

Bioinformatics: Finding Regulatory Motifs

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Hidden Message Once Again!

- Gene regulation is the process used to control the timing, location and amount in which genes are expressed.
- The process can be complicated and is carried out by a variety of mechanisms, including through regulatory proteins and chemical modification of DNA. Gene regulation is key to the ability of an organism to respond to environmental changes.
- A **transcription factor** regulates a gene by binding to a specific short DNA interval called a **regulatory motif**, or **transcription factor binding site**.
- Transcription factors bind to either **enhancer** or **promoter** regions of DNA adjacent to the genes that they regulate based on recognizing specific DNA motifs.



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Regulatory Motifs

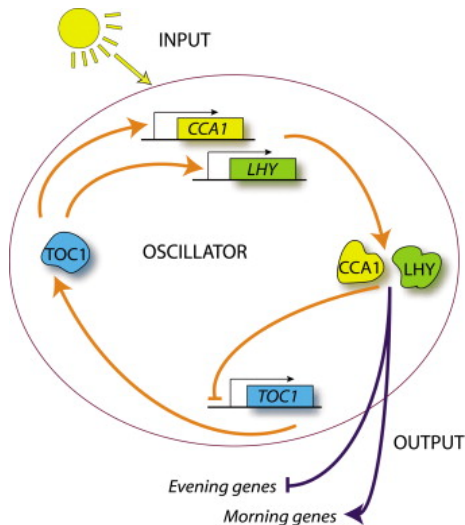
- Motifs are short recurring patterns.
- Transcription factors often regulate a group of genes that are involved in similar cellular processes.
- Thus, genes that contain the same motif in their upstream regions are likely to be related in their functions.
- In fact, many regulatory motifs are identified by analyzing the regions upstream of genes known to have similar functions.
- The life of a bioinformatician would be easy if regulatory motifs were completely conserved, but the reality is more complex, as regulatory motifs may vary at some positions, **denegate**.



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Circadian Clock

- Plant cell keeps track of day and night independently of other cells, and that just three plant genes, called LHY, CCA1, and TOC1, are the clock's master timekeepers.
- TOC1 promotes the expression of LHY and CCA1, whereas LHY and CCA1 repress the expression of TOC1, resulting in a negative feedback loop.
- CCA1 binds to AAAAAATCT in the upstream region of many genes regulated by CCA1



The evening element

- In 2000, Steve Kay used DNA arrays to determine which genes in the plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* are activated at different times of the day.
- He then extracted the upstream regions of nearly 500 genes that exhibited circadian behavior and looked for frequently appearing patterns in their upstream regions.
- If you concatenated these upstream regions into a single string, you would find that AAAATATCT is a surprisingly frequent word, appearing 46 times.
- After he mutated the evening element in the upstream region of one gene, the gene no longer exhibited circadian behavior.
- Not all motifs are as conserved as the evening element.



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Immunity genes in a Fly

- If we infect a fly with a bacterium, the fly will switch on its immunity genes to fight the infection.
- The genes with elevated expression levels after the infection are likely to be immunity genes.
- These genes have 12-mers similar to TCGGGGATTTC in upstream regions, binding site of a transcription factor called NF- κ B that activates various immunity genes in flies.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | T | C | G | G | G | G | g | T | T | T | t | t |
| 2 | c | C | G | G | t | G | A | c | T | T | a | C |
| 3 | a | C | G | G | G | G | A | T | T | T | t | C |
| 4 | T | t | G | G | G | G | A | c | T | T | t | t |
| 5 | a | a | G | G | G | G | A | c | T | T | C | C |
| 6 | T | t | G | G | G | G | A | c | T | T | C | C |
| 7 | T | C | G | G | G | G | A | T | T | c | a | t |
| 8 | T | C | G | G | G | G | A | T | T | c | C | t |
| 9 | T | a | G | G | G | G | A | a | c | T | a | C |
| 10 | T | C | G | G | G | t | A | T | a | a | C | C |

