

Inférence de Réseaux bayésiens dynamiques à structure variant “progressivement” dans le temps

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*Etude de différents modes de partage d'information
entre les segments successifs*

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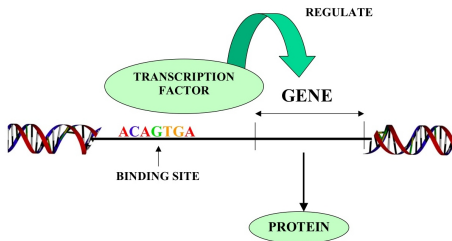
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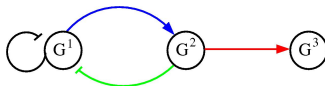
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Recovering genes functions?

- Regulatory relationships:



- up/down regulation
- retroaction, feedforwards loops...

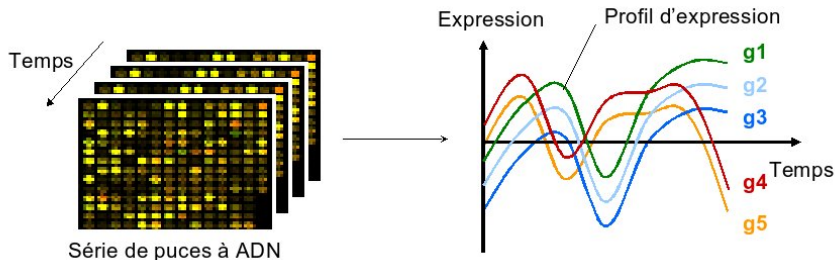


⇒ **Complex dynamic system**

- Objective: identifying this organisation in large scale.

Temporal gene expression data

- Microarrays:
 - ↪ **simultaneous** expression of **several thousands** of genes.



- Notations: we consider the stochastic process,

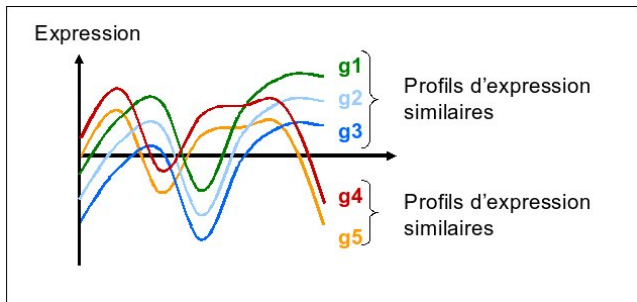
$$X = \{X_t^i; \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}, \forall t \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}$$

where X_t^i is the expression of gene i at time t ,

What information extracting from expression profiles?

- Identifying coexpressed genes

↪ coregulated genes? ↪ same biological process?

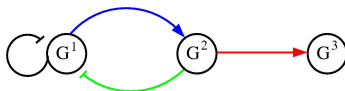


- 2 main objectives:

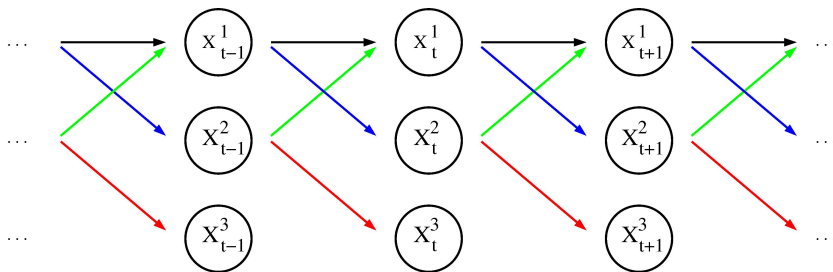
- Which genes **work together**?
- At **what time** of the process?

DBN modelling of biological motifs

- A biological motif



- **Dynamic** Bayesian Networks (DBNs)
 \rightsquigarrow allow to model biological cycles



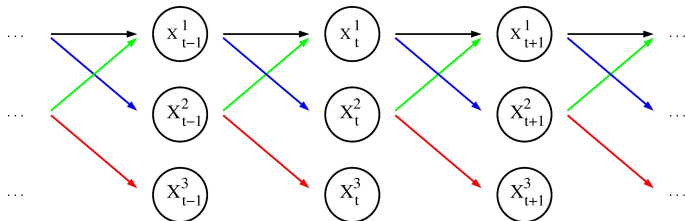
(Friedman et al. 1998, Murphy and Mian 1999)

Assumptions

- (\mathcal{A}_1) 1st order Markov process
- (\mathcal{A}_2) 'simultaneous independence' given the past,

$$\forall t > 1, \forall i, j \in N, \quad X_t^i \perp\!\!\!\perp X_t^j \mid X_{t-1}.$$

