

PRACTICAL 9

Question 1. Identify the pair of sequences which are close to each other using Hamming and Euclidean distance methods.

Q1 set of sequences

- i AMENLNMDLLYMAAAVMMGLAAIGAAIGIGILGGKFLEGAARQPD
IPLLRTQFFIVMGLVDAIPMIAVGLGLYVMFAVA
- ii ADVSAAVGATGQSGMTYRLGLSWDWDKSWWQTSTGRLTGYWDAGY
TYWEGGDEGAGKHSLSFAPVFVYEFAGDSIKPFIEAGIGVAAFSGTRV
GDQNLGSSLNFEDRIGAGLKFANGQSVGVRAIHYSNAGLKQPNDGIE
SYSLFYKIPI
- iii MALLPAAPGAPARATPTRWPVGCNRPWTKWSYDEALDGIKAAGYA
WTGLLTASKPSLHHATATPEYLAALKQKSRHAA

Solution. In order to achieve the above, we first write the codes for obtaining composition, calculating hamming distance and calculating euclidean distance between two sequences. Now, we have three sequences, hence three pairs of sequences to compare closeness. (i) and (ii), (ii) and (iii), (iii) and (i). After comparing them we can easily predict which pair is closest to each other based on the given two metrics.

```
1 amino_acid_list =
2 {"A": 0, "R": 1, "N": 2, "D": 3, "C": 4,
3  "Q": 5, "E": 6, "G": 7, "H": 8, "I": 9,
4  "L": 10, "K": 11, "M": 12, "F": 13, "P": 14,
5  "S": 15, "T": 16, "W": 17, "Y": 18, "V": 19}
6
7 # Obtain the composition of amino acids (not in percentage)
8 def composition(seq):
9     amino_acid_count = [0 for i in range(20)]
10    for i in range(len(seq)):
11        amino_acid_count[amino_acid_list[seq[i]]] += 1
12
13    len_seq = len(seq)
14    for i in range(len(amino_acid_count)):
15        amino_acid_count[i] /= len_seq
16
17    return amino_acid_count
18
19 # Function to compute hamming distance between any two sequences
20 def hamming_distance(c1, c2):
21     dist = 0
22     for i in range(len(c1)):
23         dist += abs(c1[i] - c2[i])
24     return dist
25
26 # Function to compute euclidean distance between any two sequences
27 def euclidean_distance(c1, c2):
28     dist = 0
29     for i in range(len(c1)):
30         dist += (c1[i] - c2[i]) ** 2
31     dist = dist ** 0.5
32     return dist
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33
34 seq1 =
35 "AMENLNMDLLYMAAAVMMGLAAIGAAIGIGILGGKFLEGAARQPDLIPLLRRTQF
36 FIVMGLVDAIPMIAVGLGLYVMFAVA "
37 seq2 =
38 "AADVSAAVGATGQSGMTYRLGLSWDWDKSWWQTSTGRLTGYWDAGYTYWEGGDE
39 GAGKHSLSFAPVFVYEFAGDSIKPFIEAGIGVAAFSGTRVGDQNLGSSLNFEDRI
40 GAGLKFANGQSVGVRAIHYSNAGLKQPNDGIESYSLFYKIPI "
41 seq3 =
42 "MALLPAAPGAPARATPTRWPVGCNRPWTKWSYDEALDGIKAAGYAWTGLLTAS
43 KPSLHHATATPEYLAALKQKSRHAA "
44
45 comp1 = composition(seq1)
46 comp2 = composition(seq2)
47 comp3 = composition(seq3)
48
49 # Finding best hamming distance
50 ham1 = hamming_distance(comp1, comp2)
51 ham2 = hamming_distance(comp2, comp3)
52 ham3 = hamming_distance(comp3, comp1)
