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# **Bioinformatics and Computational Biology**



# Presentation Overview

## **LIST OF KEY CONCEPTS**

- What is Bioinformatics?
- Nucleic Acid Sequencing
- Needleman-Wunsch Algorithm
- Nucleic Acid Secondary Structure
- Nussinov Algorithm
- Cellular Automata
- Natural selection
- Simulation



# What is Bioinformatics?

**COMBINING COMPUTER  
SCIENCE AND BIOLOGY**

Bioinformatics involves the application of computational techniques to analyze, interpret and manage biological data.



# Why is it important?

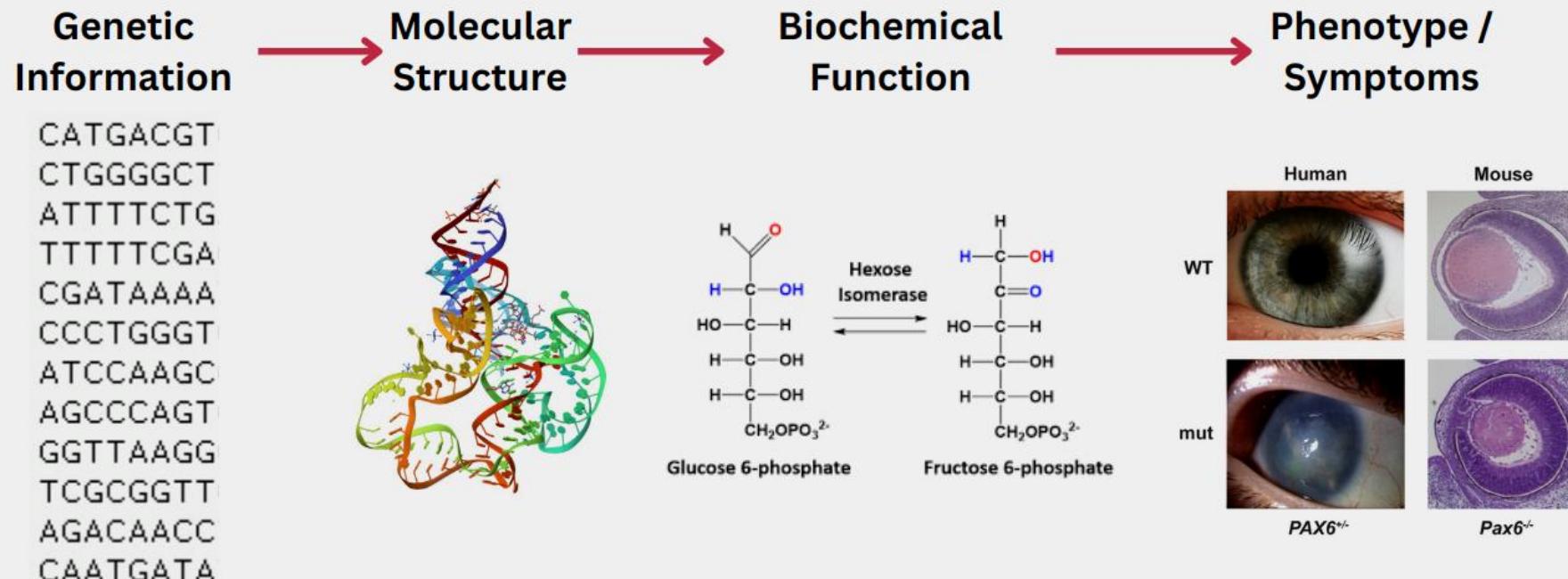
## BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIOLOGY FIELD

- Data Handling
- Genome Sequencing
- Disease Research
- Biological Databases

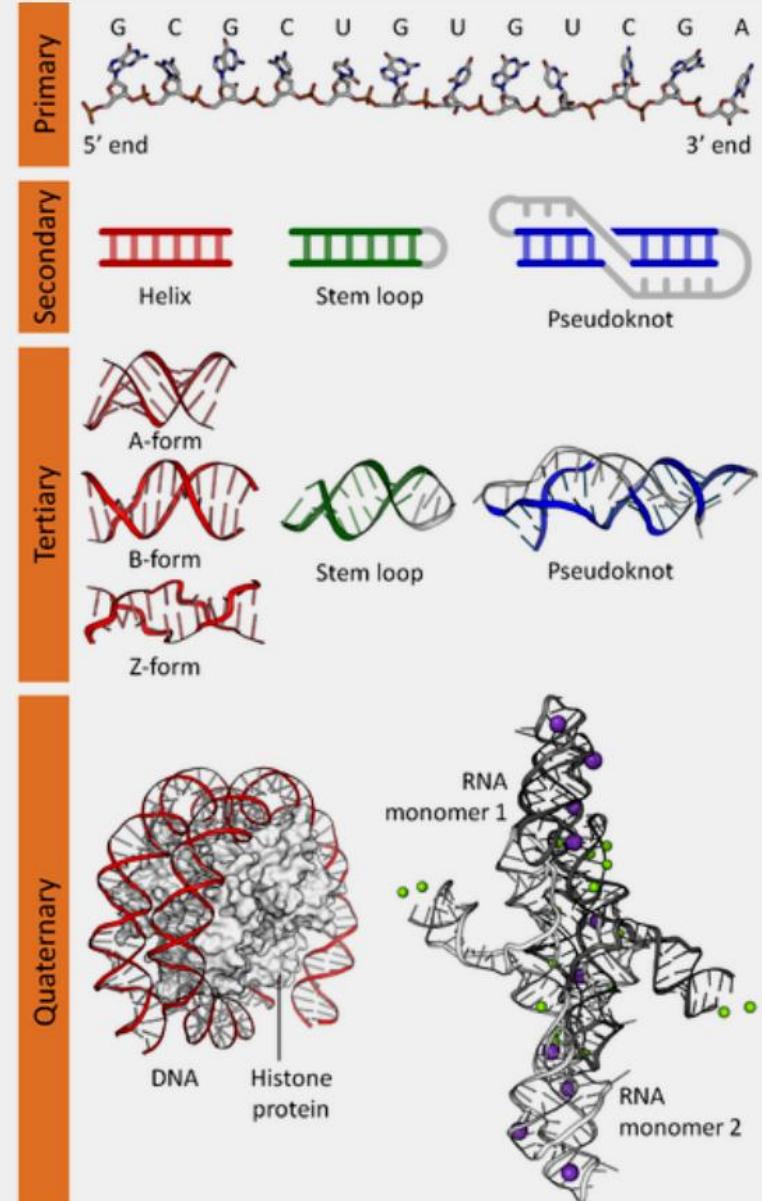
# Central Dogma of Molecular Biology



# Central Dogma of Bioinformatics

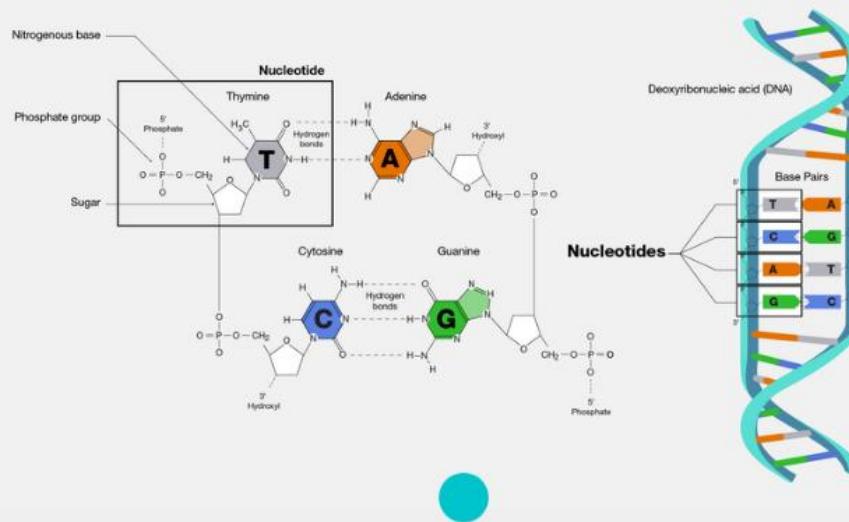


# Structure Hierarchy



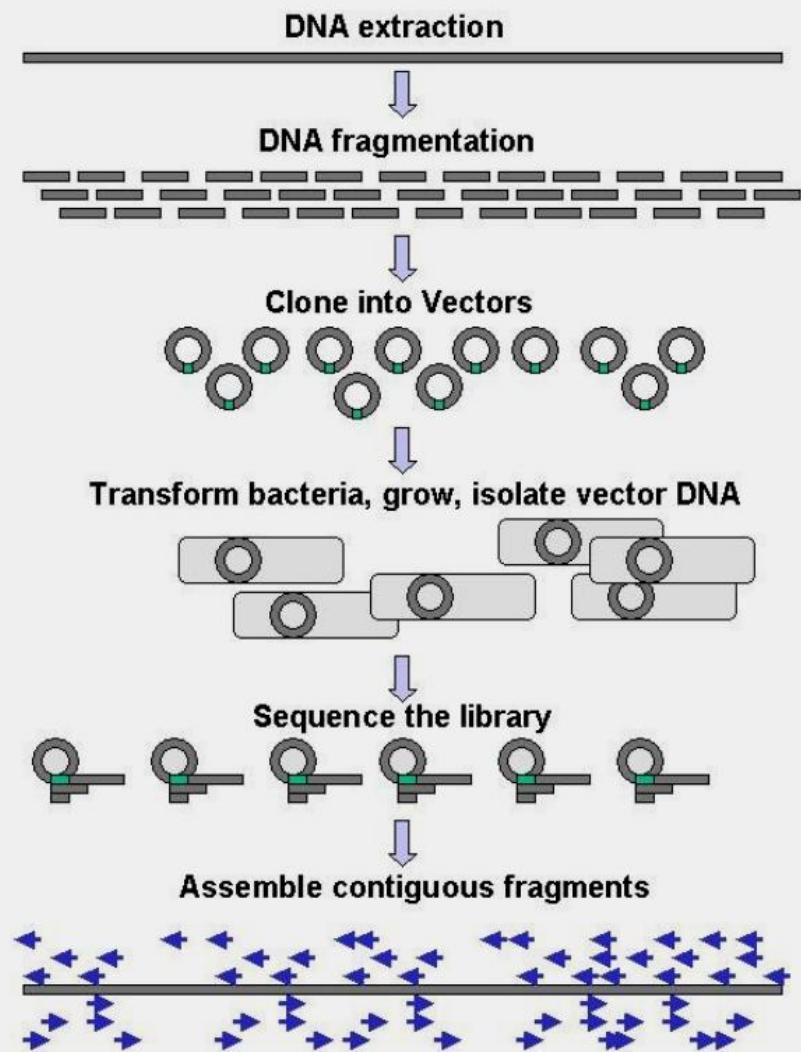
# Primary structure

- **Nucleotide:** Basic building blocks of a nucleic acid chain
- Four types of nucleotides:
  - Adenine
  - Guanine
  - Cytosine
  - Thymine (DNA) / Uracil (RNA)



# Sequencing

DETERMINING THE  
PRIMARY STRUCTURE

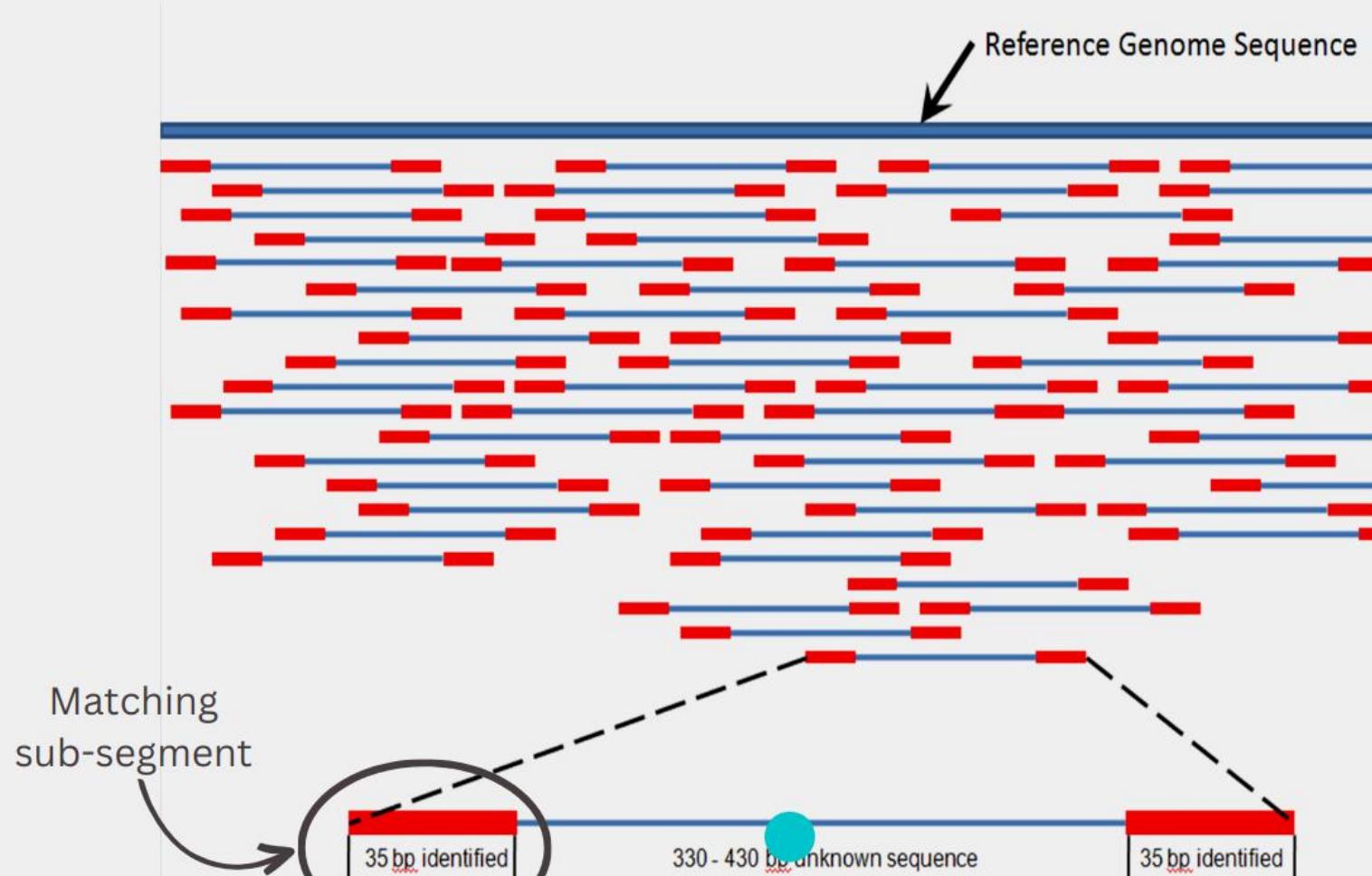


# Sequence Assembly

- Approaches are classified as follows:
  - **Reference-guided:** Assembling fragments using a template
  - **De-novo:** Assembling fragments from scratch

