



COMP90014

Algorithms for Bioinformatics

Week 8A: Considerations & Graph Simplification

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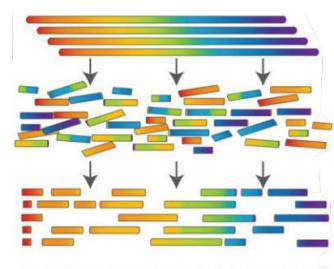
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contigs 0verlap(重叠):在这个阶段,计算所有 reads 之间的重叠关系。目标是找出哪些 reads 可能连续出现在原始基因组中。

Layout (布局):基于重叠关系,将 reads 排列成一个或多个连续的序列。在这一步,重叠的 reads 被组合在一起,形成一个更长的序列。

Consensus (共识):由于测序错误和其他因素,重叠的部分可能在某些位置上有差异。共识阶段的目的是解决这些差异,得到一个最可能的单一序列。

Overlap-Layout-Consensus (OLC)



Commins et al., 2009

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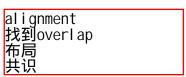
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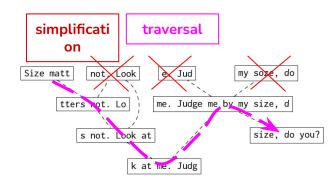
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contigs

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Overlap, Layout



Size matters not. Look at me. Judge me by my size, do you?

Consensus

reads:

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-TCGAAG-TAG-TGATGATAGATGCTAGCTGA-GA

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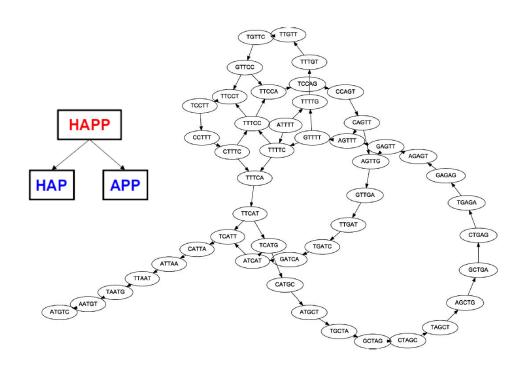
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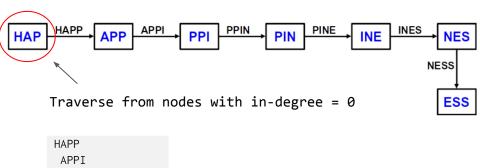


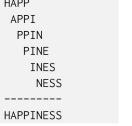
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The reads assemble to HAPPINESS Easy!

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	OLC	De Bruijn	
Preprocessing	All-vs-all alignment (slow)	Kmer counting (fast)	
Graph nodes	Reads	Kmer prefixes / suffixes	
Graph edges	Overlaps	Kmers	
Traversal	Hamiltonian (slow)	Eulerian (fast)	
Read coherence	Yes	No	
Repeat resolution	Better	Worse	
Read errors	No problem	A problem	

Almost like OLC is well suited to long reads, and De Bruijn is suited to short reads...

OLC vs De Bruijn

Both OLC and De Bruijn approaches use graphs as intermediate.

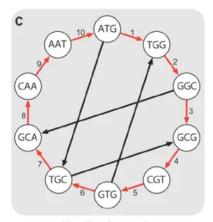
OLC has some pros:

- Better tolerance of read errors
- Better repeat resolution power

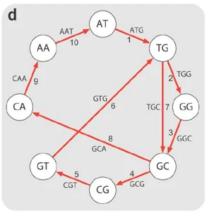
But enormous complexity hit!

- All vs all alignment (get overlaps)
- Hamiltonian vs Eulerian cycles

Why is De Bruijn much more scalable?



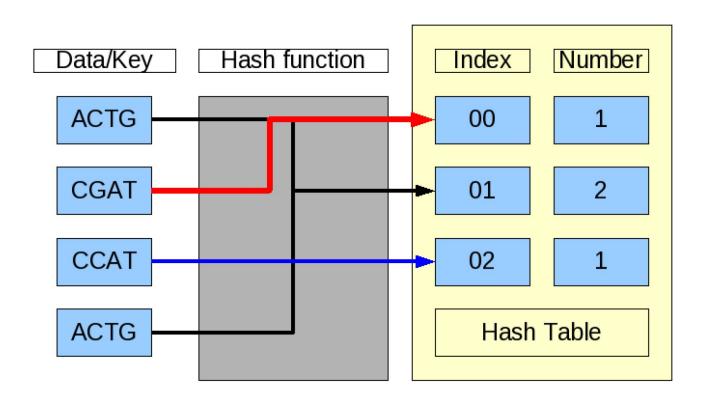
Hamiltonian cycle Visit each vertex once (harder to solve)



Eulerian cycle
Visit each edge once
(easier to solve)

Compeau, Pevzner, Tesler (2011)

- 1. Select a value for *k*
- 2. *Hash* the reads (break them into *k*-mers)
- 3. Count the *k*-mers
- 4. Make the de Bruijn graph and annotate with k-mer frequency
- 5. Simplify the graph
- 6. Read off contigs from simplified graph



