

# Project 4

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## Problem 8: Estimating match emission probabilities

Table 1 shows the number of observations of the symbol  $a$  at position  $i$  across all sequences in the multiple alignment  $Ei(a)$  of our data.

Table 1:  $Ei(a)$

	1	2	3
A	4	0	0
C	0	0	5
G	0	4	0
T	0	0	0

With this we can calculate the match emission probabilities  $e_i(a)$  by adding a pseudo-count and dividing each column by its column-sum. The resulting table is shown below.

Table 2:  $e_i(a)$

	1	2	3
A	5/8	1/8	1/9
C	1/8	1/8	6/9
G	1/8	5/8	1/9
T	1/8	1/8	1/9

## Problem 9: Estimating insert emission probabilities

We can repeat the same procedure as above with the insert states. Again we get the observed inserts  $E_i(a)$  and can use them to calculate the estimated insert emission probabilities  $e_i(a)$

Table 3:  $E_i(a)$

	1	2	3
A	0	5	0
C	0	0	0
G	0	1	0
T	0	0	0

	1	2	3
A	1/4	6/10	1/4
C	1/4	1/10	1/4
G	1/4	2/10	1/4
T	1/4	1/10	1/4

The paths of each sequence through the profile HMM are:

bat:	$\text{Begin} \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow \text{End}$
rat:	$\text{Begin} \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow I_2 \rightarrow I_2 \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow \text{End}$
cat:	$\text{Begin} \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow \text{End}$
gnat:	$\text{Begin} \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow I_2 \rightarrow I_2 \rightarrow I_2 \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow \text{End}$
goat:	$\text{Begin} \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow I_2 \rightarrow M_3 \rightarrow \text{End}$

	M	M	I	I	I	M	
bat	A	G	-	-	-	C	■
rat	A	-	A	G	-	C	■
cat	A	G	-	-	-	C	■
gnat	-	G	A	A	A	C	■
goat	A	G	-	-	A	C	■
	1	2	.	.	.	3	

The diagram illustrates the sequence alignment problem between four species (bat, rat, cat, gnat, goat) across six positions (M, M, I, I, I, M). The diagram shows a sequence of states (Begin, M, M, M, End) and transitions between them, colored by species. It also shows decision nodes (I) and outcome nodes (D) above the state transitions.

We can use these paths to count  $T_i(k \rightarrow l)$ . The count table is the following

	0	1	2	3
$M \rightarrow M$	4	3	2	5
$M \rightarrow I$	0	0	2	0
$M \rightarrow D$	1	1	0	0
$I \rightarrow M$	0	0	3	0
$I \rightarrow I$	0	0	3	0
$I \rightarrow D$	0	0	0	0
$D \rightarrow M$	0	1	0	0
$D \rightarrow I$	0	0	1	0
$D \rightarrow D$	0	0	0	0

With this we can estimate  $t_i(k \rightarrow l)$  as:

Table 6:  $t_i(k \rightarrow l)$

	0	1	2	3
$M \rightarrow M$	5/8	4/7	3/7	6/8
$M \rightarrow I$	1/8	1/7	3/7	1/8
$M \rightarrow D$	2/8	2/7	1/7	1/8
$I \rightarrow M$	1/3	1/3	4/9	1/3
$I \rightarrow I$	1/3	1/3	4/9	1/3
$I \rightarrow D$	1/3	1/3	1/9	1/3
$D \rightarrow M$	1/3	2/4	1/4	1/3
$D \rightarrow I$	1/3	1/4	2/4	1/3
$D \rightarrow D$	1/3	1/4	1/4	1/3

## Problem 11: Protein family membership classification

### 1. Run `source("profileHMM.R")`

```
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```

### 2. Read the two alignments ‘GTP\_binding\_proteins.txt’ and ‘ATPases.txt’ into memory using the function `parseAlignment()`.

```
GTP_data = parseAlignment("GTP_binding_proteins.txt")
ATP_data = parseAlignment("ATPases.txt")
```

### 3. Use the function `learnHMM()` to parametrise two profile HMMs: one for each protein family (multiple alignment).