# Template FTW!!

## REFERENCE GUIDED ASSEMBLY



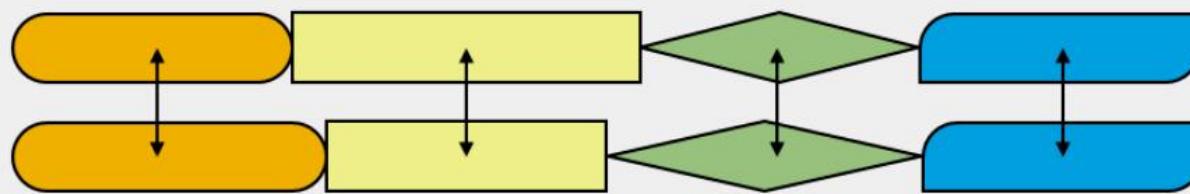
# How is Matching Done?

## SEQUENCE ALIGNMENT

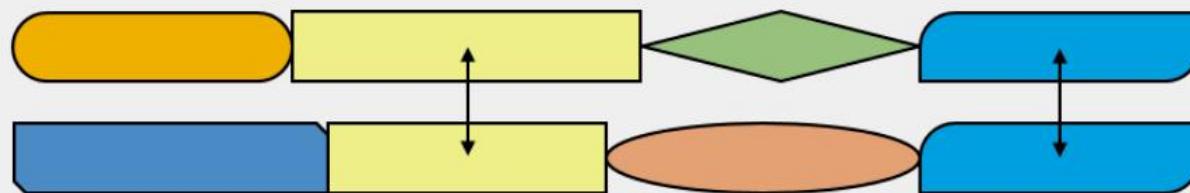
- Two popular sequence alignment algorithms:
  - **Smith-Waterman Algorithm** (Local Alignment)
  - **Needleman-Wunsch Algorithm** (Global Alignment)
- Local alignment
  - Longer segment lengths
  - Less similarity between segments is expected
- Global Alignment
  - Smaller segment lengths
  - More similarity between segments is expected

# Whats the difference?

## LOCAL VS GLOBAL ALIGNMENT



Global Alignment



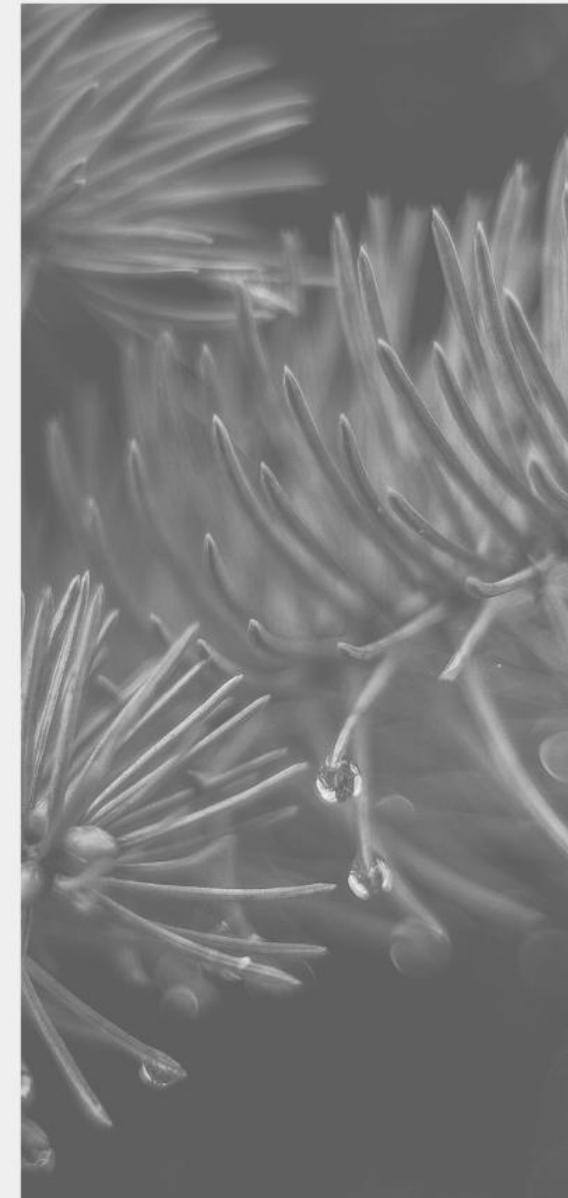
Local Alignment



# **Dynamic Programming**

## **NEEDLEMAN WUNSCH ALGORITHM**

- Programming paradigm for solving optimization problems
- Need two conditions:
  - Optimal Substructure
  - Overlapping Sub-problems



# Setting the Context

SUBSTITUTION MATRIX

	C	T	A	G
C	2	1	-1	-1
T	1	2	-1	-1
A	-1	-1	2	1
G	-1	-1	1	2

GAP PENALTY

$$\gamma(n) = -kn$$

Penalty for Gap  
of length - (n)

- Example of a Real-life scoring system: BLOSUM62

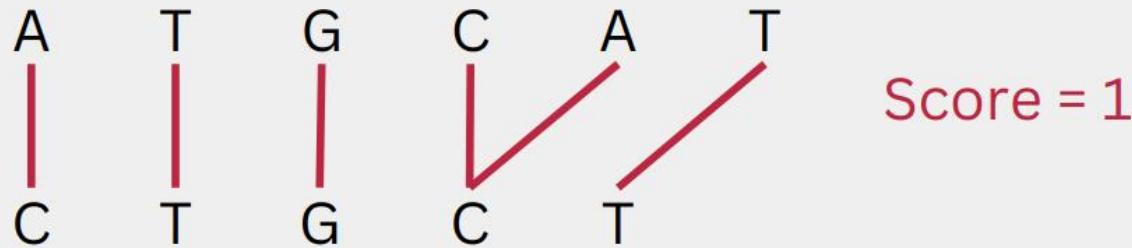
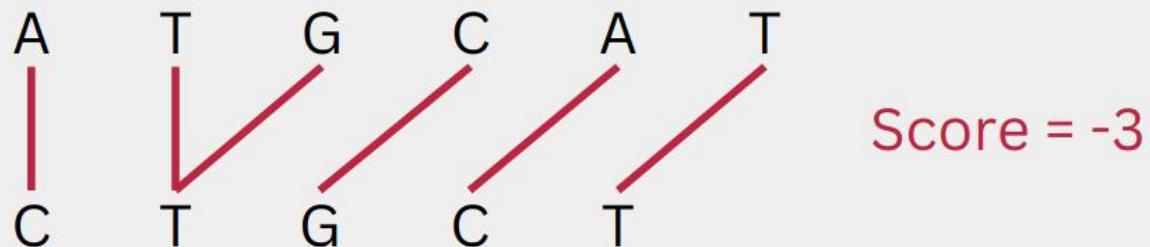
# An Example

$$\begin{array}{r} A \quad T \quad G \quad C \quad A \quad T \\ C \quad T \quad - \quad G \quad C \quad T = -3 \\ \hline -1 \quad 1 \quad -2 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} A \quad T \quad G \quad C \quad A \quad T \\ C \quad T \quad G \quad C \quad - \quad T = 1 \\ \hline -1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad -2 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

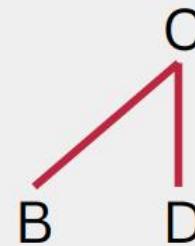
# Reimagining the problem

**ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT THE SAME EXAMPLE**



# Optimal Substructure

**OPTIMIZING SUBPROBLEMS OPTIMIZES THE WHOLE**



$$D(i, j) = \max \begin{cases} D(i - 1, j - 1) + s(x_i, y_j) \\ D(i - 1, j) + g \\ D(i, j - 1) + g \end{cases}$$



Cost of mapping the **i'th** element  
in the first sequence to the **j'th**  
element in the second sequence

# Writing DP Code

## TABULATION APPROACH

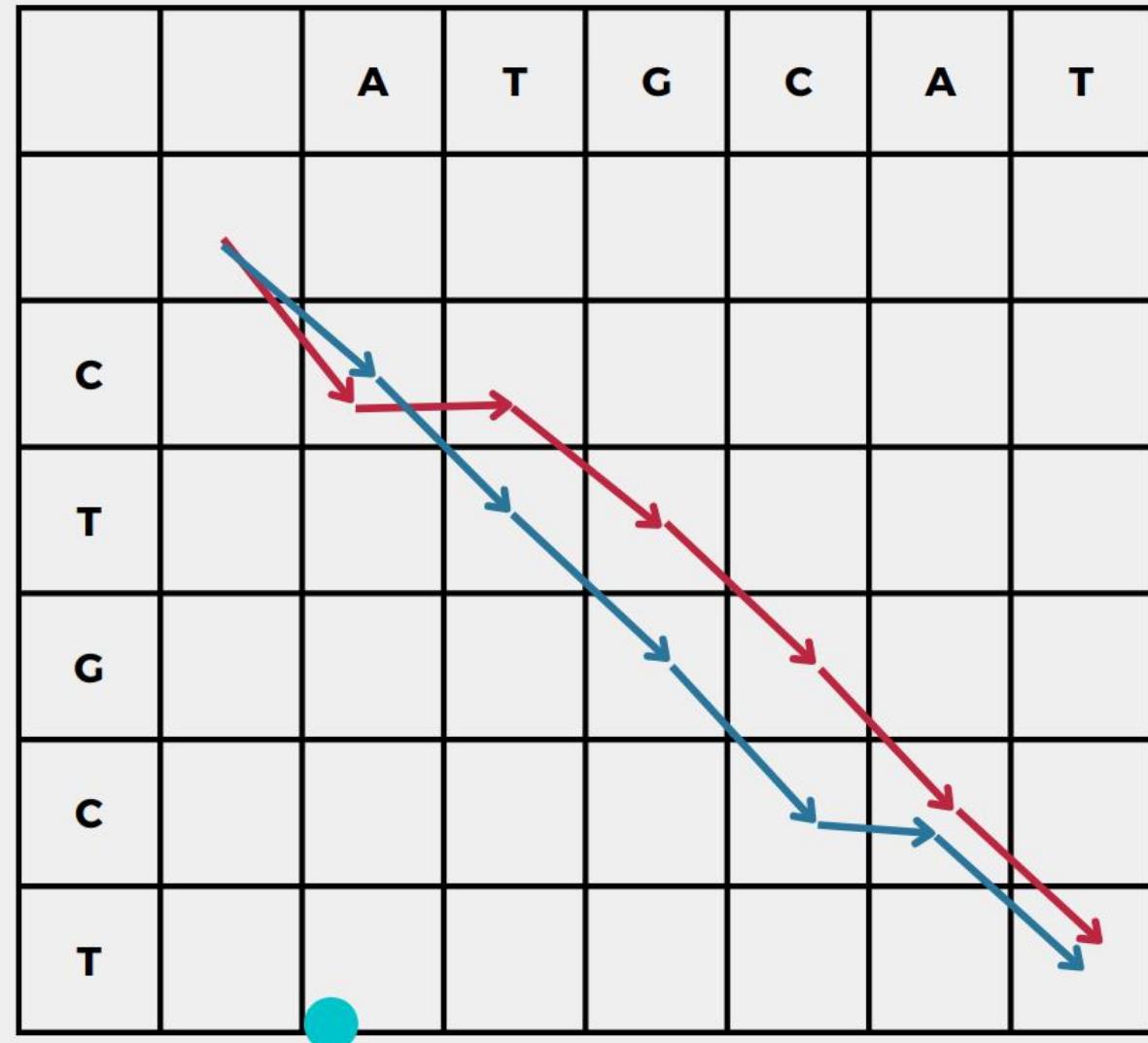
- Use a table/matrix to compute the sub-problems
- **Bottom-up approach:** Compute smaller problems before larger problems
- Calculate  $M(a,b)$  ( $a < i$ ), ( $b < j$ ) ; before calculating  $M(i,j)$
- **Intuition:** An alignment is a path on the matrix



# Matrix Intuition

A T G C A T  
C T G C T

A T G C A T  
C T G C T



# Example - Tabulation

		A	T	G	C	A	T	
		0	-2	-4	-6	-8	-10	-12
C		-2						
T		-4						
G		-6						
C		-8						
T		-10						

# Example - Tabulation

		A	T	G	C	A	T
	0	-2	-4	-6	-8	-10	-12
C	-2	-1	-3	-5	-5	-7	-9
T	-4	-3					
G	-6	-5					
C	-8	-7					
T	-10	-9					



# Example - Tabulation

		A	T	G	C	A	T
	0	-2	-4	-6	-8	-10	-12
C	-2	-1	-3	-5	-5	-7	-9
T	-4	-3	0	-2	-4	-6	-6
G	-6	-5	-2				
C	-8	-7	-4				
T	-10	-9	-6				



# Example - Tabulation

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	0	-2	-4	-6	-8	-10	-12
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T	-4	-3	0	-2	-4	-6	-6
G	-6	-5	-2	1	-1	-3	-5
C	-8	-7	-4	-1			
T	-10	-9	-6	-3			

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T	-10	-9	-6	-3	0		

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C	-8	-7	-4	-1	2	0	-2
T	-10	-9	-6	-3	0	1	1

# Example - Traceback

		A	T	G	C	A	T
		-2	-4	-6	-8	-10	-12
C	-2	-1	-3	-5	-5	-7	-9
T	-4	-3	0	-2	-4	-6	-6
G	-6	-5	-2	1	-1	-3	-5
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T	-10	-9	-6	-3	0	1	-1

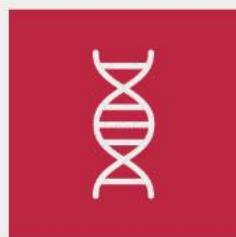
The diagram illustrates a traceback path through a dynamic programming grid. The path starts at the cell containing 0 and follows a series of orange arrows pointing diagonally down and to the right. The path ends at the cell containing 1. The grid is a 6x8 matrix with rows labeled C, T, G, C, T and columns labeled A, T, G, C, A, T. The cells contain numerical values representing scores or penalties.

