Continue. Hi-C related work



How the spatial organization of genes shapes their expression patterns?

A mapping between 2 spaces

real physical space abstract expression space



A simple construction: Gene-Gene Proximity Network



Gene-Gene proximity versus Gene-Gene expression



Graph partition (bisection) problem

Consider a graph G = (V, E), where V denotes the set of n vertices and E the set of edges. The objective is to partition G into k (k=2) components while minimizing the weights of the edges between separate components.

$$H = -\sum_{ij} d_{ij} e_i e_j$$

d is the weighted adjacency matrix and e=+1 or -1

a low energy state means co-expressed genes are co localized



proximity network of A549

Gene-Gene proximity versus Gene-Gene expression

Distribution of H by shuffling the expression profile of A549



Gene-Gene proximity versus Gene-Gene expression

Distribution of H by shuffling the expression profile of A549



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Is the expression profile optimal?

Given a spatial configuration, the observed expression profile has a much lower energy than random, but is it optimal?



Updates

- Redid the analysis with different cell lines; redid the analysis with Hi-C data in the highest resolution (40kb); developed a better energy function
- bottleneck: incorporate the topological associated domains (TADs) into the expression analysis
- Identify TADs using network modularity

Network modularity



Topologically Associating Domains (TADs)



Dekker et al. Nat. Rev. Genetics 2013

Naive null model



N: the total number of reads relative coverage of loci i (c_i)= $\frac{aR_i}{2N}$

expected number of reads between i and j

$$= aR_j * C_i = \frac{aR_j aR_i}{2N}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{ij} (W_{ij} - \gamma \frac{aR_i aR_j}{2N}) \delta_{\sigma_i \sigma_j}$$

Finding TADs in multiple resolutions

$$Q = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{ij} (W_{ij} - \gamma \frac{aR_i aR_j}{2N}) \delta_{\sigma_i \sigma_j}$$

resolution parameter

- An increase in gamma results in smaller modules
- An increase in gamma could be interpreted as focusing on the more statistically significant interactions (as compared to the null)
- Input: contact matrix (raw/iced) of the entire genome, or chromosome by chromosome (better in terms of TADs)

Examples

Hi-C contact (ICED)



msTADs



chr22



5123000

¹⁶¹²⁰⁰⁰

Examples (zoom in)



chr 6



chr 6



chr 6



chr 2





chr 2

chr 2

1.37e8

TADs size versus resolution



Boundaries between TADs



Comparison with HMM method



Discussion

- Developed an alternate approach to identify TADs from Hi-C data
- Results are comparable to conventional method (not sure if it is better, lack of gold standard)
- Novelty: multiple-resolution. How to make sense? multiple-scale chromatin states? MUSIC?
- across cell lines