



# 3000788 Intro to Comp Molec Biol

## Lecture 5: Applications of sequence alignment

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# Sequence homology

# Evolution occurs at the sequence level


**Histone H1 (residues 120-180)**

HUMAN	KKASKPKKAASKAPT	KKPKATPVKKAKKKL	AATPKKAKKPKT	TVKAKPVKASKPKKAKPVK
MOUSE	KKAAPKKAASKAPS	SKKPKATPVKKAKKKPA	ATPKKAKKPKVVKVPK	ASKPKKAKTVK
RAT	KKAAPKKAASKAPS	SKKPKATPVKKAKKKPA	ATPKKAKKPKIVKVPK	ASKPKKAKPVK
COW	KKAAPKKAASKAPS	SKKPKATPVKKAKKKPA	ATPKKTKKPKTVKAKPVK	ASKPKKTKPVK
CHIMP	KKASKPKKAASKAPT	KKPKATPVKKAKKKL	AATPKKAKKPKT	TVKAKPVKASKPKKAKPVK
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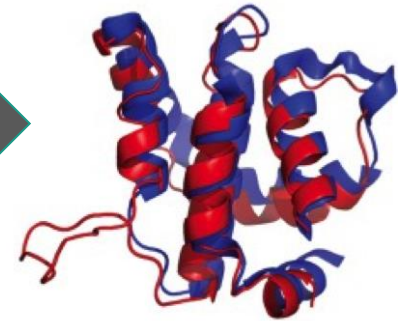
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homology\\_\(biology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homology_(biology))

- Genes / proteins originating from the same ancestor will have similar sequence
- High sequence similarity → functional similarity, structural similarity, etc.

# Sequence alignment enables inference



		$\alpha 1$		$\alpha 2$		$\alpha 3$	
N1	1	MRTLLIRYILWRN	DNDQTQQNDDF	KKLMLLDELVD	DGDVCTLI	KNMRMTL	
N2	53	IIAILNRFLT	TMNKDELNNTQ	CHIIKEFMTYE	QMAIDHYGEY	VNAILYQIR	
		$\alpha 4$		$\alpha 5$			
N1	51	SDGPLLDRLN	-----	QPVNNIEDAKRMIAISAKVARDIGERSE			
N2	103	KRPNQHHTIDLF	KKIKRTPYDTFK	VDPEFVKKVIGFVSILNKYKPVYSY			
		$\alpha 6$		$\alpha 7$			
N1	90	IRWEESFTILFR	MIETYFDDL	MIDLYG			
N2	153	VLYENVLYDEFK	CKINYVETKYF	----			



Ferguson et al. J General Virology, 94: 2070-2081 (2013)

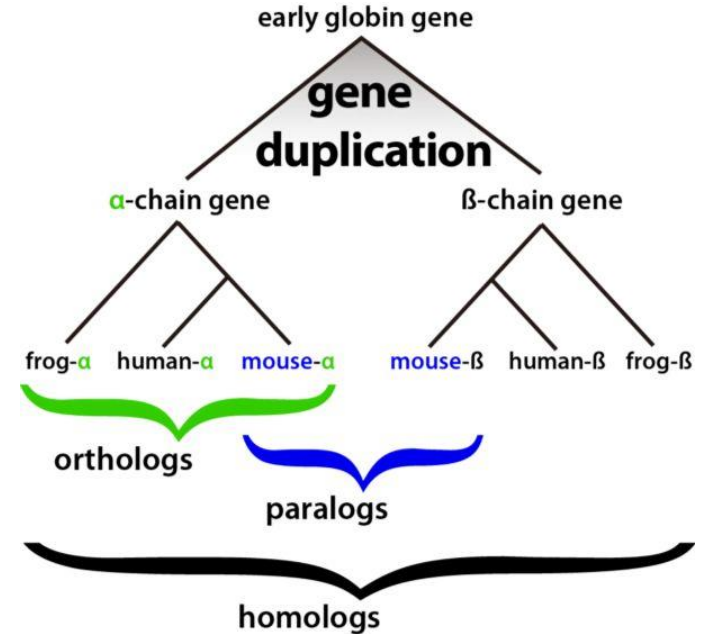
- Same amino acid residue positions are involved in similar secondary structure
- Properties of amino acid side chains are important



- Sequence alignment can check the specificity of your probes

# Broad applications of sequence homology

- Infer evolutionary relationship across species
  - Many-to-many alignment between gene lists
- Identify the species of origin for a sequence
  - One-to-many alignment against a reference database
  - Host vs pathogen
- Predict function and structure
  - Partial similarity is good enough
  - Locate conserved functional domain / motif
- Check the specificity of designed probes

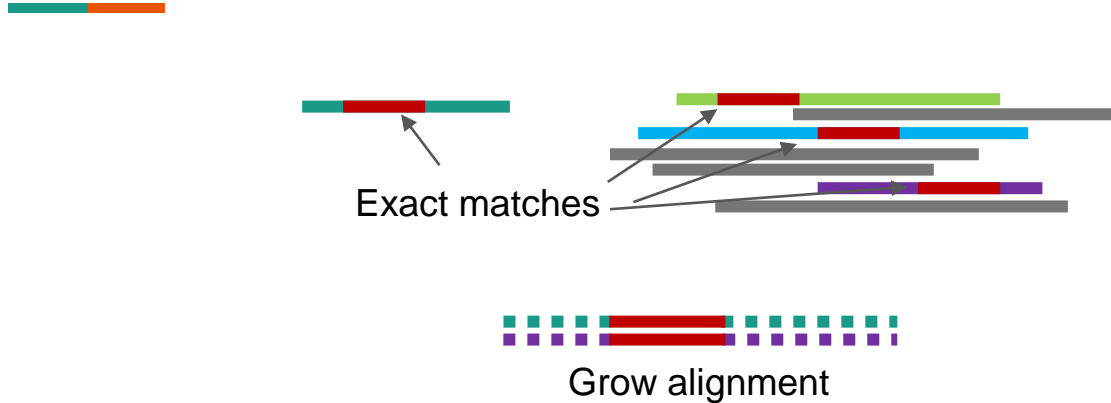


<https://sites.google.com/site/jkim339n/part2a>



# Components of sequence alignment

# Starting from exact match (seed / word)



- Input sequence length = 300
- Expected similarity between input and reference = 95% (genome re-sequencing)
- Expected 15 mismatches
- If mismatches are random, there should be a run of  $285/16 \sim 18$  positions with matches
  - MM...MEM...MEM.....MEM...MM
  - NCBI's MEGABLAST searches for a run of 28 matches



# Dynamic programming algorithm

Dynamic programming matrix:

		j → (sequence y)								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 = N
			T	G	C	T	C	G	T	A
i ↓ (sequence x)	0	0	-6	-12	-18	-24	-30	-36	-42	-48
	1 T	-6	5	-1	-7	-13	-19	-25	-31	-37
	2 T	-12	-1	3	-3	-2	-8	-14	-20	-26
	3 C	-18	-7	-3	8	2	3	-3	-9	-15
	4 A	-24	-13	-9	2	6	0	1	-5	-4
	5 T	-30	-19	-15	-4	7	4	-2	6	0
	M = 6 A	-36	-25	-21	-10	1	5	2	0	11

Optimum alignment scores 11:

T	-	-	T	C	A	T	A
T	G	C	T	C	G	T	A
+5	-6	-6	+5	+5	-2	+5	+5

- The best alignment for **T**TCATA vs **T**GCTCGTA is either
  - **T**/**T** + best alignment for TCATA vs GCTCGTA
  - **T**/- + best alignment for TCATA vs **T**GCTCGTA
  - -/**T** + best alignment for **T**TCATA vs GCTCGTA
- Rely on the score function

# Alignment scores



**Scoring Parameters**

Match/Mismatch Scores: 1,-2 ?