# Demo



# Smith - Waterman Algorithm

$$H_{ij} = \max \begin{cases} H_{i-1,j-1} + s(a_i, b_j), \\ \max_{k \geq 1} \{H_{i-k,j} - W_k\}, \\ \max_{l \geq 1} \{H_{i,j-l} - W_l\}, \\ 0 \end{cases} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m)$$



# Algorithm Visualized

Initialize the scoring matrix

	T	G	T	T	A	C	G	G
T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	0							
G	0							
T	0							
T	0							
G	0							
A	0							
C	0							
T	0							
A	0							

Substitution matrix:  $S(a_i, b_j) = \begin{cases} +3, & a_i = b_j \\ -3, & a_i \neq b_j \end{cases}$

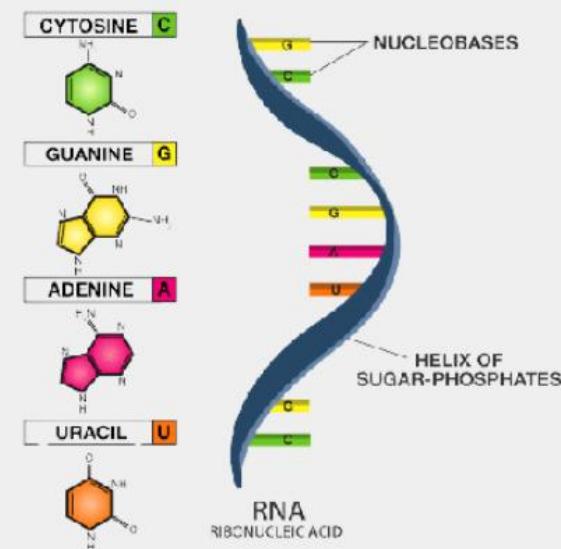
Gap penalty:  $W_k = kW_1$   
 $W_1 = 2$

# Nussinov Algorithm



# SECONDARY STRUCTURE

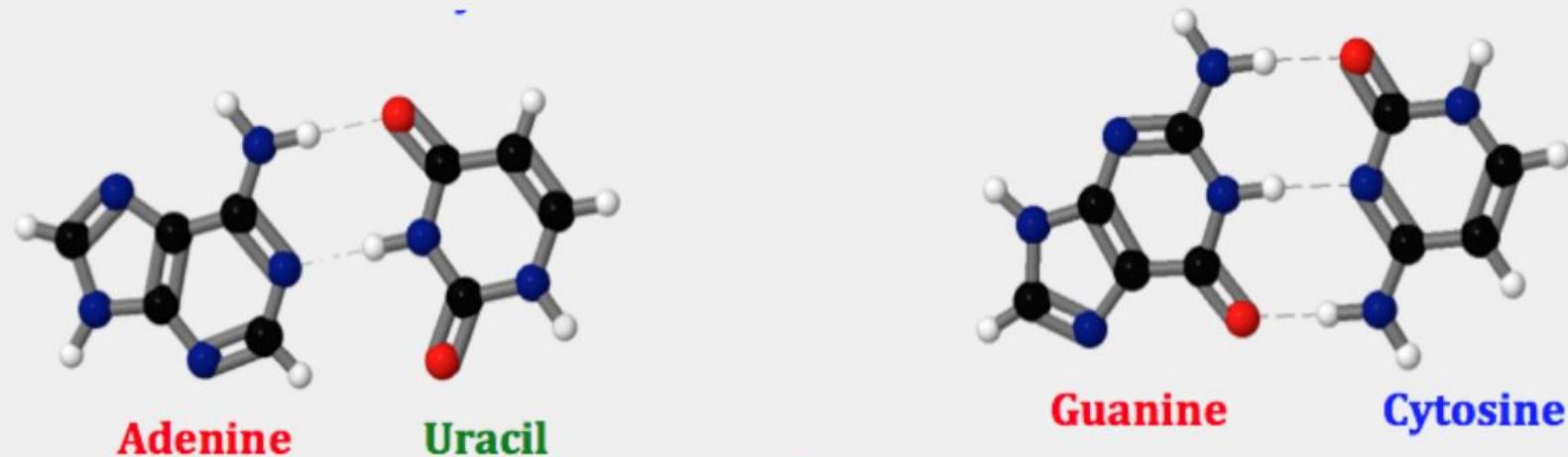
- 3D arrangement of base pairs
- Reveals nucleotides fold and interact
- Deep understanding



# BASE PAIRING

Base pairing is a fundamental principle in RNA secondary structure.

In RNA, Adenine (A) pairs with uracil (U), and guanine (G) pairs with cytosine (C).



# NON-CROSSING

- Fundamental aspect of RNA secondary structure
- Base pairs do not cross over each other
- Base pairs are nested and do not overlap



# PREDICTING RSS

- RNA molecules are incredibly dynamic
- Secondary structures can vary greatly



# IMPORTANCE

- Drug Design
- Disease Mechanisms
- RNA Engineering



# NUSSINOV ALGORITHM

- Dynamic programming algorithm
- Breaks down the complex task into sub problems
- Identifies patterns of complementary base pairs



# HISTORY

- Named after its creator Ruth Nussinov
- A breakthrough in the late 1970s.
- Crucial step in understanding how RNA molecules fold into stable, functional structures



# SIGNIFICANCE

- Significant in the study of RNA
- Earliest algorithm
- A foundational tool in RNA research.
- Adopted in multiple fields
- Numerous advancements



# INITIALIZATION

- Matrix is set up as a two-dimensional table, with rows and columns corresponding to positions within the RNA sequence.

	A <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>5</sub>	U <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>8</sub>
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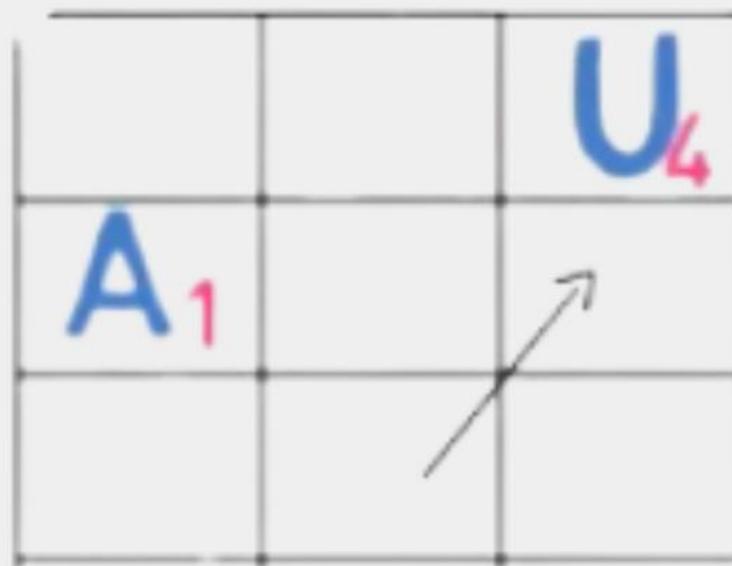
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- Matrix is filled with values of maximum number of base pairs
- Core of this lies in the recursive calculations

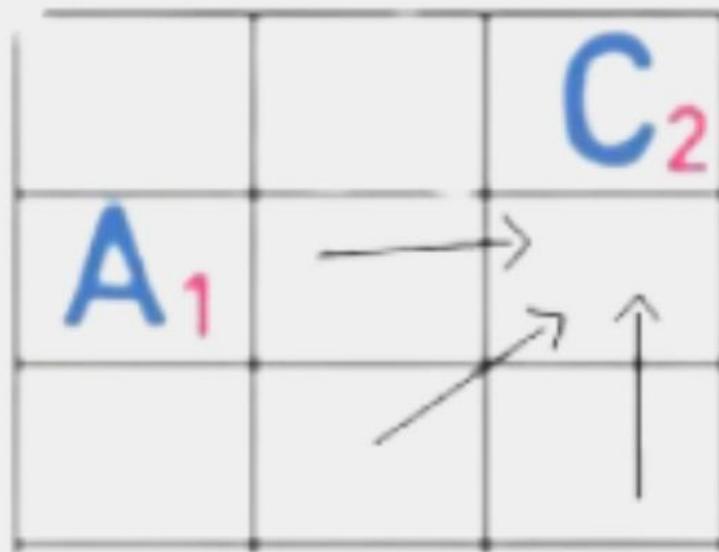
# SCORING SCHEME

COMPLEMENTARY BASES: 1  
NON-COMPLEMENTARY BASES: 0

# COMPLIMENTARY



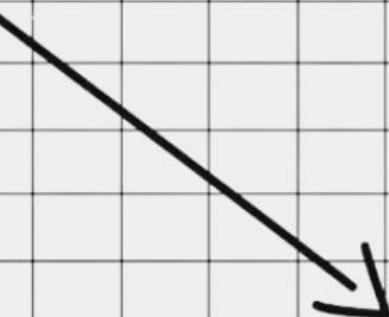
# NON-COMPLIMENTARY



# FILL THE MATRIX

- The matrix is typically initialized to zero, and diagonal cells (i.e., those where  $i$  equals  $j$ ) are set to 0 as well.

	A <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>5</sub>	U <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>8</sub>
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C <sub>2</sub>	0	0						
G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0					
U <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0				
G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0			
U <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0		
C <sub>7</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
A <sub>8</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



# FILL THE MATRIX

- Using the scoring scheme start filling the matrix.

	A <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>5</sub>	U <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>8</sub>
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U <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0				
G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0			
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C <sub>7</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
A <sub>8</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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C <sub>2</sub>	0	0	1	1	2			
G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	1			
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G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
U <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
C <sub>7</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A <sub>8</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



# TRACEBACK

- Find the highest value in the whole matrix

	A <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>5</sub>	U <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>8</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	0	0	1	2	2	3	2	2
C <sub>2</sub>	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
U <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
U <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
C <sub>7</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A <sub>8</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



# TRACEBACK

- Start tracing back the path from where the present value is derived from.

	A <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>5</sub>	U <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>8</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	0	0	1	2	2	3	2	2
C <sub>2</sub>	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
U <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
U <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
C <sub>7</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A <sub>8</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



# TRACEBACK

- Trace back till you encounter zero.

