50 \quad c_{CC} = 100$$

$$a_{CG} = \frac{c_{CG}}{c_{CG} + c_{CA} + c_{CT} + c_{CC}} = \frac{100}{100 + 150 + 50 + 100} = 0,25$$

$$a_{CA} = \frac{150}{400} = 0,375$$

$$a_{CT} = \frac{50}{400} = 0,125$$

$$a_{CC} = \frac{100}{400} = 0,25$$

$$a_{CG} + a_{CA} + a_{CT} + a_{CC} = 1 \quad \text{line total}$$

Matrix of transition probabilities

	A	C	G	T
A	0,300	0,205	0,285	0,210
C	0,322	0,298	0,078	0,302
G	0,248	0,246	0,298	0,208
T	0,177	0,239	0,292	0,292

Stochastic matrix

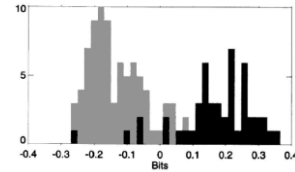
$$P(C, A, A, G) = a_{0C} \cdot a_{CA} \cdot a_{AA} \cdot a_{AG}$$

$$= 0,25 \cdot 0,322 \cdot 0,300 \cdot 0,285 = 0,00688$$

Language recognition (Markov)



2. A Likelihood Ratio Test using Markov chains that decides if a small piece of DNA is a CpG island or not



What is a CpG island ?



- What CpG frequency do we expect ?
 - $P_{CG} \approx \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 1/16$; more precisely $0,21 \cdot 0,21 \approx 4,4\%$
- actual frequency is only **0,8 %** (mammalia)
- cytosine (C) in a CpG is chemically unstable:
 - methylation, deamination: $CG \rightarrow C^{meth}G \rightarrow TG$
- **CpG-islands** have a higher CpG percentage, compared to the rest of the genome

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Exon 1 CpG Island: 12634..12767
11941 ttatagatc cccctccctc taactctgt cctctatca cttccctctt cctctccctc
12081 taactatgca cactctccca ccgactatct gttccagpac acccccctct cttctccaga
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"Training": Finding transition probabilities for both CpG islands and non-islands

	CpG-Islands				Non-Islands			
	A	C	G	T	A	C	G	T
A	0,180	0,274	0,426	0,120	0,300	0,205	0,285	0,210
C	0,171	0,368	0,274	0,188	0,322	0,298	0,078	0,302
G	0,161	0,339	0,375	0,125	0,248	0,246	0,298	0,208
T	0,079	0,355	0,384	0,182	0,177	0,239	0,292	0,292

mod+

mod-

$$a_{CG}^+ = 0,274$$

$$a_{CG}^- = 0,078$$

How to discriminate between CpG islands and non-islands

$$X = (ATCGCGCGGC)$$

$$P(X | \text{mod}+) = \prod_i a_{x_i, x_{i+1}}^+ = a_{AA}^+ \cdot a_{AT}^+ \cdot a_{TC}^+ \cdot a_{CC}^+ \cdot a_{CG}^+ \cdot a_{GC}^+ \cdot a_{CG}^+ \cdot a_{CC}^+ \cdot a_{CG}^+ \cdot a_{GC}^+$$

$$= 0,25 \cdot 0,120 \cdot 0,355 \cdot 0,274 \cdot 0,339 \cdot 0,274 \cdot 0,339 \cdot 0,274 \cdot 0,375 \cdot 0,339 = 3,125 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$P(X | \text{mod}-) = \prod_i a_{x_i, x_{i+1}}^- = a_{AA}^- \cdot a_{AT}^- \cdot a_{TC}^- \cdot a_{CC}^- \cdot a_{CG}^- \cdot a_{GC}^- \cdot a_{CG}^- \cdot a_{CC}^- \cdot a_{CG}^- \cdot a_{GC}^-$$

$$= 0,25 \cdot 0,210 \cdot 0,239 \cdot 0,078 \cdot 0,246 \cdot 0,078 \cdot 0,246 \cdot 0,078 \cdot 0,298 \cdot 0,246 = 2,65 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