Another string finding problem

```
1 atgaccgggatactgataaaaaaaaaagggggggcggtacacattagataaacgtatgaagtacgttagactcggcgccgccc
2 acccctatTTTTTgagcagatttagtgacctggaaaaaaaaatttgagtacaaaactttccgaataaaaaaaaaaggggggga
3 tgagtatccctgggatgacttaaaaaaaaggggggggtgctctcccgatttttgaatatgtaggatcattcgccaggggtccga
4 gctgagaattggatgaaaaaaaaaggggggggtccacgcaatcgcgaaaccaacgcggacccaaaggcaagaccgataaaggaga
5 tcccttttgcggtaatgtgccgggaggctgggtacgtagggaagccctaacggacttaataaaaaaaaaagggggggccttatag
6 gtcaatcatgttcttgtgaatggatttaaaaaaaaggggggggaccgcttggcgcacccaaattcagtggtggcgagcgcaa
7 cggttttggcccttggttagaggcccccgtaaaaaaaagggggggcaattatgagagagctaatctatcgcggtgcgtgttcat
8 aacttgagttaaaaaaaaaggggggggtggggcacatacaagaggagtcttccttatcagttaatgctgtatgacactatgta
9 ttggccattggctaaaagcccaacttgacaaatggaagatagaatccttgcataaaaaaaagggggggaccgaaaggggaag
10 ctggtgagcaacgacagattcttacgtgcattagctcgcttccggggatctaatagcacgaagcttaaaaaaaaggggggga
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Frequent Words Problem?

```
1 atgaccgggatactgatAAAAAAAGGGGGGGggcgtacacattagataaacgtatgaagtacgttagactcggcgcgcgcg
2 acccctatTTTTTgagcagatttagtgacctggaaaaaaatttgagtacaaaactTTTccgaataAAAAAAAGGGGGGga
3 tgagtatccctgggatgacttAAAAAAAGGGGGGGtgctctcccgattTTTgaatatgtaggatcattcgccagggtccga
4 gctgagaattggatgAAAAAAAGGGGGGGtcacgcgaatcgcgaaaccaacgcggacccaaaggcaagaccgataaaggaga
5 tccctTTTgcggaatgtgccgggaggctggttacgtagggaagccctaacggacttaataAAAAAAAGGGGGGGcttatag
6 gtcaatcatgttcttgtgaatggatttAAAAAAAGGGGGGGgaccgcttggcgcacccaaattcagtggtggcgagcgcaa
7 cggTTTTggcccttgttagaggcccccgTAAAAAAAGGGGGGGcaattatgagagagctaattctatcgcgtgcgtgttcat
8 aacttgagttAAAAAAAGGGGGGGctggggcacatacaagaggagtcttccttatcagttaatgctgtatgacactatgta
9 ttggccattggctaaaagcccaacttgacaaatggaagatagaatccttgcataAAAAAAAGGGGGGGaccgaaagggaag
10 ctggtgagcaacgcagagattcttacctgcattagctcgcttccgggatctaatagcacgaagcttAAAAAAAGGGGGGga
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Frequent Words with Mismatches Problem?

```
1 atgaccgggatactgatAgAAgAAAGGttGGGggcgtaacacattagataaaacgtatgaagtaacgttagactcggcgccgccc
2 acccctattttttgagcagatttagtacctggaaaaaatttgagtacaaaacttttcggaatacAAATAAAACGGCGGGa
3 tgagtatccctgggatgacttAAAAATAAGGAGtGGTgctctcccgatttttgaatatgtaggatcattcgccaggggtccga
4 gctgagaattggatgcAAAAAAGGGattGtccacgcaatcgcgaaaccaacgcggacccaaaggcaagaccgataaaggaga
5 tcccttttgcggaatgtgccgggaggtggttacgtagggaagccctaacggacttaataATAATAAGGaaGGGcttatag
6 gtcaatcatgttcttgtgaatggattAACAAATAAGGGctGGgaccgcttggcgcacccaaattcagtggtggcgagcgcaa
7 cggttttggcccttgttagaggccccgtATAAAACAGGAGGGccaattatgagagagctaatactatcgcggtcggtgttcat
8 aacttgagttAAAAAATAAGGAGccctggggcacatacaagaggagtcttccttatcagttaatgctgtatgacactatgta
9 ttggcccatgtgctaaaagcccaacttgacaaatggaagatagaatccttgcatActAAAAAGGAGcGGaccgaaagggaag
10 ctggtgagcaacgacagattcttacctgacattagctcgcttcgggggatctaatagcacgaagcctActAAAAAGGAGcGGa
```

