## Pairwise Alignment



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## Sequence Comparison

1. To observe patterns of conservation (or variability)
2. To find the common motifs present in both sequences
3. To assess whether it is likely that two sequences evolved from the same sequence
4. To find out which sequences from the database are similar to the sequence at hand

## Sequence Alignment(s)

There are three different types of sequence alignment:

1. Global alignment
2. Local alignment
3. Multiple sequence alignment


## Sequence Alignment Framework

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\checkmarkSequence alignment is the establishment of residue-to-residue
correspondence between two or more sequences such that the order of
residues in each sequence is preserved.
\checkmark \text { A gap, which indicates a residue-to-nothing match, may be introduced in}
either sequence.
\checkmark ~ \checkmark ~ g a p - t o - g a p ~ m a t c h ~ i s ~ m e a n i n g l e s s ~ a n d ~ i s ~ n o t ~ a l l o w e d .
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## Scoring Scheme

1. Given two sequences we need a number to associate with each possible alignment ("goodness" of alignment).
2. The scoring scheme is a set of rules which assigns the alignment score to any given alignment of two sequences:
3. The scoring scheme is residue-based: it consists of residue substitution scores (i.e. score for each possible residue alignment), plus penalties for gaps.
4. The alignment score is the sum of substitution scores and gap penalties.

## (DNA) Substitution Matrix <br> ... a naïve approach

A concise way to express the residue substitution costs can be achieved with a $N \times N$ matrix ( N is 4 for DNA and 20 for proteins).

The substitution matrix for the simple scoring scheme:

|  | $\mathbf{C}$ | $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{G}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{C}$ | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
| $\mathbf{A}$ | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 |
| $\mathbf{G}$ | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 |

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## ... a more sophisticated approach

$A, G$ are purines


T, C are pyrimidines


From evolutionary standpoint purine/pyrimidine mutations are less likely to occur compared to purine/purine ( or pyrimidine/pyrimidine) mutations.

A substitution matrix could be:

|  | $\mathbf{C}$ | $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{G}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| $\mathbf{T}$ | 1 | 2 | -1 | -1 |
| $\mathbf{A}$ | -1 | -1 | 2 | 1 |
| $\mathbf{G}$ | -1 | -1 | 1 | 2 |

## Protein Substitution Matrices

$\checkmark$ Protein substitution matrices are more complex than DNA scoring matrices.
$\checkmark$ Proteins are composed of 20 amino acids, and physico-chemical properties of individual amino acids vary considerably.
$\checkmark$ A protein substitution matrix can be based on any property of amino acids: size, polarity, charge, hydrophobicity.
$\checkmark$ In practice the most important are evolutionary substitution matrices.

## Aminoacid residues <br> ... pick a flavour



## Evolutionary substitution matrices

$\checkmark$ PAM ("point accepted mutation") family: PAM250, PAM120, etc.
$\checkmark$ BLOSUM ("Blocks substitution matrix") family: BLOSUM62, BLOSUM50, etc.
$\checkmark$ The substitution scores of both PAM and BLOSUM matrices are derived from ... the analysis of known alignments of closely related proteins.
$\checkmark$ The BLOSUM matrices are newer and considered more realistic.

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4. In the alternative match model $M$ aligned pairs of residues occur with a joint probability $p_{a b}$. This value $p_{a b}$ can be thought of as the probability that the residues $a$ and $b$ have each been derived from some unknown original residue c in their common ancestor. So the probability of the whole alignment is:

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is the log likelihood ratio of the residue pair ( $a, b$ ) occurring as an aligned pair as opposed to an unaligned pair. The $s(a, b)$ scores can be arranged in a matrix, known as score matrix or substitution matrix; for proteins such a matrix is a $20 \times 20$ matrix.

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5. The evolutionary direction of this pairing was ignored both Aab and Aba being incremented each time either an a in the ancestral sequence was replaced by a $b$ in the descendant or vice versa. Basing the counts on the tree avoided over-counting substitutions because of evolutionary relatedness.

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8. These values must next be adjusted to correct for divergence time $t$. The expected number of substitutions in a "typical" protein where the residue a occurs at the frequency qa, is $\Sigma_{\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}}$ (qa qb Bab). Dayhoff et al. defined a substitution matrix to be a 1 PAM (point accepted mutation) matrix if the expected number of substitutions was $1 \%$, i.e. $\Sigma_{a, b}(q a q b B a b) .=0.01$.

