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# Biostatistics

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$$t = \frac{\text{variance between groups}}{\text{variance within groups}}$$

A big t-value = different groups

A small t-value = similar groups

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# Agenda

- Differential expression
  - Fold Change
  - T-test
- Clustering
- Databases

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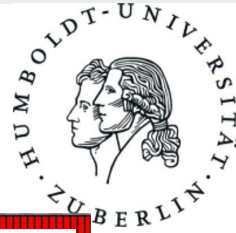
# Differential Expression

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# Motivation

- Etiology
- Biomarker
- Personalized medicine

# Experimental Design



$N_1, \dots, N_m$ : **control** samples

$T_1, \dots, T_n$ : **case** samples

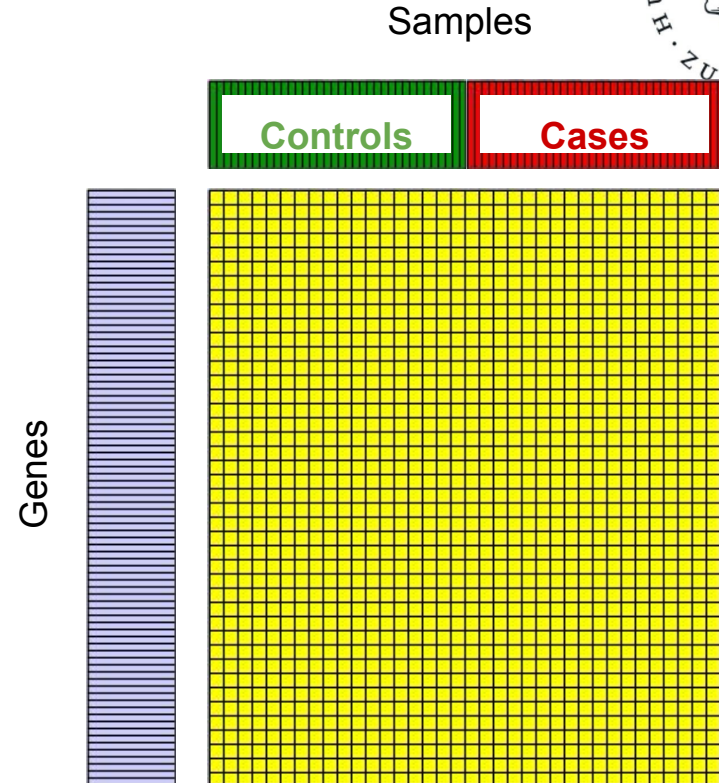
We look for:

Genes with significant differences between N and T

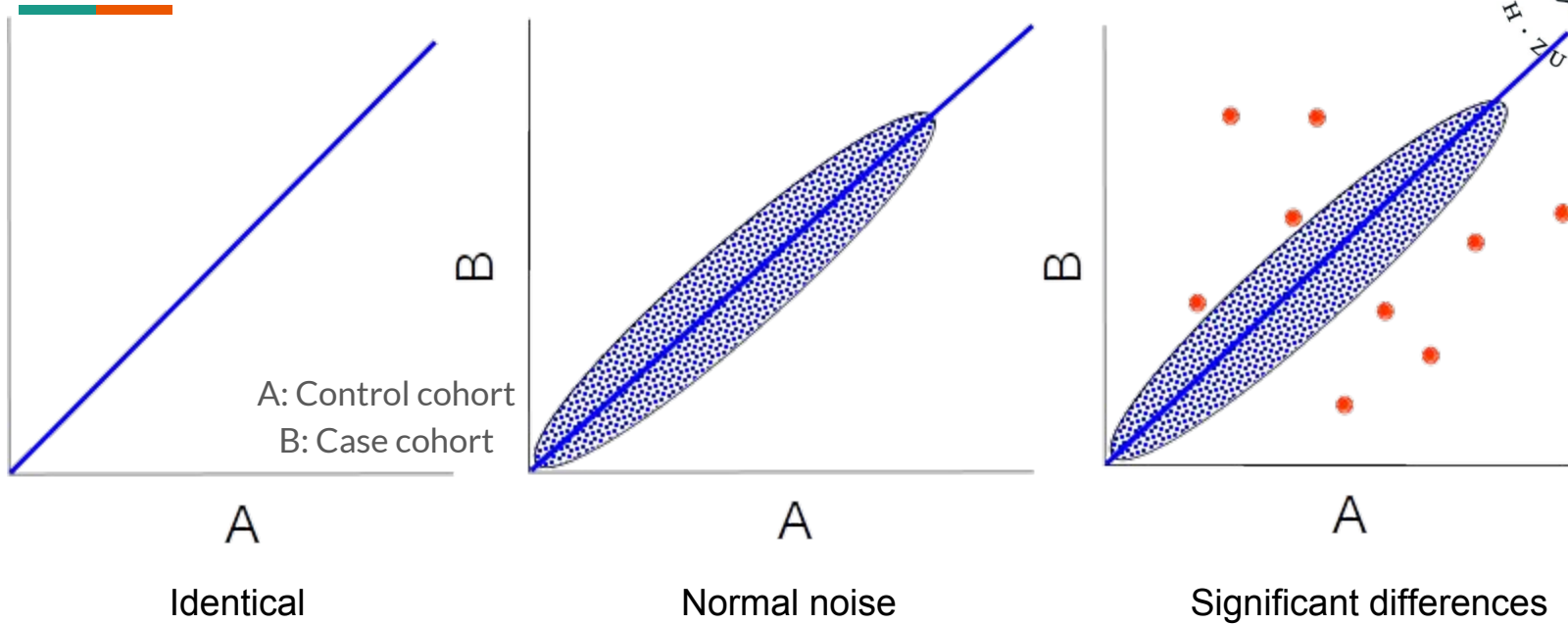
Compare gene X from group N with gene X of group T