- Using de Bruijn graphs is fast
 - exact matches: no alignments to compute!
 - look up k-mers in index (hash) in linear time
 - can build graph in $O(N_k)$ time (N_k = number of unique k-mers)
- Eulerian pathing is fast
 - make contigs in O(E) time (E = number of edges)

- What de Bruijn graph advantages have we discovered?
 - Can be built in O(N) expected time
 N = total number of reads
 - With perfect data, graph uses O(min(N, G)) space
 G = genome length
 - Note: when depth is high, G ≪ N
- Compares favourably with overlap graph:
 - Fast overlap graph construction (suffix tree) is O(N + a) time a = number of alignments
 - Space is O(N + a).
 - Remember: a is $O(N^2)$

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- Read errors
- Ploidy

图有很多边 (Graph has lots of edges):

当使用 OLC 策略进行基因组组装时,我们首先需要寻找 reads 之间的所有可能重叠。这导致产生的图中有大量的边,因为每一个 read 可能与多个其他 reads 重叠。这使得图的结构非常复杂,并增加了计算的复杂性和内存需求。

在构建重叠图时,可能会因为一些内在的原因(如重复的基因组区域或测序错误)导致图结构变得复杂。例如,基因组中的重复区域可能导致一个 read 与多个其他 reads 重叠,这会使得图的结构变得更加复杂。

kmer 的大小效应 (Effect of kmer size):

De Bruijn 图的构建是基于 kmers 的。kmer 的大小(k的值)直接影响图的复杂性和组装的准确性。较小的 k 值可能会导致更多的连接,但可能更容易受到测序错误的影响。较大的 k 值可能会减少连接,但可能错过某些重要的重叠关系。

使用 kmers (use of kmers):

为了构建 De Bruijn 图, reads 被切割成长度为 k 的片段, 称为 kmers。然后基于这些 kmers 构建图, 其中每个 kmer 是图中的一个节点, 而边表示两个 kmer 的重叠。

测序错误(Read errors):

由于测序技术的不完美,输入的 reads 中可能存在错误。这些错误在 De Bruijn 图中可能导致错误的连接或断开,使得图的解读 更加困难。

Ploidy (倍性):

倍性是一个生物学概念,指的是一个细胞中染色体的集合数量。例如,人类的体细胞是二倍体,因为它们有两套染色体,一套来自母亲,一套来自父亲。在基因组组装中,考虑倍性很重要,因为不同的倍性水平(如二倍体、四倍体等)可能导致组装过程中的困难,特别是在处理多倍体生物时,因为它们可能有多个非常相似但略有不同的基因组版本。

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- Repeats
- Strandedness
- Will mention, then promptly forget these.

Repeats(重复):

重复是基因组组装中的一个主要挑战。基因组中可能存在大量的重复序列,这些重复序列会导致 reads 的误配和组装图的复杂性增加。当一个 read 可以与多个位置匹配时,确定其在基因组中的正确位置变得困难。这是 OLC 和 De Bruijn 等组装方法都需要面对的问题。

Strandedness (链特异性):

链特异性是指 DNA 的两个互补链中,哪一个链被用来生成 reads。在某些测序技术中,可以确定 reads 来自哪一个链(正链或负链),这称为"链特异性测序"。链特异性的信息有助于提高组装的准确性,因为它可以帮助确定 reads 的方向。然而,不是所有的测序数据都包含链特异性信息

OLC Specific

Many edges

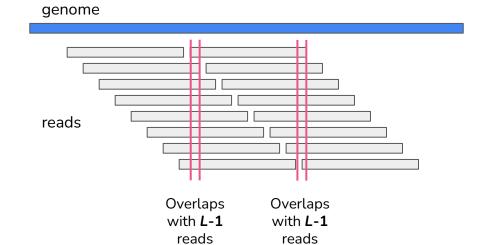
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Sequencing depth = 30x (测序深度 = 30倍): 这意味着平均每个基因组位置被测序了30次。测序深度是基因组测序中一个关键的参数,代表了平均每个基因组位置的读取数量。

Average 30 reads cover each position (平均每个位置有30个 reads 覆盖): 这是上面测序深度的直接结果。它告诉我们每个基因组的位置大约被30个不同的 reads 覆盖。

Each read overlaps with ~60 other reads (每个 read 与大约60个其他 reads 重叠): 如果每个位置平均被30个 reads 覆盖,那么考虑到 reads 的两端,一个 read 大致会与其他60个 reads 重叠。这增加了构建重叠图的复杂性。

Not including repetitive sequence (没有包括重复序列):

重复序列是基因组组装中的一个主要挑战。在这里,您指出的是,上述的计算(每个 read 与大约60个其他 reads 的重叠)没有考虑到基因组中可能存在的重复序列。这意味着实际的重叠可能远远超过这个数字。

This is a big omission (这是一个大的遗漏): 这句话意味着,不考虑重复序列是一个重大的疏忽。因为重复序列在基因组组装中是一个关键的难点,所以不考虑它可能会导致 组装的错误或不准确

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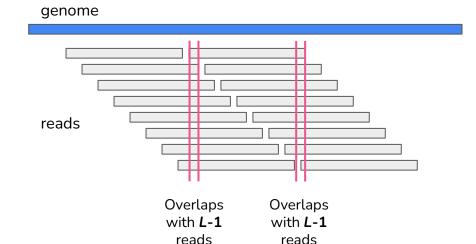
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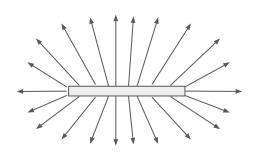
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Problematic when calculating hamiltonian path.