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12.For small $n$, the off-diagonal entries increase approximately linearly with $n$. Another way to view this is that the matrix $S(n)$ represents the results of $n$ steps of a Markov chain with 20 states corresponding to the 20 amino acids, each step having transition probabilities given by $S(1)$.

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## 13. Finally, a matrix of scores is obtained from $S(t)$. Since $P(b \mid a)=p a b / q a$, the entries of the score matrix for time $t$ are given by

$$
s(a, b \mid t)=\log \frac{P(b \mid a, t)}{q_{b}}
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The values are scaled and rounded to the nearest integer by computational convergence. The most widely used matrix is PAM250, which is scaled by $3 / \log 2$ to give scores in thirdbits.

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3. From the Aab, they estimated qa and pab by $q a=\Sigma_{b} A a b / \Sigma_{c d} A c d$, i.e. the fraction of pairings between $a$ and $b$ out of all observed pairings. From these they derived the score matrix entries using the standard equations $s(a, b)=\log p a b / q a q b(2.3)$. Again the resulting log-odds score matrices were scaled and rounded to the nearest integer value. The matrices for $L=62$ and $L=50$ are widely used for pairwise alignment and database searching, with blosum62 being standard for ungapped matching and blosum50 for gapped alignments. Note that lower L values correspond to longer evolutionary time, and are applicable for more distant searches.

## BLOSUM 50 Substitution Matrix

|  | A | R | N | D | C | Q | E | G | H | I | L | K | M | F | P | S | T | T | Y | V |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A | 5 | -2 | -1 | -2 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -2 | -1 | -2 | -1 | -1 | -3 | -1 | 1 | 0 | -3 | -2 | 0 |
| R | -2 | 7 | -1 | -2 | -4 | 1 | 0 | -3 | 0 | -4 | -3 | 3 | -2 | -3 | -3 | -1 | -1 | -3 | -1 | -3 |
| N | -1 | -1 | 7 | 2 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -3 | -4 | 0 | -2 | -4 | -2 | 1 | 0 | -4 | -2 | -3 |
| D | -2 | -2 | 2 | 8 | -4 | 0 | 2 | -1 | -1 | -4 | -4 | -1 | -4 | -5 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -5 | -3 | -4 |
| C | -1 | -4 | -2 | -4 | 13 | -3 | -3 | -3 | -3 | -2 | -2 | -3 | -2 | -2 | -4 | -1 | -1 | -5 | -3 | -1 |
| Q | -1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -3 | 7 | 2 | -2 | 1 | -3 | -2 | 2 | 0 | -4 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -3 |
| E | -1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -3 | 2 | 6 | -3 | 0 | -4 | -3 | 1 | -2 | -3 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -3 | -2 | -3 |
| G | 0 | -3 | 0 | -1 | -3 | -2 | -3 | 8 | -2 | -4 | -4 | -2 | -3 | -4 | -2 | 0 | -2 | -3 | -3 | -4 |
| H | -2 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -3 | 1 | 0 | -2 | 10 | -4 | -3 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -2 | -1 | -2 | -3 | 2 | -4 |
| I | -1 | -4 | -3 | -4 | -2 | -3 | -4 | -4 | -4 | 5 | 2 | -3 | 2 | 0 | -3 | -3 | -1 | -3 | -1 | 4 |
| L | -2 | -3 | -4 | -4 | -2 | -2 | -3 | -4 | -3 | 2 | 5 | -3 | 3 | 1 | -4 | -3 | -1 | -2 | -1 | 1 |
| K | -1 | 3 | 0 | -1 | -3 | 2 | 1 | -2 | 0 | -3 | -3 | 6 | -2 | -4 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -3 | -2 | -3 |
| M | -1 | -2 | -2 | -4 | -2 | 0 | -2 | -3 | -1 | 2 | 3 | -2 | 7 | 0 | -3 | -2 | -1 | -1 | 0 | 1 |
| F | -3 | -3 | -4 | -5 | -2 | -4 | -3 | -4 | -1 | 0 | 1 | -4 | 0 | 8 | -4 | -3 | -2 | 1 | 4 | -1 |
| P | -1 | -3 | -2 | -1 | -4 | -1 | -1 | -2 | -2 | -3 | -4 | -1 | -3 | -4 | 10 | -1 | -1 | -4 | -3 | -3 |
| S | 1 | -1 | 1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -3 | -3 | 0 | -2 | -3 | -1 | 5 | 2 | -4 | -2 | -2 |
| T | 0 | -1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -2 | -2 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -2 | -1 | 2 | 5 | -3 | -2 | 0 |
| T | -3 | -3 | -4 | -5 | -5 | -1 | -3 | -3 | -3 | -3 | -2 | -3 | -1 | 1 | -4 | -4 | -4 | 15 | 2 | -3 |
| Y | -2 | -1 | -2 | -3 | -3 | -1 | -2 | -3 | 2 | -1 | -1 | -2 | 0 | 4 | -3 | -2 | -2 | 2 | 8 | -1 |
| V | 0 | -3 | -3 | -4 | -1 | -3 | -3 | -4 | -4 | 4 | 1 | -3 | 1 | -1 | -3 | -2 | 0 | -3 | -1 | 5 |