- (\mathcal{A}_3) time homogeneity



$$f(X) = \prod_{1 < t \leq n} f(X_t^1 | X_{t-1}^1, X_{t-1}^2) f(X_t^2 | X_{t-1}^1) f(X_t^3 | X_{t-1}^2)$$

DAG $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ for a first order AR process

- AR(1) process: $\forall t \geq 1, X_t = AX_{t-1} + B + \varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_t^1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ X_t^i \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ X_t^p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1j} & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1p} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{i1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{ij} & \cdot & \cdot & a_{ip} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{p1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{pj} & \cdot & \cdot & a_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{t-1}^1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ X_{t-1}^j \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ X_{t-1}^p \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_t^1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ b_t^i \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ b_t^p \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_t^1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \varepsilon_t^i \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \varepsilon_t^p \end{bmatrix}$$

Proposition

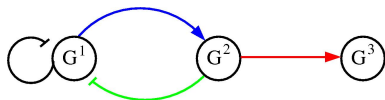
If $\Sigma = \text{Var}(\varepsilon_t)$ is diagonal then $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_A := \{X_{t-1}^j \rightarrow X_t^i\} \Leftrightarrow a_{ij} \neq 0$.

DBN for a 1st order auto-regressive process: AR(1).

- AR(1) process: $\forall t \geq 1, X_t = AX_{t-1} + B + \varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$

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- Example:



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

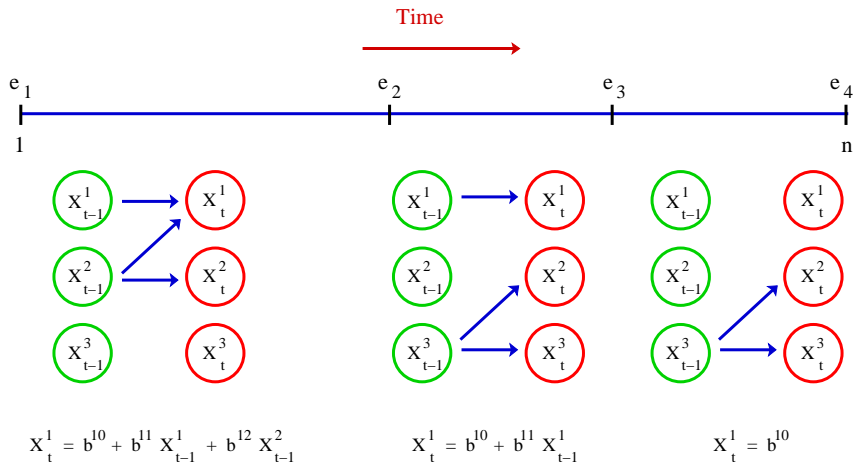
- **MCMC**, *The Bayes Net Toolbox for MATLAB*, Murphy (2001).
- **Lasso**, *High-dimensional graphs and variable selection with the Lasso*, Meinshausen and Bühlman (2006).
- **Shrinkage**, *Learning causal networks from systems biology time course data: an effective model selection procedure for the vector autoregressive process*, OpgenRhein and Strimmer (2007).
- **G1DBN**, *Inferring dynamic genetic networks with low order independencies*, Lèbre (2009).
- **SIMoNe**: *Statistical Inference for MODular NETworks*, Chiquet et al. (2009).

↪ Time-homogeneous DBNs

↪ Remove (\mathcal{A}_3) time homogeneity ?

Time-varying dynamic Bayesian network model

- Introducing **changepoints** where the **network topology changes**.



- **Undirected networks:** Yoshida et al. (2005), Talih and Hengarten (2005), Xuan and Murphy (2007), Ahmed and Xing (2009).
- **Directed networks:**
 - First attempts ;
 - ↪ Fujita et al. (2007): wavelet, fixed network structure
 - ↪ Rao et al. (2007): CP/edges estimated separately
 - Most recent
 - ↪ Ahmed and Xing (2010): non-bayesian (parameter tuning, BIC, ...)
 - ↪ Robinson and Hartemink (2009, 2010): discrete network
 - ↪ Grzegorzczak and Husmeier (2009, 2011): fixed network structure

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- Auto Regressive Time Varying (ARTIVA) network model
 - Joint work with Gaëlle Lelandais, Frédéric Devaux, Jennifer Becq and Michael Stumpf
 - ↪ BMC Systems Biology (2010)

- Our aims:
 - ↪ Recover changepoints and edges simultaneously
 - ↪ Gene specific segment transition
 - ↪ Continuous data