$N = \{n_1, \dots, n_m\}$   $T = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$

Many methods exist, here: Fold change t-test



# Scatterplot - Expression differences



# Fold Change

$$FC = \log_2\left(\frac{\bar{T}}{\bar{N}}\right) = \log_2(\bar{T}) - \log_2(\bar{N})$$

Thresholds (examples)

$|FC| < 1$  not interesting

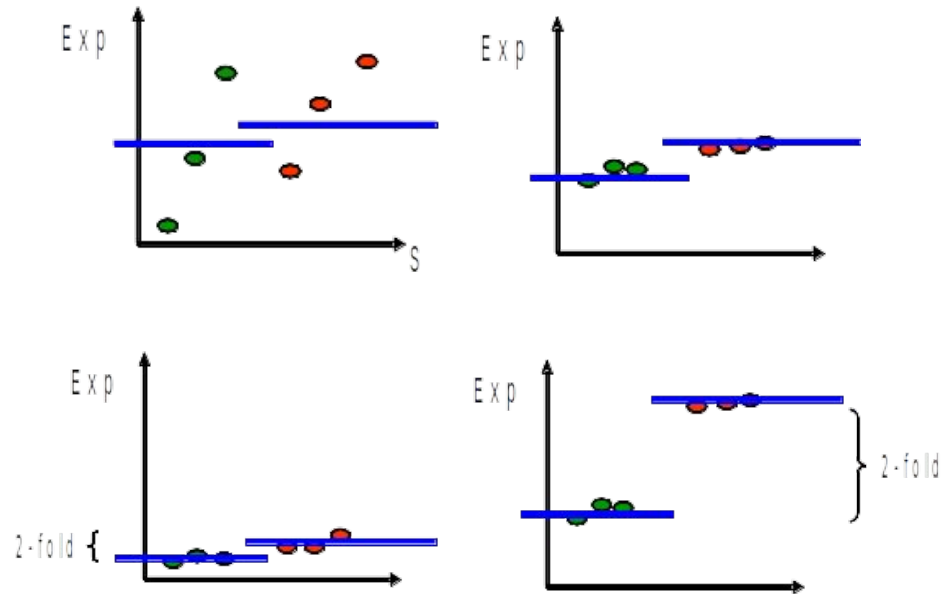
$|FC| > 2$  interesting

Genes	Mean Case	Mean Control	Mean Case / Control	FC
A	16	1	16	4
B	0.0625	1	0.0625	-4
C	10	10	1	0
D	200	1	200	7.65

# Fold Change - Advantages / Disadvantages



- ✓ intuitive measure
- ✗ Independent of scatter
- ✗ Independent of absolute values
  - Score only based on mean of groups
  - **Spread** of data points essential



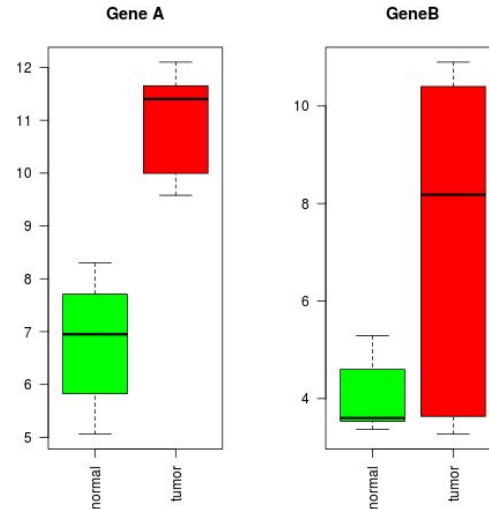


# Variance essential

	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	N7	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	FC
Gene A	5	5	8	8	7	6	7	10	10	12	12	11	10	12	-4
Gene B	3	4	3	3	5	5	4	4	11	10	4	11	8	3	-3

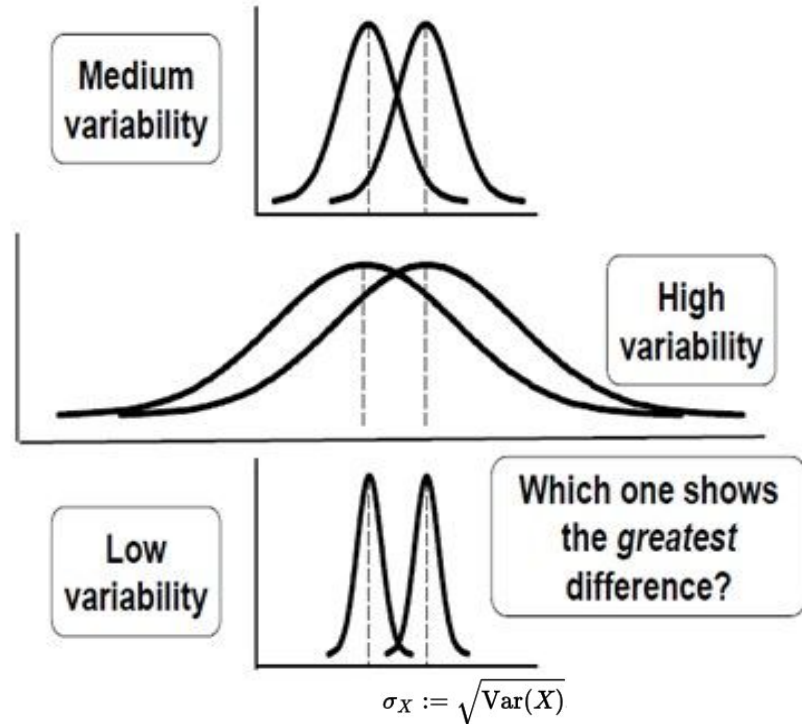
- High abs(FC) for Gene A and Gene B
- But: variance very high in the tumor samples of Gene B
- Find test for FC and variance

$$Var(X) = E((X - E(X))^2) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$



# Hypothesis testing

- Same Mean
  - Different variance
- Measure 'uncertainty' with standard deviation  $sd$
- Combine both to likelihood for 'correctness'
- Assumption
  - Log-Normal distributions
  - Symmetric
  - Independent