## BLOSUM 50 Substitution Matrix



## BLOSUM 62 Substitution Matrix



Sequence Alignment

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$$

|  | M | L | E | F | R | E | W | V | S |
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| M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Sequence Alignment
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## Dot Plot Patterns

a) Perfect match
b) Duplication
c) Palindromic sequences (e.g. ATGCGTA)
d) Partial Palindromic sequences
e) Bold blocks on the main diagonal: repetition of the same symbol in both sequences, e.g. (G)50, so called microsatellite repeats
f) Parallel lines indicate tandem repeats of a larger motif in both sequences, e.g. (AGCTCTGAC)20, so called minisatellite patterns.
g) Mismatch
h) Partial deletion in sequence 1 or insertion in sequence 2, so called 'indel'.



$$
\binom{2 n}{n}=\frac{(2 n)!}{(n!)^{2}} \simeq \frac{2^{2 n}}{\sqrt{2 \pi n}}
$$

For two sequences of length $n=100$, there are 1060 different global alignments

## Global Alignment <br> The Needleman-Wunsch algorithm

$\checkmark$ A elegant way to reduce the massive number of possibilities that need to be considered, yet still guarantees that the best solution will be found (Saul Needleman and Christian Wunsch, 1970).
$\checkmark$ The basic idea is to build up the best alignment by using optimal alignments of smaller sub-sequences.
$\checkmark$ The Needleman-Wunsch algorithm is an example of dynamic programming, a concept first fuelled by by Richard Bellman in 1940.

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Dynamic programming can be applied only to problems exhibiting the properties of overlapping sub-problems.
Examples include:

1. Travelling salesman problem.
2. Finding the best chess move.

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Any given point in matrix can only be reached from three possible previous positions (you cannot "align backwards").
$=>$ Best scoring alignment ending in any given point in the matrix can be found by choosing the highest scoring of the three possibilities.

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| C | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 |
| G | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 |
| T | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Gaps : | -2 |  |  |

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## Local Alignment The Smith-Waterman algorithm

Global alignment: align full length of both sequences. (The "Needleman-Wunsch" algorithm).

Global alignment

Local alignment: find best partial alignment of two sequences (the "Smith-Waterman" algorithm).


## Local Alignment <br> The Smith-Waterman algorithm

Modifications relative to the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm:

1. The recursive formula is changed by adding a fourth possibility: zero.
2. This means local alignment scores are never negative.

3. Trace-back is started at the highest value rather than in lower right corner.
4. Trace-back is stopped as soon as a zero is encountered.

## Local Alignment <br> ... example



## Global alignment

$$
F(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l}
F(i-1, j-1)+s\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) \\
F(i-1, j)-d \\
F(i, j-1)-d
\end{array}\right.
$$



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$$

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${ }^{F(i, j-1)-d}$
0

## Repeated matches

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l}
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F(i, j-1)-d \\
F(i, 0)
\end{array}\right. \\
& F(i, 0)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l}
F(i-1,0) \\
F(i-1, j)-T
\end{array} \quad j=1, \ldots m\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

## Overlap matches

$F(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l}F(i-1, j)-d \\ F(i, j-1)-d \\ F(i, 0)\end{array}\right.$
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## Hybrid match

$$
F(i, j)=\mathrm{max}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
F(i-1,0)+s\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) \\
F(i-1, n)+s\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) \\
F(i-1,1)-d \\
F(i, 0)-d
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Alignment with complex gaps

$$
F(i, j)=\max \begin{cases}F(i-1, j-1)+s\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) & \\ F(k, j)+\gamma(i-k) & k=0, \ldots, i-1 \\ F(i, k)+\gamma(j-k) & k=0, \ldots, j-1\end{cases}
$$

