# Peak detection using positive False Discovery Rate Applications for polymer structure reconstruction using from chromosome capture data

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### Motivation

- Multiple hypotheses are being tested on large amount of experimental data.
- Many time it is required to find outlying observations (peaks).
- When finding many peaks, a criteria to control the error rate is needed.
- One would like to reduce type I errors.
- Restrictive traditional methods controlled the probability of at least one type I error.
- New method of controlling the error called positive False Discovery Rate (pFDR) was developed<sup>1</sup>.
- We want to apply this method to find frequent specific looping events in the chromosomes using chromosome capture (CC) data.
- Under the assumption of a polymer model, the peaks will be treated individually in the reconstruction of polymer structure from encounter data.

## A simple model

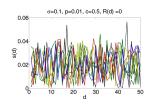
Assuming n realizations of a process  $R(d) \in \mathcal{C}^0$ ,  $d \in \mathbb{R}$  with noise term  $F(d) = \{f_1(d), f_2(d), ..., f_n(d)\}$ ,  $f_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$   $\forall i$ , such that

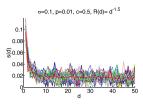
$$s_i(d) = R(d) + \sigma f_i(d), \qquad i = 1..n$$

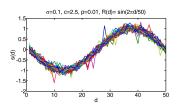
Assume  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_n\}$  are n realizations of a random pulse process, e.g characterized by  $\lambda_i(d) \sim Bin(1, p \ll 1)$  such that,

$$s_i(d) = R(d) + \sigma f_i(d)(1 + c\lambda_i(d))$$

with c = const

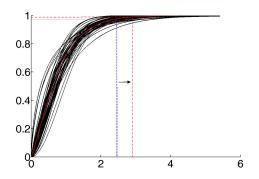






### **Approach**

- ullet Estimate the expected signal and signal density (parametric or empirical) and set rejection region (value)  $\Gamma$ .
- ② Calculate signals' densities for each d and p-values according to the rejection region.
- $\textbf{ @} \ \, \mathsf{Reminder:} \ \, p-\mathit{value}(t) = \mathsf{min}_{\{\Gamma;t\in\Gamma\}} \{\mathit{Pr}(T\in\Gamma|H=0)\}$
- Shrink the rejection region to reduce type I errors/balance Type II errors.



### Mathematical derivation

Conducting m hypothesis tests, using p-values, P, as our test statistics.

We fix a rejection region  $\gamma = [0, \gamma]$ , and we reject the null hypothesis H is  $P \le \gamma$ .  $(\gamma > 0)$  Let V be the number of type I errors and R the total number of rejections.

The pFDR is defined as:

$$pFDR = E\left(\frac{V}{R}|R>0\right)$$

We assume that null hypotheses H are true (H=0) with an a priori probability  $\pi_0$  and false (H=1) with probability  $\pi_1$ . We write (Storey 2001, Theorem 1)

$$pFDR = \frac{\pi_0 Pr(P \le \gamma | H = 0)}{Pr(P \le \gamma)}$$

By the Bayes rule

$$pFDR = Pr(H = 0|P \le \gamma)$$

Under the null hypothesis, the p-values are uniformly distributed.

$$pFDR = \frac{\pi_0 \gamma}{Pr(P \le \gamma)}$$



### Mathematical derivation

We now need an estimate of  $\pi_0$  and  $Pr(P \leq \gamma)$ .

Let R be the total rejected null hypotheses, and W the total accepted hypotheses.

$$\hat{\pi_0} = \frac{\#(P_i > \lambda)}{(1 - \lambda)m} = \frac{W(\lambda)}{(1 - \lambda)m}, \qquad 0 \le \lambda < 1$$

We treat  $\lambda$  as fixed in the following.

$$\hat{Pr}(P \le \gamma) = \frac{R(\gamma)}{m}$$

Plugging in these estimates and remembering that the pFDR is a conditional probability measure, we have

$$pF\hat{D}R_{\lambda}(\gamma) = \frac{W(\lambda)\gamma}{(1-\lambda)R(\gamma)(1-(1-\gamma)^m)}$$

The equivalent of the p-values for the pFDR is called the q-value.

q-values are the minimum pFDR that can occur when rejecting a statistics with a value t.

$$q = \inf_{\{\Gamma; t \in \Gamma\}} pFDR(\gamma)$$

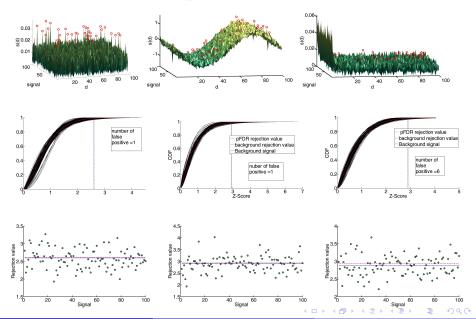
The optimal  $\lambda$  is determined by minimizing the MSE of the bootsrap version of the pFDR<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Storey JD. A direct approach to false discovery rates. J. R. Statist. Soc. B (2002)64, Part 3, pp. 479498 🖹 🗎 💆 🔾 🤉