ARTIVA network model definition.

p genes - n time points - k changepoint positions

For each gene i , ($1 \leq i \leq p$),

- a **changepoint vector**

$$\xi_i = (\xi_i^1, \dots, \xi_i^{h-1}, \xi_i^h, \dots, \xi_i^{K^i+1}) \subseteq \{2, \dots, n+1\}$$

- in each segment h , (for all $\xi_i^h \leq t < \xi_i^{h+1}$),
 - a set of s_i^h **parents** $G_i^h = \{j_1, \dots, j_{s_i^h}\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}$
 - and a set of **parameters** $((w_{ij}^h)_{j \in \{0, \dots, p\}}, \sigma_i^h)$,

define the regression model,

$$X_i(t) = w_{i0}^h + \sum_{j \in G_i^h} w_{ij}^h X_j(t-1) + \varepsilon_i(t), \quad \varepsilon_i(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_i^h).$$

→ number of segments K_i ?

→ number of edges s_i^h in each segment?

unknown dimension...



- Multiple changepoint model:

- Number of changepoints $K_i \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda)$
- Changepoints vector $\xi_i | K_i \sim \text{Uniform}$

- Network model: (Andrieu and Doucet 1999)

- Number of parents $s_i^h \sim \mathcal{P}(\Lambda)$
- Set of parents $G_i^h | s_i^h \sim \text{Uniform}$
- Noise variance $(\sigma_i^h)^2 \sim \text{Inverse Gamma}$
- Regression coefficients $w_i^h | G_i^h, \sigma_i^h \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, (\sigma_i^h)^2 \Sigma_{G_i^h}\right)$
 where $\Sigma_{G_i^h} = \delta^{-2} D_{G_i^h}^\dagger(x) D_{G_i^h}(x)$ and $D_{G_i^h}(x)$ has size $(\xi_i^h - \xi_i^{h-1}) \times (s_i^h + 1)$

- Hyperparameters:

- $\lambda, \Lambda \sim \mathcal{Ga}(0.5, 1) \rightsquigarrow$ expected number of CP/edges
- $\delta^2 \sim \mathcal{IG}(2, 0.2) \rightsquigarrow$ expected signal-to-noise ratio

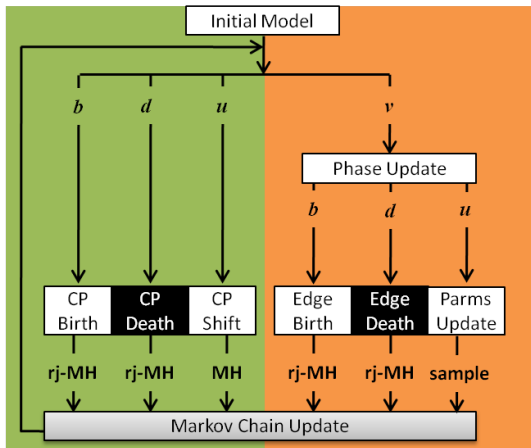
- From the AR model definition

$$P(x_i^h | G_i^h, a_i^h, \sigma_i^h) = \left(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i^h\right)^{-\text{length}(x_i^h)} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i^h - D_{G_i^h a_{G_i^h}})^\dagger (x_i^h - D_{G_i^h a_{G_i^h}})}{2(\sigma_i^h)^2}\right)$$

- Attractive feature (Andrieu and Doucet 1999): integration over parameters w and σ
↪ analytical expression of $P(k, \xi, G, \lambda, \Lambda, \delta^2 | x)$

Time-varying DBN inference with reversible jump MCMC

- Outline of the ARTIVA procedure:



↪ Reversible jump MCMC (Green, 1995).

↪ Model selection adapted from Andrieu and Doucet (1999).

- 4 moves : Birth (b_k), Death (d_k), Position shift (u_k), Regression model update (v_k).

$$b_k + d_k + u_k + v_k = 1$$

- Moves probability

$$b_k = c \min \left\{ 1, \frac{P_{\bar{k}}(k+1)}{P_{\bar{k}}(k)} \right\}, \quad d_k = c \min \left\{ 1, \frac{P_{\bar{k}}(k-1)}{P_{\bar{k}}(k)} \right\}, \quad u_k = \frac{1}{2}(b_k + d_k).$$

↪ keep c small (less CP moves)

- Birth/death move

- Acceptance ratio

$$R(\xi^+|\xi) = (\text{Likelihood ratio}) \times (\text{Prior ratio}) \times (\text{Proposal ratio}) \times (\text{Jacobian})$$