## Alignment with affine gaps

$$
\begin{aligned}
& M(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l}
M(i-1, j-1)+s\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) \\
I_{x}(i-1, j-1)+s\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) \\
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\end{array}\right. \\
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Finite State Automaton (FSA)


## Database Searching



## I am exhausted! ... searching with exhaustive algorithms

$\checkmark$ Alignment algorithms described so far guarantees to find the optimal score given a specified scoring scheme.
$\checkmark$ They have time complexity of the order of $O(n, m)$, i.e. the product of the sequence lengths.
$\checkmark$ For a sequence of 1,000 residues and a protein database of $100,000,000$ residues we would need to evaluate $\sim 10^{11}$ matrix cells.
$\checkmark$ At 10,000,000 cells per second (single workstation) this would take $10^{4}$ seconds.
$\checkmark$ Solution: heuristic algorithms to search as small a fraction as possible of the cells in the dynamic programming matrix, while still looking at all the high scoring alignments.

## Heuristic Algorithms

FASTA (Pearson 1995)

1. Uses heuristics to avoid calculating the full dynamic programming matrix
2. Speed up searches by an order of magnitude compared to full Smith-Waterman
3. The statistical side of FASTA is still stronger than BLAST

BLAST (Altschul 1990, 1997)

1. Uses rapid word lookup methods to completely skip most of the database entries
2. Extremely fast; One order of magnitude faster than FASTA
3. Two orders of magnitude faster than Smith-Waterman
4. Almost as sensitive as FASTA

## Blast-ies

## BLASTN

- Nucleotide query sequence
- Nucleotide database


## BLASTP

- Protein query sequence
- Protein database

BLASTX

- Nucleotide query sequence
- Protein database
- Compares all six reading
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## TBLASTN

- Protein query sequence
- Nucleotide database
- "On the fly" six frame
translation of database


## TBLASTX

- Nucleotide query sequence
- Nucleotide database
- Compares all reading frames
of query with all reading frames
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## Significance of scores

$\checkmark$ Now that we know how to find an optimal alignment, how can we assess the significance of its score?
$\checkmark$ How do we decide if it is a biologically meaningful alignment giving evidence of a homology or just the best alignment between two entirely unrelated sequences?
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$$
\begin{equation*}
P\left(M_{N} \leq x\right) \simeq \exp \left(-K N e^{\lambda(x-\mu)}\right) \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

For some constants $K, \lambda$. This form of distribution is known as the extreme value distribution or EVD.

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For local ungapped alignments, Karlin and Altschul (1990) derived the approximate EVD distribution analytically.
The number of unrelated matches with score greater than $S$ is approximately Poisson distributed, with mean:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E(S)=K m n e^{-\lambda S} \tag{2.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\lambda$ is the positive root of

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{a, b} q_{a} q_{b} e^{\lambda s(a, b)}=1 \tag{2.20}
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P(x>S)=1-e^{-E(S)}
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Combining equations 2.19 and 2.21 gives a distribution of the same EVD form as 2.18 , without the $\mu$.

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A simple estimate of the number of start points of local matches is the product of the lengths of the sequences, $n m$.

However this is true if all matches had constant length and all start points gave independent matches. This is not true, so we need a small correction $(T)$ that is independent of nm and depends only on the scoring functions.

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Paralogs are genes related by duplication within a genome. Orthologs retain the same function in the course of evolution, whereas paralogs evolve new functions, even if these are related to the original one.


## Significance of scores

$\checkmark$ Searching a database of unrelated sequences result in scores following an extreme value distribution.
$\checkmark$ The exact shape and location of the distribution depends on the exact nature of the database and the query sequence

Steps

1. Align query sequence to all sequences in database, note scores
2. Determine shape of background distribution (which is an extreme value distribution) from distribution of all scores
3. Use fitted extreme-value distribution to predict how many random hits to expect for any given score (the "E-value")

## Values and scores

## E-value

Expect value. The E-value is a parameter that describes the number of hits one can "expect" to see by chance when searching a database of a particular size. It decreases exponentially with the score (S) that is assigned to a match between two sequences. For example, an E-value of 1 assigned to a hit can be interpreted as meaning that in a database of the current size, one might expect to see one match with a similar score simply by chance. This means that the lower the E-value, or the closer it is to " 0 ", the higher is the "significance" of the match.

