# Bayesian Generalized Biclustering Analysis via Adaptive Structured Shrinkage<sup>1</sup>

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#### Biclustering

- Biclustering, also called block clustering, co-clustering, or two-mode clustering, is a data mining technique which cluster the rows and columns of a data matrix simultaneously.
- The first biclustering method dates to 1972 by J.A.Hartigan. The first application of biclustering method in gene expression data was by Y. Cheng and G. M. Church in 2000.
  - Biclustering identifys the clusters of features in different conditions, which is useful for visualization, pattern recognition, clustering, and etc..



## Biclustering: Existing Methods

- A large number of methods developed (Padilha et al. 2017).
- Loosely, the current biclustering methods can be grouped to four groups.
  - Distribution parameter identification algorithm: Plaid, Factor analysis for bicluster acquisition (FABIA) etc.
  - ► Greedy algorithm: CC, ×Motifs, ISA, etc.
  - Divide and conquer algorithm: Binary Inclusion-Maximal Biclustering Algorithm (Bimax)
  - Exhaustive enumeration algorithm: Statistical-Algorithmic Method for Biclustering Analysis (SAMBA)

# Gaps

- Although many biclustering approaches have been developed, few of them can utilize the existing biological information such as gene regulatory networks for identifying biclustering patterns.
- Most existing methods focus on analyzing gene expression microarray data which are of continuous data type.
- Our simulation results have shown the current methods cannot identify biclusters with good accuracy on inputs of discrete data types or mixed data types, for example, continuous and binary data.

#### Our Goals

- To develop biclustering algorithm that can handle data of multiple types, continuous and discrete.
- To enable feature selection guided by existing biological information such as gene regulatory networks that can be represented by a graph.

#### Notation

- n number of subjects
- H -omic platforms, such as microarray and next-generation sequencing
- $X_h$   $h = 1, \dots, H$ , observed data from H -omic platforms, each matrix has size  $p_h \times n$ 
  - **X** the vertical concatenation of observed data matrices with size  $p \times n$  and  $p = \sum_{h=1}^{H} p_h$ :

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_H \end{bmatrix}$$

G = ⟨P, E⟩: biological/network information from say KEGG, where P denotes th set of p variables and E = {(ι(h,j), ι(h,k)) : (j,k) ∈ E<sub>h</sub>, 1 ≤ h ≤ H}

# Bayesian Sparse Generalized Bi-Clustering (GBC)



#### Mean Model

 $\mu$  : mean of X is related to latent components through

 $\mu = \mathsf{m} + \mathsf{WZ}$ 

where  $\mathbf{m}$  is the location vector.

- $\mathbf{W}$  :  $p \times L$  factor loading matrix
  - $Z : L \times n$  latent factor matrix
  - ▶ Define biclusters:  $\mathbf{w}_k \times \mathbf{z}_k$  forms the *k*-th bicluster, where  $\mathbf{w}_k$  is column *k* of **W** and  $\mathbf{z}_k$  is row *k* of **Z**, k = 1, ..., L.
  - ► Our model induces sparsity in w<sub>k</sub> and z<sub>k</sub>, so the non-zero elements in w<sub>k</sub> (z<sub>k</sub>) represent the subset of features (subjects) belonging to the k-th bicluster.
  - Allow overlapping biclusters.
  - L is the maximum number of biclusters, noting that w<sub>k</sub> or z<sub>k</sub> can be 0.

# **Defining Biclusters**



Likelihood Functions in a Unified Form

Observed data likelihood:  $\pi(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \prod_{i} \prod_{i} \pi_{i}(x_{ji}|\mu_{ji})$ 

► For Gaussian data:

$$\pi_j(x_{ji}|\mu_{ji},\rho_j) = \frac{\rho_j^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\rho_j(x_{ji}-\mu_{ji})^2/2}$$

For Binomial data with logit link:

$$\pi_j(x_{ji}|\mu_{ji}, n_j) = {n_j \choose x_{ji}} \frac{e^{\mu_{ji}x_{ji}}}{(1+e^{\mu_{ji}})^{n_j}}, x_{ji} = 0, 1, \dots, n_j.$$

For Negative Binomial data with logit link:

$$\pi_j(x_{ji}|\mu_{ji}, r_j) = {r_j + x_{ji} - 1 \choose x_{ji}} rac{e^{\mu_{ji}x_{ji}}}{(1 + e^{\mu_{ji}})^{r_j + x_{ji}}}, x_{ji} = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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## Likelihood Functions in a Unified Form

