Volume Learning Artificial Neural Network

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CoMFA converts 3D lattice into table. The first column contains biological activities. The remaining columns are parameters corresponding to the energies of 'PROBE' interactions with the molecule at the lattice of points around it. Usually there are 30-100 cases and 1,000-20,000 parameters.

PLS analysis of CoMFA data

- X is matrix of input variables (kxm), Y is response vector (k)
- Y=XB+E -- standard regression does not work, since the number of samples k<<m parameters. Here E is noise and B are the regression coefficients.
- Y=TQ+E -- regression model, Q is matrix of regression coefficients (loadings) and T is matrix of so-called latent variables (kxh) such as h<k
- T=XW, W is weight matrix that is computed to maximise the covariance between response vector Y and latent variables T
- ⇒PLS reduces dimension of input space (X=>T) and performs MLRA analysis. A similar idea can be also used for neural networks!

PLS references: look for articles of S. Wold + PLS in PubMed!

Volume Learning Algorithm



The Volume Learning Algorithm (VLA) uses SOM to cluster input data. The average cluster values are used to train supervised neural network.

Data Analysis in VLA



- 1) Kohonen's Self-Organizing Map is used to find clusters in the input data.
- 2) The centres of clusters are used as inputs for FBNN neural nets and the optimal clustering of input space is detected.
- 3) The optimised centres of clusters are used to develop the final model and to predict new test patterns

Tetko, Kovalishyn, Livingstone, J. Med. Chem, 2001, 44, 2411-2420; Kovalishyn et al., ANNIE'2002

Some formulas

k – number of samples (\mathbf{x}_i) , m - dimension of each sample initial SOM training using CoMFA params :

 $\begin{cases} m - \text{number of samples of dimension } k \\ X_{j} = (x_{1}^{j}, ..., x_{k}^{j}) \end{cases}$

ANN training M = 100, each network has IxHx1 architecture Weights of ANN with minimal early - stopping error were saved

SOM training using ANN weights :

 $\begin{cases} m - \text{number of samples of dimension H * M} \\ X_{j} = (w_{j1}^{1}, ..., w_{jH}^{1}, ..., w_{j1}^{M}, ..., w_{jH}^{M}) \end{cases}$

Cross-validated q² values calculated for cannabimimetic amino-alkyl indoles

Molecular	Initial CoMFA params		ANNs weights	
params	clusters	q²	clusters	q²
Steric	28	0.47	14	0.78
Electrost.	16	0.28	8	0.43
S.+E.	83	0.39	16	0.75

The non-significant clusters are eliminated using pruning alorithms described in Tetko et al., JCICS, 1996, 36(4), 794-803.

Steric and electrostatic contour plots for cannabimimetic amino-alkyl indoles, agonists of cannabinoid receptor







VLA clusters calculated for electrostatic fields of Estrogen α and β receptors.





Similar plots calculated for the same receptors using CoMFA/PLS method.

Cross-validated q² coefficients calculated for QSAR examples

	^a VLA				^b PLS				
Field	All clusters		Pruning results			Cross			
	Number of	Cross validated	Number of selected	Cross validated	Latent variables	validated dataset			
	clusters	dataset	clusters	dataset		dataoot			
1. Aminoalkyl indoles									
Steric	14	0.78±0.01	10	0.78±0.01	5	0.53			
Electr.	8	0.43±0.02	4	0.49±0.02	4	0.31			
S.+E.	16	0.75±0.02	10	0.76±0.03	6	0.56			
2. Estrogen Receptor (ER) α Subtype									
Ster.	7	0.80±0.02	4	0.80±0.02	—	—			
Electr.	8	0.57±0.02	4	0.61±0.02	—	—			
S.+E	15	0.79±0.02	7	0.81±0.02	4	0.52			
3. Estrogen Receptor (ER) β Subtype									
Ster.	8	0.75±0.02	7	0.76±0.02	—	—			
Electr.	6	0.64±0.02	5	0.63±0.02	_	_			
S.+E	14	0.72±0.02	7	0.77±0.02	4	0.54			

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