- (Likelihood ratio) $\perp w, \sigma$ (Andrieu and Doucet, 1999)

\rightsquigarrow Acceptance ratio based on the network structure only

- Acceptance probability $A(\xi^+|\xi) = \min\{1, R(\xi^+|\xi)\}$

\rightsquigarrow Ensures reversibility

- Shift move: standard Metropolis-Hastings step

$$R(\tilde{\xi}|\xi) = (\text{Likelihood ratio}) \times (\text{Proposal ratio})$$

(Prior ratio =1)

- Moves probabilities : birth ($b_{s_i^h}$), death ($d_{s_i^h}$), Parameter update (u)
with $b_{s_i^h} + d_{s_i^h} + u = 1$

$$b_{s_i^h} = c_{s_i^h} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{P_{\bar{s}}(s_i^h+1)}{P_{\bar{s}}(s_i^h)} \right\}, \quad d_{s_i^h} = c_{s_i^h} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{P_{\bar{s}}(s_i^h-1)}{P_{\bar{s}}(s_i^h)} \right\}$$

- Acceptance ratio

$$R(\tilde{G}_i^h | G_i^h) = (\text{Likelihood ratio}) = \frac{P(x_i^h | \tilde{G}_i^h, \delta^2)}{P(x_i^h | G_i^h, \delta^2)}$$

as:

- Prior ratio \times Proposal ratio = 1
- Jacobian = 1

ARTIVA network inference with reversible jump MCMC

- Reversible jump MCMC procedure
 - ↪ Generation of an ergodic Markov chain.
 - ↪ Reversible Markov chain: detailed balance satisfied.
 - ↪ Equilibrium distribution converges to the desired post-distribution,

$$P(k, \xi, s, G, w, \sigma | x).$$

- R package **ARTIVA** freely available (<http://cran.r-project.org>)
- Simulation study + real data analysis in :
“Statistical inference of the time-varying structure of gene-regulation networks” Lèbre S, Becq J, Devaux F, Lelandais G, Stumpf M.
BMC Systems Biology 4(130) 2010

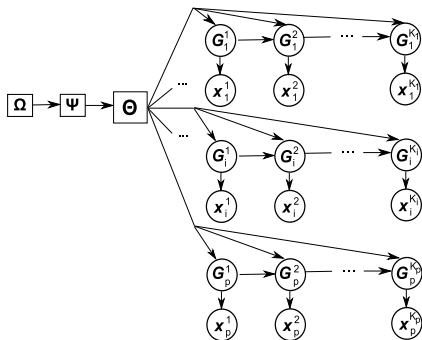
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- Assumptions: independence of the different segments
 - risk of over flexibility
 - not realistic in many cases
- Introducing information coupling between segments \Rightarrow Various approaches
 - Inter-segment information coupling: Hierarchical Bayesian model
 - Inter-node information: Hard coupling or Soft coupling
 - Prior distribution ?
 - Exponential distribution $\mathcal{Exp}(\beta)$
 - \rightsquigarrow 1 parameter
 - Binomial distribution $\mathcal{B}(a, b)$
 - \rightsquigarrow 2 parameters: 1 for edges similarity, 1 for non-edge similarity

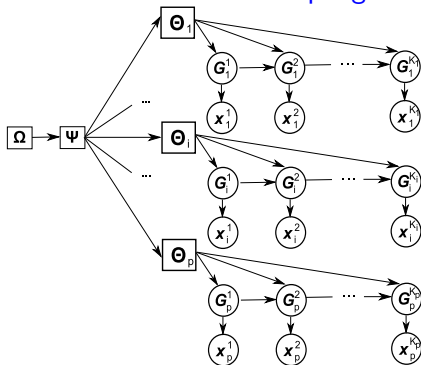
Hierarchical Bayesian model for inter-segment information coupling

- Strength of the segment coupling: hyperprior Θ
- Level-2, level-3 hyperparameters: Ψ , Ω
- 2 schemes:

Hard coupling



Soft coupling



- Prior modification (Werlhi and Husmeier, 2008)

For all $h \geq 2$,

$$P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta) = \frac{e^{-\beta |G_i^h - G_i^{h-1}|}}{Z(\beta, G_i^{h-1})}$$

where

- β defines the strength of the coupling between G_i^h and G_i^{h-1}
- $|\cdot|$ the Hamming distance
- $Z(\beta, G_i^{h-1}) = \sum_{G_i^h \in \mathbb{G}} e^{-\beta |G_i^h - G_i^{h-1}|}$ is a normalizing constant also known as the partition function
- When ignoring fan-in restriction (\bar{s}): $Z(\beta, G_i^{h-1}) = Z(\beta) = (1 + e^{-\beta})^p$

$$\Rightarrow P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta) = \frac{e^{-\beta |G_i^h - G_i^{h-1}|}}{(1 + e^{-\beta})^p}$$

