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SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION

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DURATION: 3 Hours

FULL MARKS: 150

CSE 4741: Bioinformatics

Programmable calculators are not allowed. Do not write anything on the question paper.
There are 8 (eight) questions. Answer any 6 (six) of them. Figures in the right margin indicate marks.

1. a) Two biological sequences of length five and six respectively are needed to be aligned both locally and globally. It has been decided that *Smith-Waterman algorithm* will be used for local alignment and *Needleman-Wunsch algorithm* will be used for global alignment. 10

 Show Initialized scoring matrix for both of the methods. Explain how the difference(s) of the initial scoring matrices impact on the final outcomes.
 b) Four RNA sequences are given as follows-

 Seq 1: ACGCATTGAATGATGATAAT
 Seq 2: ACGCGTTGGGCGATGGCAAC
 Seq 3: ACACATTGAGTGATAATAAT
 Seq 4: ACGCGTTGGGCGACGGTAAT

 i. Build distance matrix for the sequences. 4
 ii. Using Fitch-Margoliash algorithm to build a phylogenetic tree for the sequences. 11
2. a) Discuss the steps of translation process in *Central Dogma*. 5
 b) Explain various theories about how multi-translation takes place from a single mRNA. 11
 c) Write short notes on the followings- 3x3
Poly Adenylation, mRNA Degradation, mRNA Half-Life
3. a) Along with a graphical presentation name various types of RNA secondary structures. 7
 b) Discuss basic principles and advantages of MFE-folding algorithm for RNA structure prediction. 6
 c) State *Projection Algorithm* for Motif search. Define various terms used in the algorithm. 8+4
4. a) Discuss in detail how the propensity values can be calculated for Chow-Fasman algorithms. 8
 b) Write down the Chow-Fasman algorithms to predict protein secondary structures (alpha helix, beta strand, beta turn) for an amino acid chain. 5x3
 c) How to resolve conflicts between outcomes of Chow-Fasman algorithms? 2
5. a) For an experiment you are needed to calculate a proximity matrix for a set of gene clusters. Each cell $M(i,j)$ of the proximity matrix represents similarity between cluster(i) and cluster(j). Discuss various possible attributes to calculate cluster similarity in this context. 12
 b) Mention one of the major drawback of K-means algorithm. Discuss a method to overcome this drawback. Write down the modified K-means algorithm as per discussion. 1+5
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| 6. | a) | Compare divisive and agglomerative clustering methods. | |
| | b) | What is the importance of SSE (Sum of Squared Error) in the field of clustering? How SSE can be calculated? | 6
5+2 |
| | c) | Classify various types of RNAs and discuss their functions. | |
| | d) | How RNAs are different then DNAs? | 9
3 |
| 7. | a) | What is RNA editing? How it is different than gene evolution? Explain. | |
| | b) | <i>Cephalopods have something really strange in their genes</i> - discuss on this topic. | 8
12 |
| | c) | What is <i>DNA microarray</i> ? Discuss its importance in the field of bioinformatics. | 5 |
| 8. | a) | What do you mean by gene expression? Discuss control regions of a gene. | 2+4 |
| | b) | Discuss the mechanism of gene regulation process. | 9 |
| | c) | Define Boolean Network. Explain how Boolean Network can be used to model a gene regulatory network. | 10 |