All likelihood functions can be written in a unified form (Polson et al. 2013):  $\pi_j(\mathbf{x}_j|\mu_j) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_i \rho_{ji}(\mu_{ji}-\psi_{ji})^2 + \sum_i \kappa_{ji}\mu_{ji}} \pi_j^*(\rho_j)$ 

Data type	$\psi_{ji}$	$\kappa_{ji}$	$b_{ji}$	$\pi_j^*( ho_j)$
Gaussian	$X_{ji}$	0	NA	$ \rho_{ji} \equiv \rho_j \sim \mathcal{G}\left(\frac{\zeta_j + n}{2}, \frac{\zeta_j}{2}\right) $
Binomial	0	$X_{ji} - n_j/2$	$n_j$	$\rho_{ji} \sim \mathcal{PG}(b_{ji}, 0)$
Neg Binomial	0	$(X_{ji} - r_j)/2$	$X_{ji} + r_j$	$\rho_{ji} \sim \mathcal{PG}(b_{ji}, 0)$
Poisson	$\log N$	$X_{ji} - N/2$	N	$\rho_{ji} \sim \mathcal{PG}(b_{ji}, 0)$

Advantages: closed-form M steps in EM algorithm; enable the use of Gibbs sampling instead of Metropolis-Hasting in MCMC.

#### **Prior Specification**

 $\mu = \mathsf{m} + \mathsf{WZ}$ 

#### Prior for Z

$$\log \pi(\mathbf{Z}|\boldsymbol{\xi}) = C + \sum_{I,i} \log \xi_{Ii} - \sum_{I,i} \xi_{Ii} |z_{Ii}|,$$

Gamma prior on 
$$\xi$$
:  
 $\overline{\log \pi(\boldsymbol{\xi})} = C_{\nu_3,\nu_4} + (\nu_3 - 1) \sum_{I,i} \log \xi_{iI} - \frac{1}{\nu_4} \sum_{I,i} \xi_{Ii}$ 
where  $\nu_3$  and  $\nu_4$  are tuning parameters.

#### Prior for W

$$\log \pi(\mathbf{W}|\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = C + \sum_{j,l} \log \lambda_{jl} - \sum_{j,l} \lambda_{jl} |w_{jl}|$$

<u>Prior for  $\lambda$ </u>: Graph-Laplacian prior incorporating biological information

#### Prior for $\lambda$ Incorporating Biological Information

Adaptive Structured Shrinkage (Chang et al. 2018):

• Let 
$$\alpha_{jl} = \log \lambda_{jl}$$

• Graph-Laplacian prior for  $\alpha_l = (\alpha_{1l}, \dots, \alpha_{pl})' \ (1 \le l \le L)$ 

$$\log \pi(oldsymbol{lpha}|oldsymbol{\Omega}) = \mathcal{C}_{
u_2} + rac{L}{2} \log |oldsymbol{\Omega}| - rac{1}{2
u_2} \sum_l (oldsymbol{lpha}_l - 
u_1 \underline{1}) oldsymbol{\Omega}(oldsymbol{lpha}_l - 
u_1 \underline{1}),$$

where  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  are tuning parameters.

- The precision matrix Ω imposes dependency among α<sub>jl</sub>'s, allowing us to incorporate the network information G.
  - *H* graphs  $\mathcal{G}_h = \langle P_h, E_h \rangle$ ;
  - $\mathcal{G} = \langle P, E \rangle$  where P denotes th set of p variables and  $E = \{(\iota(h, j), \iota(h, k)) : (j, k) \in E_h, 1 \le h \le H\}$

## Prior for $\lambda$ Incorporating Biological Information

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \sum_{j \neq 1} \omega_{1j} & -\omega_{12} & \cdots & -\omega_{1p} \\ -\omega_{21} & 1 + \sum_{j \neq 2} \omega_{2j} & \ddots & -\omega_{2p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\omega_{p1} & -\omega_{p2} & \cdots & 1 + \sum_{j \neq p} \omega_{pj} \end{bmatrix}$$

- If G<sub>jk</sub> = 0, ω<sub>jk</sub> = 0 and nodes j and k receive (partially) independent shrinkage
- If G<sub>jk</sub> = 1, ω<sub>jk</sub> > 0 and they tend to receive similar levels of shrinkage
- Ω is symmetric and is diagonally dominant and thus positive definite