	A <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>5</sub>	U <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>8</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	0	0	1	2	2	3	2	2
C <sub>2</sub>	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
U <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
U <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
C <sub>7</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A <sub>8</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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# SECONDARY STRUCTURE

- Join the matching pairs

	A <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>4</sub>	G <sub>5</sub>	U <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	A <sub>8</sub>
A <sub>1</sub>	0	0	1	2	2	3	2	2
C <sub>2</sub>	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
U <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
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- Join the matching pairs

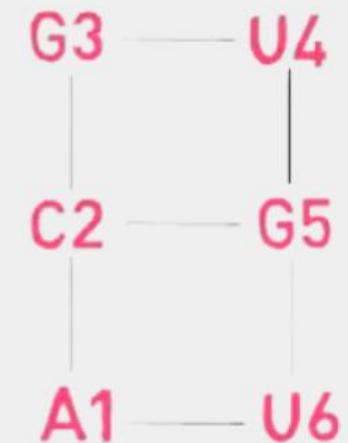
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G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
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G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
U <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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A <sub>8</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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C <sub>2</sub>	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
U <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
U <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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G <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
U <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
G <sub>5</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
U <sub>6</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
C <sub>7</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A <sub>8</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



# DOT BRACKET

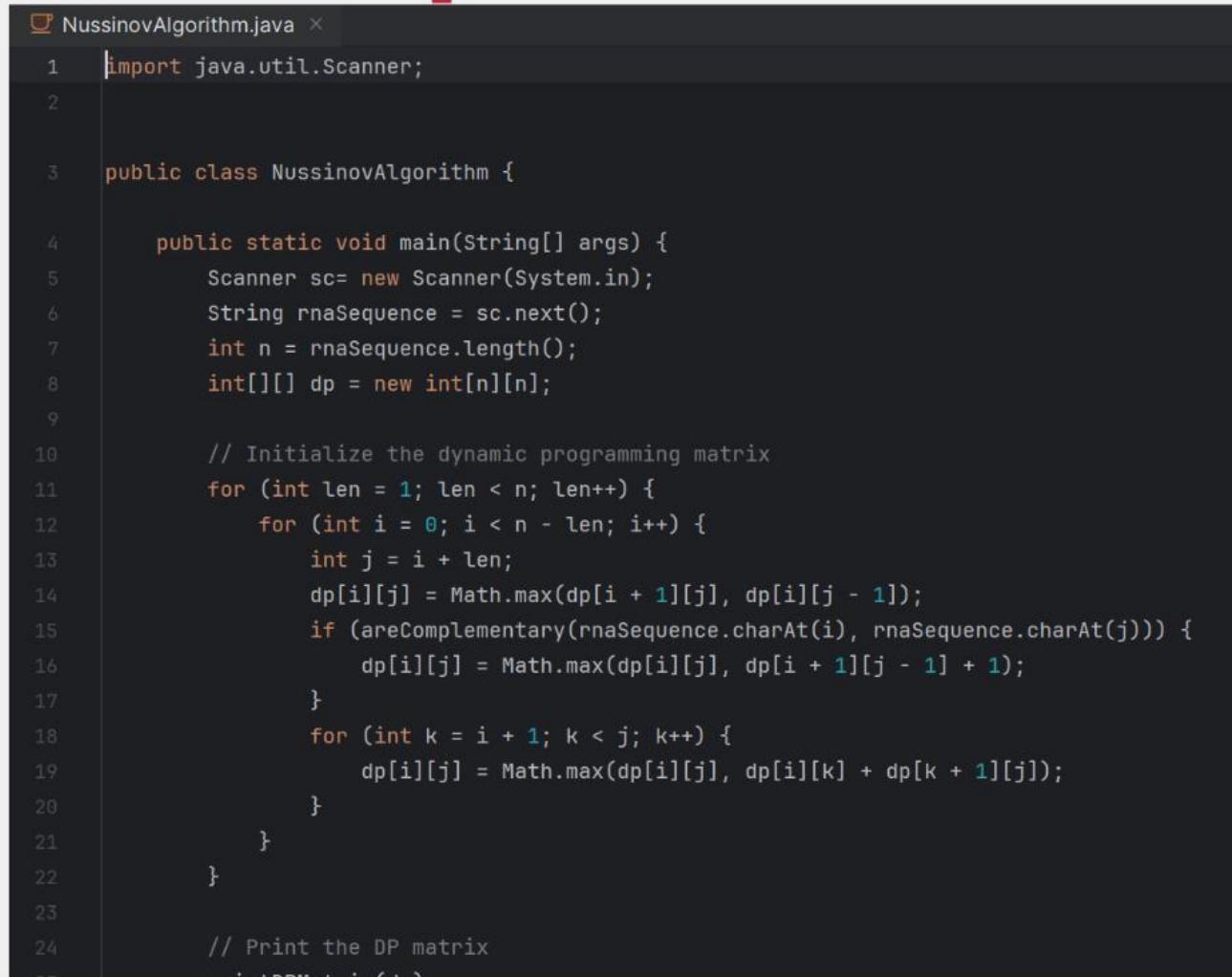
- Secondary structure can also be represented using dot bracket notation
- Here every dot/period represents a isolated nucleotide.
- Every open parenthesis show that it is paired with a nucleotide after it
- Closing parenthesis shows that it is paired with nucleotide before it.

.()(( ))

# Problem

- To predict the RNA secondary structure with a RNA sequence as input.
- Input: RNA Sequence
- Output: RNA secondary structure in Dot bracket format

# Java Implementation



The image shows a screenshot of a Java code editor with a dark theme. The file being edited is named `NussinovAlgorithm.java`. The code implements the Nussinov algorithm for RNA secondary structure prediction using dynamic programming. It includes imports for `java.util.Scanner`, defines a class `NussinovAlgorithm`, and contains a `main` method that reads an RNA sequence from standard input, initializes a dynamic programming matrix, and prints the resulting matrix.

```
1 import java.util.Scanner;
2
3 public class NussinovAlgorithm {
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);
7         String rnaSequence = sc.next();
8         int n = rnaSequence.length();
9         int[][] dp = new int[n][n];
10
11         // Initialize the dynamic programming matrix
12         for (int len = 1; len < n; len++) {
13             for (int i = 0; i < n - len; i++) {
14                 int j = i + len;
15                 dp[i][j] = Math.max(dp[i + 1][j], dp[i][j - 1]);
16                 if (areComplementary(rnaSequence.charAt(i), rnaSequence.charAt(j))) {
17                     dp[i][j] = Math.max(dp[i][j], dp[i + 1][j - 1] + 1);
18                 }
19                 for (int k = i + 1; k < j; k++) {
20                     dp[i][j] = Math.max(dp[i][j], dp[i][k] + dp[k + 1][j]);
21                 }
22             }
23         }
24         // Print the DP matrix
25         printDPMatrix(dp);
26     }
27
28     private static boolean areComplementary(char c1, char c2) {
29         return (c1 == 'A' && c2 == 'U') || (c1 == 'U' && c2 == 'A') ||
30                (c1 == 'G' && c2 == 'C') || (c1 == 'C' && c2 == 'G');
31     }
32 }
```

