Assignment 4—Grundlagen der Bioinformatik

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1 Profile alignment

match - score: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

2 Three different multiple sequence approaches

2.1 Clustal Omega

It is accurate but also allows alignments of almost any size to be produced. In benchmark tests, it is distinctly more accurate than most widely used, fast methods and comparable in accuracy to some of the intensive slow methods. With Clustal Omega, we use a modified version of mBed (Blackshields et al, 2010), which has complexity of O(N log N), and which produces guide trees that are just as accurate as those from conventional methods.

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2.2 Kalign

The Kalign algorithm follows a strategy analogous to the standard progressive method for sequence alignment. Pairwise distances are calculated, a guide tree is constructed and sequences/profiles are aligned in the order given by the tree. In contrast to existing methods, the Wu-Manber approximate string-matching algorithm is used in the distance calculation and optionally in the dynamic programming used to align the profiles.

2.3 **MAFFT**

A multiple sequence alignment program, MAFFT, has been developed. The CPU time is drastically reduced as compared with existing methods. MAFFT includes two novel techniques. Homologous regions are rapidly identified by the fast Fourier transform (FFT), in which an amino acid sequence is converted to a sequence composed of volume and polarity values of each amino acid residue. We

propose a simplified scoring system that performs well for reducing CPU time and increasing the accuracy of alignments even for sequences having large insertions or extensions as well as distantly related sequences of similar length. Two different heuristics, the progressive method (FFT-NS-2) and the iterative refinement method (FFT-NS-i), are implemented in MAFFT.

3 Application of a multiple alignment tool

The program "ClusterW" on http://www.genome.jp/tools-bin/clustalw was used and hereunder is the generated results.

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Group 190: Sequences: 1 4 Score:3851
Group 191: Sequences: 1 10 Score:3531
Group 191: Sequences: 1 10 Score:3531
Group 192: Sequences: 1 16 Score:3537
Group 193: Sequences: 1 18 Score:3537
Group 193: Sequences: 1 18 Score:3644
Group 196: Sequences: 1 18 Score:3644
Group 196: Sequences: 1 18 Score:3644
Group 196: Sequences: 1 18 Score:3644
Group 197: Sequences: 1 18 Score:3644
Group 197: Sequences: 1 18 Score:3644
Group 198: Sequences: 1 2 Score:3646
Group 198: Sequences: 1 2 Score:3646
Group 198: Sequences: 3 Score:3646
Group 198: Sequences: 4 Score:3647
Group 198: Sequences: 5 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequences: 5 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequences: 6 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequences: 6 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequences: 2 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequences: 2 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequences: 2 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequences: 3 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequences: 1 Score:3660
Group 198: Sequ
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The alignment score is 19361687.

The parameters lie in this image hereunder.



Since this software did not provide us with the color scheme, another software from NCBI called "COBALT" was used. The specific parameters are in this image and the applied color scheme is Blosum62.

