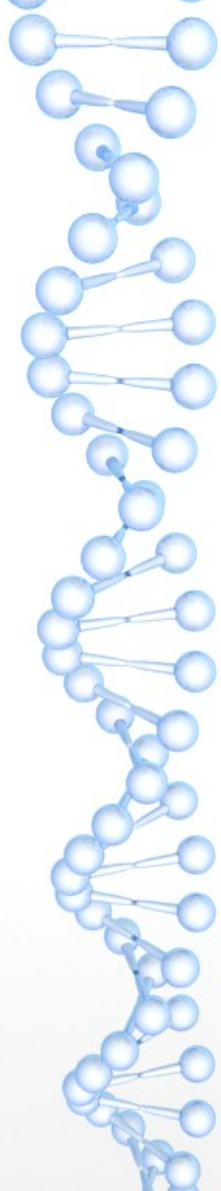

How to find genes network into single cell RNA data

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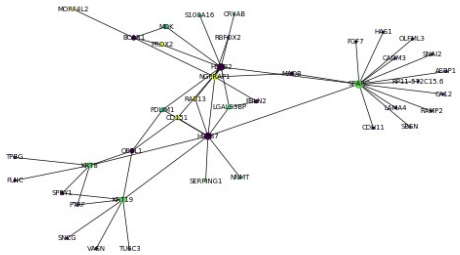
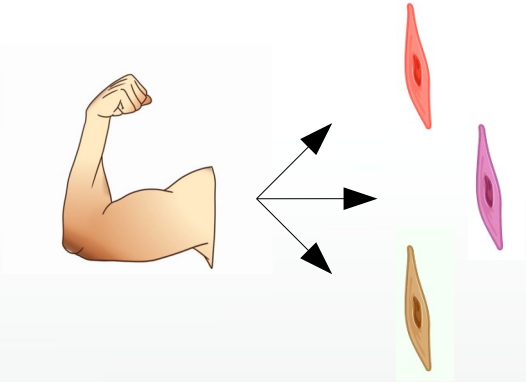
Why do we want to find genes network?

- Genes network :
  - Groupe of genes which interact with each other
  - Transcription factor gene

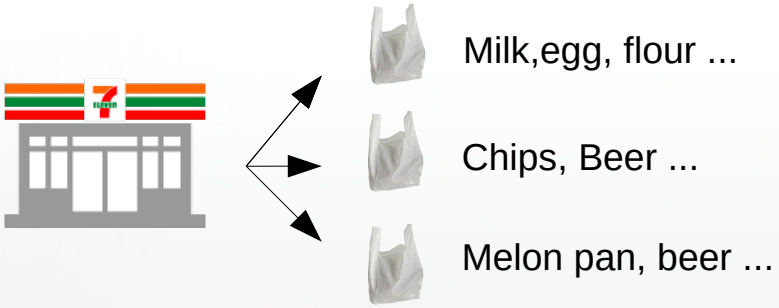


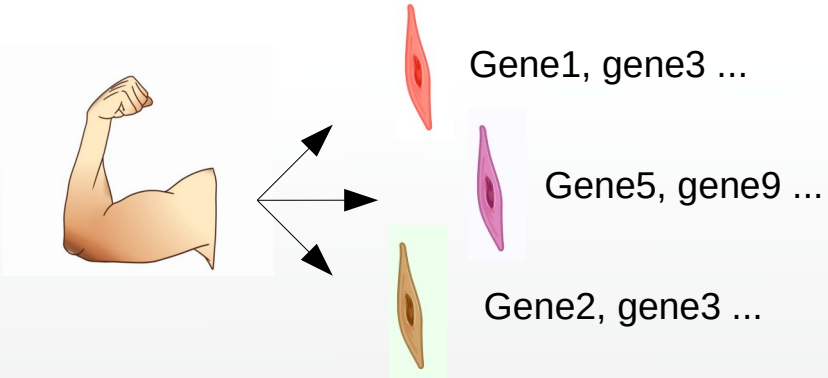
- Single cell RNA :
  - Cellular level study
  - Big variation
  - Non-expressed gene



My approach?