53 print(ham1, ham2, ham3)
54
55 if ham1 < ham2 and ham1 < ham3:
56     print("Sequence 1 and 2 are closest to each other via hamming distance")
57
58 # Finding best euclidean distance
59 euc1 = euclidean_distance(comp1, comp2)
60 euc2 = euclidean_distance(comp2, comp3)
61 euc3 = euclidean_distance(comp3, comp1)
62 print(euc1, euc2, euc3)
63
64 if euc1 < euc2 and euc1 < euc3:
65     print("Sequence 1 and 2 are closest to each other via hamming distance")
66
67
68 # Output
69 0.6657284768211922 0.726632576075111 0.8433544303797469
70 Sequence 1 and 2 are closest to each other via hamming distance
71 0.20106216842153507 0.20112952107271118 0.2208681669138957
72 Sequence 1 and 2 are closest to each other via hamming distance

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LISTING 1. Functions to compute α helix and β strand ranges

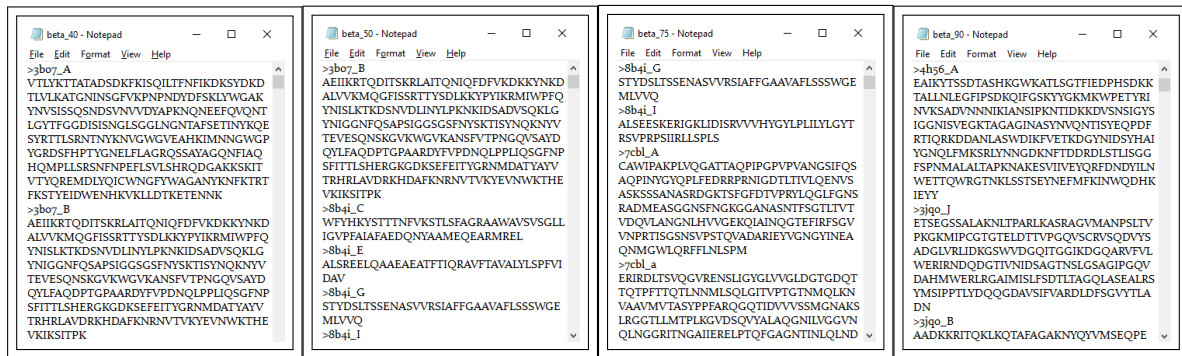
Pair of sequences	Hamming distance	Euclidean distance
(i) and (ii)	0.6657284768211922	0.20106216842153507
(ii) and (iii)	0.726632576075111	0.20112952107271118
(iii) and (i)	0.8433544303797469	0.2208681669138957

- **Closest pair based on hamming distance:** In case of the comparison of pair of sequences based on **hamming distance**, we can see that the **sequences 1 and 2 are closest**.
- **Closest pair based on euclidean distance:** In case of the comparison of pair of sequences based on **euclidean distance**, we can see that the **sequences 1 and 2 are closest**.

Question 2. Get the non-redundant sequences of beta barrel membrane proteins with sequence identities of less than 40%, 50%, 75% and 90% using CD-HIT.

Solution. Firstly, go to the website of **PDBTM** database (<http://pdbtm.enzim.hu/>). It is a comprehensive transmembrane protein selection of the Protein Data Bank (PDB). Now, download the redundant beta barrel protein sequences (TMB) in FASTA format. Now, the task is to obtain the non-redundant sequences. For this, we use CD-HIT software for different cut-offs mentioned in the question.

Install the MobaXterm (<https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/download-home-edition.html>), and access the lab linux system through the SSH command given. The input file (**beta.fasta**) is already present, along with the CD Hits for different cutoffs. Download the text files for cutoffs of 40%, 50%, 75%, and 90%.



(A) beta_40

(B) beta_50

(C) beta_75

(D) beta_90

FIGURE 1. The FASTA files of cluster outputs from CD-HIT

To find the number of clusters, we just need to count the number of sequences in the above downloaded FASTA files. The code to count them is pretty simple as shown below:

```
1 # All the 4 downloaded files are saved inside the folder named "Assignment9"
2 for i in os.listdir("Assignment9"):
3     if "txt" in i:
4         input_file = os.path.join("Assignment9", i)
5         fasta_sequences = SeqIO.parse(open(input_file), 'fasta')
6         count = 0
7         for fasta in fasta_sequences:
8             count += 1
9         print(i, count)
10 # Output:
11 beta_40.txt 240
12 beta_50.txt 265
13 beta_75.txt 330
14 beta_90.txt 370
```

LISTING 2. Code to count the number of clusters

The results from **CD-HIT** are:

Identity (in %)	Number of Clusters
40	240
50	265
75	330
90	370

Question 3. Get the non-redundant sequences of the same type of proteins with sequence identities of less than 20%, 30%, 40% and 50% using PISCES (<https://dunbrack.fccc.edu/piscs/>).

Solution. Firstly, go to the website of **PISCES** (<https://dunbrack.fccc.edu/piscs/>). In this method of clustering, sequence identities for PDB sequences are determined by creating a hidden Markov model for every unique PDB sequence with the program HHblits and searching the resulting collection of HMMs with each individual HMM with the program HHsearch. Now, we shall be using the same set of redundant beta barrel protein sequences in FASTA format as input. Since, we are giving a custom input, we navigate from the main page on PISCES via "Access the server to create your own lists". Now, we choose to cull from our own list of PDB entries or chains.

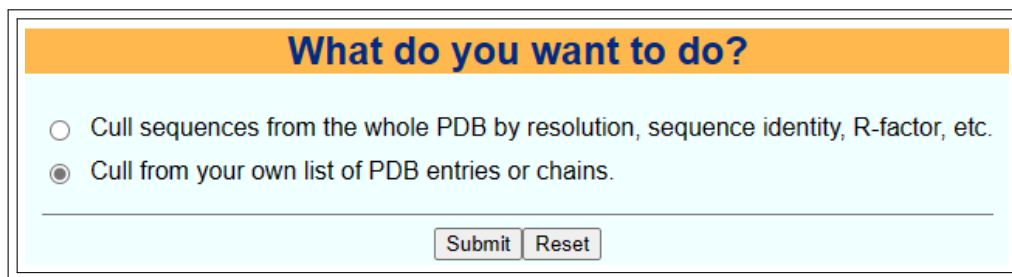


FIGURE 2. Cull from your own list of PDB entries

Now, we need to paste only the list of PDB chains from the input file, not the entire FASTA file itself. So, writing a code to extract that is very simple as shown below:

```
1 from Bio import SeqIO
2 input_file = "beta.fasta"
3 fasta_sequences = SeqIO.parse(open(input_file), 'fasta')
4 for fasta in fasta_sequences:
5     name, sequence = fasta.id, str(fasta.seq)
6     print(name)
```

LISTING 3. Obtaining PDB chains from FASTA file

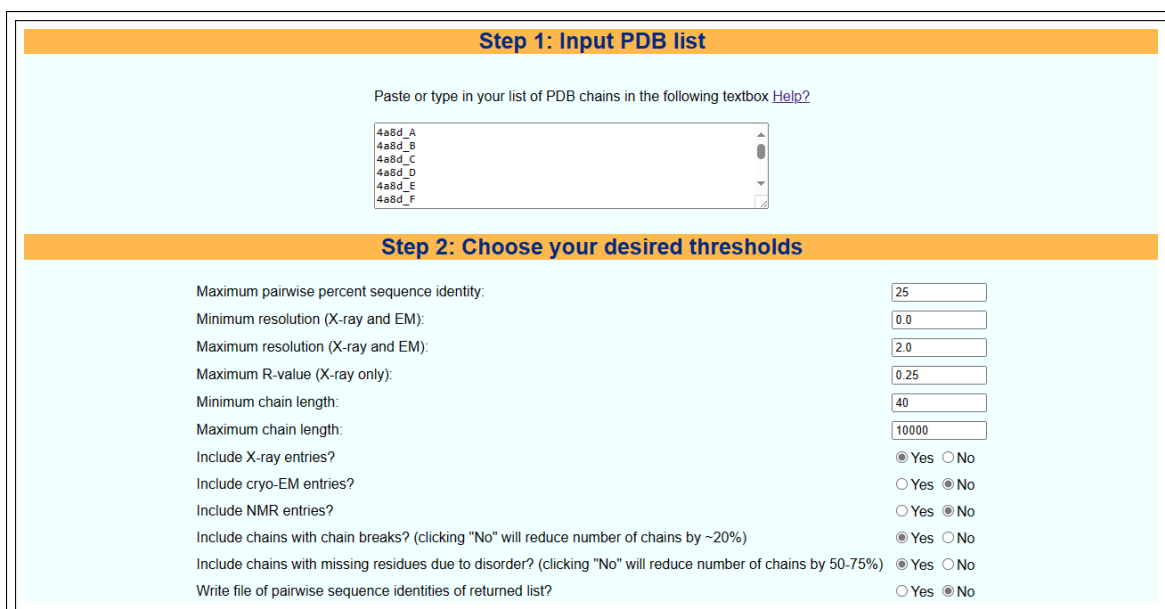


FIGURE 3. Input PDB chains and setting parameters

Now, we extract the PDB chain names, we copy the list and paste it in the "Input PDB list" section as shown in the image above. The second step is to choose the desired thresholds, which is essentially the cut-off percentages to be fixed. I need to iteratively change the Maximum pairwise percent sequence identity to 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50%. Their corresponding server output images are included below:

```
Your thresholds for culling the PDB
Resolution      : 0.0 - 2.0
R-factor        : 0.25
Sequence length : 40 - 10000
Sequence percentage identity: <= 20.0
X-ray entries: Included
EM entries: Excluded
NMR entries: Excluded
Chains with chain breaks: Included
Chains with disorder: Included

Number of chains: 31

Download result files: http://dunbrack.fccc.edu/piscs/users/be21b005@mail.ilitm.ac.in/cullpdb\_pc20\_0\_res0.0-2.0\_len40-10000\_R0.25\_Xray\_g2024\_04\_08\_chains31.tar
```

FIGURE 4. beta_20 output generated by PISCES culling server

```
Your thresholds for culling the PDB
Resolution      : 0.0 - 2.0
R-factor        : 0.25
Sequence length : 40 - 10000
Sequence percentage identity: <= 30.0
X-ray entries: Included
EM entries: Excluded
NMR entries: Excluded
Chains with chain breaks: Included
Chains with disorder: Included

Number of chains: 39

Download result files: http://dunbrack.fccc.edu/piscs/users/be21b005@mail.ilitm.ac.in/cullpdb\_pc30\_0\_res0.0-2.0\_len40-10000\_R0.25\_Xray\_g2024\_04\_13\_chains39.tar
```

FIGURE 5. beta_30 output generated by PISCES culling server

```
Your thresholds for culling the PDB
Resolution      : 0.0 - 2.0
R-factor        : 0.25
Sequence length : 40 - 10000
Sequence percentage identity: <= 40.0
X-ray entries: Included
EM entries: Excluded
NMR entries: Excluded
Chains with chain breaks: Included
Chains with disorder: Included

Number of chains: 42

Download result files: http://dunbrack.fccc.edu/piscs/users/be21b005@mail.ilitm.ac.in/cullpdb\_pc40\_0\_res0.0-2.0\_len40-10000\_R0.25\_Xray\_g2024\_04\_13\_chains42.tar
```

FIGURE 6. beta_40 output generated by PISCES culling server

```
Your thresholds for culling the PDB
Resolution      : 0.0 - 2.0
R-factor        : 0.25
Sequence length : 40 - 10000
Sequence percentage identity: <= 50.0
X-ray entries: Included
EM entries: Excluded
NMR entries: Excluded
Chains with chain breaks: Included
Chains with disorder: Included