Can mitigate by enforcing min overlap len.

Some edges are redundant?





Kmers

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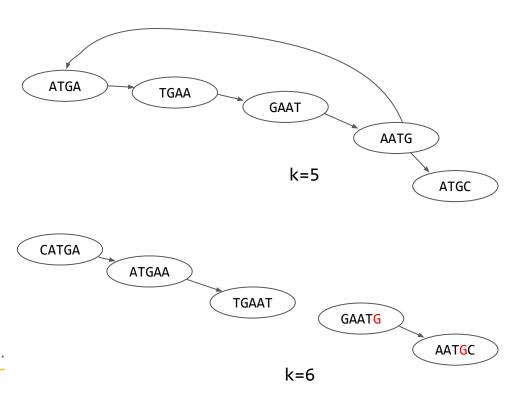
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Lower K: Fewer nodes, more edges

Higher K: More nodes, fewer edges

Balance these two forces. See more Lecture 8B.

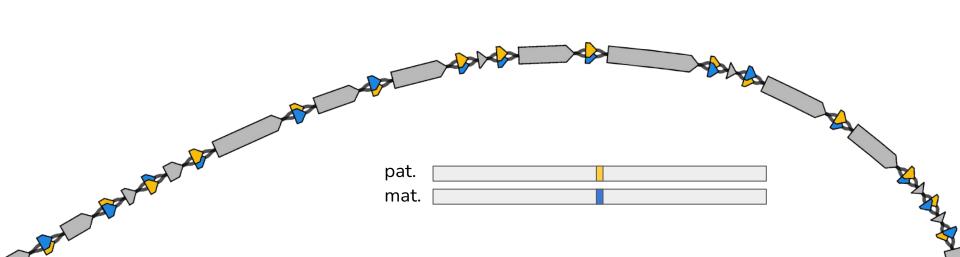


Heterozygosity causes many parallel splits and joins (杂合性导致许多并行的分裂和连接):

分名相足限分: 合性是指一个生物在某个基因座位上具有两个不同的等位基因。在 De Bruijn 图 可,杂合性会引起问题,因为这意味着在某些位置,两套染色体上的序列是不同的 在图中,这可能导致多条并行的路径,因为每个等位基因都可能有自己的序列变 体。这些并行的路径会在那些杂合的位置处分开(split)并最终在某处再次连接 join),这增加了图的复杂性,并使得从图中解析出一个准确的基因组序列变得

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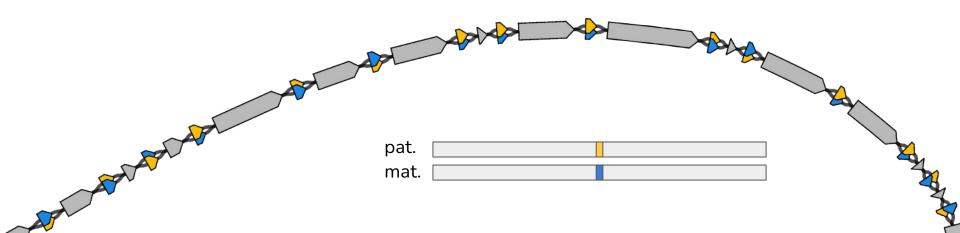


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OLC: Reads from different strands overlap. Will be merged eventually.

De Bruijn: No notion of overlaps. Will need to correct these at some point...

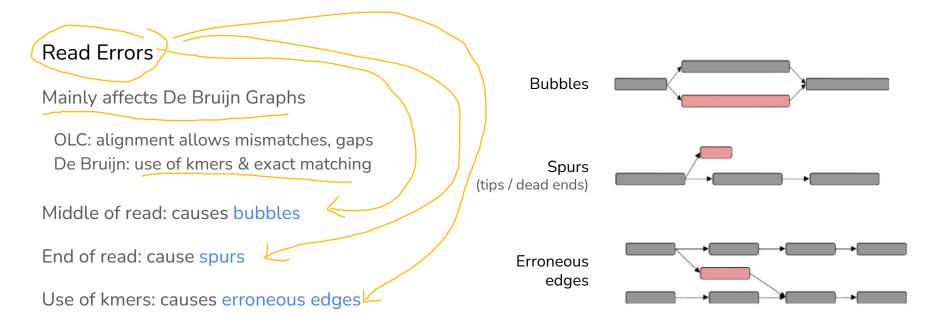


Read Errors

Mainly affects De Bruijn Graphs

OLC: alignment allows mismatches, gaps

De Bruijn: use of kmers & exact matching



基因组组装时读取错误对两种主要组装策略——OLC (Overlap-Layout-Consensus) 和 De Bruijn 图——的影响

OLC: alignment allows mismatches, gaps (OLC:比对允许错配和缺口): 在 OLC 策略中,reads 之间的比对允许存在一些错配和缺口。这意味着即使 reads 之间有些差异(可能由于读取错误或其他原因),它们仍然可以被识别为重叠。

