

Lecture Slides for Thursday April 2nd

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My Revised Lecture Schedule

Date	Topic
March 31 st	Cluster, PCA
April 2 nd	RNA-Seq
April 7 th	Transcriptional Regulation

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RNA-Seq Topics

- Overview of experimental steps for RNA-Seq
- Deriving expression levels from sequence data
- Gene Ontology
- Statistical significance

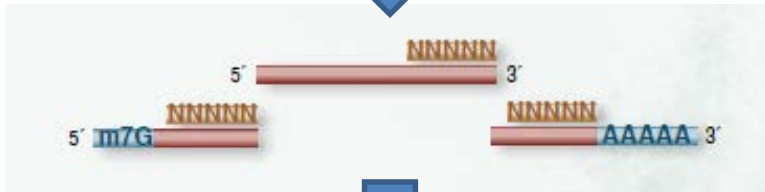
Experimental Design for RNA-Seq

- Goal of RNA-Seq:
 - To measure the expression of all genes in a sample
- Sequencing machines are great but have limitations:
 - They work on DNA, not RNA
 - They are best for short fragments



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1. Fragment RNA and prime with random DNA primers



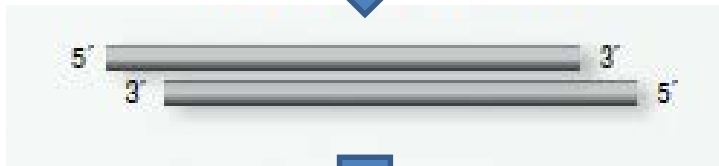
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2. Synthesize second strand with Reverse Transcriptase



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3. Remove RNA and synthesize second strand of DNA



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4. Ligate adaptors for sequencing



RNA	App	3' Adaptor	P5 Primer
DNA	5' Adaptor	P7 Primer	
RT Primer	Barcode (BC)		

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Sequencing reads

Raw reads
FASTA, FASTQ

Align to genome
TopHat2

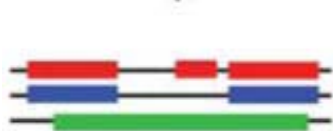


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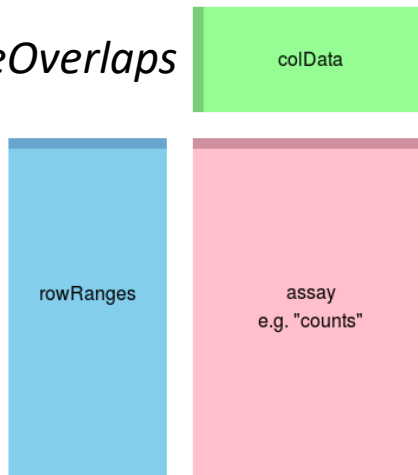
Mapped Reads
SAM, BAM

Assemble transcripts



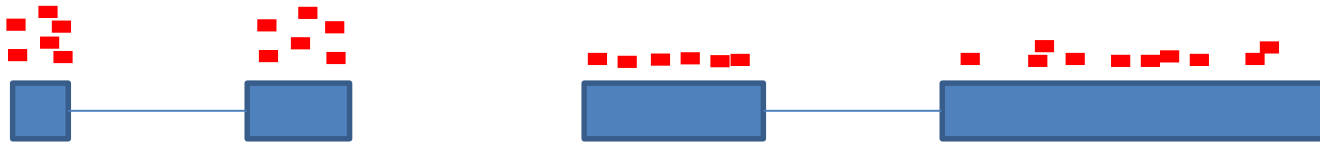
Reference-based

summarizeOverlaps



1. Find differentially expressed genes
2. Cluster
3. PCA

Raw counts are misleading



1. A long transcript with a low level of expression will still produce more sequence reads than a short, highly expressed transcript.
2. An experiment that is sequenced more deeply will make all genes appear to be expressed at higher levels

To correct for this, we use “Reads per Kilobase Million (RPKM)”

Gene	Length in KB	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Replicate 3
A	2	1.0E6	1.2E6	3.0E6
B	4	2.0E6	2.5E6	6.0E6
C	10	0	0	1.0E5
Total reads		3.0E6	3.7E6	9.1E6
Reads/1,000,000		3	3.7	9.1

Raw reads

1. Count the number of reads in each sample in millions.
2. Divide reads for a gene by the number of reads in the replicate (in millions)
3. Divide by gene length in kilobases

Reads per million	A	0.333	0.324	0.330
	B	0.667	0.676	0.659
	C	0	0	0.011

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This step corrects for sequencing depth. Note that numbers are now more consistent across replicates

This step corrects for gene length. Note that genes A and B have similar RPKMs but very different raw read counts.

Other ways to report transcripts

- **RPKM**: Reads Per Kilobase Million
 - This is what we just discussed
- **FPKM**: Fragments Per Kilobase Million
 - In “paired-end” sequencing, the fragments are sequenced from each end. Most of the time you detect both ends, but not always. FPKM reports results for the original DNA fragment regardless of whether you detected one or two ends

Other ways to report transcripts

- **TPM:** Transcript per million
 - Provides a more accurate estimate of the relative molar concentration of transcripts
 - Just as easy to compute
 - Described in detail in the reference below:

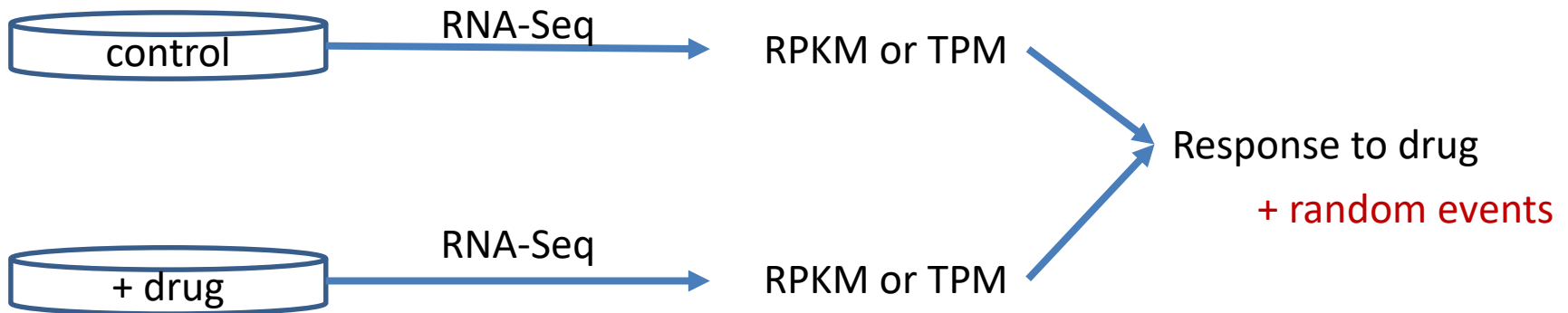
[Theory Biosci.](#) 2012 Dec;131(4):281-5. doi: 10.1007/s12064-012-0162-3. Epub 2012 Aug 8.