Prior for  $\lambda$  Incorporating Biological Information

► Prior on 
$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \{\omega_{jk} : j < k\}$$
  
 $\pi(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \propto |\boldsymbol{\Omega}|^{-L/2} \prod_{(j,k)\in E} \omega_{jk}^{\boldsymbol{a}_{\omega}-1} \exp(-b_{\omega}\omega_{jk}) \mathbb{1}(\omega_{jk} > 0) \prod_{(j,k)\neq E} \delta_0(\omega_{jk}).$ 

 $\delta_0(\cdot)$  is the Dirac delta function concentrated at 0 and  $1(\cdot)$  is the indicator function.

- IΩ|<sup>-L/2</sup> induces correlation among ω and ensures a closed-form posterior density for ω.
- ►  $a_{\omega}$  takes the role of the shape parameter and  $b_{\omega}$  determines the scale of  $\omega_{jk}$ .

It has been shown that this prior is proper (Chang et al. 2018).

#### MAP Estimator

- MCMC is computationally expensive for high-dimensional data.
- Consider the Maximum-A-Posteriori (MAP) estimator
   (Ŵ, Ź, α̂, ξ̂) with ρ, Ω marginalized out.

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{W}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{Z}}, \hat{lpha}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}) = rg\max_{W, Z, lpha, \xi} \int \int \pi(\boldsymbol{W}, \boldsymbol{Z}, lpha, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{
ho}, \Omega | \boldsymbol{X}) d
ho d\Omega.$$

We develop an EM algorithm for obtaining MAP

$$(\boldsymbol{W}^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{Z}^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{\xi}^{(t)}) = \operatorname*{arg\,max}_{W, Z, \alpha, \xi} \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_t \log \pi(\boldsymbol{W}, \boldsymbol{Z}, \alpha, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{
ho}, \Omega, \boldsymbol{X}),$$

where the expectation  $\tilde{\mathbb{E}}_t$  is taken with respect to  $\tilde{\pi}_t(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = \pi(\boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\Omega} | \boldsymbol{W}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{Z}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{\xi}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{X}).$ 

#### EM Algorithm: Objective Function

The objective function to be optimized at the *t*-th EM iteration is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q}_{t}(\mathbf{Z},\mathbf{W},\mathbf{m},\alpha,\xi) &= -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j}\rho_{ji}^{(t)}(\mu_{ji}-\psi_{ji})^{2} + \sum_{i,j}\kappa_{ji}\mu_{ji} + \sum_{j,l}\alpha_{jl} - \sum_{j,l}\lambda_{jl}|w_{jl}| \\ &+ \nu_{3}\sum_{l,i}\log\xi_{i,l} - \sum_{i,l}\xi_{l,i}(|z_{li}| + \frac{1}{\nu_{4}}) \\ &- \frac{1}{2\nu_{2}}\sum_{l}(\alpha_{l}-\nu_{1}\mathbf{1})^{T}\mathbf{\Omega}^{(t)}(\alpha_{l}-\nu_{1}\mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\pmb{\mu}=\pmb{m}+\pmb{W}\pmb{Z}$  ,

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{(t)} &= \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{ij} | \boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{W}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{Z}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{m}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{\xi}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(t-1)}), \\ \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(t)} &= \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{\Omega} | \boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{W}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{Z}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{m}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{\xi}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{\rho}^{(t)}). \end{split}$$

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#### **Tuning Parameters**

- Fix a<sub>ω</sub> = 4 and b<sub>ω</sub> = 1 : large prior correlation and at the same time relatively uninformative;
- Fix ν<sub>2</sub> = ln 2 and ν<sub>3</sub> = 1: the corresponding priors for α and ξ have a unit coefficient of variation;
- $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_4$  control sparsity of **W** and **Z** and are chosen by BIC:

$$\mathsf{BIC} = -2\ln(\mathit{L}(\mathsf{X},\hat{\mu})) + (||\hat{\mathsf{W}}||_0 + ||\hat{\mathsf{Z}}||_0)\ln(\mathit{np})$$

where  $L(\mathbf{X}, \hat{\mu})$  is the observed likelihood of  $\mu$ ,  $||\hat{\mathbf{W}}||_0$  and  $||\hat{\mathbf{Z}}||_0$  are the cardinalities of  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$ ;

