

Sequence comparison: Introduction and motivation

Genome 559: Introduction to Statistical
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Logistics

- Syllabus and web site:

http://faculty.washington.edu/jht/GS559_2010/

- Should I take this class?
- Grading
- Send homework to Catalyst (link from web site).

Motivation

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 - Determine whether they are descended from a common ancestor (homologous).
 - Infer a common function.
 - Locate functional elements (motifs or domains).
 - Infer protein structure, if the structure of one of the sequences is known.



protein–protein BLAST

Nucleotide

Protein

Translations

Retrieve results for an RID

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GDIYPGYCPDVKPVNDFDLSAFAGAWHEIAKLP  
LENENQGKCTIAEYKYDGKKASVYNSFVSNGVKE  
YMEGDLEIAPDAKYTKQGKYVMTFKFGQVVNLVP  
WVLATDYKNYAINYNCDYHPDKKAHSIHAWILSK  
SKVLEGNTKEVVDNVLK
```

[Set subsequence](#) From: To:

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One of many commonly used tools that depend on sequence alignment.

Options for advanced blasting

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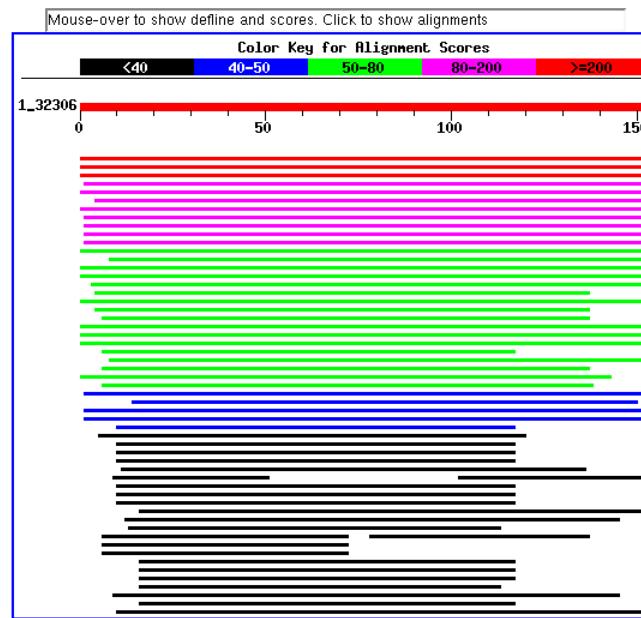
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Distribution of 100 Blast Hits on the Query Sequence



Related Structures

Score (bits)	E Value
Sequences producing significant alignments:	
gi 124151 sp P00305 ICYA_MANSE	Insecticyanin A form (Blue b... 304 4e-82
gi 124527 sp Q00630 ICYB_MANSE	Insecticyanin B form precurs... 301 2e-81
gi 102968 pir S22400	insecticyanin A - tobacco hornworm >g... 287 4e-77
gi 13928531 dbj BAB47155.1	Bombyrin [Bombyx mori] 144 7e-34
gi 18857921 dbj BAB85482.1	biliverdin binding protein-I [S... 142 2e-33
gi 1146408 gb AAA85089.1	gallerin 132 3e-30
gi 18642498 dbj BAB84676.1	biliverdin binding protein-II [...] 115 3e-25
gi 34810780 pdb 1N0S A	Chain A, Engineered Lipocalin Flua I... 107 7e-23 s
gi 1705433 sp P09464 BBP_PIEBR	Bilin-binding protein precur... 104 6e-22
gi 229695 pdb 1BBP A	Chain A, Bilin Binding Protein (BBP) >... 103 7e-22 s
gi 33257253 pdb 1kv0 A	Chain A, Engineered Lipocalin Diga-16 97 1e-19 s

Sequence comparison overview

- Problem: Find the “best” alignment between a query sequence and a target sequence.
- To solve this problem, we need
 - a method for scoring alignments
 - an algorithm for finding the alignment with the best score.
- The alignment score is calculated using
 - a substitution matrix
 - gap penalties
- The main algorithm for finding the best alignment is dynamic programming.

