Using machine learning for discovery of mechanistic models from data useable in pharmacometrics.

Data-Driven Discovery of Feedback Mechanisms in Acute Myeloid Leukaemia



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Motivation

- We use Deep Nonlinear Mixed Effect Models to effectively learn unknown submodels directly from data in DeepPumas [1]
- We present a **method to distill symbolic expressions** from **longitudinal data** using the provided data-driven hypothesis of the machine learning model.

Methods and Materials

- We assume that all subjects share a global model structure, intersubject variability is fully captured by the **individual** parameters
- To recover the functional form, we perform symbolic regression on \tilde{z} , the mapping of the neural network using the individual input x_{NN} and the typical value random effects $\mathbb{E}[\eta_{NN}]$



Graphical overview of the model using n_{tr} transition compartments as reported in [2]. We replace the feedback F_B using a neural network and recover an analytic function.

• We investigate the validity of our approach on a real-world dataset, consisting of 23 patients who exhibit **high-dose Ara-C chemotherapy** [2] comparing it to the classical Friberg model [3] using **Pumas** [4]







Experiments

- We used $n_{tr} = 1, 2, 3$ transition compartments for each model and selected the best
- The 23 subjects of the used dataset have been divided into a training and validation set (18, 5 subjects) stratified by treatment statistics
- Each DeepNLME model has been fitted ten times, varying the network parameters
- The best performing DeepNLME model on the training data has been used for symbolic regression for each n_{tr}
- The shown results have been selected over the different models via BIC of the validation set

Conclusion

• We showed that an algorithmic recovery of mathematical expressions for longitudinal data is possible using DeepNLME

- The found model shows a similar structural properties to the Friberg model but is numerically favourable and resembles a Hill equation
- The performance of both the DeepNLME model and the discovered model is comparable to the baseline in terms of loglikelihood and underline the usefulness of both approaches

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