# Learning the Structure of Biochemical Signaling Pathways 

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## Bacteriophage- $\lambda$ Lysis Lysogeny



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## Reaction Channels

| Reaction | Type | Products | Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A $\longrightarrow$ B | Unimolecular | 1 | $d x_{b}=a_{a, b} x_{a} d t$ |
| A $\rightarrow$ B | Unimolecular | 2 | $d x_{b}=a_{a, b c} x_{a} d t$ <br> $d x_{c}=a_{a, b c} x_{a} d t$ |
| (A) |  | Bimolecular | 1 |

## Networks of Reaction Channels



## Mass Action Kinetics

$$
d x=\left(A^{(1)} x+A^{(2)} x \otimes x\right) d t
$$

$A_{i, j}^{(1)}=$ Probability that a given $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}} \rightarrow \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{j}}$ in time $d t$
$A_{i j, k}^{(2)}=$ Probability that a given pair $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}+\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{j}} \rightarrow \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{k}}$ in time $d t$

## Systems Are Discrete




## Systems Are Stochastic




## Gillespie Exact Method



Probablility that the next reaction will be $\mu$ at time $\tau$ :

$$
p(\tau, \mu) d \tau=p_{0}(\tau) a_{\mu} d \tau \quad p_{0}(\tau)=\exp \left(-\sum_{\mu} a_{\mu} \tau\right)
$$

Which gives the joint probability distribution:
$p(\tau, \mu) d \tau=a_{\mu} \exp \left(-\sum_{\mu} a_{\mu} \tau\right) d \tau$

## Simulating the Gillespie Method

The Joint distribution can be broken into two simple distributions:

- The next reation time distribution:

$$
p(\tau) d \tau=\left(\sum_{\mu} a_{\mu} d \tau\right) \exp \left(-\sum_{\mu} a_{\mu} \tau\right)
$$



- The next reation distribution:

$$
p(\mu \mid \tau) d \tau=\frac{a_{\mu}}{\sum_{\mu} a_{\mu}} d \tau
$$



## Gillespie Method Generates a Sample Path

- Method is "Exact" in the sense that it makes no averaging assumptions
- Gives a sample path a not a distribution



## A Continuous Approximation



Starting with the Master Equation:
$\frac{d p_{n}}{d t}=-\left(f_{n}+g_{n}\right) p_{n}+f_{n-1} p_{n-1}+g_{n+1} p_{n+1}$

This gives the Fokker Plank Equation:

$$
\frac{d p(n, t)}{d t}=-\frac{\partial}{\partial n}\left[(f(n)-g(n)) p(n)-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} p(n)\right]
$$

Approximating as continuous functions and Taylor expanding:
$f(n-1) p(n-1)=f(n) p(n)-\frac{\partial}{\partial n} f(n) p(n)+\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial n^{2}} f(n) p(n)$
$f(n+1) p(n+1)=f(n) p(n)+\frac{\partial}{\partial n} f(n) p(n)+\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial n^{2}} f(n) p(n)$

## Fokker Plank Steady State

At Steady State:
$0=-\frac{\partial}{\partial n}\left[(f(n)-g(n)) p(n)-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} p(n)\right]$
$(f(n)-g(n)) p(n)-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} p(n)=C$

But from positivity $\mathrm{c}=0$ so:

$$
\frac{1}{p(n)} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} p(n)=2(f(n)-g(n))
$$

$$
p(n)=\frac{A}{f(n)+g(n)} e^{-\varphi(n)} \quad \varphi(n)=2 \int_{0}^{n} \frac{g\left(n^{\prime}\right)-f\left(n^{\prime}\right)}{f\left(n^{\prime}\right)+g\left(n^{\prime}\right)} d n^{\prime}
$$



## Bayesian Networks

BN - graphical model for probabilistic relationships between variables


Node probabilities are independent given node parents

$$
-\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{B}}\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)=\prod_{\mathrm{i}=1}{ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{B}}\left(\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}} \mid \operatorname{pa}\left(\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)\right)
$$

## Dynamic Bayesian Networks

DBN - models stochastic evolution of variables over time

- Assumes time invariant evolution!
- Same independence given parents as BN, with

$$
\mathrm{pa}\left(\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{i}}[\mathrm{t}]\right) \subseteq\left\{\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{j}}[\mathrm{t}-1]\right\}
$$

Consider as a constrained semiinfinite BN


## Or parametrize by $\mathrm{B}_{0}$ and $\mathrm{B}_{\rightarrow}$



## Model Selection for BNs

## Define a BN $\Phi=(\mathrm{G}, \Theta)$

- G structure
- Which connections, which entries in A matrix are nonzero
- $\Theta$ parameters
- Arise in conditional probabilities, values of nonzero entries in A, rate constants

Once structure is fixed, easier to find parameters $\rightarrow$ maximum likelihood
Find structure - max $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G} \mid X)$

- i.e. maximize the probability that $G$ is the correct model given that X is the data observed


