# Perl for Biologists

Session 8

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Practical examples

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**Regular expression**: a specific pattern that is used to match strings of text

```
if ($string =~ /Hello/)
if ($string =~ /$match/)
```

## Metacharacters and quantifiers:

```
/./ matches all but newline
/a|b/ matches a OR b
/a*/ zero or more a's
/a+/ one or more a's
/a?/ zero or one a
/a{3}/ exactly 3 repetitions of a
```

## Character classes, shortcuts, anchors

```
/[aeiouy]/
                 lowercase vowels
/[012345]/
                 first five numbers, same as /[0-5]/
/[^0-5]/
                 anything except first five numbers
/\d/
                 Digit, /[0-9]/
/D/
                 Nondigit, /[^0-9]/
/\s/
                 Whitespace, /[ \t\n\r\f]/
/\S/
                  Nonwhitespace, /[^ \t\n\r\f]/
/\w/
                  Word character, /[a-zA-Z0-9 ]/
/\W/
                  Nonword character, /[^a-zA-Z0-9 ]/
/\A\w+/ or /^\w+/ force matching from start of string
/\w+\z/ or /\w+\z/ or /\w+
string
```

## Grouping

() groups characters into one unit, saves match results in \$1, \$2, \$3, ... for use outside of regex

```
/(iss){2}/ looks for two repetitions of "iss" not just "s" /(\w+)\s(\w+)/ saves first word in $1 and second in $2 /(\w+)/g global match, matches all non-overlapping instances
```

Populate an array or hash with the results of global match

```
@array = ($string =~ /(\w+)/g);
%hash = ($string =~ /(\w+)/g);
```

### **Substitutions**

```
$string =~ s/Hello/subst/;
Global, case-insensitive substitution:
$string =~ s/Hello/subst/gi;
Using capture groups:
$string =~ s/(\w+)/$1$1/g;
Non-destructive substitution:
$copy = ($original =~ s/world/Ithaca/ir);
```

## **Review of Exercise**

- 1. Using our trusty random sequence generator, create a 9000 base pair length of sequence.
- Using regular expressions find every instance of the sequence "ATGCAT" and delete it from the sequence
- 3. At each deletion, save the three base pairs on each side of the "ATGCAT" creating 2 arrays, one storing preceeding and one storing the trailing 3 base pairs
- 4. Print out the two arrays

```
# Find and save the trimers
# Modify the sequence
# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
# Print out the arrays
```

```
# Find and save the trimers
@matches =
# Modify the sequence
# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
# Print out the arrays
```

```
# Find and save the trimers
@matches = (\$sequence =~ \mathbf{m}/
                                                           /ig);
# Modify the sequence
# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
# Print out the arrays
```

```
# Find and save the trimers
@matches = ($sequence =~ m/([acgt]{3})ATGCAT([acgt]{3})/ig);
# Modify the sequence
# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
# Print out the arrays
```

```
# Find and save the trimers
@matches = ($sequence =~ m/([acgt]{3})ATGCAT([acgt]{3})/ig);
# Modify the sequence
$matchcount =
# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
# Print out the arrays
```

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# Find and save the trimers
@matches = ($sequence =~ m/([acgt]{3})ATGCAT([acgt]{3})/ig);
# Modify the sequence
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                                                                /gi);
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# Find and save the trimers
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# Modify the sequence
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print "Found $matchcount matches\n";
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# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
for($i=0;$i<=$#matches;$i+=2)</pre>
# Print out the arrays
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print "Found $matchcount matches\n";
# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
for($i=0;$i<=$#matches;$i+=2)</pre>
        push @preceeding, $matches[$i];
# Print out the arrays
```

```
# Find and save the trimers
@matches = (\$sequence =~ m/([acqt]{3})ATGCAT([acqt]{3})/ig);
# Modify the sequence
matchcount = (sequence = ~s/([acgt]{3})ATGCAT([acgt]{3})/$1$2/gi);
print "Found $matchcount matches\n";
# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
for($i=0;$i<=$#matches;$i+=2)</pre>
        push @preceeding, $matches[$i];
        push @trailing, $matches[$i+1];
# Print out the arrays
```

