

Net1: (Last week)

- **Macroscopic continuous concentration rates** (rbc)
 - Cooperativity & Hill coefficients
 - Bistability (oocyte cell division)
- **Mesoscopic discrete molecular numbers**
 - Approximate & exact stochastic (low variance feedback)
- **Chromosome Copy Number Control**
- **Flux balance optimization**
 - Universal stoichiometric matrix
 - Genomic sequence comparisons (*E.coli* & *H.pylori*)

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Net2: Bio-algorithms

- **Biology to aid algorithms to aid biology**
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Algorithm Running Time

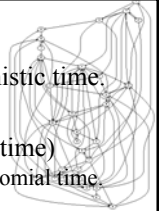
Given a size n problem, an algorithm runs $O(f(n))$ time:

$O(f(n))$: upper bound. (Ω : lower Θ : equal)

	Time	$n=1$	$n=10$	$n=100$	$n=1000$
Polynomial	n	1	10	10^2	10^3
	n^2	1	10^2	10^4	10^6
	n^{10}	1	10^{10}	10^{20}	10^{30}
Exponential	2^n	2	$> 10^3$	$> 10^{30}$	$> 10^{300}$
	$n!$	1	$> 10^6$	$> 10^{150}$	$> 10^{2500}$

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Algorithm Complexity



- P = solutions in polynomial deterministic time.
 - e.g. dynamic programming
- NP = (non-deterministic polynomial time) solutions checkable in deterministic polynomial time.
 - e.g. RSA code breaking by factoring
- NP-complete = most complex subset of NP
 - e.g. traveling all vertices with mileage $< x$
- NP-hard = optimization versions of above
 - e.g. Minimum mileage for traveling all vertices
- Undecidable = no way even with unlimited time & space
 - e.g. program halting problem

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How to deal with NP-complete and NP-hard Problems

- Redefine the problem into Class P:
 - RNA structure Tertiary \Rightarrow Secondary
 - Alignment with arbitrary function \Rightarrow constant
- Worst-case exponential time:
 - Devise exhaustive search algorithms.
 - Exhaustive searching + Pruning.
- Polynomial-time close-to-optimal solution:
 - Exhaustive searching + Heuristics (Chess)
 - Polynomial time approximation algorithms

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What can biology do for difficult computation problems

- DNA computing
 - A molecule is a small processor,
 - Parallel computing for exhaustive searching.
- Genetic algorithms
 - Heuristics for finding optimal solution, adaptation
- Neural networks
 - Heuristics for finding optimal solution, learning,...

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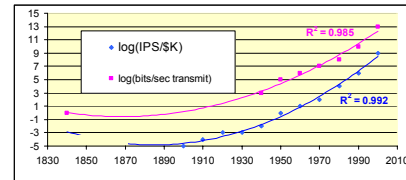
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Electronic, optical & molecular nano-computing

Steps: assembly > Input > memory > processor/math > output

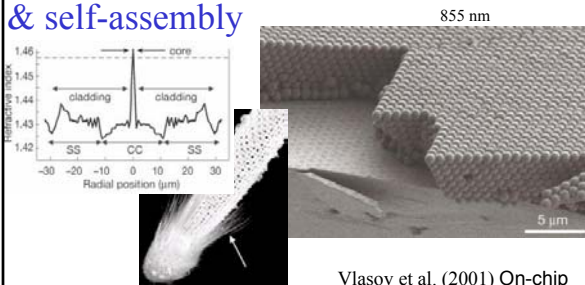
Potential biological sources: harvest design evolve

A 30-fold improvement = 8 years of Moore's law



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Optical nano-computing & self-assembly



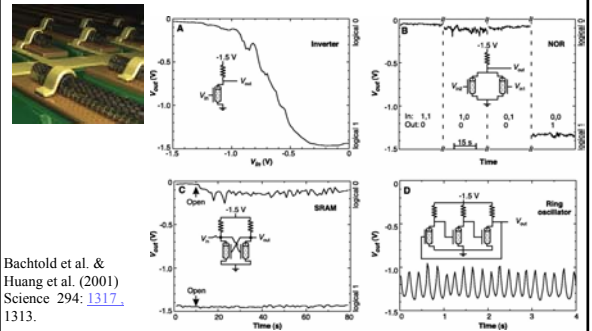
Sundar et al. Fibre-optical features of a glass sponge. 2003 Nature. 424:899-900.