- Changepoint birth/death acceptance ratio ($G_i = \{G_i^h\}_{1 \leq h \leq K_i}$)

$$\mathbb{R}(\tilde{\xi}|\xi) = (\text{Likelihood ratio}) \times \frac{P(\tilde{G}_i)}{P(G_i)} \times (\text{Proposal ratio})$$

- Changepoint shift acceptance ratio : **unchanged**
- Edge birth/death ratio :

$$R(\tilde{G}_i^h | G_i^h) = \frac{P(x_i^h | \tilde{G}_i^h)}{P(x_i^h | G_i^h)} \times \frac{P(G_i^{h+1} | \tilde{G}_i^h, \beta) P(\tilde{G}_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta)}{P(G_i^{h+1} | G_i^h, \beta) P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta)} \times \frac{Q(G_i^h | \tilde{G}_i^h)}{Q(\tilde{G}_i^h | G_i^h)}$$

- Parameter update : **unchanged**
- Additional MCMC step : sampling hyperparameter β
With symmetric proposal probability,

$$R(\tilde{\beta}|\beta) = \frac{P(\tilde{\beta})}{P(\beta)} \prod_{i=1}^p \prod_{h=2}^{K_i} \frac{P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \tilde{\beta})}{P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta)}$$

$P(\beta) \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 20]$ in our study.

Soft information coupling: $\beta \rightarrow \beta_i$

- For each node i ,

$$P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta_i) = \frac{e^{-\beta_i |G_i^h - G_i^{h-1}|}}{(1 + e^{-\beta_i})^\rho}$$

- Common gamma prior $\mathcal{Ga}(\kappa, \rho)$

$$P(\beta_i) = P(\beta_i | \kappa, \rho) = \beta_i^{\kappa-1} \frac{e^{-\beta_i/\rho}}{\rho^\kappa \Gamma(\kappa)}$$

- We set

- $\rho = 0.1$ (mean $\mu = \kappa\rho$, variance $\sigma^2 = \kappa\rho^2$)
- vague exponential prior on κ : $P(\kappa | \lambda_\kappa) = \lambda_\kappa e^{-\kappa/\lambda_\kappa}$
with $\lambda_\kappa = 10$ (prior ignorance)
 \rightsquigarrow coupling strength between node defined by the
coefficient of variation $\frac{\sigma}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\kappa}}$ (small coefficient \rightarrow strong coupling)

- Edge birth/death ratio :

$$R(\tilde{G}_i^h | G_i^h) = \frac{P(x_i^h | \tilde{G}_i^h)}{P(x_i^h | G_i^h)} \times \frac{P(G_i^{h+1} | \tilde{G}_i^h, \beta_i) P(\tilde{G}_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta_i)}{P(G_i^{h+1} | G_i^h, \beta_i) P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta_i)} \times \frac{Q(G_i^h | \tilde{G}_i^h)}{Q(\tilde{G}_i^h | G_i^h)}$$

- Sampling hyperparameter β_i

$$R(\tilde{\beta}_i | \beta_i) = \frac{P(\tilde{\beta}_i)}{P(\beta_i)} \prod_{h=2}^{K_i} \frac{P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \tilde{\beta}_i)}{P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta_i)}$$

- Additional MCMC step: sampling κ

With symmetric proposal probability,

$$R(\tilde{\kappa} | \kappa, \rho) = \frac{e^{-\tilde{\kappa}/\lambda_\kappa} P(\beta_i | \tilde{\kappa}, \rho)}{e^{-\kappa/\lambda_\kappa} P(\beta_i | \kappa, \rho)}$$

- Binomial prior

$$P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, a, b) = a^{N_1^1[h,i]} (1-a)^{N_1^0[h,i]} b^{N_0^0[h,i]} (1-b)^{N_0^1[h,i]}$$

- $N_1^1[h, i]$ is the number of edges in G_i^{h-1} matched by an edge in G_i^h
 - $N_1^0[h, i]$ is the number of edges in G_i^{h-1} not matched by an edge in G_i^h
 - $N_0^0[h, i]$ is the number of edges in G_i^h not matched by an edge in G_i^{h-1}
 - $N_0^1[h, i]$ is the number of coinciding non edges in G_i^{h-1} and G_i^h
- Hyperparameter a, b prior :

$$P(a, b | \alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \gamma, \bar{\gamma}) \propto a^{\alpha-1} (1-a)^{\bar{\alpha}-1} b^{\gamma} (1-b)^{\bar{\gamma}-1}$$