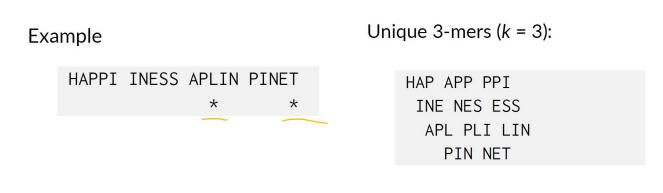
De Bruijn: use of kmers & exact matching (De Bruijn:使用 k-mers 和精确匹配):
De Bruijn 图策略是基于 k-mers 进行的,需要对 k-mers 进行精确匹配。这意味着读取中的任何小错误都会导致一个全新的 k-mer

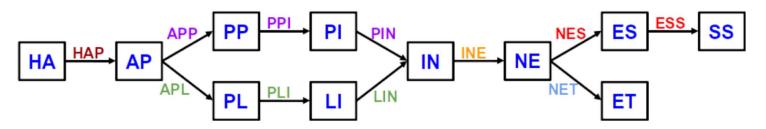
Middle of read: causes bubbles (读取的中部:导致"气泡"): 如果读取的中部出现错误,这在 De Bruijn 图中可能会形成一个被称为"气泡"的结构。气泡是由于两个轻微变异的序列路 径导致的,它们在开始和结束时合并,但在中间有所不同。

End of read: cause spurs (读取的末端:导致"刺"): 如果读取的末端出现错误,这可能会在 De Bruijn 图中形成一个"刺"。这是一个短的、通常是错误的序列分支。

Use of kmers: causes erroneous edges (使用 k-mers:导致错误的边): 由于读取错误导致的错误 k-mers 会在 De Bruijn 图中引入错误的边,这可能会干扰<u>正确的基因组组装。</u>

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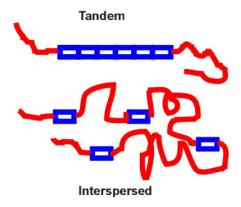
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Tandem repeats (串联重复):

串联重复指的是重复的 DNA 序列紧挨着彼此出现。也就是说,同一片段的 DNA 在基因组中一次又一次地连续出现。

Interspersed repeats (散在重复):

散在重复是指重复的 DNA 片段之间有其他的 DNA 序列。这些重复不是连续的,而是在基因组的不同位置出现,它们之间有其他的、非重复的序列。

*Generally can't do much about repeats (通常对于重复序列没什么办法)**: 这意味着,由于重复序列的存在,基因组组装变得非常困难。当组装软件遇到重复序列时,很难确定某个重复的片段是属于基因组的哪个位置,因为这个片段在多个地方都出现。这大大增加了组装过程中出错的可能性。因此,尽管科研人员已经开发了许多组装算法和策略,重复序列仍然是基因组组装中的一个主要挑战。

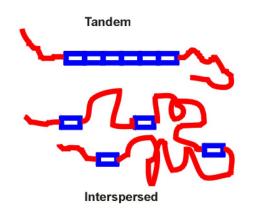
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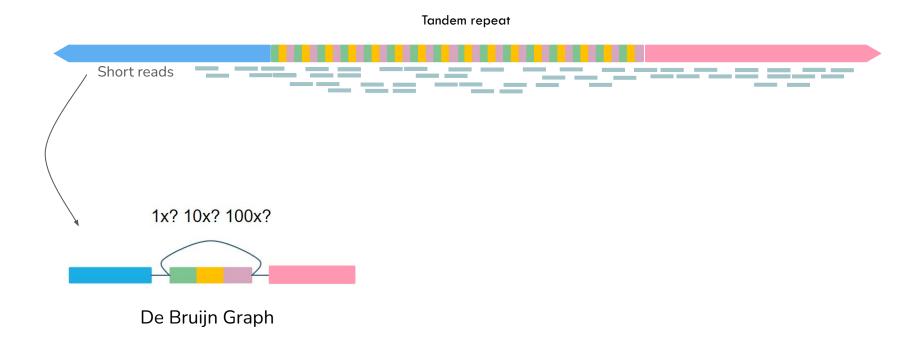


Repeat Class	Arrangement	Coverage (Hg)	Length (bp)
Microsatellite	Tandem	3.00%	2-100
SINE	Interspersed	15.00%	100-300
Transposable elements	Interspersed	12.00%	200-5k
LINE	Interspersed	21.00%	500-8k
rDNA	Tandem	0.01%	2k-43k
Segmental Duplications	Tandem or Interspersed	0.20%	1k-100k