Vlasov et al. (2001) On-chip natural assembly of silicon photonic bandgap crystals.

Low heat, 10X faster interconnections,

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Electronic-nanocomputing



Bachtold et al. & Huang et al. (2001) Science 294: 1317, 1313.

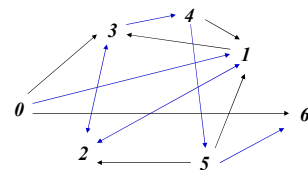
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Molecular nano-computing

- R. P. Feynman (1959) American Physical Society, "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom" ([Pub](#))
- K. E. Drexler (1992) Nanosystems: molecular machinery, manufacturing, and computation. ([Pub](#))
- L. M. Adleman, *Science* 266, 1021 (1994) Molecular computation of solutions to combinatorial problems.
- [727 references \(Nov 2002\)](#)

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DNA computing: Is there a Hamiltonian path through all nodes once?



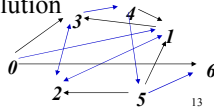
A Hamiltonian path is (0,1,2,3,4,5,6).

L. M. Adleman, *Science* 266, 1021 (1994) Molecular computation of solutions to combinatorial problems.

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DNA Computing for a Hamiltonian Path

- Encode graph (nodes and edges) into ss-DNA sequences.
- Create all possible paths (overlapping sequences) using DNA hybridization.
- Determine whether the solution (or the sequence) exists.



Encode Graph into DNA Sequences

Nodes => Sequences:

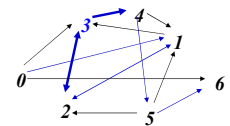
2: 5' TATCGGATCG GTATATCCGA 3'
 3: 5' GCTATTCGAG CTTAAAGCTA 3'
 4: 5' GGCTAGGTAC CAGCATGCTT 3'

Edges => Sequences:

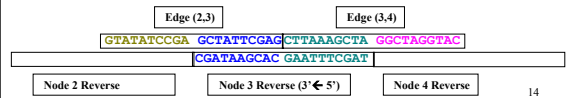
(2,3): 5' GTATATCCGA GCTATTCGAG 3'
 (3,4): 5' CTTAAAGCTA GGCTAGGTAC 3'

Reverse-Complement Node:

3: 5' CGATAAGCAC GAATTTTCGAT 3'



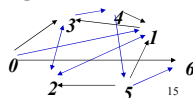
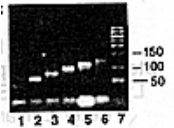
Edges + Nodes => Path (2,3,4):



DNA Computing Process

- Encode graph into DNA sequences.
- Create all paths from 0 to 6.
- Extract paths that visit every node.
- Extract all paths of n nodes.
- Report Yes if any path remains

- Oligonucleotide synthesis
- PCR
- Serial hybridization
- Electrophoretic size
- Graduated PCR electrophoretic fluorescence



Molecular computation: RNA solutions to chess problems.

Faulhammer, et al. 2000 PNAS 97, 1385-1389. (Pub)

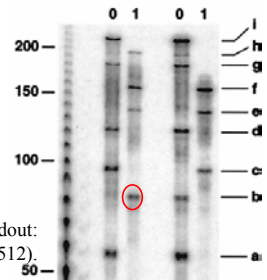
split & pool oligonuc. synthesis
 split & pool RNase H elimination



Multiplex colony graduated PCR readout:
 42/43 correct solutions (random = 94/512).

$$((h \wedge f) \vee a) \wedge ((g \wedge i) \vee b) \wedge ((d \wedge j) \vee c) \wedge ((e \wedge i) \vee d) \wedge ((a \wedge g) \vee f).$$

two clone solutions: 010011010 = befh efc



Problems of DNA Computing

- Polynomial time but exponential volumes
- A 100 node graph needs $>10^{30}$ molecules.
- Far slower than a PC.
- Experimental errors:
 - mismatch hybridization
 - incomplete cleavage
- (Some are non-reusable.)

Promises of DNA Computing

- High parallelism
- Operation costs near thermodynamic limit
 - 2 vs 34×10^{19} ops/J (10^9 for conventional computers)
- Solving one NP-complete problem implies solving many.
- Possible improvement
 - Faster readout techniques (eg. DNA chips).
 - Natural selection.