Measurement of mRNA abundance using RNA-seq data: RPKM measure is inconsistent among samples.

[Wagner GP](#)¹, [Kin K](#), [Lynch VJ](#).

Differential expression

DESeq2: tests whether a difference in gene expression is a response to a change in condition vs. a random fluctuation



Differential expression

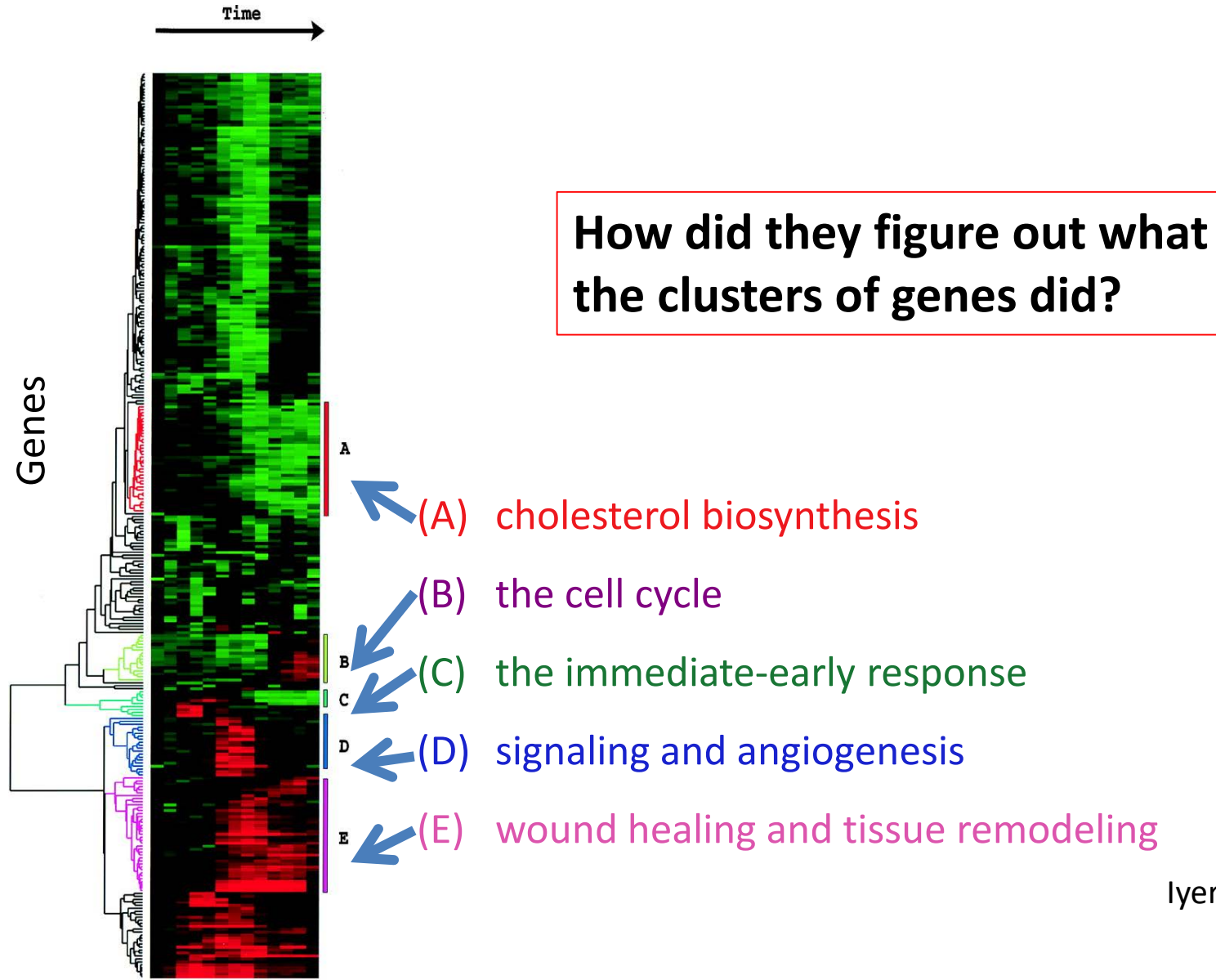
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Do your data make sense?

- Technical replicates should be very similar ($R^2 > .9$)
- Biological replicates should cluster together

Interpreting your results



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- **Gene Ontology**
- Statistical significance

Biological Insights

- What types of genes are being differentially expressed?



Controlled vocabulary to describe genes:

- Biological process
 - signal transduction; glucose transport
- Cellular component
 - nucleus; ribosome; protein dimer
- Molecular function
 - binding; transporter

