

## Implementation of Chou and Fasman method for secondary structure prediction

Sequence of interest: WHGCITVYWMTV

Say following are the alpha and beta propensities for each amino acid of the peptide:

	W	H	G	C	I	T	V	Y	W	M	T	V
P(H)	1.14	1.24	0.53	0.77	1.0	0.82	1.14	0.61	1.14	1.20	0.82	1.14
P(S)	1.19	0.71	0.81	1.30	1.60	1.20	1.65	1.29	1.19	1.17	1.20	1.65

### Predicting helices

Look for all nucleation sites. Scan the entire sequence with a window size of 6.

Possibilities: WHGCIT, HGCITV, GCITVY, CITVYW, ITVYWM, TVYWMT, VYWMTV

The stretch of 6 residues should have atleast 4 residues with  $P(H) > 1$  to be a nucleation site: ITVYWM and VYWMTV

So, let's see **VYWMTV**

We don't have residues to its right so we will extend only the left side.

Add one more residue, but check the score after including the three nearby residues.

**TVYW**:  $\text{sum } P(H) = 0.82 + 1.14 + 0.61 + 1.14 = 3.71$  (the score is less than 4 or we can say that the average  $P(H) < 1$ ). So, this stops here. The fragment VYWMTV could be a helix.

Now, let's see **ITVYWM**.

Firstly, extend to the right:

**YWMT**:  $\text{sum } P(H) = 0.61 + 1.14 + 1.20 + 0.82 = 3.77$  (the score is less than 4 or we can say that the average  $P(H) < 1$ ). So, this stops here.

Now, extend to the left:

**CITV**:  $\text{sum } P(H) = 0.77 + 1.0 + 0.82 + 1.14 = 3.73$ . No extension. The fragment ITVYWM could be a helix.

### Predicting strand

Scan the entire sequence with a window size of 5.

Possibilities: WHGCI, HGCIT, GCITV, CITVY, ITVYW, TVYWM, VYWMT, YWMTV

The stretch of 5 residues should have atleast 3 residues with  $P(S) > 1$  to be a nucleation site. All these candidates qualify to be a nucleation site.

So, let's see **WHGCI**.

**GCIT**:  $P(S) = 0.81 + 1.3 + 1.6 + 1.2 = 4.91$  (score > 4 or we can say that the average  $P(S) > 1$ )

**CITV**:  $P(S) = 1.3 + 1.6 + 1.2 + 1.65 = 5.75$

**ITVY**:  $P(S) = 1.6 + 1.2 + 1.65 + 1.29 = 5.74$

**TVYW**:  $P(S) = 1.2 + 1.65 + 1.29 + 1.19 = 5.33$

**VYWM**:  $P(S) = 1.65 + 1.29 + 1.19 + 1.17 = 5.3$

**YWMT**:  $P(S) = 1.29 + 1.19 + 1.17 + 1.20 = 4.85$

**WMTV**:  $P(S) = 1.19 + 1.17 + 1.20 + 1.65 = 5.21$

So, this entire stretch WHGCITVYWMTV could be a strand.

Similarly, check for all other nucleation sites as well.

Assignment of secondary structure

WHGCITVYWMTV

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Conflict resolving for ITVYWMTV :

$P(H) = 1.0 + 0.82 + 1.14 + 0.61 + 1.14 + 1.20 + 0.82 + 1.14 = 7.87$

$P(S) = 1.6 + 1.2 + 1.65 + 1.29 + 1.19 + 1.17 + 1.2 + 1.65 = 10.95$

$P(S) > P(H)$

Therefore, the final answer is

WHGCITVYWMTV

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