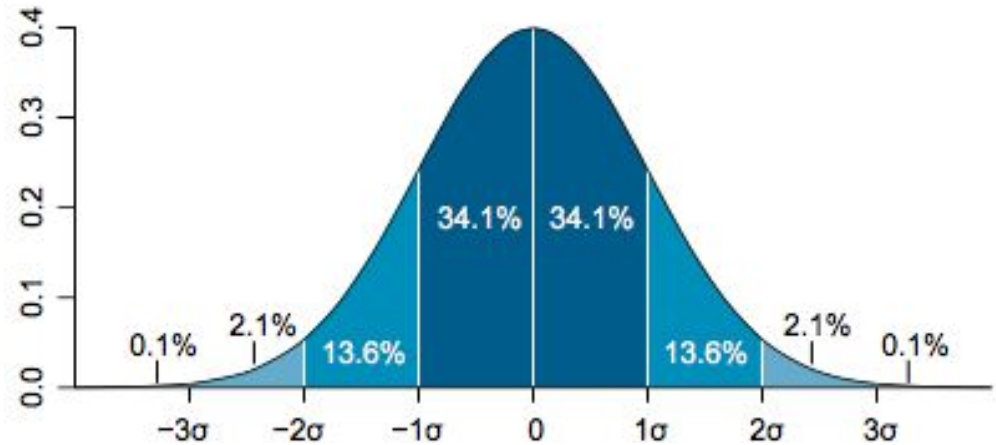


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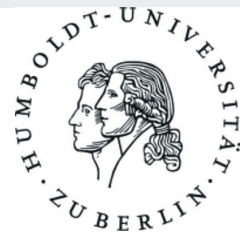
# Tschebyscheff-Inequation

$$P[|X - \mu| \geq k] \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}$$

- Z-transform your data
- and see how likely a single value is



# Hypothesis testing



- **T-test (unpaired two-sample)**
  - Compares the mean of two unpaired samples
- **Assumption**
  - Values normally distributed
  - Equal variances
- **Hypothesis**
  - $H_0$  (Null hypothesis):  $m_1 = m_2$  vs.  $m_1 \neq m_2$  (means are not equal)
- **Test statistic**
  - Function of the sample that summarizes the data set into one value that can be used for hypothesis testing

# Hypothesis Testing – T-test (Welch Test)

## From T-statistic to p-value

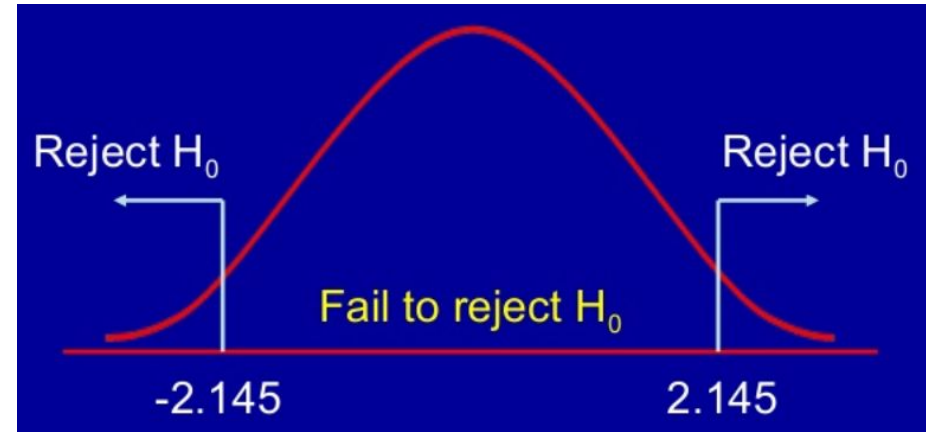
- T-value,  $a$  and number of samples determine the p-value (look-up tables)

## P-value

- Probability of observing your data under the assumption that  $H_0$  is true
- Probability that you will be in error if rejecting  $H_0$

## Significance level ( $\alpha$ )

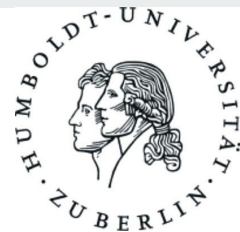
- Probability of a false positive outcome of the test, the error of rejecting  $H_0$  when it is actually true



If  $|t| > |T|$  we reject  $H_0$

→ p-value is significant  
(p-value  $< \alpha$ )