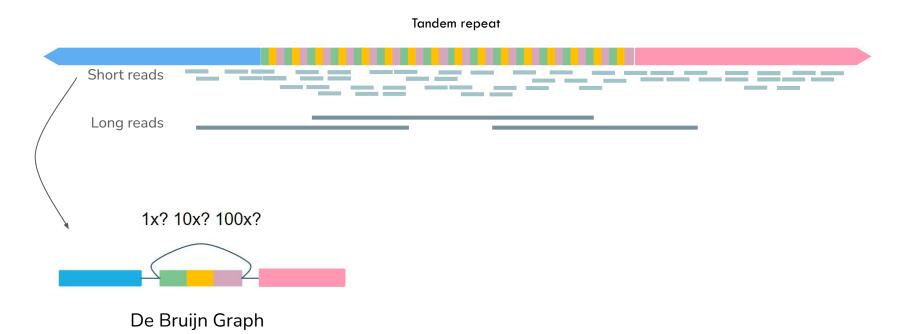
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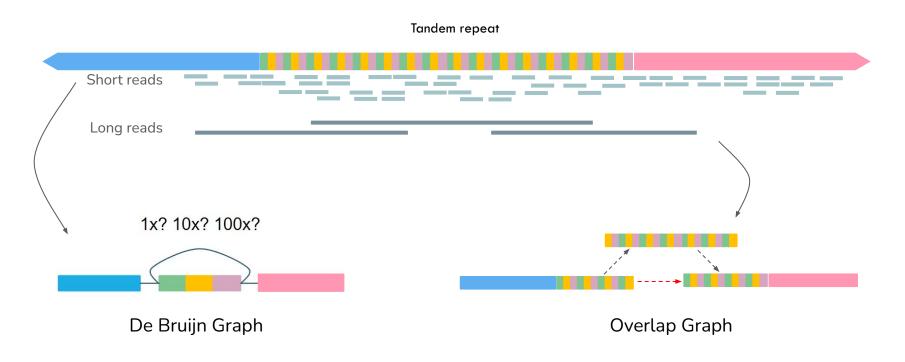
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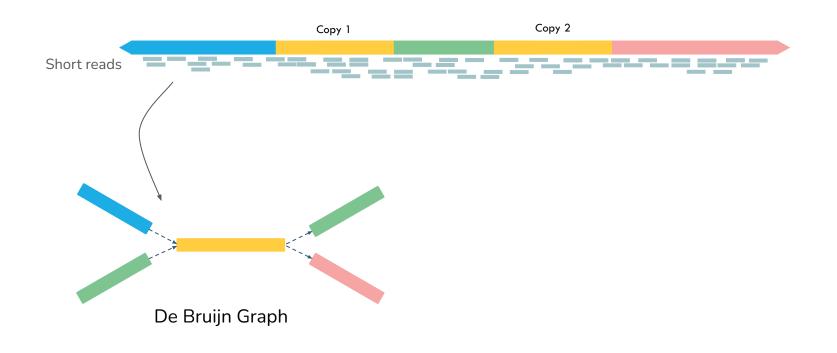
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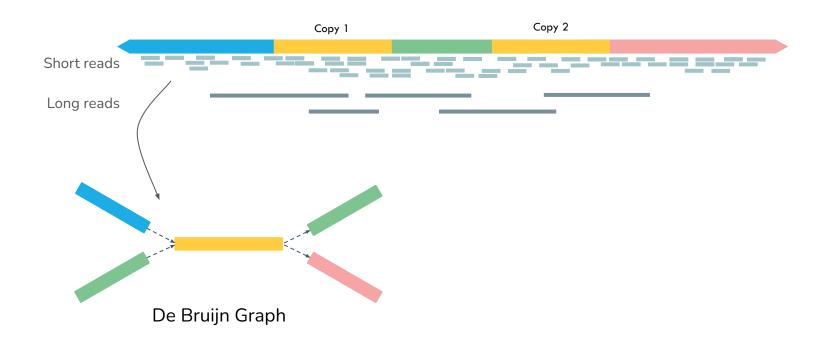


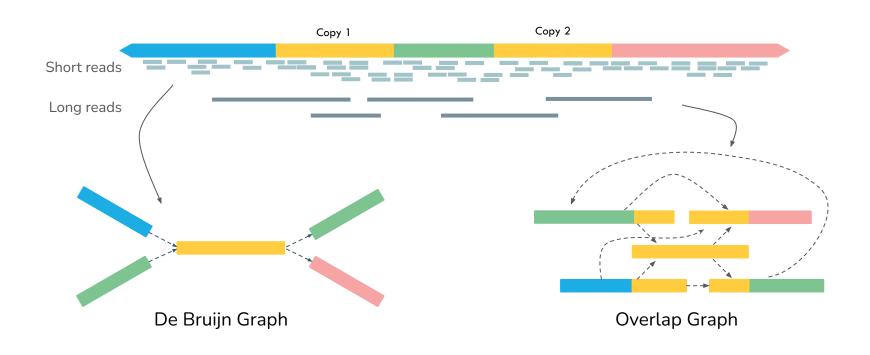
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对于 OLC:

