

Laboratory 5: beginning Python3

PCR primer annealing temperature calculations

This exercise is designed to teach simple Python regular expressions and basic built-in functions. Today you will create a script ('otm.py') that will calculate an optimal T_m for PCR using the nearest-neighbor algorithm of Borer et al. (1974) as modified by Rychlik et al. (1990) and corrected by Osborne (1992) or a modified version of the algorithm from Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla (2010) that uses the Rychlik et al. (1990) combining formula. Both algorithms have modifications for use with polymorphic bases. The script uses the thermodynamic constants from Breslauer et al. (1986).

The instructions for creating the script assume that you are using a programming oriented text editor (e.g. Visual Studio Code) that provides line numbers (starting from 1). A complete script is provided at the end of this document for your reference. You should save and test your work often. Small errors can prevent the script from working properly and it is easiest to catch them if you try to run the script frequently.

Tasks

(1) Open a text editor (e.g. Visual Studio Code) and create a blank file.

(2) Enter the first nine lines of the script:

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3  ### IMPORTS
4  import getopt
5  import math
6  import os
7  import re
8  import sys
9  import textwrap
```

Answer question (1).

(3) Save the file as 'otm.py'.

(4) Make the script executable by typing `chmod 0755 otm.py` in the terminal.

(5) Test the script (it does nothing useful) by typing `./otm.py` in the terminal. Not getting an error message means all is well.

(6) Starting at line 11 (line 10 is intentionally blank), insert the following global constants:

```
10
11  ### GLOBAL CONSTANTS
12  BASE2NUMBER = {
13      'A': (0, ),
14      'C': (1, ),
15      'G': (2, ),
16      'T': (3, ),
17      'K': (2, 3),
18      'M': (0, 1),
19      'R': (0, 2),
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20     'S': (1, 2),
21     'W': (0, 3),
22     'Y': (1, 3),
23     'B': (1, 2, 3),
24     'D': (0, 2, 3),
25     'H': (0, 1, 3),
26     'V': (0, 1, 2),
27     'N': (0, 1, 2, 3)
28 }
29 BASE2WEIGHT = {
30     'B': 0.6666,
31     'C': 1.0000,
32     'D': 0.3333,
33     'G': 1.0000,
34     'H': 0.3333,
35     'K': 0.5000,
36     'M': 0.5000,
37     'N': 0.5000,
38     'R': 0.5000,
39     'S': 1.0000,
40     'V': 0.6666,
41     'Y': 0.5000
42 }
43 DECIMALS = 1
44 DNA = re.compile('^[ABCDGHKMNIRSTVWY]+$ ', re.IGNORECASE)
45 DNAPM = re.compile('^([0-5]{0,1}\.([0,1][0-9]{0,2})$')
46 MONOMM = re.compile('^([1-9]|[1-9][0-9]|[1-9][0-9]{2,2}|[1-4][0-9]{3,3}|5000$')
47 OLIGOS = ('left', 'right', 'template')
48 WRAP = int(os.popen('stty size', 'r').read().split()[1])

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(7) Test the script (there is still no useful output). Answer question (2).

(8) Starting at line 50 (line 49 is intentionally blank), insert the following global variables:

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49
50 ### GLOBAL USER SETTINGS AND DEFAULTS
51 settings = {}
52 settings['dna'] = 1.0 ### oligo DNA concentration (pM)
53 settings['left'] = '' ### left oligo sequence
54 settings['mono'] = 50.0 ### monovalent cation concentration (mM)
55 settings['right'] = '' ### right oligo sequence
56 settings['template'] = '' ### template sequence
57 settings['KB'] = False ### use the Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla algorithm

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(9) Test the script (there is still no useful output).