A gene often will have several annotations



Total annotations: 121; showing: 1-10

Results count

<input type="checkbox"/>	Gene/product name	Annotation qualifier	GO class (direct)
<input type="checkbox"/>	BRCA2	Breast cancer type 2 susceptibility protein	telomere maintenance via recombination
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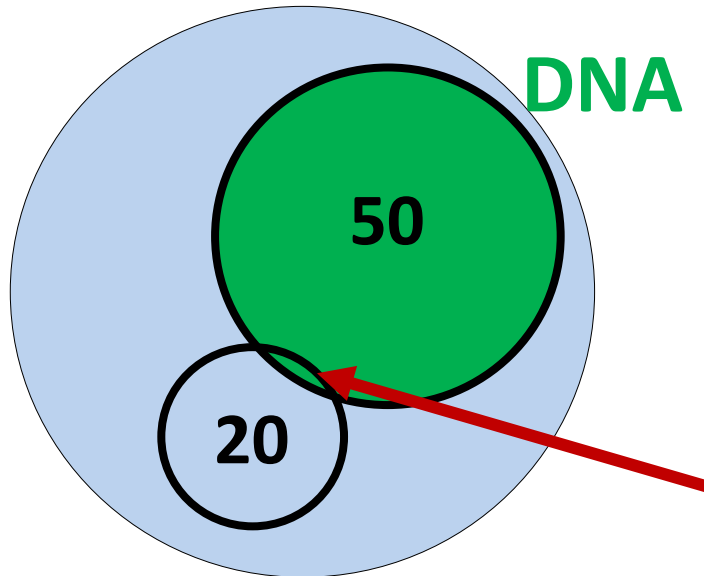
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Statistical Significance

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- Your idea: test it on cell lines and see what genes change in expression
- You find that it activates some genes involved in DNA Repair
- Could it be causing DNA damage?

Genome (100)



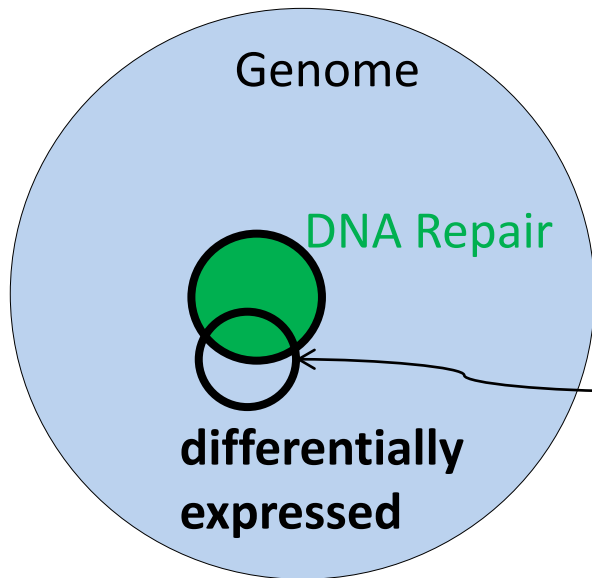
DNA Repair

Differentially
expressed

One differentially
expressed gene is related
to DNA repair.

Should I worry that our
drug causes DNA damage?

Statistical significance

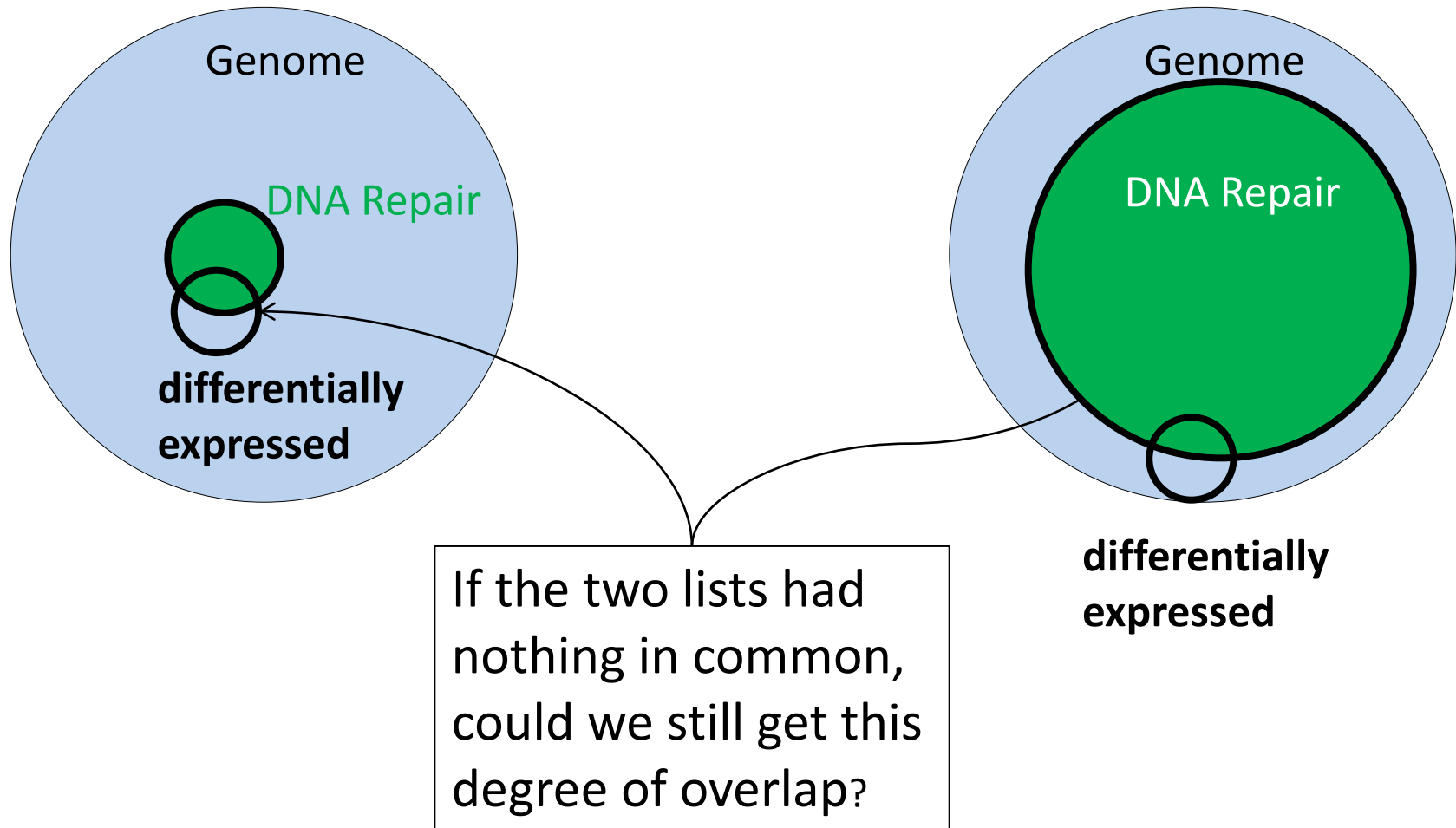


If I get many **more** repair genes than I would expect by chance, I need to find out if my drug is causing DNA damage.

