Pairwise Alignment

Anything can align to anything…

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BLAST warm up

- Why is the "word"-based approach to searching important?

- Why is it important to increase the max-target-seqs parameter?

- What aspect of your research do you think BLAST could play a role in?

Why do we need to align sequences to one another?

With enough gaps, any sequence can be aligned to any other sequence

Seq1 — **ABCNJROCLCRPM**

Seq2 — **AJCJNRCKCRBP**

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Seq1 — **ABCNJROCLCR–PM**
Seq2 — **AJCJNR–CKCRBP–**

Seems reasonable...
but not systematic/repeatable

How best to align two sequences

- **Global alignment** –
  - Best overall alignment from end-to-end
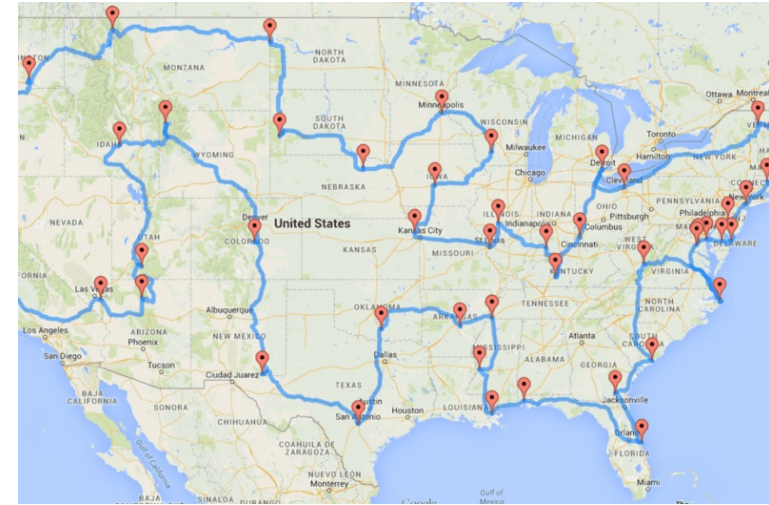
- **Local alignment** –
  - Short regions of the sequences that have homology
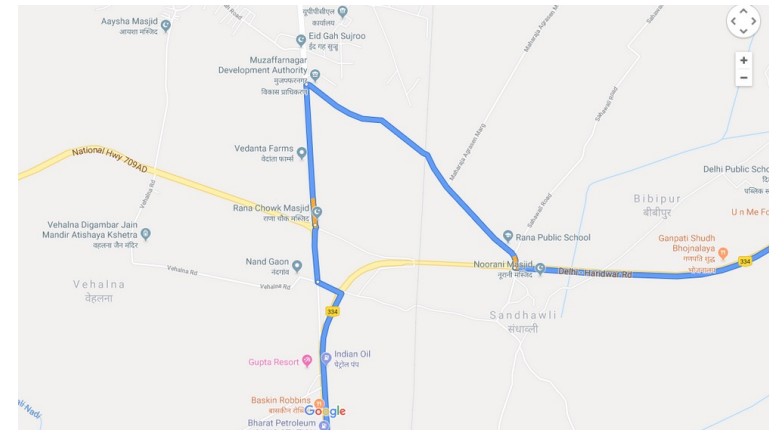
Scoring alignments

- Match

- Mismatch

- Gap

- Gap extension
  - One long gap is better than many short gaps

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)

Needleman & Wunsch Global Pairwise Alignment Matrix construction

Rules:

Start at origin at 0

Match (diagonal) = +1

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Each cell gets highest possible score from three adjacent cells

		A	B	C	N	J	R	O	C	L	C	R	P	M
	0													
A														
J														
C														
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A	-1	1 / -2 -2 / 1												
J	-2													
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J	-2	0	-1	1									
C	-3	-4	-1											
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J	-2	0	1							
C	-3	-1								
J	-4									
N	-5									
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K	-8									
C	-9									

