The sequencing of Human Reference genome provided a roadmap that is the foundation for modern biomedical research.



The technology that sequences the human genome was based on capillary electrophoresis of individual fluorescently labelled Sanger sequencing reaction.

500-600 bases from 96 reactions in 10 hours 24 -hour reactions $=115 \mathrm{Kbp}$

Moving forward in the genomic era, the Next
generation DNA sequencing technology is enable a revolutionary advances



Projects and publications

## NGS platforms



Each NGS instrument is distinctly different on its specifics


Library preparation step platform-specific adapters are ligated to the fragment to be sequenced

Amplification library fragments are amplified on a solid surface

Sequencing reactions series of repeating steps that are performed to detect automatically the nucleotides

Data available it is possible obtain the sequencing information from both the ends of the fragments


NGS main features

Coverage


Reads


Base calling accuracy



International project for SNP discovery to map the haplotype diversity in the human genome.

Identification of common SNP variation in multiple human populations.

Genome-wide characterisation for placement of regulatory DNA-binding proteins on genomic DNA, genome wide methylation and histone modification.



Ritchie MD. et al.,Nat Rev Genet. 2015


## Statistical Analysis of Sequence

## Pattern discovery dimensions

- Type of learning
- from positive examples only (unsupervised)
- from both positive and negative examples (supervised)
- noisy data
- Type of patterns
- deterministic, rigid, flexible, profiles,
- Measure of statistical significance
- A priori knowledge


## Pattern discovery: TFBSs

A major challenge of understanding transcriptional control in higher eukaryotes is the incomplete catalog of regulatory elements, particularly long-range regulatory elements, such as enhancers and insulators.

Firstly, it is necessary identify the Transcriptional Factor Biding Sites (TFBSs).

1. TFBSs occur several times in the same genome
2. TFBSs are evolutionarily conserved among different species
3. TFBSs are short
4. TFBSs can have some variation without loss of function

Therefore, most motifs are also found as random hits throughout the genome, and it is a challenging problem to distinguish between false positive hits and true positive binding sites.

## The gold bug problem

Given a secret message:
$\left.\left.\left.\left.\left.\left.53++!305)) 6^{*} ; 4826\right) 4+.\right) 4+\right) ; 806^{*} ; 48!8^{\prime} 60\right)\right) 85 ;\right] 8^{*}:+* 8!83(88) 5^{*}!$; 46(;88*96*?;8)*+(;485);5*!2:*+(;4956*2(5*-4)8‘8*; 4069285);)6 !8) $4++; 1(+9 ; 48081 ; 8: 8+1 ; 48!85 ; 4) 485!528806 * 81(+9 ; 48 ;(88 ; 4(+? 3$ $4 ; 48) 4+; 161 ;: 188 ;+?$;

Decipher the message encrypted in the fragment, hints: The encrypted message is in English, each symbol correspond to one letter in the English alphabet, no punctuation marks are encoded

## The gold bug problem

Naive approach to solving the problem:

- Count the frequency of each symbol in the encrypted message
- Find the frequency of each letter in the alphabet in the English language
- Compare the frequencies of the previous steps, try to find a correlation and map the symbols to a letter in the alphabet

Most frequent
Less frequent
etaoinsrhldcumfpgwybvkejqz

## The gold bug problem

By simply mapping the most frequent symbols to the most frequent letters of the alphabet:
sfiilfcsoorntaeuroaikoaiotecrntaeleyrcooestvenpinelefheeosnlt arhteenmrnwteonihtaesotsnlupnihtamsrnuhsnbaoeyentacrmuesotorl eoaiitdhimtaecedtepeidtaelestaoaeslsueecrnedhimtaetheetahiwfa taeoaitdrdtpdeetiwt

The result does not make sense

## The gold bug problem

A better approach:

- Examine frequencies of l-tuples, combinations of 2 symbols, 3 symbols, etc.
- The is the most frequent 3-tuple in English and ;48 is the most frequent 3 -tuple in the encrypted text
- Make inferences of unknown symbols by examining other frequent l-tuples