Gap Costs: Linear: 1 ?

**Scoring Parameters**

Match/Mismatch Scores: 2,-3 ?

Gap Costs: Existence: 5 Extension: 2 ?

Ref: ACCGTATCG  
    ||    ||||  
Query: AC---ATCG

$$\text{Score} = +1+1-1-1-1+1+1+1+1 \\ = +3$$

$$\text{Score} = +2+2-5-2-2-2+2+2+2+2 \\ = +1$$

- Gap cost models
  - **Constant** = Same penalty regardless of length
  - **Linear** = Penalty x Length
  - **Affine** = Existence + (Extension x Length)

# Alignment score interpretation



- **Match / Mismatch = +1 / -2**
  - To permit a mismatch, there must be >2 matches afterward to gain score
  - Want hits with high identity
- **Match / Mismatch = +2 / -3**
  - A mismatch followed by two matches = net +1 score
  - Want hits with intermediate identity
- **Gap cost**
  - **Constant** = An insertion/deletion can be of any length
  - **Linear** = Long indel is less likely than short indel
  - **Affine** = **Existence** + (**Extension** x Length)
    - Balance between constant and linear



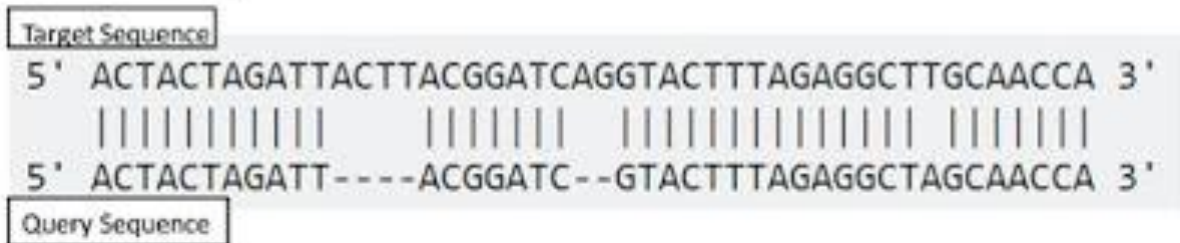
# Global and local alignment

# Global vs local alignment

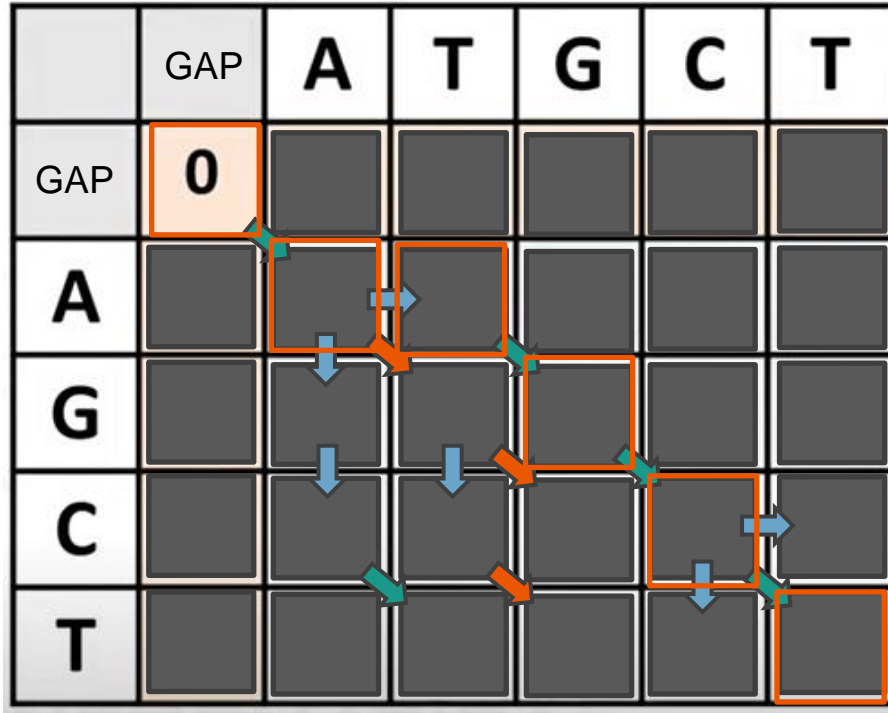
## Local Alignment






## Global Alignment



# Global alignment




Match : 1   
Mismatch : -1   
GAP : -2 

Seq1 : ATGCT




| | | |

Seq2 : A-GCT

# Local alignment



		A	T	G	C	T
	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	1	0	0	0	0
G	0	0	0	1	0	0
C	0	0	0	0	2	0
T	0	0	0	0	0	3

Match : 1   
Mismatch : -1   
GAP : -2 

Seq1 : ~~A~~TGCT

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Seq2 : ~~A~~GCT

- Ignore possibilities with negative score
  - Start over is better



# Basic Local Alignment Search Tool

## BLAST





# NCBI's nucleotide BLAST interface

Enter Query Sequence

BLASTN programs search nucleotide databases using a nucleotide query. [more...](#)

Enter accession number(s), gi(s), or FASTA sequence(s) ?

CACCATCACAAACAAAGGAAGTGGAACTGTCATGAGGTCACCTGGGTCAGAACCCAAACAGAAGCTGAATTGCAGGAT  
ATGATCAATGAAGTGGATGCTGATGGTAAGAGCTTTAAAACCATGAATGAGGGCCATTGTTGTGTAATTCAAGTTC  
AGACATGTTACAGGATTGCTTTTCAGGTCAGAGCAAGCAAATGTGCAAGATCCTTTCTGTGGTTGCCCCAG  
GGCCATTGACAA

Clear

Query subrange ?

From

To

Or, upload file

Choose File No file chosen ?

Job Title

Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search ?

☐ Align two or more sequences ?

Choose Search Set

Database

☐ Human genomic + transcript ☐ Mouse genomic + transcript ☒ Others (nr etc.):

◆ RefSeq Representative genomes (refseq\_representative\_genomes) ?

Organism  
Optional

human (taxid:9606) ☐ Exclude +

Enter organism common name, binomial, or tax id. Only 20 top taxa will be shown ?

# Nucleotide BLAST algorithms

Program Selection

Optimize for

☒ Highly similar sequences (megablast)  
☐ More dissimilar sequences (discontiguous megablast)  
☐ Somewhat similar sequences (blastn)  
Choose a BLAST algorithm ?

Megablast is intended for comparing a query to closely related sequences and works best if the target percent identity is 95% or more but is very fast.

Discontiguous megablast uses an initial seed that ignores some bases (allowing mismatches) and is intended for cross-species comparisons.

BlastN is slow, but allows a word-size down to seven bases.

