### Homework1

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### 1 Question1

In 1990, Michael Crichton published the book "Jurassic Park" about the resurrection of dinosaurs using the blood from the stomachs of insects which had been encased in tree sap, later turned into the mineral, amber.

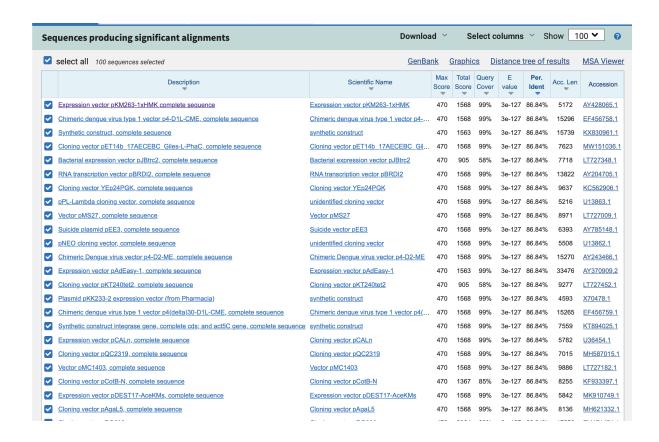
At one point in the book, Dr. Henry Wu is asked to explain some of DNA techniques used in reconstructing the extinct dinosaur genomes. Dr. Wu describes the use of restriction enzymes and how the fragmented pieces of dino DNA can be spliced together with these enzymes. He also alludes to the fact that they don't have the entire genome but that they "fill in the gap" with modern day frog DNA.

At one point during his discussion he points to a computer screen and remarks "Here you see the actual structure of a small fragment of dinosaur DNA."

>JurassicPark DinoDNA from the book Jurassic Park

gcgttgctgg cgtttttcca taggctccgc cccctgacg agcatcacaa aaatcgacgc ggtggcgaaa cccgacagga ctataaagat accaggcgtt tcccctgga agctccctcg tgttccgacc ctgccgctta ccggatacct gtccgccttt ctcccttcgg gaagcgtggc tgctcacgct gtaggtatct cagttcggtg taggtcgttc gctccaagct gggctgtgtg cegttcagec egacegetge geettateeg gtaactateg tettgagtee aacceggtaa agtaggacag gtgccggcag cgctctgggt cattttcggc gaggaccgct ttcgctggag ateggeetgt egettgeggt atteggaate ttgeaegeee tegeteaage ettegteaet ccaaacgttt cggcgagaag caggccatta tcgccggcat ggcggccgac gcgctgggct ggcgttcgcg acgcgaggct ggatggcctt ccccattatg attcttctcg cttccggcgg cccgcgttgc aggccatgct gtccaggcag gtagatgacg accatcaggg acagcttcaa eggetettae eageetaact tegateactg gaeegetgat egteaeggeg atttatgeeg caagtcagag gtggcgaaac ccgacaagga ctataaagat accaggcgtt tcccctggaa gegeteteet gtteegaeee tgeegettae eggataeetg teegeettte teeetteggg ctttctcatt gctcacgctg taggtatctc agttcggtgt aggtcgttcg ctccaagctg acgaaccccc cgttcagccc gaccgctgcg ccttatccgg taactatcgt cttgagtcca acacgactta acgggttggc atggattgta ggcgccgccc tataccttgt ctgcctcccc geggtgeatg gageeggee acetegacet gaatggaage eggeggeace tegetaaegg ccaagaattg gagccaatca attettgegg agaactgtga atgegcaaac caaccettgg ccategegte egecatetee ageageegea egeggegeat etegggeage gttgggteet gcgcatgatc gtgctagcct gtcgttgagg acccggctag gctggcgggg ttgccttact atgaatcacc gatacgcgag cgaacgtgaa gcgactgctg ctgcaaaacg tctgcgacct atgaatggtc ttcggtttcc gtgtttcgta aagtctggaa acgcggaagt cagcgccctg

Select, copy, and paste the sequence shown above into NCBI BLAST web portal to run BLAST. Comment on the results. (3pts)



There are several matched gene sequence have the same best results. The 'Total Score' is 1568; the 'Query Cover' is 99%; The 'E Value' is 3e-127; The 'Per. Ident' is 86.84%. After checking the source of these matched gene sequences, we are able to find that most of the results are plasmid sequences. It's likely that this gene has been inserted into plasmid vectors for research purposes, such as cloning, expression, or gene transfer experiments.