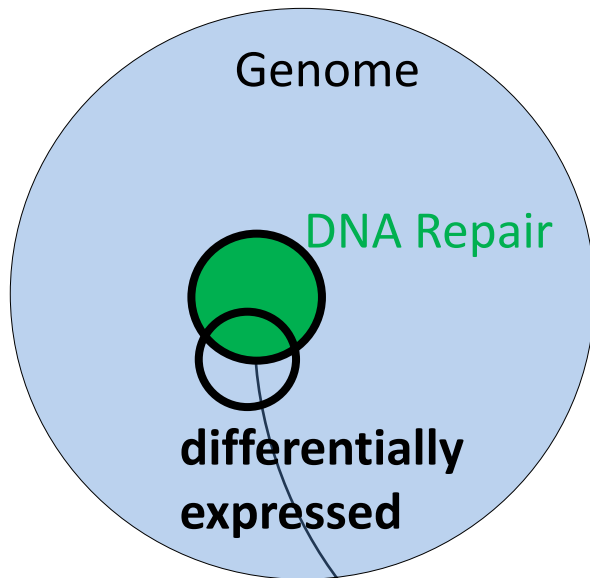
In other words: are the differentially expressed genes **enriched** for ones involved in DNA repair?

Statistical significance

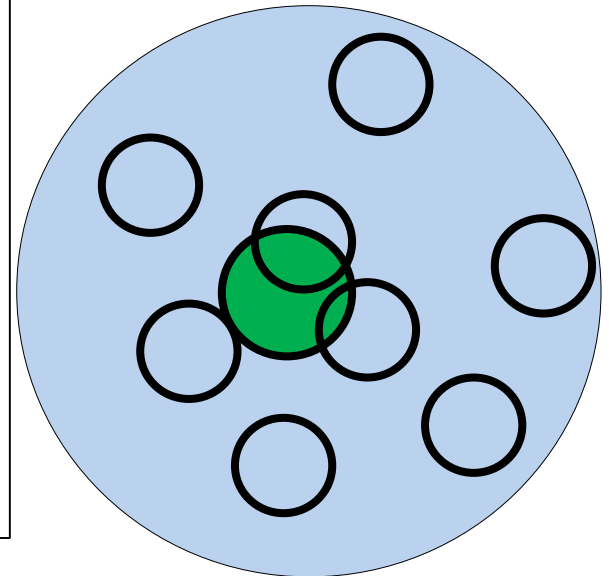
The significance depends on the size of the lists.



Statistical significance



Empirical approach:
Find the distribution of observed “green genes” by random sampling

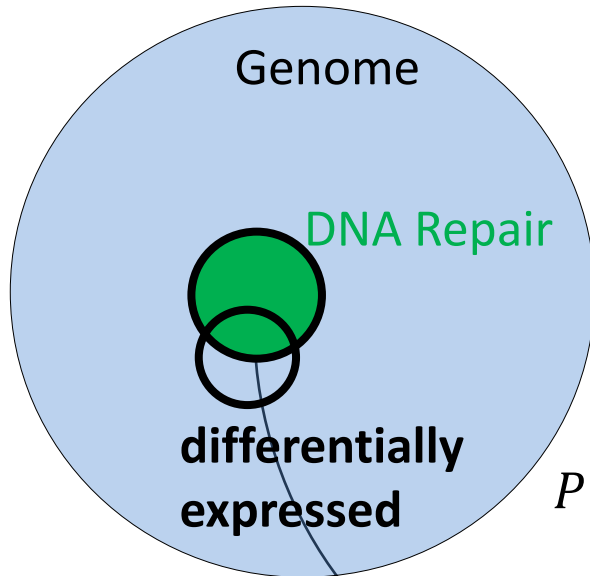


Is this overlap significant?

Statistical significance

Analytical Approach:

The probability of getting **exactly** this amount of overlap for two randomly chosen sets of genes of the same size is given by the hypergeometric distribution:



$$P(\text{Overlap}) = \frac{\binom{\text{DNA repair}}{\text{Overlap}} \binom{\text{Genome} - \text{DNA repair}}{\text{DiffExp} - \text{Overlap}}}{\binom{\text{Genome}}{\text{DiffExp}}}$$

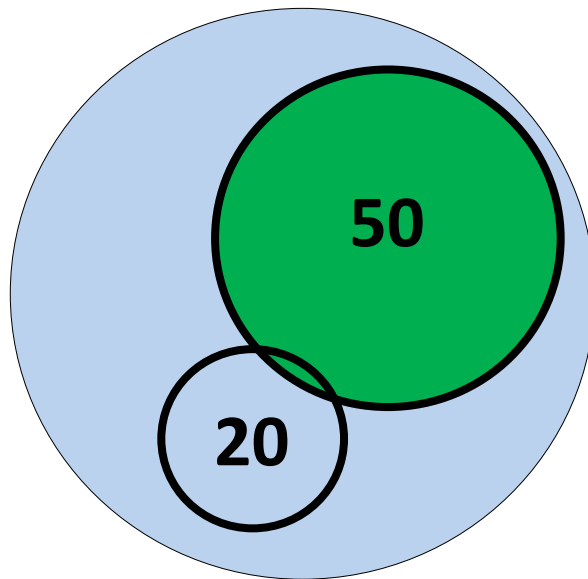
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Recall that $\binom{n}{k}$ ("n choose k") is the binomial coefficient.

= the number of ways to choose k items from a set of n.