Result: It is more likely that X is a CpG-Island

Likelihood Ratio Test for Discrimination of CpG islands and non-islands

- According to the model, a sequence X is a CpG-island if:

$$P(X | \text{mod}+) > P(X | \text{mod}-)$$

$$\frac{P(X | \text{mod}+)}{P(X | \text{mod}-)} > 1$$

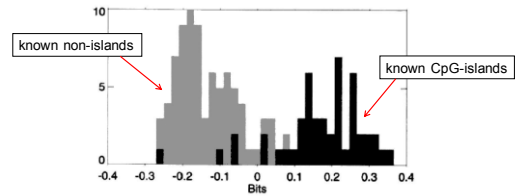
$$S = \log \left[\frac{P(X | \text{mod}+)}{P(X | \text{mod}-)} \right] = \sum_{i=1}^L \log \frac{a_{x_i+|x_i}^+}{a_{x_i+|x_i}^-} = \sum_{i=1}^L \beta_{x_i+|x_i} > 0$$

log odds score (S)

log likelihood ratios

Does the method really work?

- Go back and calculate the scores for both training sets:



Errors caused by: incorrect labels in the training sets, hard to determine borders between CpG-islands and non-islands

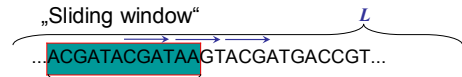
Picture from: Durbin et al. (Ed): Biological Sequence Analysis, Cambridge University Press, 1998

Pros and Cons of the scoring model

- Given a short piece of DNA, you can decide if it is a CpG-island or not
- You cannot identify a potential CpG-island in a long sequence (\implies HMM)



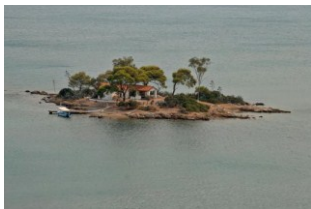
Long sequence: Finding CpG-islands with a sliding window



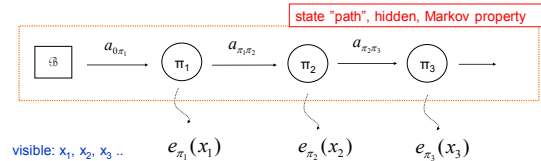
- Calculate score S in every window
- Disadvantages:
 - Runtime (?)
 - unknown size of the island (?)

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3. A Hidden Markov Model that can locate CpG islands in a large piece of DNA



Hidden Markov Model



Probability of a particular sequence of states and symbols:

$$P(x, \pi) = a_{0\pi_1} \cdot e_{\pi_1(x_1)} \cdot a_{\pi_1\pi_2} \cdot e_{\pi_2(x_2)} \cdot a_{\pi_2\pi_3} \cdot \dots$$

$$P(x, \pi) = a_{0\pi_1} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^L e_{\pi_i(x_i)} \cdot a_{\pi_i\pi_{i+1}}$$

Probability of a particular sequence of states and symbols

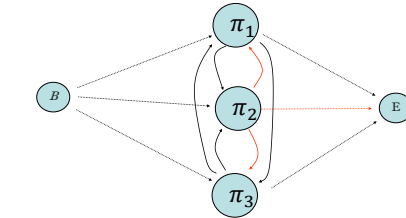
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$$P(x, \pi) = a_{0\pi_1} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^L e_{\pi_i}(x_i) \cdot a_{\pi_i\pi_{i+1}}$$

$a_{kl} = P(\pi_i = l \mid \pi_{i-1} = k)$ transition probabilities (within state path)