# OUTPUT

```
C:\Users\Student\.jdks\openjdk-21\bin\java.exe "-javaagent:C:\Pr
```

```
ACGUGUCA
```

0	0	1	2	2	2	3	3
0	0	1	1	1	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

```
RNA Sequence: ACGUGUCA
```

```
Predicted Secondary Structure: .()()()
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```

# DRAWBACKS

- The time complexity of the Nussinov is  $O(n^3)$
- The various reasons for the cubic complexity are:
  - Three nested loops
  - Consideration of all pairings
  - Cubic complexity per cell

# LIMITATIONS

- Inability to handle pseudoknots
- Overestimation of stability
- Lack of consideration for energy parameters
- Sensitivity to sequence length



# Using Cellular Automata

# What is Automata?

- Automata theory is a branch of computer science and mathematics that studies abstract computational models known as automata.
- These models, which include finite automata, pushdown automata, and Turing machines, are used to understand how algorithms work and to solve problems in various domains.
- Automata are foundational in areas like formal language theory, compiler design, and theoretical computer science.

# **Correlation to Computational biology & bioinformatics?**

- Cellular automata are mathematical models consisting of a grid of cells that evolve over discrete time steps according to a set of rules. Each cell's future state is determined by its current state and the states of its neighboring cells.
- Cellular automata are used in various fields such as physics, biology, and computer science to model complex systems and phenomena.

# Cellular Automata

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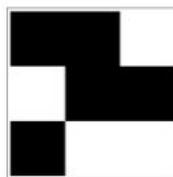
Glider

John Conway, 1970

period 4

displacement {1, 1}

size {3, 3}



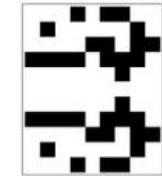
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Hartmut Holzwart, 1992

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Dean Hickerson

period 5

displacement {2, 0}

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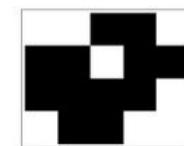
Lightweight Spaceship

John Conway, 1970

period 4

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size {5, 4}



index 11302

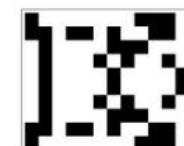
Turtle

Dean Hickerson

period 3

displacement {1, 0}

size {12, 10}



index 9153

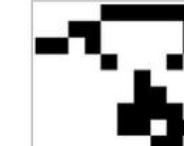
Coe Ship

John Conway, 1970

period 16

displacement {8, 0}

size {10, 9}



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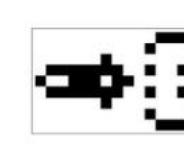
Schick Engine

Paul Schick, 1972

period 12

displacement {6, 0}

size {15, 9}



index 16485

period 2

displacement {1, 0}

size {12, 21}



index 16532

period 4

displacement {1, 0}

size {21, 13}



index 18216

Spider

David Bell, 1997

period 5

displacement {1, 0}

size {8, 27}



index 18788

Dragon

David Tooke, 2000

period 6

displacement {1, 0}

size {30, 14}



index 17361

Jason Summers, 2005

period 5

displacement {1, 1}

size {22, 22}



index 19739

Seal

N. Beluchenko, 2005

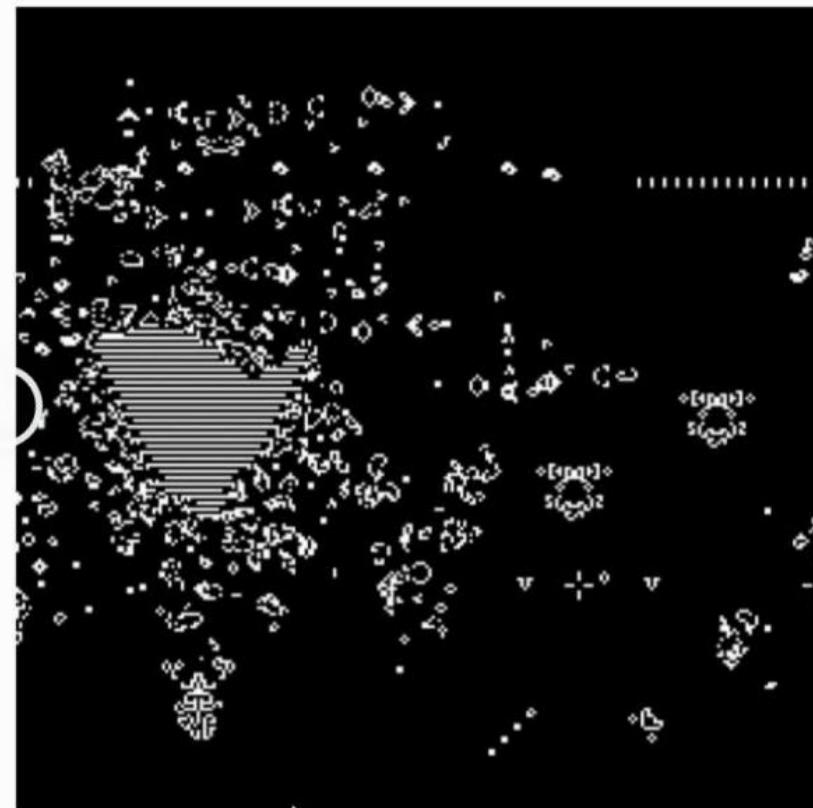
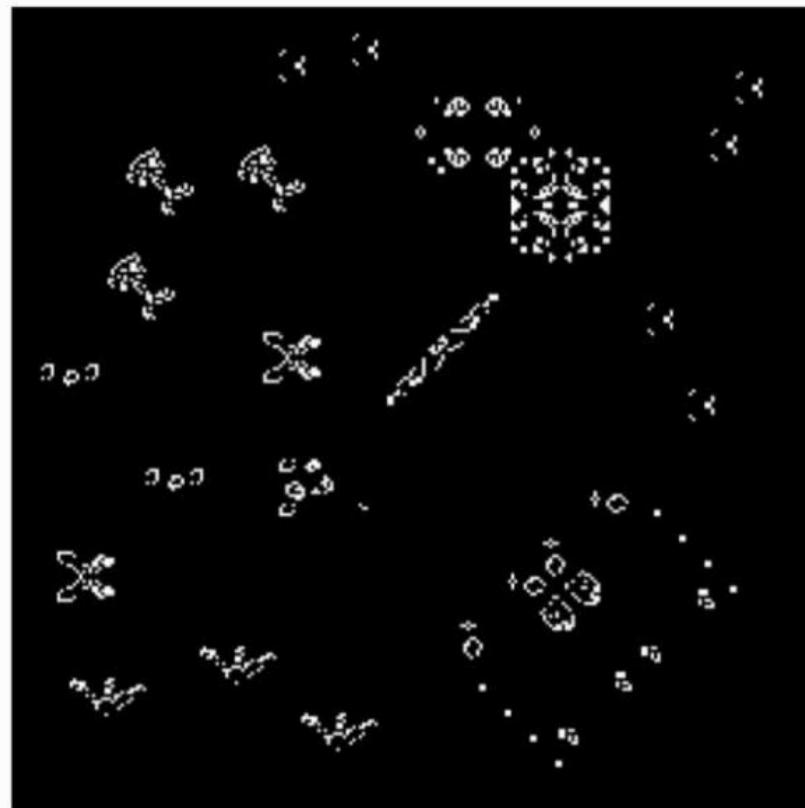
period 6

displacement {1, 1}

size {35, 34}



# What can you do?



# **Rules?**

- 1. Birth:** A dead cell with exactly three live neighbors becomes a live cell.
- 2. Survival:** A live cell with two or three live neighbors remains alive.
- 3. Death:**
  - **Overpopulation:** A live cell with more than three live neighbors dies.
  - **Loneliness:** A live cell with fewer than two live neighbors dies.

# **Rules for computational biology**

1. Self-replication
2. Blueprint
3. Inherit blueprint
4. Mutation
5. Selection

# How it works

## ACTION OUTPUTS



LPD = set long-probe distance  
Kill = kill forward neighbor  
OSC = set oscillator period  
SG = emit pheromone  
Res = set responsiveness

Mfd = move forward  
Mrn = move random  
Mrv = move reverse  
MRL = move left/right (+/-)  
MX = move east/west (+/-)  
MY = move north/south (+/-)

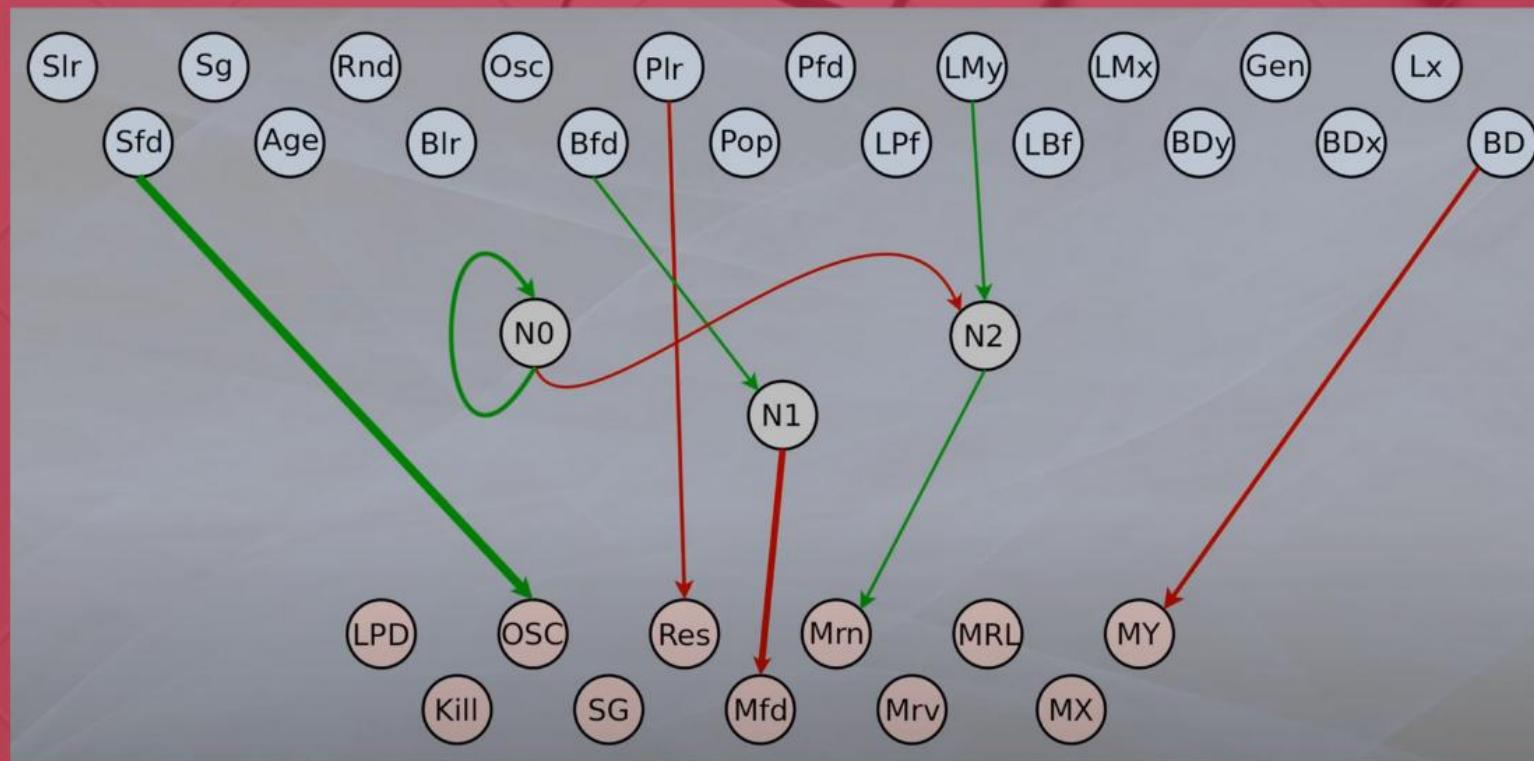
## SENSORY INPUTS



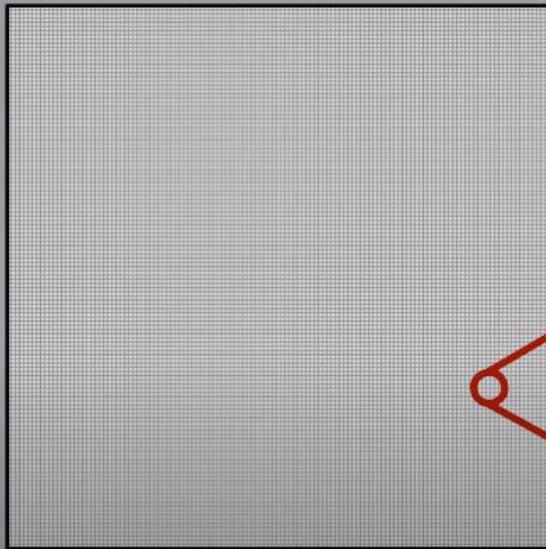
Slr = pheromone gradient left-right  
Sfd = pheromone gradient forward  
Sg = pheromone density  
Age = age  
Rnd = random input  
Blr = blockage left-right  
Osc = oscillator  
Bfd = blockage forward  
Plr = population gradient left-right  
Pop = population density  
Pfd = population gradient forward

LPf = population long-range forward  
LMy = last movement Y  