- **MEGABLAST**: word size = 28, match/mismatch score = +1/-2, linear gap
- **BLASTN**: word size = 11, match/mismatch score = +2/-3, affine gap

# MEGABLAST vs BLASTN

MEGABLAST = few, high-identity hits

Job title: Nucleotide Sequence (240 letters)

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Query ID: IclQuery\_58243

Description: None

Molecule type: nucleic acid

Query Length: 240

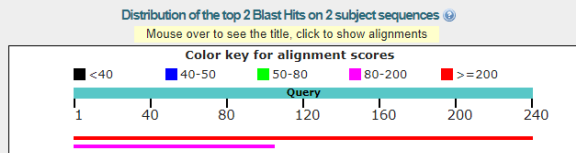
Database Name: refseq\_representative\_genomes (GPIPE/9506/108/ref\_top\_level)

Description: [See details](#)

Program: BLASTN 2.7.0+ [Citation](#)

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## Graphic Summary



## Descriptions

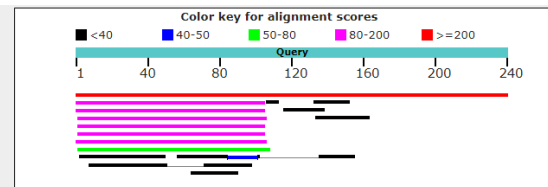
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	Description	Max score	Total score	Query cover	E value	Ident	Accession
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens chromosome X, GRCh38.p7 Primary Assembly	91.6	91.6	43%	2e-16	84%	<a href="#">NC_000023.11</a>

BLASTN = lots of intermediate-identity hits



## Descriptions

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens chromosome X, GRCh38.p7 Primary Assembly	118	118	43%	1e-24	84%	<a href="#">NC_000023.11</a>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens chromosome 10, GRCh38.p7 Primary Assembly	109	109	43%	7e-22	84%	<a href="#">NC_000010.11</a>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens chromosome 9, GRCh38.p7 Primary Assembly	37.4	37.4	8%	3.8	100%	<a href="#">NC_000009.12</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens chromosome 11, GRCh38.p7 Primary Assembly	37.4	37.4	10%	3.8	92%	<a href="#">NC_000011.10</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens chromosome 12, GRCh38.p7 Primary Assembly	37.4	37.4	9%	3.8	96%	<a href="#">NC_000012.12</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens chromosome 18, GRCh38.p7 Primary Assembly	37.4	37.4	12%	3.8	87%	<a href="#">NC_000018.10</a>

# Interpreting BLAST result

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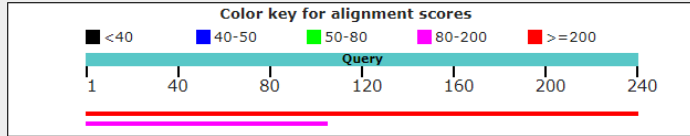
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## Graphic Summary

Distribution of the top 2 Blast Hits on 2 subject sequences

Mouse over to see the title, click to show alignments



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**Query coverage** = % of input sequence used in the alignment

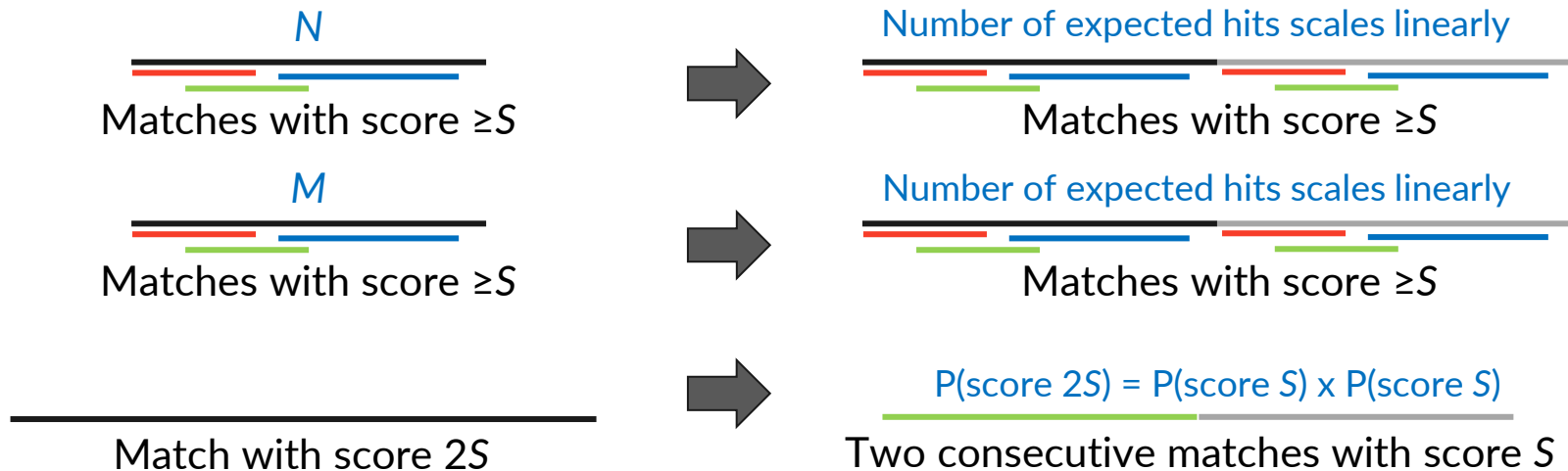
**Identity** = % of identity between input and matched sequences **in the aligned region**

**E value** = expected number of hits with the same or higher score by chance (given input length and database size)

Typical cutoff is 1e-5

# Understanding E value

- Given an input sequence of length  $N$  and a reference sequence of length  $M$
- E value for a hit with score  $S$  is proportional to  $N \times M \times e^{-\lambda S}$



# E value as Poisson distribution

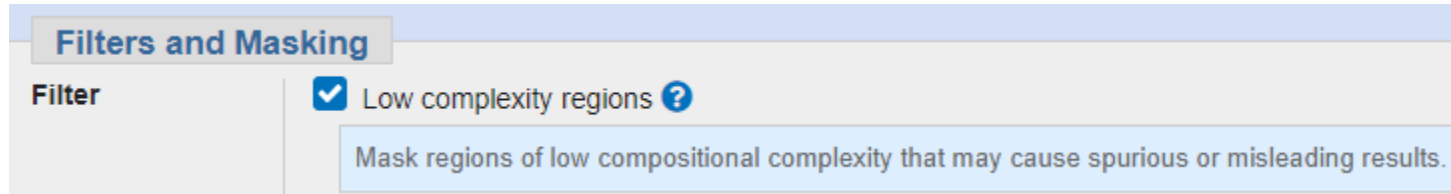


- Event of interest = hits with score  $>S$  occurs on the sequence of length  $N$
- Expected value = E value
- Probability of observing  $k$  hits with score  $>S = \frac{E^k e^{-E}}{k!}$

# Low complexity region

CG island

CCCGCGCGCCCCGGCGCCCGATGCAACTAGC



The image shows a screenshot of the 'Filters and Masking' section in a BLAST interface. It features a table with a 'Filter' column and a checkbox for 'Low complexity regions'. The checkbox is checked, and a help icon is present. Below the table, a text box explains that this filter masks regions of low compositional complexity to avoid spurious or misleading results.

Filters and Masking	
Filter	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low complexity regions ?

Mask regions of low compositional complexity that may cause spurious or misleading results.

