Predicting Chronic Diseases with Machine Learning

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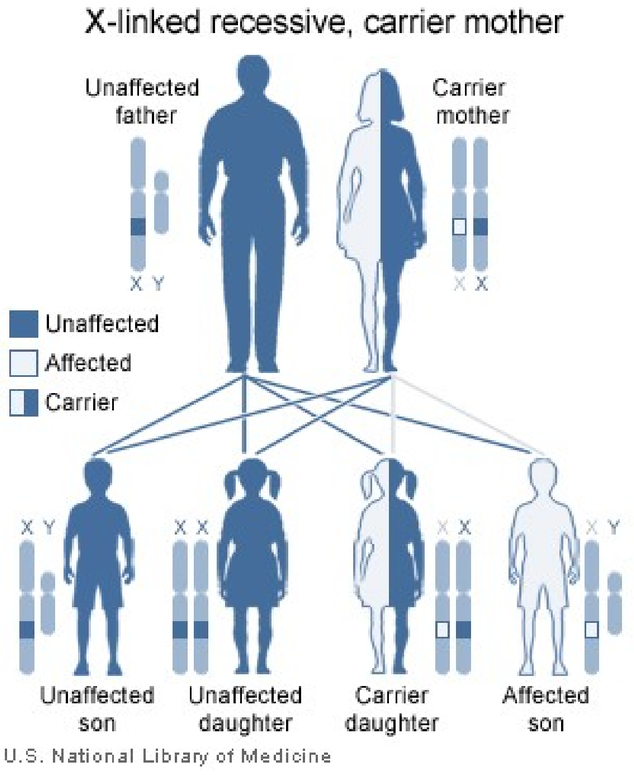
Focus

1. Use machine learning techniques aid in determining predisposition to chronic decease based on individual's genetic information and clinical data.
2. Use all available data from SNP profile
3. Ensure reproduciblity of experiments and keep track of data provenance

Genetic Causes of Chronic Diseases



Single Gene Disorders

- Depend on a single-gene mutation
- Have been suspected for long time
- Have been proven for quite some time
- Notable examples
  - Sickle cell anemia
  - Cystic fibrosis
  - Hemophilia
- Easily determined by Mendelian methods, looking at family history

Multi Gene Disorders

- Depend on two or more mutations
- Well studied mutation : Horse color
- Two gene conditions
  - Lactose intolerance
- Polygenic complex mutations
  - Asthma
  - Diabetes
  - Cancers
  - Hypertension
  - Autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis
- Very hard to determine through Mendelian methods
- Suspected to be genetic based on tendencies to run in families
- No clear pattern of inheritance

Previous Work

1. de Miguel-Yanes JM, Shrader P, Pencina MJ, Fox CS, Manning AK, Grant RW. Genetic risk reclassification for type 2 diabetes by age below or above 50 years using 40 type 2 diabetes risk single nucleotide polymorphisms. Diabetes Care. 2011 Jan;34(1):121-5.
2. Lanktree M, Oh J, Hegele RA. Genetic testing for atherosclerosis risk: inevitability or pipe dream? Can J Cardiol. 2008 Nov;24(11):851-4.

- Combine clinical and genetic information
- Used statistical models
- Did not show benefit when including genetic information

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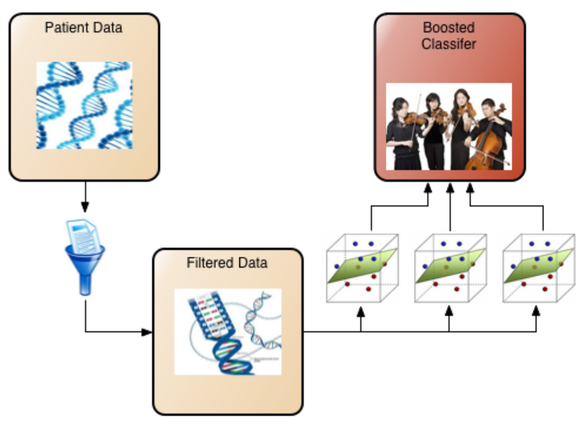
- Extracted subset of SNPs that are known to cause the disease
- Combined SNPs with clinical data
- Trained decision tree algorithm to build a classifier
- Cross-validated the classifier to obtain accuracy of the method
- Showed slight improvement over pure statistical methods. But amount of improvement was not that great.