## Complete information

- Markov field is fully observed $\rightarrow$ can examine transitions independently
- Given N observations of the DBN up to time $\mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{t}}$
$-\mathrm{N} * \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{t}}$ independent realizations of the $\mathrm{BN} \mathrm{B}_{\rightarrow}$
-N independent realizations of the $\mathrm{BN}_{0}$
May use standard techniques for model selection on the constrained semiinfinite Bayesian network
-or-

Model selection using many realizations of smaller networks $\mathrm{B}_{\rightarrow}$ and $\mathrm{B}_{0}$

## Model Selection for BNs

By Bayes rule: $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G} \mid \mathrm{X}) \propto \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}) \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G})$
$-\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G})=$ prior probability of model G
$-\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G})=$ likelihood $\rightarrow$ need to compute

Task:
$\arg \max _{\mathrm{G}} \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G} \mid \mathrm{X})=\arg \max _{\mathrm{G}} \log \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G})+\log \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G})$

## Model Selection for BNs $\rightarrow$

 likelihood$P(X \mid G)=\int P(X \mid G, \Theta) P(\Theta \mid G) d \Theta=E_{\Theta}[P(X \mid G, \Theta)]$

- Integral hard to compute, requires priors on parameters

Likelihood penalties - a general class of model selection criteria

- Rather than comparing $P(X \mid G)$, compare $P\left(X \mid G, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{G}\right)$
- $\theta^{\wedge}{ }_{G}(X)=\arg \max _{\theta} \mathrm{P}(X \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta)$
$-\theta^{\wedge}{ }_{G}$ is ML estimate of $\theta$ given $X$ assuming $G$ is correct model
- Penalty comes from limiting comparison to only a single parameter for a given model
- $\mathrm{BIC}=\log \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{\mathrm{G}}\right)-\mathrm{K} / 2 \log \mathrm{~N}$
- $\operatorname{AIC}=\log P\left(X \mid G, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{G}\right)-K / 2$


## Model Selection for BNs - BIC

Recall Likelihood $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G})=\int \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \Theta) \mathrm{P}(\Theta \mid \mathrm{G}) \mathrm{d} \Theta$

Use Laplace approximation for the integral and take logarithm

- Laplace approximation assumes $\theta$ Gaussian around $\theta^{\wedge}{ }_{G}$, i.e. $P(\Theta \mid G)$ Gaussian
- BIC ignores any terms in approximation that are not $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{N})$
- Other terms may be computed for added accuracy

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{BIC}=\log \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta_{\mathrm{G}}^{\wedge}\right)-\mathrm{K} / 2 \log \mathrm{~N} \\
-\mathrm{K}=\# \text { of parameters in model } \mathrm{G}
\end{gathered}
$$

## BIC $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ MDL

Regret - difference in code length between selected and baseline

Shtarkov: to minimize maximum regret, code data X according to distribution:

$$
\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X})=\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{\mathrm{G}}\right) / \operatorname{comp}_{\mathrm{N}}(\mathrm{G}, \Theta)
$$

where $\operatorname{comp}_{\mathrm{N}}(\mathrm{G}, \Theta)=\Sigma_{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{\mathrm{G}}\right)=\min \mathrm{R}_{\max }$
MDL Code length $=-\log \mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X})$

- Recall from notes: $\log \operatorname{comp}_{\mathrm{N}}(\mathrm{G}, \Theta) \approx \mathrm{K} / 2 \log \mathrm{~N}$
- Used a Laplace approximation here too!
$\rightarrow$ MDL code length $=-\log \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{\mathrm{G}}\right)+\mathrm{K} / 2 \log \mathrm{~N}$

Minimum description length $=-$ BIC score $!$

## Comments on BIC

- Does not require priors on parameters
- Effect of parameter priors disappears with large N
- Good for large $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow$ performance for small N ?
- Consistent estimate $\rightarrow$ finds true model with large N (if true model is in model class)
- Intuitive - penalizes complex models without explicit priors on models
- Avoids overfitting
- If model priors available, may augment BIC
- Recall $\log \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G} \mid X)=\log \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G})+\log \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G})$

$$
\approx \log \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{\mathrm{G}}\right)-\mathrm{K} / 2 * \log (\mathrm{~N})+\log \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{G})
$$

## Model Selection for BNs $\rightarrow$ AIC

Consider choosing $\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X})$ to minimize K -L distance between $\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X})$ and actual $P(X \mid G, \theta)$
$\mathrm{D}(\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X}) \| \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \theta))=\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X})}[\log (\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X}))-\log \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta)]$
With fixed G , don't know actual $\theta($ or $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta)) \rightarrow$ expect over $\theta$ i.e. find $\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X})=\arg \min _{\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X})} \mathrm{E}_{\theta}[\mathrm{D}(\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X}) \| \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta))]$

Using Laplace approximation and similar analysis as before

- Assumes $\theta$ Gaussian around the ML estimate from the data $\theta^{\wedge}(\mathrm{X})$
$\rightarrow$ code length of $\mathrm{Q}(\mathrm{X})$ minimizing the expected K - L distance is:

$$
\mathrm{AIC}=\log \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{\mathrm{G}}\right)-\mathrm{K} / 2
$$

## AIC vs. BIC

$$
\begin{gathered}
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\end{gathered}
$$

- BIC - minimized maximum regret
- AIC - minimized expected K-L distance
- some kind of average regret?
- AIC not consistent
- Okay, since true model probably not in model class
- AIC better than BIC for small N
- Both include natural penalty on model complexity (without using explicit structure priors!)