- Concatenating all the sequences into a single string is inadequate because it does not correctly model the biological problem of motif finding.
- A DnaA box is a pattern that clumps, or appears frequently, within a relatively short interval of the genome.
- In contrast, a regulatory motif is a pattern that appears at least once (with variation) in each of many different regions that are scattered throughout the genome.



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A brute force algorithm

MOTIFENUMERATION(Dna, k, d)

$Patterns \leftarrow$ an empty set

for each k -mer $Pattern$ in Dna

for each k -mer $Pattern'$ differing from $Pattern$ by at most d mismatches

if $Pattern'$ appears in each string from Dna with at most d mismatches

 add $Pattern'$ to $Patterns$

remove duplicates from $Patterns$

return $Patterns$

- Each string length = n , number of strings = t , what will be the run time?



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A better algorithm?

$$d(\text{Pattern}, \text{Text}) = \min_{\text{all } k\text{-mers } \text{Pattern}' \text{ in Text}} \text{HAMMINGDISTANCE}(\text{Pattern}, \text{Pattern}').$$



$$d(\text{GATTCTCA}, \text{gcaaaGACGCTGAccaa}) = 3.$$

$$d(\text{Pattern}, \text{Dna}) = \sum_{i=1}^t d(\text{Pattern}, \text{Dna}_i).$$

For example, for the strings *Dna* shown below, $d(\text{AAA}, \text{Dna}) = 1 + 1 + 2 + 0 + 1 = 5$.

| | | |
|------------|------------|---|
| | ttaccttAAC | 1 |
| | gATAtctgtc | 1 |
| <i>Dna</i> | ACGgcgttcg | 2 |
| | ccctAAAgag | 0 |
| | cgtcAGAggt | 1 |

A better algorithm?

MEDIANSTRING(*Dna*, *k*)

distance $\leftarrow \infty$

for each *k*-mer *Pattern* from AA . . . AA to TT . . . TT

if *distance* > *d*(*Pattern*, *Dna*)

distance $\leftarrow d(\textit{Pattern}, \textit{Dna})$

Median $\leftarrow \textit{Pattern}$

return *Median*

- Runtime? Comparison to the brute force?



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Profile Matrix

```

1  T C G G G G g T T T t t
2  c C G G t G A c T T a C
3  a C G G G G A T T T t C
4  T t G G G G A c T T t t
5  a a G G G G A c T T C C
6  T t G G G G A c T T C C
7  T C G G G G A T T c a t
8  T C G G G G A T T c C t
9  T a G G G G A a c T a C
10 T C G G G t A T a a C C
    
```

Profile

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A: | .2 | .2 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .9 | .1 | .1 | .1 | .3 | .0 |
| C: | .1 | .6 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .4 | .1 | .2 | .4 | .6 |
| G: | .0 | .0 | 1 | 1 | .9 | .9 | .1 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .0 |
| T: | .7 | .2 | .0 | .0 | .1 | .1 | .0 | .5 | .8 | .7 | .3 | .4 |

$$\Pr(\text{ACGGGGATTACC}|\text{Profile}) = .2 \cdot .6 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot .9 \cdot .9 \cdot .9 \cdot .5 \cdot .8 \cdot .1 \cdot .4 \cdot .6 = 0.000839808$$

$$\Pr(\text{TCGGGGATTTC}|\text{Profile}) = 0.7 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 1.0 \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.7 \cdot 0.4 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.6 = 0.0205753,$$

