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### A Markov Chain Model-based Method for Cancer Classification

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Summarize the article and evaluate the model.	Conclusion	

We present the article from the four aspects mentioned above.

Background.

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# Let's talk something about cancer. Background.

In this chapter, we would like to share some brief understanding of cancer and the main challenges facing humanity.

Cancer has always been a powerful enemy of human.

#### Cancer.



In medicine, cancer refers to malignant tumors originating from epithelial tissues.

It is the most common type of malignant tumors.

18,100,000+New 9,700,000+Died

In 2018.

1/3 of cancers can be prevented, 1/3 of cancers can be cured if diagnosed early ...

- International Anti-Cancer Alliance

The cell becomes cancerous and it is invading our body.

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## Discover and classify cancer early.

Studies have found that early cancer is more likely to be cured.

In the early stage, the patient's immunity is relatively strong. If the cancer is correctly classified at this time, more treatment options can be selected, and the cancer cells are more likely to be completely eliminated..

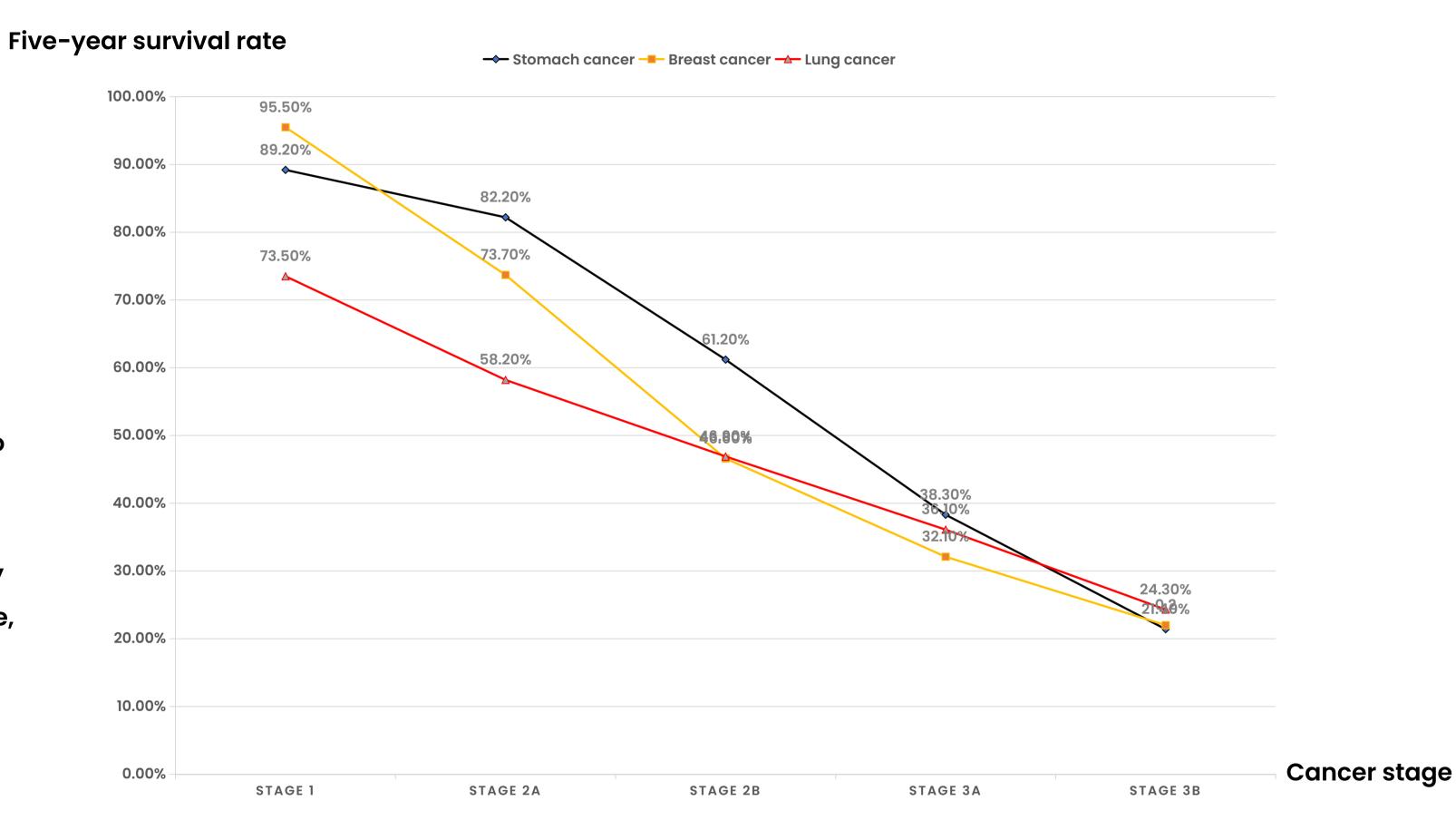


Figure: Five-year survival rate varies with cancer stage

Introduction.

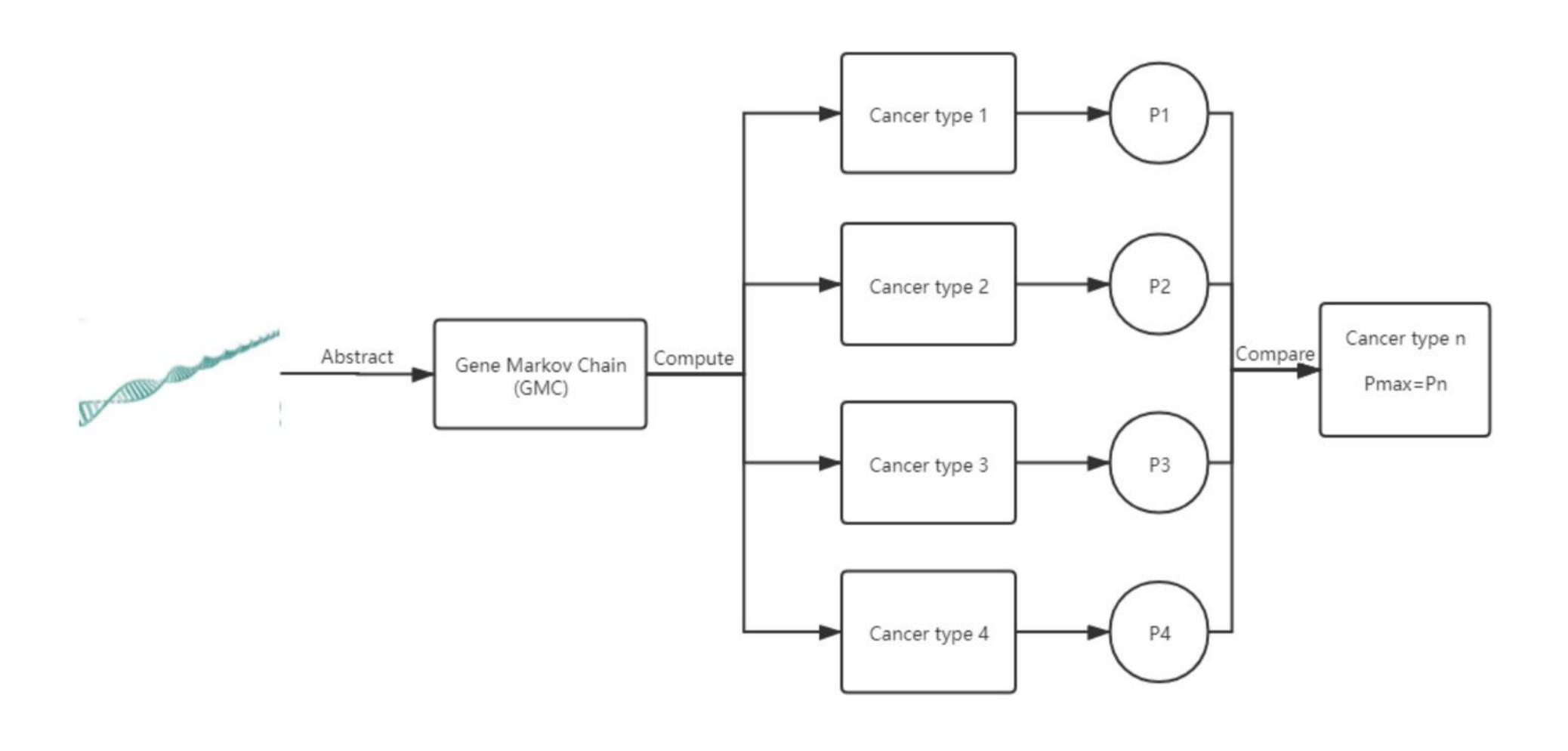
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In this part, a Markov chain model (MCM) based method is proposed for cancer classification. Cancers can be classified into different types according to the the form of regulation state transition in gene pathway.

