Microarray Data Analysis

Gene Filtering and Missing Values Imputation

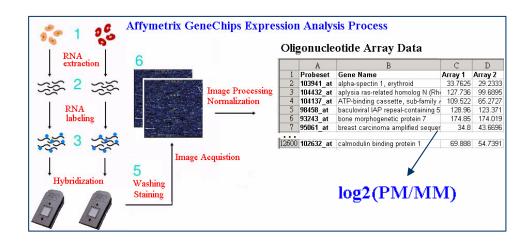國立中正大學 分子生物研究所

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Outlines

■ **MSA5: Detection Calls**

■ **dChip: Filter Genes**

■ **Missing Values Imputation**

- **Answers**: "Is the transcript of a particular gene Present or Absent?"

- **Absent** means that the expression level is below the threshold of detection. That is, the expression level is not provably different from zero.

- **Advantage**: easy to filter and easy to interpret: we may only want to look at genes whose transcripts are detectable in a particular experiment.
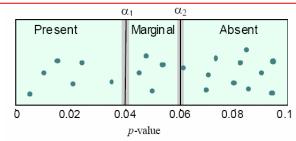
Method

There are four steps to the method:

1. Remove saturated probe pairs and ignore probe pairs wherein PM $\sim$ MM $+$ *tau*
2. Calculate the discrimination scores. (This tells us how different the PM and MM cells are.)
3. Use Wilcoxon's rank test to calculate a significance or *p*-value. (This tells us how confident we can be about a certain result.)
4. Compare the *p*-value with our preset significance levels to make the call.

Saturation

If a mismatch cell is saturated $MM \geq 46000$, the corresponding probe pair is not used in further computations. We also discard pairs where PM and MM are within *tau* of each other.

Discrimination Score

$$R_i = \frac{PM_i - MM_i}{PM_i + MM_i}$$

Making the call

We set two significance levels α_1 and α_2 such that

$$0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < 0.5$$

default $\alpha_1 = 0.04$ (16-20 probe pairs)
default $\alpha_2 = 0.06$ (16-20 probe pairs)

Computing *p*-values:

The one-sided Wilcoxon's Signed Rank Test

H_0: median$(R_i - \tau) = 0$

H_1: median$(R_i - \tau) > 0$

The null hypothesis is that the target is absent (zero effect on the probes).

Significance levels α_1 and α_2 define cut-offs of *p*-values for making calls.

1. A < SD/mean < B
   A < SD (for logged data) < B

A gene is variable enough compared to its mean expression level to contain interesting information (> A), but not so variable that nothing can be learned (< B).
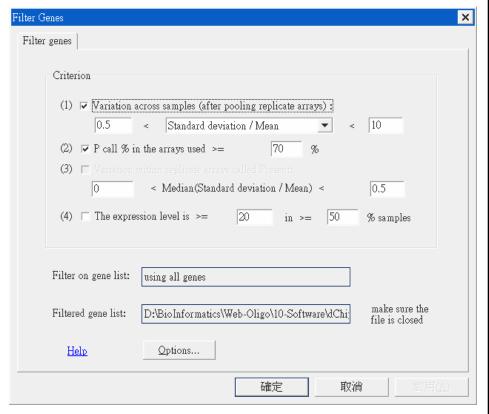
2. Presence call > X%

Narrows genes with a positive presence call in a certain percentage (> X%) of the samples.

3. A < Median(SD/Mean) < B
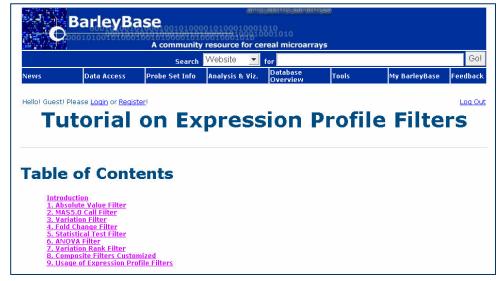
4. Expression level > Y in X%

Since low expression estimates are sometimes unreliable, we may want to limit our analysis to genes that are expressed above some threshold (>Y) in a certain percentage (X%) of the samples.