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First evaluation : topology inference performance

⇒ Changepoint **fixed** at their true value

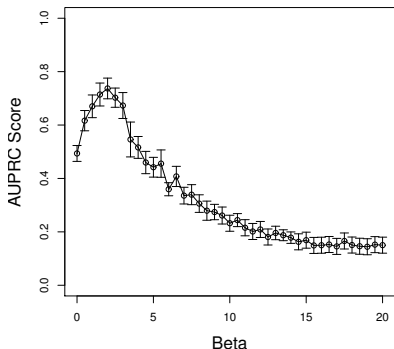
⇒ No structure change (only edges weights)

- 10 networks of 10 nodes
- number of parents : Poisson with mean $\lambda_{parent} = 3$
- 4 segments of length 15
- weights $w_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- noise $\varepsilon_i(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

First evaluation: no structure change

- Exponential prior : $P(G_i^h | G_i^{h-1}, \beta) = \frac{e^{-\beta |G_i^h - G_i^{h-1}|}}{(1 + e^{-\beta})^p}$

→ high values of β ?



- ↪ performance deteriorates with larger values of the hyperparameter
- ↪ poor MCMC mixing and convergence...

Conclusion: large coupling strength affects the mixing of the Markov chain

Alternative MCMC scheme : multi-segments moves

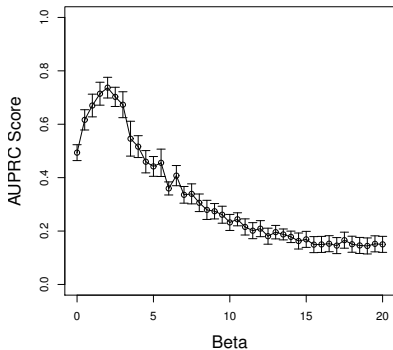
- Remark: CP moves unchanged
- Target-node specific
- 2 steps (for target node i)
 - ① Sample *one* possible parent (j) for node i
 - ② For each segment h of the K_i segments, flip the edge status between parent node and target-node i with probability q ($q = \frac{1}{2}$)
- Acceptance ratio (with $G_i = \{G_i^h\}_{1 \leq h \leq K_i}$)

$$R(\tilde{G}_i | G_i) = R_{Likelihood}(\tilde{G}_i | G_i) R_{prior}(\tilde{G}_i | G_i) R_{Proposal}(\tilde{G}_i | G_i)$$

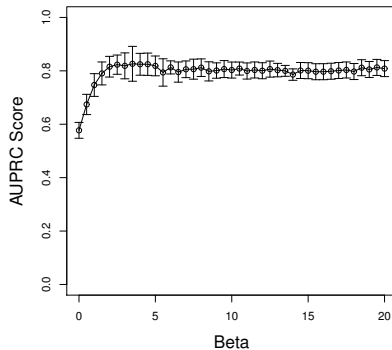
- $R_{Likelihood}(\tilde{G}_i | G_i) = \frac{P(x_i^h | \tilde{G}_i, \delta^2)}{P(x_i^h | G_i, \delta^2)}$
- $R_{prior}(\tilde{G}_i | G_i) = \frac{P(\tilde{G}_i)}{P(G_i)}$
- Probability of proposing \tilde{G}_i given G_i : $Q(\tilde{G}_i | G_i) = \frac{1}{p^{2K_i}}$
 $\Rightarrow R_{Proposal}(\tilde{G}_i | G_i) = 1$

First evaluation: no structure change

Before

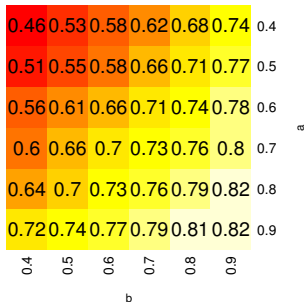


With multi-segs move



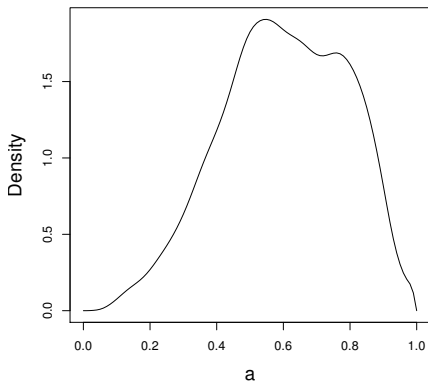
Binomial prior (no structure change)