Approach

Challenges

- Large Datasets (500 GB)
- Too many attributes
- Repeatability of experiments

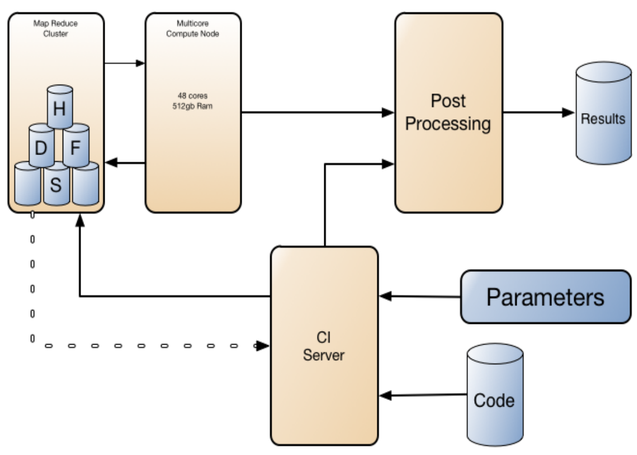
Method



Objectives

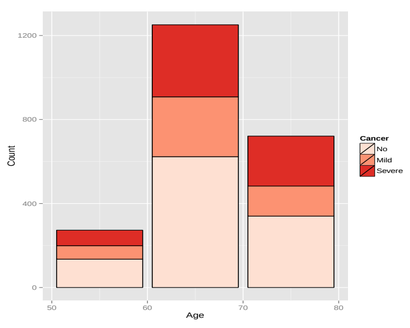
Capacity Performance
Repeatability Automation

Platform



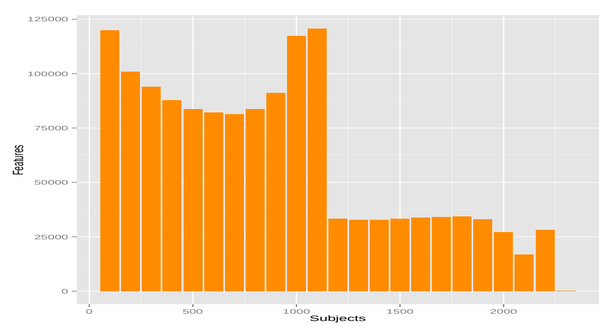
Initial Results

Prostate Cancer Study



No Cancer	1098
Cancer	1147

Combined Feature Frequency



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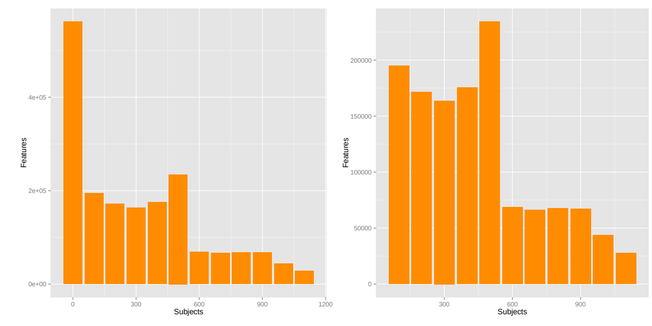

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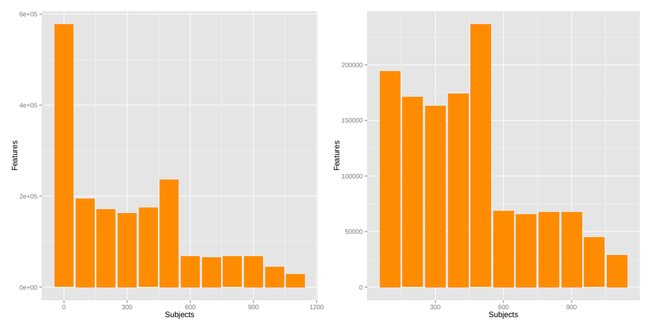

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