A scoring function for the motifs

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Motifs | T | C | G | G | G | G | g | T | T | T | t | t | |
| | c | C | G | G | t | G | A | c | T | T | a | C | |
| | a | C | G | G | G | G | A | T | T | T | t | C | |
| | T | t | G | G | G | G | A | c | T | T | t | t | |
| | a | a | G | G | G | G | A | c | T | T | C | C | |
| | T | t | G | G | G | G | A | c | T | T | C | C | |
| | T | C | G | G | G | G | A | T | T | c | a | t | |
| | T | C | G | G | G | G | A | T | T | c | C | t | |
| | T | a | G | G | G | G | A | a | c | T | a | C | |
| | T | C | G | G | G | t | A | T | a | a | C | C | |
| SCORE(Motifs) | 3 + 4 + 0 + 0 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 5 + 2 + 3 + 6 + 4 = 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COUNT(Motifs) | A: | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| | C: | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| | G: | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | T: | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| PROFILE(Motifs) | A: | .2 | .2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .9 | .1 | .1 | .1 | .3 | 0 |
| | C: | .1 | .6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .4 | .1 | .2 | .4 | .6 |
| | G: | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .9 | .9 | .1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | T: | .7 | .2 | 0 | 0 | .1 | .1 | 0 | .5 | .8 | .7 | .3 | .4 |
| CONSENSUS(Motifs) | T | C | G | G | G | G | A | T | T | T | C | C | |



Entropy

- Entropy is a measure of the uncertainty of a probability distribution (p_1, \dots, p_N) , and is defined as:

$$H(p_1, \dots, p_N) = - \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \cdot \log_2(p_i)$$

- The entropy of the probability distribution (0.2, 0.6, 0.0, 0.2) corresponding to the second column is
 $-(0.2 \log_2 0.2 + 0.6 \log_2 0.6 + 0.0 \log_2 0.0 + 0.2 \log_2 0.2) \approx 1.371$
- The entropy of the more conserved final column (0.0, 0.6, 0.0, 0.4) is
 $-(0.0 \log_2 0.0 + 0.6 \log_2 0.6 + 0.0 \log_2 0.0 + 0.4 \log_2 0.4) \approx 0.971$
- The entropy of the very conserved 5th column (0.0, 0.0, 0.9, 0.1) is
 $-(0.0 \log_2 0.0 + 0.0 \log_2 0.0 + 0.9 \log_2 0.9 + 0.1 \log_2 0.1) \approx 0.467$.
- The entropy of a motif matrix is defined as the sum of the entropies of its columns.



A Greedy Algorithm

GREEDYMOTIFSEARCH(Dna, k, t)

$BestMotifs \leftarrow$ motif matrix formed by first k -mers in each string from Dna

for each k -mer $Motif$ in the first string from Dna

$Motif_1 \leftarrow Motif$

for $i = 2$ to t

 form $Profile$ from motifs $Motif_1, \dots, Motif_{i-1}$

$Motif_i \leftarrow$ $Profile$ -most probable k -mer in the i -th string in Dna

$Motifs \leftarrow (Motif_1, \dots, Motif_t)$

if $SCORE(Motifs) < SCORE(BestMotifs)$

$BestMotifs \leftarrow Motifs$

return $BestMotifs$

- How good is this algorithm? It fails too.



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Why greedy algorithm fails?

- Find the (4,1)-motif **ACGT** implanted in the following strings Dna.

tt**ACCT**taac

g**ATGT**ctgtc

acg**GCGT**tag

cccta**ACGA**g

cgtcag**AGGT**

A: 1 0 0 0

C: 0 1 1 0

G: 0 0 0 0

T: 0 0 0 1

- Laplacian Correction Needed.