在 OLC 组装方法中,由于我们考虑整个 reads 的重叠,因此 reads 可能来自 DNA 的任一链。因此,为了正确地组装,必须考虑到 reads 可能来自的链(正链或反链)。

或反链)。 当考虑 reads 的 strandedness 时,可以更准确地确定 reads 之间的重叠,并减少由于忽略 strandedness 而产生的错误组装。 对于 De Bruijn 图:

在构建 De Bruijn 图时,使用的是 k-mers。由于考虑的是较短的序列片段,通常会同时考虑一个 k-mer 及其互补的反向 k-mer。 这意味着,尽管 De Bruijn 图的策略没有直接处理整个 reads 的方向性,但在处理 k-mers 时,它实际上已经考虑了 strandedness

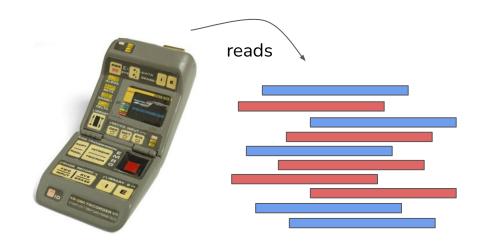
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- (most) sequencing is NOT STRAND SPECIFIC
- how do we deal with this in the graph?

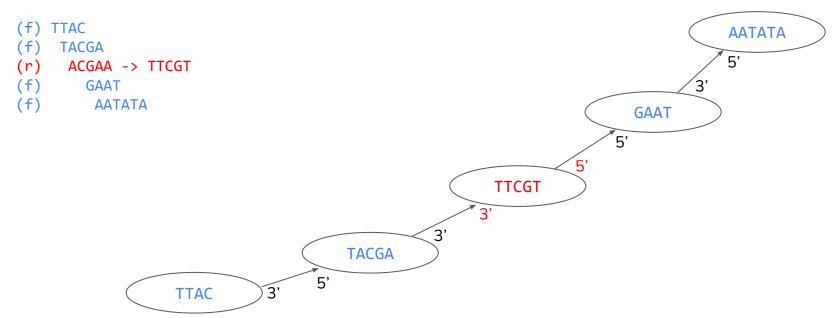


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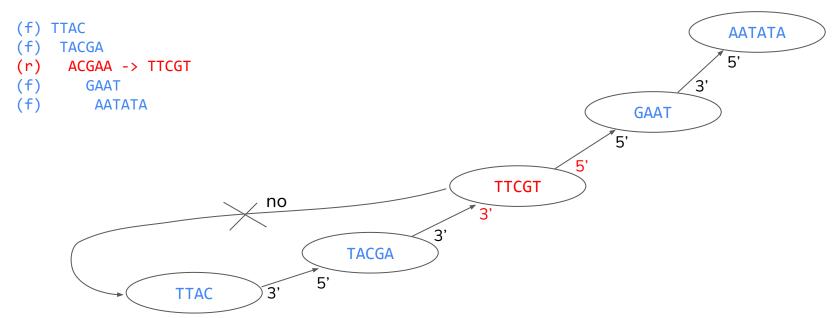
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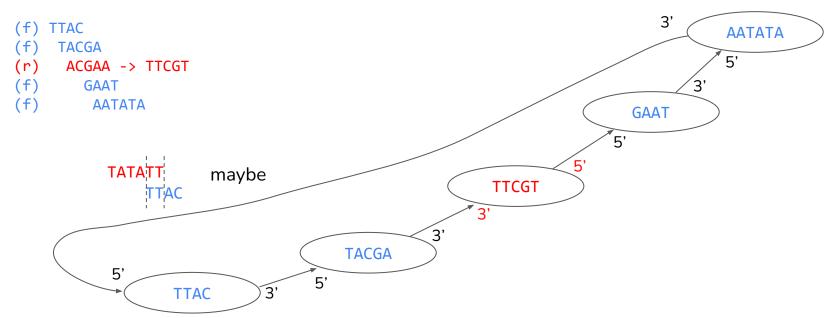
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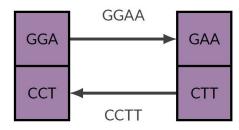
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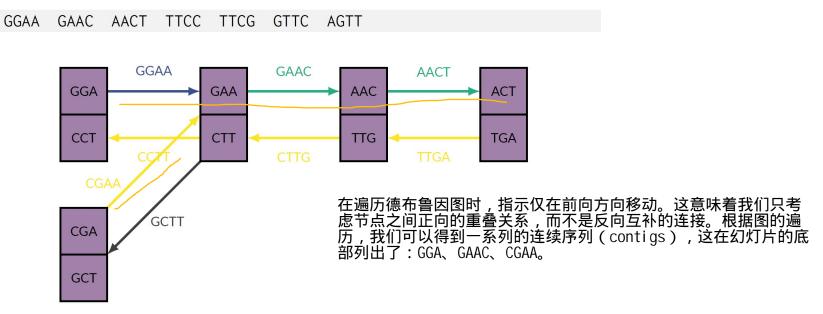
- 1. Take the first k-mer
- 2. Split into prefix/suffix
- 3. Add them as nodes
- 4. Add the reverse complement to nodes
- 5. Add *k*-mers (forwards and reverse complement) as edges
- 6. Repeat for the rest of the *k*-mers