How you might use the HG test:

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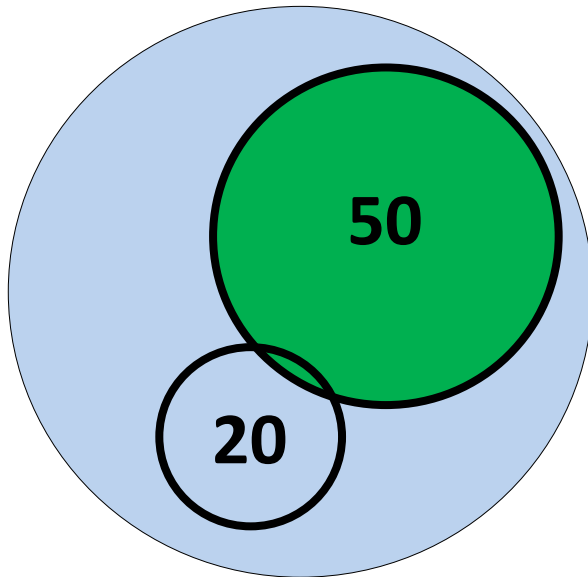


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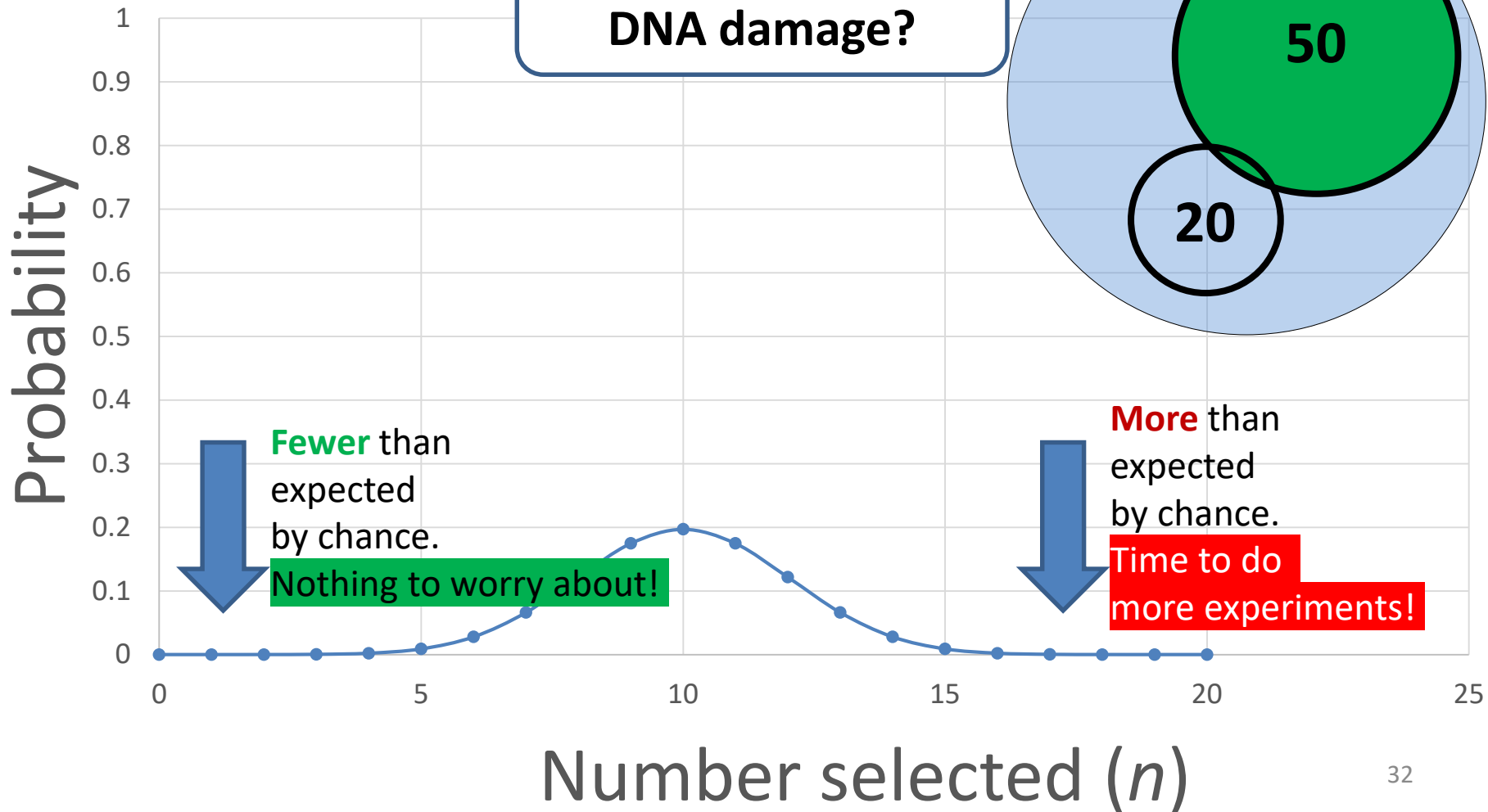


**Differentially
expressed**

- Usually, we wish to test if a term is “**enriched**” in our data.
- But the hypergeometric gives the probability of getting **exactly** this amount of overlap for two randomly chosen sets of genes of the same size.
- Using the CDF, we can ask if we see **more** of a term than we would expect under the null model.

HG measures the probability of observing exactly n

Is my drug causing DNA damage?