$e_k(b) = P(x_i = b \mid \pi_i = k)$ emission probabilities

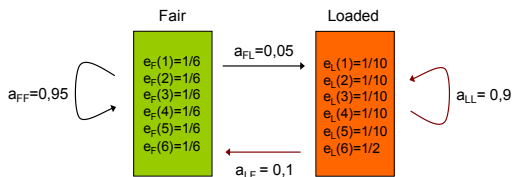
Drawing a HMM for an arbitrary long sequence



$$a_{\pi_2\pi_1} + a_{\pi_2\pi_3} + a_{\pi_2E} = 1$$

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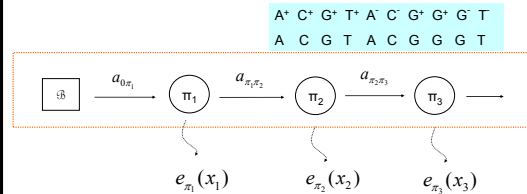
HMM: Casino with a fair and a loaded die



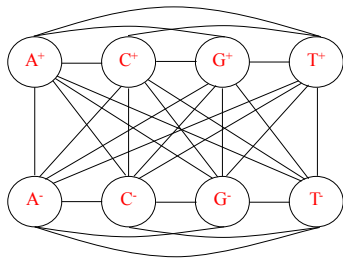
Observer sees emissions only: 3 4 2 4 6 4 6 3 4 6 6 3 6 3 4 6 6
State is hidden for the observer: F F F F F F F L L L L L L L L L L L

HMM for the recognition of CpG islands embedded in genomic DNA

- States: A⁺, C⁺, G⁺, T⁺, A⁻, C⁻, G⁻, T⁻
- Symbols: A, C, G, T



HMM for CpG islands in DNA-sequence



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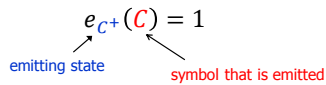
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Transition probabilities

π_i/π_{i+1}	A ⁺	C ⁺	G ⁺	T ⁺	A ⁻	C ⁻	G ⁻	T ⁻
A ⁺	0.180p	0.274p	0.426p	0.120p	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$
C ⁺	0.171p	0.368p	0.274p	0.188p	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$
G ⁺	0.161p	0.339p	0.375p	0.125p	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$
T ⁺	0.079p	0.355p	0.384p	0.182p	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$	$\frac{1-p}{4}$
A ⁻	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	0.300q	0.205q	0.285q	0.210q
C ⁻	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	0.322q	0.298q	0.076q	0.302q
G ⁻	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	0.248q	0.246q	0.298q	0.208q
T ⁻	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	$\frac{1-q}{4}$	0.177q	0.239q	0.292q	0.292q

$p = P(\text{remains in CpG-islands}) \approx 0.95$, $q = P(\text{remains in non-island}) \approx 0.99$

Emission probabilities



$$\begin{aligned}
 e_{C^+}(C) &= 1; & e_{C^-}(C) &= 1 & e_{\pi_i}(C) &= 0 \text{ otherwise} \\
 e_{A^+}(A) &= 1; & e_{A^-}(A) &= 1 & e_{\pi_i}(A) &= 0 \text{ otherwise} \\
 e_{G^+}(G) &= 1; & e_{G^-}(G) &= 1 & e_{\pi_i}(G) &= 0 \text{ otherwise} \\
 e_{T^+}(T) &= 1; & e_{T^-}(T) &= 1 & e_{\pi_i}(T) &= 0 \text{ otherwise}
 \end{aligned}$$

Decoding: finding hidden states from observations

- Observed sequence ("emissions"):
 - C G C G (Sorry!, still a short sequence !!)
- might have been generated by the "state" sequences:
 - C⁺G⁺C⁺G⁺
 - C⁻G⁻C⁻G⁻
 - C⁺G⁻C⁺G⁻
 - ...
- How to find the "best" sequence of states ?
 - practical not possible to calculate all potential paths ...
 - Viterbi - algorithm ("dynamic programming")

Transition probabilities (see table above)

