Sense making of cardiovascular diseases using network analysis

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 - Techniques (Not completely decided, just bunch of techniques)
- Main research questions

Introduction

- What is the topic?
 - Research on network analysis of cardiovascular diseases
 - Array data (I will show example)
 - Computational problem because of the data size (n = 500, 10-15 thousand attributes)
- Why is this important?
 - People die and we do not want that

Small Recap

• Where?

- MUMC+(Maastricht Hospital) + supervision from CERN(with chance of possible visit)
- No heartbeat = Dead(returns true in 99.(9) percent of cases)
- Atherosclerosis
 - Is a disease in which plaque builds up inside your arteries
 - Leads to heart attacks, stroke and sometimes death
 - Is one of the main causes for death of people

New stuff

Software tools

- R
- WFKA
- Java
- Cytoscape(Optional, mainly for visualization purposes)
- GLPK

Possible techniques

- WGCNA(Weighted Gene Co-Expression Network Analysis)
- Artificial Neural Networks
- Network Simplex Method (Min cut problem)
- Bunch of other data mining/machine learning techniques
 - Clusterings, SVM, Regression(Multivariate) etc.

Main research questions

- Can we model how human genes react to cardiovascular diseases?
- Can we predict heart attack, stroke for some given patient given information about patient?
- Can we find regulatory genes concerning this disease?
- Main of all: Can we cure it? Or decrease it to almost non-existing amount?

Thanks

• Thanks for listening and if there are any questions I would like to give a try at answering them :)