GHMM and HMMEd

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Modelling Sequences

- Biological sequences and associated features (DNA, RNA, Proteins)
- Time-series data
 - Gen-expression
 - Cellular processes (ion-channel)
 - Finance, Medicine, ...
- General setting: Assume a statistical process generated data



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Extensions

Non-Homogenous Markov chains: Transition probabilities vary

- Either with time (cf. Simulated annealing)
- Based on observations:
 Cannot go to state X unless seen a total of Y observations

Class HMMs

- Create pairs of observations :
 - A nucleotid (A, C, G, T)
 - Its annotation (Exon, Intron)
- Adjustment of training required
 - Conditional Maximal Likelihood: Maximize the likelihood of the *correct* annotation

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- Model-based clustering (like k-means, only with HMMs instead of centroids)
- Mixtures: Represent whole dataset as a combination of a collection of models

GHMM

- GNU (pending) Hidden Markov Model library
- C-library with C++ wrapper
- Weighted graph as main data structure
- GHMM is *not* a profile HMM library
- Portable, autoconf, automake

GHMM Model types

- Emissions:
 - Discrete
 - Continous: PDF, Mixtures of PDFs
 - Multivariates
 - Discrete & Continous

GHMM Functionality

- The basics:
 - Training: Baum-Welch (+noise injection)
 - Compute likelihoods etc.
 - Generate sequences
- Fun stuff
 - Simulated Annealing
 - Clustering
 - Mixtures

Gato: Software basis for HMMEd



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Hierarchical Models

- Gene Finding:
 - Codons
 - Exons, Introns, Promoters ...
 - Transcription factor binding sites
- Finding remote homologs:
 - Models for individual domains

XML based file format

- Variation on GraphML <u>www.graphdrawing.org/graphml/</u>
- Quite rich format:
 - Hypergraphs
 - Hierarchical graphs (I.e. Graphs as Nodes)
- Human readable:
 - Default values for instance variables

In the pipeline ...

- Finish ClassHMMs
- Finalize Python Bindings
- Documentation and more Documentation
- Finish HMMEd
- Finalize XML File Format
- Create a 1.0 release
- More Work on Training algorithms ... (1.1)
- Length Modelling (1.2)

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