- Probability of getting a hit with score  $>S$  will be high if both sequences contain only C's and G's
- BLAST withholds these regions from score calculation

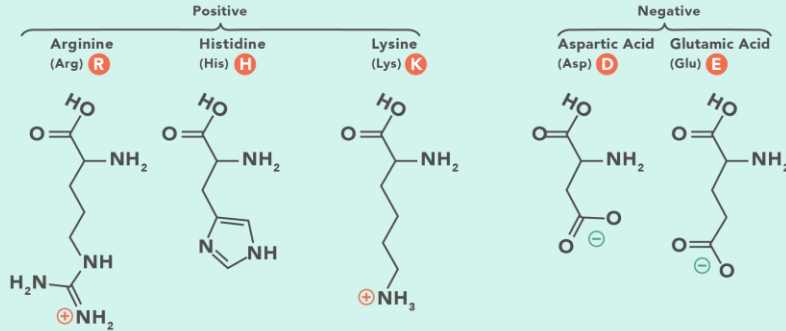


# Protein sequence alignment

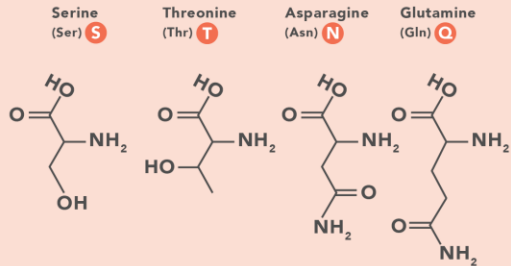


# Amino acid side chains

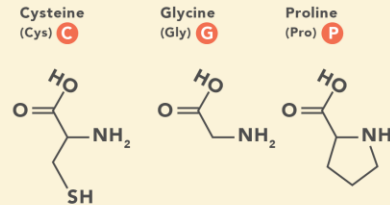
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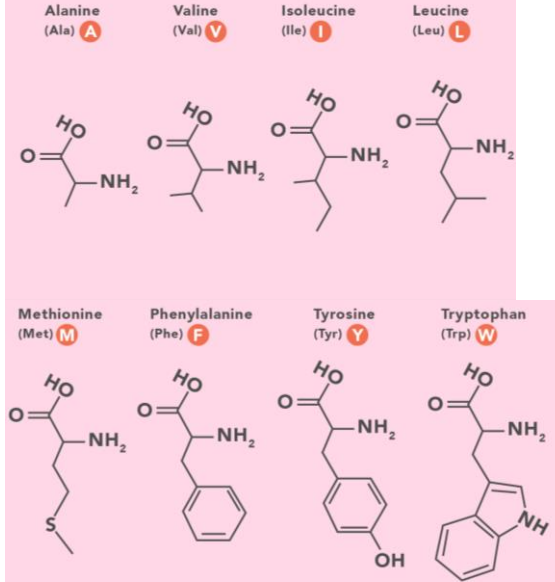
## B. Amino Acids with Polar Uncharged Side Chains



## C. Special Cases

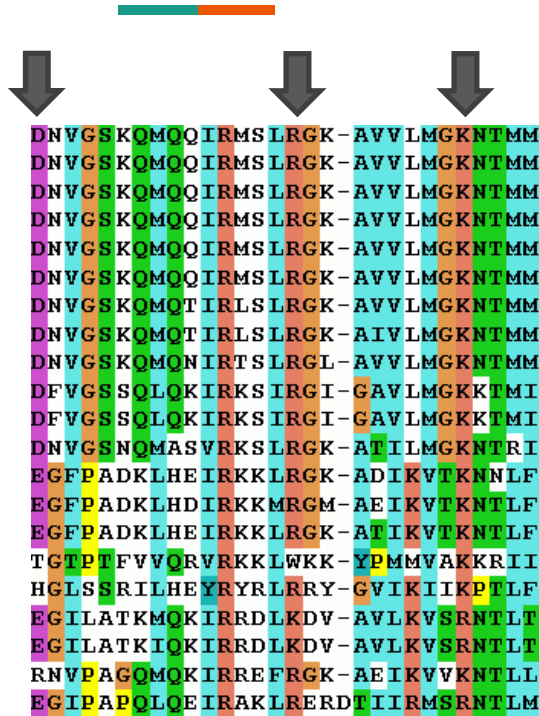


## D. Amino Acids with Hydrophobic Side Chains



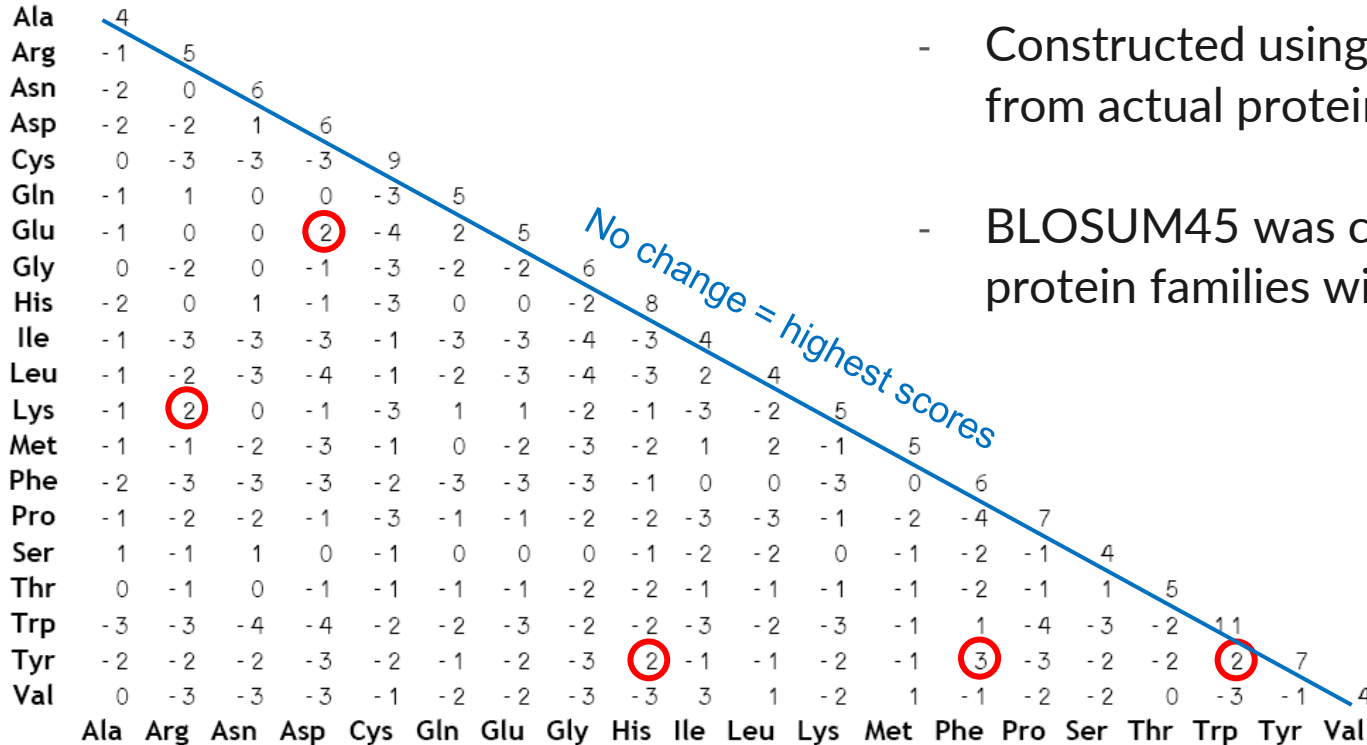
<https://www.technologynetworks.com/applied-sciences/articles/essential-amino-acids-chart-abbreviations-and-structure-324357>

# Integrated Genomics Viewer (IGV)



- Amino acids with similar properties can replace each other with minimal impact on protein function
- D, E have  $\text{-COOH}$  groups
- K, R have positively charged  $\text{-NH}_2$  groups
- A, V, I, L have small hydrocarbon side chains
- F, Y, W have benzene rings
- Alignment score must reflect these!

