

Bioinformatics

Sequence alignment - Dinamic programming

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Introduction

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- Understand and implement the Needleman–Wunsch algorithm.

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Sequence alignment

Definition

How can we determine the similarity between two sequences?

Sequence alignment

Definition

Sequence Alignment in Biology

The purpose of a sequence alignment is to line up all residues in the inputted sequence(s) for maximal level of similarity, in the sense of their functional or evolutionary relationship.

Sequence alignment

Pairwise sequence alignment

Visit [EMBOSS](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/EMBOSS/), use the sample sequences and evaluate with BLOSUM62 matrix (no more that 62% of similarity).

Pairwise Sequence Alignment

EMBOSS Needle reads two input sequences and writes their optimal global sequence alignment to file.

STEP 1 - Enter your protein sequences

Enter a pair of
 PROTEIN

sequences. Enter or paste your first **protein** sequence in any supported format:

```
>sp|P69905|HBA_HUMAN Hemoglobin subunit alpha OS=Homo sapiens GN=HBA1 PE=1 SV=2
MVLSPADKTNVKAAWGKVGAHAGEYGAEALERMFLSFPTTKTYFPHFDLSHGSAQVKGHG
KKVADALTNVAHVDDMPNALSLSLHAHLKRVDPVNFKLLSHCLLVTLAAHLPAEFTP
```

Or, upload a file: No file selected. [Use a sample sequence](#) [Clear sequence](#) | [See more example inputs](#)

AND

Enter or paste your second **protein** sequence in any supported format:

```
>sp|P01942|HBA_MOUSE Hemoglobin subunit alpha OS=Mus musculus GN=Hba PE=1 SV=2
MVLSGEDKSNKAAWGKGGAHYGAEALERMFAFPTTKTYFPHFDVSHGSAQVKGHG
KKVAFMI ASAAGHI DDI PQAI SAI SFI HAHKI RVPDVFNFKI I SHCI I VTI ASHAPADFTP
```

Or, upload a file: No file selected.

STEP 2 - Set your pairwise alignment options

OUTPUT FORMAT
 pair

| MATRIX | GAP OPEN | GAP EXTEND | END GAP PENALTY | END GAP OPEN | END GAP EXTEND |
|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| BLOSUM62 | 10 | 0.5 | false | 10 | 0.5 |

STEP 3 - Submit your job

☐ Be notified by email (Tick this box if you want to be notified by email when the results are available)

Figure: Tool for pairwise sequence alignment.

Sequence alignment

Pairwise sequence alignment

```
# Aligned sequences: 2
# 1: HBA_HUMAN
# 2: HBA_MOUSE
# Matrix: EBL0SUM62
# Gap_penalty: 10.0
# Extend_penalty: 0.5
#
# Length: 142
# Identity:      122/142 (85.9%)
# Similarity:    131/142 (92.3%)
# Gaps:          0/142 ( 0.0%)
# Score: 648.0
#
#=====
```

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|---|-----|
| HBA_HUMAN | 1 | MVLSPADKTNVKAANGKVGAGHAGEYGAEALERMFSLFPTTKTYFPHFDLS | 50 |
| | | . . : : : . . : | |
| HBA_MOUSE | 1 | MVLSGEDKSNIKAANGKIGGHGAEYGAEALERMFASFPTTKTYFPHFDVS | 50 |
| HBA_HUMAN | 51 | HGSAQVKGHGKKVADALTNAAVAVDDMPNALSALSDLHAHKLRVDPVNFK | 100 |
| | | | |
| HBA_MOUSE | 51 | HGSAQVKGHGKKVADALASAAGHLDDLPGALSALSDLHAHKLRVDPVNFK | 100 |
| HBA_HUMAN | 101 | LLSHCLLVTLAAHLPAEFTPAVHASLDKFLASVSTVLTSKYR | 142 |
| | | | |
| HBA_MOUSE | 101 | LLSHCLLVTLASHHPADFTPAVHASLDKFLASVSTVLTSKYR | 142 |

Figure: Alignment: “|” stands for equality, “:” for similarity and “.” for non-similarity.

Pairwise Sequence Alignment

in Maths

Input data:

- Two sequences S_1 and S_2

Parameters:

- A scoring function f for **substitutions** and **gaps**.

Output:

- The optimal alignment of S_1 and S_2 , which has the maximal score.

Pairwise Sequence Alignment

in Maths

There are too many possible solution for sequence alignment.

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| LSPADK | L - SPADK | L - SPADK |
| LTPEEK | LTPEEK - | LT - PEEK |
| - - - - - | LSPADK | L - S - P - A - D - K - |
| LTPEEK - - - - - | - L - T - P - E - E - K | |

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$$

Pairwise Sequence Alignment

in Maths

if $n = 300$

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} = \frac{2 * 300}{(300!)^2} \approx 7 * 10^{88}$$

The visible universe is estimated to contain $10^{78} \sim 10^{80}$ atoms.

Pairwise Sequence Alignment

Dynamic Programming

Dynamic Programming

Dynamic Programming solves problems by combining the solutions to sub-problems.

- Break the problem into smaller sub-problems.
- Solve these sub-problems optimally recursively.
- Use these optimal solutions to construct an optimal solution for the original problem.

