

Algorithms in Bioinformatics

BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) for COVID 19 Genome Strains

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Program execution instructions

To run the following program, execute it with the following command:

```
python3 file_name.py
```

You are prompted to input the following options :

- **Query Sequence:** String input
- **Word Length:** Integer Input
- **HSP Score Threshold :** Integer Input
- **Extension Threshold:** Integer Input

Optimizations

- Optimization was done on improving the computation time, by applying multiprocessing. 5 times less time was used by the program using multiprocessing.

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of Google Colab notebooks. The left notebook, titled 'Blast_Abin_multiprocessing.ipynb', displays the output of a BLAST search using multiprocessing. The right notebook, titled 'Blast_Abin.ipynb', displays the output of a standard BLAST search. Both notebooks show the same sequence alignment results, but the execution time is significantly lower in the multiprocessing version.

```
Bitscore = 6.927689735164614
p-value = 0.000980262921375244
e-value = 6.046261699042505

Alignment - 226 -----
Sequence 1 = >MN938384.1 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 isolate 2
Sequence 2 = Query sequence

sequence1: CGAACTTTAAAAA-T
          |||||
sequence2: CGAACTTTAAAAATC

Sequence Identity = 0.8571428571428571
Score = 62
Database sequence range: 39 - 50
Query sequence range: 1 - 13
Length :14
Bitscore = 6.927689735164614
p-value = 0.000980262921375244
e-value = 6.046261699042505

Total number of alignments in complete database = 226
Execution time : 1.0462868213653564 Seconds
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Sequence Identity = 0.8571428571428571
Bit score = 62
Database sequence range: 39 - 51
Query sequence range: 1 - 12
Length :14

Alignment - 226 -----
Sequence 1 = >MN938384.1 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 isolate 2
Sequence 2 = Query sequence

sequence1: CGAACTTTAAAAA-T
          |||||
sequence2: CGAACTTTAAAAATC

Sequence Identity = 0.8571428571428571
Bit score = 62
Database sequence range: 39 - 50
Query sequence range: 1 - 13
Length :14

Total number of alignments in complete database = 226
Execution time : 5.248266228092773 Seconds
```

- The Smith-Waterman algorithm was applied on a strict sub range of database and query which was developed by identifying the adjacent words. The algorithm was not extended outside of these ranges as they would have led to less score or highly gapped local alignment. Therefore computation time was saved by not calculating such low scoring local alignments. If in case user wanted to get these alignments they can get it by applying a smaller HSSP Thershold.

References

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