Number of chains: 46

Download result files: http://dunbrack.fccc.edu/piscs/users/be21b005@mail.ilitm.ac.in/cullpdb\_pc50\_0\_res0.0-2.0\_len40-10000\_R0.25\_Xray\_g2024\_04\_13\_chains46.tar
```

FIGURE 7. beta_50 output generated by PISCES culling server

Now, the **tar** files or the result files can be downloaded to analyze the output sequences and understand them.

The results from **PISCES** culling server are:

Identity (in %)	Number of Clusters
20	31
30	39
40	42
50	46

The above table gives the information of the number of clusters that have been obtained through PISCES (A Protein Sequence Culling Server). However, the PISCES also gives various additional information. It gives an output list of accession IDs with sequence length, structural determination method, resolution, and R-factor (if available) and a file of sequences in FASTA format.



FIGURE 8. Structure determination in PISCES culling server

PISCES is a public server for culling sets of protein sequences from the Protein Data Bank (PDB) by sequence identity and structural quality criteria. PISCES can provide lists culled from the entire PDB or from lists of PDB entries or chains provided by the user. The sequence identities are obtained from PSI-BLAST alignments with position-specific substitution matrices derived from the non-redundant protein sequence database. PISCES can also cull non-PDB sequences provided by the user as a list of GenBank identifiers, a FASTA format file.



FIGURE 9. FASTA files sequences output in PISCES culling server

Question 4. Compare the results obtained with the cut-offs 40% and 50%.

Solution. So, we need to compare the cut-offs 40% and 50%.

Comparison between cut-offs 40% and 50% results of PISCES

- Comparison has been done by exact matching of cluster representatives' sequences.
- Since less than 50% is inclusive of less than 40%, the 42 representatives in the latter are common in both the considered cases.
- Apart from the 42 common the former has 4 more cluster representatives.

Comparison between cut-offs 40% and 50% results of CD-HITS

- Comparison has been done by exact matching of cluster representatives' sequences.
- Since less than 50% is inclusive of less than 40%, the representatives in the latter are expected to be completely common in both the considered cases. However, only 235 representatives' sequences are common.
- Apart from the 235 common the 40% case has 5 more cluster representatives, while the 50% case has 30 more cluster representatives.

Comparison between cut-off 40% results of PISCES and CD-HITS

- Comparison has been done by exact matching of cluster representatives' sequences.
- Both methods of identifying representative sequences are quite different. Only 5 representatives' sequences are common.

Comparison between cut-off 50% results of PISCES and CD-HITS

- Comparison has been done by exact matching of cluster representatives' sequences.
- Both methods of identifying representative sequences are quite different. Only 5 representatives' sequences are common.

```
1 input_file = "Assignment9\\pisces_40_fasta.fasta"
2 fasta_sequences = SeqIO.parse(open(input_file),'fasta')
3 name_40 = []
4 seq_40 = []
5
6 for fasta in fasta_sequences:
7     name, sequence = fasta.id, str(fasta.seq)
8     name_40.append(name)
9     seq_40.append(sequence)
10
11 # Read FASTA files of piscес_50, cd-hit_40, cd-hit_50 in the same way.
12
13 a = list(seq_40.intersection(seq_50))
14 b = list(beta_seq_40.intersection(beta_seq_50))
15 c = list(beta_seq_40.intersection(seq_40))
16 d = list(beta_seq_50.intersection(seq_50))
17 e = list(beta_seq_40.intersection(seq_50))
18 f = list(beta_seq_50.intersection(seq_40))
19
20 print(len(a))
21
22 print(len(b))
23
24 print(len(c))
25
26 for i in range(len(c)):
27     indices = list(beta_seq_40).index(c[i])
28     indices2 = list(beta_seq_50).index(c[i])
29     print(list(beta_name_40)[indices], list(beta_name_50)[indices2])
30
```