A sticker-based model for DNA computation.

Roweis et al. J Comput Biol 1998; 5:615-29 (Pub, [ICB](#))

Unlike previous models, the stickers model has a random access memory that requires no strand extension and uses no enzymes.

In theory, ...reusable. [We] propose a specific machine architecture for implementing the stickers model as a microprocessor-controlled parallel robotic workstation...

Concerns about molecular computation (Smith, 1996; Hartmanis, 1995; Linial et al., 1995) are addressed:

- 1) General-purpose algorithms can be implemented by DNA-based computers
- 2) Only modest volumes of DNA suffice.
- 3) [Altering] covalent bonds is not intrinsic to DNA-based computation.
- 4) Means to reduce errors in the separation operation are addressed in Karp et al., 1995; Roweis and Winfree, 1999).

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3SAT

Given n boolean (0/1) variables $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$,
and m 3-variable clauses $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m)$,
is $c_1 \wedge c_2 \wedge \dots \wedge c_m$ satisfiable for some x ?

$$c_1 = x_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee \bar{x}_7$$

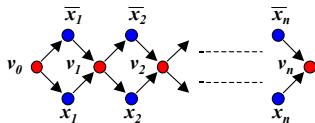
$$c_2 = \bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4$$

...

$$c_m = x_1 \vee x_{m-1} \vee \bar{x}_m$$

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DNA Computing for 3SAT



ALGORITHMS:

1. Encode Graph G into DNA sequences.
2. Create all paths from v_0 to v_n .
3. For every clause
4. Select sequences that satisfy this clause.
5. Report Yes or No.

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DNA computing on surfaces

Liu Q, et al. Nature 2000;403:175-9 A set of DNA molecules encoding all candidate solutions to the computational problem of interest is synthesized on a surface. Cycles of hybridization operations and exonuclease digestion identify & eliminate non-solutions.

The solution is identified by PCR and hybridization to an addressed array. The advantages are scalability and potential to be automated (solid-phase formats simplify repetitive chemical processes, as in DNA & protein synthesis). Here we solve a NP-complete problem (SAT) ([Pub](#))

[Braich RS, Chelyapov N, Johnson C, Rothmund PW, Adleman L.](#)

Solution of a 20-variable 3-SAT problem on a DNA computer. Science. 2002 Apr 19;296(5567):499-502.

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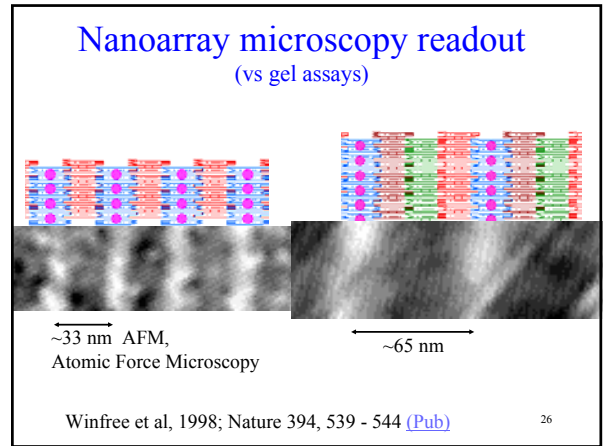
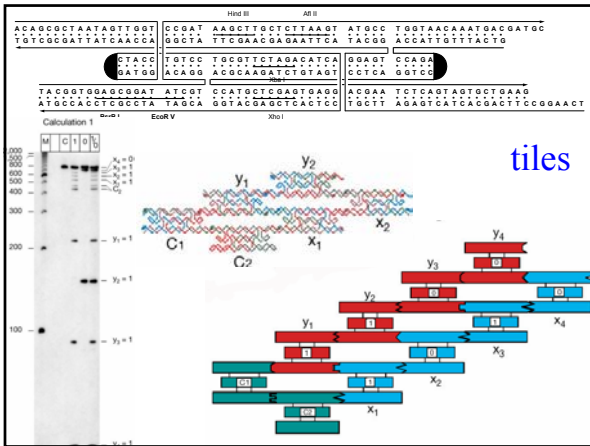
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Logical computation using algorithmic self-assembly of DNA triple-crossover molecules.