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= 0,95 \text{ (stays in +)} & q &= 0,99 \text{ (stays in -)} \\
 a_{C^+C^+} &= 0,274 \cdot 0,95 = 0,26 \\
 a_{G^+C^+} &= 0,339 \cdot 0,95 = 0,322 \\
 a_{C^-C^-} &= 0,078 \cdot 0,99 = 0,0772 \\
 a_{G^-C^-} &= 0,246 \cdot 0,99 = 0,2435 \\
 a_{C^+C^-} &= (1 - 0,95)/4 = 0,0125 \text{ small} \\
 a_{G^+C^-} &= (1 - 0,99)/4 = 0,0025 \text{ small}
 \end{aligned}$$

HMM:

$$P(x, \pi) = a_{0\pi_1} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^L e_{\pi_i}(x_i) \cdot a_{\pi_i\pi_{i+1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X=C, G, C, G; \pi=C^+, G^+, C^+, G^+) &= \\
 = a_{0C^+} \cdot e_{C^+}(C) \cdot a_{C^+G^+} \cdot e_{G^+}(G) \cdot a_{G^+C^+} \cdot e_{C^+}(C) \cdot a_{C^+G^+} \cdot e_{G^+}(G) \cdot a_{G^+0} \\
 = 0,13 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,26 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,322 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,26 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 &= 0,00283
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X=C, G, C, G; \pi=C^-, G^-, C^-, G^-) &= \\
 = a_{0C^-} \cdot e_{C^-}(C) \cdot a_{C^-G^-} \cdot e_{G^-}(G) \cdot a_{G^-C^-} \cdot e_{C^-}(C) \cdot a_{C^-G^-} \cdot e_{G^-}(G) \cdot a_{G^-0} \\
 = 0,13 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,0772 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,2435 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,0772 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 &= 0,000189
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X=C, G, C, G; \pi=C^+, G^-, C^+, G^-) &= \\
 = a_{0C^+} \cdot e_{C^+}(C) \cdot a_{C^+G^-} \cdot e_{G^-}(G) \cdot a_{G^-C^+} \cdot e_{C^+}(C) \cdot a_{C^+G^-} \cdot e_{G^-}(G) \cdot a_{G^-0} \\
 = 0,13 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,0125 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,0025 \cdot 1 \cdot 0,0125 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 &= 5 \cdot 10^{-8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finding the most probable path: the Viterbi algorithm

$$P(x, \pi) = a_{0\pi_1} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^L e_{\pi_i}(x_i) \cdot a_{\pi_i\pi_{i+1}}$$

Solution: $\pi^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} P(x, \pi) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} P(\pi | x)$

Recursion:

$v_k(i)$: probability of the most probable path ending in state k with observation i

$$v_l(i+1) = e_l(x_{i+1}) \max_k \{v_k(i) \cdot a_{kl}\}$$

Viterby

Durbin et al., Biological sequence analysis, p. 56

$$v_l(i+1) = e_l(x_{i+1}) \max_k \{v_k(i) \cdot a_{kl}\}$$

v	v(0)	C	G	C	G
B	1	0	0	0	0
A ₊	0	0	0	0	0
C ₊	0	0.13	0	0.012	0
G ₊	0	0	0.034	0	0.0032
T ₊	0	0	0	0	0
A ₋	0	0	0	0	0
C ₋	0	0.13	0	0.0026	0
G ₋	0	0	0.010	0	0.00021
T ₋	0	0	0	0	0

We've found a CpG island, thus!