- Area Under Precision Recall Curve (AUPRC)

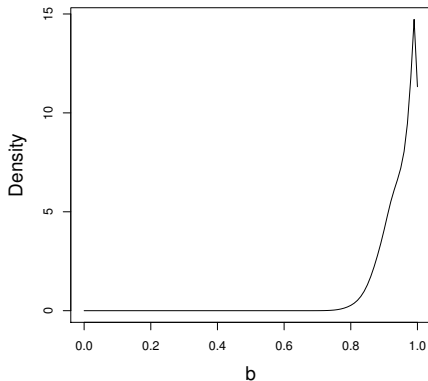


Binomial prior: original MCMC scheme + segment coupling

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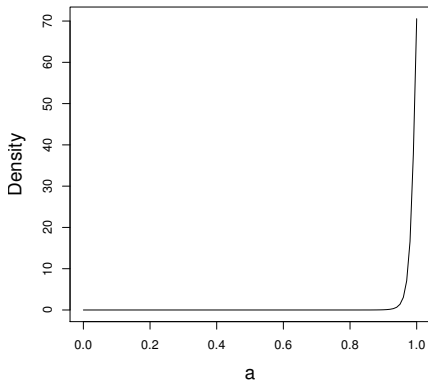


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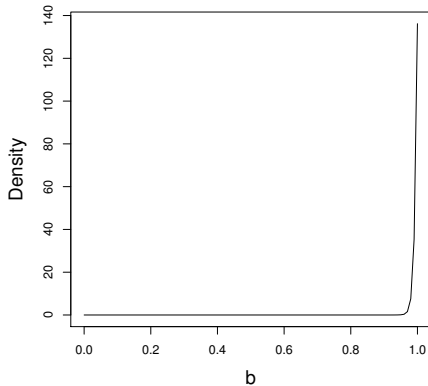


Binomial prior: with multi-segs moves

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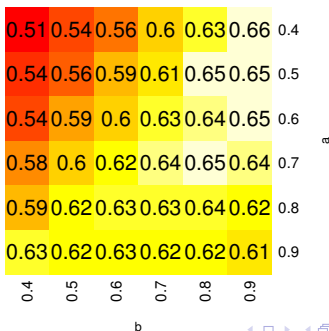


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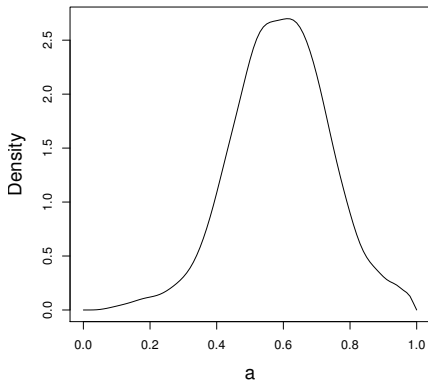
Simulations with structure changes

- Number of changes per node:
Poisson with mean $\lambda_{changes} = 0.25, 0.5, 1$
- Binomial prior (hard coupling): **AUPRC**

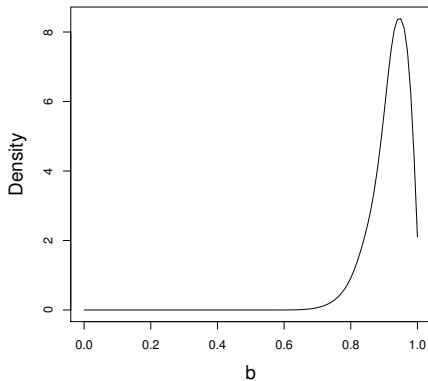


Binomial prior (hard coupling): with multi-segs move

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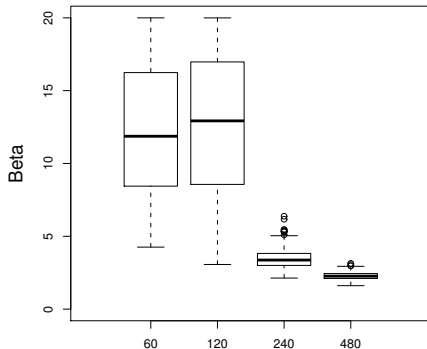
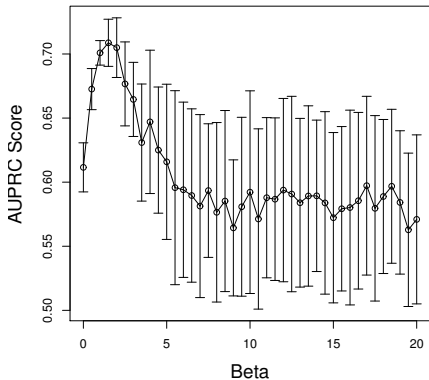