- Association rule learning :
  - Discovering interesting relations between variables in large databases
  - Discovering patterns in large datasets
- Apriori Algorithm
  - Find objects bought together
  - Find relations between differents items





How does it work ? (1)

	A1BG	ACTB	A1CF	...	FAT1
Cell 1	0	364	1014	...	40
Cell 2	0	909	0	...	0
Cell 3	0	501	590	...	2046
Cell 4	0	107	0	...	0

Count Matrix with expressed genes

Normalize and bool :

- Remove no expressed gene
- Remove too small count

	ACTB	A1CF	...	L3HYPDH
Cell 1	True	True	...	False
Cell 2	True	False	...	False
Cell 3	True	True	...	True
Cell 4	True	False	...	False

Boolean Matrix with expressed genes

Support : Fraction of cells who expressed genes (or a group of genes)

Confidence : Fraction of gene expressed if an other gene (or a group of genes) is expressed

Lift : Measure of correlation, if a gene or a groupe of genes are expressed and an other gene

How does it work ? (2)

1st step : Define threeshold of Support and Confidence
2nd step : Find gene who pass different threshold
3rd step : Create group of gene of lenght L+1 and check values
4th step : Repeat until lengh threeshold

Threeshold
- Min Support = 0,1
- Max Support = 0,7
- Min Confidence = 0.9
- Lenght = 3

	ACTB	A1CF	...	FAT1
Cell 1	True	True	...	False
Cell 2	True	False	...	False
Cell 3	True	True	...	True
Cell 4	True	False	...	False

Gene	Support
AACS	~~0.05~~
ABHD	0.13
COQ4	0.62
LCP2	0.20
SAT1	~~0.96~~

New group :
ABHD , COQ4
ABHD, LCP2
LCP2, COQ4

Calculate the value of support and confidence

Check value of support and confidance

Create new groupe of gene lenght +1

Output

Differents files are created :

- results json format
- List in txt format
- Log file
- Network representation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},
"CNN3": {
    "support": 0.29493183473826623,
    "LY6E": {
        "support": 0.2819231970028099,
        "confidence": 0.955892731122089,
        "lift": 1.3944395405119405
    },
    "EEF2": {
        "LY6E": {
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            "confidence": 0.9509043927648578,
            "PDIA6": {
                "lift": 0.6450125367716212,
                "support": 0.254761161411177,
                "confidence": 0.9503105590062111
            },
            "OSTC": {
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        }
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},
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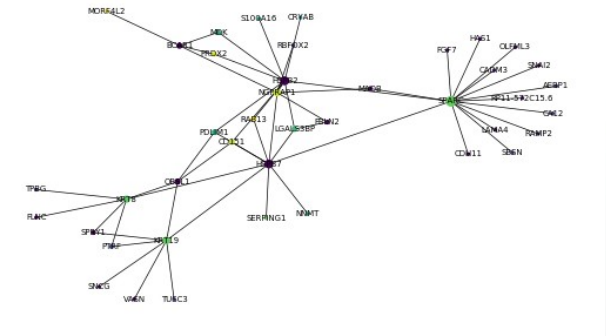


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10x_2         False      False   False  ...       False  False    False
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10x_5         False      False   False  ...       False  False    False

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        New number :
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    number of itemsets find :
62
Generate C3
    Remove clone. Old number :
310
        New number :
278
    number of itemsets find :
278
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Importance of different thresholds

Support threshold:

- Maximum support allow to remove genes who expressed in all cell (default=0.8)
- Minimum support allow to discovered low frequent network (default=0.3)

Confidence and lift

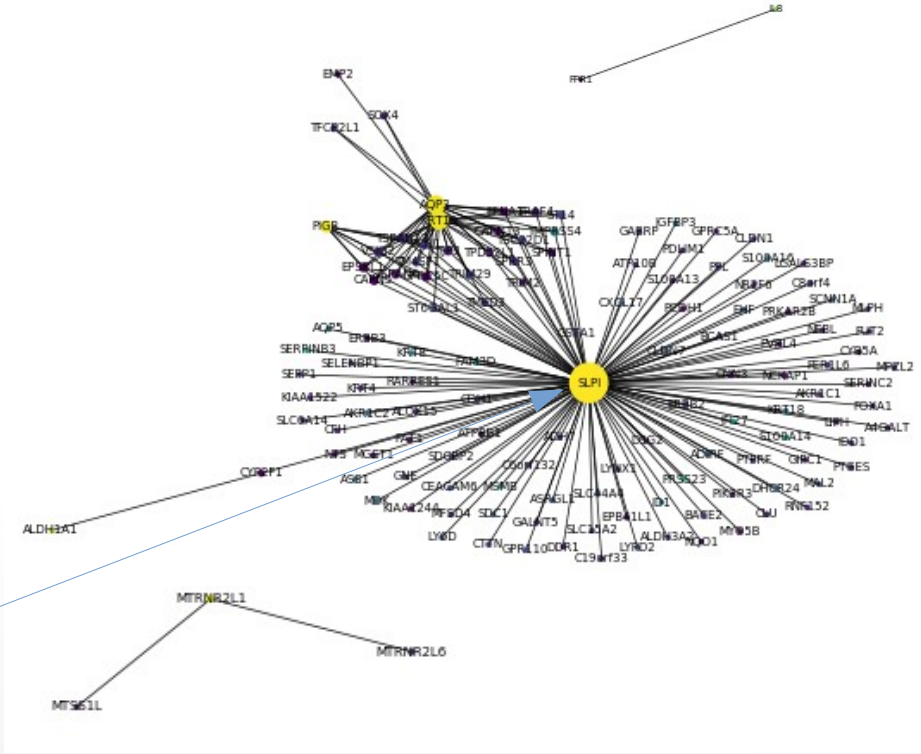
- allow to keep only gene network interesting (default confidence=0.9 & lift > 1)