# Block Substitution Matrix (BLOSUM)

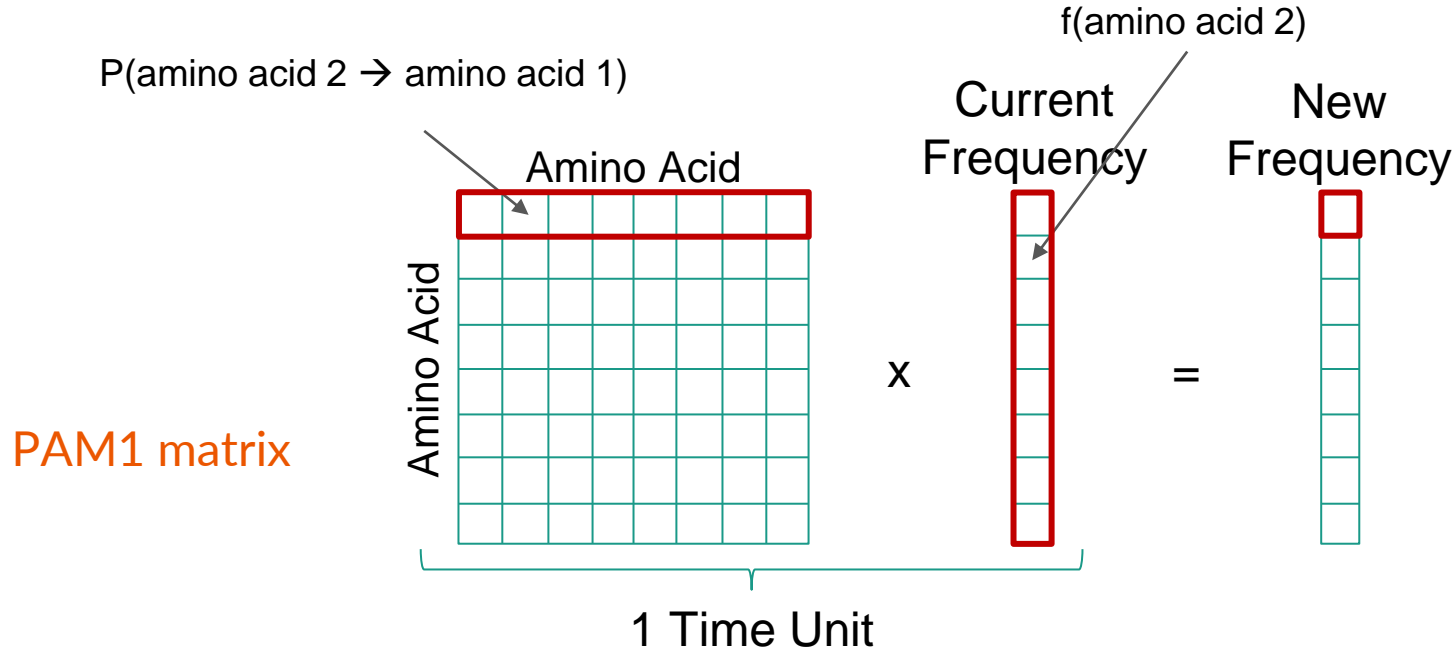


The image shows a BLOSUM45 substitution matrix. A blue diagonal line runs from the top-left to the bottom-right, with the text "No change = highest scores" written along it. Several values are circled in red: the '2' for Glu-Asp, the '2' for Lys-Arg, the '3' for Tyr-Phe, and the '2' for Tyr-Trp. A small green and orange bar is located at the top left of the matrix.

Ala	4																		
Arg	-1	5																	
Asn	-2	0	6																
Asp	-2	-2	1	6															
Cys	0	-3	-3	-3	9														
Gln	-1	1	0	0	-3	5													
Glu	-1	0	0	2	-4	2	5												
Gly	0	-2	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	6											
His	-2	0	1	-1	-3	0	0	-2	8										
Ile	-1	-3	-3	-3	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	4									
Leu	-1	-2	-3	-4	-1	-2	-3	-4	-3	2	4								
Lys	-1	2	0	-1	-3	1	1	-2	-1	-3	-2	5							
Met	-1	-1	-2	-3	-1	0	-2	-3	-2	1	2	-1	5						
Phe	-2	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-1	0	0	-3	0	6					
Pro	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-2	-4	7				
Ser	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-2	-1	4			
Thr	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	5		
Trp	-3	-3	-4	-4	-2	-2	-3	-2	-2	-3	-2	-3	-1	1	-4	-3	-2	11	
Tyr	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-1	-2	-3	2	-1	-1	-2	-1	3	-3	-2	-2	2	7
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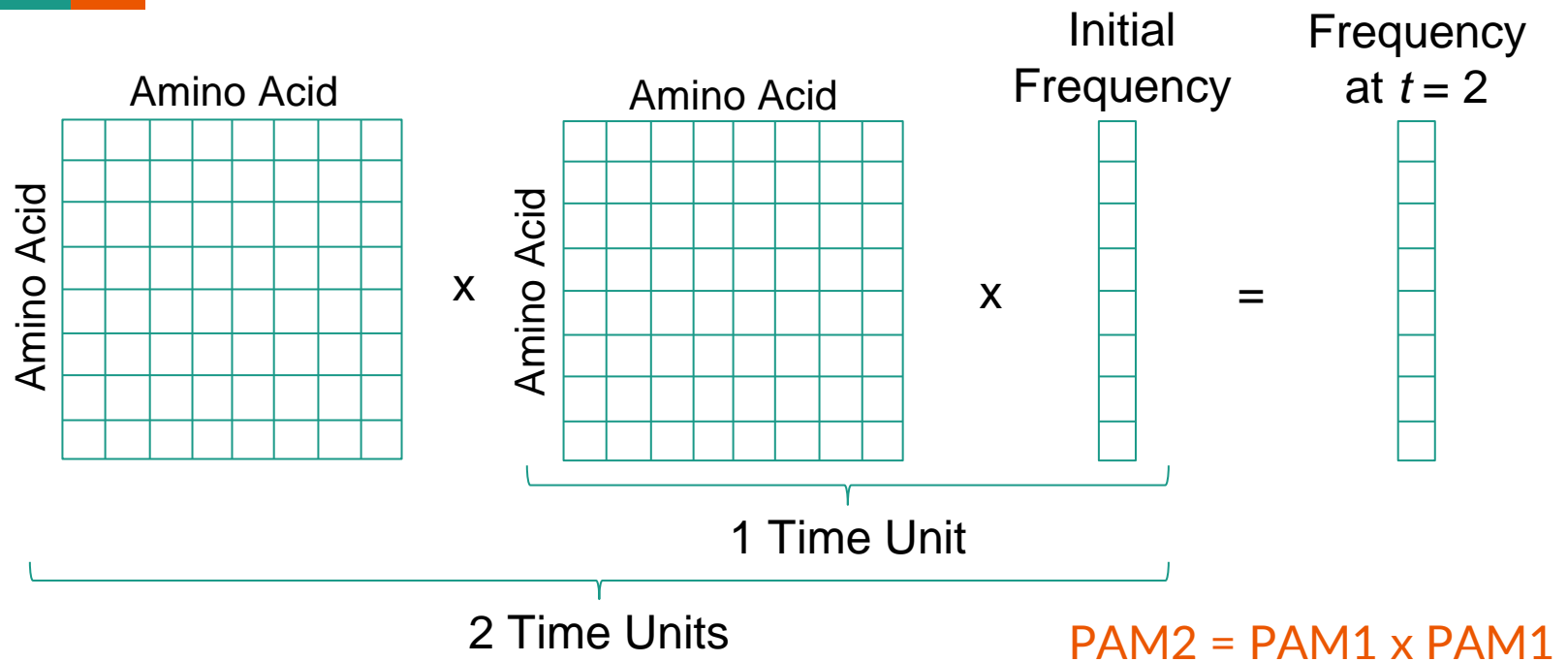
- Constructed using substitution rates from actual protein families
- BLOSUM45 was constructed using protein families with >45% conservation