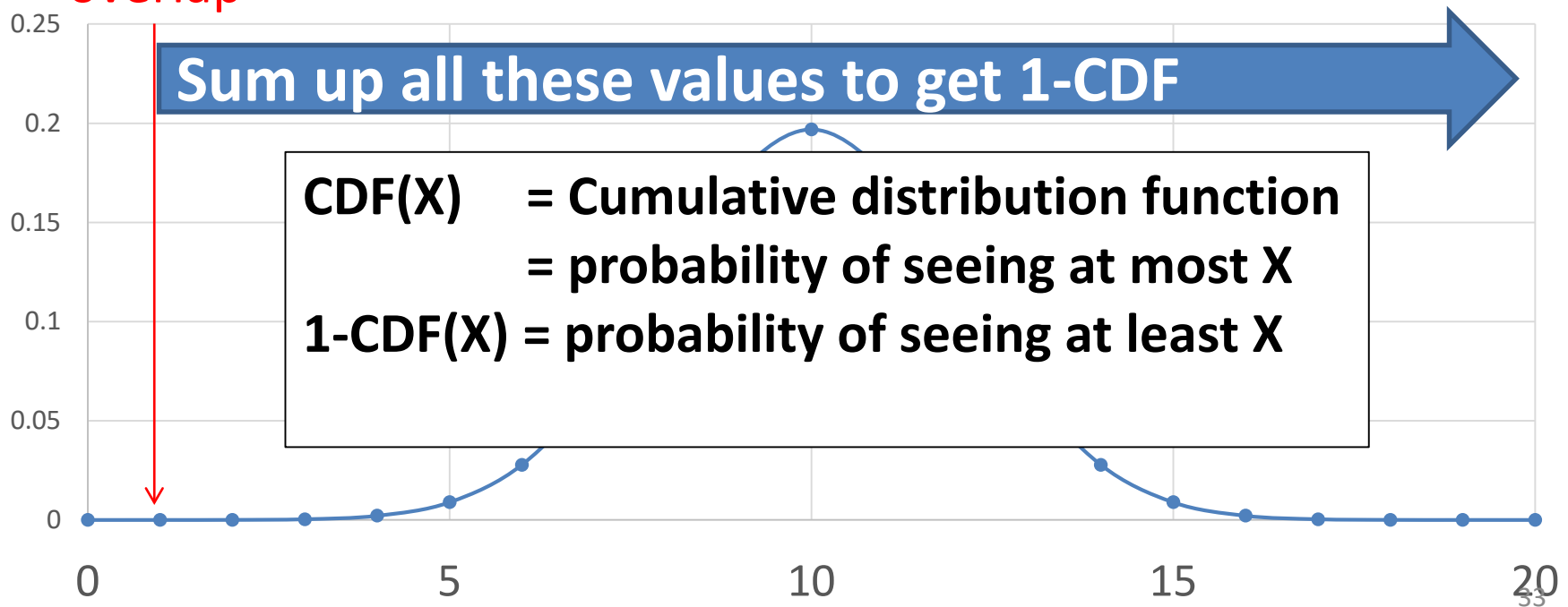


The CDF helps us find enriched terms

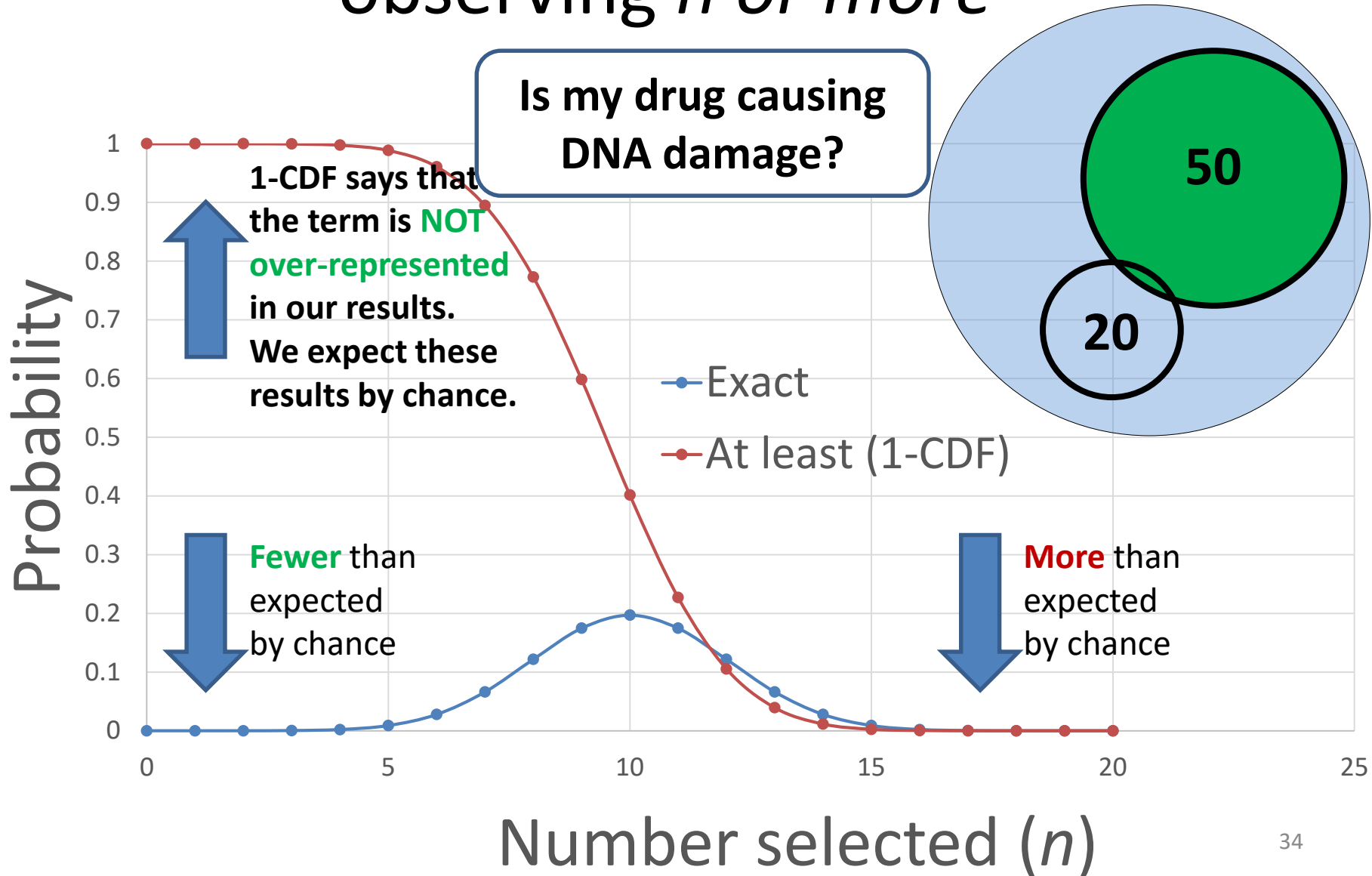
$$1 - CDF(Overlap) = \sum_{n=overlap}^{\text{Number of genes in DNA Repair}} \frac{\binom{DNA\ repair}{n} \binom{Genome - DNA\ repair}{DiffExp - n}}{\binom{Genome}{DiffExp}}$$