Lbf = blockage long-range forward  
LMx = last movement X  
BDy = north/south border distance  
Gen = genetic similarity of fwd neighbor  
BDx = east/west border distance  
Lx = east/west world location  
BD = nearest border distance  
Ly = north/south world location

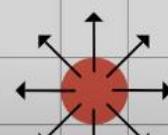
# Connections



# Create an environment

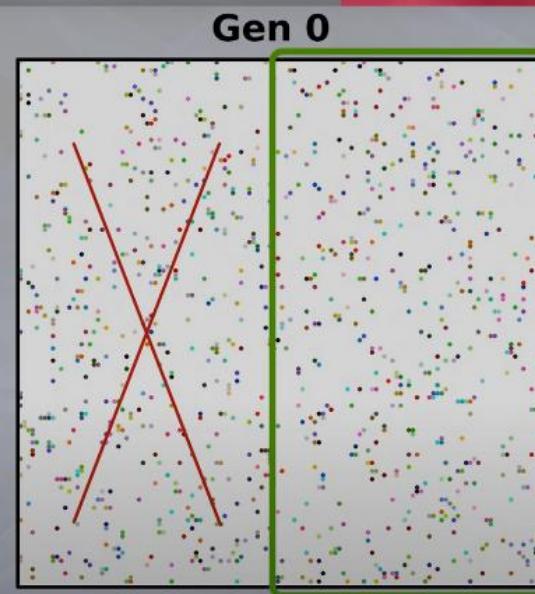


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Population: 1000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 4 genes  
Inner neurons: 1



## Set parameters

## Introduce rules



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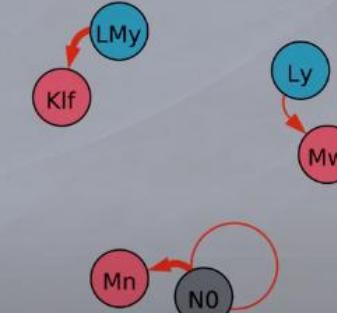
Selection

# Founding Generation

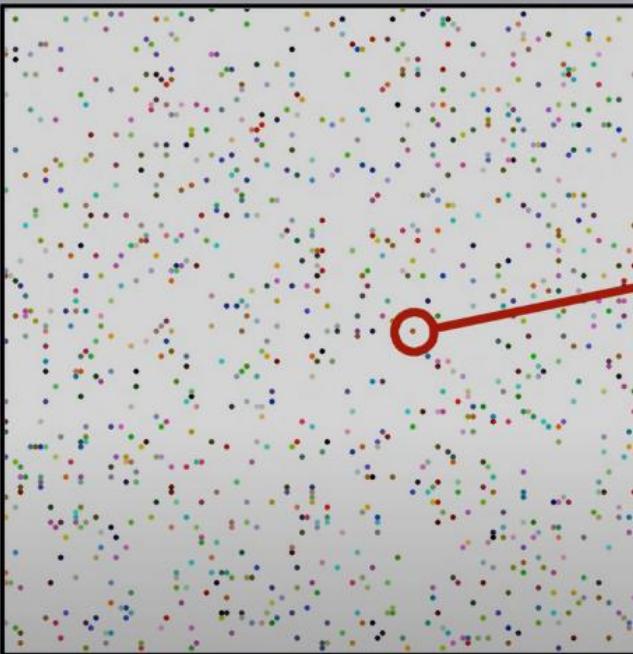
Gen 0



World size: 128x128  
Population: 1000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 4 genes  
Inner neurons: 1

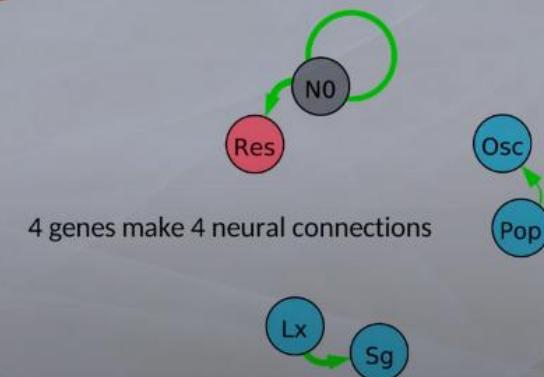


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World size: 128x128  
Population: 1000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 4 genes  
Inner neurons: 1

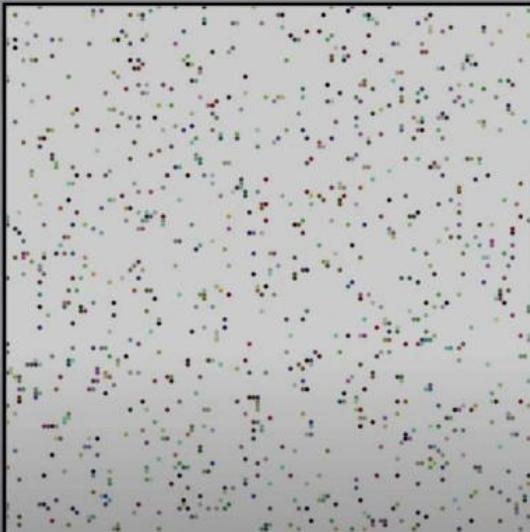
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4 genes make 4 neural connections

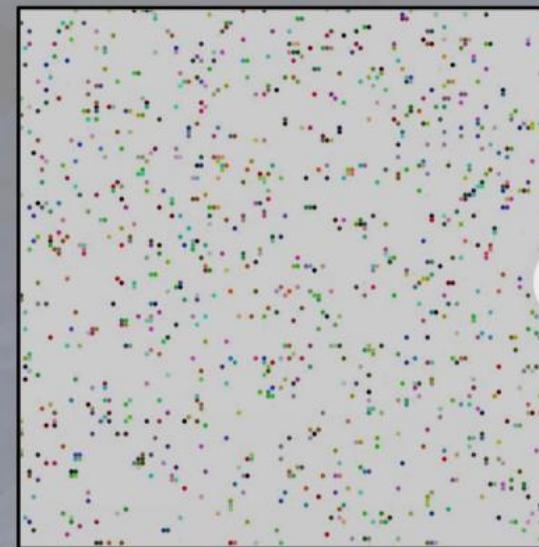
# First simulations

Gen 0



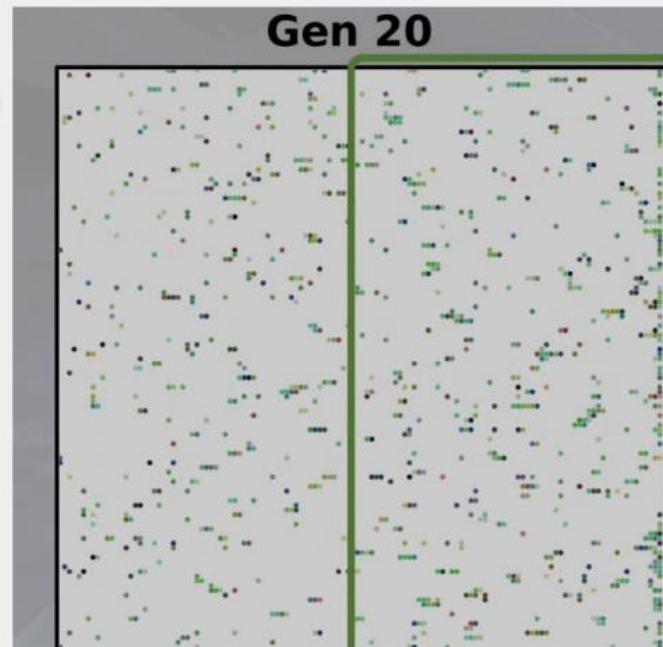
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Genome length: 4 genes  
Inner neurons: 1

Gen 1

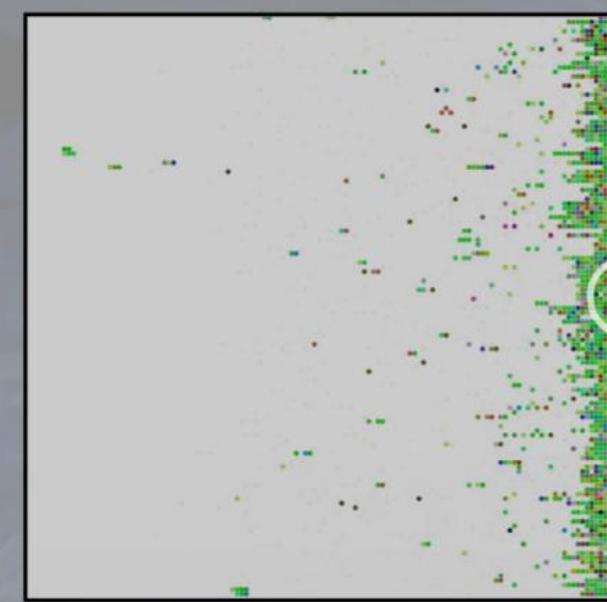


World size: 128x128  
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Genome length: 4 genes  
Inner neurons: 1

# Generation 20 & 50

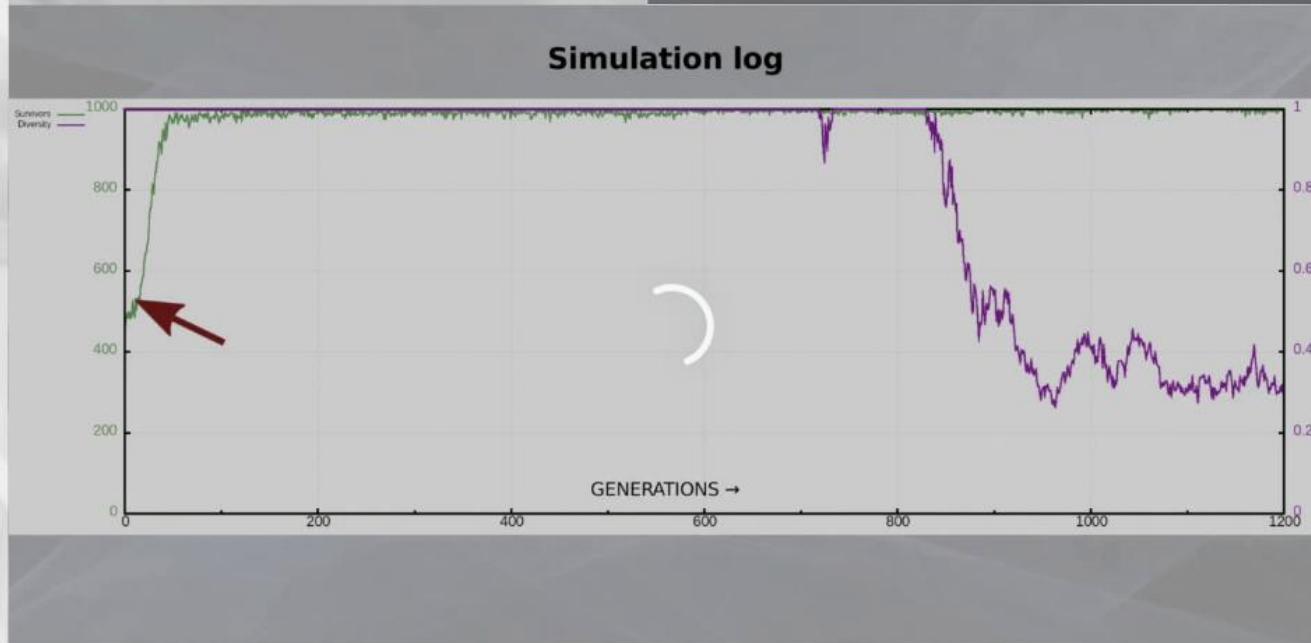
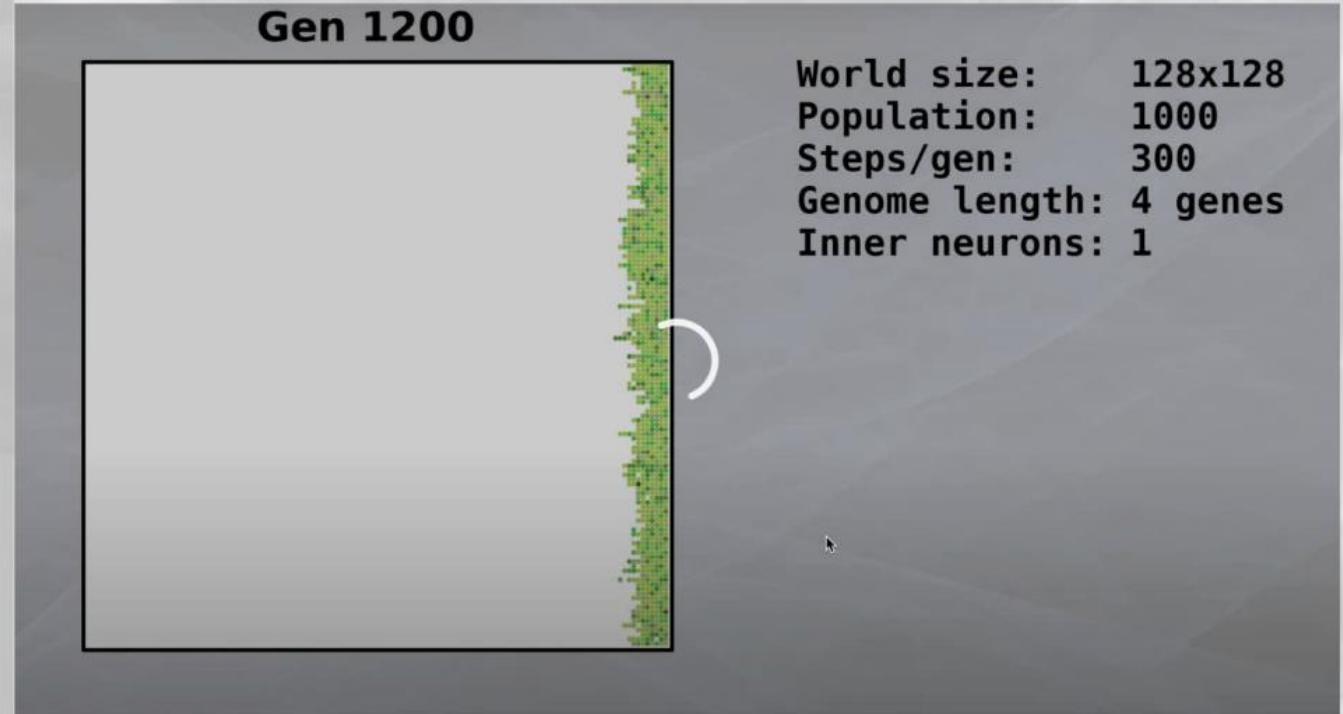


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Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 4 genes  
Inner neurons: 1

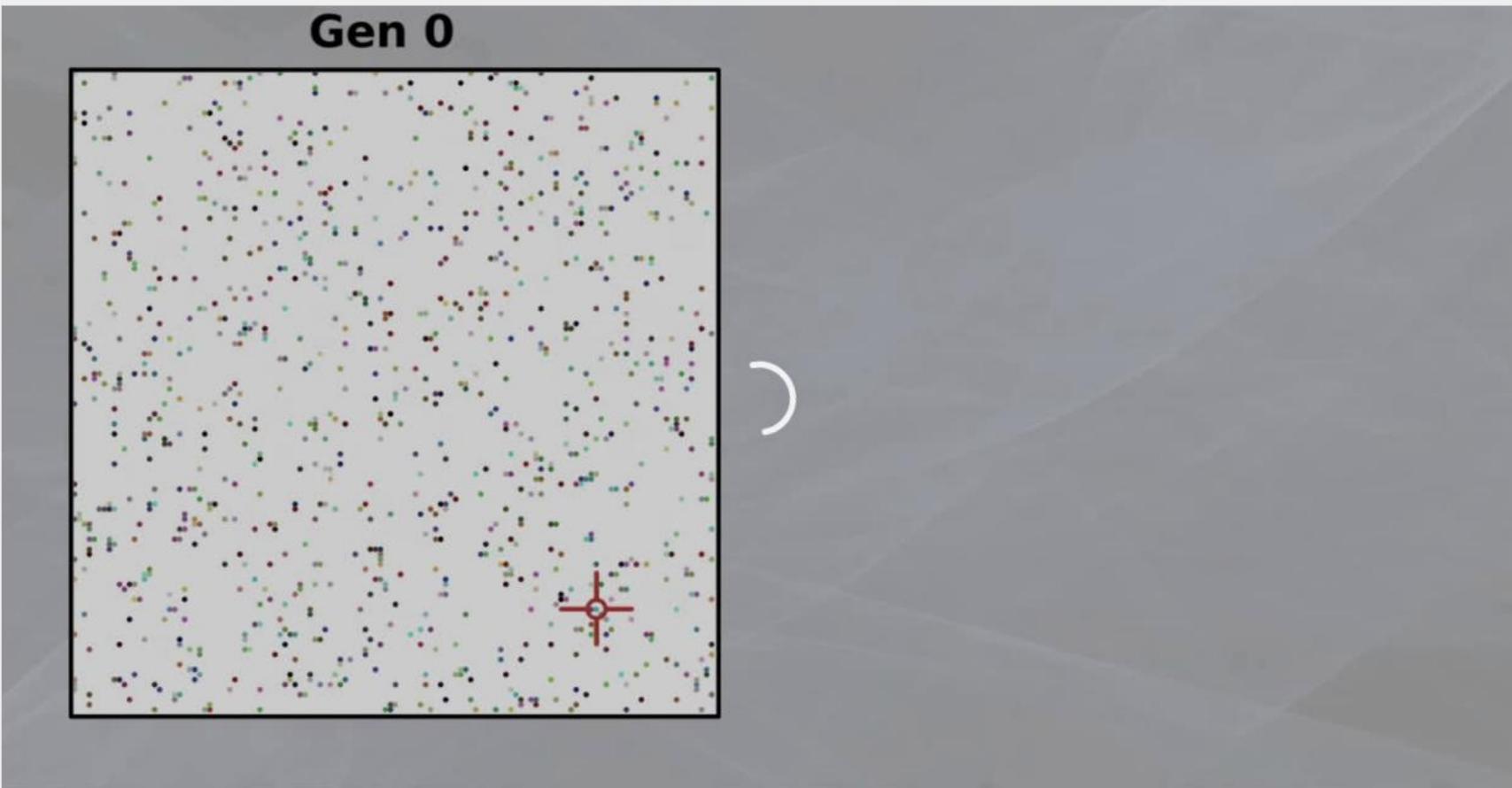


World size: 128x128  
Population: 1000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 4 genes  
Inner neurons: 1

# Conclusions

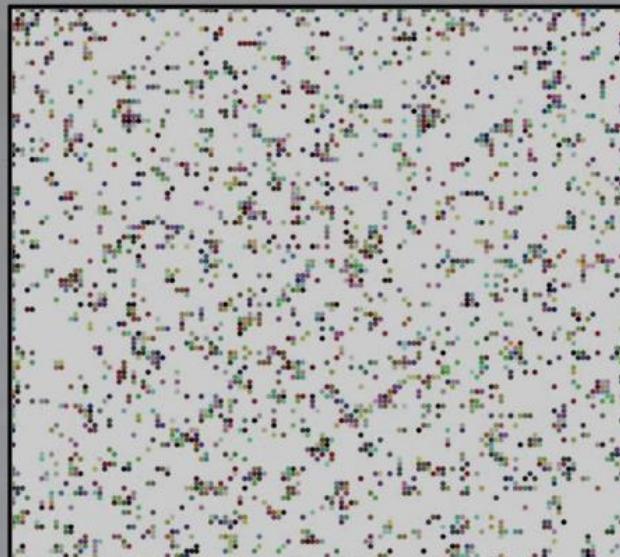


# Natural selection



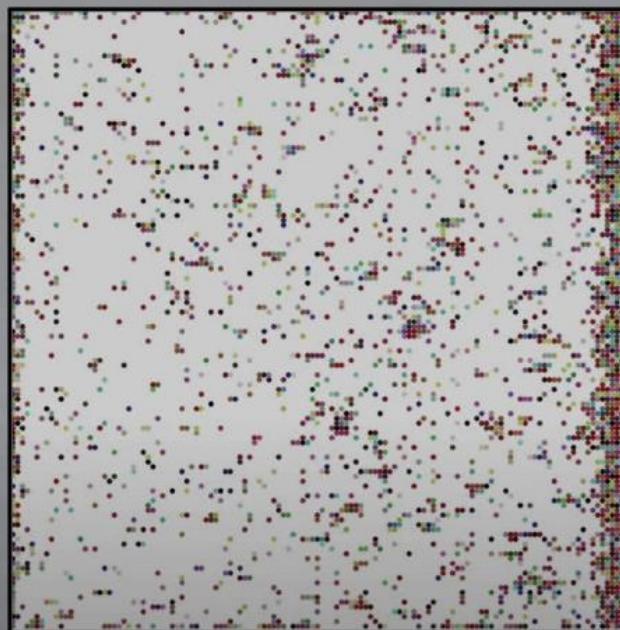
# Simulation 2

Gen 0



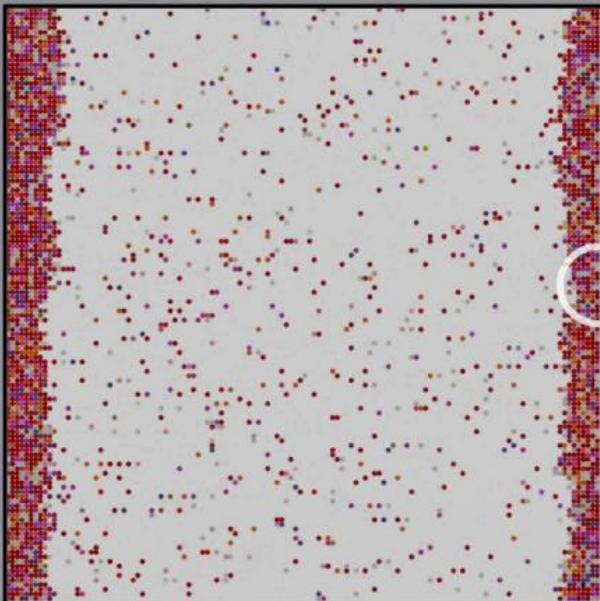
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Population: 3000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 24 genes  
Inner neurons: 4  
Mutation rate: 0.001

Gen 25



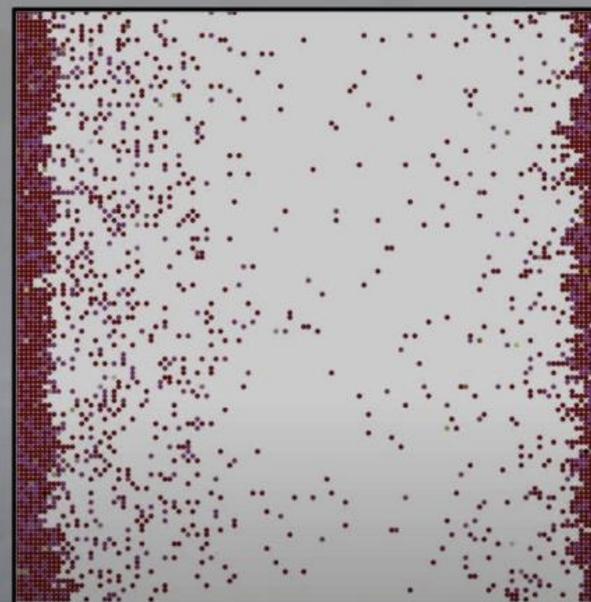
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Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 24 genes  
Inner neurons: 4  
Mutation rate: 0.001

## Gen 1000



World size: 128x128  
Population: 3000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 24 genes  
Inner neurons: 4  
Mutation rate: 0.001

## Gen 8300



World size: 128x128  
Population: 3000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 24 genes  
Inner neurons: 4  
Mutation rate: 0.001

**99.3%**

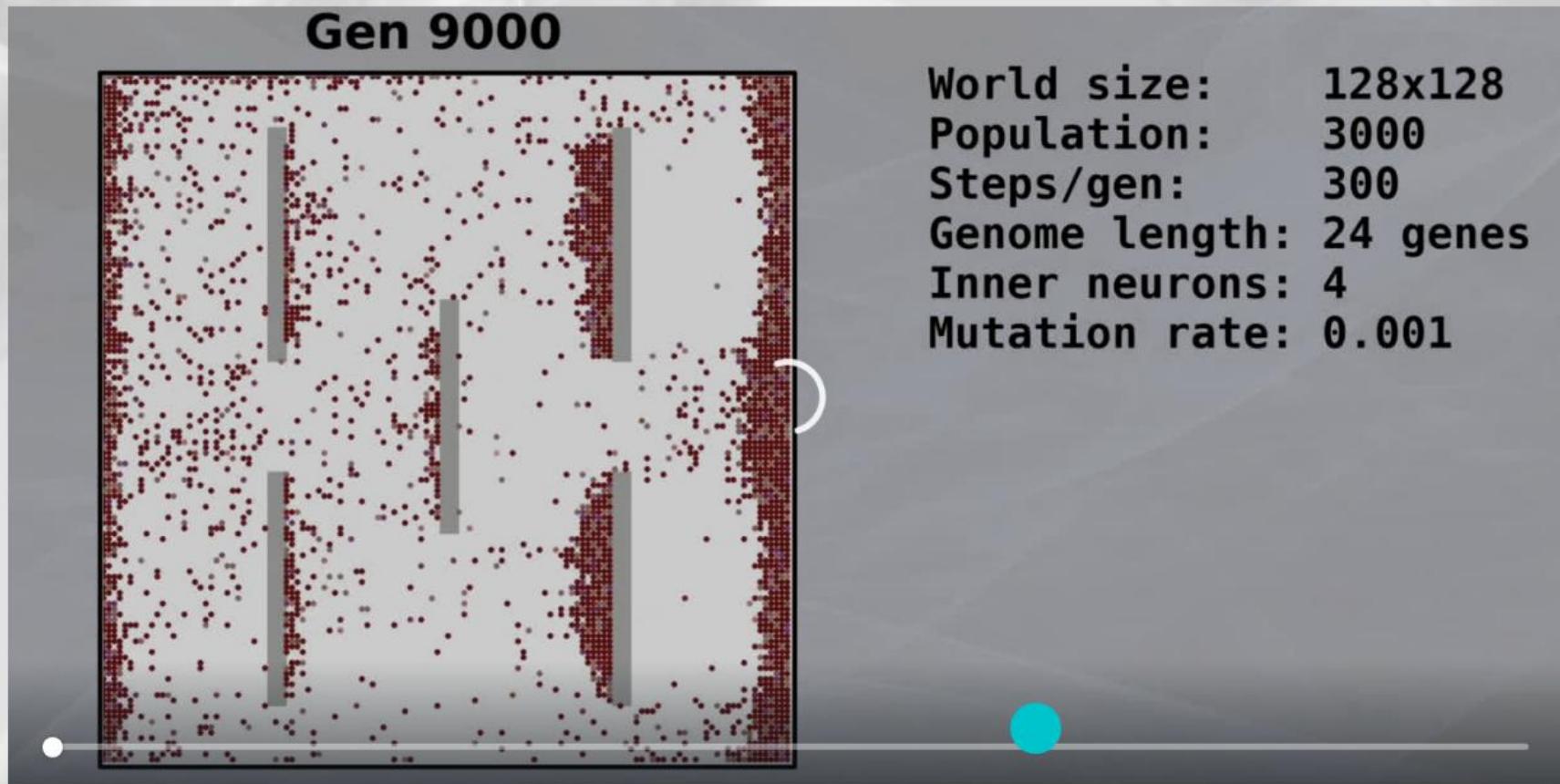
# Power of Mutations

Gen 8301



World size: 128x128  
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Steps/gen: 300  
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Inner neurons: 4  
Mutation rate: 0.001

# After 700 Generations



**Gen 177,000**

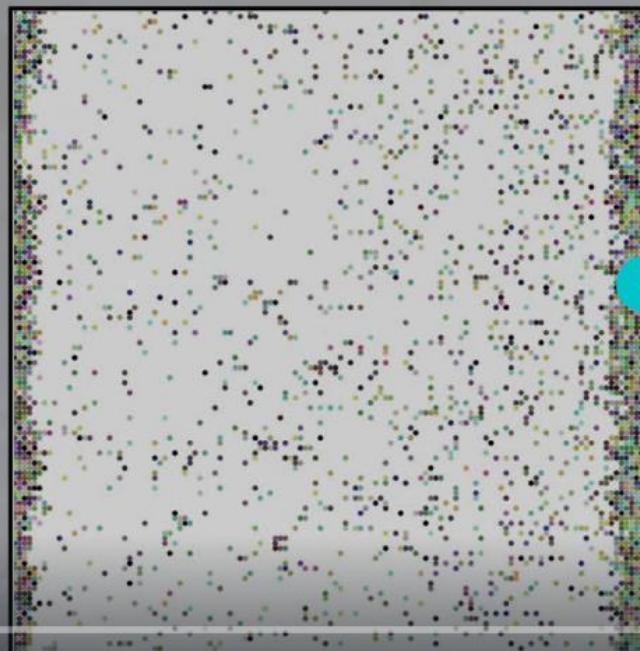


World size: 128x128  
Population: 3000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 24 genes  
Inner neurons: 4  
Mutation rate: 0.001

**83%**

# The Beauty in Randomnesses

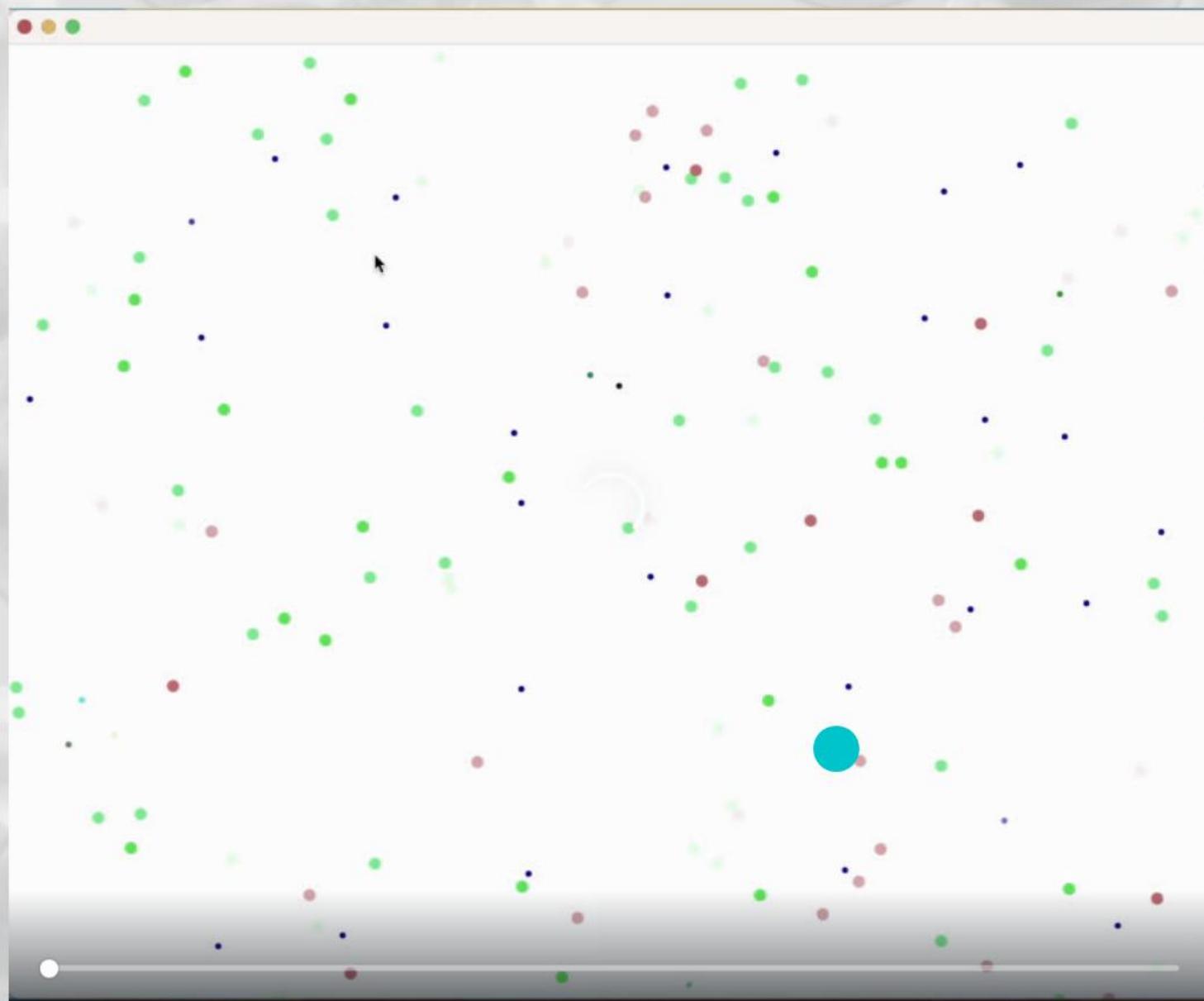
**Gen 100**



World size: 128x128  
Population: 3000  
Steps/gen: 300  
Genome length: 24 genes  
Inner neurons: 4  
Mutation rate: 0.0

**97%**

# Pond Simulation



# Main

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the following details:

- Project Explorer (Left):** Shows a Java project structure with several source files and folders like Graphics, Prog06\_01\_permutations, Prog06\_07, Project\_06\_05, Project\_5\_graphs, Project\_Automata\_, Project\_Automata\_1, Test2\_, text\_fx, and src. The file "Main.java" is selected.
- Code Editor (Center):** Displays the Java code for the "Main" class. The code handles drawing food, poison, and automata items on a canvas based on their health/damage levels.
- Console (Bottom):** Shows the terminal output: "<terminated> Main (1) [Java Application] /Applications/Eclipse.app/Contents/Eclipse/plugins/org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.macosx.aarch64\_17.0.7.v20230425-1502/jre/bin/java (Oct 25, 2023)"