```
# Find and save the trimers
@matches = ($sequence =~ m/([acqt]{3})ATGCAT([acqt]{3})/ig);
# Modify the sequence
matchcount = (sequence = ~s/([acgt]{3})ATGCAT([acgt]{3})/$1$2/gi);
print "Found $matchcount matches\n";
# Record the preceeding and trailing trimers in separate arrays
for($i=0;$i<=$#matches;$i+=2)</pre>
        push @preceeding, $matches[$i];
        push @trailing, $matches[$i+1];
# Print out the arrays
print "Preceding trimers:\n";
foreach $element (@preceeding)
   print "$element\n";
print "Trailing trimers\n";
foreach $element (@trailing)
    print "$element\n";
```

### **Example 1: FASTA file processing**

#### **Given:**

- FASTA file
- List of requested sequence names (in a text file, one name per line)
- Short DNA motif (e.g., restriction site)

#### **Objective:**

Extract a subset of sequences which

- Are on the list of requested sequences AND
- Contain the requested DNA motif

### Files in /home/jarekp/perl\_08

- extract\_from\_fasta.pl (the script)
- fasta\_in.fa (sample input file)
- sequence\_list.txt (requested sequence names)

#### Fasta file

>jgi|Sorbi1|5257096|Sb01g000200

CATGCCGCACCCGGGACGCCTGCGCCAGCCCTCGCCAACACCCT

CTGCTCCTCCTCGGGCCTCCT

CCTCATCGCCGCCGTCGTCGT

>jgi|Sorbi1|5257097|Sb01g000220

ATGGAGAAGCTGCCGACCTACGACCGCATGCGCCAGGGCATCCTCCGGCAGGCGCTCGCCGCCGCCGACC

AACAACAGAGCGGCGGCGTCGAGGTGGTGGACATGCATGAAGCTGGCCGGCGGCGACGGGGGCCGTGAACT

CTTGGAGCGCCTCTTCCAGGACGACAGCGAGCGATTCCTGCGCCGGCTCAGGGAC

>jgi|Sorbi1|5257098|Sb01g000245

>jgi|Sorbi1|5257099|Sb01g000250

#### **Requested sequences**

#### Requested motif (EcoT22I restriction site)

jgi|Sorbi1|5257096|Sb01g000200 jgi|Sorbi1|5257098|Sb01g000245 jgi|Sorbi1|5257099|Sb01g000250

**ATGCAT** 

## **Example 1: FASTA file processing**

#### **Outline of the algorithm**

- Load names of requested sequences into memory (e.g., as hash keys)
- Read the input fasta file, line by line
  - A line starting with ">" signals new sequence and contains its name
    - analyze the **previous** sequence and decide whether to save it or not
      - Consult the hash of requested sequences, and look for the pattern
    - "remember" the new sequence name and set it as "current"
  - A line **NOT** starting with ">" is a part of the current sequence
    - collect the whole sequence line by line (to be analyzed after the next ">"
      found)
      - Do it only if the current sequence is among those requested (consult the hash)
- After the whole input file is scanned, the last sequence will still be in memory and needs to be analyzed (and saved, if needed) separately.

The command line (assuming all files are in the current directory):

./extract\_from\_fasta.pl fasta\_in.fa fasta\_out.fa sequence\_list.txt ATGCAT

### **Example 1: FASTA file processing**

#### **Script overview**

```
./extract_from_fasta.pl fasta_in.fa fasta_out.fa sequence_list.txt ATGCAT
```

#### Save the command line arguments:

```
# the sequence names will be keys of the hash %selseq;
close IN;
# Report the number of requested sequences
```

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# the sequence names will be keys of the hash %selseq;
open(IN,$selfile);
close IN;
# Report the number of requested sequences
```

```
# the sequence names will be keys of the hash %selseq;
open(IN,$selfile);
while($seqname=<IN>)
{
close IN;
# Report the number of requested sequences
```

```
# the sequence names will be keys of the hash %selseq;
open(IN,$selfile);
while($seqname=<IN>)
{
        chomp $seqname;
close IN;
# Report the number of requested sequences
```

```
# the sequence names will be keys of the hash %selseq;
open(IN,$selfile);
while($segname=<IN>)
{
        chomp $seqname;
        $selseq{$seqname} += 1;
close IN;
# Report the number of requested sequences
```

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open(IN,$selfile);
while($seqname=<IN>)
{
        chomp $seqname;
        $selseq{$seqname} += 1;
close IN;
# Report the number of requested sequences
$numselseq = scalar (keys %selseq);
```

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{
        chomp $seqname;
        $selseq{$seqname} += 1;
close IN;
# Report the number of requested sequences
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print "$numselseq sequences requested\n";
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        chomp $seqname;
        $selseq{$seqname} += 1;
close IN;
# Report the number of requested sequences
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```

Note: if
defined(\$selseq{\$seqname})

is true, then the sequence called \$seqname is among those requested

```
# Open the output file for writing
                        # Open the input file
                        # Lines of each sequence will be stored in this table (as strings)
# Scan the input file
```