Trellis-Diagramm

	i = 0	i = 1	i = 2	i = 3	i = 4	i = 5
β	1	-	-	-	-	-
π_1	0	•	•	•	•	•
π_2	0	•	•	•	•	•
π_3	0	•	•	•	•	•
π_4	0	•	•	•	•	•
π_5	0	•	•	•	•	•

Remarks

- **Result:** we've found that the whole sequence **CGCG** is a CpG island (sequence was very short!)
- Method works for **arbitrary long sequence** and might then switch between long stretches of + and - states, respectively ... as it should
- Most probable path (Viterby) is not the only solution: **posterior decoding**; $\hat{\pi}_i = \operatorname{argmax}_k P(\pi_i = k | x)$ calculated by the Forward- and Backward algorithm

Software

- R – Scripte:
 - CRAN: Bioconductor
 - <http://www.stat.uni-muenchen.de/~semwis/stochastische-prozesse/>
(Ludwig Fahrmeir / Christiane Belitz)
- MATLAB
 - stats package

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Statistics Toolbox

Analyzing a Hidden Markov Model

This section explains how to use functions in the Statistics Toolbox to analyze hidden Markov models. For illustration, the section uses the example described in [Example of a Hidden Markov Model](#). The section shows how to recover information about the model, assuming that you do not know some of the model's parameters. The section covers the following topics:

- [Setting Up the Model and Generating Data](#)
- [Computing the Most Likely Sequence of States](#)
- [Estimating the Transition and Emission Matrices](#)
- [Changing the Probabilities of the Initial States](#)
- [Example: Changing the Initial Probabilities](#)

Setting Up the Model and Generating Data

This section shows how to set up a hidden Markov model and use it to generate data. First, create the transition and emission matrices by entering the following commands.

```
TRANS = [.9 .1; .05 .95];
```

```
EMIS = [1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6, 1/6; ...  
7/12, 1/12, 1/12, 1/12, 1/12, 1/12];
```

Casino!

Next, generate a random sequence of emissions from the model, seq, of length 1000, using the function `haagenerate`. You can also return the corresponding random sequence of states in the model as the second output, states.

```
[seq, states] = haagenerate(1000, TRANS, EMIS);
```

Note In generating the sequences `seq` and `states`, `haagenerate` begins with the model in state $i_1 = 1$ at step 0. The model then makes a transition to state i_1 at step 1, and returns i_1 as the first entry in `states`.

How the Toolbox Generates Random Sequences

Computing the Most Likely Sequence of States

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Statistics Toolbox

Computing the Most Likely Sequence of States

Suppose you know the transition and emission matrices, TRANS and EMIS. If you observe a sequence, seq, of emissions, how can you compute the most likely sequence of states that generated the sequence? The function `haviiterbi` uses the Viterbi algorithm to compute the most likely sequence of states that the model would go through to generate the given sequence of emissions.

```
like1ystates = haviiterbi(seq, TRANS, EMIS);
```

`like1ystates` is a sequence of the same length as `seq`.

To test the accuracy of `haviiterbi`, you can compute the percentage of the time that the actual sequence `states` agrees with the sequence `like1ystates`.

```
sua(states==like1ystates)/1000
```

```
ans =
```

```
0.8200
```

This shows that the most likely sequence of states agrees with the actual sequence 82% of the time. Note that your results might differ if you run the same commands, because the sequence `seq` is random.

Note The states at the beginning of the sequence returned by `haviiterbi` are less reliable because of the computational delay in the Viterbi algorithm.

Analyzing a Hidden Markov Model

Estimating the Transition and Emission Matrices

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Hidden Markov Models

Documentation for package 'HiddenMarkov' version 1.2-3

User Guides and Package Vignettes

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4. Parameter estimation for HMM's

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 ? & a_{\pi_i, \pi_{i+1}} & ? \\
 & e_{\pi_i}(x_i) &
 \end{array}$$