(10) Starting at line 59 (line 58 is intentionally blank), insert the following functions:

```

58
59 ### FUNCTIONS
60 def eprint(*arguments, **keywordArguments):
61     print(*arguments, file = sys.stderr, **keywordArguments)
62
63 def sequenceError(x):
64     return wrap(f'{x.title()} sequence (required): -{x[0]} ACGT... | --{x}=ACGT...')
65
66 def wrap(string, columns = WRAP):
67     return '\n'.join(textwrap.wrap(string, columns))
68

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69 def oligoScore(oligo, matrix): ### modified to work with polymorphic bases
70     score = 0.0
71     for position in range(1, len(oligo)):
72         trailingBase = BASE2NUMBER[oligo[position-1]]
73         leadingBase = BASE2NUMBER[oligo[position]]
74         sum = 0.0
75         for trailing in trailingBase:
76             for leading in leadingBase:
77                 sum += matrix[trailing][leading]
78             score += sum/(len(trailingBase)*len(leadingBase))
79     return score
80
81 def KB(oligo, mono = settings['mono'], dna = settings['dna']): ### Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla
82     return 7.35*(oligoScore(oligo, (
83         (5.0, 10.0, 8.0, 7.0), ### AA,AC,AG,AT
84         (7.0, 11.0, 10.0, 8.0), ### CA,CC,CG,CT
85         (8.0, 13.0, 11.0, 10.0), ### GA,GC,GG,GT
86         (4.0, 8.0, 7.0, 5.0) ### TA,TC,TG,TT
87     ))/len(oligo)) \
88     + 17.34*math.log(len(oligo), 10) \
89     + 4.96*math.log(mono/1000.0, 10) \
90     + 0.89*math.log(dna/10000000000000.0, 10) \
91     - 25.42
92
93 def RSR(oligo, mono = settings['mono']): ### Rychlik, Spencer, & Rhoads
94     dH = oligoScore(oligo, (
95         (9.1, 6.5, 7.8, 8.6), ### AA,AC,AG,AT
96         (5.8, 11.0, 11.9, 7.8), ### CA,CC,CG,CT
97         (5.6, 11.1, 11.0, 6.5), ### GA,GC,GG,GT
98         (6.0, 5.6, 5.8, 9.1), ### TA,TC,TG,TT
99     ))
100     dS = oligoScore(oligo, (
101         (24.0, 17.3, 20.8, 23.9), ### AA,AC,AG,AT
102         (12.9, 26.6, 27.8, 20.8), ### CA,CC,CG,CT
103         (13.5, 26.7, 26.6, 17.3), ### GA,GC,GG,GT
104         (16.9, 13.5, 12.9, 24.0) ### TA,TC,TG,TT
105     ))
106     return (-1000.0*dH)/(-1.0*dS - 57.48) \
107     - 273.15 \
108     + 16.6*math.log(mono/1000.0, 10)

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(11) Test the script after each function is added (there is still no useful output). Answer question (3).

(12) Insert the following lines, starting at 110 (line 109 is intentionally blank), to check the user input, output help information, and check that the required inputs have been given:

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109
110 ### READ OPTIONS
111 try:
112     arguments, values = getopt.getopt(
113         sys.argv[1:],
114         'd:hkl:m:r:t:',
115         ['dna=', 'help', 'kb', 'left=', 'monovalent=', 'right=', 'template=']
116     )
117 except getopt.error as error:
118     eprint(str(error))
119     sys.exit(2)
120 for argument, value in arguments:

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121     if argument in ('-d', '--dna') and re.search(DNAPM, value) and float(value) > 0.0:
122         settings['dna'] = float(value)
123     elif argument in ('-h', '--help'):
124         eprint('')
125         eprint(wrap('A Python3 script for computing optimal PCR annealing temperatures using '
126                     'either the algorithm of Rychlik et al. [1] with Osborne's [2] corrections and '
127                     'additional modifications for polymorphic sequences (thermodynamic constants from '
128                     'Breslauer et al. [3]) or the algorithm of Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla [4] modified '
129                     'for polymorphic sequences using the Rychlik et al. [1] combining formula (without '
130                     'Osborne's [2] corrections).')
131         ))
132         eprint('\nREFERENCES:')
133         eprint(wrap('[1] Rychlik, W., W.J. Spencer, & R.E. Rhoads. 1990. Optimization of the '
134                     'annealing temperature for DNA amplification in vitro. Nucleic Acids Research 18: '