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Laplacian Correction

Motifs

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| T | A | A | C |
| G | T | C | T |
| A | C | T | A |
| A | G | G | T |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| COUNT(<i>Motifs</i>) | A: | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | 2/4 | 1/4 | 1/4 | 1/4 |
| | C: | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 1/4 | 1/4 | 1/4 |
| | G: | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 1/4 | 1/4 | 1/4 | 0 |
| | T: | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 1/4 | 1/4 | 1/4 | 2/4 |

Laplace's Rule of Succession adds 1 to each element of COUNT(*Motifs*), updating the two matrices to the following:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| COUNT(<i>Motifs</i>) | A: | 2+1 | 1+1 | 1+1 | 1+1 | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | 3/8 | 2/8 | 2/8 | 2/8 |
| | C: | 0+1 | 1+1 | 1+1 | 1+1 | | 1/8 | 2/8 | 2/8 | 2/8 |
| | G: | 1+1 | 1+1 | 1+1 | 0+1 | | 2/8 | 2/8 | 2/8 | 1/8 |
| | T: | 1+1 | 1+1 | 1+1 | 2+1 | | 2/8 | 2/8 | 2/8 | 3/8 |

Greedy Algorithm: Iteration 1

Motifs **ACCT**

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| COUNT(<i>Motifs</i>) | A: | 1+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | 2/5 | 1/5 | 1/5 | 1/5 |
| | C: | 0+1 | 1+1 | 1+1 | 0+1 | | 1/5 | 2/5 | 2/5 | 1/5 |
| | G: | 0+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | | 1/5 | 1/5 | 1/5 | 1/5 |
| | T: | 0+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | 1+1 | | 1/5 | 1/5 | 1/5 | 2/5 |

We use this profile matrix to compute the probabilities of all 4-mers in the second string from *Dna*:

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| g ATG | ATGT | TGT c | GT ct | T ctg | ctgt | tgtc |
| $1/5^4$ | $4/5^4$ | $1/5^4$ | $4/5^4$ | $2/5^4$ | $2/5^4$ | $1/5^4$ |



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Greedy Algorithm: Iteration 2

Motifs **ACCT**
 ATGT

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| COUNT(<i>Motifs</i>) | A: 2+1 0+1 0+1 0+1 | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | 3/6 1/6 1/6 1/6 |
| | C: 0+1 1+1 1+1 0+1 | | 1/6 2/6 2/6 1/6 |
| | G: 0+1 0+1 1+1 0+1 | | 1/6 1/6 2/6 1/6 |
| | T: 0+1 1+1 0+1 2+1 | | 1/6 2/6 1/6 3/6 |

We use this profile matrix to compute the probabilities of all 4-mers in the third string from *Dna*:

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| acg G | cg GC | g GCG | GCGT | CGT t | GT ta | T tag |
| $12/6^4$ | $2/6^4$ | $2/6^4$ | $12/6^4$ | $3/6^4$ | $2/6^4$ | $2/6^4$ |



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Greedy Algorithm: Iteration 3

Motifs

ACCT
ATGT
acgG

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| COUNT(<i>Motifs</i>) | A: | 3+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | 1+1 | | 4/7 | 1/7 | 1/7 | 1/7 |
| | C: | 0+1 | 2+1 | 1+1 | 0+1 | | 1/7 | 3/7 | 2/7 | 1/7 |
| | G: | 0+1 | 0+1 | 2+1 | 1+1 | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | 1/7 | 1/7 | 3/7 | 2/7 |
| | T: | 0+1 | 1+1 | 0+1 | 2+1 | | 1/7 | 2/7 | 1/7 | 3/7 |

We use this profile matrix to compute probabilities of all 4-mers in the fourth string from *Dna*:

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ccct | ccta | cta A | ta AC | a ACG | ACGA | CGA g |
| 18/7 ⁴ | 3/7 ⁴ | 2/7 ⁴ | 1/7 ⁴ | 16/7 ⁴ | 36/7 ⁴ | 2/7 ⁴ |



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Greedy Algorithm: Iteration 4