Dynamic Programming

Example

| $r \backslash s$ | A | G | G | ϕ |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| A | Best alignment between ACG and AGG | Best alignment between ACG and GG | Best alignment between ACG and G | Best alignment between ACG and ϕ |
| C | Best alignment between CG and AGG | Best alignment between CG and GG | Best alignment between CG and G | Best alignment between CG and ϕ |
| G | Best alignment between G and AGG | Best alignment between G and GG | Best alignment between G and G | Best alignment between G and ϕ |
| ϕ | Best alignment between ϕ and AGG | Best alignment between ϕ and GG | Best alignment between ϕ and G | Best alignment between ϕ and ϕ |

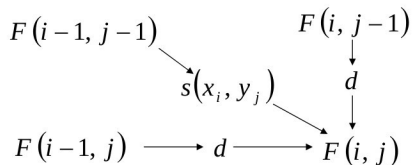
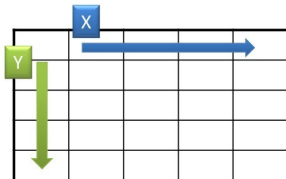
Figure: How we could divide the problem into sub-problems.

Dynamic Programming

Example

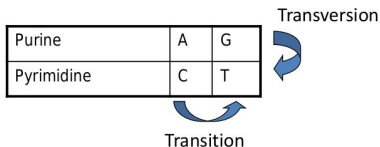
$$F(0,0) = 0$$

$$F(i, j) = \max \begin{cases} F(i-1, j-1) + s(x_i, y_j) & \mathbf{x_i \text{ aligned to } y_j} \\ F(i-1, j) + d & \mathbf{x_i \text{ aligned to a gap}} \\ F(i, j-1) + d & \mathbf{y_j \text{ aligned to a gap}} \end{cases}$$



Dynamic Programming

Example



Scoring Nucleotide

A nucleotide substitution matrix:

| | A | C | G | T |
|---|----|----|----|----|
| A | 2 | -7 | -5 | -7 |
| C | -7 | 2 | -7 | -5 |
| G | -5 | -7 | 2 | -7 |
| T | -7 | -5 | -7 | 2 |

Figure: Example of $s(x_i, y_j)$.

Dynamic Programming

Example

Input Sequence 1: AAG

Input Sequence 2: AGC

| | A | C | G | T |
|---|----|----|----|----|
| A | 2 | -7 | -5 | -7 |
| C | -7 | 2 | -7 | -5 |
| G | -5 | -7 | 2 | -7 |
| T | -7 | -5 | -7 | 2 |

For simplicity, let's set (i.e. **linear gap penalty**)

gap OPEN (d) = gap EXTEND (e) = -5

GAC - AT

C - ACAT

$$(-7) + (-5) + (-7) + (-5) + 2 + 2 = -20$$

Dynamic Programming

Example

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$$F(0,0)=0$$

$$F(i,j) = \max \begin{cases} F(i-1,j-1) + s(x_i, y_j) \\ F(i-1,j) + d \\ F(i,j-1) + d \end{cases}$$

Find the optimal alignment of AAG and AGC.

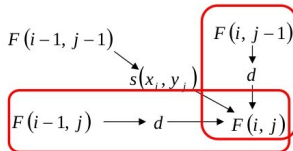
Use a linear gap penalty of $d=-5$.

| | | A | A | G |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 0 | | | |
| A | | | | |
| G | | | | |
| C | | | | |

Dynamic Programming

Example

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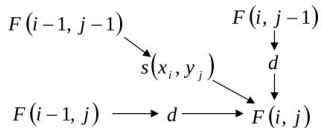
Use a linear gap penalty of $d=-5$.

| | | A | A | G |
|---|-----|----|-----|-----|
| | 0 | -5 | -10 | -15 |
| A | -5 | | | |
| G | -10 | | | |
| C | -15 | | | |

Dynamic Programming

Example

| | A | C | G | T |
|---|----|----|----|----|
| A | 2 | -7 | -5 | -7 |
| C | -7 | 2 | -7 | -5 |
| G | -5 | -7 | 2 | -7 |
| T | -7 | -5 | -7 | 2 |



Find the optimal alignment of AAG and AGC.
Use a linear gap penalty of $d=-5$.

| | | A |
|---|----|----|
| | 0 | -5 |
| A | -5 | 2 |

$$-5 + (-5) = -10$$

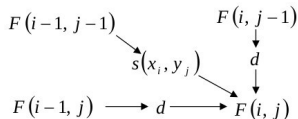
$$0 + 2 = 2$$

$$-5 + (-5) = -10$$

Dynamic Programming

Example

| | A | C | G | T |
|---|----|----|----|----|
| A | 2 | -7 | -5 | -7 |
| C | -7 | 2 | -7 | -5 |
| G | -5 | -7 | 2 | -7 |
| T | -7 | -5 | -7 | 2 |



Find the optimal alignment of AAG and AGC.

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| | | A | A | G |
|---|-----|----|-----|-----|
| | 0 | -5 | -10 | -15 |
| A | -5 | 2 | -3 | -8 |
| G | -10 | -3 | -3 | -1 |
| C | -15 | -8 | -8 | -6 |

Dynamic Programming

Example

Trace back to the upper left. Each arrow introduces one symbol at the end of each aligned sequence.

```

A  A  G  -
-  A  G  C
A  A  G  -
A  -  G  C
  
```

| | | A | A | G |
|---|---|----|----|----|
| | 0 | -5 | | |
| A | | 2 | -3 | |
| G | | | | -1 |
| C | | | | -6 |

Questions?

