

Class 18: Microarrays (1)

Held: Tuesday, 1 November 2011

Summary: We consider our final bioinformatic technique, microarrays. Microarrays are used to study gene expression.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Reading: Chapter 9; Baggerly 2010.
- Due: Web Exploration 7.5.

Notes:

- Exams to be returned on Thursday.
- Plan for Thursday: Discuss exam. Discuss the project. Do programming exploration for microarrays.
- Sam is still working through his stack of other grading.
- Upcoming work 1: Chou-Fasman programming due Thursday.
- Upcoming work 2: Read Chapter 8 for Tuesday.
- Upcoming work 3: Krings et al. review due next Thursday.
- EC for Simon Estes concert or convo.
- No other CS extra this week.
- EC for Bio Seminar Friday: ???

Overview:

- Microarrays.
- Microarrays and Algorithms.
- Baggerly: Reproducibility.
- Time to work on Chou-Fasman.

Microarrays

- A technique for exploring gene expression.
- Used primarily for *comparative* gene expression.

Microarrays and Algorithms

- Microarrays are clearly *biotechnology*.
- But why are they considered an issue in *bioinformatics*?
- In particular, what are the interesting (or not so interesting) computational questions related to microarrays?

Baggerly: Reproducibility

- What were the key ideas in the original Potti et al. study?
- What flaws did Baggerly identify?
- Why was Baggerly such a bulldog on this?
- Why did the original researchers react in the way that they did?
- What does Baggerly suggest as a solution to these problems?
- Do you agree with Baggerly's suggestions?
- How do you avoid these problems in your own work?

Some useful links

Baggerly's data

<http://bioinformatics.mdanderson.org/Supplements/ReproRsch-All/>

Slides from the talk

http://videlectures.net/site/normal_dl/tag=76854/cancerbioinformatics2010_baggerly_irrh_01.pdf

Info on NCI60

http://dtp.nci.nih.gov/docs/misc/common_files/cell_list.html

Special issue of *The Cancer Letter* with info on the case.

<http://www.cancerletter.com/articles/20110909>

Google Group (just a few threads, but they are interesting)

<http://groups.google.com/group/reproducible-research/>

"A teachable moment" - A message from the director of the Duke Institute for Genome Science and Policy
<http://www.genome.duke.edu/about/message/archives/Message%20to%20IGSP%20Faculty%20-%20A%20Teachable%20Moment.pdf>

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