Observed overlap

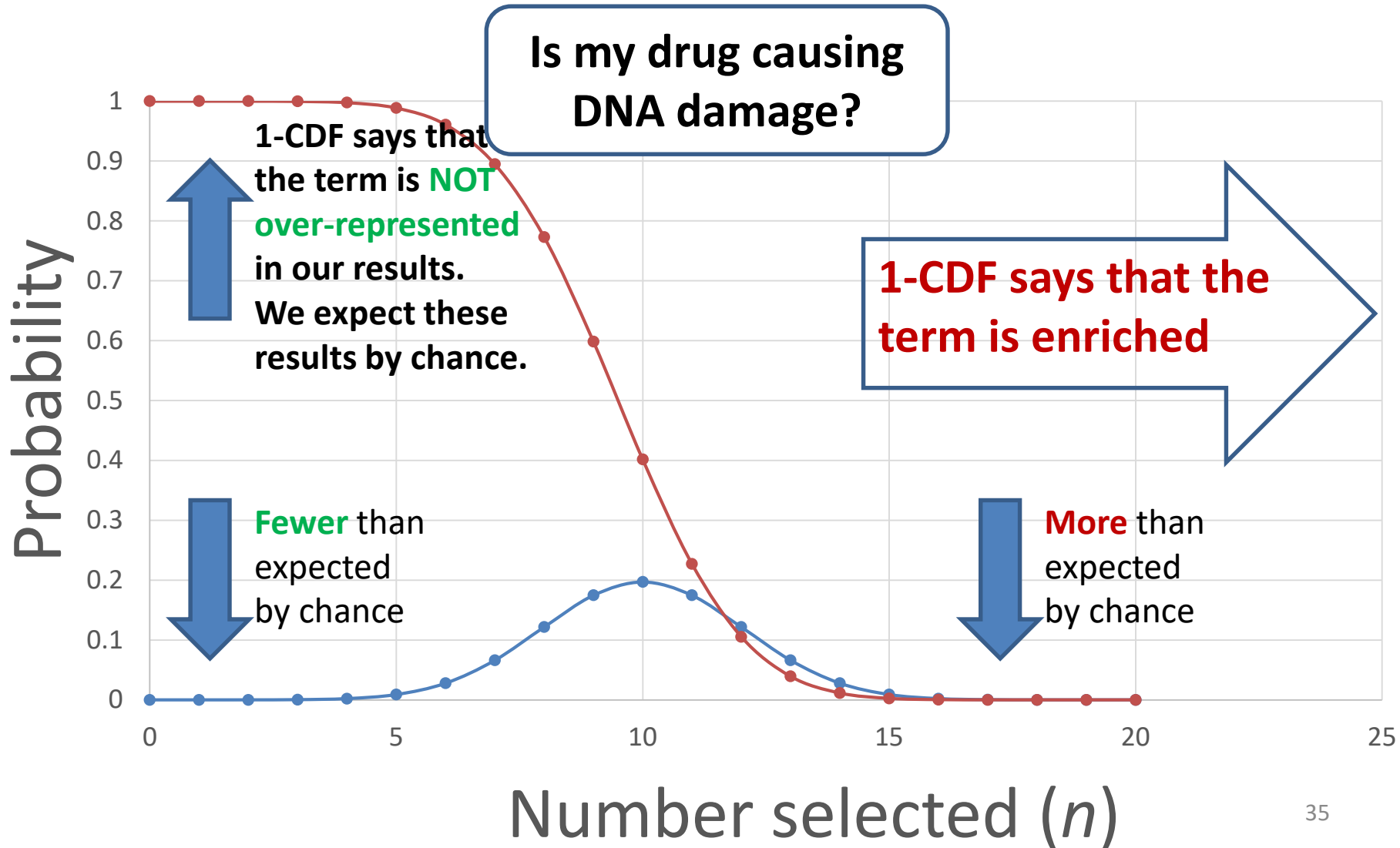
Hypergeometric Distribution



(1-CDF) measures the probability of observing n or more

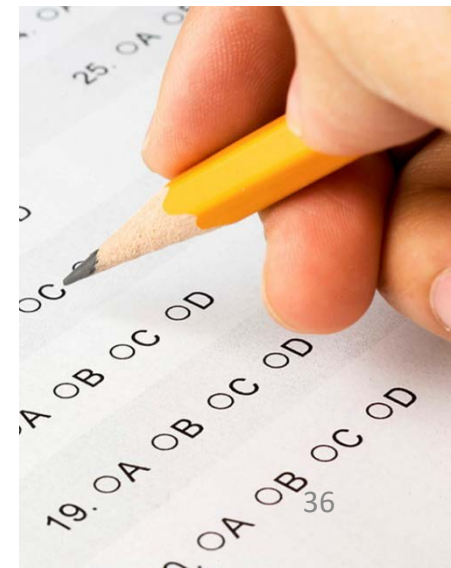


CDF measures the probability of observing at least n



Testing Multiple Hypotheses

- Example: Filter GO terms using a p-value threshold of 0.01
- By definition, the null-hypothesis has a 1% probability of being correct **for each test.**
- There are roughly 30,000 terms in GO.
- At this level, we expect roughly 300 false positives!



Multiple Hypotheses

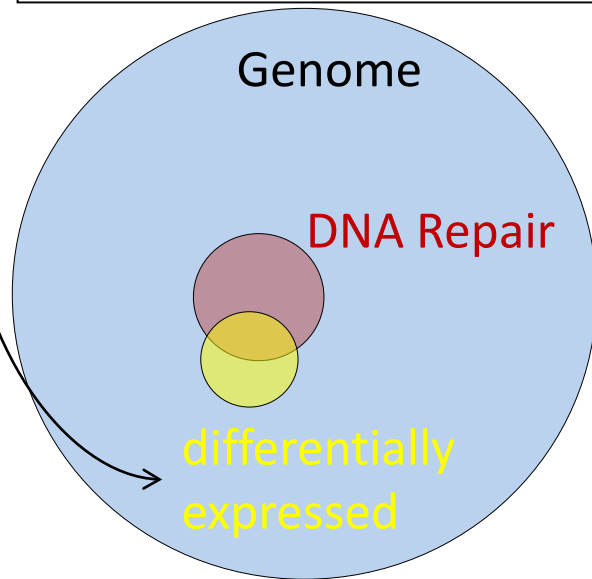
- A simple solution: require that the p-value be small enough to reduce the false positives to the desired level.
- This is called the Bonferroni correction.
- In our case, we would only accept terms with a

$$p \leq \frac{0.01}{30,000} = \frac{\textit{desired threshold}}{\textit{number of tests}}$$

- Since our tests are not all independent, this is very conservative, and will miss many true positives
- More sophisticated approaches exist, such as controlling the “false discovery rate”.