Motifs

ACCT
ATGT
acgG
ACGA

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| COUNT(<i>Motifs</i>) | A: | 4+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | 0+1 | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | 5/8 | 1/8 | 1/8 | 2/8 |
| | C: | 0+1 | 3+1 | 1+1 | 0+1 | | 1/8 | 4/8 | 2/8 | 1/8 |
| | G: | 0+1 | 0+1 | 3+1 | 1+1 | | 1/8 | 1/8 | 4/8 | 2/8 |
| | T: | 0+1 | 1+1 | 0+1 | 2+1 | | 1/8 | 2/8 | 1/8 | 3/8 |

We now use this profile to compute the probabilities of all 4-mers in the fifth string in *Dna*:

| | | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| cgtc | gtca | tcag | cagA | agAG | gAGG | AGGT |
| $1/8^4$ | $8/8^4$ | $8/8^4$ | $8/8^4$ | $10/8^4$ | $8/8^4$ | $60/8^4$ |



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Greedy Algorithm: Consensus

- Find the (4,1)-motif **ACGT** implanted in the following strings Dna.

tt**ACCT**taac

g**ATGT**ctgtc

acg**GCGT**tag

cccta**ACGA**g

cgtcag**AGGT**

ACCT

ATGT

Motifs acg**G**

ACGA

AGGT

CONSENSUS(*Motifs*) **ACGT**



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Further Improvement!

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|
| <i>Profile</i> | A: | 4/5 | 0 | 0 | 1/5 | <i>Dna</i> | ttaccttaac |
| | C: | 0 | 3/5 | 1/5 | 0 | | gatgtctgtc |
| | G: | 1/5 | 1/5 | 4/5 | 0 | | acggcgtag |
| | T: | 0 | 1/5 | 0 | 4/5 | | ccctaacgag |
| | | | | | | | cgtcagaggt |

Taking the *Profile*-most probable 4-mer from each row of *Dna* produces the following 4-mers (shown in red):

MOTIFS(*Profile*, *Dna*)

| | | | |
|----|----|-----|-------|
| tt | ac | ct | taac |
| ga | at | gt | ctgtc |
| ac | gg | cg | tag |
| cc | ct | a | acgag |
| cg | t | cag | aggt |

- Why would we do this? Because our hope is that MOTIFS(PROFILE(Motifs), Dna) has a better score than the original collection of k-mers Motifs. We can then form the profile matrix of these k-mers, PROFILE(MOTIFS(PROFILE(Motifs), Dna)), and continue...



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A Monte Carlo Algorithm

RANDOMIZEDMOTIFSEARCH(*Dna*, *k*, *t*)

randomly select *k*-mers *Motifs* = (*Motif*₁, ..., *Motif*_{*t*}) in each string from *Dna*

BestMotifs ← *Motifs*

while forever

Profile ← PROFILE(*Motifs*)

Motifs ← MOTIFS(*Profile*, *Dna*)

if SCORE(*Motifs*) < SCORE(*BestMotifs*)

BestMotifs ← *Motifs*

else

return *BestMotifs*

- Since a single run of RANDOMIZEDMOTIFSEARCH may generate a rather poor set of motifs, bioinformaticians usually run this algorithm thousands of times. On each run, they begin from a new randomly selected set of *k*-mers, selecting the best set of *k*-mers found in all these runs.



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A Monte Carlo Algorithm

ttACCT**taac**
gAT**GTct**gtc
Dna **ccgG**CGTtag
c**acta**ACGAg
cgtcag**AGGT**

Below, we construct the profile matrix **PROFILE**(*Motifs*) of the chosen 4-mers.

| <i>Motifs</i> | | | | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| t | a | a | c | A: | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| G | T | c | t | C: | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| c | c | g | G | G: | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| a | c | t | a | T: | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| A | G | G | T | | | | | |

