The applications of deep learning in biomedicine

Artificial intelligence has shown great power in processing big data and achieving better performance than human in many complex tasks. The underlying algorithms are machine learning, especially deep learning, a revolutionary development in computer sciences. The deep learning algorithm is based neural network which mimics how the human brain works. There are input layer, hidden layers and output layer. Each layer performs linear combinations using the output from the previous layers as input, and operate non-linear functions on the weighted sums. At last, softmax function is applied to the output units of the hidden layers for classification purpose. Deep learning has been applied to analyze images, sound, text and various data. It is very useful method in biomedicine. To illustrate the applications of deep learning, an example of identifying cell-cycle genes based on time course gene expression profiles will be demonstrated. The cells and the gene expression levels on each time points formed the input layer and the output layer was the gene class. We found that the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) had better prediction performance than traditional methods. The results provided novel insight to the cell cycle mechanisms.

Recent Publications

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