135                     '6409-6412. https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/18.21.6409'
136                     ))
137         eprint(wrap('[2] Osborne, B.I. 1992. HyperPCR: a Macintosh Hypercard program for the '
138                     'determination of optimal PCR annealing temperature. CABIOS 8: 83. '
139                     'https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/8.1.83'
140                     ))
141         eprint(wrap('[3] Breslauer, K.J., R. Frank, H. Blocker, & L.A. Marky. 1986. Predicting '
142                     'DNA duplex stability from the base sequence. Proceedings of the National Academy of '
143                     'Sciences of the United States of America 83: 3746-3750. '
144                     'https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.83.11.3746'
145                     ))
146         eprint(wrap('[4] Khandelwal, G. & J. Bhyravabhotla. 2010. A phenomenological model for '
147                     'predicting melting temperatures of DNA sequences. PLOS ONE 5: e12433. '
148                     'https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0012433'
149                     ))
150         eprint('\nOPTIONS:')
151         eprint(wrap('Oligo DNA concentration (pM; optional; default = '
152                     f'{settings["dna"]:.{DECIMALS}f} pM): -d x.x | --dna=x.x"
153                     ))
154         eprint(wrap('Use the Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla [4] algorithm (optional; default = '
155                     f'{settings["KB"]}: -k | --kb"
156                     ))
157         eprint(sequenceError('left'))
158         eprint(wrap('Monovalent cation concentration (mM; optional; default = '
159                     f'{settings["mono"]:.{DECIMALS}f} mM): -m x.x | --monovalent=x.x"
160                     ))
161         eprint(sequenceError('right'))
162         eprint(f'{sequenceError('template')}\n")
163         sys.exit(0)
164     elif argument in ('-k', '--kb'):
165         settings['KB'] = True
166     elif argument in ('-l', '--left') and re.search(DNA, value):
167         settings['left'] = value.upper()
168     if argument in ('-m', '--monovalent') and re.search(MONOMM, value) and float(value) > 0.0:
169         settings['mono'] = float(value)
170     elif argument in ('-r', '--right') and re.search(DNA, value):
171         settings['right'] = value.upper()
172     elif argument in ('-t', '--template') and re.search(DNA, value):
173         settings['template'] = value.upper()
174
175     ### START OR END
176     for oligo in OLIGOS:
177         if not settings[oligo]:
178             eprint(sequenceError(oligo))
179             sys.exit(2)

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Test the script. There should now be useful output. Check that each of the user options (flags) works as expected. Answer question (4).

- (13) Insert the final block of code starting on line 181 (line 180 is intentionally blank):

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180
181 ### COMPUTE TM
182 print('\nOUTPUT:')
183 algorithm = 'Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla' if settings['KB'] else 'Rychlik, Spencer, & Rhoads'
184 print(wrap(f'Tm calculated with a modified {algorithm} algorithm.'))
185 print(wrap(f'Monovalent cation concentration = {settings['mono']:.{DECIMALS}f} mM.'))
186 print(wrap(f'Oligo DNA concentration = {settings['dna']:.{DECIMALS}f} pM.'))
187
188 tm = {}
189 for oligo in OLIGOS[0:-1]:
190     tm[oligo] = KB(settings[oligo]) if settings['KB'] else RSR(settings[oligo])
191     print(wrap(f"{oligo.title()} oligo Tm = {tm[oligo]:.{DECIMALS}f}°C ({settings[oligo]})."))
192
193 gc = 0.0
194 for base, weight in BASE2WEIGHT.items():
195     gc += settings['template'].count(base)*weight
196 gc /= len(settings['template'])
197 tm['template'] = 41.0*gc \
198 + 16.6*math.log(settings['mono']) \
199 - 675/len(settings['template']) ### log base e contra Rychlik, Spencer, & Rhoads
