

Week 3 Assembly Issues

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ISSUES

- ① we 'can' generate all possible k-mers
- ② all k-mers are error free
- ③ all k-mers only appear once
- ④ genome is in 1 piece

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- ① how do you generate all possible k-mers

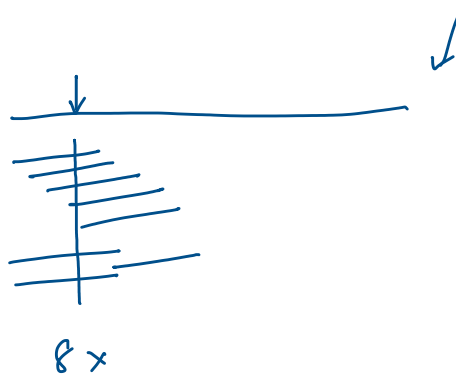
$$\text{COVERAGE} = C$$

G = haploid genome length

L = read length

N = # of reads

$$C = \frac{LN}{G}$$



~ # of reads that include a particular nucleotide

eg. read length = 150 bp

$k = 150$ } k-mers of length = ~~150~~ 40

$$k = 40 \quad 150 - 40 + 1 = 111 - k\text{-mers}$$

↳ smaller the k-mer size; more likely to capture that across the genome

ISSUE 2

all reads are free of errors

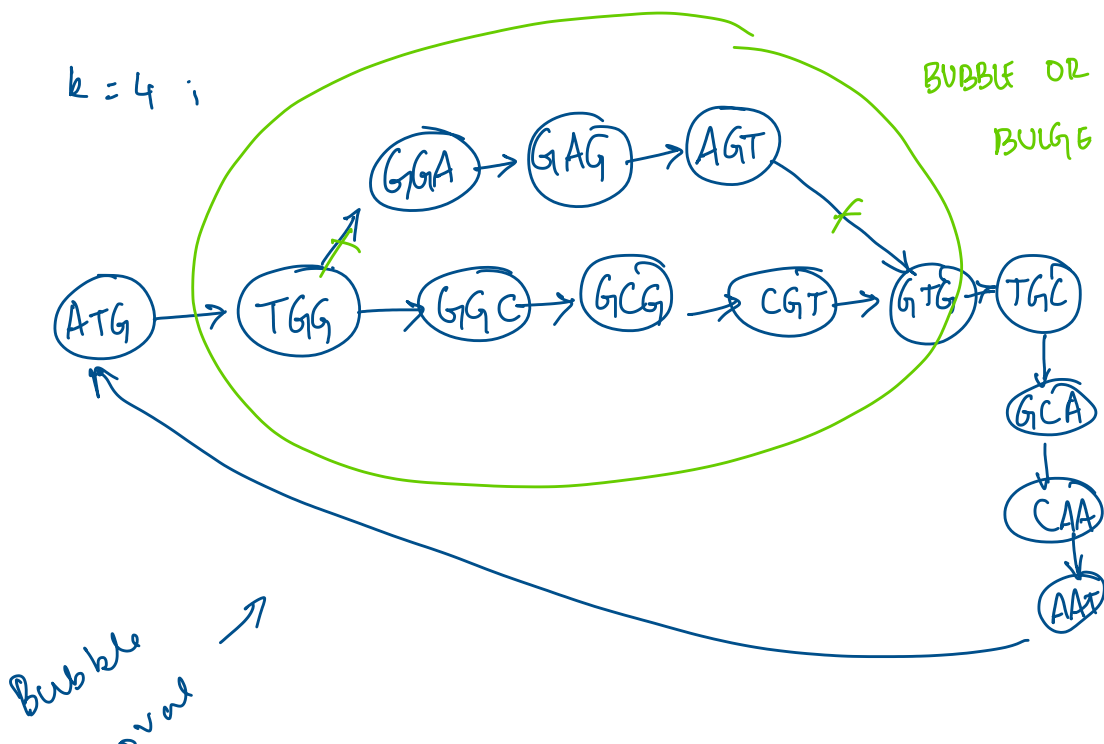
CGTGCAA, TGCAATG, GGCGTGC, ATGGCGT,

CAATGGC

ERRONEOUS READ: TGGAGTG

CORRECT READ: TGGCGTG

$k = 4$:



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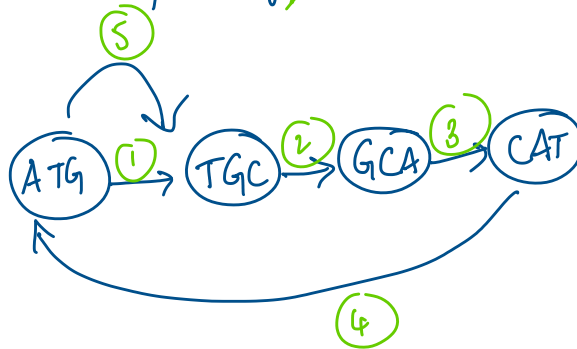
ISSUE 3

Repeats.

eg. genome: $\underbrace{ATGC}_{k=4} \underbrace{ATGC}$



k-mer multiplicity



ATGCATGC

ISSUE 4

multiple, linear chromosomes?

↳ guided assembly

↳ gaps

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ASSEMBLY QC

① CONTIGUITY

② COMPLETENESS

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NSO → sum all sequence lengths;
start at longest contig; observe the
length that takes the sum past 50%
of total length

eg. 9 contigs

2 Mbp, 3 Mbp, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

sum = 54 Mbp ; $\frac{54}{2} = 27 \text{ Mbp}$

NSO = 8 Mbp [LENGTH]

L50 - smallest # of contigs that
make up 50% of genome
eg. L50 = 3 [# of CONTIGS]

N90, L90, N75, ...

$N_{50} \rightarrow 50\%$ of the actual (known) genome size

\rightarrow greater $N_{50}/N_{90} \rightarrow$ better the assembly; more contiguous

\rightarrow smaller L_{50}/L_{90} ; better the assembly

② COMPLETENESS

BUSCO, CEGMA

LTR assembly index \rightarrow % of intact

LTR

greater the completeness, better assembly

③ CONTAMINATION assessment