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Peptide Detectability Prediction Based on Interpretable Classification Model

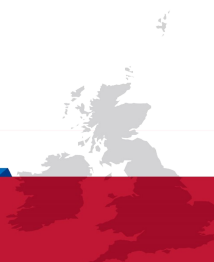
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Proteomics^[1]

Obtain protein information about cells, tissues and organisms.

Significance:

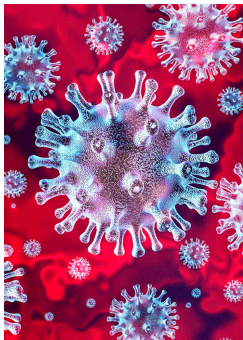


Figure 1:
Disease mechanisms.

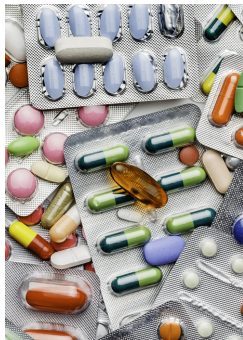


Figure 2:
Drug discovery.

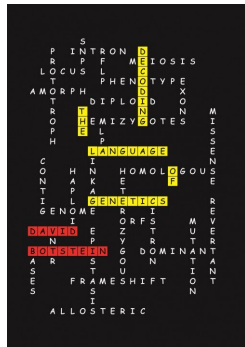


Figure 3:
Genetic language.

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Proteomics

- Protein identification and inference
- “**Bottom-up**” and “Top-down”
- How do we infer protein correctly?
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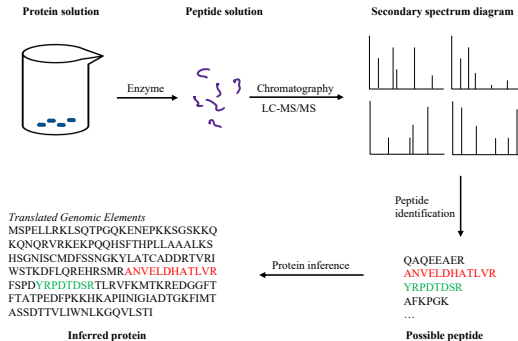


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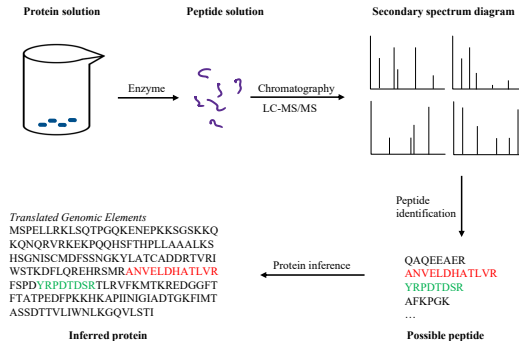


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State-of-the-art

Mainstream method

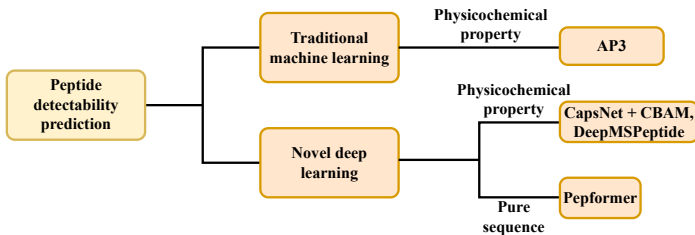


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Disadvantage on these model:

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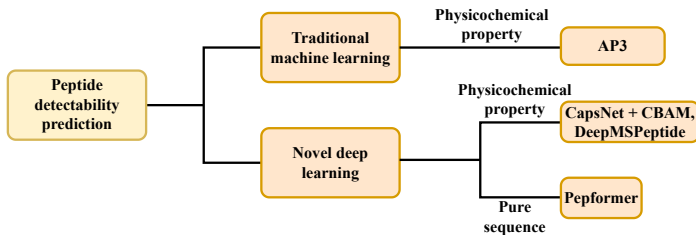


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Contribution

Why interpretability is necessary^[5]?

- ① Promote trust in the model
 - Understanding the decision step
 - Debugged and audited
- ② Human curiosity and learning
 - Scientific purpose
- ③ Ascertain the mechanism of peptide detection.
 - Improve the experimental procedure.

This project presented a **interpretable** peptide detectability prediction model.

