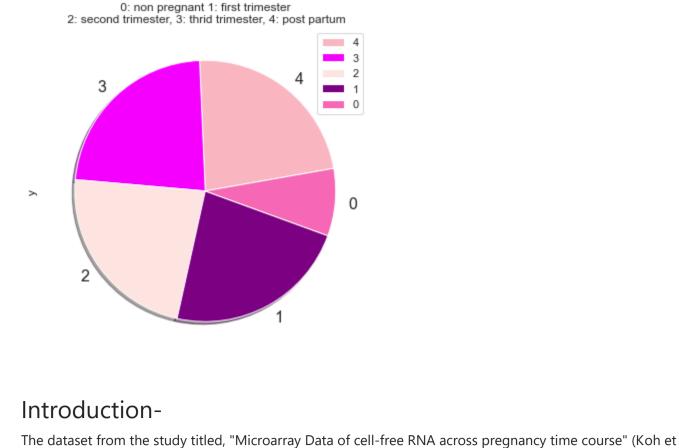
Predicting Pregnancy Stage from Cell free mRNA Levels

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Class Distribution



tissue development and overall health of a fetus can be determined (2014). This study aimed to provide a non-invasive technique for examining fetal tissue development. Our goal with this dataset is to determine what trimester a patient is in given the expression levels. From this analysis, we are hoping to find which transcript has the highest differential expression during the final stages of pregnancy. Using various Machine Learning models to classify the data to learn and understand how and when these transcripts are expressed, and what up-regulate genes they code for during pregnancy.

al., 2014) was downloaded from NCBI GEO database. The dataset includes cell-free RNA expression of 12 patients (including a non-pregnant control) over 3 trimesters and post-partum. 33,297 transcripts are measured in the dataset. By analyzing the expression and presence of cf-RNA in the blood, an overview of

Methods -Overview: To determine which machine learning method worked best for our dataset we begin by downloading the dataset into a pandas dataframe. We next ran various standard data preprocessing steps to get the data ready for classification modeling. We created some charts and graphs to visualize our data. Finally, we created a final dataframe that included all the changes made during our preprocessing steps, we

then split that data into a feature matrix (X) and a target matrix (y), and lastly we ran various classification

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Classes

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8 rows × 33297 columns Data Prepocessing: We started with the standard data preprocessing steps; removing any missing values in the data, and transposing the dataset to be the proper shape needed for running our models Normalize the data across samples:

In order to be able to compare our samples against each other we needed to normalize the data or

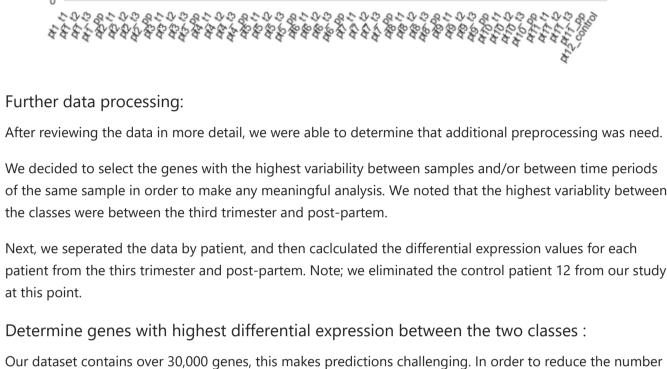
account for any outliers. Here we used Log2 base to normalize the data. Log2 fold change was suggested by a classmate during our presentation. Log2 fold is a great tool to help differentiate between original and

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Total Normalized Expression across samples

30000 20000



differentially expressed between the two groups. The last image shows the proportion of expression for the top genes in our dataset. Gene: 8128001 Expression

differentially expressed gene in the dataset. The second graph shows the top 15 genes that are

2.50

Top Differentially Expressed Gene Across all Patients

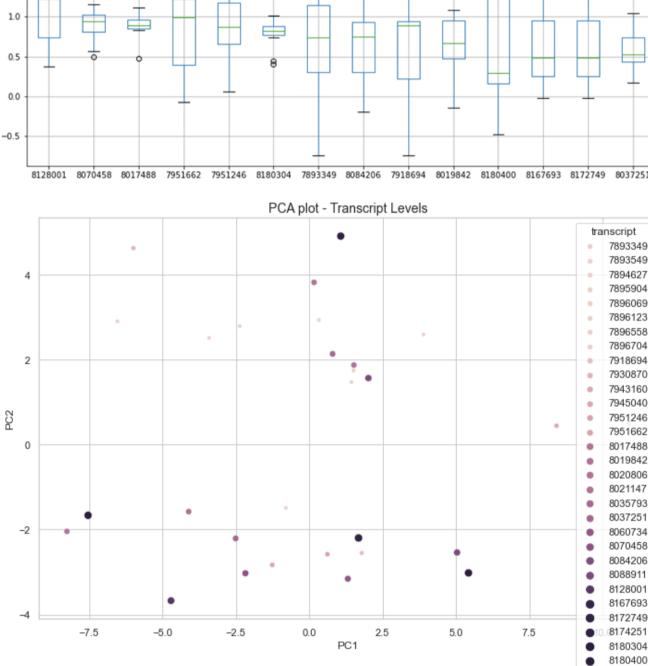
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3.377118 2.534738 2.713673 2.562716 2.295309

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Across all time third trimester postpartem



Testing models on our inital dataset with all classes and all genes: Below see a summary of the few models we tested on our full dataset; across all patients, during all time intervals, and including all 33,297 genes.