G D I F Y P G Y C P D V K P V N D F D L S A F A G A W H E I A K L P
G F+ G CP +FD+ + G W+E I K+P
G Q N F H L G K C P S P P V Q E N F D V K K Y L G R W Y E I E K I P

L E N E N Q G K C T I A E Y K Y D G K K A S V Y N S F V S N G V K E
E + G C A Y S + NG E
A S F E - K G N C I Q A N Y ----- S L M E N G N I E

Y M E G D L E I A P D A K Y ----- T K Q G K Y V M T F K F G Q
+ D E ++ P D K Q K
V L -- D K E L S P D G T M N Q V K G E A K Q S N V S E P A K L E V

R V V N L V P ----- W V L A T D Y K N Y A I N Y N C D ----- Y
+ L + P W + L A T D Y + N Y A + Y + C +
Q F F P L M P P A P Y W I L A T D Y E N Y A L V Y S C T T F F W L F

H P D K K A H S I H A W I L S K S K V L E G N T K E V V D N V L K T
H D W I L + + L T + + + L
H V D ----- F F W I L G R N P Y L P P E T I T Y L K D I L T -

G D I F Y P G Y C P D V K P V N D F D L S A F A G A W H E I A K L P

G F+ G G D P L E D I + G H I P I K + P

G Q N F H L G K C I E K I P

L E N E N Q G K C I E K I P

E + G G D P L E D I + G H I P

A S F E - K G N I E N G V K E

E + G G D P L E D I + G H I P

A S F E - K G N I E N G V K E

D matches D receives 6

Total score = -13

Y M E G D L E I A P D A K Y I K Q G R Y V M I F K F G Q

+ D E ++ P D K Q K

V L -- D K E L S P D G T M N Q V K G E A K Q S N V S E P A K L E V

R V V N L V P -- W V L A T D Y K N Y A I N Y N C D -- Y

+ L + P W + L A T D Y + N Y A + Y + C +

Q F F P L M P P A P Y W I L A T D Y E N Y A L V Y S C T T F F W L F

H P D K K A H S I H A W I L S K S K V L E G N T K E V V D N V L K T

H D W I L + + L T + + + L

H V D -- F F W I L G R N P Y L P P E T I T Y L K D I L T -

A simple alignment problem.

- Problem: find the best pairwise alignment of GAATC and CATAC.

Scoring alignments

GAATC

GAAT-C

-GAAT-C

CATAC

C-ATAC

C-A-TAC

GAATC-

GAAT-C

GA-ATC

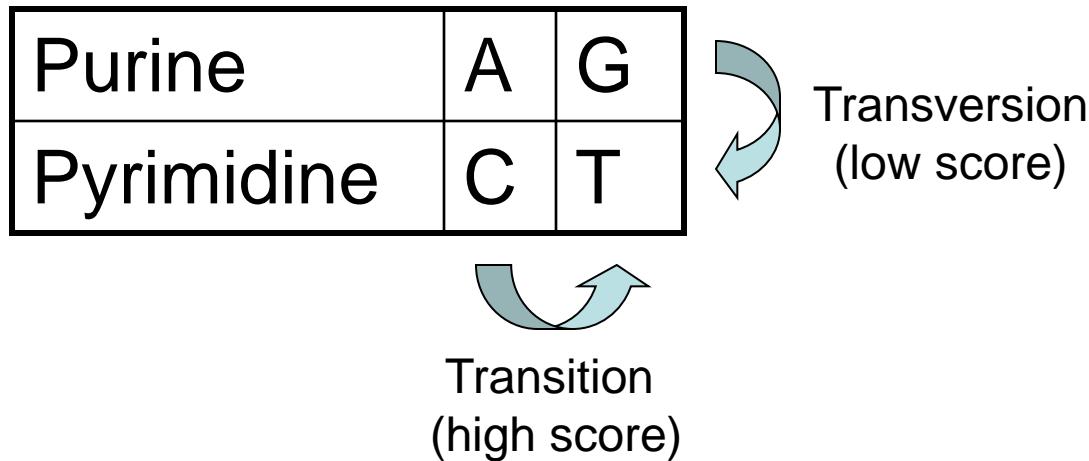
CA-TAC

CA-TAC

CATA-C

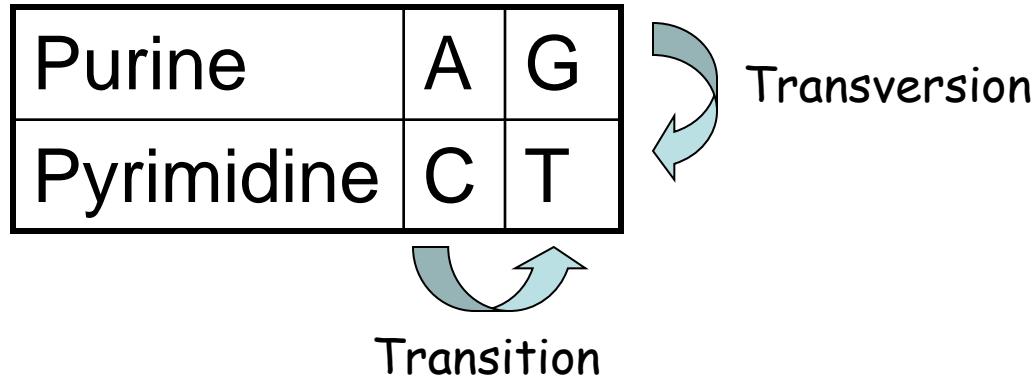
- We need a way to measure the quality of a candidate alignment.
- Alignment scores consist of: a **substitution matrix** and a **gap penalty**.

Scoring aligned bases



Transitions are typically about 2x as frequent.

Scoring aligned bases



GAATC
CATAAC
↓
 $-5 + 10 + -5 + -5 + 10 = 5$

A reasonable substitution matrix:

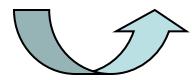
	A	C	G	T
A	10	-5	0	-5
C	-5	10	-5	0
G	0	-5	10	-5
T	-5	0	-5	10

Scoring aligned bases

Purine	A	G
Pyrimidine	C	T



Transversion
(expensive)



Transition
(cheap)

GAAT-C

CA-TAC

$$-5 + 10 + ? + 10 + ? + 10 = ?$$

A reasonable substitution matrix:

	A	C	G	T
A	10	-5	0	-5
C	-5	10	-5	0
G	0	-5	10	-5
T	-5	0	-5	10

Scoring gaps

- Linear gap penalty: every gap receives a score of d :