Aperiodic mosaics form by the self-assembly of 'Wang' tiles, emulating the operation of a Turing machine ... a logical equivalence between DNA sticky ends and Wang tile edges. Algorithmic aperiodic self-assembly requires greater fidelity than periodic, because correct tiles must compete with partially correct tiles. Triple crossover molecules that can be used to execute four steps of a logical (cumulative XOR) operation on a string of binary bits. (a XOR b is TRUE only if a and b have different values) Mao et al. Nature 2000 Sep 28;407(6803):493 ([6Pub](#))

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Micro-ElectroMechanical Systems (MEMS)

"Ford Taurus models feature Analog Devices' advanced airbag sensors"

"A unit gravity signal will move the beam 1% of the beam gap and result in a 100fF change in capacitance. Minimal detectable deflections are 0.2 Angstroms; less than an atomic diameter." ([tech specs](#))

Nano-ElectroMechanical Systems (NEMS)

750 to 1400 nm
 γ -biotinyl Cys
 β -his tags
 Ni 80 nm

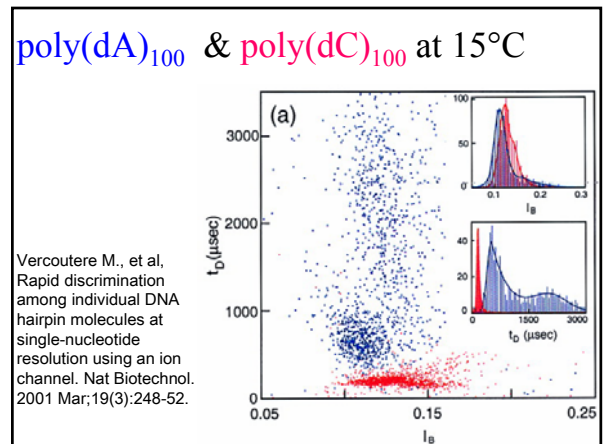
Soong et al. Science 2000; 290: 1555-1558. Powering an Inorganic Nanodevice with a Biomolecular Motor. ([Pub](#))

Nanosensors

Membrane
 Channel
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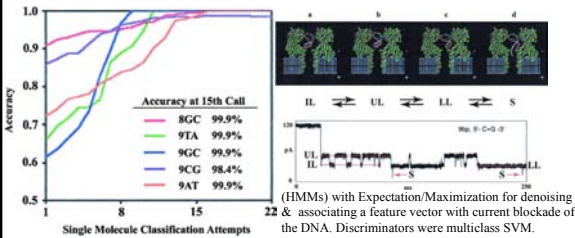
SEQUENCING POLY[A-C-G]
 120 pA
 20 pA
 5 pA

Meller, et al. (2000) "Rapid nanopore discrimination between single polynucleotide molecules." [PNAS](#) 1079-84. Akeson et al. Microsecond time-scale discrimination among polyC, polyA, and polyU as homopolymers or as segments within single RNA molecules. [Biophys J](#) 1999;77:3227-33



Accurate classification of basepairs on termini of single DNA molecules.

- Winters-Hilt et al. 2003 Biophys J. 84:967-76.



When a 9bp DNA hairpin enters the pore, the loop is perched in the vestibule mouth and the stem terminus binds to amino acid residues near the limiting aperture = IL conductance. *b*) When the terminal basepair desorbs from the pore wall, the stem and loop may realign, increase to UL. LL state corresponds to binding of the stem terminus to amino acids near the limiting aperture but in a different manner from IL. *d*) From the LL bound state, the duplex terminus may fray, resulting in extension and capture of one strand in the pore constriction (S).

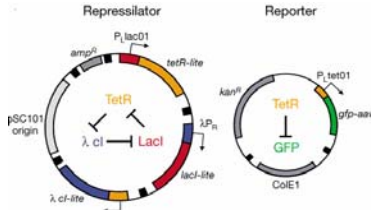
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A synthetic oscillatory network of transcriptional regulators

SsrA 11-aa 'lite' tags reduce repressor half-life from > 60 min to ~4 min.



