

Genomic Compression: Storage, Transmission, and Analytics

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Genomic data are growing exponentially



Year

A bigger cloud?

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Still constrained by Moore

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Redundancy in data





Compression background

Storage and transmission

Analysis

Source coding theorem [Shannon, 1948]

N i.i.d. random variables from source *X* each with entropy H(X)

cannot be compressed into fewer than *NH(X)* bits without loss of information

$$H(X) = -\sum_{i} P(x_i) \log_b P(x_i)$$

Approach Shannon limit as efficiently as possible (fast, lossless compression)

Be willing to throw away information (*lossy* compression)

Approaching Shannon limit

Huffman coding [1952]

Arithmetic coding [Rissanen 1976]

Lempel-Ziv [1977]

Burrows-Wheeler Transform [1994]

Huffman coding





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Naive encoding: 2 bits/base Huffman coding: 1.8 bits/base

	Α	Т	G	С
F	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Codeword	0	10	110	111
Bits	1	2	3	3
Avg Bits	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.3



Encode entire message as a number

	A	т	G	С
F	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Interval	[0,0.4)	[0.4,0.8)	[0.8,0.9)	[0.9,1)



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- Huffman coding is a specialized case, less likely to be optimal



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2131,3**12**0,2**032**,3**2102**0,2**02**1,2**13**1, 3**12**0,2**03**2,3**2102**

Core blocks between 8 & 20 99% of all HTS reads of length \geq 50 include at least one core of length \leq 14

Identify overlapping reads by core blocks Reorder reads to favor LZ77

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Encode rare differences (sequencing errors)

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Random access

- **Reference-based**
- -but no aligning
- -statistical, generative model of reads
- For RNA-seq data (but need not be)





GAUU | AUUA









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Each read encoded as a path in G

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This boosts Izip performance

Split-swap read transformation



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Given reads from a genome, can we efficiently compress quality scores while maintaining or even improving accuracy?

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Focus here on lossy

Universally collapse dynamic range 40 => 8 Small effect on SNP calling error Available in CRAM

QS bins	New value
N (no call)	N (no call)
2-9	6
10-19	15
20-24	22
25-29	27
30-34	33
35-39	37
≥40	40

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Small loss (<0.1%) of SNP calling accuracy

QVZ [Malysa, et al. 2015]

Based on rate-distortion theory

Discard as little information as possible for a desired bit rate

Key insight: neighboring QSs are likely to be correlated

Illumina reads often have lower QSs at end

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3. Quantize the input using the codebook, use arithmetic encoder

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- Naïve approaches
 - Sorted list
 - Memory efficient but binary search is CPU and cache inefficient
 - Hash tables
 - Faster CPU-wise, but memory and cache inefficient

Approximate k-mer search Locality sensitive hashing

An (R, cR, P_1, P_2) -sensitive LSH family F of hash functions $h: M \to S$ is defined if $\forall p, q \in M$, a uniformly random $h \in F$ satisfies: if $||p - q|| \le R$ then $\mathbb{P}(h(p) = h(q)) \ge P_1$ If $||p-q|| \ge cR$ then $\mathbb{P}(h(p) = h(q)) \le P_2$ Project k-mers onto random $\frac{k}{2}$ -mers, forming a $(1, c, \frac{1}{2}, 2^{c-1})$ -sensitive family of hash functions under the Hamming metric

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- Thus, by double hashing, all Hamming neighbors of a k-mer can be found by looking in just two hash buckets.
 - Better cache-efficiency
 - Cheating by carefully choosing the projection and sorting the buckets gives also processor-efficiency.

Approximate k-mer search Fast retrieval of Hamming neighbors






Clustered by front half of k-mer								
(2	G	G	С	Α	G	A	С
(C	G	G	С	С	G	A	С
(2	G	G	С	Α	G	Т	С



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	С	G	G	С	A	G	A	С	
	С	G	G	С	С	G	A	С	
	С	G	G	С	A	G	Т	С	
Clustered by back half of k-mer									

A	G	G	С	A	G	A	С
G	G	G	С	A	G	A	C
С	С	G	С	A	G	A	С
Т	Α	Т	Α	Α	G	Α	С



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Quartz is orders of magnitude faster

MINCE: 15-mers optimal (8-mer labels!)

using labels as search heuristic; don't want too many

Quartz: 32-mers optimal

in a genome, most 8-mers may exist; most 32-mers will not

and they tend to be unique

	k=16	k=32
unique	21.8%	85.7%
unique at Hamming 1	0.0008%	79.3%

Uniqueness of k-mers (hg19)



Why not longer k-mers?

Want to ensure at most 1 sequencing error per k-mer

Assume independence of errors Error rate of p

Likelihood of *l* errors $\binom{k}{l}(1-p)^{k-l}p^{l}$

1% error rate *k*=32 *l*≥2 2% $k=64 \ l\geq 2\ 13\%$

2% error rate *k*=32 *l*≥2 13% $k=64 l\geq 2 36\%$

Compression for speed



Compressive genomics

caBLAST [Loh, et al. 2012]

caBLASTP [Daniels, et al. 2013]

BLAST uses seed-and-extend

but must extend on many fruitless seeds

Use compression to reduce the search space

Coarse Database



STAQEPKSAEDSLRARD







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LQ QR VN







Lossless compression!

Query Sequence

STAQEPKSAEDSVNARD

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Simulated data growth



Daniels, Gallant, Peng, Baym, Cowen, Berger 2013

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Real data growth on a protein database



Metagenomics




Problem: Given reads from a microbiome, match each read with similar proteins.

Metagenomic Reads

>read1
ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAA
>read2
ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAA
>read3
ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAT

. . .

>readk
TCGTCGAACTACATTACATTTACAG
>readk+1
TCGTCGAACTACATTACAAATACAG

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>readm
GCTCGGACTATATATAGGCCTAGAA
...

>read1 ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAA >read2 ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAA >read2 ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAA >read3 ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAT >read1-r1 LVSELIAT ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAT LAS >read4-r3 RVDSH >read1-r3 RVDSH >read2-1 SSNVITFT read2-1 SSNVITFT read2-2 RRTTLHLQ >read2-3 VELHYIY >readm GCTCGGACTATATATATAGGCCTAGAA >read2-r2 CKNVVRR >read2-r3 VNV
>read2VAINSL1ACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAA>read1-r1>read3LVSELIATACGTGGCTATCAACTCGCTAACTAT>read1-r2LAS>read1-r3WDSH>read2-1>readkSSNYITFT>readk+1rcGTCGAACTACATTACAATACAGTCGTCGAACTACATTACAATACAG>read2-2>readm>read2-3VELHYIY>read2-r1CSST>read2-r1>readmCSST>readm>read2-r2GCTCGGACTATATATATAGGCCTAGAACKCNVVRR>read2-r3VWVVV
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MICA [Yu, Daniels, et al. 2015]





searching NCBI NR database

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Database







Queries















































Reads Reference Loci







Result Highlights CORA: 1000 Genomes Project













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Scales sublinearly with very high sensitivity on real genomic data

Data constrained by physical process



Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram

















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fine search



O(coarse + fine)



O(k + fine)





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Can we get the benefits of compressive acceleration with a more general model