Analysis of Graph Theoretic Properties of Structural and Functional Brain Networks Constructed from fMRI data

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Network Properties of the Brain

- Small-world network topology of the brain
- High information transfer efficiency at low wiring costs
- Highly connected hub regions
- Salvador R, et al (2006), Wang L, et al (2009) and many others have recently used large volume of fMRI data to prove that the brain has above network properties.

Small-World Topology

- Characteristic path length : Average of shortest paths b/w all pairs of nodes in the graph
- Clustering coefficient of a node : (Number of neighbours / total nodes); a popular measure of interconnectivity of a network
- A small-world network has short characteristic path length but high clustering coefficient.

Small-World Topology



BOLD fMRI

- BOLD stands for Blood Oxygen Level Dependent.
- This technique is based on monitoring the levels of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood in successive brain slices that are excited with a radio pulse in the presence of a strong magnetic field (0.3 tesla to 7 tesla).
- The entire brain volume is mapped several times over a period of time, with each imaging cycle usually taking about 2 seconds (TR).
- fMRI data file for a patient consists of activation levels at any point of time for about 1,00,000 brain voxels (3D cubical regions into which the brain is divided)

Hemodynamic Response Function



fMRI Datasets



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Study	Investigators	Accession Number	
Balloon Analog Risk-taking Task	Tom Schonberg	ds000001	
Classification learning	Aron, A.R.	ds000002	
Rhyme judgment	Xue, G.	ds000003	
Mixed-gambles task	Tom S.M.	ds000005	
Living-nonliving decision with plain or mirror- reversed text	K Jimura	ds000006	
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List of Data by Category

Human Functional Imaging Data

The following are large and diverse datasets collected as part of the MBIRN and FBIRN collaboratories and throughout clinical imaging communities at large.

BrainScape_BS002 - BrainScape Resting State fMRI Dataset 1

This dataset includes seventeen healthy subjects with four resting state fixation scans plus one T1 scan and one T2 scan.

BrainScape_BS003 – BrainScape Resting State fMRI Dataset 2

This dataset includes ten healthy subjects scanned 3 times with 3 conditions: eyes open, eyes closed, and fixating in addition to two anatomical scans (T1 and T2).

• fBIRN Phase 1 - Traveling subjects study

This dataset includes five healthy subjects imaged twice at each of ten FBIRN MRI scanners on successive days.

• fBIRN Phase 2 – Neuroimaging Calibration Study

The FBIRN multi-site dataset of subjects with schizophrenia and controls includes functional MRI images, behavioral data, demographic, and clinical assessments on 253 subjects from around the US.

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Image realignment



BOLD fMRI Data Model



Functional Brain Connectivity

- Principal Component Analysis or Independent Analysis can be utilized to extract functional brain connectivity information from fMRI data.
- We then utilize this information to model the brain as a graph.

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