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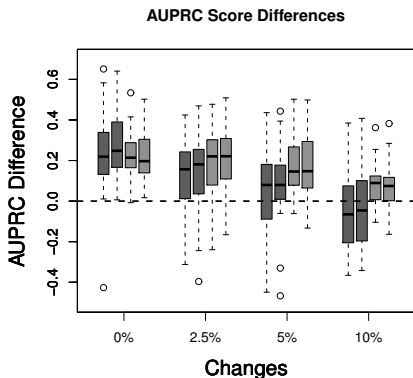
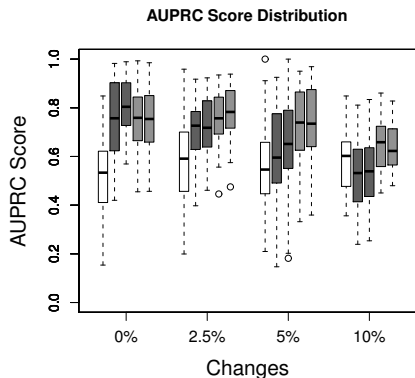


Exponential prior (hard coupling): with multi-segs move

- Area Under Precision Recall Curve



Comprehensive simulation analysis



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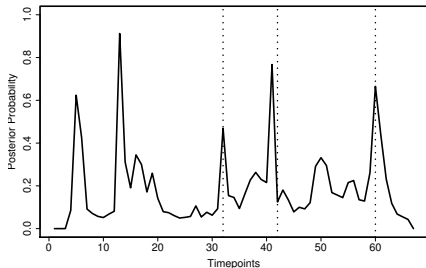
ARTIVA-0 Exp-Hard Exp-Soft Bin-Hard Bin-Soft

- 1 Modelling regulatory networks from gene expression time series with DBN
- 2 ARTIVA: Auto Regressive Time VAring network
- 3 Gradually time varying structure: segment information coupling
- 4 Simulation study
- 5 Real data analysis

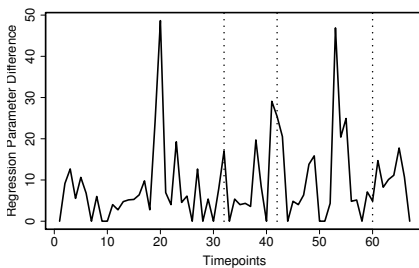
- Gene expression across the whole life cycle of *D. melanogaster* (Arbeitman et al., 2002)
 - 4028 genes
 - 67 successive time points
 - 4 temporal segments: Embryo - Larva - Pupa - Adult
- Comparison with previous work on 11 genes involved in muscle development
 - TESLA (Ahmed and Xing, 2009)
 - Robinson and Hartemink 2009, 2010.

Real data application

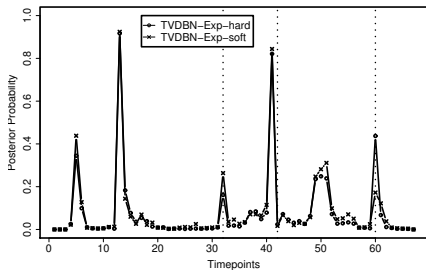
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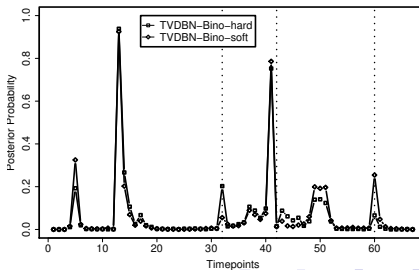
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Exponential prior



Binomial prior



ARTIVA segments coupling

- Advantages over existing methods:
 - no need to discretize the data (\neq Robinson and Hartemink 2009, 2010)
 - allows structure changes (\neq Grzegorzczuk and Husmeier, 2009, 2011)
 - all hyperparameters inferred from the data via a consistent Bayesian inference scheme (\neq Ahmed and Xing 2009)
 - includes four regularization coupling (\neq ARTIVA, Lebre et al. 2010)
- Detailed investigation of the hyperparameter inference
 \Rightarrow improved MCMC scheme for better convergence
- Difference hard/soft coupling seems negligible in the investigated scenario...

- Investigate hard versus soft coupling
- Investigate other functional forms for information sharing

e.g. recently Wang et al (2011) : exponential prior + additional parameter for sparsity prior

Our approach : sparsity with truncated Poisson distribution

⇒ explore the effect this additional sparsity parameter for gene network reconstruction

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