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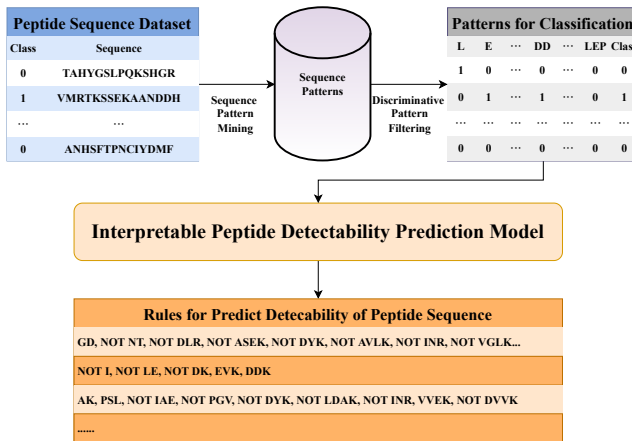
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Model Structure

Main structure

- Sequential Patterns Mining Module
- Decision Rule Set Learning Module



Sequential Patterns

A sequence is an ordered list of symbols.

A peptide sequence is a combination of itemset of amino acid list in the table below.

Example: AERANVELDH

Table 1: Twenty kinds of amino acids.

Amino acid	Abbreviation	Sign	Amino acid	Abbreviation	Sign
Alanine	Ala	A	Leucine	Leu	L
Arginine	Arg	R	Lysine	Lys	K
Asparagine	Asn	N	Methionine	Met	M
Aspartic acid	Asp	D	Phenylalanine	Phe	F
Cysteine	Cys	C	Proline	Pro	P
Glutamic acid	Glu	E	Serine	Ser	S
Glutamine	Gln	Q	Threonine	Thr	T
Glycine	Gly	G	Tryptophan	Trp	W
Histidine	His	H	Tyrosine	Tyr	Y
Isoleucine	Ile	I	Valine	Val	V

Goal: finding all subsequences that appear frequently in a sequence database. Example: $\langle AE \rangle$, $\langle AR \rangle$, $\langle ER \rangle$ etc.

k -mer

Extracting patterns based on substring.

Example: $\langle AER \rangle$, $\langle ERA \rangle$, $\langle RAN \rangle$ etc. in AERANVELDH

Advantage:

- Strict location information
- Simply implement.

Algorithm 2.1: k -mers (*String Seq*, *Integer k*)

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1:  $L \leftarrow \text{length}(\text{seq})$ 
2:  $k\text{-mers} \leftarrow$  new array of  $L - k + 1$  empty strings
3: for  $n \leftarrow$  to  $L - k$  do
4:    $k\text{-mers}[n] \leftarrow$  subsequence of seq from letter  $n$  inclusive to letter
      $n + k$  exclusive
5: end for
6: return  $k\text{-mers}$ 
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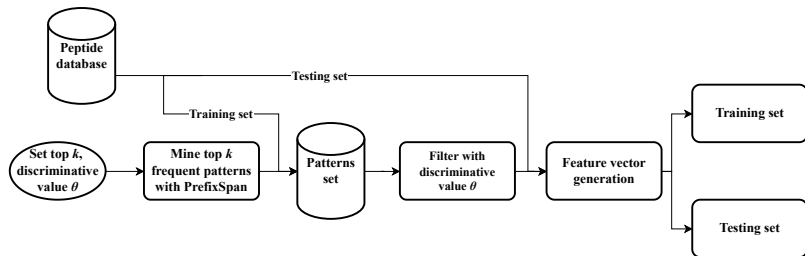
PrefixSpan^[6]

Advantage:

- Only consider patterns *exist* in the database.
- uses the concept of **database projection** and **depth-first search**.

Procedure:

- 1 Select top- k frequent patterns
- 2 Filter patterns
 - Redundancy
 - Difficult for the training process of next module.



Discriminant Patterns Filter

Definition 2.1: Discriminant value^[7]

$$Disc(s, D) = \frac{Occ(s, D_{positive})}{|D_{positive}|} - \frac{Occ(s, D_{negative})}{|D_{negative}|}, \quad (1)$$

where $Disc(s, D)$ refers to the discriminant ability of pattern s to positive and negative classes in a database D .

Algorithm 2.2: contrast(P_{pos}, P_{neg} , threshold θ , D)

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1: res ← new list
2: for all  $i \in P_{pos}$  and  $P_{neg}$  do
3:   if  $Disc(i, D) \geq \theta$  then
4:     res.append( $i$ )
5:   end if
6: end for
7: return res
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Decision Rule Network^[8]

Main workflow in decision rule network

Input: feature vector generated from sequential patterns mining module

Output: rules set for predicting peptide detectability

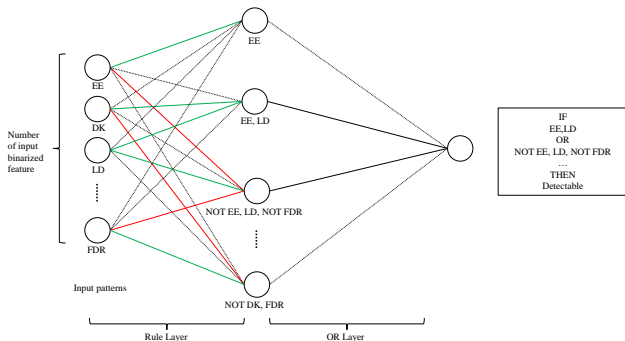


Figure 6: Workflow of generating rules for peptide prediction.