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{GAAT-C} \quad d = -4 \\ \text{CA-TAC} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \quad \searrow \quad \searrow \\ -5 + 10 + \textcolor{teal}{-4} + 10 + \textcolor{teal}{-4} + 10 = \textcolor{teal}{17} \end{array}$$

- Affine gap penalty: opening a gap receives a score of d ; extending a gap receives a score of e :

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{G--AATC} \quad d = -4 \\ \text{CATA--C} \quad e = -1 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \quad \searrow \quad \searrow \\ -5 + \textcolor{teal}{-4} + \textcolor{teal}{-1} + 10 + \textcolor{teal}{-4} + \textcolor{teal}{-1} + 10 = \textcolor{teal}{5} \end{array}$$

You should be able to ...

- Explain why sequence comparison is useful.
- Define *substitution matrix* and different types of *gap penalties*.
- Compute the score of an alignment, given a substitution matrix and gap penalties.

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	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V	B	Z	X
A	4	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	0	-3	-2	0	-2	-1	0
R	-1	5	0	-2	-3	1	0	-2	0	-3	-2	2	-1	-3	-2	-1	-1	-3	-2	-3	-1	0	-1
N	-2	0	6	1	-3	0	0	0	1	-3	-3	0	-2	-3	-2	1	0	-4	-2	-3	3	0	-1
D	-2	-2	1	6	-3	0	2	-1	-1	-3	-4	-1	-3	-3	-1	0	-1	-4	-3	-3	4	1	-1
C	0	-3	-3	-3	9	-3	-4	-3	-3	-1	-1	-3	-1	-2	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-3	-2
Q	-1	1	0	0	-3	5	2	-2	0	-3	-2	1	0	-3	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-2	0	3	-1
E	-1	0	0	2	-4	2	5	-2	0	-3	-3	1	-2	-3	-1	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	1	4	-1
G	0	-2	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	6	-2	-4	-4	-2	-3	-3	-2	0	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-2	-1
H	-2	0	1	-1	-3	0	0	-2	8	-3	-3	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	-2	-2	2	-3	0	0	-1
I	-1	-3	-3	-3	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	4	2	-3	1	0	-3	-2	-1	-3	-1	3	-3	-3	-1
L	-1	-2	-3	-4	-1	-2	-3	-4	-3	2	4	-2	2	0	-3	-2	-1	-2	-1	1	-4	-3	-1
K	-1	2	0	-1	-3	1	1	-2	-1	-3	-2	5	-1	-3	-1	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	0	1	-1
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F	-2	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-1	0	0	-3	0	6	-4	-2	-2	1	3	-1	-3	-3	-1
P	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-2	-4	7	-1	-1	-4	-3	-2	-2	-1	-2
S	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-2	-1	4	1	-3	-2	-2	0	0	0
T	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	5	-2	-2	0	-1	-1	0
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