#### Simulation: Methods

Existing methods:

- CC (Cheng and Church's Biclustering Algorithm)
- xMotifs (Conserved gene expression motifs)
- ISA (Iterative Signature Algorithm)
- Plaid
- FABIA (Factor Analysis for Biclustering Acquisition)
- **GBC** (Generalized Biclustering): specify  $\Omega$  as identity matrix

 sGBC (Generalized Biclustering with incorporation of biological information)

### Simulation: Settings

- Four simulation settings: gaussian, binomial, negative binomial, and mixed datatypes.
- ▶ 100 simulation datasets with p = 1000, n = 300, L = 5 underlying true biclusters.
- presence or absence of overlapping clusters.



Apply biclustering methods on X

#### Figure: Work flow of the simualtion study.

#### Simulation: Evaluation Criteria

- Clustering error (CE) (Patrikainen and Meila, 2006) finds the maximum overlapping proportions of two biclusters after an optimal matching of clusters. CE considers the size of biclusters.
- Consensus scores (CS) (Hochreiter et al., 2010). CS gives the same weight to all biclsuters.
- Sensitivity, Specificity, and Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC).
- All these metrics take values between 0 and 1 with higher values indicating better performance.

# Simulation Results: Gaussian

Gaussian							
overlap	Method	CE	CS	SEN	SPE	MCC	
0	Plaid	0.24 (2.7e-02)	0.236 (2.8e-02)	0.286 (2.5e-02)	1 (4.8e-06)	0.428 (4.8e-02)	
	CC	0 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	0.999 (4.9e-05)	-0.00246 (1.0e-04)	
	FABIA	0.54 (3.4e-02)	0.54 (3.5e-02)	0.57 (2.6e-02)	1 (1.5e-04)	0.72 (2.9e-02)	
	XMotifs	0 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	1 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	
	ISA	0.0107 (3.8e-03)	0.00354 (1.2e-03)	0.0162 (6.5e-03)	0.999 (1.7e-04)	0.0218 (7.4e-03)	
	GBC	0.637(8.9e-02)	0.633(8.7e-02)	0.877(9.8e-02)	0.99(3.8e-03)	0.781(6.2e-02)	
	sGBC	0.76(6.9e-02)	0.762(7.7e-02)	0.946(7.5e-02)	0.994(2.0e-03)	0.864(4.5e-02)	
15	Plaid	0.241 (2.4e-02)	0.233 (2.7e-02)	0.28 (2.4e-02)	1 (1.4e-04)	0.425 (4.2e-02)	
	CC	0 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	0.999 (4.7e-05)	-0.00272 (1.3e-04)	
	FABIA	0.513 (7.9e-02)	0.519 (6.7e-02)	0.56 (3.2e-02)	0.999 (1.3e-03)	0.684 (9.4e-02)	
	XMotifs	0 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	1 (0.0e+00)	0 (0.0e+00)	
	ISA	0.0109 (3.8e-03)	0.00337 (1.2e-03)	0.0159 (6.7e-03)	0.999 (1.9e-04)	0.0226 (7.6e-03)	
	GBC	0.569(1.2e-01)	0.573(1.2e-01)	0.907(1.1e-01)	0.984(6.6e-03)	0.755(7.1e-02)	
	sGBC	0.655(8.9e-02)	0.66(8.6e-02)	0.947(9.0e-02)	0.988(4.3e-03)	0.812(4.9e-02)	

