Efficient Data Mining Methods for Enabling Genome-wide Computing

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Total mouse SNPs = ~40M musculus, domesticus, castaneous

Total human SNPs = ~20M





fast generation timereproducibilitygene modification









Recombinant Inbred Intercrosses (RIX) Reproducible Outbred Population

~1,000,000 possible genomes







What we are facing ...

DATA DATA and more DATA



In the near future, we will have

- a thousand RILs \rightarrow a million RIXs
 - How to select lines to design crosses having desired features?
- tens of millions of SNPs
 - Can we infer phylogenetic structures?
 - Can we estimate historical recombination events?
- millions of phenotypic measurements (molecular and physiological) and other derived variables.
 - How to dissect complex correlations and causal relationships between variables?
 - How to efficiently assess the statistical significance of the results?





- The dimensionality is extremely high
 - How do we cope with the curse of dimensionality?
 - Is it just a dimensionality reduction problem?
- The data matrix is comprised of disparate measurements including both continuous and discrete variables, which may not be directly comparable to each other.
 - How do we normalize data?
- The data matrix is not static, but growing both in terms of adding new samples and measurements.
 - How do we make the algorithms incremental and adaptive?





A Data Miner's View

- Individual items may be contaminated, noisy or simply missing, which makes detectable relationships hard to "see", and thus hard to interpret.
 - How do we model noise?
 - How to make the algorithms robust to noise?
 - How to infer the missing value?
 - Can we formulate it as a classification or regression problem?
- The number of unknowns far exceeds the number of knowns
 - How to incorporate knowns in the methods?
- A large number of permutation tests are often needed to establish statistical significance
 - How to speed up this repeated (but necessary) computation?









- maximizing the diversity within targeted regions
- minimizing the diversity outside the regions

F2 Tools





- Systematically enumerates all possible combinations of samples from smaller subsets to larger ones with effective pruning strategies
 - based on pair-wise diversity









Local Perfect Phylogeny Trees





- When quadratic time/space is too much,
 - what is the minimal number of trees needed to describe an entire genome?
 how to compute all local perfect phylogeny trees efficiently?
 - what are the common trees/subtrees?
 - how to perform phylogeny tree-based association studies efficiently?



- The ability to gather, organize, analyze, model, and visualize large, multi-scale, heterogeneous data sets rapidly is crucial.
- The massive scale and dynamic nature of data dictate that data mining technologies be fast, flexible, and capable of operating at multiple levels of abstraction.
- Novel data mining techniques are required to extract information, expose knowledge, and understand complex data.



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