# 2 Question2

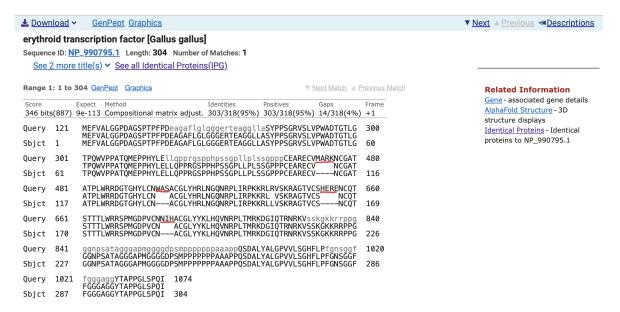
Mark's published article was brought to Michael Crichton's attention. In his second book, "The Lost World", Mr. Crichton used Mark as a consultant.

Here is the sequence Mark gave Michael Crichton for the book "The Lost World":

>LostWorld DinoDNA from the book The Lost World

 tctatgecce eeeegeegee eeeeeggee geegeeeeee etcaaagega egetetgtae geteteggee eegtggteet ttegggeeat tttetgeeet ttggaaacte eggagggttt tttggggggg gggeggggg ttacaeggee eeeeegggge tgageeegea gatttaaata ataactetga egtgggeaag tgggeettge tgagaagaa gtgtaacata ataatttgea eeteggeaat tgeagagggt egateteeae tttggacaea acagggetae teggtaggae eagataagea etttgeteee tggaetgaaa aagaaaggat ttatetgttt gettettget gacaaateee tgtgaaaggt aaaagtegga eacagcaate gattatteet egeetgtgg aaattactgt gaatattgta aatatatata tatatatata tatatetgta tagaacagee teggaggegg eatggaeeca gegtagatea tgetggattt gtaetgeegg aatte

Select, copy, and paste the "Lost World" sequence into NCBI BLAST web portal to run blastx. Can you find Mark's hidden message? Hine: look at the best pairwise alignment. (3 pts)



Looking at the best pairwise alignment, we can find that Mark's hidden massage is "MARK WAS HERE NIH"

Also, the result shows that the best matched sequence refers to a protein called GATA-1(erythroid transcription factor) from Gallup gallus (chicken). GATA-1 is a critical transcription factor involved in the regulation of genes necessary for erythropoiesis (the production of red blood cells).

## 3 Question3

Pairwise global alignment. Suppose the alignment scoring function is the following: Match = 1; mismatch = -3, gap = -4.

Suppose the two DNA sequences are

### ATGGTCT ACGGTTCT

- Align these two sequences using the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm manually by filling in the table below and show the optimal path. (3pts)
- Use Smith-Waterman algorithm to perform a local alignment and show the path. (3 pts)

3. (1) Motch = 1; mismatch = -3, gap = -4. ATGG-TGT ACGGTTCT -8 -12 0 -16 -20 -24 -28 -7 -11 -15 -19 -23 -10 -14 -14 -18 -13 Or DATGGTTCT -10 -13 (2) Т С Т Α G G Т 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 10// С 0 0 1 0 0 ١ 0 0 G 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 Т 0  $\mathcal D$ 0 Τ  $\mathcal{O}$ 1 0 0 0 С 2 0 0 0 0 0

# 4 Question4

Hidden Markov model. Consider a two-state HMM: A (enrichment of A nucleotide) and B (background). The emission and transition probabilities are

A	В
A 0.4	A 0.25
C 0.2	C 0.25
G 0.2	G 0.25
T 0.2	T 0.25

	A	В
A	0.5	0.5
b	0.2	0.8

And the start probabilities for both states are 0.5.

