Exercise sheet 5: Probalign

For the following exercises on Probalign, we use an affine gap penalty with $g(k) = \alpha + \beta k = -0.5 - 0.25k$, there temperature T = 1 and the similarity function $\sigma(x_i, y_i)$:

$$\sigma(x_i, y_j) = \begin{pmatrix} A & C & G & T \\ A & 2 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ C & -1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ G & -1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ T & -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 1

Question 1A Compute the Boltzmann-weighted score for the following alignments:

Hint 1 : Formulae

$$S(a) = \sum_{x_i \sim y_j \in a} \sigma(x_i, y_j) + \sum \text{gap penalties} e^{\frac{S(a)}{T}} = \left(\prod_{x_i \sim y_j \in a} e^{\frac{\sigma(x_i, y_j)}{T}}\right) \times e^{\frac{\sum_{\text{gap penalties}}}{T}}$$

Hint 2 For each alignment you only need to calulate e^x once.

Hint 3: Calculations

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(a)} & e^{\sigma(A,A)} \times e^{3\sigma(G,G)} \times e^{\sigma(C,G)} \times e^{g(2)} & = e^2 \times e^6 \times e^{-1} \times e^{-0.5 + (-0.25 \times 2)} = e^6 \\ \text{(b)} & e^{\sigma(G,A)} \times e^{g(4)} \times e^{g(6)} & = e^{-1} \times e^{0.5 + (-0.25 \times 4)} \times e^{0.5 + (-0.25 \times 6)} = e^{-4.5} \end{array}$$

Solution

$$e^6 = 403.43$$
$$e^{-4.5} = 0.011$$

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Exercise 2

Question 2A Derive the recursion formula for $Z_{i,j}^I$. Allow insertions after deletions and vice versa.

Hint 1 : Formulae

$$Z_{i,j}^{I} = Z_{i,j-1}^{I} \times e^{\frac{\beta}{T}} + Z_{i,j-1}^{M} \times e^{\frac{g(1)}{T}} + Z_{i,j-1}^{D} \times e^{\frac{g(1)}{T}}$$

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Hint 3: Calculations t

Solution t