4. 1. Parameter estimation if we have a training set where the states are known

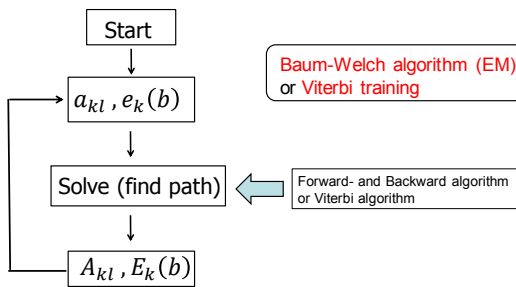
$$a_{kl} = \frac{A_{kl}}{\sum_l A_{kl}} \quad k, l \in \{A^+, C^+, G^+, T^+, A^-, C^-, G^-, T^-\}$$

$$e_k(b) = \frac{E_k(b)}{\sum_b E_k(b)} \quad k \in \{A^+, C^+, G^+, T^+, A^-, C^-, G^-, T^-\}$$

$$b \in \{A, C, G, T\}$$

- A, E: **counts**, from the training set with known path
- a and e are **ML estimators**, as before
- problem with **overfitting**

4. 2. Parameter estimation if we have **no** training set with known states



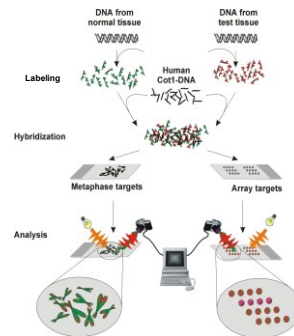
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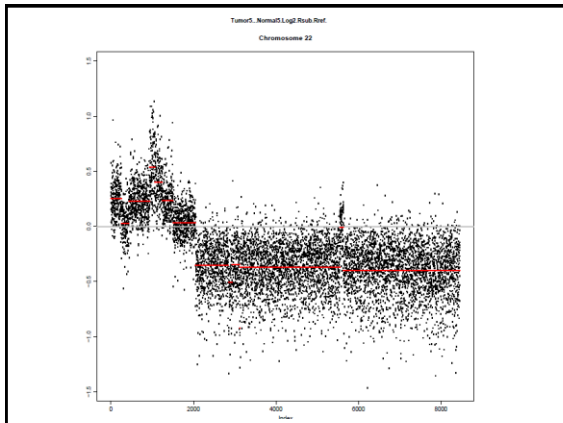
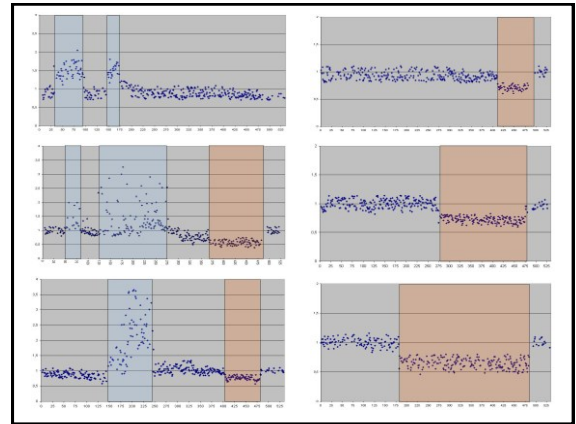
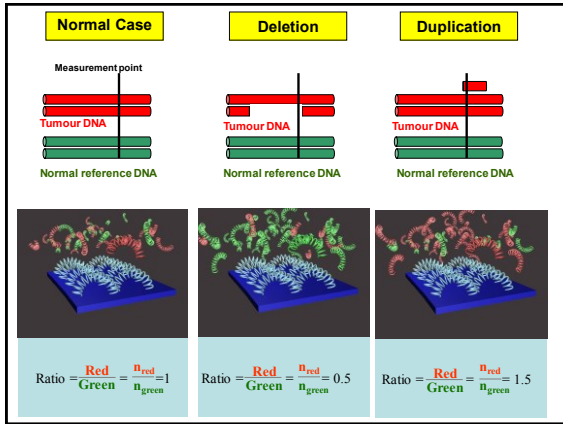
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5. A **Continuous Density Hidden Markov Model** that can recognise amplifications and deletions of large chunks of genomic DNA on a chromosome



Metaphase-CGH and Microarray-CGH





Continuous Density Hidden Markov Model

- Hidden states: Copy number (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, >4)
- Emission probabilities: Gaussian spectrum

$$e_{\pi_i}(x_i) = P(x_i | \pi_i, \mu_i, \sigma_i) \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i)$$

