#### Introduction to Game Theory and Applications

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#### Gene expression and microarray

- Gene expression occurs when genetic information contained within DNA is *transcripted* into mRNA molecules and then *translated* into the proteins.
- Nowadays, microarray technology is available for taking "pictures" of gene expressions. Within a single experiment of this sophisticated technology, the level of expression of thousands of genes can be estimated in a sample of cells under a given condition.







# From political and social science to genomics...

- Players are genes
- Who knows the **decision rule** in this context?
- IDEA: we can make a rule on microarray gene expression profiles.
- <u>Example</u>: we define a criterion to establish which genes have abnormal expressions on each array



### **Decision rule**

A group of genes is *winning* on a single array if all genes that have abnormal expressions belong to that group

	array1
gene1	0
gene2	1
gene3	1

Both groups {gene2, gene3} and group {gene1, gene2, gene3} are winning.



•coalition {gene2, gene3} is winning two times out of three;

- •coalition {gene1, gene2} is winning one time out of three;
- •And so on for each coalition...

#### Example

	Array1	Array2	Array3
<b>g</b> <sub>1</sub>	0	1	0
<b>g</b> <sub>2</sub>	1	1	0
<b>g</b> <sub>3</sub>	1	0	1

The corresponding *microarray game*  $<\{g_1, g_2, g_3\}, v> \text{ tale che}$  $v(\emptyset) = v(\{g_1\}) = v(\{g_2\}) = 0$  $v(\{g_1, g_3\}) = v(\{g1, g2\}) = v(\{g_3\}) = 1/3$  $v(\{g_2, g_3\}) = 2/3$  $v(\{g_1, g_2, g_3\}) = 1.$ 



#### Axioms for the Shapley value on microarray games

#### Property 1: Null Gene (NG)

A gene which does not contribute to change the worth of any coalition of genes, should receive zero power.

#### Prop.2:Equal Splitting (ES)

Each sample should receive the same level of reliability. So the power of a gene on two samples should be equal to the sum of the power on each sample divided by two.



#### Partnership of genes

A group of genes S such that does not exist a proper ( $\subset$ ) subset of S which contributes in changing the worth of genes outside S.

#### Example

These two sets are partnerships of genes in the corresponding Microarray game



#### Property 3: Partnership Monotonicity (PM)

(N,v) a microarray game. If two partnerships of genes S and T, with  $|T|\ge|S|$  are such that they are *-disjoint* (S $\cap$ T=Ø), *-equivalent* (v(S)=v(T)) *-exhaustive* (v(S $\cup$ T)=v(N)), then genes in the smaller *partnership* S must receive more relevance then genes in T.

Example



 $\psi_i \ge \psi_k$ For each  $i \in \{1,2\}$  $k \in \{3,4,5\}$  Property 4: Partnership Rationality (PR) The total amount of power index received from players of a partnership S should not be smaller than v(S)

Property 5: Partnership Feasibility (PF)

The total amount of power index received from players of a partnership S should not be greater than v(N)

Theorem (Moretti, Patrone, BOnassi (2007)):

The Shapley value is the unique solution which satisfies NG, ES, PM, PR, PF on the class of microarray games.

### Networks and biology

- Network based methods have been found useful in biology,
  - protein interaction networks
  - gene regulatory networks
  - gene co-expression networks
  - ▶...
- The structure of a newtork can formally be represented by a graph G = (V,E)
  - The vertex set contains the genes: V = {xgene, ygene, zgene,...}
  - > The edge set contains interactions.





A Array Data



### Steps for constructing a co-expression network

- Microarray gene expression data A)
- Measure concordance of gene B) expression with a Pearson correlation
- C) The Pearson correlation matrix is either dichotomized to arrive at an adjacency matrix  $\rightarrow$  unweighted network

Or transformed continuously with the power adjacency function  $\rightarrow$ weighted network

Centrality tries to measure the 'importance' of a vertex

- **Degree centrality**: "How many nodes are connected to me?"
- Closeness centrality: "How close am I from all other nodes?"
- Betweenness centrality: "How important am I for shortest connections of any two other nodes?"



The maximal centrality is attained by the hub of a star, for all centrality measures.

### (Shaw, 1954, and Nieminen, 1974) Degree centrality



How many nodes are connected me? (Beauchamp, 1965 and Sabidussi, 1966) Closeness centrality



How close am I from all other nodes?



 $b^{j} = \sum_{k \neq i, i \neq i, k \neq i} g^{j}_{ik} / g_{ik}$ 



it would seem foolish to discard the possibility of using a longer path, simply because a (slightly) shorter one exists.

# Lethality and centrality

- Comprehensive efforts to determine the functional consequences of individual gene deletions in yeast (Giaever et al., Nature, 2002).
- Rank genes according to their <u>degree centrality</u> and correlate this with the phenotypic effect of their individual removal from the yeast genome and proteome.
  - the likelihood that removal of a protein will prove lethal correlates with centrality in protein networks (Jeong et al. *Nature* 2001, **411)**.
  - analysis of unweighted gene co-expression networks have revealed a relationship between centrality and essentiality across all genes (Provero [arXiv:cond-mat/0207345], 2002).
  - strong positive correlations between gene connectivity within the whole weighted network and gene lethality (Carlson, BMC Genomics, 2006.

## **Co-expression network games**

- Use a co-expression network (N,E) as a communication network
- The set N of players is the set of genes studied
- Links in E are co-expression relations
- ≻What is an *a priori* game (N,v)?

# Co-expression network games

- ➤ a finer resolution of gene interaction investigated in the model, which is based on pair-wise relationships of genes in the network.
- integration of a priori knowledge concerning the co-expression with key genes, which may be obtained by previous studies.

*a priori game (N,v):* the worth v(S) of a coalition of genes in S is the number of key genes associated only to genes in S



# **Communication network:** a co-expression network from experimental data ({1,2,3},E)



A priori game

S	V	φ(v)
{1}	1	1.5
{2}	0	0
{3}	1	1.5
{1,2}	1	
{1,3}	3	
{2,3}	1	
{1,2,3}	3	- -

Graph-restricted game
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S	w <sub>E</sub>	φ(w <sub>E</sub>
{1}	1	4/3
{2}	0	1/3
{3}	1	4/3
{1,2}	1	
{1,3}	2	
{2,3}	1	
{1,2,3}	3	ſ