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Is the probability of obtaining a test statistic at least as extreme as the one that was actually observed, assuming that the null hypothesis is true.

E-value is the average number of times in multiple testing that one expects to obtain a test statistic at least as extreme as the one that was actually observed, assuming that the null hypothesis is true. The Evalue is the product of the number of tests and the p-value.

## Values and scores

## Example: BLAST - Pho4p (S. cerevisiae)

>gi|259146228|emb|CAY79487.1| Pho4p [Saccharomyces cerevisiae EC1118] UGRTTSEGIHGFVDDLEPKSSILDKVGDEITVNTKRHDGREDFNEQNDELNSQEHHNSSENGNENENEQD SLALDDLDRAFELVEGMDMDWMMPSHAHHSPATTATIKPRLLYSPLIHTQSAVPVTISPNLVATATSTTS ANKVTKNKSNSSPYLNKRRGKPGPDSATSLFELPDSVIPTPKPKPKPKQYPKVILPSNSTRRISPVTAKT SSSAEGVVVASESPVIAPHGSSHSRSLSKRRSSGALVDDDKRESHKHAEQARRNRLAVALHELASLIPAE WKQQNVSAAPSKATTVEAACRYIRHLQQNVST

Query (input) sequence (Pho4p from S. cerevisiae)
BLAST (default parameters)

Color key for alignment scores


## Explanation of Output of a BLAST Search:

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/staff/tao/URLAPI/new_view.html

Results (output) of BLAST

- The top segment displays the color key and the query based scale.
- The colored bars represent the actual HSPs. The position of each bar indicates the region of the query the HSP covers.
* The thin line (see *) indicates that the two HSPs are from the same sequence.
- Small vertical lines (not obtained here) indicate breaks, i.e., segments which are not connected in the actual alignment.


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| Accession | Description | Max score | Total score | Query coverage | - Evalue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CAY79487.1 | Pho4p [Saccharomyces cerevisiae EC1118] | 640 | 640 | 100\% | 0.0 |
| EDV09876.1 | myc-family transcription factor [Saccharomyces cerevisiae RM1 | 637 | 637 | 100\% | 0.0 |
| NP 116692.1 | Basic helix-loop-helix (bHLH) transcription factor of the myc-farr | 637 | 637 | 100\% | 0.0 |
| EEU04180.1 | Pho4p [Saccharomyces cerevisiae JAY291] | 629 | 629 | 100\% | $2 \mathrm{e}-178$ |
| CAA37345.1 | unnamed protein product [Saccharomyces cerevisiae] | 584 | 584 | 92\% | $4 \mathrm{e}-165$ |
| CAA36809.1 | unnamed protein product [Saccharomyces cerevisiae] | 562 | 562 | 100\% | 2e-158 |
| CAA36810.1 | unnamed protein product [Saccharomyces cerevisiae] | 561 | 561 | 100\% | 3e-158 |
| 1AQA A | Chain A, Phosphate System Positive Regulatory Protein Pho4DN. | 126 | 126 | 19\% | $4 \mathrm{e}-27$ |
| ED272385.1 | YFR034Cp-like protein [Saccharomyces cerevisiae AWRI1631] | 102 | 102 | 16\% | $4 \mathrm{e}-20$ |
| XP 002553686.1 | KLTHOE04664p [Lachancea thermotolerans] >emb\|CAR23249.1| | B4.0 | 120 * | 90\% | $2 \mathrm{e}-14$ |
| NP 983973.2 | ADL.123Cp [Ashbya gossypii ATCC 10895] >gb\|AAS51797.21 AD | 83.6 | 83.6 | 40\% | $3 \mathrm{e}-14$ |
| XP 002489917.1 | hypothetical protein [Pichia pastoris GS115] >emb\|CAY67636.1| | 72.4 | 72.4 | 37\% | $6 \mathrm{e}-11$ |
| XP. 445634.1 | unnamed protein product [Candida glabrata] >emb\|CAG58545.1 | 68.6 | 68.6 | 22\% | $1 \mathrm{e}-09$ |

Max score $=$ highest alignment score (bit-score) between the query sequence and the database sequence segment .
Total score $=$ sum of alignment scores of all segments from the same database sequence that match the quary sequence (calculated over all segments). This score is different from the max score if several parts of the database sequence match different parts of the query sequence (see " * " in the example).
Query coverage = percent of the query length that is included in the aligned segments. This coverage is calculated over all segments (cf. total score).