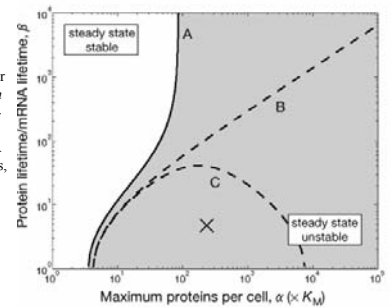
Insets: normalized autocorrelation of the first repressor

Elowitz & Leibler, (Pub.) Nature 2000:403:335-8

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Synthetic oscillator network

Curves A, B and C mark the boundaries between the two regions for different parameter values: A, $n = 2.1$, $0 = 0$; B, $n = 2$, $0 = 0$; C, $n = 2$, $0' = 10^{-3}$. The unstable region (A), which includes (B) and (C). A set of typical parameter values, marked by the 'X' were used to solve the continuous (& stochastic) model in the previous slide.



Elowitz & Leibler, Nature 2000:403:335-8

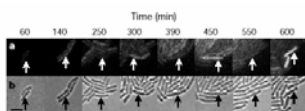
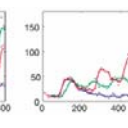
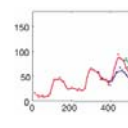
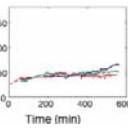
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Synthetic oscillator network

Controls with IPTG

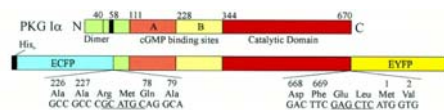
Variable amplitude & period in sib cells

Single cell GFP levels



Elowitz & Leibler, Nature 2000:403:335-8

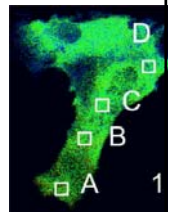
Internal state sensors



Honda et al (2001) PNAS 98:2437-42

Spatiotemporal dynamics of cGMP revealed by a genetically encoded, fluorescent indicator.

Ting et al. protein kinase/phosphatase activities



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Genetic Algorithms (GA)

1. Initialize a random population of individuals (strings)
2. Select a sub population for offspring production
3. Generate new individuals through genetic operations (mutation, variation, and crossover)
4. Evaluate individuals with a fitness function.
5. If solutions are not found, Go to step 2
6. Report solution.

