DNA Barcoding Basics

DNA Subway Blue Line Pt. I

Steps for today's session

- Introduction to Bioinformatics
- Get background on DNA Barcoding
- Examine DNA sequence quality



What is Bioinformatics?



In biology, **Bioinformatics** is an interdisciplinary field that develops and improves upon methods for storing, retrieving, organizing and analyzing **biological data**. A major activity in bioinformatics is to develop software tools to generate useful biological knowledge.

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bioinformatics - retrieved April 23rd 2013



Bioinformatics is about data

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DNA Sequence



Quick Tour

- NCBI Homepage https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/
- Human Genome: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/genome/guide/human/index.shtml
- Corona Virus Genome: https://mra.asm.org/content/9/11/e00169-20



Lab: Mosquito Identification



Can we tell the difference between larvae that look (nearly) identical?



Aedes adult Anopheles adult Culex adult By Muhammad Mahdi Karim - Own work, GFDL 1.2, By Muhammad Mahdi Karim - Own work, GFDL 1.2, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=7673048 By Jim Gathany - (PHIL), ID #5814. https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=799284 https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=11185617 Anopheles larva Culex larva Aedes larva Photograph by Michelle Cutwa-Francis, University of Florida. Photograph by Michele M. Cutwa, University of Florida.



Why does this matter?

Aedes:

- . Chikungunya
- Dengue fever
- Lymphatic filariasis
- Rift Valley fever
- . Yellow fever
- Zika

Anopheles:

- Malaria
- Lymphatic filariasis

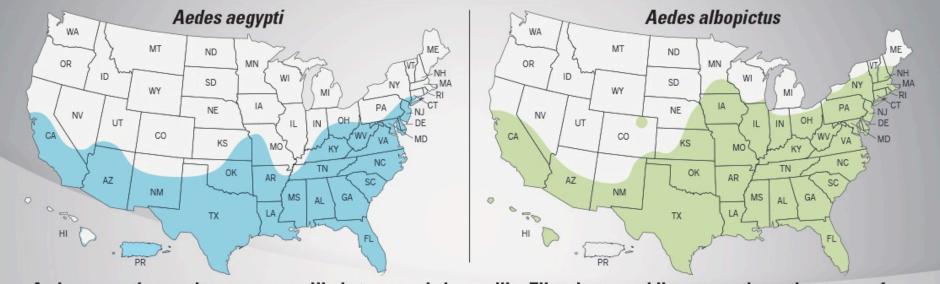
Culex:

- Japanese encephalitis
- Lymphatic filariasis
- West Nile fever



Why does this matter?

Estimated range of Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus in the United States, 2016*



Aedes aegypti mosquitoes are more likely to spread viruses like Zika, dengue, chikungunya than other types of mosquitoes such as Aedes albopictus mosquitoes.

- These maps show CDC's best estimate of the potential range of Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus in the United States.
- . These maps include areas where mosquitoes are or have been previously found.
- Shaded areas on the maps do not necessarily mean that there are infected mosquitoes in that area.

*Maps have been updated from a variety of sources. These maps represent CDC's best estimate of the potential range of Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus in the United

States. Maps are not meant to represent risk for spread of disease.

SOURCE: Zika: Vector Surveillance and Control. www.cdc.gov/zika/vector/index.html

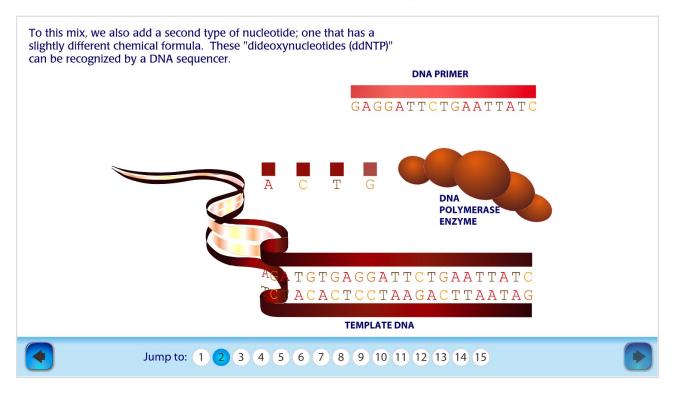


Lab: DNA Sequencing Background



DNA Sequencing

Cycle Sequencing



https://dnalc.cshl.edu/resources/animations/cycseq.html



Some Anopheles DNA...