```
open(OUT,">$outfile"); # Open the output file for writing
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open(OUT,">$outfile");  # Open the output file for writing
open(IN,$infile);  # Open the input file
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while($line = <IN>)
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                if(defined($selseg{$segname}))
                     # check if pattern present; if yes, save the sequence
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                # Input files scanned - it can now be closed....
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                $seqname = substr($line,1);
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               # set the newly found sequence name as current, re-set sequence memory
                $seqname = substr($line,1);
                @sequence lines = ();
        else
               # line is not a header - collect the current sequence (each line as array element)
                if(defined($selseq{$seqname}))
                        push(@sequence lines,$line);
# Input files scanned - it can now be closed....
close IN;
```

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$seqname = ""; @sequence_lines = ();
                                               Analyzing the sequence
while($line = <IN>)
       chomp $line;
       if($line =  m/^>/)  # line is a header - new sequence started
               # check if *previous* sequence is worth saving
                if(defined($selseq{$seqname}))
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               # check if *previous* sequence is worth saving
                if(defined($selseq{$seqname}))
                        check if pattern present; if yes, save the sequence
                        $sequence = join("",@sequence_lines);
              # set the newly found sequence name as current, re-set sequence memory
               $seqname = substr($line,1);
               @sequence_lines = ();
       else {# line is not a header - collect the current sequence }
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                if(defined($selseq{$seqname}))
                        check if pattern present; if yes, save the sequence
                        $sequence = join("",@sequence_lines);
                        if($sequence =~ /$pattern/i)
                             print OUT ">$seqname\n";
              # set the newly found sequence name as current, re-set sequence memory
               $seqname = substr($line,1);
               @sequence_lines = ();
       else {# line is not a header - collect the current sequence }
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                        if($sequence =~ /$pattern/i)
                             print OUT ">$seqname\n";
                             for($i=0;$i<=$#sequence_lines;$i++)</pre>
                                  print OUT "$sequence_lines[$i]\n";
              # set the newly found sequence name as current, re-set sequence memory
                $seqname = substr($line,1);
                @sequence_lines = ();
        else {# line is not a header - collect the current sequence }
# Input files scanned - it can now be closed....
close IN;
```

#### The last sequence

```
# ...but the last sequence is still memory;
# needs to be checked and printed out
if(defined($selseg{$seqname}))
{
        $sequence = join("",@sequence_lines);
        if($sequence =~ /$pattern/i)
                print OUT ">$seqname\n";
                for($i=0;$i<=$#sequence_lines;$i++)</pre>
                        print OUT "$sequence_lines[$i]\n";
# Now we can close the output file!
close OUT;
```

### **Example 2: SAM file processing**

Complete SAM format specification: http://samtools.sourceforge.net/SAM1.pdf

#### Fragment of SAM file generated by Bowtie2

```
@HD VN:1.0 SO:unsorted
@SQ
    SN:1 LN:301354135
@SQ SN:2 LN:237068873
@SQ SN:3 LN:232140174
@SQ SN:4 LN:241473504
@SQ SN:5 LN:217872852
@SQ SN:6 LN:169174353
                                                                  Header lines
@SQ SN:7 LN:176764762
@SQ SN:8 LN:175793759
@SQ SN:9 LN:156750706
@SQ SN:10 LN:150189435
@SQ SN:UNKNOWN LN:7140151
@SQ SN:Pt LN:140384
@SQ SN:Mt LN:569630
                              SM:CAUZHENG58 LB:CAUZHENG58 PL:ILLUMINA
@RG
    ID:CAUZHENG58 CORLISD3AADIBAPE 6
@PG ID:bowtie2 PN:bowtie2 VN:2.0.2
3 tPcinVHL221 163 1
                2265 18 75M =
                               2671 481
G&>592(6+:*&('2('2)#+/",&4 AS:i:146
                         XS:i:146
                                XN:i:0 XM:i:1 XO:i:0 XG:i:0 NM:i:1 MD:Z:68A6
                                                              YS:i:142
                                                                     YT:Z:CP
RG:Z:CAUZHENG58 CORLJSD3AADIBAPE 6
3 tPcjnVHL221 83 1 2671 18 75M =
                              2265 -481
ATGTGGGCCGTGTGCCGGGGTCCCAGGAGCAATCGCTTGCAGATTGGTGGTGAAAGGCTTGCAAACATCTCCCAA -&1*%-
XS:i:106
                                                     XN:i:0 XM:i:2 XO:i:0 XG:i:0 NM:i:2 MD:Z:4T1A68 YS:i:146
YT:Z:CP RG:Z:CAUZHENG58 CORLJSD3AADIBAPE 6
1 nlaNlVHL221 99 1 6675 44 75M =
                              7074 474
+I3+%0%4I;HI4ICIIF AS:i:150
                    XS:i:88 XN:i:0 XM:i:0 XO:i:0 XG:i:0 NM:i:0 MD:Z:75 YS:i:146
                                                         YT:Z:CP RG:Z:CAUZHENG58 CORLJSD3AADIBAPE 6
7 AQvdnVHL221 163 1 6715 44
                       75M = 7124 484
TCATTCAGGCTGATCTCAACATTGTATTTTTTATCACGGCGCTTCAGCAGATTCAAAAGTTGAACCTCCCTA
YT:Z:CP RG:Z:CAUZHENG58 CORLJSD3AADIBAPE 6
                               ..... Etc......
```