## Simulation Results: Mixed Data Types

Mixed data types							
overlap	Method	CE	CS	SEN	SPE	MCC	
0	Plaid	0.0105 (1.5e-03)	0.0728 (1.2e-02)	0.227 (2.6e-02)	0.997 (1.3e-02)	0.0268 (5.7e-03)	
	CC	6.31e-05 (9.0e-05)	5.99e-05 (8.6e-05)	6.77e-05 (9.7e-05)	1 (2.2e-05)	-0.0011 (3.7e-04)	
	FABIA	0.104 (1.8e-02)	0.104 (1.7e-02)	0.106 (1.7e-02)	1 (4.7e-04)	0.299 (4.9e-02)	
	XMotifs	1.19e-06 (1.2e-05)	1.05e-06 (1.1e-05)	1.2e-06 (1.2e-05)	1 (4.5e-05)	-0.000119 (2.8e-04)	
	ISA	0.00217 (2.2e-03)	0.00193 (1.9e-03)	0.00221 (2.2e-03)	1 (3.8e-05)	0.0158 (1.5e-02)	
	GBC	0.476(1.6e-01)	0.506(1.3e-01)	0.847(7.3e-02)	0.983(1.1e-02)	0.693(8.7e-02)	
	sGBC	0.696(1.2e-01)	0.714(1.0e-01)	0.993(9.9e-03)	0.989(6.4e-03)	0.838(6.0e-02)	
15	Plaid	0.019 (1.3e-02)	0.0429 (1.4e-02)	0.163 (3.3e-02)	0.997 (1.2e-02)	0.0417 (3.3e-02)	
	CC	4.12e-05 (7.1e-05)	4.01e-05 (7.0e-05)	4.36e-05 (7.5e-05)	1 (2.6e-05)	-0.0013 (3.2e-04)	
	FABIA	0.101 (1.9e-02)	0.1 (1.8e-02)	0.104 (1.8e-02)	1 (7.4e-04)	0.286 (5.9e-02)	
	XMotifs	5.09e-06 (3.2e-05)	4.71e-06 (3.0e-05)	5.17e-06 (3.3e-05)	1 (5.2e-05)	-0.000144 (3.7e-04)	
	ISA	0.00235 (2.1e-03)	0.00204 (1.8e-03)	0.00239 (2.2e-03)	1 (4.7e-05)	0.0159 (1.4e-02)	
	GBC	0.506(1.4e-01)	0.528(1.1e-01)	0.886(6.0e-02)	0.98(1.1e-02)	0.719(7.4e-02)	
	sGBC	0.645(1.0e-01)	0.663(8.3e-02)	0.972(2.7e-02)	0.985(6.2e-03)	0.808(4.7e-02)	

Real Data: AD proteomics dataset (continuous)

- The AMP-AD knowledge portal of the Synapse website (www.synapse.org) with ID syn3607470.
- Proteomics dataset include 6533 protein levels from 20 Alzheimer's Disease (AD) patients, 13 Asymptomatic Alzheimer's DIsease (AsymAD) patients, 14 controls.
- Ground truth: the status of each subject: AD/AsymAD/control.
- Biological information extracted from KEGG Pathway using Bioconductor package "KEGGgraph" and "KEGGREST".

#### Real Data: AD RNAseq dataset (count)

- The AMP-AD knowledge portal of the Synapse website (www.synapse.org) with ID syn5223705.
- Proteomics dataset include 64253 features from 82 AD patients, 84 progressive supranuclear palsy(PSP) patients, 28 pathologic aging(PA) subjects, and 77 elder controls.
- These measurements are from cerebellum RNA samples collected by the Mayo Clinic Brain Bank and Banner Sun Health Research Institute.

 Ground truth: the status of each subject: AD/PSP/PA/control.

## Real Data: TCGA GBM Data (mixed)

- From the TCGA data portal, microarray gene expression data, DNA methylation data, and DNA copy number data for 233 Glioblastoma multiforme patients.
- DNA copy number data are dichotomized to 0 (normal) and 1 (abnomal).
- 48 genes from three critical signaling pathways RPK/PI3K, p53, and Rb (migration, survival and apoptosis progression of cell cycles).
- The total number of features is  $48 \times 3 = 144$ .
- Ground truth: Kaplan-Meier imputed survival time, divided into four groups.

#### Analyses of Real Data: Results

Method	ASD: proteomics data		ASD: RNAseq data		GBM: n	GBM: mixed data	
	CE	$\mathbf{CS}$	CE	CS	CE	$\mathbf{CS}$	
PLAID	0	0	0	0	0.263	0.175	
$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}$	0.238	0.200	0.147	0.125	0.004	0.004	
FABIA	0.254	0.140	0.147	0.103	0.260	0.186	
$\mathbf{x}$ Motif	0.106	0.081	0	0	0	0	
ISA	0.045	0.010	0.113	0.096	0.045	0.015	
$\operatorname{GBC}$	0.313	0.167	0.239	0.211	0.265	0.263	
sGBC	0.313	0.160	0.239	0.211	0.281	0.221	

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#### Discussions

- Bayesian Generalized Biclustering Method: 1, applicable to data of multiple types; 2, incorporate existing biological information represented by a graph *G*.
- $\blacktriangleright$  Robust to mis-specification of biological information,  ${\cal G}$
- Choice of L
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