Filter Genes

Filter genes

Criterion

(1) ☑ Variation across samples (after pooling replicate arrays) :
   0.5   <   Standard deviation / Mean   ▼   <   10

(2) ☑ P call % in the arrays used >=   70   %

(3) ☐ Variation within replicate arrays called Present:
   0   < Median(Standard deviation / Mean) <   0.5

(4) ☐ The expression level is >=   20   in >=   50   % samples

Filter on gene list: using all genes

Filtered gene list: D:\BioInformatics\Web-Oligo\10-Software\dChi   make sure the file is closed

Help   Options...

確定   取消   套用(A)

http://www.biostat.harvard.edu/complab/dchip/

http://www.barleybase.org/filtertut.php

GeneSpring Tutorials
http://www.chem.agilent.com/Scripts/Generic.ASP?lPage=34743&indcol=Y&prodcol=Y

GeneSpring User Manual
http://www.chem.agilent.com/cfusion/faq/faq2.cfm?subsection=78&section=20&faq=1118&lang=en

Missing Values Estimation for Microarray Data

Missing values imply a loss of information

- Many analysis techniques that require complete data matrices: such as hierarchical clustering, k-means clustering, and self-organizing maps.
- May benefit from using more accurately estimated missing values.

Possible Solution

1. Exclude missing values from subsequent analysis.

2. Repeat the experiment
3. Missing values in replicated design.

    Expensive.

    May be of scientific interest !

4. Adjust dissimilarity measures. (e.g., pairwise deletion.)
5. Modify clustering methods that can deal with missing values.

6. Imputation of missing values.

Sources of Missing Values

- ## Various Reasons
  - a feature of the robotic apparatus may fail,
  - a scanner may have insufficient resolution,
  - simply dust or scratches on the slide (image corruption),
  - spots with dust particles, irregularities, …

- ## Mathematical transformation
  - undefined mathematical transformed:

    e.g., corrected intensities values that are negative or zero, a subsequent log-transformation will yield missing values.

- ## Flag

Spots may be flagged as *absent* or *feature not found* when nothing is printed in the location of a spot.
  - the imaging software cannot detect any fluorescence at the spot,
  - expression readings that are barely above the background correction,
  - the expression intensity ratio is undefined: */0, 0/*.

GenePix
Good=100. Bad=-100. Not Found=-50. Absent=-75. unflagged=0.

Statistical Classification of Missing Data

It helpful to classify missing values on the basis of the **stochastic mechanism** that produces them.

Missing Completely At Random (MCAR)
- Missingness is **independent** of their own unobserved values and the observed data.
- Arising from chance events that are **unrelated to the nature** of the investigation.
- **e.g.,** A spot that is obscured accidentally by a dust particle.

Missing At Random (MAR)
- Missingness does not depend on their on unobserved value but does dependent on the observed data.

Missing Not At Random (MNAR)
- Missingness depend on their own unobserved values.
- missingness depdents on the fact that their raw intensity values are zero or small.
- **e.g.,** Spots that show no fluorescence or that have undefined log-intensities because their background-corrected intensities are negative.

- The missing values may give clues to systematic aspects of the problem.
- If missing values do occur by chance among a set of replicates, the observed members of the set can stand in for the missing, albeit with some loss of statistical precision.

Imputation: methods rely on the missingness being of the **MCAR** type.
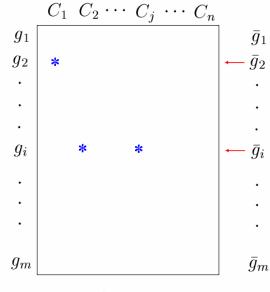
Imputation of Missing Values

■ Missing log2 transformed data are replaced by *zeros* or by an *average* expression over the row ("row average").