E -value = number of alignments expected by chance with a particular score or better. The expect value is the default sorting metric and normally gives the same sorting order as Max score.

## Values and scores

## Example: BLAST - Pho4p (S. cerevisiae)



## Exercise



> Find a second equal-
> scoring optimal alignment in the dynamic
> programming matrix in
> Figure 2.5

> HEAGAWGHE-E
> $--\mathrm{P}-$ AW-HEAE

$$
\begin{array}{lrrrrrrrrrr} 
& \mathrm{H} & \mathrm{E} & \mathrm{~A} & \mathrm{G} & \mathrm{~A} & \mathrm{~W} & \mathrm{G} & \mathrm{H} & \mathrm{E} & \mathrm{E} \\
\hline \mathrm{P} & -2 & -1 & -1 & -2 & -1 & -4 & -2 & -2 & -1 & -\mathbf{1} \\
\mathrm{A} & -2 & -1 & \mathbf{5} & 0 & \mathbf{5} & -3 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\
\mathrm{~W} & -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 & \mathbf{1 5} & -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 \\
\mathrm{H} & \mathbf{1 0} & 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -2 & \mathbf{1 0} & 0 & 0 \\
\mathrm{E} & 0 & \mathbf{6} & -1 & -3 & -1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & \mathbf{6} & \mathbf{6} \\
\mathrm{~A} & -2 & -1 & \mathbf{5} & 0 & \mathbf{5} & -3 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\
\mathrm{E} & 0 & \mathbf{6} & -1 & -3 & -1 & -3 & -3 & 0 & \mathbf{6} & \mathbf{6}
\end{array}
$$

## JAVA Applet: Dynamic Programming Demo


http://baba.sourceforge.net/

## Dynamic programming (Java) implementation

## Cell Class

```
public class Cell {
    private Cell prevCell;
    L. }
    private int score;
    private int row;
    private int col;
}
```


## Dynamic Programming initialization code

```
protected void initializeScores() {
    for (int i = 0; i < scoreTable.length; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < scoreTable[i].length; j++) {
            scoreTable[i][j].setScore(getInitialScore(i, j));
        }
    }
}
    protected void initializePointers() {
        for (int i = 0; i < scoreTable.length; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < scoreTable[i].length; j++) {
            scoreTable[i][j].setPrevCell(getInitialPointer(i,j));
        }
        }
    }
    protected void initialize() {
        for (int i = 0; i < scoreTable.length; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < scoreTable[i].length; j+++) {
            scoreTable[i][j] = new Cell(i, j);
            }
        }
        initializeScores();
        initializePointers();
        isInitialized = true;
    }
    protected abstract Cell getInitialPointer(int row, int col);
    protected abstract int getInitialScore(int row, int col);
```

Dynamic Programming code for filling in the table
protected abstract void fillinCell(Cell currentCell, Cell cell Above,

Cell cellToLeft, Cell cellAboveLeft); L. 3

## protected void fillin() \{

for (int row = 1; row < scoreTable.length; row++) \{ for (int col = 1; col < scoreTable[row].length; col+
+) \{
Cell currentCell $=$ scoreTable[row][col];
Cell cellAbove $=$ scoreTable[row -1][col];
Cell cellToLeft = scoreTable[row][col-1];
Cell cellAboveLeft = scoreTable[row - 1][col-1];
fillinCell(currentCell, cellAbove, cellToLeft, cellAbov
eLeft);
$\}$
$\}$
tableIsFilledIn = true;
\}

DynamicProgramming.getTraceback() method

LCS initialization method

```
abstract protected Object getTraceback(); L. 4
```

```
protected int getInitialScore(int row, int col) {
    return 0;
    }
        L. }
```


