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#### **Data matrix**



	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon
ha	0	4	3	2	2
ta	4	0	3	6	2
mma	4	3	0	3	5
lta	2	6	3	0	4
silon	2	2	5	4	0



#### **Distance matrix**

# **Dimensionality reduction**



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# Linear transformation

A B

# Linear transformation









Minimize difference (find W, so that  $A \approx A'$ )

PCA (Principal component analysis)W = top-k eigenvectors of the covariance matrix of A

# Transform (rotate) and plot the data!





MDS finds a lower-dimensional manifold that preserves the distances.



PC1



PCA "rotates" the data to find axes that maximize the variance.



#### Let's pretend there are:

- 3 positions
- 3 characters:











#### [w]eights = coevolution

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} @ \mathbf{w}$$



# [w]eights = coevolution [b]ias = conservation

$$\mathbf{x'} = \mathbf{x} @\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{b}$$



softmax(x) = exp(x)/sum(exp(x))

To make sure probabilities at each position sum to 1.0

 $\mathbf{x'} = \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{x}@\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{b})$ 

#### **Remove self-connections (Pseudo-likelihood)** $P(x_1, x_2, x_3) \approx P(x_1 | x_2, x_3) * P(x_2 | x_1, x_3) * P(x_3 | x_1, x_2)$



Minimize difference using categorical-crossentropy

$$\mathbf{x'} = \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{x}@\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{b})$$

 $loss = -\mathbf{x}^* log(\mathbf{x}')$ 

Balakrishnan, S., Kamisetty, H., Carbonell, J.G. and Langmead, C.J., 2009. Structure Learning for Generative Models of Protein Fold Families.

#### **Direct Coupling Analysis**

(analytical solution: inverse covariance)



#### [w]eights = coevolution

 $\mathbf{x'} = \mathbf{x} @ \mathbf{w}$ 

 $loss = (\mathbf{x'} - \mathbf{x})^2 / N - 2Tr(\mathbf{w})$  $\mathbf{w} = cov(\mathbf{x})^{-1} + I$ 

Dauparas, J., Wang, H., Swartz, A., Koo, P., Nitzan, M. and **Ovchinnikov, S.**, 2019. Unified framework for modeling multivariate distributions in biological sequences. *arXiv* 

Morcos, F.,... Weigt, M., 2011. Direct-coupling analysis of residue coevolution captures native contacts across many protein families. *PNAS* 

#### Autoencoder

(analytical solution: principle component analysis)



 $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} @\mathbf{w} @\mathbf{w}_{\mathrm{T}}$ 

$$loss = (\mathbf{x'} - \mathbf{x})^2$$
  
w = PCA(x).components\_

#### Autoencoder

(analytical solution: principle component analysis)



#### **GREMLIN** (Generative REgularized ModeLs of proteINs)



$$\mathbf{x'} = \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{x}@\mathbf{w} + \mathbf{b})$$
  
$$\operatorname{loss} = -\mathbf{x}^* \log(\mathbf{x'}) + \lambda \mathbf{b}^2 + \lambda \mathbf{w}^2$$

#### Low rank correction often required



### APC = raw - AP



 $\sum(i,:) * \sum(:,j)$ AP = ∑(:,:)

Dunn et al. 2008 Mutual information without the **influence of phylogeny or entropy** dramatically improves residue contact prediction.

### Contact map





## How to read a contact map





# All these models can be expressed as "Autoencoders"



### Analyze the MSA for conservation



Profile = Position-specific-scoring matrix

## Typical structure prediction pipeline

MSA = multiple sequence alignment
DB = database
Profile = conservation



#### **XYZ** = coordinates seq DB **MSA** Sequence Folding XYZ Profile EEEHHH SS Fragments frag DB Simons et al. 1997. Assembly of protein tertiary struct. from fragments with similar local seq. using simulate anealing and Bayesian scoring functions. J Mol Biol. Bradley et al. 2005. Toward high-resolution de novo structure prediction for small proteins. Science. Raman et al. 2009. Structure prediction for CASP8 with all-atom refinement using Rosetta.

Typical structure prediction pipeline

Proteins

**MSA** = multiple sequence alignment **DB** = database **Profile** = conservation

**SS** = secondary structure prediction

# Use the as restraints in folding simulations!



citations: tinyurl.com/coevopapers

Structure

Though our pipeline worked great, it was too expensive to run (**100K computers** running for <u>**2 weeks**</u> per prediction).



Ovchinnikov et al. 2015. Improved de novo struct. pred. in CASP11 by incorporating Co-evol. info. into rosetta. Proteins

additional citations: tinyurl.com/coevopapers

# **AlphaFold1** - use Neural Networks extract constraints from raw coevolution features.



Senior et al. 2020. Improved protein structure prediction using potentials from deep learning. Nature

### AlphaFold2/RoseTTAFold - Neural network everything



Jumper J. et al. 2021. Highly accurate protein structure prediction with AlphaFold. Nature

Baek M, DiMaio F, Anishchenko I, Dauparas J, **Ovchinnikov S,** ..., Baker D. 2021. Acc. pred. of protein struct. and inter. using a 3-track NN. *Science* 



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#### AF/RF - Use previously solved structures as templates



### What else does AlphaFold return?



# **Confidence metrics**

- **pLDDT** "local" confidence per position
  - range 0 to 100 (higher better)
  - Very low (<50), Low (60), OK (70), Confident (80), Very high (>90)
  - Useful for deciding which local features (loops etc) are poorly modeled



# **Confidence** metrics

- pAE confidence for every pair of positions
  - range 0 to 30 (lower better, in angstroms)
  - Useful for domain-domain or protein-protein interactions



- pTM predicted TMscore (integrates pAE values)
  - range 0 to 1 (higher better)
  - good as a single value to tell you how good the overall structure is.
  - recommend value for confident structure > 0.7

# MSA plots very important to assess what info is available for the prediction!



#### AlphaFold



#### ESMFold - Age of protein language models?



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MRF - Different model for each MSA (or protein family)







#### BERT - Same model for all sequences



## unsupervised



BERT (ESM1) - Masked language modeling (or self-supervised)



"Masked language modeling" is an approximation of "Pseudolikelihood"



$$\mathcal{L}_{PL}( heta; x) = \sum_{i=1}^{L} \log p_{ heta}(x_i | x_{\setminus i})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{MLM}( heta; x, M) = \sum_{i \in M} \log p_{ heta}(x_i | x_{\setminus M})$$

#### So where is it learning contacts?



## From GREMLIN to Standard Attention



https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34 890134/

# AlphaFold