■ Row average assumes that the expression of a gene in one of the experiments is similar to its expression in a different experiment, which is often not true in microarray experiments.

■ **Main weakness:**
- ■ it makes no serious attempt to model the connection of the missing values to the observed data.
- ■ since these methods do not take into consideration the correlation structure of the data.
- ■ not very effective (Troyanskaya et al, 2001)

■ **Useful:** where an initial imputation is required an iterative imputation method.

$$C_1 \quad C_2 \cdots \quad C_j \quad \cdots \quad C_n$$

$$g_1 \qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \bar{g}_1$$
$$g_2 \quad * \qquad\qquad\qquad \leftarrow \bar{g}_2$$
$$g_i \quad\quad * \qquad * \qquad \leftarrow \bar{g}_i$$
$$g_m \qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \bar{g}_m$$

$$\widehat{C_j(g_i)} = \bar{g}_i$$
$$i = 1, 2, \cdots, m.$$
$$j = 1, 2, \cdots, n.$$

zero's
row average
row median

K-Nearest Neighbors Imputation

KNNImpute: a missing value estimation method to minimize data modeling assumptions and take advantage of the correlation structure of the gene expression data.

■ Results are adequate and relatively insensitive to values of k between 10 and 20. (Troyanskaya et al, 2001)

■ Euclidean distance appeared to be a sufficiently accurate norm.

KNNimpute

Model:

$$\{g_{(k)}, k = 1, 2, \cdots, K\} = \underset{k}{\arg} \max_{i \in C} \mathrm{Corr}(g_1, g_i)$$

$$\{g_{(k)}, k = 1, 2, \cdots, K\} = \underset{k}{\arg} \min_{i \in C} \mathrm{Dist}(g_1, g_i)$$

C: Observed C_i's without missing values

Imputation:

Average $\quad \widehat{C_1(g_1)} = \dfrac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} C_1(g_k)$

Weighted Average $\quad \widehat{C_1(g_1)} = \dfrac{\sum_{k=1}^{K} w_k C_1(g_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^{K} w_k}$

$$w_k = \dfrac{1}{\sum_{j \in C} [C_j(g_k) - C_1(g_1)]^2}$$

■ Euclidean distance measure is often sensitive to outliers, which could be present in microarray data.

■ Log-transformed data seems to sufficiently reduce the effect of outliers on genes similarity determination.
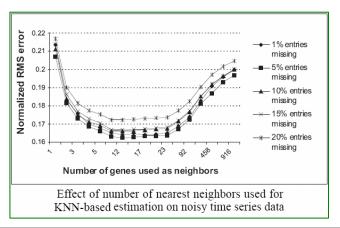
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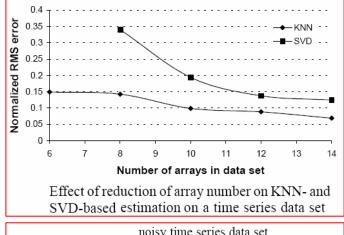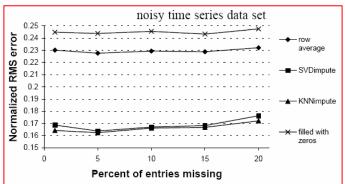
Data sets:
- Non-Time Series: Gasch et al., (2000): 755 genes, 173 arrays.
- Time Series: DeRisi et al., (1997): 6135 genes, 7 arrays.
- Noisy Times Series: Spellman et al., (1998): 509 genes, 77 arrays.

Criterions: normalized root mean squared error (NRMSE)

$$NRMSE = \frac{\sqrt{mean[(\mathbf{y}_{guess} - \mathbf{y}_{ans})^2]}}{std[\mathbf{y}_{ans}]}$$

Effect of reduction of array number on KNN- and SVD-based estimation on a time series data set

Comparison of KNN, SVD, and row average based estimations' performance

Effect of number of nearest neighbors used for KNN-based estimation on noisy time series data

Performance of SVD-based imputation with different fractions of eigengenes used for estimation.

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