

BLAST notes

- Basic Local Alignment Search Tool; developed 1990
- <https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>
- Algorithm (aside on use of the term: meaning very specific in computer science, very loose elsewhere) is “heuristic” – finds a reasonably good solution fast, not necessarily the best solution
- Wikipedia article is good:
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BLAST_\(biotechnology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BLAST_(biotechnology))
- To cover: algorithm