Prognose cancer type on the basis of their probability scores.

## What are we going to do for this?

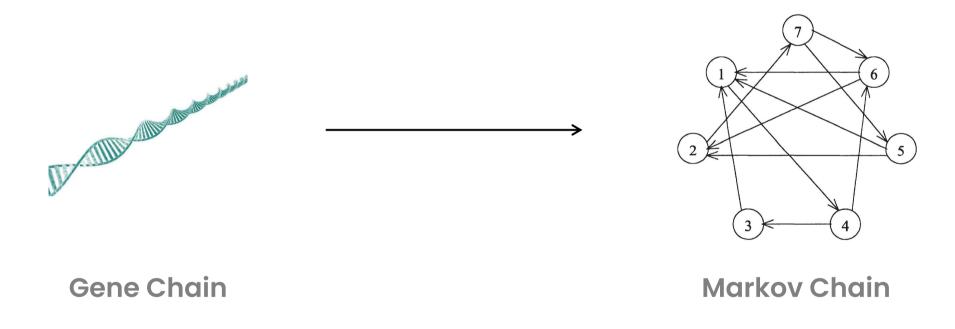
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Schematic diagram

#### Introduction.

### We view a gene chain extracted from a gene pathway map as a gene Markov chain (GMC).



Genetic signal can sequentially flows from the first gene to the last one .

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$$S_g = \{-1,0,1\}$$

A 3-state regulatory state space, where -1,0 and 1 represent down-regulation, non-regulation and up-regulation respectively.

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$$G = \{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_n\}$$

G represent a gene chain of length n.

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$$\{X(g), g \in G\}$$

It represents a GMC ,where X(g) represents the regulation state of the gth gene.

#### Modeling Method.

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For an observation (sample), the probability that it comes from a given GMC model can be easily obtained by

$$P(x) = p_0(x1) \prod_{t=1}^{n-1} p(X(t+1) = x_{t+1} \mid X(t) = x_t)$$

$$= p_0(x_1) \prod_{g=1}^{n-1} p(x_{g+1}, x_g, g)$$

where  $X = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$  is an observation with n observed states  $p_0(x_1)$ : initial statedistribution

 $p(x_{g+1}, x_g, g)$ : state transition probability

#### Homogeneous Markov Chain

#### Non-Homogeneous Markov Chain

**HMC** 

$$p_0(x) = \frac{1}{w} \sum_{k=1}^{w} I(x_{k,1} = x)$$

same k-step transition probability matrix at any time

$$p(x,y) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{w} \sum_{g=1}^{n-1} I(x_{k,g} = x \& x_{k,g+1} = y)}{\sum_{k=1}^{w} \sum_{g=1}^{n-1} \sum_{v \in S_g} I(x_{k,g} = x \& x_{k,g+1} = v)}$$

k-step transition probability matrix change with time

**NMC** 

$$p_{ij}^{g} = p(x, y, g) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{w} I(x_{k,g} = x \& x_{k,g+1} = y)}{\sum_{k=1}^{w} \sum_{v \in S_g} I(x_{k,g} = x \& x_{k,g+1} = v)}$$

where  $x_{k,l}$  represents the state of the first gene of the GMC in sample k.

 $x_{k,g}$  and  $x_{k,g+1}$  represent the states of gene g and g+1 in sample k.

I represents an indicator function whose value is equal to 1 if true and  $\theta$  otherwise.

Modeling.

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## How do we practice it?