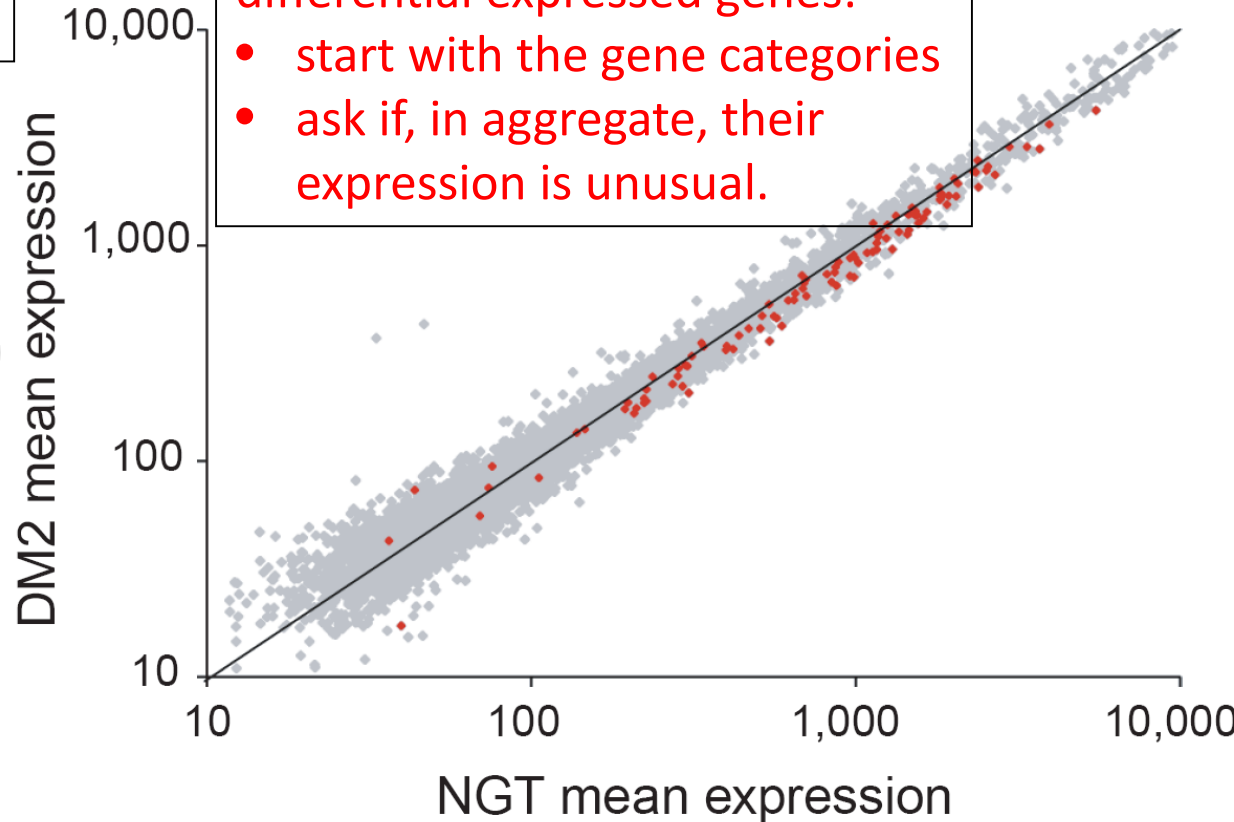
Aggregate score statistics

My results depend on how I defined “differentially expressed”



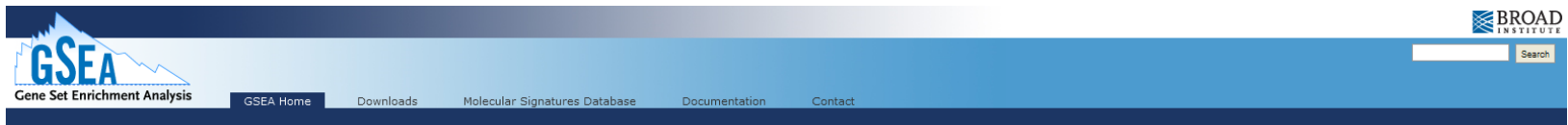
Instead of starting with differential expressed genes:

- start with the gene categories
- ask if, in aggregate, their expression is unusual.



Aggregate score statistics

<http://www.broadinstitute.org/gsea/>



Overview

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) is a computational method that determines whether an a priori defined set of genes shows statistically significant, concordant differences between two biological states (e.g. phenotypes).

What's New

02/19/10: We have a new release of GSEA 2.0.6 that fixes the FTP problems that have been experienced recently. Please discontinue use of older versions and use the new version instead.

12/10/09: Leading Edge Analysis now works correctly in Release GSEA 2.0.5. There are no changes to the algorithm or functionality.

12/07/2009: Release GSEA 2.0.5 of the GSEA java application is now available. The new release has been updated to work on Snow Leopard. There are no changes to the algorithm or functionality. This update requires Java 6 (on all platforms).

Getting Started

A [quick tutorial](#) to get you up and running.

Tools and Information

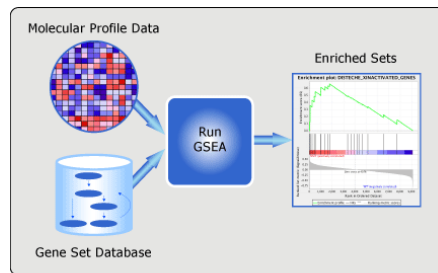
Downloads: Implementations of GSEA plus additional resources to analyze, annotate and interpret enrichment results.

Molecular Signatures Database: A collection of gene sets for use with GSEA software and tools for exploring them.

Documentation: Information on the GSEA software, the GSEA algorithm.

Registration

Please [register](#) to download the GSEA software and view the MSigDB gene sets. After registering, you can log in at any time using your email address. Registration is free. Its only purpose is to help us track usage for reports to our funding agencies.



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