Lenght

- Reduce compute time (default=4)

Results

- Nasal epithelial cells from mouse (GSE148829)
- Threshold :
  - max_length=3 , min_confidence=0.95
  - min_support=0.2 , max_support=0.8
- Results :
  - 1394 genes
  - 440 couple of 2 genes
  - 808 groups of 3 genes
- Exemple of pattern :
  - Interleukine 8 & Formyl Peptide Receptor 1
    - host defense and inflammation
  - Aquaporin 3 & Keratin 19 & Aquaporin TIP3-1
    - Inflamation
  - SPL1 : Transcription factor



Source : uniprot

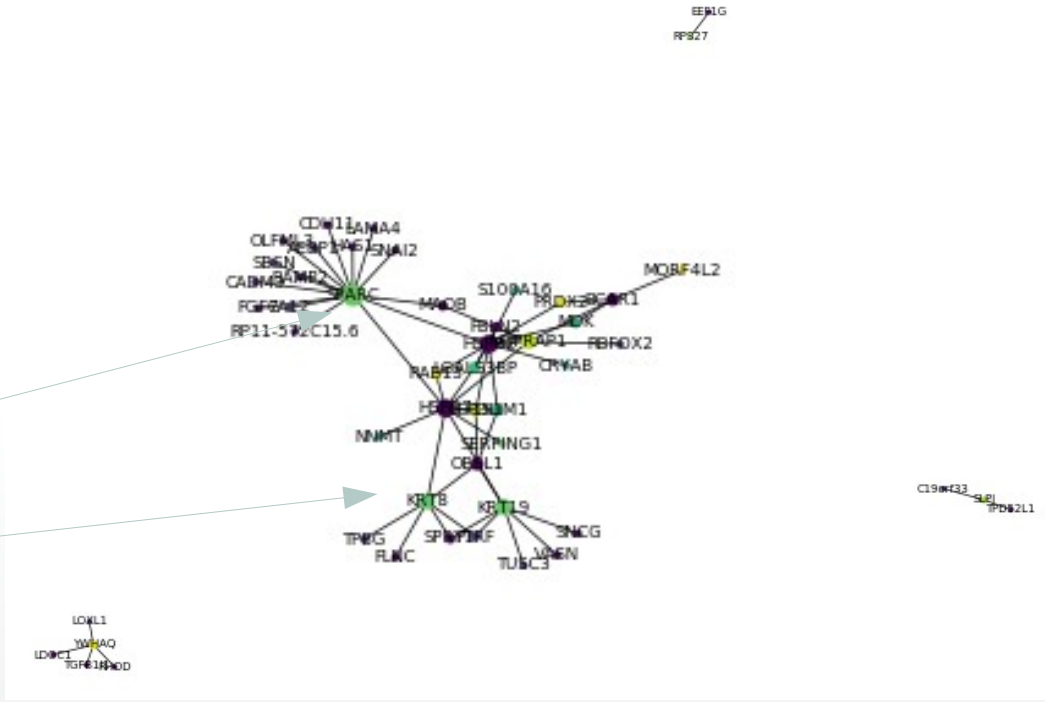
Results

- Ovarian cancer ascites from human (GSE146026)

- Threshold :
  - max_length=4 , min_confidence=0.95
  - max_support=0.5, min_support=0.1

- Results :
  - 4260 genes
  - 201 couple of genes
  - 1843 goups of 3 genes
  - 18457 groups of 4 genes

- Exemple of pattern :
  - Carbonic Anhydrase 12 & Secreted Protein Acidic And Cysteine Rich
    - Carcinomas
  - Keratin 19 & Caveolae Associated Protein 1 & Keratin 8
    - Structure of caveoline



Conclusion

ADVANTAGE

- Easy to use
- Very fast compare to other method
- Print graph and different results files
- Allow to study different level with threshold

DISADVANTAGE

- Only up regulated genes network are find
- More accurate methods are available