Modeling.

In this chapter, we will apply the model to a real cancer classification problem.

<b>Modeling Gene</b>	01		
	Take Acute Lymphob	lastic Leukemia (ALL) and	
	Acute Myelogenous L	.eukemia (AML) as	
	examples for practic	al research.	

Result 02

Evaluate the performance by comparing KNN, SVM, HMM and NMC models in various aspects.

#### Datasets.

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The dataset contains 72 samples: 47 are ALL and 25 are AML, Each sample consists of the expression levels of 7129 genes.

47

ALL
Acute lymphoblastic lekemia

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**25** 

AML
Acute myelogenous leukemia

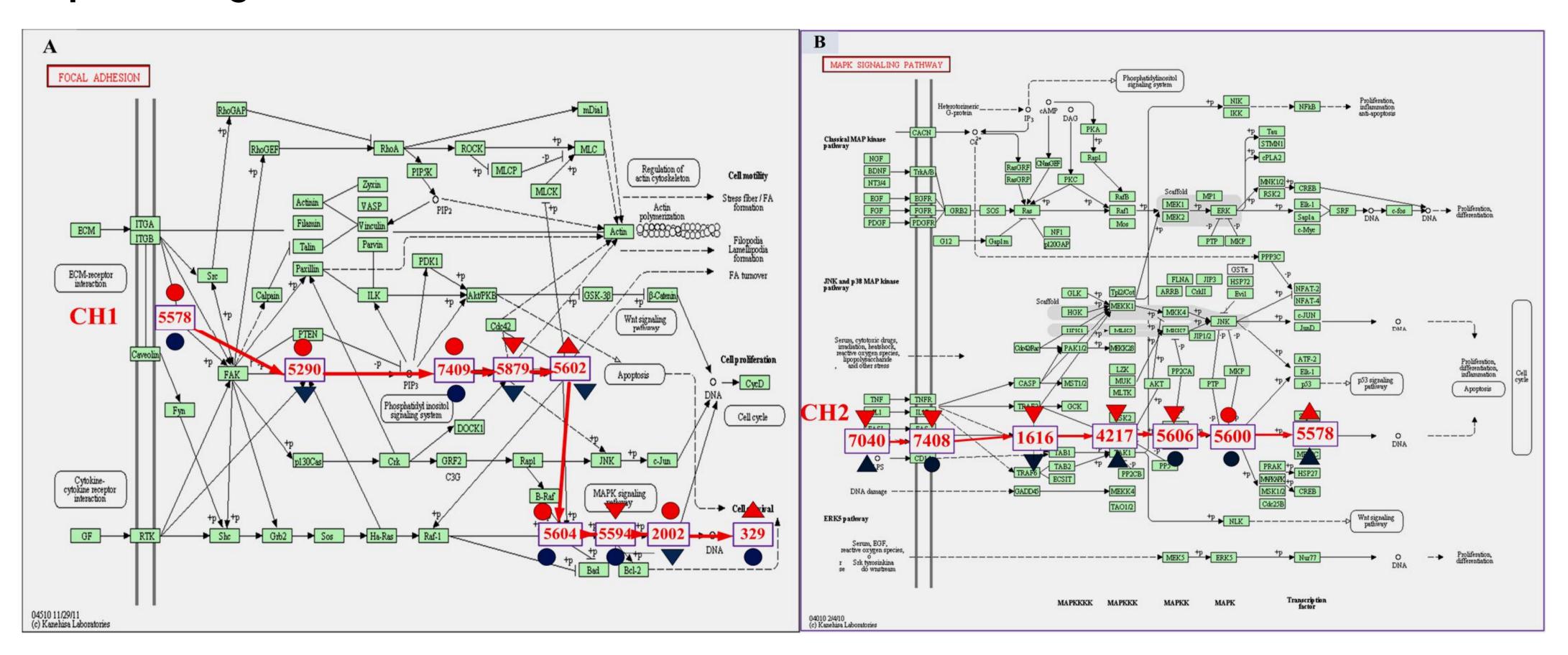
Two human pathways related to leukemia: hsa04510 (focal adhesion) and has04010 (MAPK Signaling Pathway).