## LCS method for filling in a cell's score and pointer

```
protected void fillInCell(Cell currentCell, Cell cellAbove, Cell cellToLeft,
    Cell cellAboveLeft) {
    int aboveScore = cellAbove.getScore();
    int leftScore = cellToLeft.getScore();
    int matchScore;
    if (sequence1.charAt(currentCell.getCol() - 1) == sequence2
        .charAt(currentCell.getRow() - 1)) {
        matchScore = cellAboveLeft.getScore() + 1;
    } else {
        matchScore = cellAboveLeft.getScore();
    }
    int cellScore;
    Cell cellPointer;
    if (matchScore >= aboveScore) {
        if (matchScore >= leftScore) {
        // matchScore >= aboveScore and matchScore >= leftScore
        cellScore = matchScore;
        cellPointer = cellAboveLeft;
        } else {
        // leftScore > matchScore >= aboveScore
        cellScore = leftScore;
        cellPointer = celIToLeft;
    }
    } else {
        if (aboveScore >= leftScore) {
        // aboveScore > matchScore and aboveScore >= leftScore
        cellScore = aboveScore;
        cellPointer = cellAbove;
        } else {
        // leftScore > aboveScore > matchScore
        cellScore = leftScore;
        cellPointer = cellToLeft;
        }
    }
    currentCell.setScore(cellScore);
    currentCell.setPrevCell(cellPointer);
}
```


## LCS traceback code

```
protected Object getTraceback() {
    StringBuffer ICSBuf = new StringBuffer();
    Cell currentCell = scoreTable[scoreTable.length - 1][scoreTable[0].length - 1];
    while (currentCell.getScore() > 0) {
        Cell prevCell = currentCell.getPrevCell();
        if ((currentCell.getRow() - prevCell.getRow() == 1&& currentCell
            .getCol()
            - prevCell.getCol() == 1)
            && currentCell.getScore() == prevCell.getScore() + 1) {
            ICSBuf.insert(0, sequence1.charAt(currentCell.getCol()-1));
        }
        currentCell = prevCell;
    }
    return ICSBuf.toString();
}
```

Needleman-Wunsch initialization code

```
protected Cell getInitialPointer(int row,
int col) {
    if (row == 0 && col != 0) {
        return scoreTable[row][col-1];
    } else if (col == 0 && row != 0) {
        return scoreTable[row - 1][col];
    } else {
        return null;
    }
    }
    protected int getInitialScore(int row,
int col) {
    if (row == 0 && col != 0) {
        return col * space;
    } else if (col == 0 && row != 0) {
        return row * space;
    } else {
        return 0;
    }
}

\section*{Needleman-Wunsch code for filling in the table}
```

protected void filInCell(Cell currentCell, Cell cellAbove, Cell cellToLeft,
Cell cellAboveLeft) {
int rowSpaceScore = cellAbove.getScore() + space;
int colSpaceScore = cellToLeft.getScore() + space;
int matchOrMismatchScore = cellAboveLeft.getScore();
if (sequence2.charAt(currentCell.getRow()-1) == sequence1
.charAt(currentCell.getCol() - 1)) {
matchOrMismatchScore += match;
} else {
matchOrMismatchScore += mismatch;
}
if (rowSpaceScore >= colSpaceScore) {
if (matchOrMismatchScore >= rowSpaceScore) {
currentCell.setScore(matchOrMismatchScore);
currentCell.setPrevCell(cellAboveLeft);
} else {
currentCell.setScore(rowSpaceScore);
currentCell.setPrevCell(cellAbove);
}
} else {
if (matchOrMismatchScore >= colSpaceScore) {
currentCell.setScore(matchOrMismatchScore);
currentCell.setPrevCell(cellAboveLeft);
} else {
currentCell.setScore(colSpaceScore);
currentCell.setPrevCell(cellToLeft);
}
}
}

```

\section*{Traceback code used for both NeedlemanWunsch and Smith-Waterman}
```

protected Object getTraceback() {
StringBuffer align1Buf = new StringBuffer();
StringBuffer align2Buf = new StringBuffer();
Cell currentCell = getTracebackStartingCell();
while (traceBackIsNotDone(currentCell)) {
if (currentCell.getRow() - currentCell.getPrevCell().getRow() == 1) {
align2Buf.insert(0, sequence2.charAt(currentCell.getRow() - 1));
} else {
align2Buf.insert(0, '-');
}
if (currentCell.getCol() - currentCell.getPrevCell().getCol() == 1) {
align1Buf.insert(0, sequence1.charAt(currentCell.getCol() - 1));
} else {
align1Buf.insert(0, '-');
}
currentCell = currentCell.getPrevCell();
}
String[] alignments = new String[] { align1Buf.toString(),
align2Buf.toString() };
return alignments;
}
protected abstract boolean traceBackIsNotDone(Cell currentCell);
protected abstract Cell getTracebackStartingCell();

```

Needleman-Wunsch
traceback code
```

