

Review checklist | Sequence alignment & search | Day03–05

Algorithms & coding

- ☐ What is an algorithm?
- ☐ What is a pseudocode of an algorithm?
- ☐ What is recursion and what are loops (for, while)?
- ☐ What is a conditional statement (if, else) and how is it used in coding?

Biology

- ☐ What is DNA? What does a DNA sequence look like? What do A, T, G, and C mean?
- ☐ What is a protein? What does a protein sequence look like? What do the individual characters in the sequence mean?

Probability & statistics

- ☐ What does probability mean?
- ☐ How do you write a mathematical expression for the probability that: i) even A occurs, and ii) two events A and B occur together?
- ☐ What is a probability distribution? What do the parameters in a probability distribution mean?
- ☐ What is the difference between a discrete and a continuous probability distribution?
- ☐ How do you write a mathematical expression for the probability that a particular variable x is less than or equal to a particular value S ?
- ☐ What is the binomial distribution? What kinds of processes does this distribution capture well?
- ☐ What is the exponential distribution? What kinds of processes does this distribution capture well?

Analytical concepts & techniques

- ☐ What is a matrix?
- ☐ How do you write a mathematical expression to refer to a particular cell in the matrix based on its row and column?