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Genetic Operations

Mutation

```
...ACCGGTTACGTTGGA...
      ↓
...ACCGGTTCCGTTGGA...
```

Crossover

```
...ACCGGTTTCGTTGGA...
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...CGTACGCCGTTTACCC...
      ↓
...ACCGGTTTGTTTACCC...
      ↓
...CGTACGCCTCGTTGGA...
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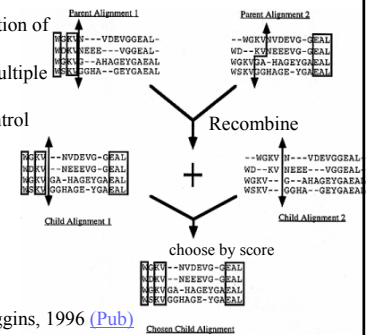
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SAGA: Sequence Alignment by Genetic Algorithm

[DP: $O(2^{NL})$ N sequences length L]

A one point crossover

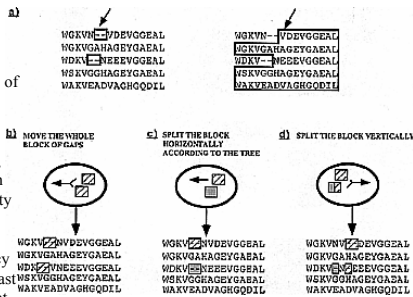
Improve fitness of a population of alignments by an objective function which measures multiple alignment quality, [using] automatic scheduling to control 22 different operators for combining alignments or mutating them between generations.



C. Notredame & D. G. Higgins, 1996 ([Pub](#))

SAGA continues

The 16 block shuffling operators, the two types of crossover, the block searching, the gap insertion and the local rearrangement operator, make a total of 22. Each operator has a probability of being used that is a function of the efficiency it has recently (e.g. 10 last generations) displayed at improving alignments.



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Comparison of ClustalW & SAGA

Test case	Nseq	CLUSTAL W versus structure (%)	CPU-time	SAGA versus structure (%)	CPU-time
Igb	32	55.86	60	55.97	41 135
Ac Protease2	10	41.02	16	43.50	12 236
S Protease2	12	64.37	21	66.18	20 537
Globin2	12	94.90	18	94.01	2538

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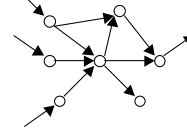
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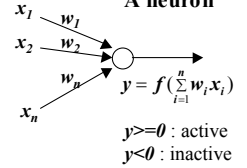
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Artificial Neural Networks

A neural network:



A neuron



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Neural Networks

McCulloch and Pitts (1943) Neurology inspired "& /OR" operations

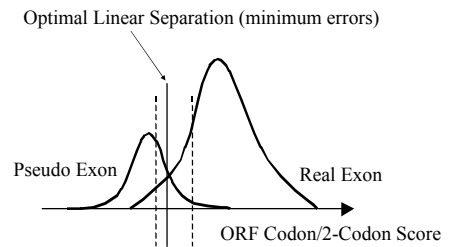
Werbos 1974 back-propagation learning method

Hopfield 1984, PNAS 81:3088-92 Neurons with graded response have collective computational properties like those of two-state neurons. ([Pub](#))

(ANN)

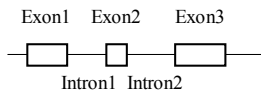
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An ORF Classification Example



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Measuring Exons



Exon Features {
 Donor Site Score,
 Acceptor Site Score,
 In-frame 2-Codon Score,
 Exon Length (log),
 Intron Scores,
 }

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Linear Discriminate Function and Single Layer Neural Network

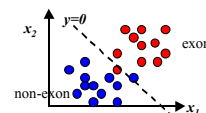
Exon: $e = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$

A linear separator:

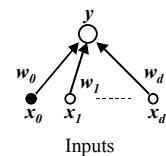
$$y = \sum_{i=1}^d (w_i x_i) + w_0$$

$y > 0$: Exon $y < 0$: Non-Exon

A 2-feature linear separation



Output



Inputs

An activation function:

$$y = f\left(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_i\right)$$

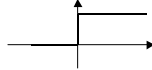
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Activation Function

$$\begin{cases} f(a) = 0 & a < 0 \\ f(a) = 1 & a \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

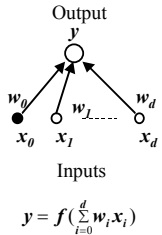
$$f(a) = a$$

Step Function



$$f(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}$$

Sigmoid Function



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Determining Edge Weights from Training Sets

Given a set of n known exons/nonexons :

$$(\bar{e}_1, t_1), (\bar{e}_2, t_2), \dots, (\bar{e}_n, t_n)$$

Step1 **Initialize** w

Step2 **Sum of squares error function :**

$$E(\bar{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \{f(\bar{e}_k, \bar{w}) - t_k\}^2$$

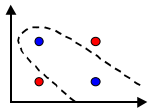
Step3 **Updating** w_j

$$w_j^{\tau+1} = w_j^{\tau} - \lambda \frac{\partial E(w)}{\partial w_j} \Big|_{\bar{w}^{\tau}}$$

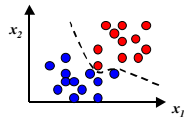
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Non-linear Discrimination

Exclusive-OR Problem

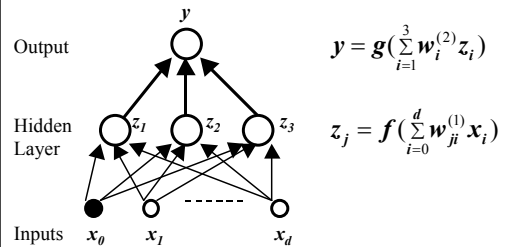


A 2-feature non-linear separation



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The Multi-Layer Perceptron



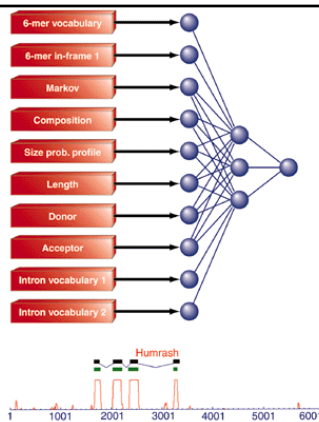
Training: Error Back Propagation₃₂

GRAIL

Located 93% of all exons regardless of size with a false positive rate of 12%. Among true positives, 62% match actual exons exactly (to the base), 93% match at least one edge exactly.

Xu et al, Genet Eng 1994;16:241-53
Recognizing exons in genomic sequence using GRAIL II.

[\(Pub\)](#)



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