A Monte Carlo Algorithm

| | | | | | | |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| ttAC | tACC | ACCT | CCTt | CTta | Ttaa | taac |
| .0016 | .0016 | .0128 | .0064 | .0016 | .0016 | .0016 |
| gATG | ATGT | TGTc | GTct | Tctg | ctgt | tgtc |
| .0016 | .0128 | .0016 | .0032 | .0032 | .0032 | .0016 |
| ccgG | cgGC | gGCG | GCGT | CGTt | GTta | Ttag |
| .0064 | .0036 | .0016 | .0128 | .0032 | .0016 | .0016 |
| cact | acta | ctaA | taAC | aACG | ACGA | CGAg |
| .0032 | .0064 | .0016 | .0016 | .0032 | .0128 | .0016 |
| cgtc | gtca | tcag | cagA | agAG | gAGG | AGGT |
| .0016 | .0016 | .0016 | .0032 | .0032 | .0032 | .0128 |



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Gibbs Sampling

- RANDOMIZEDMOTIFSEARCH may change all t strings in Motifs in a single iteration.
 - This strategy may prove reckless, since some correct motifs (captured in Motifs) may potentially be discarded at the next iteration.
- GIBBSAMPLER is a more cautious iterative algorithm that discards a single k -mer from the current set of motifs at each iteration and decides to either keep it or replace it with a new one.

ttacctt**aac**
gata**t**ctgtc
acggcgttcg
ccct**aaa**gag
cgtc**aga**ggt

→
ttaccttaac
gata**t**ctgtc
acggcgt**ttc**g
ccctaa**aga**g
cgtcagaggt

RANDOMIZEDMOTIFSEARCH
(may change all k -mers in one step)

ttacctt**aac**
gata**t**ctgtc
acggcgttcg
ccct**aaa**gag
cgtc**aga**ggt

→
ttacctt**aac**
gata**t**ctgtc
acggcgttcg
ccct**aaa**gag
cgtc**aga**ggt

GIBBSAMPLER
(changes one k -mer in one step)



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```
GIBBSAMPLER(Dna, k, t, N)  
  randomly select k-mers Motifs = (Motif1, ..., Motift) in each string from Dna  
  BestMotifs ← Motifs  
  for j ← 1 to N  
    i ← RANDOM(t)  
    Profile ← profile matrix formed from all strings in Motifs except for Motifi  
    Motifi ← Profile-randomly generated k-mer in the i-th sequence  
    if SCORE(Motifs) < SCORE(BestMotifs)  
      BestMotifs ← Motifs  
  return BestMotifs
```

- What is the value of *k*?
- What if the nucleotide distribution is skewed?



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Gibbs Sampling: Iteration 1

ttACCT**taac** ttACCT**taac**
 gAT**GTct**gtc gAT**GTct**gtc
Dna **ccgG**CGTtag → -----
cactaACGAg **cacta**ACGAg
 cgtcag**AGGT** cgtcag**AGGT**

This results in the following motif, count, and profile matrices.

t a a c
Motifs G T c t
 a c t a
 A G G T

| | | |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| A: 2 1 1 1 | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | A: 2/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 |
| C: 0 1 1 1 | | C: 0 1/4 1/4 1/4 |
| G: 1 1 1 0 | | G: 1/4 1/4 1/4 0 |
| T: 1 1 1 2 | | T: 1/4 1/4 1/4 2/4 |



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Gibbs Sampling: Iteration 2

| | | | | | | |
|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| ccgG | cgGC | gGCG | GCGT | CGTt | GTta | Ttag |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/128 | 0 | 1/256 | 0 |

Application of Laplace's Rule of Succession to the count matrix above yields the following updated count and profile matrices:

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | A: 3 2 2 2 | | A: 3/8 2/8 2/8 2/8 |
| COUNT(Motifs) | C: 1 2 2 2 | PROFILE(Motifs) | C: 1/8 2/8 2/8 2/8 |
| | G: 2 2 2 1 | | G: 2/8 2/8 2/8 1/8 |
| | T: 2 2 2 3 | | T: 2/8 2/8 2/8 3/8 |

After adding pseudocounts, the 4-mer probabilities in the deleted string ccgGCGTtag are recomputed as follows:

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ccgG | cgGC | gGCG | GCGT | CGTt | GTta | Ttag |
| 4/8 ⁴ | 8/8 ⁴ | 8/8 ⁴ | 24/8 ⁴ | 12/8 ⁴ | 16/8 ⁴ | 8/8 ⁴ |

Since these probabilities sum to $C = 80/8^4$, our hypothetical seven-sided die is represented by the random number generator

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{RANDOM} \left(\frac{4}{80/8^4}, \frac{8}{80/8^4}, \frac{8}{80/8^4}, \frac{24}{80/8^4}, \frac{12}{80/8^4}, \frac{16}{80/8^4}, \frac{8}{80/8^4} \right) \\ &= \text{RANDOM} \left(\frac{4}{80}, \frac{8}{80}, \frac{8}{80}, \frac{24}{80}, \frac{12}{80}, \frac{16}{80}, \frac{8}{80} \right). \end{aligned}$$



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Gibbs Sampling: Iteration 3