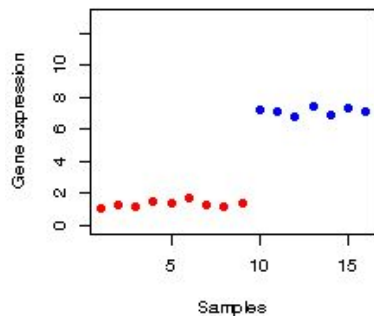
# Workflow Hypothesis Testing



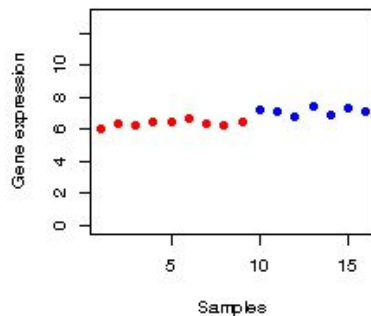
1. Determine null and alternative hypothesis
2. Select a significance level ( $\alpha$ )
3. Take a random sample from the population of interest
4. Calculate a test statistic from the sample that provides information about the null hypothesis
5. Decision

# Examples

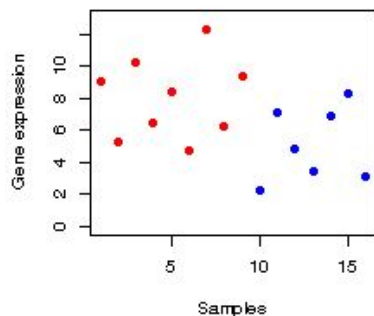
$t = -55.53$



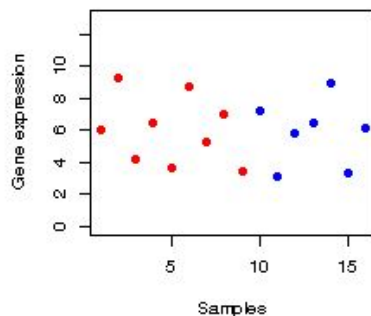
$t = -7.5$



$t = 2.37$



$t = 0.16$



	$q = 0.6$	$0.75$	$0.9$	$0.95$	$0.975$	$0.99$	$0.995$	$0.9975$
$n = 1$	0.3249	1.0000	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	127.321
<b>2</b>	0.2887	0.8165	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	14.089
<b>3</b>	0.2767	0.7649	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	7.453
<b>4</b>	0.2707	0.7407	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	5.598
<b>5</b>	0.2672	0.7267	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	4.773
<b>6</b>	0.2648	0.7176	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	4.317
<b>7</b>	0.2632	0.7111	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.029
<b>8</b>	0.2619	0.7064	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	3.833
<b>9</b>	0.2610	0.7027	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	3.690
<b>10</b>	0.2602	0.6998	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	3.581
<b>11</b>	0.2596	0.6974	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	3.497
<b>12</b>	0.2590	0.6955	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	3.428
<b>13</b>	<b>0.2586</b>	<b>0.6938</b>	<b>1.350</b>	<b>1.771</b>	<b>2.160</b>	<b>2.650</b>	<b>3.012</b>	<b>3.372</b>
<b>14</b>	0.2582	0.6924	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.326

Degrees of freedom:  $|\text{Samples}| - 2$ ,  
Here  $16 - 2 = 14$

# Example

Hypothesis  $H_0: m_N - m_T = 0$  vs  $H_1: m_N - m_T \neq 0$

Significance level 0.05

Test statistic

P-value 0.06

-> Not significant

$N = \{3.58, 4.14, 3.49, 3.37, 5.29, 5.06, 3.6\}$

$T = \{3.7, 10.9, 10.3, 3.57, 10.5, 8.18, 3.27\}$

Data from slide 9

$$t = \frac{X_1 - X_2}{S_p \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} \cdot \frac{1}{n_2}}} = -2.27$$

Critical value = 2.45



# Volcano plot

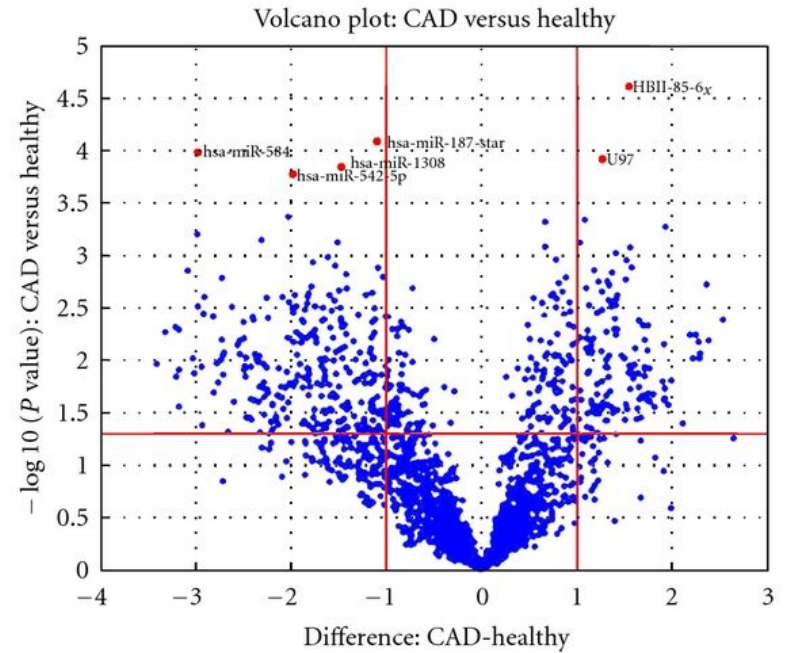


## Combine P-value and Log-FC

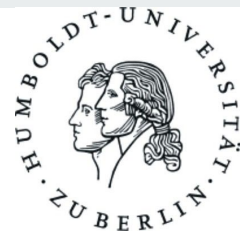
- Y-axis: Negative log<sub>10</sub> of the p-value
- X-axis: Fold-change

## Interested in

- Upper left
- Upper right corner



# Multiple Testing Correction



## Problem

Microarrays has 22k genes, thus an  $\alpha=0.05$  leads to approximately  $22\,000 * 0.05 \sim 1100$  FPs.