200 print(wrap(f"Template Tm = {tm['template']:.{DECIMALS}f}°C."))
201
202 tm['optimal'] = min(tm['left'], tm['right'])
203 tm['optimal'] += 0.0 if settings['KB'] else 14.0
204 tm['optimal'] *= 0.3
205 tm['optimal'] += 0.7*tm['template']
206 tm['optimal'] -= 14.9 if settings['KB'] else 22.9
207 print(wrap(f"Optimal combined Tm = {tm['optimal']:.{DECIMALS}f}°C."))
208 print('')
209 sys.exit(0)

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Test the script. Answer question (5).

- (14) Check that the script is correctly calculating the individual and combined T_m values using this example from Rychlik et al. (1990): The oligos are lambda7131 (5'–GATGAGTTCGTGTCCGTACAAC–TGG–3') and lambda7606 (5'–GGTTATCGAAATCAGCCACAGCGCC–3') and the sequence is a portion of GenBank NC_001416.1 (5'–GATGAGTTCGTGTCCGTACAACCTGGCGTAATCATGGCCCTTCGGGGCCATTGTTT–CTCTGTGGAGGAGTCCATGACGAAAGATGAAGTGAATGATGCCCCGTCTCCGCTCGCTGGGTGAACAACCTGAACCGTGATGTCAGC–CTGACGGGGACGAAAGAAGAACTGGCGCTCCGTGTGGCAGAGCTGAAAGAGGAGCTTGATGACACGGATGAAACTGCCGGTC–AGGACACCCCTCTCAGCCGGGAAAATGTGCTGACCGGACATGAAAATGAGGTGGGATCAGCGCAGCCGGATACCGTGATTCT–GGATACGTCTGAAGTGGTCAAGTGGTGAAGCTGCATACTGATGCACTTCACGCCACGCGGGATGAACCTGTG–GCATTTGTGCTGCCGGGAACGGCGTTTCGTGTCTGTGCCGGTGTGGCAGCCGAAATGACAGAGCGCGGCCCTGGCCAGAATGC–AATAACGGGAGGCGCTGTGGCTGATTTGATAACC–3'). At 0.05M monovalent cations, Rychlik et al. (1990) report lambda7131 T_m = 58.6°C; lambda7606 T_m = 65.2°C; and the optimal T_m = 59.8°C. Answer question (6).

Questions (<https://forms.gle/hMXYFhpn7ivKicHi9>)

- (1) For task (2):
 - (a) What does the first line do?
 - (b) What do the 'import' statements do?
- (2) For task (7):
 - (a) What sort of data structure is BASE2NUMBER?
 - (b) Can a running script modify the value of key 'A'?
 - (c) Can the value of DECIMALS be modified by a running script?
- (3) For task (11):
 - (a) Why does the loop in the oligoScore function start from 1?
 - (b) What does the for loop do?
 - (c) What thermodynamic value is given to a polymorphic base?
 - (d) What effect does monovalent cation concentration have on oligo T_m in the Rychlik et al. (1990) algorithm?
- (4) For task (12):
 - (a) Where will the help messages be printed?
 - (b) How many bases of template sequence must be provided to be considered valid?
 - (c) What would happen if the user input two valid oligos and 500 'X' characters as the template?
 - (d) How would you add another user option?
 - (e) What if a user specifies an invalid option (e.g. '-x')?
 - (f) What is the minimum and maximum monovalent cation concentration that will be considered?
- (5) For task (13):
 - (a) How many digits after the decimal place will be output?
 - (b) Why are some of the template counts weighted less than others?
 - (c) What effect does the oligo T_m have on the optimal T_m ?
- (6) For task (14):
 - (a) What T_m did your script calculate for each of the oligos?
 - (b) What T_m did your script calculate for the template?
 - (c) What T_m did your script calculate for the optimal T_m ?
 - (d) Are your values the same as those reported by Rychlik et al. (1990)? Explain.

Due at the start of class February 28.

Literature cited

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Final otm.py code

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3  ### IMPORTS
4  import getopt
5  import math
6  import os
7  import re
8  import sys
9  import textwrap
10
11  ### GLOBAL CONSTANTS
12  BASE2NUMBER = {
13      'A': (0, ),
14      'C': (1, ),
15      'G': (2, ),
16      'T': (3, ),
17      'K': (2, 3),
18      'M': (0, 1),
19      'R': (0, 2),
20      'S': (1, 2),
21      'W': (0, 3),
22      'Y': (1, 3),
23      'B': (1, 2, 3),
24      'D': (0, 2, 3),
25      'H': (0, 1, 3),
26      'V': (0, 1, 2),
27      'N': (0, 1, 2, 3)
28  }
29  BASE2WEIGHT = {
30      'B': 0.6666,
31      'C': 1.0000,
32      'D': 0.3333,
33      'G': 1.0000,
34      'H': 0.3333,
35      'K': 0.5000,
36      'M': 0.5000,
37      'N': 0.5000,
38      'R': 0.5000,
39      'S': 1.0000,
40      'V': 0.6666,
41      'Y': 0.5000
42  }
43  DECIMALS = 1
44  DNA = re.compile('^[ABCDGHKMNIRSTVWY]+$ ', re.IGNORECASE)