```

          ttACCTtaac      -----
          gATGTctgtc      gATGTctgtc
Dna  ccgGCGTtag  →  ccgGCGTtag
          cactaACGAg      cactaACGAg
          cgtcagAGGT      cgtcagAGGT
    
```

After constructing the motif and profile matrices, we obtain the following:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | G | T | c | t | | A: | 2/4 | 0 | 0 | 1/4 |
| <i>Motifs</i> | G | C | G | T | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | C: | 0 | 2/4 | 1/4 | 0 |
| | a | c | t | a | | G: | 2/4 | 1/4 | 2/4 | 0 |
| | A | G | G | T | | T: | 0 | 1/4 | 1/4 | 3/4 |

Note that the profile matrix looks more biased toward the implanted motif than the previous profile matrix did. We update the count and profile matrices with pseudo-counts:

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | A: | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | A: | 3/8 | 1/8 | 1/8 | 2/8 |
| COUNT(<i>Motifs</i>) | C: | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | C: | 1/8 | 3/8 | 2/8 | 1/8 |
| | G: | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | G: | 3/8 | 2/8 | 3/8 | 1/8 |
| | T: | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | T: | 1/8 | 2/8 | 2/8 | 4/8 |

Then, we compute the probabilities of all 4-mers in the deleted string ttACCTtaac:

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ttAC | tACC | ACCT | CCTt | CTta | Ttaa | taac |
| 2/8 ⁴ | 2/8 ⁴ | 72/8 ⁴ | 24/8 ⁴ | 8/8 ⁴ | 4/8 ⁴ | 1/8 ⁴ |



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Gibbs Sampling: Iteration 4

Dna tt**ACCT**taac tt**ACCT**taac
 gAT**GTct**gtc gAT**GTct**gtc
 ccg**GCGT**tag ccg**GCGT**tag
 c**acta**ACGAg -----
 cgtcag**AGGT** cgtcag**AGGT**

We further add pseudocounts and construct the resulting count and profile matrices:

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
| | | A | C | C | T | |
| <i>Motifs</i> | | G | T | c | t | |
| | | G | C | G | T | |
| | | A | G | G | T | |
| | A: | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | A: 3/8 1/8 1/8 1/8 |
| COUNT(<i>Motifs</i>) | C: | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | C: 1/8 3/8 3/8 1/8 |
| | G: | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | G: 3/8 2/8 3/8 1/8 |
| | T: | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | T: 1/8 2/8 1/8 5/8 |
| | PROFILE(<i>Motifs</i>) | | | | | |

We now compute the probabilities of all 4-mers in the deleted string cactaACGAg:

| | | | | | | |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| cact | acta | ctaA | taAC | aACG | ACGA | CGAg |
| $15/8^4$ | $9/8^4$ | $2/8^4$ | $1/8^4$ | $9/8^4$ | $27/8^4$ | $2/8^4$ |



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