protected boolean traceBackIsNotDone(Cell currentCell) {
return currentCell.getPrevCell() != null;
}
protected Cell getTracebackStartingCell() {
return scoreTable[scoreTable.length - 1][scoreTable[0].length - 1];
}

```

\section*{Smith-Waterman initialization}
```

protected Cell getInitialPointer(int row, int col) {
return null;
}
protected int getInitialScore(int row, int col) {
return 0;
}
L. }1

```

\section*{Smith-Waterman code for filling in a cell}
```

protected void filInCell(Cell currentCell, Cell cellAbove, Cell cellToLeft,
Cell cellAboveLeft) {
L. }1
int rowSpaceScore = cellAbove.getScore() + space;
int colSpaceScore = cellToLeft.getScore() + space;
int matchOrMismatchScore = cellAboveLeft.getScore();
if (sequence2.charAt(currentCell.getRow()-1) == sequence1
.charAt(currentCell.getCol() - 1)) {
matchOrMismatchScore += match;
} else {
matchOrMismatchScore += mismatch;
}
if (rowSpaceScore >= colSpaceScore) {
if (matchOrMismatchScore >= rowSpaceScore) {
if (matchOrMismatchScore > 0) {
currentCell.setScore(matchOrMismatchScore);
currentCell.setPrevCell(cellAboveLeft);
}
} else {
if (rowSpaceScore > 0) {
currentCell.setScore(rowSpaceScore);
currentCell.setPrevCell(cellAbove);
}
}
} else {
if (matchOrMismatchScore >= colSpaceScore) {
if (matchOrMismatchScore > 0) {
currentCell.setScore(matchOrMismatchScore);
currentCell.setPrevCell(cellAboveLeft);
}
} else {
if (colSpaceScore > 0) {
currentCell.setScore(colSpaceScore);
currentCell.setPrevCell(cellToLeft);
}
}
}
if (currentCell.getScore() > highScoreCell.getScore()) {
highScoreCell = currentCell;
}
}

```

Smith-Waterman traceback code
```

protected boolean traceBackIsNotDone(Cell currentCell) {
return currentCell.getScore() != 0;
}
@Override
protected Cell getTracebackStartingCell() {
return highScoreCell;L. 14
}

```

\section*{BioJava code sequence alignment code}
```

public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
// The alphabet of the sequences. For this example DNA is chosen.
L.15
FiniteAlphabet alphabet = (FiniteAlphabet) AlphabetManager
.alphabetForName("DNA");
// Use a substitution matrix with equal scores for every match and every
// replace.
int match = 1;
int replace = -1;
SubstitutionMatrix matrix = new SubstitutionMatrix(alphabet, match,
replace);
// Firstly, define the expenses (penalties) for every single operation.
int insert = 2;
int delete = 2;
int gapExtend = 2;
// Global alignment.
SequenceAlignment aligner = new NeedlemanWunsch(match, replace, insert,
delete, gapExtend, matrix);
Sequence query = DNATools.createDNASequence("GCCCTAGCG", "query");
Sequence target = DNATools.createDNASequence("GCGCAATG", "target");
// Perform an alignment and save the results.
aligner.pairwiseAlignment(query, // first sequence
target // second one
);
// Print the alignment to the screen
System.out.println("Global alignment with Needleman-Wunsch:\n"
+ aligner.getAlignmentString());
// Perform a local alignment from the sequences with Smith-Waterman.
aligner = new SmithWaterman(match, replace, insert, delete, gapExtend,
matrix);
// Perform the local alignment.
aligner.pairwiseAlignment(query, target);
System.out.printIn("\nLocal alignment with Smith-Waterman:\n"
+ aligner.getAlignmentString());
}

```

\section*{Output}
```

Global alignment with Needleman-wunsch:
Length:9
score:-0.0
Query: query, Length:9
Target:target,Length:8
Query: 1 gccctagcg 9
Target: 1 |gcg-aatg
Local alignment with Smith-waterman:
Length:3
score:3.0
Query:query, Length:9
Target:target, Length: }
Query: }7\mathrm{ gcg }
Target: 1 gcg 3

```
```