45  DNAPM = re.compile('^([0-5]{0,1}\.([0,1]{0-9}{0,2})$')
46  MONOMM = re.compile('^([1-9]|([1-9][0-9]|([1-9][0-9]{2,2}|([1-4][0-9]{3,3}|5000$'))
47  OLIGOS = ('left', 'right', 'template')
48  WRAP = int(os.popen('stty size', 'r').read().split()[1])
49
50  ### GLOBAL USER SETTINGS AND DEFAULTS
51  settings = {}
52  settings['dna'] = 1.0 ### oligo DNA concentration (pM)
53  settings['left'] = '' ### left oligo sequence
54  settings['mono'] = 50.0 ### monovalent cation concentration (mM)
55  settings['right'] = '' ### right oligo sequence
56  settings['template'] = '' ### template sequence
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57 settings['KB'] = False ### use the Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla algorithm
58
59 ### FUNCTIONS
60 def eprint(*arguments, **keywordArguments):
61     print(*arguments, file = sys.stderr, **keywordArguments)
62
63 def sequenceError(x):
64     return wrap(f'{x.title()} sequence (required): -{x[0]} ACGT... | --{x}=ACGT...')
65
66 def wrap(string, columns = WRAP):
67     return '\n'.join(textwrap.wrap(string, columns))
68
69 def oligoScore(oligo, matrix): ### modified to work with polymorphic bases
70     score = 0.0
71     for position in range(1, len(oligo)):
72         trailingBase = BASE2NUMBER[oligo[position-1]]
73         leadingBase = BASE2NUMBER[oligo[position]]
74         sum = 0.0
75         for trailing in trailingBase:
76             for leading in leadingBase:
77                 sum += matrix[trailing][leading]
78             score += sum/(len(trailingBase)*len(leadingBase))
79     return score
80
81 def KB(oligo, mono = settings['mono'], dna = settings['dna']): ### Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla
82     return 7.35*(oligoScore(oligo, (
83         (5.0, 10.0, 8.0, 7.0), ### AA,AC,AG,AT
84         (7.0, 11.0, 10.0, 8.0), ### CA,CC,CG,CT
85         (8.0, 13.0, 11.0, 10.0), ### GA,GC,GG,GT
86         (4.0, 8.0, 7.0, 5.0) ### TA,TC,TG,TT
87     ))/len(oligo)) \
88     + 17.34*math.log(len(oligo), 10) \
89     + 4.96*math.log(mono/1000.0, 10) \
90     + 0.89*math.log(dna/10000000000000.0, 10) \
91     - 25.42
92
93 def RSR(oligo, mono = settings['mono']): ### Rychlik, Spencer, & Rhoads
94     dH = oligoScore(oligo, (
95         (9.1, 6.5, 7.8, 8.6), ### AA,AC,AG,AT
96         (5.8, 11.0, 11.9, 7.8), ### CA,CC,CG,CT
97         (5.6, 11.1, 11.0, 6.5), ### GA,GC,GG,GT
98         (6.0, 5.6, 5.8, 9.1), ### TA,TC,TG,TT
99     ))
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102         (12.9, 26.6, 27.8, 20.8), ### CA,CC,CG,CT
103         (13.5, 26.7, 26.6, 17.3), ### GA,GC,GG,GT
104         (16.9, 13.5, 12.9, 24.0) ### TA,TC,TG,TT
105     ))
106     return (-1000.0*dH)/(-1.0*dS - 57.48) \
107     - 273.15 \
108     + 16.6*math.log(mono/1000.0, 10)
109
110 ### READ OPTIONS
111 try:
112     arguments, values = getopt.getopt(
113         sys.argv[1:],
114         'd:hkl:m:r:t:',
115         ['dna=', 'help', 'kb', 'left=', 'monovalent=', 'right=', 'template=']

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116     )
117 except getopt.error as error:
118     eprint(str(error))
119     sys.exit(2)
120 for argument, value in arguments:
121     if argument in ('-d', '--dna') and re.search(DNAPM, value) and float(value) > 0.0:
122         settings['dna'] = float(value)
123     elif argument in ('-h', '--help'):
124         eprint('')
125         eprint(wrap('A Python3 script for computing optimal PCR annealing temperatures using '
126                     'either the algorithm of Rychlik et al. [1] with Osborne's [2] corrections and '
127                     'additional modifications for polymorphic sequences (thermodynamic constants from '
128                     'Breslauer et al. [3]) or the algorithm of Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla [4] modified '
129                     'for polymorphic sequences using the Rychlik et al. [1] combining formula (without '
130                     'Osborne's [2] corrections).')
131         ))
132     eprint('\nREFERENCES:')