```
45      Scene scene = new Scene(pane);
46      primaryStage.setScene(scene);
47      primaryStage.show();
48  }
49
50  public void drawPondItems(Pond pond, Canvas canvas) {
51      GraphicsContext gc = canvas.getGraphicsContext2D();
52
53      // Clear the canvas
54      gc.clearRect(0, 0, canvas.getWidth(), canvas.getHeight());
55
56      // Draw food items
57      for (Point2D point : pond.getFoodMap().keySet()) {
58          Food food = pond.getFoodMap().get(point);
59          double foodOpacity = Math.min(1.0, Math.max(0.0, food.getHealth() / 100.0));
60          gc.setFill(Color.rgb(0, 255, 0, foodOpacity));
61          gc.fillOval(point.getX(), point.getY(), 10, 10);
62      }
63
64      // Draw poison items
65      for (Point2D point : pond.getPoisonMap().keySet()) {
66          Poison poison = pond.getPoisonMap().get(point);
67          double poisonOpacity = Math.min(1.0, Math.max(0.0, poison.getDamage() / 100.0));
68          gc.setFill(Color.rgb(255, 0, 0, poisonOpacity));
69          gc.fillOval(point.getX(), point.getY(), 10, 10);
70      }
71
72      // Draw automata
73      // for (Point2D point : pond.getAutomataMap().keySet()) {
74      //     Automata automata = pond.getAutomataMap().get(point);
75      //     double automataOpacity = Math.min(1.0, Math.max(0.0, automata.getHealth() / 100.0));
76      //     gc.setFill(Color.rgb(0, 0, 255, automataOpacity));
77      //     gc.fillOval(point.getX(), point.getY(), automata.getRadius(), automata.getRadius());
78  }
```

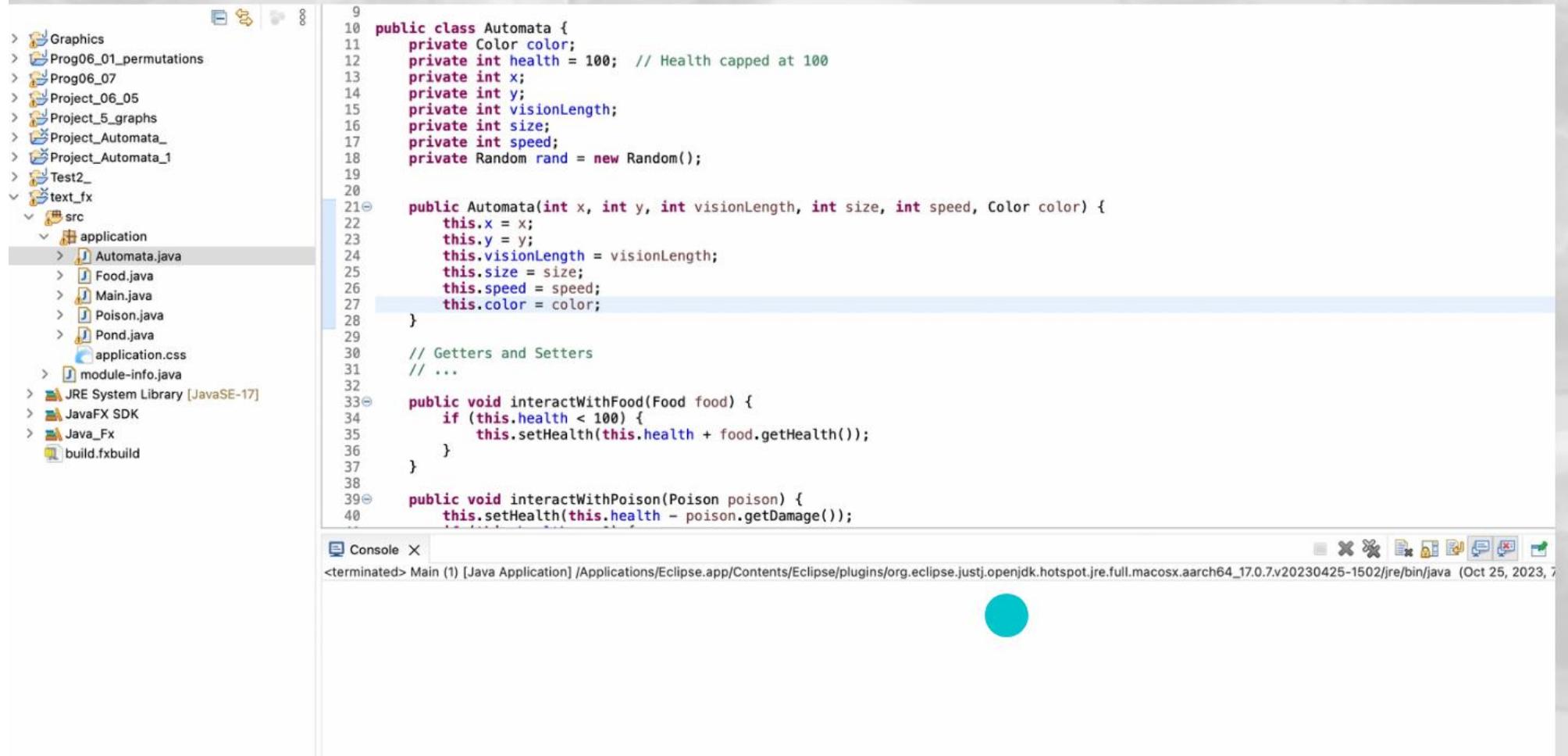
# Pond

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with a Java project named "Pond". The left pane displays the project structure, and the right pane shows the code editor with line numbers and syntax highlighting.