Pathway ID	Pathway name	Description
has04510	Focal adhesion	Cell-matrix adhesions
has04010	MAPK signaling pathway	mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) cascade

### Pathway.

#### Composed of gene

Principal State Transition (PST): formed by the states with the highest transition probability in each step for each class

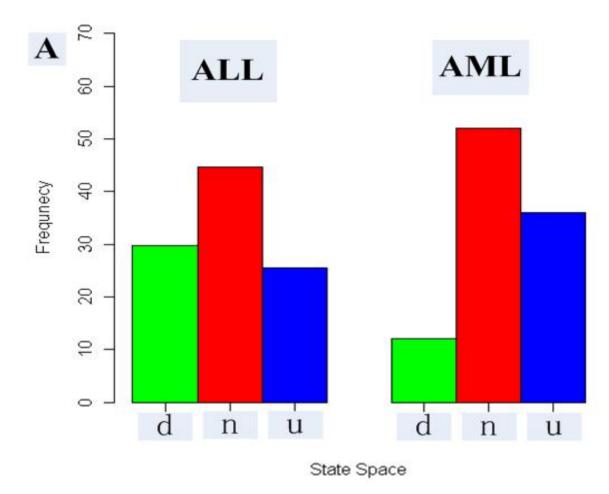


Maps of the two pathways used, has04510 (A) and has04010 (B), and PST of the two GMC, CH1 and CH2, for the two cancer classes, ALL (red) and AML (darkblue).

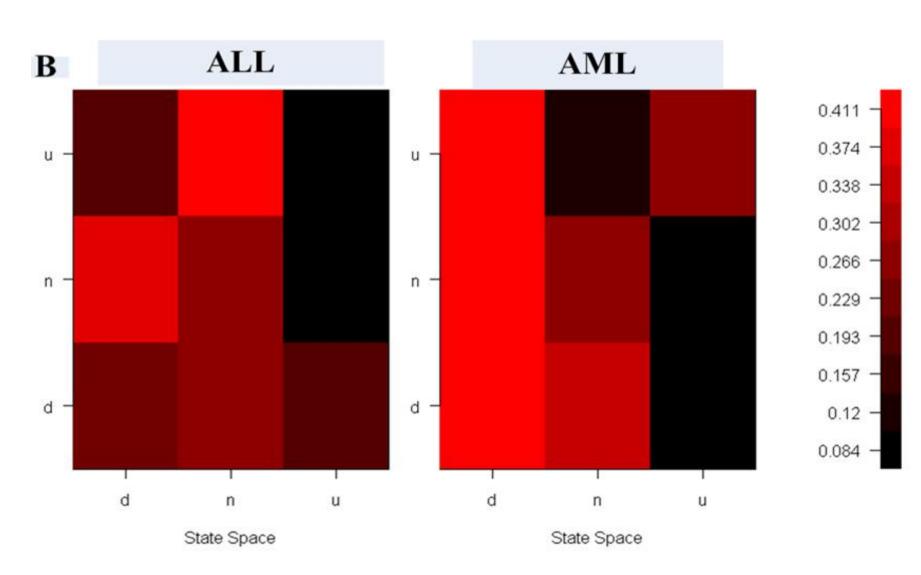
Solid circle, down- and up-triangle represent non-regulated, down-regulated and up-regulated state, respectively.

The numbers in red are the gene IDs of the corresponding genes.