## Solution

Multiple testing correction, two basic approaches:

1. Family wise error rate (FWER) , the probability of having at least one false positive in the set of results considered as significant
2. False discovery rate (FDR), the expected proportion of true null hypotheses rejected in the total number of rejections.(FDR measures the expected proportion of incorrectly rejected null hypotheses, i.e. type I errors)

# Bonferroni correction

Let  $N$  be the number of genes tested and  $p$  the p-value of a given probe, one computes an adjusted p-value using:

$$p_{\text{adjusted}} = p * N$$

Only if the adjusted p-value is smaller than the pre-chosen significance value, the probe is considered differentially expressed.

Very conservative (many failures to reject a false  $H_0$ ), rarely used

Bonferroni assumes independence between the tests (usually wrong)

Appropriate when a single false positive in a set of tests would be a problem (e.g., drug development)

# Benjamini - Hochberg correction

1. Choose a specific  $\alpha$  (e.g.  $\alpha=0.05$ )
2. Rank all  $m$  p-values from smallest to largest
3. Correct all p-values:  $BH(p_i)_{i=1,\dots,m} = p_i * m/i$
4.  $BH(p)$  = significant if  $BH(p) \leq \alpha$

Genes	p-value	rank	BH(p)	Significant 0.05
A	0.00001	1	$0.00001 * 1000 / 1 = 0.01$	yes
B	0.0004	2	$0.0004 * 1000 / 2 = 0.20$	no
C	0.01	3	$0.01 * 1000 / 3 = 3.3 \rightarrow 1.0$	no

# Clustering - Motivation

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Subgroups detection

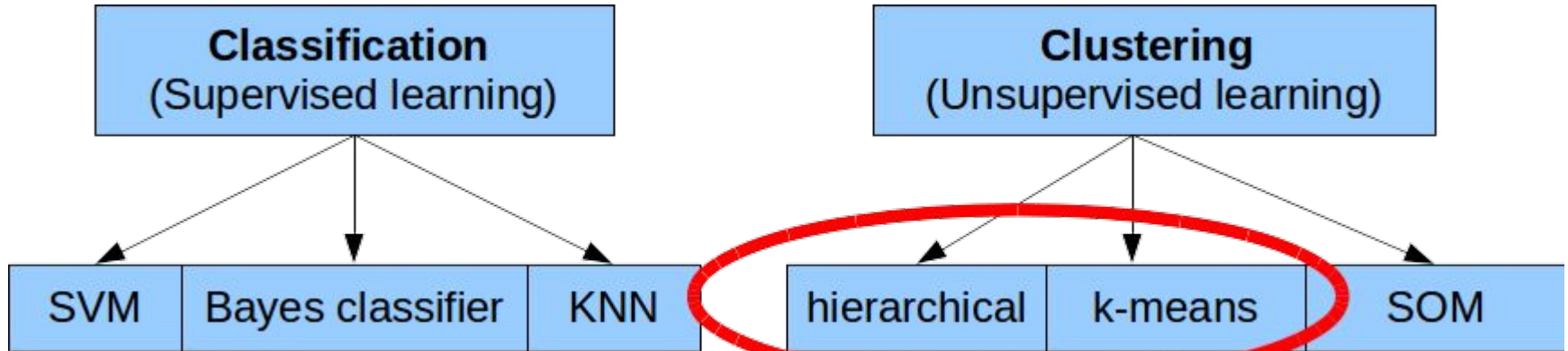
Quality control

Similarity-detection in spatial and temporal behavior

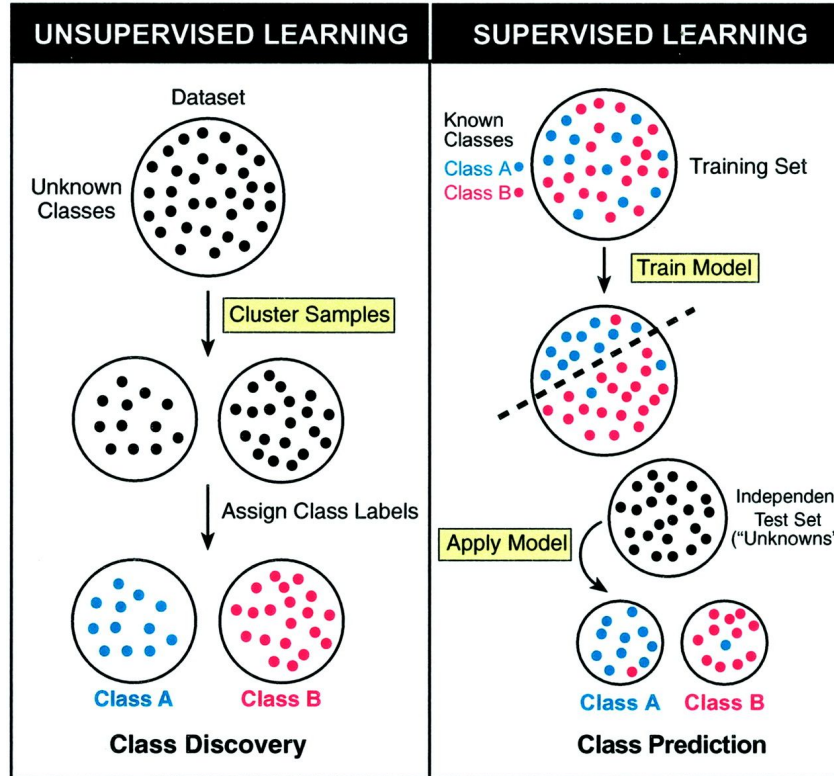
- Co-regulated / expressed genes
  - E.g. genes controlled by the same transcription-factor