```
80 // Method to add random Automata
81 public void addRandomAutomata(int numOfAutomata) {
82     Random rand = new Random();
83     for (int i = 0; i < numOfAutomata; i++) {
84         int x = rand.nextInt(width);
85         int y = rand.nextInt(height);
86         Point2D point = new Point2D(x, y);
87         if (isWithinPond(x, y) && !automataMap.containsKey(point) && !foodMap.containsKey(point) && !poisonMap.containsKey(point))
88             Automata automata = new Automata(x, y, 50, 5, 2, Color.rgb(0, 0, 255)); // visionLength=50, size=5, speed=2
89             automataMap.put(point, automata);
90     }
91 }
92
93 public void moveAndInteractAutomata() {
94     ArrayList<Point2D> pointsToRemove = new ArrayList<>();
95     ArrayList<Point2D> pointsToAdd = new ArrayList<>();
96     HashMap<Point2D, Automata> newAutomataPoints = new HashMap<>();
97
98     for (Point2D point : new ArrayList<>(automataMap.keySet())) {
99         Automata automata = automataMap.get(point);
100        automata.move();
101
102        // Remove this point from the map as the automata has moved
103        pointsToRemove.add(point);
104
105        // Check for food within the pond
106        for (Point2D foodPoint : new ArrayList<>(foodMap.keySet())) {
107            if (isTouching(point, foodPoint, automata.getSize())) {
108                automata.interactWithFood(foodMap.get(foodPoint));
109                foodMap.remove(foodPoint); // Remove the food that was consumed
110                break; // Exit the loop as the automata consumed one food item
111
112    }
```

The code implements a simulation where random automata are added to a pond environment. It handles their movement and interaction with food items. The project structure includes files like Application.java, Main.java, and various configuration and utility files.

# Automata



The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the following details:

- Project Explorer (left):** Shows a Java project structure with the following files:
  - Graphics
  - Prog06\_01\_permutations
  - Prog06\_07
  - Project\_06\_05
  - Project\_5\_graphs
  - Project\_Automata
  - Project\_Automata\_1
  - Test2\_
  - text\_fx
    - src
      - application
        - Automata.java
        - Food.java
        - Main.java
        - Poison.java
        - Pond.java
      - application.css
    - module-info.java
  - JRE System Library [JavaSE-17]
  - JavaFX SDK
  - Java\_Fx
  - build.fxbuild
- Code Editor (center):** Displays the Java code for the `Automata` class. The code includes private fields for color, health, position, vision length, size, speed, and a random number generator. It has a constructor that initializes these fields. It also contains methods for interacting with food and poison, both of which involve modifying the `health` field.

```
9  public class Automata {  
10     private Color color;  
11     private int health = 100; // Health capped at 100  
12     private int x;  
13     private int y;  
14     private int visionLength;  
15     private int size;  
16     private int speed;  
17     private Random rand = new Random();  
18  
19  
20     public Automata(int x, int y, int visionLength, int size, int speed, Color color) {  
21         this.x = x;  
22         this.y = y;  
23         this.visionLength = visionLength;  
24         this.size = size;  
25         this.speed = speed;  
26         this.color = color;  
27     }  
28  
29     // Getters and Setters  
30     // ...  
31  
32     public void interactWithFood(Food food) {  
33         if (this.health < 100) {  
34             this.setHealth(this.health + food.getHealth());  
35         }  
36     }  
37  
38     public void interactWithPoison(Poison poison) {  
39         this.setHealth(this.health - poison.getDamage());  
40     }  
41 }
```
- Console (bottom):** Shows the terminal output of a Java application named "Main". The output indicates the application was terminated and provides the path to the Java executable used.

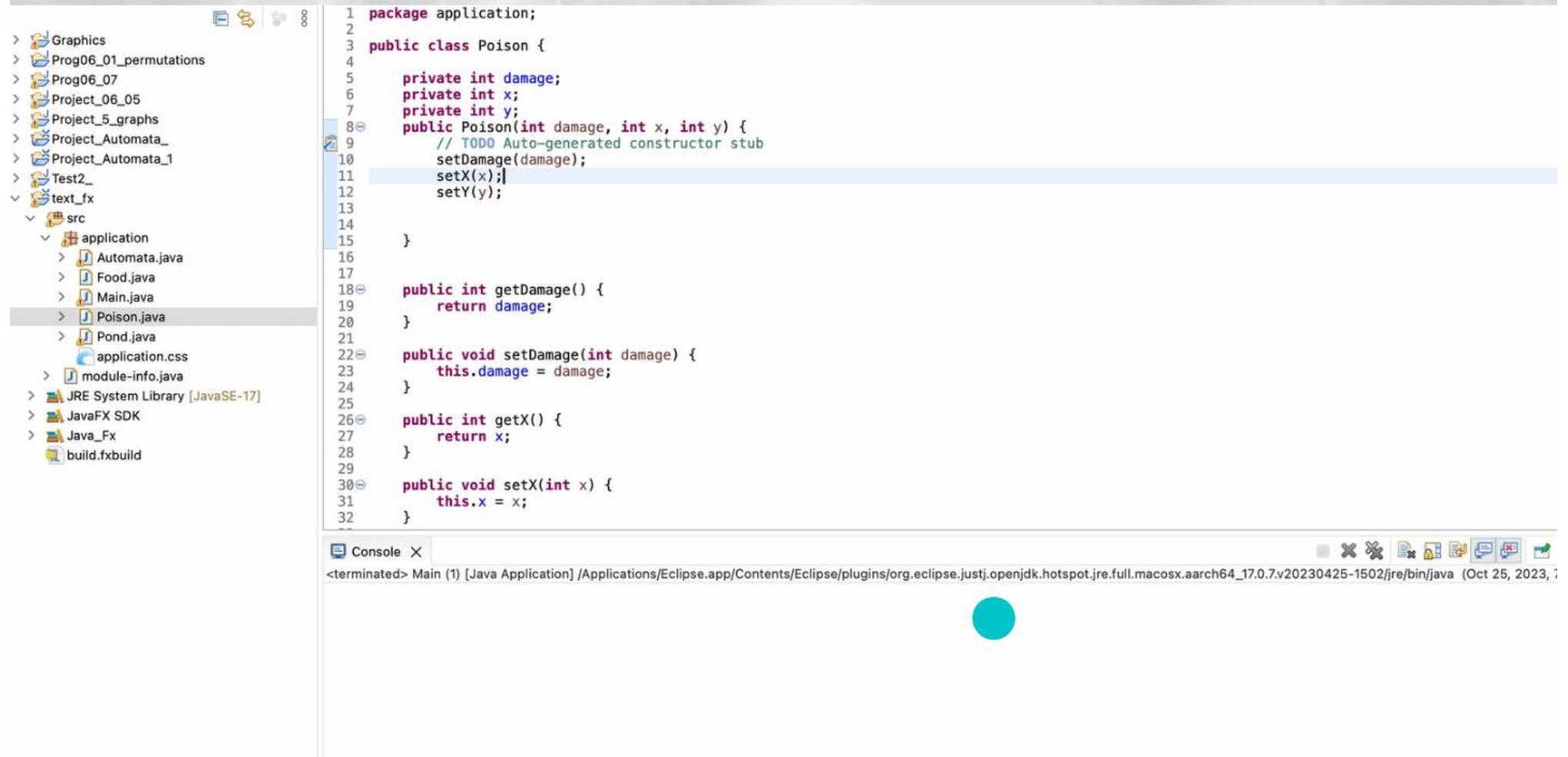
# Food

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with a Java project named "application". The "src" folder contains several Java files: Application.java, Automata.java, Food.java (which is selected), Main.java, Poison.java, and Pond.java. It also includes application.css, module-info.java, and build.fxbuild. The JRE System Library is set to JavaSE-17. The Food.java code is displayed in the editor:

```
1 package application;
2
3 public class Food {
4
5     private int health;
6     private int x;
7     private int y;
8     public Food(int health, int x, int y) {
9         // TODO Auto-generated constructor stub
10        setHealth(health);
11        setX(x);
12        setY(y);
13    }
14
15    public int getHealth() {
16        return health;
17    }
18    public void setHealth(int health) {
19        this.health = health;
20    }
21    public int getX() {
22        return x;
23    }
24    public void setX(int x) {
25        this.x = x;
26    }
27    public int getY() {
28        return y;
29    }
30    public void setY(int y) {
31        this.y = y;
32    }
}
```

The "Console" tab is open at the bottom, showing the command-line output of the application.

# Poison



The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the following details:

- Project Explorer (left):** Shows a Java project structure with several projects listed under the root. The 'src' folder of the current project contains files like Automata.java, Food.java, Main.java, Poison.java, and Pond.java.
- Code Editor (center):** Displays the Java code for the `Poison` class. The code includes fields for damage, x, and y, and methods for getting and setting these values. A TODO comment is present in the constructor stub.
- Console (bottom):** Shows the output of a terminated Java application named 'Main'. The console output includes the path to the application and the date it was run.

```
1 package application;
2
3 public class Poison {
4
5     private int damage;
6     private int x;
7     private int y;
8     public Poison(int damage, int x, int y) {
9         // TODO Auto-generated constructor stub
10        setDamage(damage);
11        setX(x);
12        setY(y);
13    }
14
15    public int getDamage() {
16        return damage;
17    }
18    public void setDamage(int damage) {
19        this.damage = damage;
20    }
21    public int getX() {
22        return x;
23    }
24    public void setX(int x) {
25        this.x = x;
26    }
27}
```

Console Output:  
<terminated> Main (1) [Java Application] /Applications/Eclipse.app/Contents/Eclipse/plugins/org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.macosx.aarch64\_17.0.7.v20230425-1502/jre/bin/java (Oct 25, 2023)

*Thank  
You*

