Robust Multi-Omics Prediction (RoMOP) for RNA Expression & Protein Surface Levels

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Multimodal scRNA and scATAC from cell nuclei. Multimodal scRNA and protein abundance from individual cells.

Source: Open Problems in Single-Cell Analysis, *About multimodal single-cell data*

The dataset

- CD34+ hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells (HSPCs)
- 4 healthy human donors
- 4 time points: days 2, 3, 4, 7
- 2 modalities:
	- **'Multiome'** technology: chromatin accessibility + RNA
	- **'CITESeq'** method: RNA + surface protein level

Source: Wikipedia, *Cellular adoptive immunotherapy*

Implementation: objective functions

Pearson correlation score:

$$
r=\frac{\sum\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)\left(y_{i}-\bar{y}\right)}{\sqrt{\sum\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}\sum\left(y_{i}-\bar{y}\right)^{2}}}
$$

- $=$ correlation coefficient \bm{r}
- x_i = values of the x-variable in a sample
- = mean of the values of the x-variable \bar{x}
- y_i = values of the y-variable in a sample
- \bar{y} = mean of the values of the y-variable

Multiome dataset: 105,942 cells x 228,942 genomes x 23,418 RNA gene expression (Total of 90 GB)

Since our values are mainly 0s, we can consider that all our features' and targets' means are approximately $0 \rightarrow$ SVD \sim PCA

Checking that keeping the first 40 singular values for both inputs and targets is correct by computing and plotting the correlations between "singular targets" and "singular inputs":

Final steps before modeling and training:

 \rightarrow Keeping for each "singular targets" the 10 most correlated "singular features"

 \rightarrow + using cell types as dummy variables (cell types were clustered following the methods of 'Human haematopoietic stem cell lineage commitment is a continuous process' by Lars Velten et al. 2017)

Recap:

- 40 singular features computed from raw data using SVD
- 7 cell types as dummy variables
- 40 singular targets computed from raw data using SVD
- 4 days & 3 patients = 12 folds

Multiome: Data splitting

Train/test split:

- Making models trained over 1, 2 or all 3 patients
- Always training on days 2, 3 and 4
- Testing on the rest of the data
- Each fold (data/patient/day) is balanced (between $8/9\% \sim 1/12$ of all data)

Multiome: Modeling

In "Integrative prediction of gene expression with chromatin accessibility and conformation data" by Florian Schmidt et al. from 2020, the authors used ElasticNet (mix of Ridge & Lasso) to predict gene expression from chromatin accessibility:

$$
\min_{w}\frac{1}{2n_{\mathrm{samples}}}||Xw-y||_2^2 + \alpha\rho||w||_1 + \frac{\alpha(1-\rho)}{2}||w||_2^2
$$

Therefore, we decided to train the followings models using scikit-learn framework:

- Elastic Net
- Linear Regression
- Lasso
- Ridge Regression
- Bayesian Ridge Regression
- Automatic Relevance Determination

$$
\begin{array}{l} \min _{w}\limits^{} ||Xw-y||_{2}^{2} \\ \min _{w}\limits^{} ||Xw-y||_{2}^{2}+\alpha ||w||_{2}^{2} \\ \min _{w}\limits^{} \frac{1}{2n_{\mathrm{samples}}}\limits ||Xw-y||_{2}^{2}+\alpha ||w||_{1} \end{array}
$$

$$
p(w|\lambda) = \mathcal{N}(w|0,\lambda^{-1}\mathbf{I}_p)
$$

$$
p(w|\lambda) = \mathcal{N}(w|0, A^{-1}) \& A = \text{diag}(\{\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_p\})
$$

Multiome: Training

the models and optimize the hyperparameters of each models each fold is the data of one day of one patient

Source: Scikit-learn documentation, Cross-validation

Multiome: Results

- Input: gene expression level (RNA library-size normalized and log1p transformed counts)
- Output: surface protein level (dsb* normalized)
- 70,988 cells x 22,050 genes
- Baseline model:
	- \circ Dimensionality reduction: PCA (n = 50)
	- Multi-Output Linear Regression
	- Train on days 2 & 3, Test on day 4

**denoised and scaled by background*

- Preprocessing:
	- *constant_cols*: constant features are discarded.
	- *important_cols*: all features whose name matches the name of a target protein. They don't undergo dimensionality reduction.

Example: gene 'ENSG00000114013_CD86' as an input, should be related to protein 'CD86'

- Convert to sparse matrix
- Dimensionality reduction: truncated SVD ($n = 512$), can work with sparse matrices efficiently.

- New model: LightGBM
	- gradient boosting framework that uses tree based learning algorithm
	- fast and designed to handle large data sets
	- memory-efficient

- New model: sequential dense network with four hidden layers
	- hyperparameters tuning with Bayesian Optimization tuner from Keras
		- sizes of the hidden layers
		- regularization factors

Conclusion

- Learned how to handle big data (preprocessing, sparse matrices, truncated SVD)
- Performed hyperparameters search using bayesian optimization & cross-validation
- Built a robust framework of predictions over patient and days
- Difficulties to make biological interpretations of our features because of SVD
- Showed that most of the information is concentrated and enable us to obtain good results
- Future work would be to analyse the trade-off during SVD between losing information and being able to handle the amount of data & work on the interpretation of the results to make biological analysis

Thank you!

