

MODELING SHOTGUN DATA

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WGS DATA

- Metagenomic data gives you information about the complete genome of the organisms in a sample
 - Allows us to look at *function* rather than *just taxonomy*
- Perhaps ~100,000 genes per sample...
 - ...many unique to a single environment!

DEPTH

- You can summarize metagenomic data into the *coverage* of each gene in each sample
 - Most depths are zero
- With so many more genes than samples, you are guaranteed to find "false discoveries"
- Linear algebra exercise: 7 covariates (full rank), you can predict 7 observations with 100% accuracy

DIMENSION REDUCTION

- Statisticians *love* high dimensional problems
 - Statistics in high dimensions is not intuitive!
 - “Shrinkage”/LASSO ideas
- Statisticians know how to deal with high dimensional problems...

DIMENSION REDUCTION

- Step 1: Dimension reduce via biology
 - Cluster genes: genes are not independent biological observations, but rather are linked via physical pieces of DNA
 - Intelligent clustering reduces dimension

DIMENSION REDUCTION

- Step 2: Dimension reduce via statistics
 - If goal is to detect a difference between the average coverage in one group of samples versus another (e.g. pre/post treatment), can use regression-type approach
 - Critical: multiple comparison adjustment
 - False discovery rate control: control expected % of “false” “significant” genes/clusters

DIMENSION REDUCTION

- Step 3: External validation
 - A publicly available data is an amazing resource
 - Apply the clustering algorithm from step 1 to new data, and see if results from model in step 2 persist

External validation is critical in high dimensional problems

RESOURCES

- Baby R package and workflow, check out
 - **github.com/adw96/ShotgunSeq**
- *This is a Development version:* For advanced R users
- Key: locally parallelise and trade off model complexity to optimize both computational and memory efficiency

COMING SOON-ISH

- Lots to do
 - Adjust for different sampling intensities
 - Adjust for short-read bias
 - Extend to complex designs
 - Challenge: maintain speed

ENRICHMENT

- A few words about modeling in pangenomics
 - Pangenomics: comparing multiple genomes
 - Pangenomics looks at evolution of genomes, mutation rates, functional enrichment

enrichment of genes: presence of a gene in one group of genomes vs another group of genomes

ENRICHMENT

- Suppose we have
- n_1 genomes from one group; n_2 genomes from another group
- X_1 genomes with the gene in group 1; X_2 genomes with the gene in group 2
- If samples the genomes came from were observed independently, the “enrichment score” is

$$\frac{X_1/n_1 - X_2/n_2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{X_1+X_2}{n_1+n_2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{X_1+X_2}{n_1+n_2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}}$$

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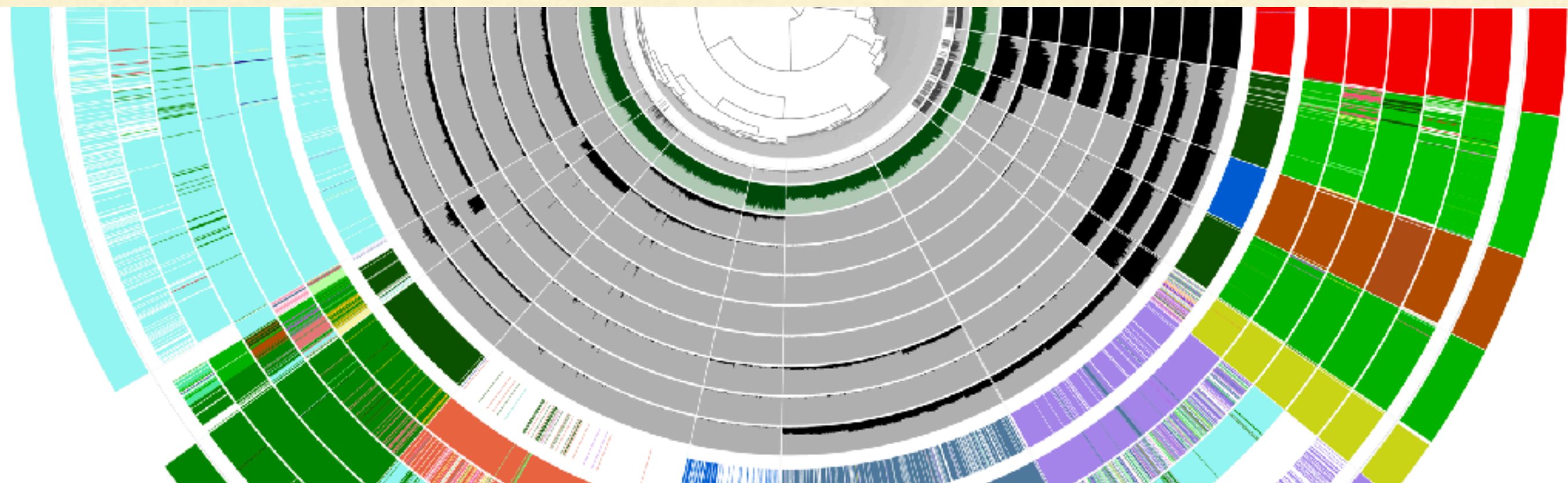
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- Key points: adjusts for different numbers of genomes in each group; allows valid hypothesis testing & false discovery control
- Coming soon to anvi'o

ENRICHMENT

- If the samples the genomes came from were not observed independently, or you're interested in more than 2 groups you may need generalized mixed models *to do hypothesis testing*
- Complex experimental design: take data out of anvi'o and use statistical software for modeling



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