Please infer the hidden states of sequence "GAATACGA" using the Viterbi algorithm. Please show your steps. (3 pts)

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(We use 
$$log_{2}(p)$$
)

A

B

A-1321  $\stackrel{\longrightarrow}{\longrightarrow} A^{-2}$ 

C -2322  $\stackrel{\longrightarrow}{\longrightarrow} A^{-2}$ 

T -2321  $\stackrel{\longrightarrow}{\longrightarrow} A^{-2}$ 

C A A T A C G A

$$P_{A}(G,1) = -1 -2 -322 = -3.322$$

$$P_{B}(G,1) = -1 -2 = -3$$

PA(A, 2) = -1.322 + max(PA(G,1) + PAA, PB(G,1) + PBA)

= -1.322 + max(-3.322 - 1, -3 - 2.322) = -5.644

PB(A, 2) = -2 + max(PA(G,1) + PAB, PB(G,0) + PBB)

= -2 + max(-3.322 - 1, -3 - 0.322) = -5.322

PA(A, 3) = -1.322 + max(PA(A,2) + PAB, PB(A,2) + PBA)

= -1.321 + max(-5.644 - 1, -5.322 - 2.322) = -7.966

PB(A, 3) = -2 + max(PA(A,2) + PAB, PB(A,2) + PBB)

= -2 + max(-5.644 - 1, -5.322 - 0.322) = -7.644

Sometimes the sequence is long. Calculating by hand is inconvenient. We can use python to solve this. Here is the code:

import numpy as np

```
def viterbi(obs, states, start_p, trans_p, emit_p):
      # obs: observation sequence
      # states: hidden states
      # start_p: initial probabilities
      # trans_p: state transition probabilities
      # emit_p: emission probabilities
      # Initialize variables
      V = [\{\}] # Viterbi table, V[t][s] represents the maximum probability of
      \hookrightarrow being in state s at time t
      path = {} # To save the optimal path
12
      # Initialize the Viterbi table for t=0
13
      for s in states:
14
           V[0][s] = start_p[s] * emit_p[s][obs[0]]
15
          path[s] = [s]
17
      \# Update the Viterbi table for each time step t
19
      for t in range(1, len(obs)):
20
           V.append({})
          new_path = {}
          for s in states:
23
               # Select the optimal previous state, meaning which previous state
24
               \hookrightarrow is most likely to result in the current observation and state
               (prob, state) = max((V[t-1][prev_state] * trans_p[prev_state][s] *
               → emit_p[s][obs[t]], prev_state) for prev_state in states)
               V[t][s] = prob
               new_path[s] = path[state] + [s]
          path = new_path
29
30
      # Termination: Select the optimal path for the last time step
31
      (prob, state) = max((V[len(obs) - 1][s], s) for s in states)
32
      return prob, path[state], V
33
35 # Example data
36 states = ('A', 'B')
observations = ('G', 'A', 'A', 'T', 'A', 'C', 'G', 'A')
  start_probability = {'A': 0.5, 'B': 0.5}
  transition_probability = {
     'A': {'A': 0.5, 'B': 0.5},
     'B': {'A': 0.2, 'B': 0.8},
41
  }
42
  emission_probability = {
43
     'A': {'A': 0.4, 'C': 0.2, 'G': 0.2, 'T': 0.2},
'B': {'A': 0.25, 'C': 0.25, 'G': 0.25, 'T': 0.25},
44
45
46
  # Run the Viterbi algorithm
prob, optimal_path, V = viterbi(observations, states, start_probability,
  transition_probability, emission_probability)
50 print(f"Optimal path: {optimal_path}")
print(f"Maximum probability: {prob}")
52 print (V)
```

#### We get:

	G	A	A	Т	A	С	G	A
A	0.1	0.02	0.004	0.0004	$8 \times 10^{-5}$	$8 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-7}$
В	0.125	0.025	0.005	0.001	0.0002	$4 \times 10^{-5}$	$8 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-6}$

The most probable path is: BBBBBBB. The probability is:  $1.6 \times 10^{-6}$ .

### 5 Question5

CTCF (CCCTC-binding factor) is a zinc-finger protein that functions as a transcription factor. It also has insulator activity and is important for the 3D structure of chromatin, through formation of chromatin loops. Using the frequency matrix found at JASPAR using ID MA0139.1

• Represent the CTCF motif using IUPAC code (assume a nucleotide is absent from a position if its proportion is less than 10%. (1 pt)

Read Stormo and Hartzell PNAS 1989 paper (can be found in the references folder under Files of the course Canvas website. Generate Fig 1 B, C and D using the CTCF frequency matrix from the above.