Discovery of new disease subtypes

# Overview unsupervised clustering

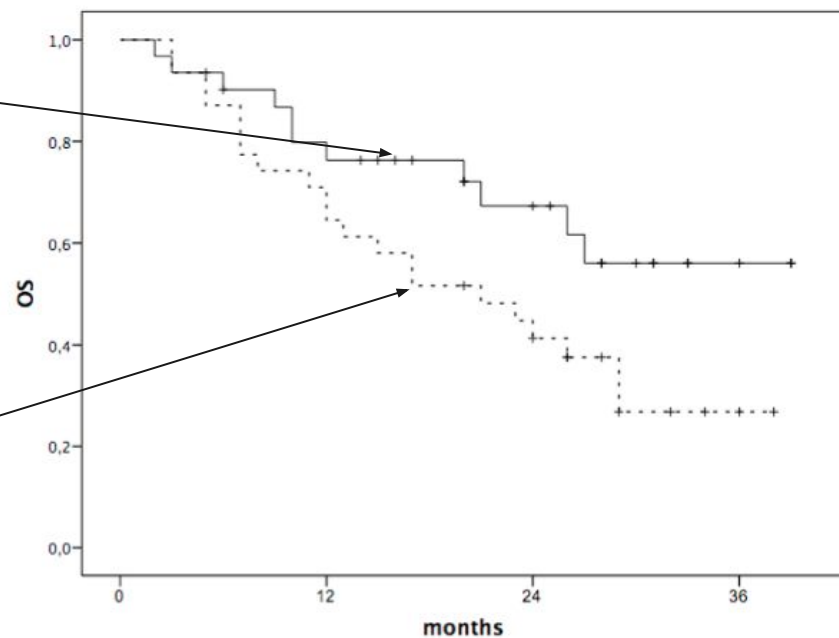
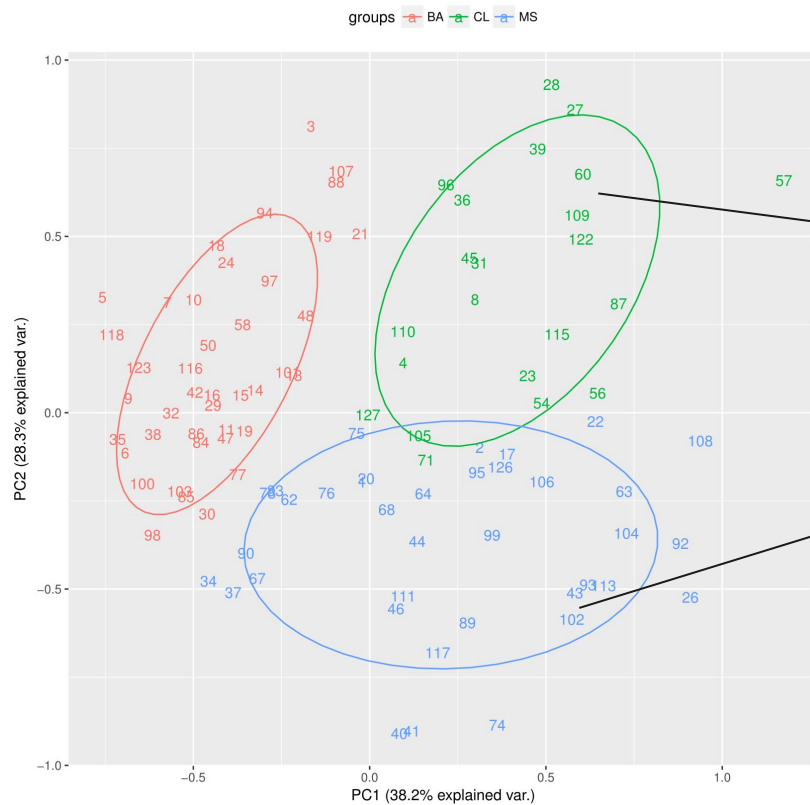


# Clustering



Ramaswamy  
& Golub 2002

# Example



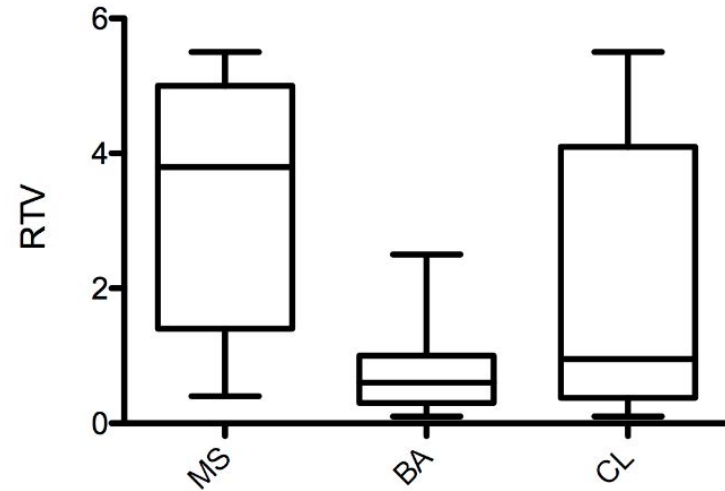


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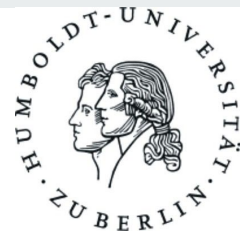