```
GTP_profile = learnHMM(GTP_data)
ATP_profile = learnHMM(ATP_data)
```

### 4. Identify the position(s) with the highest match and with the highest insert emission frequencies over all symbols. Plot the respective match and insert emission frequencies for the identified positions.

```
library(dplyr)
GTP_profile$mE %>% which.max() %>% arrayInd(dim(GTP_profile$mE)) -> GTP_idx
ATP_profile$mE %>% which.max() %>% arrayInd(dim(ATP_profile$mE)) -> ATP_idx

cat(
  "For GTP binding proteins the pos. with the highest match emission frequency is position",
  colnames(GTP_profile$mE)[GTP_idx[2]], "\n (with highest frequency of ",
  GTP_profile$mE[GTP_idx, "]\n")
```

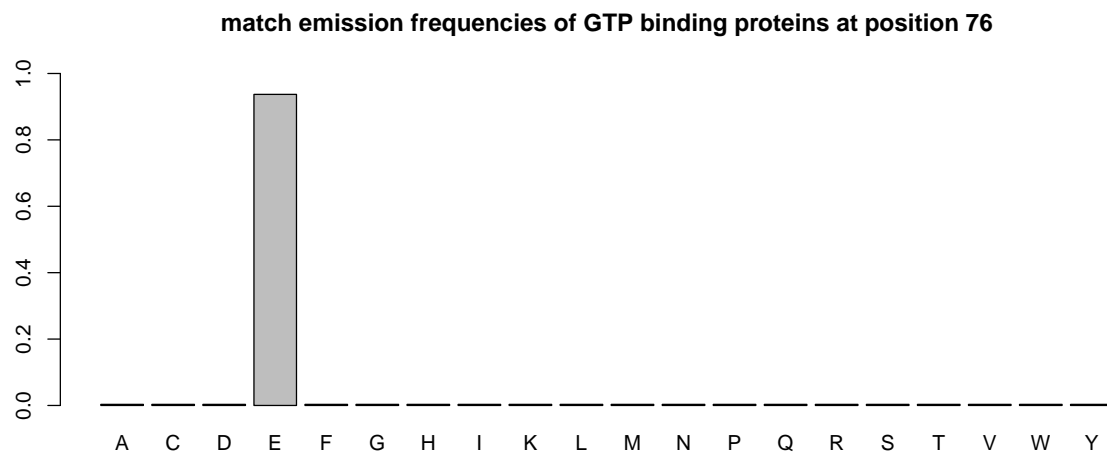
match frequencies:

```
## For GTP binding proteins the pos. with the highest match emission frequency is position 76
## (with highest frequency of 0.9370861 )
```

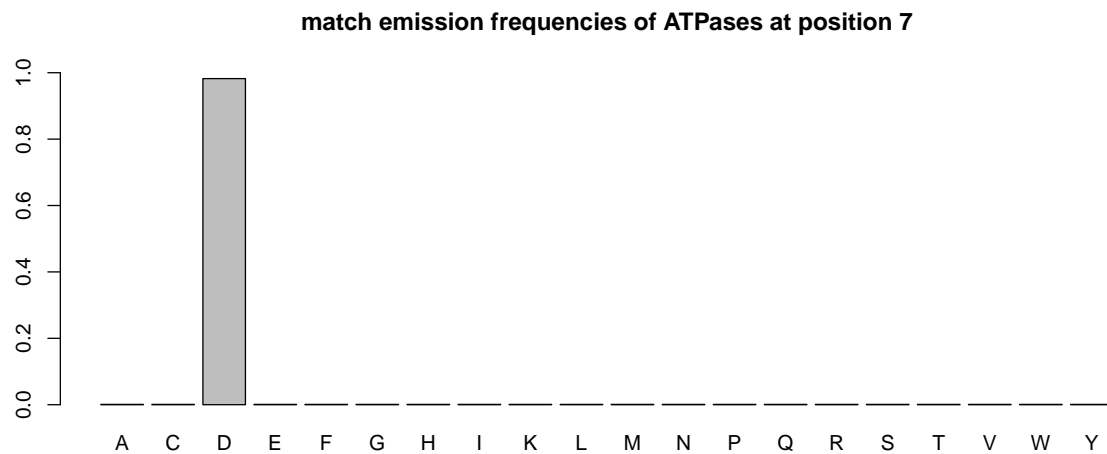
```
cat("For ATPases the pos. with the highest match emission frequency is position",
    colnames(ATP_profile$mE)[ATP_idx[2]], "\n (with highest frequency of ",
    ATP_profile$mE[ATP_idx], ")\n")
```