SMAP

- Segmental Maximum A Posteriori
- maximize the joint posterior probability of the states (π) and the parameters (μ)

$$\hat{\vartheta} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\vartheta} \max_{\pi} P(\vartheta, \pi | x)$$

$\vartheta = (a, \mu, \sigma)$: transition prob., means and variances of the Gaussians

Recursion: maximize with respect to π , then with respect to ϑ

Segmental MAP

$$p(\theta, z|x) = \frac{p(z, \theta, x)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(z, x|\theta) \cdot p(\theta)}{p(x)}$$

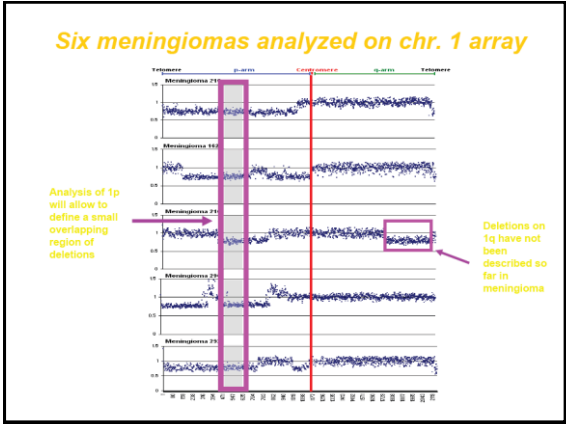
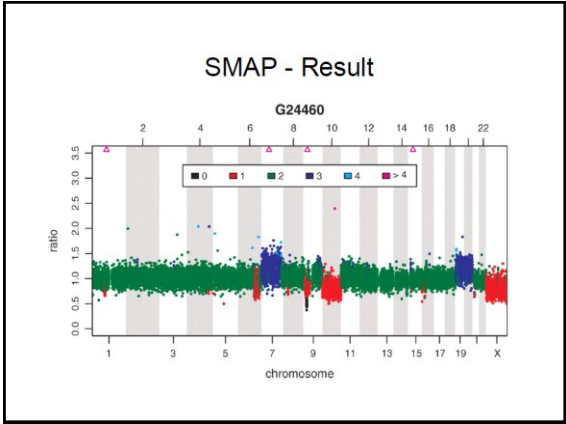
Find a θ that maximizes $p(\theta, z|x)$:

$$\theta = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \max_z p(\theta, z|x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \max_z p(x, z|\theta) \cdot p(\theta)$$

Alternate maximization over z and θ yields a sequence of non-decreasing $p(\theta, z|x)$:

$$z_{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_z p(x, z|\theta_t) \quad \text{Viterbi}$$

$$\theta_{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} p(x, z_{t+1}|\theta) \cdot p(\theta)$$



Thank you for your attention!

Entropy of a DNA-sequence

Let x_i be an alphabet, e.g. $x_i = \{A, C, G, T\}$

$$H(X) = -\sum_i p(x_i) \cdot \log(p(x_i)) = -\sum_i p_i \cdot \log(p_i)$$


$$p(A) = p(C) = p(G) = p(T) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{1}{4} \cdot \log_2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 2 \text{ bit; } 2 \text{ Yes/No-questions}$$

Durbin et al, Chapter 11.2

Rett-Syndrom

- > 1:15,000 (nur Mädchen)
- > Im Alter von ca. 1 Jahr verlieren sie das Interesse an anderen Menschen und entwickeln stereotypische Verhaltensweisen (z.B. Händeringen)
- > Ursache: Mutation in **MeCP2** (methyl CpG-binding protein 2, X-Chr.)
- > Bindet an **methylierte CpG-Inseln** in Promotoren



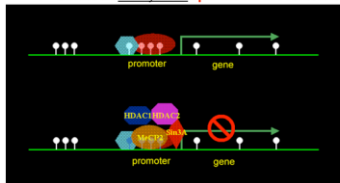


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