#### **HMC transition matrix visualization**



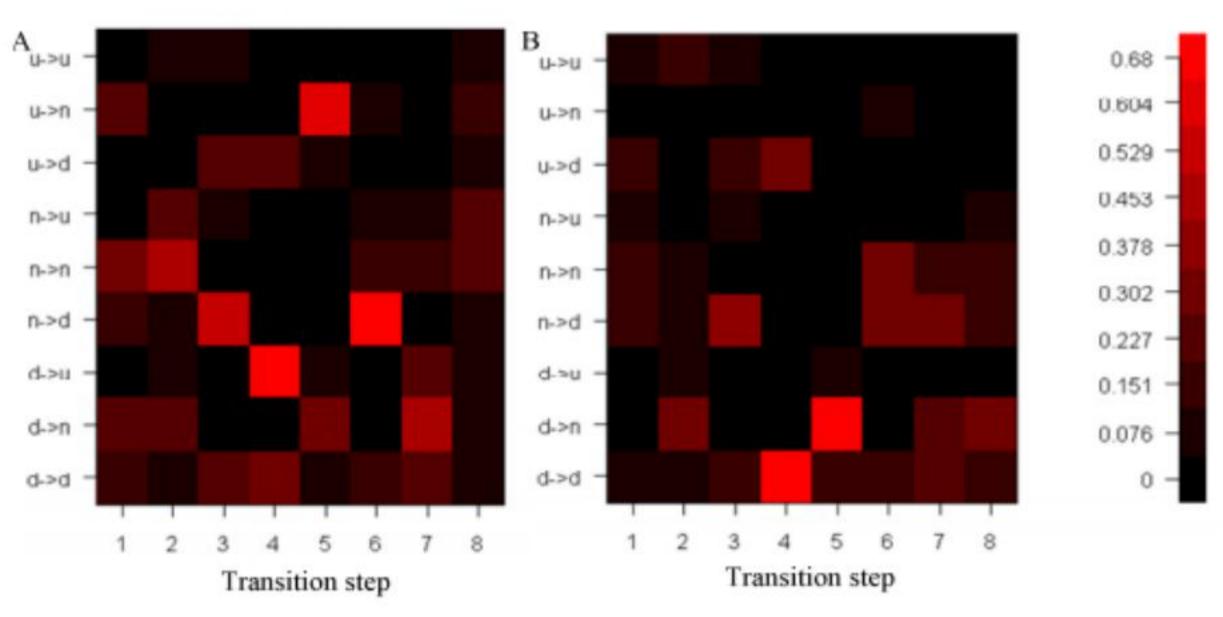
(A) Histograms of the initial state probability distributions



(B) heatmaps of the state transition probability matrices of HMCM on CH1 for ALL and AML.

## Model Parameters.

#### **NMC transition matrix visualization**



Heatmaps of the state transition probability matrices of NMCM on CH1 for ALL (A) and AML (B).

<sup>\*</sup> Symbols, u, d and n, represent up-, down- and non-regulation states.

### Evaluation

Methods		CH1					CH2					
	ACC	std	min ACC	max ACC	SPE	SEN	ACC	Std	max ACC	min ACC	SPE	SEN
HMCM	74.54	0.82	50	90.91	76.4	70.57	71.68	0.67	90.91	50	74.47	65.71
NMCM	80.55	0.57	59.09	95.45	84.73	71.57	74.36	0.67	90.91	54.55	79.4	63.57
KNN (k =1)	73.59	0.54	54.55	90.91	80.87	58	71.27	0.62	90.91	50	81.07	50.29
KNN (k =2)	74.23	0.66	59.09	95.45	81.07	59.57	71.72	0.62	86.36	50	81.13	51.57
SVM(Gaussia n Kernel)	79.36	0.40	63.62	90.91	85.8	65.57	73.41	0.67	90.91	45.45	88.2	41.71

**ACC: Accuracy** 

**SEN: Sensitivity** 

**SPE: Specificity** 

Compared with the results by these previous methods, our method, HMCM or NMCM, achieved a more balanced values of specificity and sensitivity

ACC-mean accuracy, minACC-min accuracy, maxACC-max accuracy, std-standard deivation of accuracies accuracy, SEN-sensitivity and SPE-specificity

## What did we do?

Conclusion.

We hope to summarize experience and determine future work.

In this part, we review what has been done in the article.

In the end.

#### Conclusion.

### Conclusion.



Proposed two models based on Markov chain, HMCM and NMCM, for cancer classification. They calculate the transition probability matrix and implement cancer classification.

Evaluated the two models on leukemia datasets and compared them with several previous methods including KNN and SVM. Experiment results show the effectiveness and efficiency of the MCMs, especially NMCM, for cancer classification.

"Future work will focus on how to obtain larger data sets and improve models."

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# Thank you

**Presentation about** 

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