- Fig 1B. Derive the position-specific weight matrix (PSWM). (2 pts)
- Fig 1C. Derive the specific matrix. Note that the number "23" used in the calculation 0.5/23 when fb = 0 need to be modified for CTCF. You need to figure out what number should be used. Also use pb = 0.25 for all b. (2 pts)
- Fig 1D. Draw Iseq for CTCF (hand draw is fine). (2 pts)
- Fig 1D. What is the sum of all positions for CTCF (in bits)? (1 pt)

Simulate 10 CTCF motifs using the PSWM, i.e., generate 10 CTCF motif sequences. Put them in FASTA format, use weblogo web server http://weblogo.threeplusone.com/ to generate a logo plot. (1 pt)

We can find the frequency matrix at JASPAR:

Fre	Frequency matrix								SPAR	<b>≛</b> TRANSFAC			<b>≛</b> МЕМЕ		<b>≛</b> RAW PFM		<b>≓</b> Reverse comp.			
<b>A</b> [	87	167	281	56	8	744	40	107	851	5	333	54	12	56	104	372	82	117	402	]
<b>c</b> [	291	145	49	800	903	13	528	433	11	0	3	12	0	8	733	13	482	322	181	]
G[	76	414	449	21	0	65	334	48	32	903	566	504	890	775	5	507	307	73	266	]
T[	459	187	134	36	2	91	11	324	18	3	9	341	8	71	67	17	37	396	59	1

Then we can calculate the proportion, and assume a nucleotide is absent if its proportion is less than 10%

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Α	0.095	0.183	0.308	0.061	0.009	0.815	0.044	0.117	0.933	0.005	0.366	0.059	0.013	0.062	0.114	0.409	0.090	0.129	0.443
С	0.319	0.159	0.054	0.876	0.989	0.014	0.578	0.475	0.012	0.000	0.003	0.013	0.000	0.009	0.806	0.014	0.531	0.355	0.199
G	0.083	0.453	0.492	0.023	0.000	0.071	0.366	0.053	0.035	0.991	0.621	0.553	0.978	0.852	0.006	0.558	0.338	0.080	0.293
Т	0.503	0.205	0.147	0.039	0.002	0.100	0.012	0.355	0.020	0.003	0.010	0.374	0.009	0.078	0.074	0.019	0.041	0.436	0.065

Figure 1: PSWM

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Α	False	True	True	False	False	True	False	True	True	False	True	False	False	False	True	True	False	True	True
С	True	True	False	True	True	False	True	True	False	False	False	False	False	False	True	False	True	True	True
G	False	True	True	False	False	False	True	False	False	True	True	True	True	True	False	True	True	False	True
Т	True	True	True	False	False	True	False	True	False	False	False	True	False	False	False	False	False	True	False

Finally, we can use IUPAC code to represent the motif:

#### YNDCCWSHAGRKGGMRSHV

We have gained the PSWM, we can then calculate the specific matrix. At positions for which  $f_b = 0$ , we use 0.5/20 to estimate the frequency. The specific matrix is calculated as  $log_2(f_b/p_b)$ . We can get:

	0		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Α	-1.392	-0.451	0.300	-2.027	-4.834	1.705	-2.513	-1.091	1.900	-5.509	0.548	-2.076	-4.245	-2.022	-1.128	0.711	-1.469	-0.956	0.825
С	0.350	-0.655	-2.220	1.809	1.984	-4.134	1.210	0.925	-4.373	-3.322	-6.246	-4.246	-3.322	-4.830	1.690	-4.128	1.086	0.504	-0.327
G	-1.587	0.859	0.976	-3.442	-3.322	-1.812	0.549	-2.248	-2.833	1.987	1.313	1.146	1.968	1.768	-5.506	1.158	0.436	-1.637	0.229
Т	1.008	-0.288	-0.768	-2.665	-6.834	-1.327	-4.375	0.507	-3.663	-6.246	-4.661	0.582	-4.830	-1.680	-1.762	-3.741	-2.617	0.803	-1.944

Figure 2: specific matrix

Then, use  $I_{seq} = \sum_{b=A}^T f_b log_2(rac{f_b}{p_b})$  to calculate the  $I_{seq}$  and draw it:

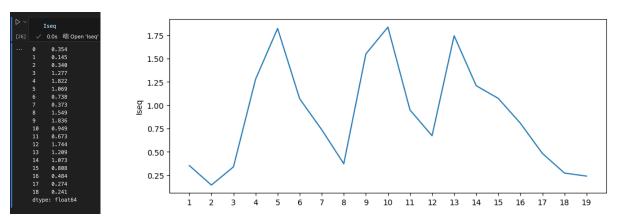


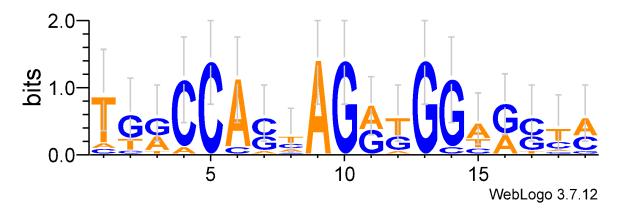
Figure 3: Iseq

So, the sum of all positions is 16.96 bits.

We use python to do the simulation:

```
nucleotides = ['A', 'C', 'G', 'T']
13
  def generate_sequence(pswm, length):
14
      sequence = []
15
      for i in range(length):
16
           # Choose a nucleotide based on the PSWM probabilities for the current
17
          \hookrightarrow position
          nucleotide = np.random.choice(nucleotides, p=pswm.iloc[i])
           sequence.append(nucleotide)
      return ''.join(sequence)
20
21
  # Simulate 10 motifs
22
  motifs = [generate_sequence(ctcf_pswm, ctcf_pswm.shape[0]) for _ in range(10)]
23
24
  # Write motifs to FASTA format
25
  with open('ctcf_motifs.fasta', 'w') as fasta_file:
26
      for i, motif in enumerate(motifs):
           fasta\_file.write(f">motif_{i+1}\\n{motif}\\n")
```

Put file into the website, we get:



# 6 Question6

Locate the FOXA2 motif using JASPAR ID MA0047.4. Using the motif's PSWM to can the motif against the following sequence:

#### ACGTGCTAAG

Write down the matching probability for all possible motif start positions. Show your work. (3 pts).

Free	quency mat	trix		<b>♣</b> JASPAR	<b>≛</b> TRANSFAC	<b>≛</b> MEME	<b>♣</b> RAW PFM	<b>⇄</b> Reverse comp.		
Α[	93740	18770	3737	243805	223061	248214	2411	246665	1	
<b>c</b> [	12432	2928	2037	9424	22429	3329	196969	3086	]	
G[	38538	236311	1890	2641	6484	2805	3603	2984	1	
Т[	117443	4144	254489	6283	10179	7805	59170	9418	1	

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Α	0.358	0.072	0.014	0.930	0.851	0.947	0.009	0.941
С	0.047	0.011	0.008	0.036	0.086	0.013	0.751	0.012
G	0.147	0.901	0.007	0.010	0.025	0.011	0.014	0.011
Т	0.448	0.016	0.971	0.024	0.039	0.030	0.226	0.036

There are 3 start positions, denote as  $S_1, S_2, S_3$ .

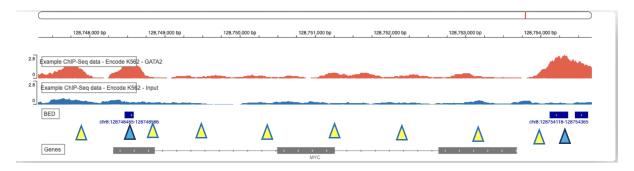
$$P(S_1) = 0.358 * 0.011 * 0.007 * 0.024 * 0.025 * 0.013 * 0.226 * 0.941 \approx 4.57 * 10^{-11}$$

$$P(S_2) = 0.047 * 0.901 * 0.971 * 0.01 * 0.086 * 0.030 * 0.009 * 0.941 \approx 8.98 * 10^{-9}$$

$$P(S_3) = 0.147 * 0.016 * 0.007 * 0.036 * 0.039 * 0.947 * 0.009 * 0.011 \approx 2.17 * 10^{-12}$$

# 7 Quesion7

Given the snapshot of called peaks from a TF ChIP-seq experiment in a part of the genome below. Suppose a colored triangle indicates a motif site. Please indicate which motif (color) is likely to be the binding site of the TF and explain why? (3 pts)



The blue triangle likely represents the binding site of the transcription factor because it is positioned directly under the highest ChIP-seq peak, which is indicative of strong TF-DNA binding activity.