Estimating Evolutionary Parameters for Protein Low Complexity Regions using an Approximate Bayesian Computation

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What are LCR's?

Saccharomyces cerevisiae SRP40 Protein LCRs

- >CAA82171.1(298-316) complexity=2.18 (15/1.90/2.20) tpassnestpsasssssan

Shannon's Entropy - MAYBE

$$H = -L \sum p_i log_2(p_i)$$

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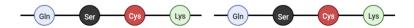
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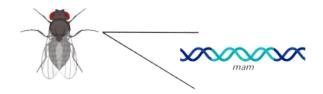


Tandem Repeats

Sequence of residues which are repeated a number of times



LCR's are Hypermutable

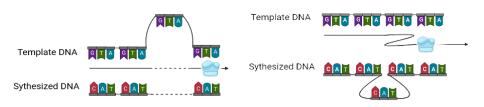


mam domain	Size (bp)	Amino Acid Substitutions	Amino Acid/ Total Substitutions
Unique	933	26	0.15
Repetitive	810	47	0.42

¹Newfeld, Smoller, and Yedvobnick, 1991

Proposed Mechanisms of LCR Evolution

1. Polymerase Slippage/Slipped Strand Mispairing



Polymerase Slips Forward

Polymerase Slips Backwards

²Levinson and Gutman, 1987; Sehn, 2015

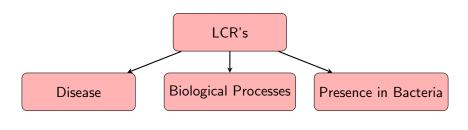
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2. Unequal Recombination



³Mirkin, 2007

Why Care about LCRs and Their Evolution?









Huntington's Disease

Genetic Recombination

Neisseria meningitidis

What will this Study Explore?

- Estimation of evolutionary parameters (mutation rate, indel rates)
- Various models of insertions and deletions
- Summary statistics which best explain data

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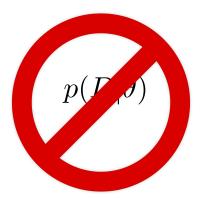
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► The increasing complexity and magnitude of available data can make the likelihood difficult to calculate

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Calculation of the likelihood is replaced with a simulation step

MCMC for ABC

- **①** Propose a move from θ to θ' according to a transition kernel $q(\theta, \theta')$.
- ② Generate simulated dataset D' using θ' and calculate S'.
- **3** If $\rho(S', S) \leq \epsilon$ continue to 4, otherwise remain at θ and go to 1.
- Calculate

$$\alpha(\theta, \theta') = min(1, \frac{\pi(\theta')q(\theta', \theta)}{\pi(\theta)q(\theta, \theta')})$$

- **5** Accept θ' with probability α , otherwise stay at θ .
- Return to 1.

³Marjoram et al., 2003

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Simulation Step - MAYBE

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