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Parameter Setting- k -mer^[9]

k is set to be 3 according to “elbow” method.

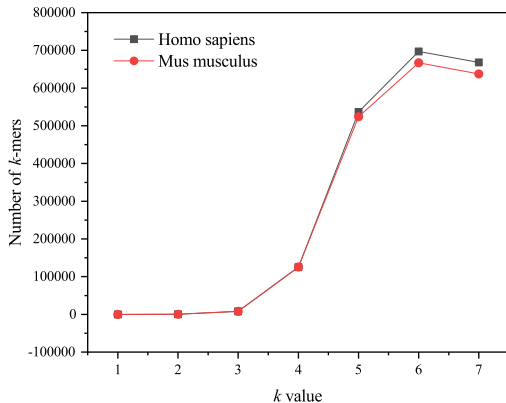
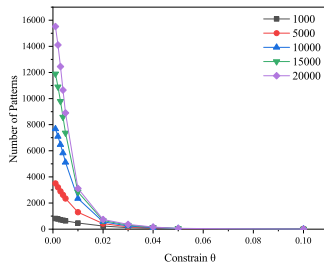


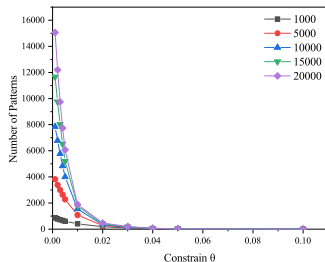
Figure 7: Number of k -mers versus k value.

Parameter Setting: PrefixSpan

Setting top-20000 under threshold 0.02.



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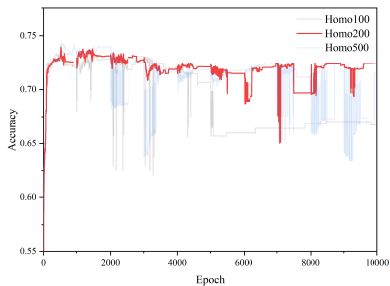


(b) Mus musculus,

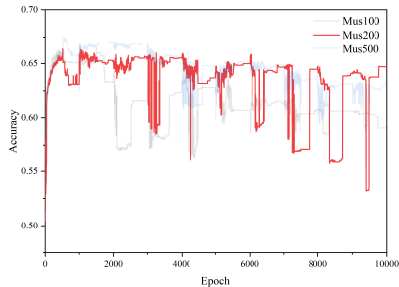
Figure 8: Number of patterns versus constrain θ

Parameter Setting: rule number

Number of rule number is set to be 200.



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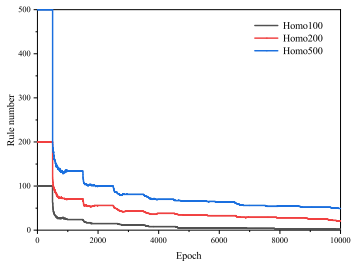


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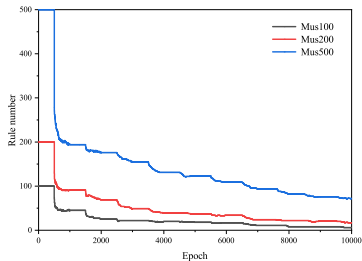
Figure 9: Accuracy versus epoch

Parameter Determination: rule number

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Figure 10: Rule number in decision set versus epoch.

Results and Evaluation

Table 2: Experiment results on Homo sapiens.

Models	ACC	SP	SN	MCC
iBCM+RF	0.5767	0.6190	0.5215	0.1573
AP3 ¹	0.6416	0.5949	0.6881	0.2843
2-mer-DRN	0.6800	0.7664	0.5973	0.3692
SeqDT	0.7151	0.7089	0.7213	0.4345
PrefixSpan-DRN	0.7201	0.7873	0.6470	0.4414
PepFormer ¹	0.8066	0.7213	0.8915	0.6221

¹ The comparison result are from the work of Pepformer^[3].

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PrefixSpan-DRN	0.6447	0.8127	0.4799	0.3099
AP3 ¹	0.6462	0.5993	0.6928	0.2934
SeqDT	0.6537	0.6467	0.6568	0.3035
PepFormer ¹	0.7521	0.6421	0.8629	0.5176

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Details of Rules in Decision Set

Table 4: Details of rules in decision sets.

Models	Rule numbers	Rule length	N. conditions ¹	P. conditions ²	Accuracy
Homo100	6	10.33	50	12	0.6483
Homo200	17	11.76	168	32	0.7201
Homo500	49	10.53	372	144	0.7150
Mus100	2	5.5	7	4	0.5184
Mus200	22	8.45	130	56	0.6447
Mus500	94	14.11	453	309	0.6050

¹ Negative conditions.

² Positive conditions.

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