

raptcouple_test

Code of RaptCouple, a unsupervised machine learning of SELEX data. Raptcouple learns structure and fitness information from SELEX data.

Environment

```
mamba env create -f environment.yaml
```

install plmc

After installing [plmc](#) as the instruction, please edit `PLMC_TO_PATH` variable in `src/plmc.py`.

Description

[example/Ishida2020/Ishida2020.ipynb](#) contains the whole workflow described below.

Data preparation

Fasta files for SELEX rounds and a config file for RaptCouple are required.

```
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├── DRR201870.fa #R3
├── DRR201871.fa #R4
├── DRR201872.fa #R5
├── DRR201873.fa #R6
└── config.yaml #config for RaptCouple
```

Preprocessing

`python scripts/merge_and_cutadapt_all_rounds.py` performs preprocessing based on `config.yaml`.

This script performs:

1. cutadapt & fastaptamer_count
2. sequence merging
3. remove seqs of small count (optional)

Preprocessing part of `config.yaml` should follow this format:

```
Preprocess_parameters:
  N_random: 40
```

```
adapter_3: TATGTGCGCATACATGGATCCTC
adapter_5: TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAACTTCGACCAGAAG
data_dir: ./example/Ishida2020/data
fasta_annotation:
  DRR201870.fa: Ishida2020-3R #prefix in the merged fasta file
  DRR201871.fa: Ishida2020-4R
  DRR201872.fa: Ishida2020-5R
  DRR201873.fa: Ishida2020-6R
# remove_lowcount: # remove sequences which count is smaller than
# mincount.
#   DRR201870.fa: 1
#   DRR201871.fa: 1
merged_fasta: Ishida2020.count.ann.all_selex.fa # -> finally,
Ishida2020.count.ann.all_selex.unique.fa is generated.
```

This is an example of preprocessing.

```
python scripts/merge_and_cutadapt_all_rounds.py --config
./example/Ishida2020/config.yaml
```

MSA constraction

Set the MSA parameters (jackhmmer) in config.yaml as follows:

```
MSA_parameters:
  all_fasta:
    ./example/Ishida2020/data/Ishida2020.count.ann.all_selex.unique.fa #be
    careful
  target_id: Ishida2020-6R-1-2626-55264.43
  save_dir: ./example/Ishida2020/outputs
  prefix: ""
  iters: 10
  F1: 0.02
  F2: 0.001 # 1e-3
  F3: 0.0001 # 1e-4
  T: 5
  domT: 5
  incT: 5
  incdomT: 5
  print_result: true
```

Generate a multiple sequence alignment (MSA) using jackhmmer:

```
python ./scripts/run_jackhmmer.py --config
./example/Ishida2020/config.yaml
```

Note: We found these parameters work for most SELEX data. But, if the MSA depth is insufficient, consider relaxing the jackhmmer parameters (iters, F1, F2, F3, T, domT, incT, incdomT). For further details, please refer to the HMMER3 user guide.

Potts model training

Potts model part of `config.yaml` should follow this format:

```
Potts_parameters:
  input_fasta: ./example/Ishida2020/outputs/Ishida2020-6R-1-2626-55264.43.msa
  sim_threshold: 0.05 # theta
  vocab: AUGC.
  iters: 200
  suffix: ""
  print_result: true
```

`sim_threshold` is re-weighting parameters of each sequence in MSA. If the sequences are highly similar, smaller `sim_threshold` may be suitable.

Train the Potts model by running:

```
python scripts/train_potts.py --config ./example/Ishida2020/config.yaml
```

Folding with coupling scores

Once you have obtained coupling scores from the Potts model training, predict the 2D structure by using the coupling information. For example:

```
python scripts/fold_by_coupling.py --coupling
./example/Ishida2020/outputs/Ishida2020-6R-1-2626-55264.43.model_params --
min_loop_len 3 --z_threshold2 --output
./example/Ishida2020/outputs/fold.yaml
```

Prediction of mutation effects

Evaluate the impact of mutations on sequence fitness and structure with:

```
python scripts/predict_mutation_effects.py --param_file
example/Ishida2020/outputs/Ishida2020-6R-1-2626-55264.43.model_params --
mutations_file ./example/Ishida2020/variants/mutations.txt >
./example/Ishida2020/variants/mutations_effect_prediction.txt
```

or

```
python scripts/predict_mutation_effects.py --param_file
example/Ishida2020/outputs/Ishida2020-6R-1-2626-55264.43.model_params --
mutations G1A,A21.
```

mutations.txt should list mutations in a standard format (e.g., A15G). The script outputs predicted effects for each mutation, facilitating the analysis of mutation impact.

Sampling and Annealing Scripts

Gibbs Sampling

Generate sequences via Gibbs sampling and output them in FASTA format along with energy values. For example, run the following command:

```
python scripts/gibbs_sampling.py --param_file
example/Ishida2020/outputs/Ishida2020-6R-1-2626-55264.43.model_params >
./example/Ishida2020/outputs/gibbs_sampling_output.fa
```

Simulated Annealing

Generate sequences via simulated annealing and output them in FASTA format along with energy values. For example, run the following command:

```
python scripts/simulated_annealing.py --param_file
./example/Ishida2020/Ishida2020-6R-1-2626-55264.43.model_params >
./example/Ishida2020/outputs/simulated_annealing_output.fa
```

Citation

If you use this code, please cite the following paper:

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Tatsuyuki and Adachi, Tatsuo and Saito, Hirohide and Hamada, Michiaki},
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