```
## For ATPases the pos. with the highest match emission frequency is position 7
## (with highest frequency of 0.9823091 )
```

```
barplot(GTP_profile$mE[,GTP_idx[2]], ylim = c(0,1),
        main = "match emission frequencies of GTP binding proteins at position 76")
```



```
barplot(ATP_profile$mE[,ATP_idx[2]], ylim = c(0,1),
        main = "match emission frequencies of ATPases at position 7")
```



```
library(dplyr)
GTP_profile$iE %>% which.max() %>% arrayInd(dim(GTP_profile$iE)) -> GTP_idx
ATP_profile$iE %>% which.max() %>% arrayInd(dim(ATP_profile$iE)) -> ATP_idx

cat(
  "For GTP binding proteins the pos. with the highest insert emission frequency is position",
  colnames(GTP_profile$mE)[GTP_idx[2]], "\n (with highest frequency of ",
  GTP_profile$iE[GTP_idx], ")\n")
```

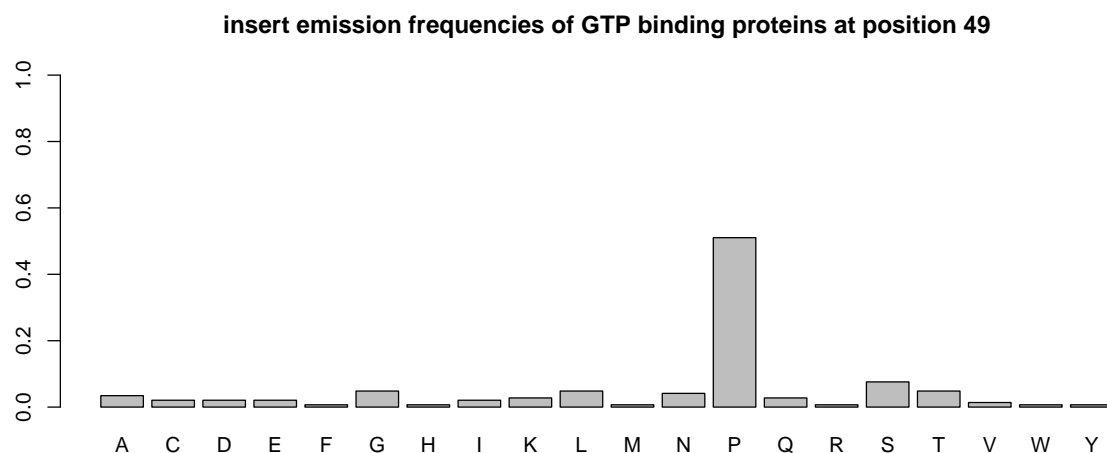
insert frequencies:

```
## For GTP binding proteins the pos. with the highest insert emission frequency is position 49
## (with highest frequency of 0.5103448 )
```

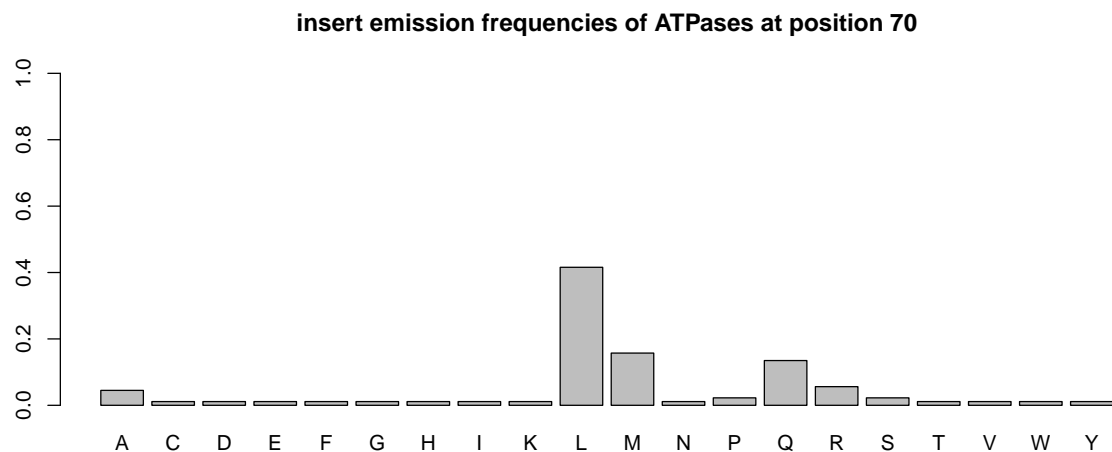
```
cat("For ATPases the pos. with the highest insert emission frequency is position",
    colnames(ATP_profile$mE)[ATP_idx[2]], "\n (with highest frequency of ",
    ATP_profile$iE[ATP_idx], ")\n")
```

```
## For ATPases the pos. with the highest insert emission frequency is position 70
## (with highest frequency of 0.4157303 )
```

```
barplot(GTP_profile$iE[,GTP_idx[2]], ylim = c(0,1),
        main = "insert emission frequencies of GTP binding proteins at position 49")
```



```
barplot(ATP_profile$iE[,ATP_idx[2]], ylim = c(0,1),
        main = "insert emission frequencies of ATPases at position 70")
```



5. The file `Unclassified_proteins.txt` contains 31 protein sequences from unknown families. Load the protein sequences into a list using the `parseProteins()` function.