```

31 print(len(d))
32
33 for i in range(len(d)):
34     indices = list(beta_seq_40).index(d[i])
35     indices2 = list(beta_seq_50).index(d[i])
36     print(list(beta_name_40)[indices], list(beta_name_50)[indices2])
37
38 print(len(e))
39
40 print(len(f))
41
42 # Output
43 42
44 235
45 5
46 7lhh_K 7rj5_E
47 6h04_C 4e1t_A
48 5wln_G 4gey_A
49 2o5p_A 5d16_A
50 8bys_A 6cd2_A
51 5
52 7lhh_K 7rj5_E
53 6h04_C 4e1t_A
54 5wln_G 4gey_A
55 2o5p_A 5d16_A
56 8bys_A 6cd2_A
57 5
58 5

```

LISTING 4. Compare the 40% and 50% cutoff hits for both PISCES and CD-HITS

Identity (in %)	Number of Clusters
40 (PISCES)	42
50 (PISCES)	46
40 (CD-HITS)	240
50 (CD-HITS)	265

The above table is just a review of the previous two answers that are used to answer this question. The number of clusters are mentioned for the cases of PISCES (40% cutoff), PISCES (50% cutoff), CD-HITS (40% cutoff), and CD-HITS (50% cutoff). In the table below we have the number of common sequences between each pair of the above 4 groups, i.e., 10 pairs.

	40% (PISCES)	50% (PISCES)	40% (CD- HITS)	50% (CD- HITS)
40% (PISCES)	42	42	5	5
50% (PISCES)	42	46	5	5
40% (CD- HITS)	5	5	240	235
50% (CD- HITS)	5	5	235	265

Question 5. Extract the data with the cut-off of 50% from UniProt and compare with CD-HIT and PISCES.

Solution. To obtain the beta barrel membrane proteins' clusters from the UniProtKB, we go to **UniRef** and type in the search query "beta barrel" "membrane" to obtain the clusters.

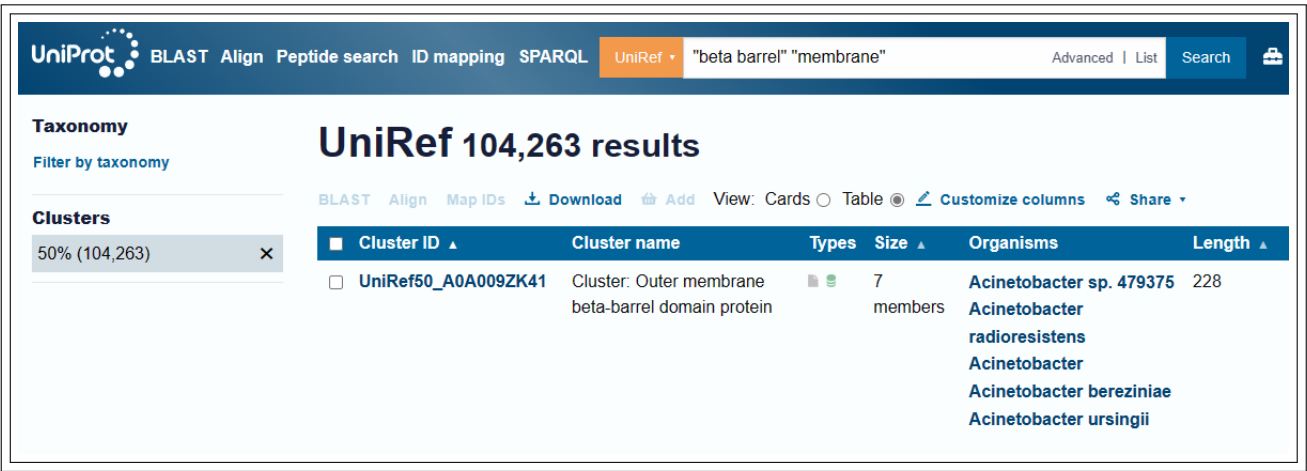


FIGURE 10. UniRef beta barrel membrane proteins 50% clusters

Now, firstly the IDs present in UniRef are in a quite different format when compared to the IDs in PISCES and CD-HITS. Hence, comparing them is difficult. In the UniRef clusters, we have a reference cluster sequence along with the organism IDs of each cluster. However, in the case of CD-HITS and PISCES, we have the representative sequence for each cluster. Also, the ID naming for UniRef is quite different from the other two.

If we are to compare the reference cluster sequence of UniRef with the representative sequences of PISCES and CD-HITS, there are no common hits. Hence, comparison itself is unfeasible in this case. Hence, the below table has the number of clusters observed in the 50% cutoff of PISCES, CD-HITS, and UniRef.

Clustering method (for 50% identity)	Number of Clusters obtained
PISCES	46
CD-HITS	265
UniRef	104,263