## **Example 2: SAM file processing**

#### A few words about BAM files (nothing to do with perl)

Converting from BAM (binary) to SAM (text) format

```
write SAM to STDOUT
samtools view -h maize_tst.bam
write SAM to file filename.sam
samtools view -h maize_tst.bam > maize_tst.sam
```

Converting from SAM (text) to BAM (binary) format

```
read SAM from file
samtools view -Sb maize_tst.sam > maize_tst.bam
read SAM from STDIN
cat maize_tst.sam | samtools view -Sb - > maize_tst.bam
```

## **Example 2: SAM file processing**

#### Given:

Illumina reads alignment in BAM format (BAM = binary version of SAM)

#### **Objective:**

- Generate a filtered BAM file containing only reads such that
  - Primary alignment is better than the secondary one
  - Number of mismatches (w.r.t. reference) in a read is at most 2

#### **Files** in /home/jarekp/perl\_08:

- filter\_bam.pl (script)
- maize\_tst.bam (test BAM file to be filtered)
- Command:

./filter\_bam.pl maize\_tst.bam maize\_filtered.bam >& log

#### **Excerpt from Bowtie2 manual**

12.Optional fields. Fields are tab-separated. bowtie2 outputs zero or more of these optional fields for each alignment, depending on the type of the alignment:

AS:i:<N> Alignment score. Can be negative. Can be greater than 0 in --local mode (but not in --end-to-end mode). Only present if SAM record is for an aligned read.

XS:i:<N> Alignment score for second-best alignment. Can be negative. Can be greater than 0 in --local mode (but not in --end-to-end mode). Only present if the SAM record is for an aligned read and more than one alignment was found for the read.

YS:i:<N> Alignment score for opposite mate in the paired-end alignment. Only present if the SAM record is for a read that aligned as part of a paired-end alignment.

XN:i:<N> The number of ambiguous bases in the reference covering this alignment. Only present if SAM record is for an aligned read.

XM:i:<N> The number of mismatches in the alignment. Only present if SAM record is for an aligned read.

XO:i:<N> The number of gap opens, for both read and reference gaps, in the alignment. Only present if SAM record is for an aligned read.

XG:i:<N> The number of gap extensions, for both read and reference gaps, in the alignment. Only present if SAM record is for an aligned read.

NM:i:<N> The edit distance; that is, the minimal number of one-nucleotide edits (substitutions, insertions and deletions) needed to transform the read string into the reference string. Only present if SAM record is for an aligned read.

YF:Z:<S> String indicating reason why the read was filtered out. See also: Filtering. Only appears for reads that were filtered out.

MD:Z:<S> A string representation of the mismatched reference bases in the alignment. See SAM format specification for details. Only present if SAM record is for an aligned read.

## SAM file processing: algorithm highlights

Open the input BAM file by calling samtools and piping its output (SAM format) into perlinput stream

```
open(IN, "samtools view -h $inbamfile | ");
```

Pipe the output stream (in SAM format) into to produce the output BAM file

```
open(OUT," | samtools view -Sb - > $outbamfile");
```

- For each record (alignment)
  - Echo (i.e., output without any processing) all header lines

```
if($line =~ m/^@/) { print OUT "$line\n"; next; }
```

Extract values of AS, XS, and NM tags

```
if( \$tags =~ /AS:i:(\d+)/ ) { \$AS = \$1; }
```

- Skip records satisfying one or more of the following conditions:
  - AS is undefined (read is unmapped)
  - AS <= XS</li>
  - XM > 2
- Print surviving records to output stream piped into samtools view -Sb command
- Print filter statistics to standard output stream

#### **Exercises**

Modify the script extract\_from\_fasta.pl to select sequences which

- Are on the list of requested sequences OR
- Contain a given DNA motif

Modify the script filter\_bam.pl to

- filter out all alignments with indels (use XO and XG tags)
- Accept SAM input from STDIN and write output to STDOUT, so that the filtering command would be

```
samtools view -h maize_tst.bam | ./filter_bam.pl | samtools
view -Sb - > maize_filtered.bam
```