Deep Learning for Motif Mining in Biological Sequences

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Abstract: Transcription factor (TF) plays a central role in gene regulation. Knowing the binding specificities of TFs is essential for developing models of the regulatory processes in biological systems and for deciphering the mechanism of gene expression. In this talk, we will introduce several novel computational models of TF binding data by combining various types of high-throughput data. Firstly, we will introduce a tensor decomposition model for collaborative prediction of ChIP-seg data, which could overcome its current limitation for integrative analysis. Secondly, we will present a de novo motif learning method based on the area under the receiver-operating characteristic curve (AUC) criterion, which has been widely used in the literature to evaluate the significance of extracted motifs. Finally, based on Fisher Exact Test score (FETS), we propose DirectFS, which is (to our best knowledge) the first FETS-based approach that allows direct learning of the motif parameters in continuous space. Experimental results based on real world high-throughput datasets illustrate that DirectFS outperforms competing methods for refining motifs found by de novo motif elicitation methods, while being one order of magnitude faster. In addition, we also present the possibility for using deep learning technique combining motif mining in biological sequences to address the medical image processing issue.

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