

# Pairwise Alignment

Anything can align to anything...

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**Seq1 — ABCNJROCLCRPM**

**Seq2 — AJCJNRCKCRBP**

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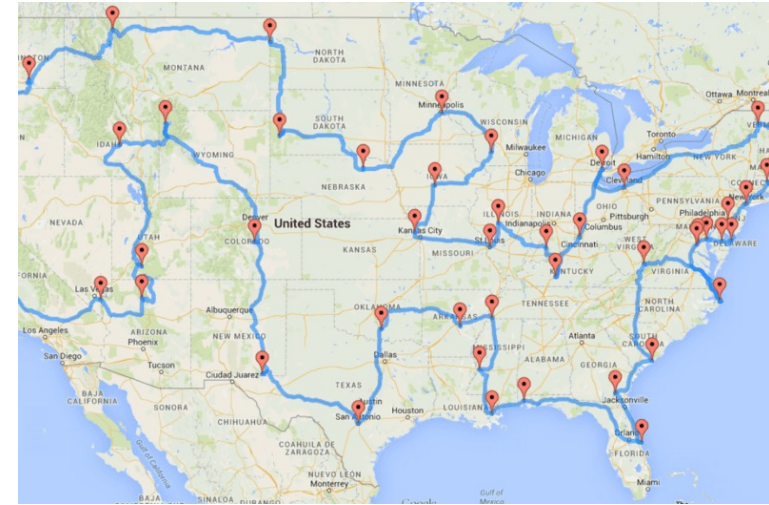
**Seq2 — AJCJNR—CKCRBP—**

Seems reasonable...  
but not systematic/repeatable

# How best to align two sequences

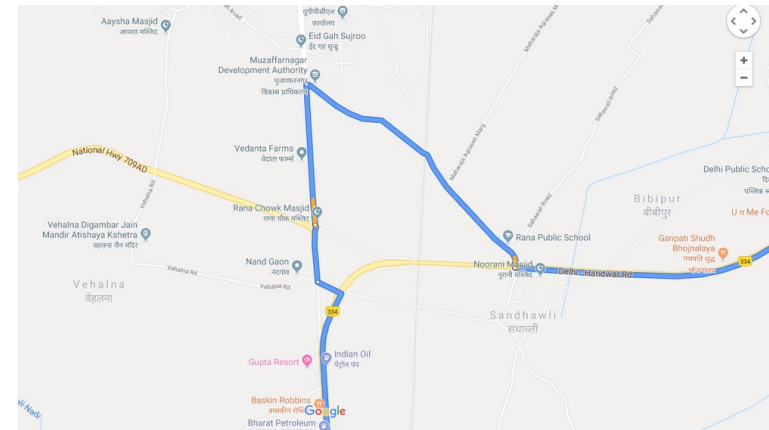
- Global alignment –

- Best overall alignment from end-to-end



- Local alignment –

- Short regions of the sequences that have homology



# Needleman & Wunsch Global Pairwise Alignment

- Construct scoring matrix starting at origin
- Trace path through scoring matrix by selecting local maximum (start at bottom right corner, end at origin)

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Start at origin at 0

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**ABCNJRCLCRPM**

**AJC-JNRCKCRBP**

		A	B	C	N	J	R	O	C	L	C	R	P	M
	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11	-12	-13
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# Smith & Waterman Local Pairwise Alignment

- Construct scoring matrix (no negative numbers, lowest cell score possible is 0)
- Trace path through scoring matrix by selecting local maximum (start at global high score, trace toward origin until hitting a 0)

# Smith & Waterman Local Pairwise Alignment Traceback

## Rules:

Start at highest score, proceed through highest scoring path at each cell, (through the source from each cell), until you hit a 0

**NJROCLCRPM**

**CJNRCKCRBP**

or

**NJROCLCR-P**

**CJNRCKCRBP**

	A	B	C	N	J	R	O	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
J	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
N	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
R	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	1	0	2	1	0
C	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	1
K	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	2
C	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	1
R	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	3	3	5	4	3
B	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	4	5	4
P	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	4	5

**Practice Run!**

**Go to GitHub page, download activity ppt**

# **Next up: Multiple Sequence Alignment**

**Download MEGA**

**Homework #2 will be posted this afternoon**

**Please read: Needleman & Wunsch 1970, Smith & Waterman 1981**