Disease comorbidities networks

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Population-based disease associations

- ▶ Diseases have multiple causes and are related through several dimensions
- ▶ Diseases can be linked based on comorbidities associations
- Calculate pairwise comorbidity correlations

Distance between two diseases: Relative Risk

$$RR_{ij} = \frac{C_{ij}N}{P_iP_j}$$

- C_{ij} is the number of the patients affected by both diseases, N is the total number of patients and P_i and P_j are the prevalences of diseases i and j
- $ightharpoonup RR_{ii} > 1$ comorbidity is larger than expected by chance
- RR overestimates relationships involving rare diseases and underestimates comorbidity between highly prevalent ones
- ► Most widespread use in the medical literature (Hidalgo et al. (2009))

Distance between two diseases: ϕ -correlation

$$\phi_{ij} = \frac{C_{ij}N - P_iP_j}{\sqrt{P_iP_j(N - P_i)(N - P_j)}}$$

- Pearson's correlation for binary variables
- Accurately discriminates comorbidities betweens pairs of diseases of similar prevalence
- Underestimates the comorbidity between rare and common diseases

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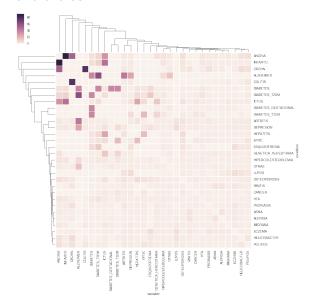


Figure 1: Comorbidity matrix

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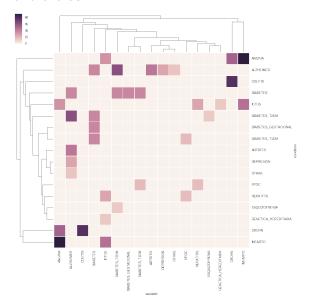


Figure 2: Comorbidity matrix (RR > 10)

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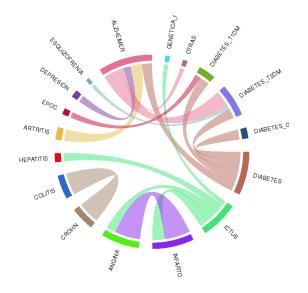


Figure 3: Circle plot (RR > 10)

Human disease network

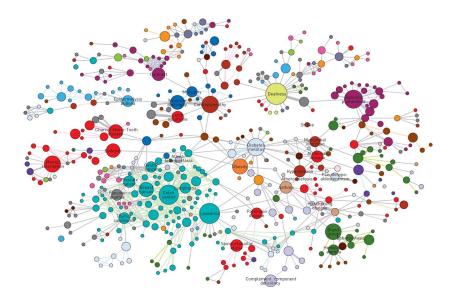


Figure 4: Human Disease Network (Goh et al. (2007))

Temporal comorbidity analysis

Temporal disease trajectories condensed from population-wide registry data covering 6.2 million patients (A. B. Jensen et al. (2014))

- ► EHR as medical event sequences
- ► Temporal disease progression
- Comprehensive set of disease trajectories
- ▶ D1→D2 pairs of diagnosis
- ▶ Relative Risk (RR)>1
- ▶ Directional pairs were then combined into longer trajectories consisting of three or more diagnoses
- ▶ 1171 significant trajectories of four diagnosis that forms 15 major clusters

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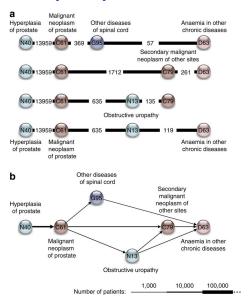


Figure 5: Disease trajectories and trajectory-cluster for prostate cancer

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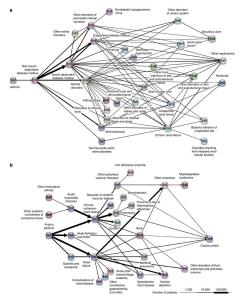


Figure 6: Diabetes and cardiovascular disease trajectory clusters

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