# Point Accepted Mutation (PAM)



- Estimate amino acid substitution rate between highly similar proteins (>85%)

# Point Accepted Mutation (PAM)



- Extrapolate substitution rates for more distant proteins

# PAM vs BLOSUM

PAM	BLOSUM
PAM100	BLOSUM90
PAM120	BLOSUM80
PAM160	BLOSUM60
PAM200	BLOSUM52
PAM250	BLOSUM45

Data from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BLOSUM>

Scoring Parameters

Matrix: BLOSUM62 ▼

Gap Costs

Compositional adjustments

Filters and Masking

Filter

Mask

Extension: 1 ▼

Compositional score matrix adjustment ▼

Identity regions

Up table only

Base letters

- BLOSUM for low identity, PAM for high identity

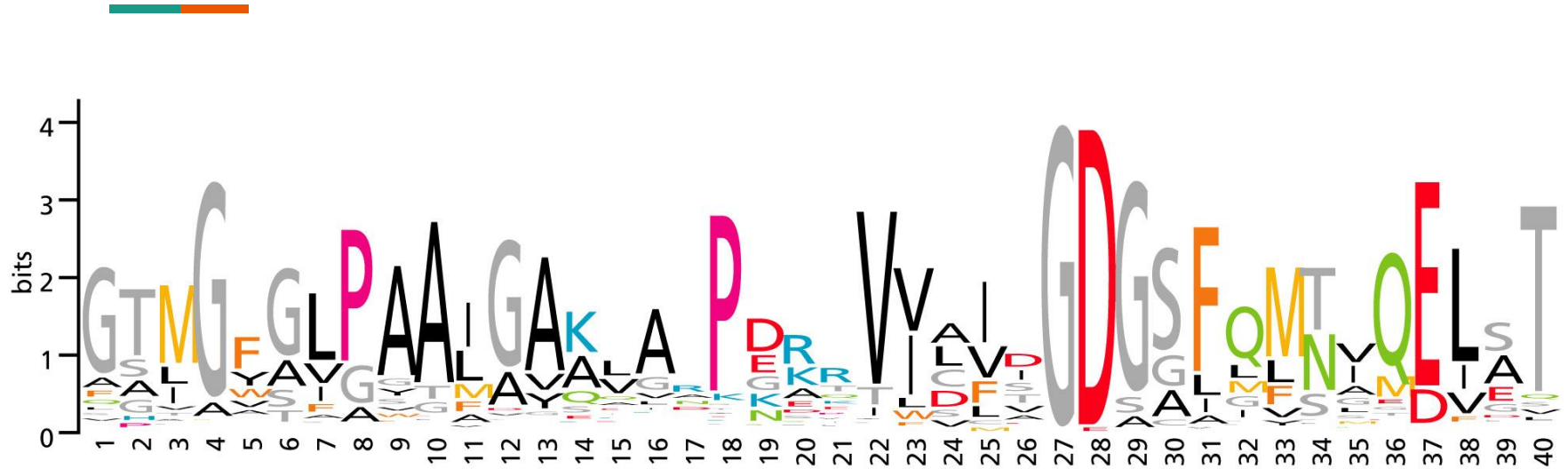
# Protein BLAST algorithms



Program Selection	
Algorithm	<input type="radio"/> Quick BLASTP (Accelerated protein-protein BLAST)
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	<input type="radio"/> PSI-BLAST (Position-Specific Iterated BLAST)
	<input type="radio"/> PHI-BLAST (Pattern Hit Initiated BLAST)
	<input type="radio"/> DELTA-BLAST (Domain Enhanced Lookup Time Accelerated BLAST)

- Standard BLASTP assumes that all amino acid residue positions are the same
- But there are protein domains & motifs with specific patterns

# Position-specific scoring matrix (PSSM)



[www.nemates.org/uky/520/Lecture/Lect6/BIO520\\_2010\\_Lect6.pp](http://www.nemates.org/uky/520/Lecture/Lect6/BIO520_2010_Lect6.pp)

[weblogo.berkeley.edu](http://weblogo.berkeley.edu)

- Different scoring matrix for each position in the motif
- But how do we know the position-specific amino acid profile?



# Pattern hit initiated (PHI-BLAST)



x = any amino acid

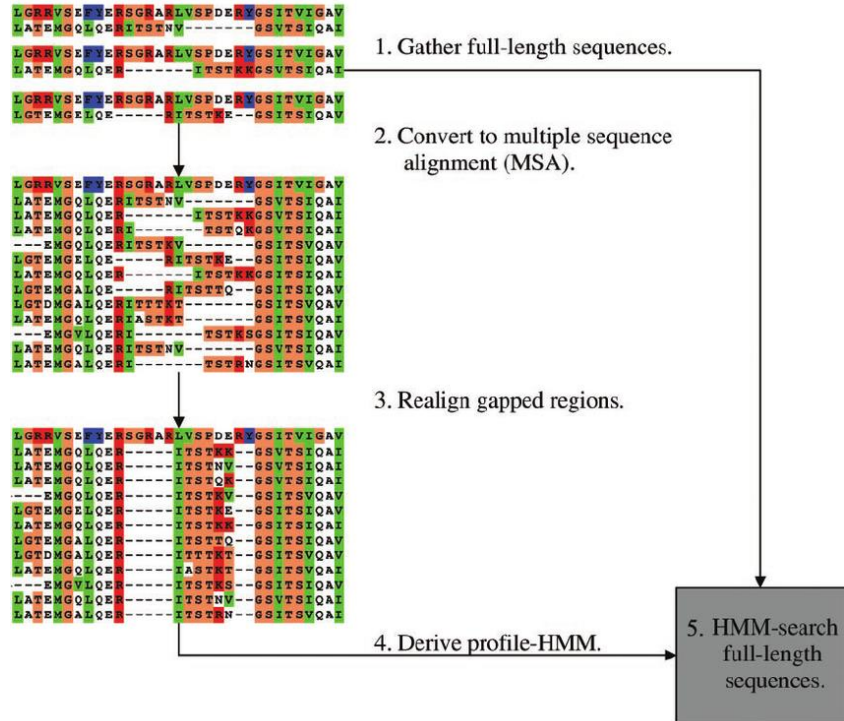
[LIVMF] -G-E-x- [GAS] - [LIVM] -x (5, 11) -R- [STAQ]

L, I, V, M, or F

any sequences of 5-11 amino acids

- Combine regular BLASTP with user-specified pattern
- Hits must be similar to the input sequence AND match the pattern
- Search for known protein domain