## The gold bug problem

Mapping the to ;48 and substituting all occurrences of the symbols:
$53++!305)) 6^{*}$ the26)h+.)h+)te06*the!e‘60) )e5t]e*:+*e!e3(ee)5*!t
h6(tee*96*?te)*+(the5)t5*!2:*+(th956*2(5*h)e‘e*th0692e5)t)6!e
)h++t1(+9the0e1te:e+1the!e5th)he5!52ee06*e1(+9thet(eeth(+?3ht
he) $h+t 161 \mathrm{t}$ :1eet + ? t

## The gold bug problem

## Make inferences:

$53++!305)) 6^{*}$ the26)h+.)h+)te06*the!e‘60) )e5t]e*:+*e!e3(ee)5*!t
h6(tee*96*?te)*+(the5)t5*!2:*+(th956*2(5*h)e'e*th0692e5)t)6!e
)h++t1(+9the0e1te:e+1the!e5th)he5!52ee06*e1(+9thet(eeth(+?3ht
he) $\mathrm{h}+\mathrm{t} 161 \mathrm{t}: 1$ eet + ? t

- thet (ee most likely means the tree Infer ( $=r$
- th $(+$ ? $3 h$ becomes through

Can we guess + and ?

The solution:

A GOOD GLASS IN THE BISHOPS HOSTEL IN THE DEVILS SEA, TWENY ONE DEGREES AND THIRTEEN MINUTES NORTHEAST AND BY NORTH, MAIN BRANCH SEVENTH LIMB, EAST SIDE, SHOOT FROM THE LEFT EYE OF THE DEATHS HEAD A BEE LINE FROM THE TREE THROUGH THE SHOT, FIFTY FEET OUT.

## The gold bug problem

Prerequisites to solve the problem:

- Need to know the relative frequencies of single letters, and combinations of two and three letters in English
- Knowledge of all the words in the English dictionary is highly desired to make accurate inferences
- Nucleotides in motifs encode for a message in the genetic language. Symbols in The Gold Bug encode for a message in English
- In order to solve the problem, we analyze the frequencies of patterns in DNA/Gold Bug message.
- Knowledge of established regulatory motifs makes the Motif Finding problem simpler. Knowledge of the words in the English dictionary helps to solve the Gold Bug problem.
- Motif Finding:

1. In order to solve the problem, we analyze the frequencies of patterns in the nucleotide sequences
2. Knowledge of established motifs reduces the complexity of the problem

- Gold Bug Problem:

1. In order to solve the problem, we analyze the frequencies of patterns in the text written in English
2. Knowledge of the words in the dictionary is highly desirable

Motif Finding is harder than Gold Bug problem:

- We do not have the complete dictionary of motifs
- The genetic language does not have a standard grammar
- Only a small fraction of nucleotide sequences encode for motifs; the size of data is enormous
- Definition: Deterministic patterns are substrings over the alphabet $\sum$ e.g., TATAAA (TATA-box consensus)
- Discovery algorithms are faster on these types of patterns
- Usually not flexible enough for the needs of molecular biology


## 2) Rigid patterns

- Definition: Rigid patterns are patterns which allow substitutions/ don't care symbols
- e.g., the patterns under IUPAC alphabet
$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{N}$ where for example
$\mathrm{R}=[\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{G}], \mathrm{Y}=[\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{T}]$, etc.,
- e.g, ARNNTTYGA under IUPAC means A[A-G]
$[\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{T}][\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{T}] \mathrm{TT}[\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{T}] \mathrm{GA}$
- Note that the size of the pattern is not allowed to change


## 3) Flexible patterns

- Definition: Flexible patterns are patterns which allow substitutions/ don $t$ care symbols and variable-length gaps e.g., Prosite F-x(5)-G-x $(2,4)-G-*-H$
- Note that the length of these pattern is variable
- Very expressive
- Space of all patterns is huge


## 4) Profiles

- Position weight matrices, or profiles, are matrices containing real numbers in the interval $[0,1]$, such that each column sums to 1

| $\mathbf{A}$ | 0.26 | 0.22 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.11 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{C}$ | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.59 | 0.00 | 0.35 |
| $\mathbf{G}$ | 0.09 | 0.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | 0.48 | 0.45 | 0.41 | 0.00 | 0.54 |

- Notion of consensus