```
Unclassified_data = parseProteins("Unclassified_proteins.txt")
```

6. The function `forward()` takes as input a profile HMM  $\mathcal{M}$  and a sequence  $x$ . It returns the log odds ratio

$$\log \frac{P(x | \mathcal{M})}{P(x | \mathcal{R})}$$

of the probability of observing the sequence  $x$  given the model  $\mathcal{M}$  versus the probability of observing the sequence  $x$  given the random model  $\mathcal{R}$ . For each unclassified protein  $x^{(i)}$  in the list, apply the forward algorithm for both models  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  to obtain the log odds ratio

$$q(x^{(i)}) := \log \left( \frac{P(x^{(i)} | M_1)}{P(x^{(i)} | M_2)} \right)$$

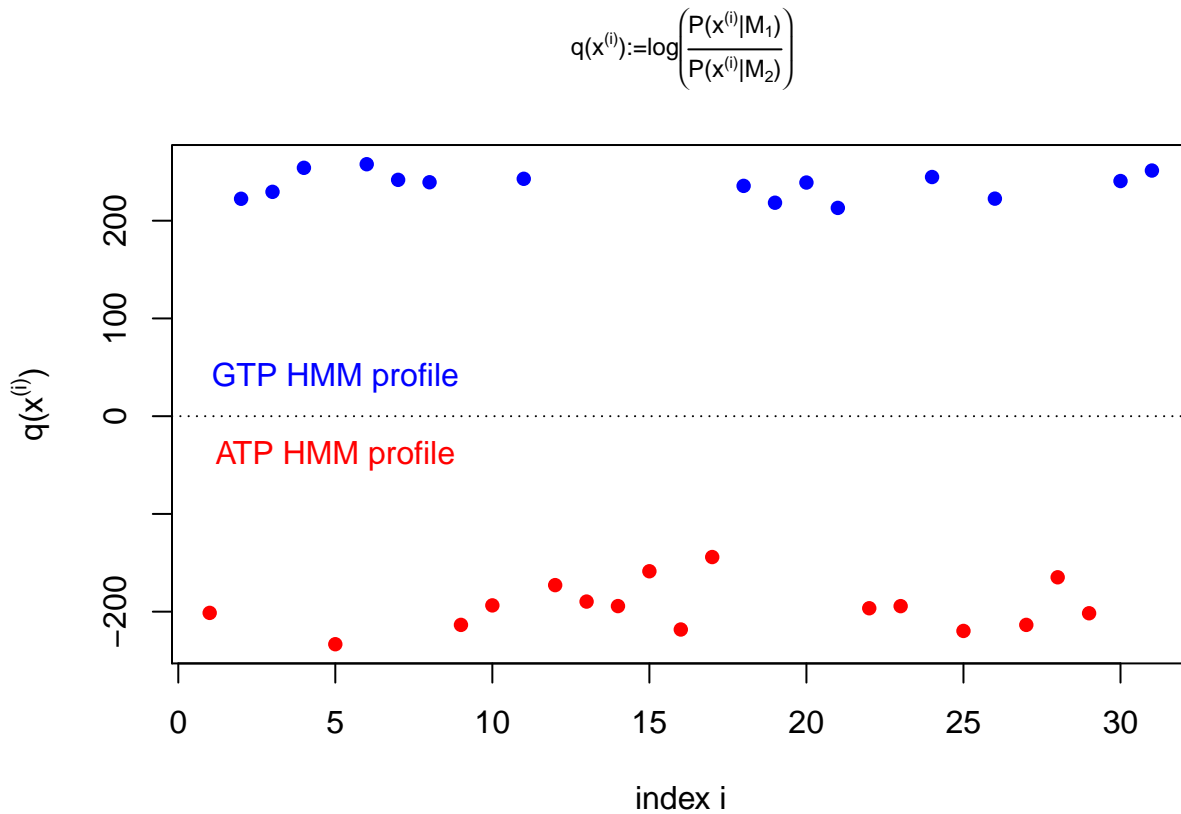
Plot the values  $q(x^{(i)})$  and include this in your report. Which proteins in the list belong to which family? Can you clearly decide for each protein?

```
lapply(Unclassified_data, forward, HMM = GTP_profile) %>% unlist() -> GTP_log
lapply(Unclassified_data, forward, HMM = ATP_profile) %>% unlist() -> ATP_log
q = GTP_log - ATP_log
names(q) = 1:length(q)
print(q)
```

```
##          1          2          3          4          5          6          7          8
## -201.2764 222.4483 229.5424 254.1149 -233.3239 257.7991 241.8135 239.3519
##          9         10         11         12         13         14         15         16
## -213.5402 -193.5920 242.8638 -172.8615 -189.6986 -194.3196 -158.6686 -218.2638
##         17         18         19         20         21         22         23         24
## -144.1315 235.6511 218.3957 239.0511 213.1032 -196.5237 -194.3479 244.6956
```

```
##          25          26          27          28          29          30          31
## -219.7358  222.5847 -213.5467 -164.8467 -201.6350  240.5883  251.3384
```

```
library(latex2exp)
ylab_string = TeX(r"($q(x^{(i)}))")
q_string =
  TeX(r"($q(x^{(i)}) := \log \left( \frac{P(x^{(i)} | M_1)}{P(x^{(i)} | M_2)} \right)$")
par(mar = c(4, 5, 5, 1))
plot(q, xlab = "index i", ylab = ylab_string, main = q_string, pch = 16,
     col = ifelse(q < 0, 'red', 'blue'), cex.main = 0.75)
abline(h = 0, lty = 3)
text(5, 40, labels = "GTP HMM profile", col = "blue")
text(5, -40, labels = "ATP HMM profile", col = "red")
```



We can see in the plot that we have a nice linear separation between the two models. Sequences with a positive  $q$  have a higher probability to belong to the GTP binding protein family than to belong to the ATPase family. For sequences with a negative  $q$  it is the other way around. Since for no sequence  $q$  is close to zero we can clearly decide for each protein.