# Position-specific iterated (PSI-BLAST)



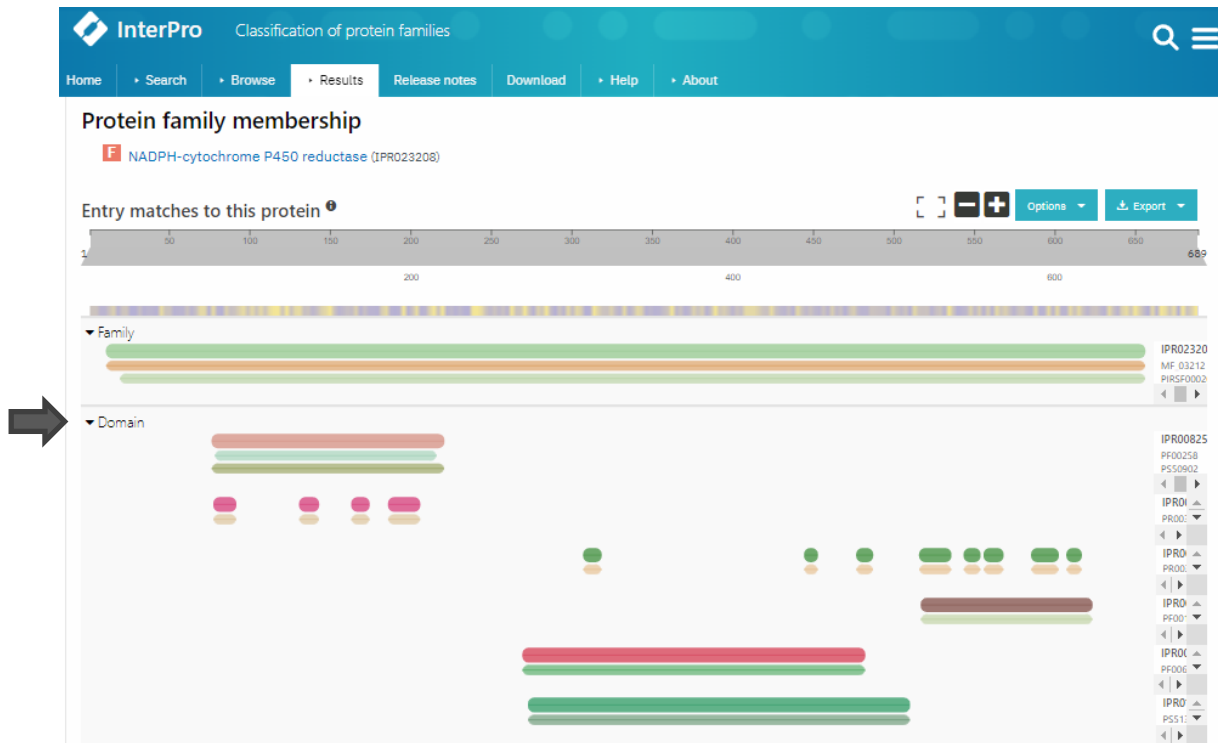
- Start from user inputs
- First round of BLASTP
- Construct PSSM from hits
- Re-search using the PSSM
- Repeat

# Using BLASTP to annotate protein function

	Description	Scientific Name	Max Score	Total Score	Query Cover	E value	Per. Ident	Acc. Len	Accession
✓	<a href="#">hypothetical protein JCGZ_15894 [Jatropha curcas]</a>	<a href="#">Jatropha curcas</a>	1161	1161	99%	0.0	89.37%	689	<a href="#">KDP41487.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">NADPH--cytochrome P450 reductase [Manihot esculenta]</a>	<a href="#">Manihot esculenta</a>	1159	1159	100%	0.0	86.98%	691	<a href="#">XP_021601058.2</a>
✓	<a href="#">NADPH--cytochrome P450 reductase [Manihot esculenta]</a>	<a href="#">Manihot esculenta</a>	1145	1145	100%	0.0	86.25%	690	<a href="#">XP_021601060.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">NADPH--cytochrome P450 reductase-like [Hevea brasiliensis]</a>	<a href="#">Hevea brasiliensis</a>	1130	1130	99%	0.0	85.59%	689	<a href="#">XP_021642755.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">NADPH--cytochrome P450 reductase [Ricinus communis]</a>	<a href="#">Ricinus communis</a>	1124	1124	99%	0.0	84.64%	692	<a href="#">XP_002514049.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">LOW QUALITY PROTEIN: NADPH--cytochrome P450 reductase-like [Hevea brasiliensis]</a>	<a href="#">Hevea brasiliensis</a>	1120	1120	100%	0.0	84.81%	698	<a href="#">XP_021660128.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">hypothetical protein COLO4_35252 [Corchorus olitorius]</a>	<a href="#">Corchorus olitorius</a>	1111	1111	100%	0.0	82.08%	1505	<a href="#">OMO57587.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">Flavodoxin [Corchorus capsularis]</a>	<a href="#">Corchorus capsularis</a>	1093	1093	100%	0.0	82.08%	692	<a href="#">OMO50775.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">NADPH--cytochrome P450 reductase-like [Hibiscus syriacus]</a>	<a href="#">Hibiscus syriacus</a>	1085	1085	100%	0.0	81.24%	693	<a href="#">XP_039050423.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">hypothetical protein CXB51_011412 [Gossypium anomalum]</a>	<a href="#">Gossypium anomalum</a>	1083	1083	100%	0.0	81.10%	694	<a href="#">KAG8494022.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">NADPH:cytochrome P450 reductase [Gossypium hirsutum]</a>	<a href="#">Gossypium hirsutum</a>	1083	1083	100%	0.0	81.24%	693	<a href="#">ACN54323.1</a>
✓	<a href="#">NADPH--cytochrome P450 reductase-like [Gossypium hirsutum]</a>	<a href="#">Gossypium hirsutum</a>	1083	1083	100%	0.0	81.10%	693	<a href="#">NP_001313876.2</a>

- Suspected novel CYP reductase from an indigenous plant
- BLASTP against plant sequences
- >80% similarity to known and predicted CYP reductase class I

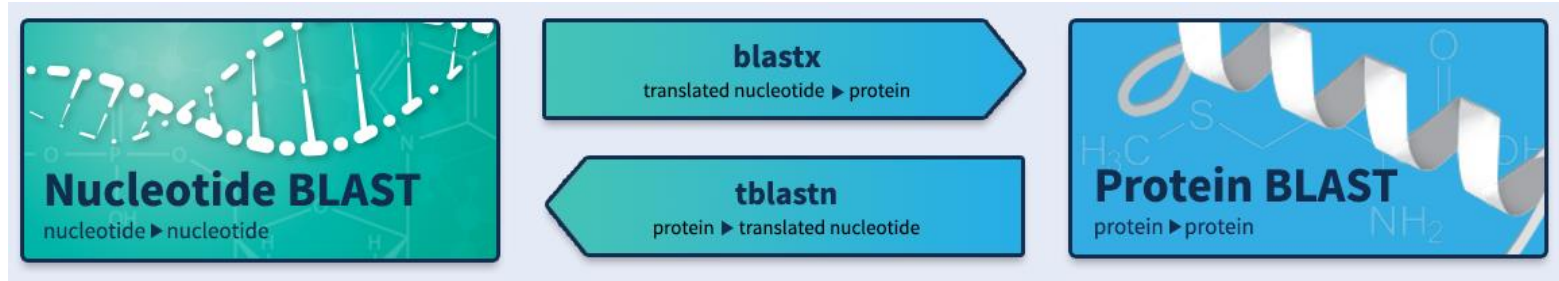
# InterPro: Protein domain search





# Mixing protein-nucleotide alignment

# BLASTX and TBLASTN



- For alignment of coding DNA sequence
  - Codon structure = not all nucleotide positions evolve in the same manner
  - Similarity in protein is more informative than similarity in DNA
- Align translated DNA to protein database
- Align protein to translated DNA database

# Example use cases



- BLASTX = align translated DNA to protein database
  - You perform RNA-seq
  - Unsure which open reading frame is correct
  - Check whether this RNA translated to known protein or function
- TBLASTN = align protein to translated DNA database
  - You identified novel protein
  - No evidence in protein database
  - But there might be transcriptomics studies that identified the RNA of related proteins

