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Fourth Year - Semester I Examination – June/July 2018

ICT 4307 – BIOINFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

Time: Three (03) hours

Answer ALL questions

1.

(i) Briefly explain following with suitable diagram whenever possible.

- (a) DNA replication
- (b) transcription
- (c) translation

[40 marks]

(ii) Provide complementary DNA stand of following DNA sequence:

ATCGAATTCAAGTACG

[5 marks]

(iii) Provide relevant RNA sequence of following DNA sequence:

TTCGAATTCTAGTACG

[5 marks]

(iv) Provide one relevant amino acid sequence for following RNA sequence:

AAAUGUACGAUUUUAAACAAUGCUAACCAAAGGG(Use the given Genetic code)

[10 marks]

(V) Explain gene regulation using a suitable example.

[40 marks]

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i) Explain how to create BWT index.

[15 marks]

ii) Provide an algorithm to get original sequence from BWT index.

[20 marks]

iii) Explain the meaning of the LF function.

[10 marks]

iv) How would you make LF function run in constant time?

[20 marks]

V) Mention importance of making LF function run in constant time for aligning short DNA sequence with a genome with huge number of base pairs.

[15 marks]

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f) Provide algorithm to aligning short DNA sequence with Genome based on BWT.

(20 marks)

3.

a) compare and contrast De Bruijn graph assembly over Overlap-Layout-Consensus Genome assemble technique.

(15 marks)

b) Discuss following properties of node of graph with suitable examples.

i. balanced

ii. semi-balanced

(10 marks)

c) What are the conditions needed satisfy by a directed connected graph to be Eulerian?

(10 marks)

d) Consider following DNA sequences as segments of one DNA string:

ACAATTGT ACATGCCG TTGTACAT

i. Represent above sequences with De Bruijn Graph of 4-mers nodes (Edge represent 5-mer).

ii. Apply De Bruijn Graph Assembly method to get the original DNA string.

(60 marks)

4.

a) Briefly explain the three problems associate with Hidden Markov Model (HMM) with a suitable example.

(30 marks)

b) Explain how you would apply HMM for a selected DNA or DNA sequence related practical problem.

(30 marks)

c) Amino acid sequence is given. You need to predict secondary structure (alpha helices/ beta sheet/random coil) of the amino acid sequence using given pre-trained HMM model. Write a computer program or pseudo code to predict secondary structure of amino acid sequence. Clearly mention meaning of every variable you used.

(40 marks)

5.

a) Briefly explain why molecular characters are advantageous in phylogenetic work than morphological characters.

(50 marks)

b) Describe what orthologs are and explain how they differ from paralogs.

(35 marks)

6. a) Describe what is pairwise sequence alignment is. (20 marks)
- b) Compare and contrast between the local and global alignments. (40 marks)
- c) In a homology search why is it necessary to filter the low complexity regions? (20marks)
- d) Why is it important to have a heuristic algorithm in similarity search (40 marks)

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