Models: Classification and Prediction -

SVM KNN LinDisc GaussianNB DecTree Testing on the updated dataset: two classes - Third trimester vs post-partem and top genes only: Now our data is are ready to be used to begin testing various machine learning classification models.

After testing our a few models we were able to determine that most of the models ran with a very high accuracy rate. SVM, decision trees, and random forest all performed the best when the hyper-parameters

Machine Learning Model Comparison

KNN

LinDisc

GaussianNB

RFC

AdaBoost

MLP

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DT_Grid

to find the best parameters the model improved from around 55% to 100%.

precision recall f1-score support 1.00 3 1.00 4 1.00 4 1.00 1.00 1.00 5

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Discussion -It is clear to see that the performance of each model improved in the seconard part of our report after we adjusted the dataframe to test between just two classes. Determining the top genes with the most variance between these two classes also greatly improved the performance of our models. Most models performed at nearly 100% accuracy when predicting between class 3 and class 4 (3rd trimester vs postpartem). It is important to note that model parameter tuning is an important part of creating any machine learning models. All datasets will require different model tuning and therefore it is

Putting it all together- Creating our final dataframe: At this point we finished with the data preprocessing steps and are almost ready to start creating our models. First we have to create our final dataframe with the new curated data from the above steps. dataframe will now only include the top 30 genes and sample data from the third trimester and postpartem.

Note that the results for all models hover around 50% with the decision tree model performing the best on Machine Learning Model Comparison 0.5

We split the final dataframe into our target values (y), and feature values (X). Then we further split the data

into a training dataset and a testing dataset which we will be using to train and test our models.

LogReg

Predicted 3 4

Accuracy = 1.0

Actual

accuracy

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Example: Updated SVM model -Model improved from 77% to 100% with adjusted parameter

1.00 accuracy with a standard deviation of 0.00

0 5

SVM-1

DecTree

SVM

often not known which model and which parameters will be the best choice. Thus, it is important to experiment with running different models and to utilize methods like grid search to find the best parameter

levels for patients at later stages of pregnancy vs patients who are not pregnant. Note that the postpartem samples represent a baseline level due to the immediate drop in fetal cfRNA after delivery. These models can also be used to train the expected levels during early pregnancy and middle pregnancy as well, and then could be used to predict if a woman is pregnant and at which stage she is in. More data processing would need to be done first to determine the top differentiated genes in each of those stages to see if the fluctuate during different stages of pregnancy.

expected level of transcript expression vs the acutal level for an individual at a specific point and time

After running all the models, we have learned that there are various ways you can look at the dataset. While the paper observed the data differently, we both have a similar consensus. The data shows more genes are expressed towards the end of pregnancy. Even from our PCA plot there is a clear distinction between third and post-partum classes. It would have been interesting to have the demographics of the pregnant woman

to see how a variable such as aging effects expression. From the 10 differentially expressed genes we observed, most are involved in brain and epithelial tissue development.

Koh W, Pan W, Gawad C, Fan HC et al. Noninvasive in vivo monitoring of tissue-specific global gene

expression in humans. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A 2014 May 20;111(20):7361-6. PMID: 24799715

Scikit-learn: Machine Learning in Python, Pedregosa et al., JMLR 12, pp. 2825-2830, 2011.

models to see which model was best able to predict which class a patient was in. Import the Data: The data consists of 48 samples (12 patients) over the course of 5 stages of pregnancy: first, second, and third trimester, postpartem, and control/non-pregnant microarray data of cell free RNA was collected

fold change of a sample using a log2 base for all samples to hover around 0 and 1.

of genes in our dataset we decided to focus on just the top 30 genes with the highest differential expression between the thrid trimester and post-partem samples for each patient. Data Visualization: The below graphs shows how the expression levels vary between between the third trimester compared to post-partem samples. The first graph shows the variation in expression between the two groups for the top

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this dataset.

Results-

For the SVM models, after adjusting the kernal to 'linear' and the regularization parameter to 0.05 the performance increased from around 80% to 100% accruacy. The decision tree model performed poorly with the default parameters, but when adjusted using gridsearch

were carefully selected.

- Updated the below parameters: Kernal = 'linear' C / regularization = 0.05
 - - All of the models that we ran on our final dataset can be useful for determining the expected expression The models could then be adjusted and potentially used to determine the health of the fetus based on the

during her pregnancy.

for a given model.

References -