Match/mismatch	Vertical gap
Horizontal gap	max

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J	-2	0	1	0									
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J	-2	0	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9
C	-3	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	-2	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
J	-4	-2	-1	1	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
N	-5	-3	-2	0	2	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
R	-6	-4	-3	-1	1	2	3	2	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3
C	-7	-5	-4	-2	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1	-2
K	-8	-6	-5	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1
C	-9	-7	-6	-4	-2	-1	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	1
R	-10	-8	-7	-5	-3	-2	0	0	2	3	3	5	3	2
B	-11	-9	-7	-6	-4	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	4	4	3
P	-12	-10	-8	-7	-5	-4	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	5	4

Needleman & Wunsch Global Pairwise Alignment Traceback

Rules:

Start at bottom right corner, proceed through highest scoring path at each cell, (follow the arrows)

		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
A	-1	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11
J	-2	0	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9
C	-3	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	-2	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
J	-4	-2	-1	1	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
N	-5	-3	-2	0	2	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
R	-6	-4	-3	-1	1	2	3	2	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3
C	-7	-5	-4	-2	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1	-2
K	-8	-6	-5	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1
C	-9	-7	-6	-4	-2	-1	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	1
R	-10	-8	-7	-5	-3	-2	0	0	2	3	3	5	3	2
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J	-2	0	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9
C	-3	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	-2	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
J	-4	-2	-1	1	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
N	-5	-3	-2	0	2	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
R	-6	-4	-3	-1	1	2	3	2	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3
C	-7	-5	-4	-2	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1	-2
K	-8	-6	-5	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1
C	-9	-7	-6	-4	-2	-1	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	1
R	-10	-8	-7	-5	-3	-2	0	0	2	3	3	5	3	2
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J	-2	0	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9
C	-3	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	-2	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
J	-4	-2	-1	1	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
N	-5	-3	-2	0	2	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
R	-6	-4	-3	-1	1	2	3	2	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3
C	-7	-5	-4	-2	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1	-2
K	-8	-6	-5	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1
C	-9	-7	-6	-4	-2	-1	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	1
R	-10	-8	-7	-5	-3	-2	0	0	2	3	3	5	3	2
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J	-2	0	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9
C	-3	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	-2	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
J	-4	-2	-1	1	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
N	-5	-3	-2	0	2	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
R	-6	-4	-3	-1	1	2	3	2	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3
C	-7	-5	-4	-2	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1	-2
K	-8	-6	-5	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1
C	-9	-7	-6	-4	-2	-1	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	1
R	-10	-8	-7	-5	-3	-2	0	0	2	3	3	5	3	2
B	-11	-9	-7	-6	-4	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	4	4	3
P	-12	-10	-8	-7	-5	-4	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	5	⬤

Needleman & Wunsch Global Pairwise Alignment Traceback

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ABCNJROCLCRPM

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
A	-1	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11
J	-2	0	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9
C	-3	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	-2	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7
J	-4	-2	-1	1	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
N	-5	-3	-2	0	2	2	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
R	-6	-4	-3	-1	1	2	3	2	1	0	-1	-1	-2	-3
C	-7	-5	-4	-2	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1	-2
K	-8	-6	-5	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	0	-1
C	-9	-7	-6	-4	-2	-1	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	1
R	-10	-8	-7	-5	-3	-2	0	0	2	3	3	5	3	2
B	-11	-9	-7	-6	-4	-3	-1	0	1	2	3	4	4	3
P	-12	-10	-8	-7	-5	-4	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	5	6

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

ABCNJROCLCRPM
AJC–JNRCKCRBP
or
ABCNJROCLCR–P
AJCCJNRCKCRBP

		A	B	C	N	J	R	O	C	L	C	R	P	M
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	0
A	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
J	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
N	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
R	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	1	0	2	1	0
C	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	1
K	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	2
C	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	4	3	2	1
R	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	3	3	4	4	3
B	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	5	4
P	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	

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