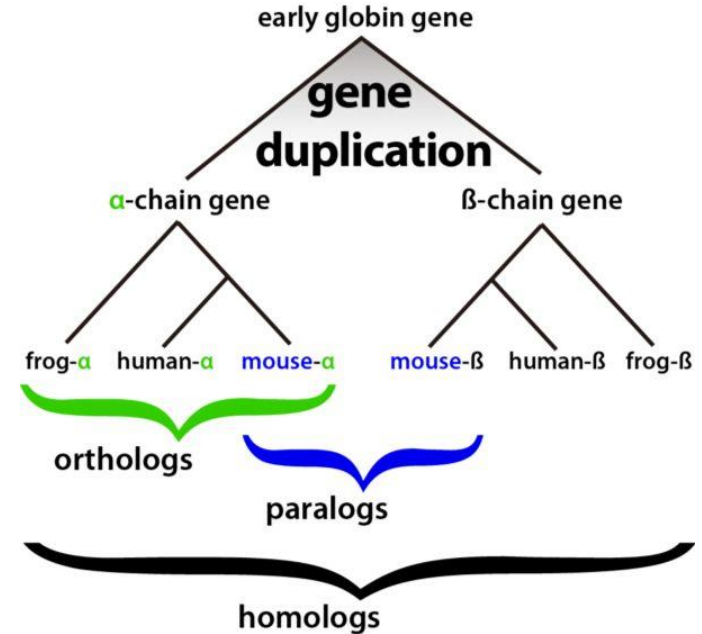


# Beyond one-vs-all BLAST



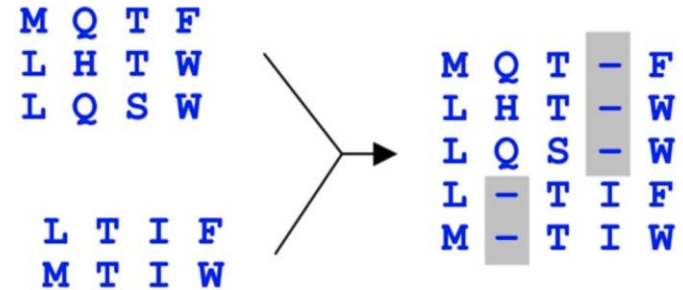
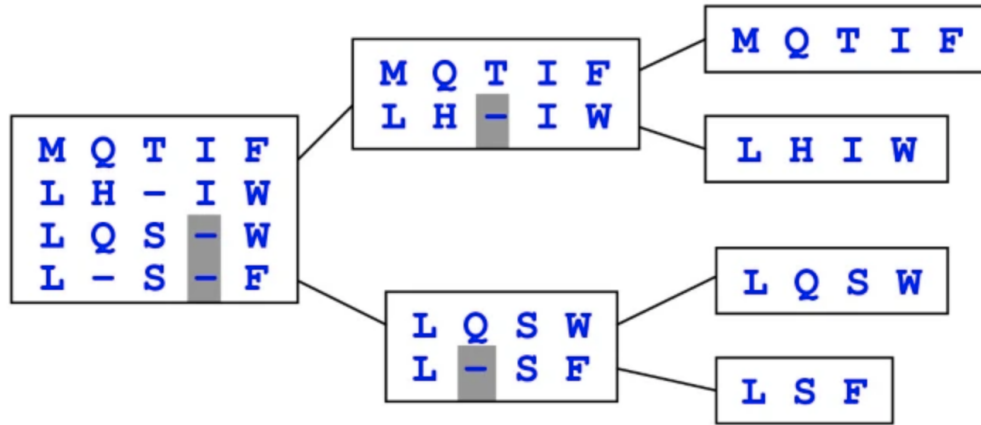
# All-vs-all BLAST

- Compare genes between related species to identify genes originated from a common ancestor
  - {Mouse-a, Human-a}, {Mouse-b, Human-b}
- BLAST mouse to human
- BLAST human to mouse
- **Reciprocal best hit:**
  - Human-a should be the best hit for Mouse-a
  - Mouse-a should be the best hit for Human-a



<https://sites.google.com/site/jkim339n/part2a>

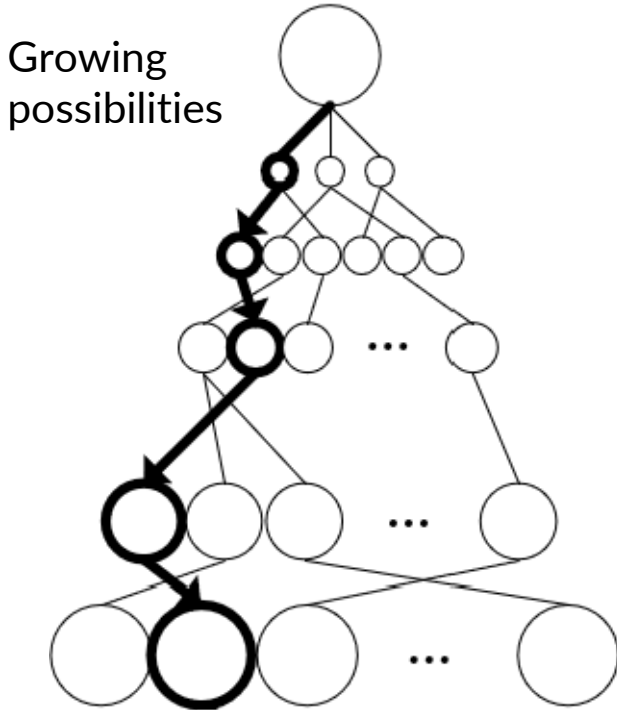
# Multiple sequence alignment (MSA)



Edgar, BMC Bioinformatics, 5, 113 (2014)

- Dynamic programming is not feasible because of too many possibilities for grouping sequences
- Rely on **heuristic** algorithm

# When the space of possible solutions is too large



- **Heuristic** algorithm makes a decision by estimating the cost of **all future steps**
- **Greedy** algorithm makes a decision by optimizing the cost of **only the next step**
- **Randomized** algorithm makes a lot of **random decisions** and keeps the best one found

# Alignment output format

## Aligned FASTA

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>TRY2_RAT/24-239
-----IVGGYTCQENSVPYQVSLNSGY-----HFC
GGSLI-----NDQ-WV-VSAAHCKYS-----RIQVRLGE-HNINVLEGN-----
-----EQFVNAAKIIKHPNFDKRT-L-----NNDIMLIKLS
SP--VKLNARVATVALPS---SCA--PAGTQCLISGWGN-----TLSSGV-----
-----NEPDLLQ-CLDAP-LLPQADCEAS---YPGK-----ITDNMVCVGFL---
-EGG-KDCSQGDSGGPVCNGE-----LQGIVSHG-YGCALPDN---PGVYTKVCNY
VDWI-----
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>Q16LB2_AEDAE/136-374
-----ILNGIEADLEDFPYLGALALLDNYT-----STVSYRC
GANLI-----SDR-FM-LTAAHCLFG-----KQAIHVRMGTLSLDNPDED-----
---APVIIGVERVFFHRNYTRRPIT-----RNDIALIKLN
RT--VVEDFLIPVCLYT---EQNDP-LPTVPLTIAGWGG-----NDSAS-----
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IDWI-----
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Caballeronia\_arvi  
Caballeronia\_choica  
Caballeronia\_arationis  
Caballeronia\_telluris

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ALTGDPNRDPSPLFLQHLRDPEYRALIDTARENLDLGVSVAVVAPLTREVREERLFDRAW
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## PHYLIP

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Salmo gairAAGCCTTGGC AGTGCAGGGT GAGCCGTGGC CGGGCACGGT AT
H. SapiensACCGGTTGGC CGTTCAGGGT ACAGGTTGGC CGTTCAGGGT AA
Chimp     AAACCCCTTGC CGTTACGCTT AAACCGAGGC CGGGACACTC AT
Gorilla   AAACCCCTTGC CGGTACGCTT AAACCATTGC CGGTACGCTT AA
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## ClustalW

# Any question?



- See you on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-2:30pm