133     eprint(wrap('[1] Rychlik, W., W.J. Spencer, & R.E. Rhoads. 1990. Optimization of the '
134                 'annealing temperature for DNA amplification in vitro. Nucleic Acids Research 18: '
135                 '6409-6412. https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/18.21.6409'
136             ))
137     eprint(wrap('[2] Osborne, B.I. 1992. HyperPCR: a Macintosh Hypercard program for the '
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139                 'https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/8.1.83'
140             ))
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142                 'DNA duplex stability from the base sequence. Proceedings of the National Academy of '
143                 'Sciences of the United States of America 83: 3746-3750. '
144                 'https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.83.11.3746'
145             ))
146     eprint(wrap('[4] Khandelwal, G. & J. Bhyravabhotla. 2010. A phenomenological model for '
147                 'predicting melting temperatures of DNA sequences. PLOS ONE 5: e12433. '
148                 'https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0012433'
149             ))
150     eprint('\nOPTIONS:')
151     eprint(wrap('Oligo DNA concentration (pM; optional; default = '
152                 f'{settings['dna']:.{DECIMALS}f} pM): -d x.x | --dna=x.x"
153             ))
154     eprint(wrap('Use the Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla [4] algorithm (optional; default = '
155                 f'{settings['KB']}: -k | --kb"
156             ))
157     eprint(sequenceError('left'))
158     eprint(wrap('Monovalent cation concentration (mM; optional; default = '
159                 f'{settings['mono']:.{DECIMALS}f} mM): -m x.x | --monovalent=x.x"
160             ))
161     eprint(sequenceError('right'))
162     eprint(f"{sequenceError('template')}\n")
163     sys.exit(0)
164 elif argument in ('-k', '--kb'):
165     settings['KB'] = True
166 elif argument in ('-l', '--left') and re.search(DNA, value):
167     settings['left'] = value.upper()
168 if argument in ('-m', '--monovalent') and re.search(MONOMM, value) and float(value) > 0.0:
169     settings['mono'] = float(value)
170 elif argument in ('-r', '--right') and re.search(DNA, value):
171     settings['right'] = value.upper()
172 elif argument in ('-t', '--template') and re.search(DNA, value):
173     settings['template'] = value.upper()
174

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175 ### START OR END
176 for oligo in OLIGOS:
177     if not settings[oligo]:
178         eprint(sequenceError(oligo))
179         sys.exit(2)
180
181 ### COMPUTE TM
182 print('\nOUTPUT:')
183 algorithm = 'Khandelwal & Bhyravabhotla' if settings['KB'] else 'Rychlik, Spencer, & Rhoads'
184 print(wrap(f'Tm calculated with a modified {algorithm} algorithm.'))
185 print(wrap(f"Monovalent cation concentration = {settings['mono']:.{DECIMALS}f} mM."))
186 print(wrap(f"Oligo DNA concentration = {settings['dna']:.{DECIMALS}f} pM."))
187
188 tm = {}
189 for oligo in OLIGOS[0:-1]:
190     tm[oligo] = KB(settings[oligo]) if settings['KB'] else RSR(settings[oligo])
191     print(wrap(f"{oligo.title()} oligo Tm = {tm[oligo]:.{DECIMALS}f}°C ({settings[oligo]})."))
192
193 gc = 0.0
194 for base, weight in BASE2WEIGHT.items():
195     gc += settings['template'].count(base)*weight
196 gc /= len(settings['template'])
197 tm['template'] = 41.0*gc \
198 + 16.6*math.log(settings['mono']) \
199 - 675/len(settings['template']) ### log base e contra Rychlik, Spencer, & Rhoads
200 print(wrap(f"Template Tm = {tm['template']:.{DECIMALS}f}°C."))
201
202 tm['optimal'] = min(tm['left'], tm['right'])
203 tm['optimal'] += 0.0 if settings['KB'] else 14.0
204 tm['optimal'] *= 0.3
205 tm['optimal'] += 0.7*tm['template']
206 tm['optimal'] -= 14.9 if settings['KB'] else 22.9
207 print(wrap(f"Optimal combined Tm = {tm['optimal']:.{DECIMALS}f}°C."))
208 print('')
209 sys.exit(0)

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