- **Goal**
  - Partitioning Biological interpretation of subtypes (clusters)
- **Requires**
  - (Useful) similarity measure
- **Advantages**
  - Intuitive Simple (you would think)

cetuximab response in different subtypes of HNSCC

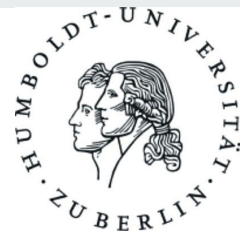


# Hierarchical Clustering - algorithm



1. Distance measure
  - a. Euclidean
  - b. Pearson, etc.
2. Compute similarity matrix  $S$
3. While  $|S| > 1$ :
  - a. Determine pair  $(X, Y)$  with minimal distance
  - b. Compute new value  $Z = \text{avg}(X, Y)$ , (single, average, or complete linkage)
  - c. Delete  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $S$ , insert  $Z$  in  $S$
  - d. Compute new distances of  $Z$  to all elements in  $S$
  - e. Visualize  $X$  and  $Y$  as pair

# Hierarchical Clustering



- Binary tree
- Cutting the dendrogram at a particular height partitions the data into disjoint clusters
- For an easier determination of clusters
  - Length of branch is set in relation to the difference of the leafs.

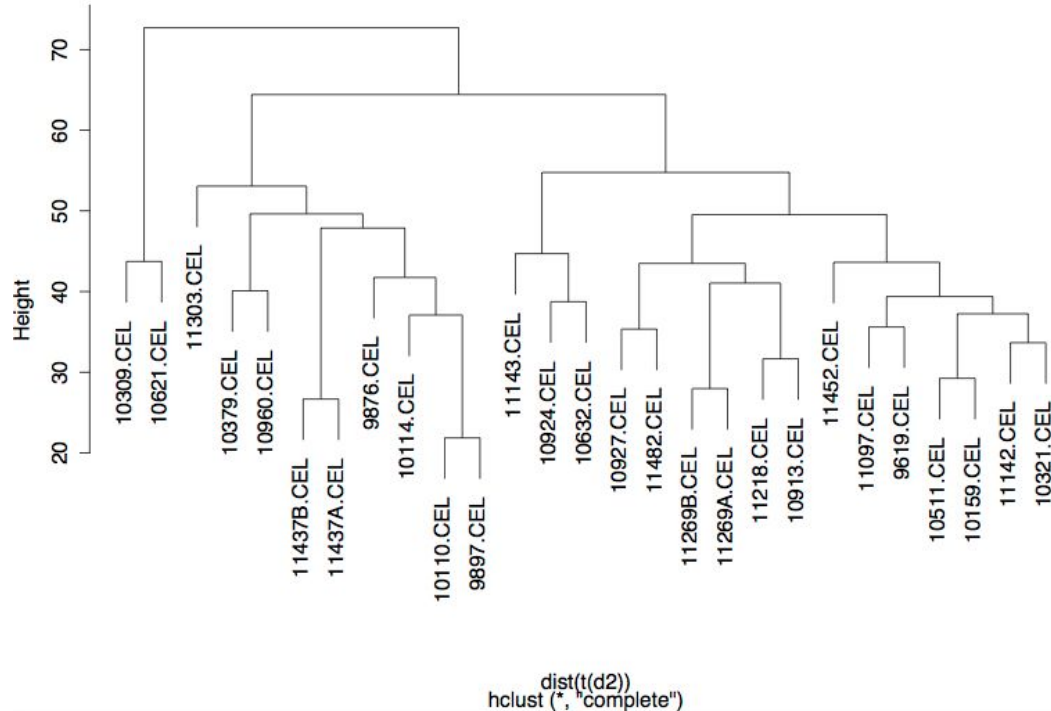
**Linkage Rule essential**

# Hierarchical Clustering – Linkage

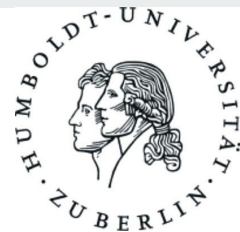
- Methods produce similar results for data with strong clustering tendency
  - (each cluster is compact and separated)
- **Single Linkage**
  - Single smallest distance  $D(X,Y) = \min_{x \in X, y \in Y} d_{xy}$
  - Violates the compactness property (i.e., observations inside the same cluster should tend to be similar)
- **Complete Linkage**
  - Most distant elements  $D(X,Y) = \max_{x \in X, y \in Y} d_{xy}$
- **Average Linkage**
  - Compromise  $D(X,Y) = \frac{1}{N_X N_Y} \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} d_{xy}$