## Computation from Data - local search

For each fixed structure $G$ and given data $X$, compute $\theta^{\wedge}{ }_{G}(X)=\arg \max _{\theta} \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta)$

In practice, begin with some structure $G$ and add or delete edges
If new structure gets higher BIC score, keep it, else revert and try again

## Incomplete Information



Markov field no longer fully observed

- Can't separate into many independent realizations of $\mathrm{B}_{\rightarrow}$ Structural EM solution
- Given the model and data, complete the state information
- Use model selection criteria on completed data to find a better model structure


## EM - Expectation Maximization

Given $\mathrm{G}^{\mathrm{n}}$ and $\theta^{\mathrm{n}}$, compute $\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{G}^{\mathrm{n}}, \theta^{\mathrm{n}}\right)$

- Complete the data

For each G and X , compute $\theta_{G}^{\wedge}(X)=\arg \max _{\theta} \mathrm{P}(X \mid G, \theta)$

- for BIC score

Find $G^{n+1}=\arg \max _{G}$
$\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Gn}, \theta n)}\left[\log \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}, \theta^{\wedge}{ }_{\mathrm{G}}\right)-\mathrm{K} / 2 \log \mathrm{~N}\right]$

- Max over models

Given $\mathrm{G}^{\mathrm{n}+1}$ and observed data Y , find
$\theta^{n+1}=\arg \max _{\theta} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Gn}, \theta \mathrm{n})}\left[\log \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{X} \mid \mathrm{G}^{\mathrm{n}+1}, \theta\right)\right]$

- Max over parameters, expected ML


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- for BIC score

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- Max over parameters, expected ML


## EM in practice

- Compute full probability distribution of completions of data
- By simulation methods described before
- Computing ML and expected ML
- Convergence
- Enough to find an improving model in each step


## Dynamic Optimization

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
x=f(x(p, t), p) \\
x(0)=x_{0}
\end{array}\right. \\
& \hat{p=\arg \min \Psi\left(x\left(p, T_{f}\right)\right)} \\
& \frac{d}{d p} \Psi=?
\end{aligned}
$$

## Computing First Order Sensitivities

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{d p} \Psi\left(x\left(p, T_{f}\right)\right)=\left(\left.\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \frac{d x}{d p}\right|_{t=T_{f}}\right. \\
& \frac{d}{d t} \frac{d x}{d p}=\frac{d}{d p} \frac{d x}{d t}=\frac{d}{d p} f(x(p), p) \\
& \frac{d}{d p} \& \frac{d}{d p} f(x(p, t), p)=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{d x}{d p}+\frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{d p}{d p} \\
& \frac{d}{d t} \frac{d x}{d p}=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{d x}{d p}+\frac{\partial f}{\partial p} \frac{d p}{d p}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Integrate the Sensitivity System Along with The Dynamic System

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{d}{d t}\left[\begin{array}{c}
x \\
\frac{d x}{d p}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
f(x(p, t), p) \\
\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{d x}{d p}+\frac{\partial f}{\partial p}
\end{array}\right] \\
{\left[\left.\begin{array}{c}
x \\
\frac{d x}{d p}
\end{array}\right|_{t=0}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{0} \\
0
\end{array}\right]\right.}
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Adjoint Method

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\not \partial=-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \lambda \\
\left.\lambda_{T_{f}} \equiv \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}\right|_{T_{f}}
\end{array}\right.
$$

$$
\frac{d}{d t} \frac{d \psi}{d p}=\frac{d}{d p} \frac{d}{d t} \psi=\frac{d}{d p} \frac{d \psi}{d x} \frac{d x}{d t}=-\frac{d f}{d p} \lambda
$$

## Adjoint Sensitivity System

$$
\left\{\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{d t}\left[\begin{array}{c}
x \\
\lambda \\
\frac{d \psi}{d p}
\end{array}\right] & =\left[\begin{array}{c}
f \\
-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \lambda \\
-\frac{d f}{d p} \lambda
\end{array}\right] \\
{\left[\begin{array}{c}
x(0) \\
\lambda\left(T_{f}\right) \\
\frac{d \psi}{d p}
\end{array}\right] } & =\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{0} \\
\left.\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}\right|_{T_{f}} \\
0
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}\right.
$$

## Forward Model



Adjoint Model


## Conclusions

- Biochemical Signaling Pathways can be formulated as a DPN
- This formulation allows the structure of the network to be learned even in the case of partial observability
- Significant numerical challenges exist to make this feasible for large scale networks


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