Anopheles gambiae isolate 10016 5.8S ribosomal RNA gene, partial sequence; internal transcribed spacer 2, complete sequence; and large subunit ribosomal RNA gene, partial sequence

GenBank: MK592083.1

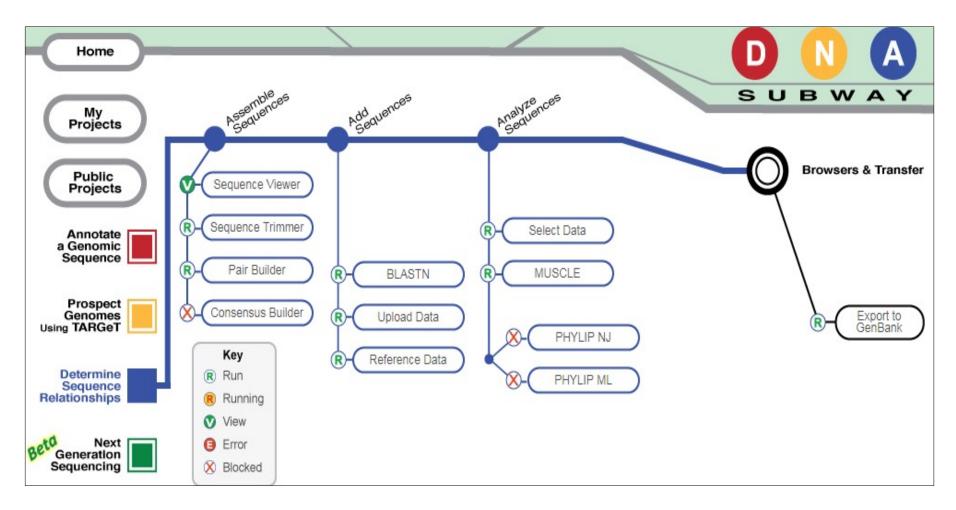
GenBank Graphics



Lab: Creating a DNA Subway Project (follow along in the packet)



Working on DNA Subway Blue Line

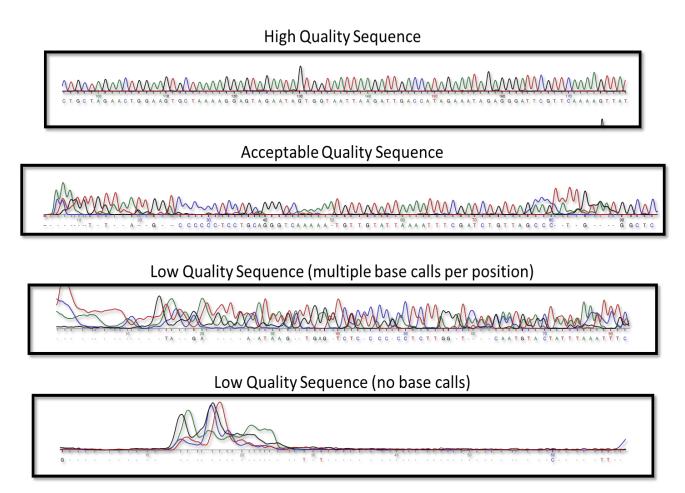




Key Concept: Data Quality



Some sequence examples...





Phred scores...

Phred Score	Error (bases miscalled)	Accuracy
10	1 in 10	90%
20	1 in 100	99%
30	1 in 1,000	99.9%
40	1 in 10,000	99.99%
50	1 in 100,000	99.999%



Next time: Comparing sequences with BLAST