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Traversing the graph: move in the forwards direction only

Contigs: GGAA GAACT CGAA

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 Due to sequencing errors chimeric sequences (repeats)

De Bruijn Graphs

Graph has bubbles

- Read errors (middle of read), heterozygosity

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- Read errors (end of read)

Graph has erroneous edges

- Use of kmers

Assembly Algorithms

Recap

OLC vs De Bruijn Assembly

Considerations

OLC Simplification

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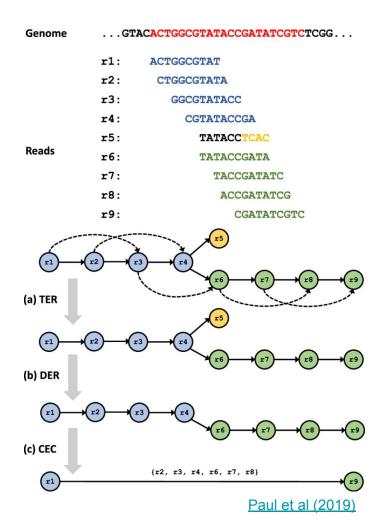
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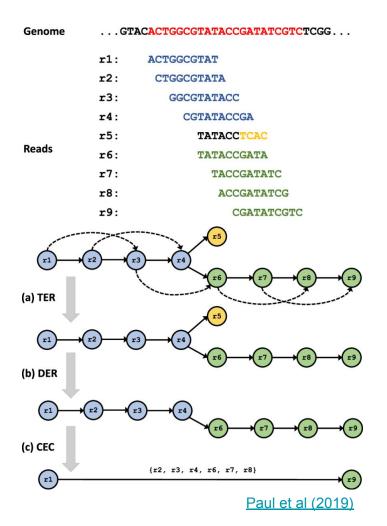
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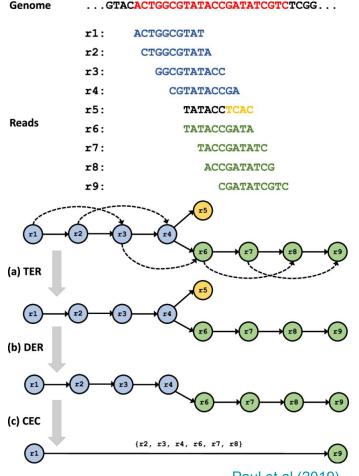
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Composite Edge Contraction(CEC)

- Merges nodes in manner which does not lose information
- Quite complex. Not covering this.



Paul et al (2019)

Want a hamiltonian path (想要一个哈密尔顿路径): 哈密尔顿路径是图论中的概念,它指的是一个在图中经过每个顶点恰好一次的路径。在基因组组装的上下文中,这意味着找到一个表示完整基因组序列的路径,其中每个读取(read)恰好被使用一次。

...but overlap graphs have many edges & dead ends (但重叠图中有很多边和死胡同):由于每个读取可能与许多其他读取重叠,因此在基因组组装中,重叠图往往非常复杂,有很多边。这使得找到哈密尔顿路径变得困难。

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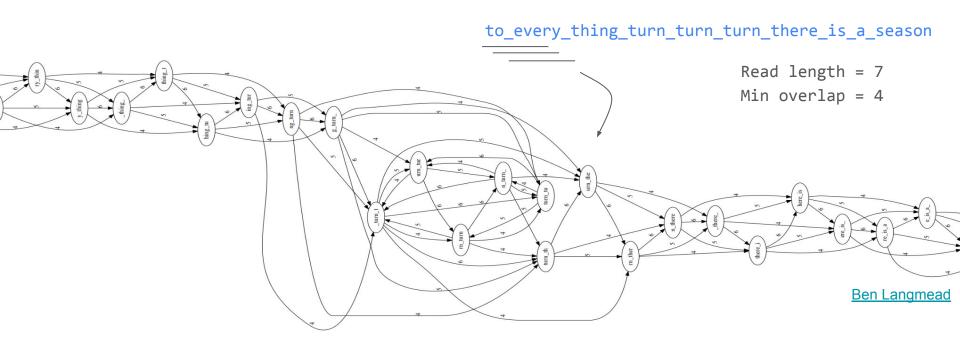
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Dead-End Removal (DER)(死胡同移除): 这是另一种策略,旨在删除图中的短刺和死胡同。这些通常是由于读取错误或重复序列产生的,对组装并不有帮助。

Composite Edge Contraction (CEC) (复合边缘缩减): 这种方法的目的是合并节点,但在这个过程中不失去关于这些节点的重要信息。这是一种将图进一步简化的策略。

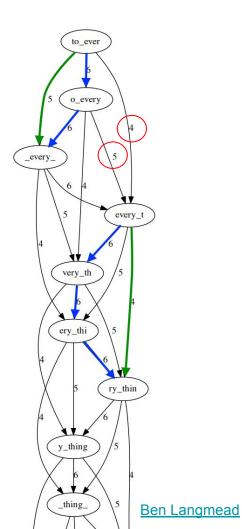
Overlap graphs inherently messy.