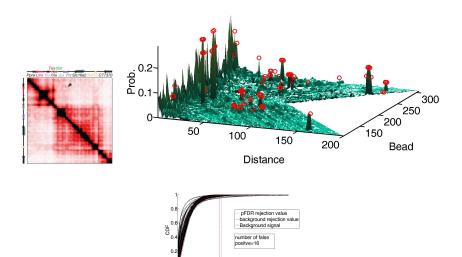
## How do we do it in practice

- For N signals,  $s_i(d)$ , i = 1...N.
- **②** Calculate the background (expected) signal,  $\mu(d) = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{i_d=1}^{N_d} (s_{i_d}(d))$ , with  $i_d$  the index of available observation in position d.
- **3** Calculate the background distribution  $F_B(d)$ .
- For each d calculate the distribution,  $F_d(z)$  of the z-score,  $z_d(i_d) = \frac{s_{i_d}(d) \mu(d)}{\sigma_d}$
- Remark: if we are interested in the peaks, truncate the negative values of the z-scores.
- **③** For the rejection value  $\gamma$  of the null distribution, calculate  $P_d = F_d(F_B^{-1}(\gamma))$
- lacktriangle Calculate the pFDR and the associated q-values, and set a threshold lpha.
- lacktriangledown set the new threshold at  $F_B^{-1}(\max\{P_d|q(P_d)<lpha\})$

In the following examples we use  $\alpha = 0.01$ .



# Finding peaks of the 5C data

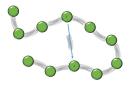


Z-Score

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## From encounter probability to chromosome structure

- What do we do with the peaks after we've found them?
- Assuming a Rouse model, one option is to connect with a spring any two beads corresponding to peaks.
- If beads i and I correspond to a peak:

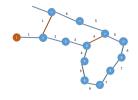




- The encounter histogram on the right does not look like the experimental data.
- The hight of the peak has to be taken into account.
- Oifferent spring constants should be considered.

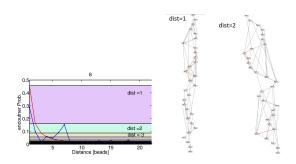
## From encounter probability to chromosome structure

Trivially, connecting beads, the distance along the chain shortens.



- In the figure, distance along the chain from bead 1 are marked on edges. Added connections are marked in orange
- The encounter probability should carry information about the distances between beads.
- **①** As a simple starting point, we assume a polymer model for which  $Pr(encounter(i, l)) \sim dist(i, l)^{-\beta}$  in 3D,  $\beta > 0$ .

## Projecting encounter Probabilities onto the encounter curve



- Example of the first 30 beads from the experimental encounter data.
- ② The expected curve was estimated for the Rouse chain with  $\beta=1.5$
- Seach encounter probability curve was projected onto it and distances were determined.
- The encounter probability at distance 7 for bead 8 (left) corresponds to distance 2 under the model assumed.
- Onnectivity graphs for nearest neighbor, dist=1 and dist=2 are shown.

## The spring constant corresponding to peaks

What shall we do if the encounter probability is higher than the expected probability of the nearest neighbor?

- For a Rouse chain the spring constant is  $k = \frac{3k_BT}{b^2}$
- **2**  $k_B$  Boltzman constant, T- temperature, b- std of monomer distance.
- We need to distinguish nearest neighbors encounter probability from encounter probability stemming from different spring constants.
- The bead distance probability in 3D is  $P(r) = \left(\frac{3}{2\pi b^2}\right)^{1.5} \exp\left(-\frac{3r^2}{2b^2}\right)$
- **3** Setting r = b for nearest neighbors, we get in steady state  $P(b) = \left(\frac{3}{2\pi e b^2}\right)^{1.5}$ .
- **©** Estimating  $\hat{P}(b)$  from the data *without peaks*, and equating to P(b), we get  $b^2 = (\frac{3}{2\pi e}) \hat{P}(b)^{1.5}$
- ① Using the relation for the spring constant  $k = \frac{k_B T}{b^2}$ , we get  $k = \frac{2\pi e k_B T}{3\hat{P}(b)^{1.5}}$
- **9** Since  $D = \frac{k_B T}{\xi} = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi \eta_s a}$ , we get  $k = \frac{4\pi e D \eta_s a}{\hat{P}(b)^{1.5}}$ , if we have access to these parameters,  $(\eta_s$ -viscosity, a- monomer radius) otherwise
- **②** Assuming we observe  $P_{il} > \hat{P}(b)$  in the encounter probability signal, then the peak correspond to nearest neighbor and the estimation for k is  $\frac{2k_BT\pi e}{3P_{ii}}$

### Summary

- I have presented the pFDR as means of controlling the error when searching for peaks in signals
- ② The pFDR was applied on the CC data to eliminate false positive peaks.
- Occation of the peaks will be used when identifying parameters of the chain (spring constant)
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- Future work will include incorporation of different spring constant and simulations with heterogeneous polymer.