# Hierarchical Clustering

Hierarchical clustering of expression data



# K-means

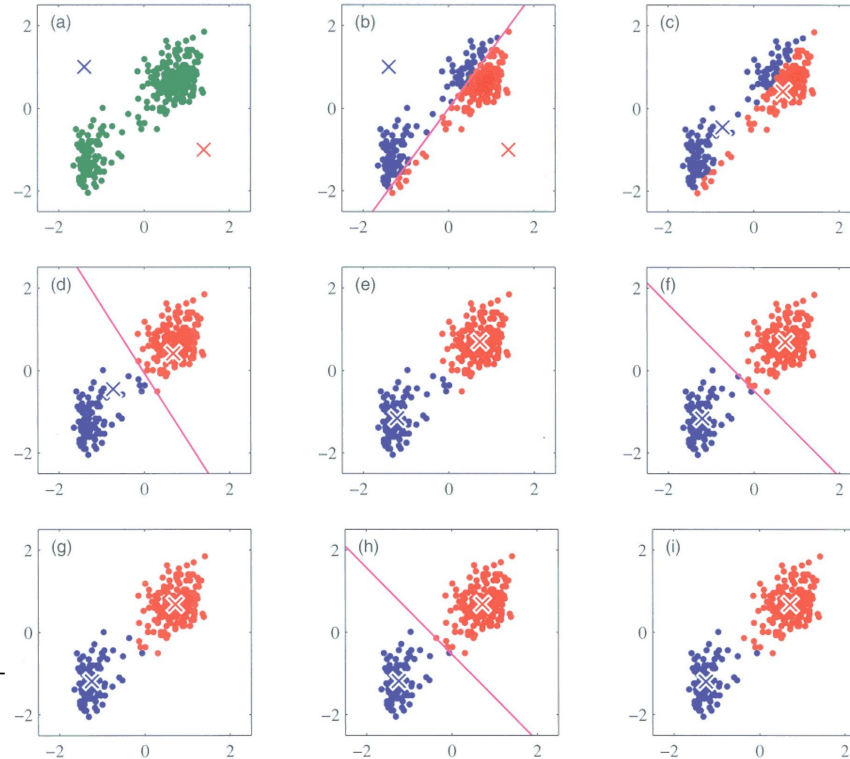


K-means partitions the  $n$  observations into  $k$  clusters

Minimize the distance of the  $n$  data points from their respective cluster centres.

1. Choose  $k$  random cluster centers  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k$
2. Assign for each point  $x$  in dataset  $S$  the closest cluster center
3. Compute a new center  $\mu_i$  for every cluster  $C_i$
4. Repeat 2-3. until cluster centers do not change

# K-means



[http://www.itee.uq.edu.au/~comp4702/lectures/k-means\\_bis\\_1.jpg](http://www.itee.uq.edu.au/~comp4702/lectures/k-means_bis_1.jpg)

# K-means



- Convergence not assured
- Cluster quality can be computed by determining the mean distance of a gene to its cluster-center
- Number of clusters has to be chosen in advance
- The initialization of the cluster centers has a great impact on the clustering quality, compute more than one initial constellation.



# Databases - GEO – Gene Expression Omnibus



- NCBI public repository <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>
- archives microarray, NGS, and other high-throughput
- genomics data submitted by the research community

## **GPL**

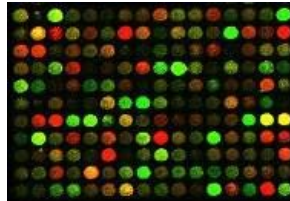
(GEO platform)  
platform description



submitted by  
manufacturer

## **GSM**

(GEO sample)  
raw-processed  
intensities from a  
single or chip



submitted by  
experimentalist

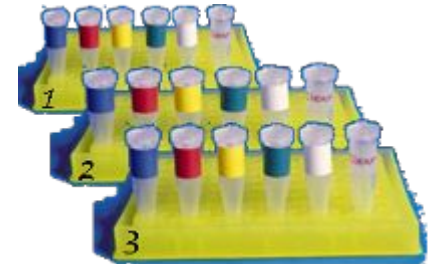
## **GSE**

(GEO series) grouping of  
chip data, a single  
experiment



## **GDS**

(GEO dataset) grouping  
of experiments



curated by NCBI

## Gene Expression Omnibus

GEO is a public functional genomics data repository supporting MIAME-compliant data submissions. Array- and sequence-based data are accepted. Tools are provided to help users query and download experiments and curated gene expression profiles.






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





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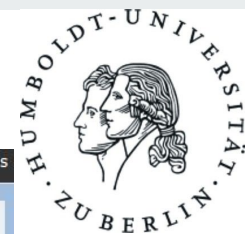
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## (Minimum Information about a Microarray Experiment)

1. **Raw data** (e.g. .CEL, .txt)
2. **Final processed** (normalized) **data**
3. **Sample annotation** (incl. Experimental factors and their values, scan protocol, e.g. drug, dosage)
4. **Experimental design** including sample data relationships (e.g., overall design; technical or biological replicates)
5. **Annotation of the array** (e.g., gene identifiers, genomic coordinates, probe oligonucleotide sequences)
6. **Laboratory and data processing protocols** (e.g., what normalisation method)

# ArrayExpress (EMBL-EBI)



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- ◊ 58182 experiments
- ◊ 1719321 assays
- ◊ 28.40 TB of archived data

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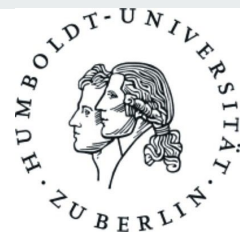
17 February 2015 - **RNA-seq expression data of many human cancer cell lines now available in ArrayExpress and Expression Atlas**

Have you ever wondered if a commonly used cancer cell line (e.g. [MCF-7](#)) shows similar gene expression patterns when profiled in different labs? Or how about the gene expression patterns across a series of cell line models for the same cancer (e.g. [B-cell lymphoma](#))? Two new RNA-seq data sets in ArrayExpress will shed some light on these

All ArrayExpress submissions follow the MIAME checklist

# GEO vs. ArrayExpress

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- Both encompass MIAME compliance
- Both provide a good possibility for making data publicly available as often requested by journals
- ArrayExpress provides analysis tools

# Summary



- Combine T-test and fold change for optimal detection of differential expression (Volcano plot)
- More explorative analyses like clustering can detect patterns inherent in the expression data like co-regulated genes or new disease subtypes.
- Public repositories like GEO and ArrayExpress offer a rich fundus of data.