Each read overlaps with many other reads.



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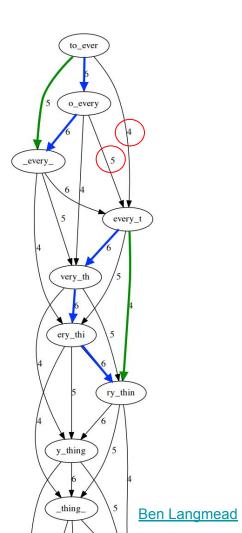
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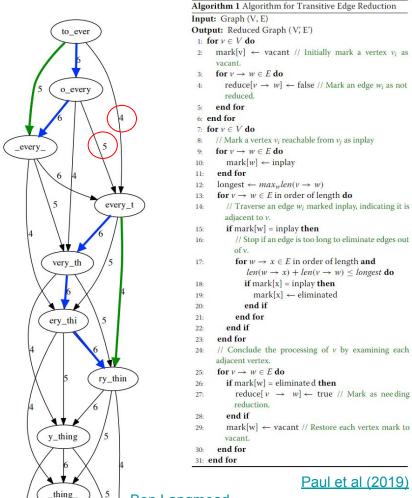
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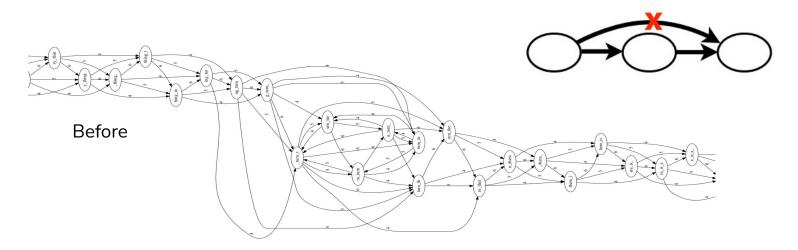
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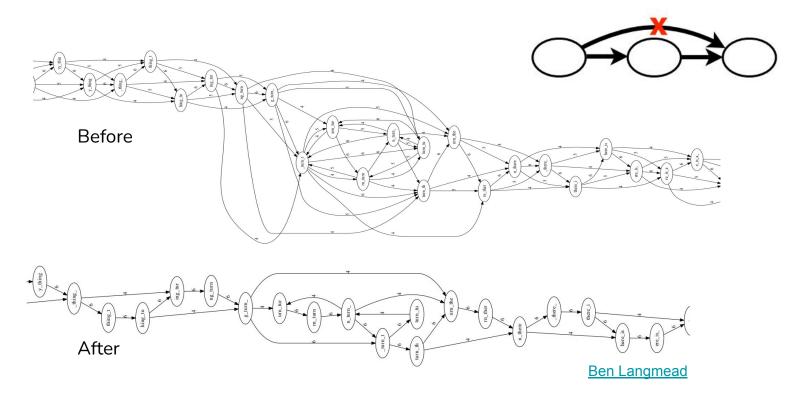
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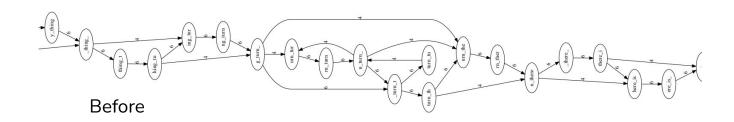
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Process: (1) Remove edges which skip one node

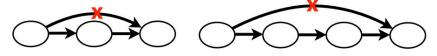


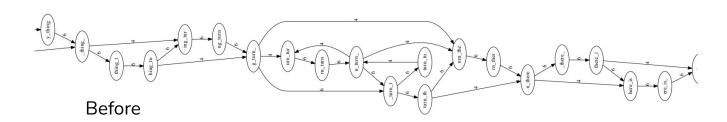
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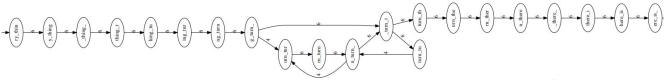




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Dead-End Removal (DER)

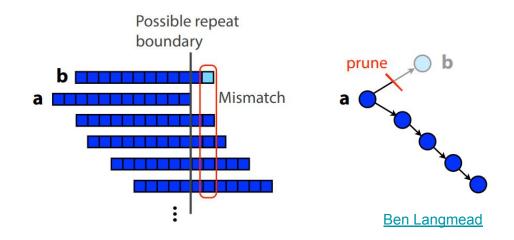
Remove short spurs / dead ends

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Simple to remove

- Identify, then prune
- Short length edges
- Low coverage (depth)







Thank you!

Today: Considerations & Graph Simplification

Next time: Assembly in Practice