

[第15周--ch02 string] 高级算法大模型辅助学习

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Q01: global alignment and local alignment

- **prompt:**

what are global alignment and local alignment, and how do they differ in application?

- **model_name:** GPT-4-turbo
- **model_version:** v2
- **response:**

Global alignment aims to align sequences along their entire lengths, which is suitable for sequences of similar length with small differences, such as homologous genes. Needleman-Wunsch is a commonly used algorithm for this purpose.

Local alignment focuses on aligning subsequences within longer sequences, identifying regions of high similarity. This approach is particularly effective for sequences with significant differences or varying lengths, such as identifying conserved regions in genomes. The Smith-Waterman algorithm is typically used for local alignment.

Q02: Dynamic programming

- **prompt:**

Good answer, and what is the main role of dynamic programming in sequence alignment?

- **model_name:** GPT-4-turbo
- **model_version:** v2
- **response:**

Dynamic programming is used to compute an optimal alignment score matrix through a recursive process, enabling efficient identification of the best alignment. In global alignment (Needleman-Wunsch), it ensures alignment across the entire sequence, while in local alignment (Smith-Waterman), it identifies the most similar subsequences. Dynamic programming guarantees optimal solutions, making it a cornerstone of sequence alignment algorithms.

Q03: Smith-Waterman algorithm

- **prompt:**

Right, and why does the Smith-Waterman algorithm include "0" as an option in the recurrence relation?

- **model_name:** GPT-4-turbo
- **model_version:** v2
- **response:**

The inclusion of "0" allows the alignment to terminate at the point where the optimal subsequence ends, rather than forcing alignment across the entire sequences. This ensures that the algorithm focuses only on highly similar regions and ignores unrelated parts, making it ideal for local alignment in divergent sequences.

Q04: MSA

- **prompt:**

Nice answer, and how does progressive alignment reduce computational complexity in multiple sequence alignment (MSA)?

- **model_name:** GPT-4-turbo
- **model_version:** v2
- **response:**

Progressive alignment reduces computational complexity by aligning the most similar sequence pairs first, guided by a phylogenetic tree or a distance matrix, and incrementally building the MSA. This avoids the computationally prohibitive task of optimizing the alignment of all sequences simultaneously. Techniques like UPGMA or neighbor-joining are commonly used to construct the guide tree.

Q05: multiple sequence alignment

- **prompt**

Good answer, and how can deep learning improve the accuracy of multiple sequence alignment?

- **model_name:** GPT-4-turbo
- **model_version:** v2
- **response:**

Deep learning can enhance MSA by leveraging models like Transformers or convolutional neural networks to learn patterns from large biological sequence datasets. These models can predict conserved regions, refine scoring matrices, and improve gap penalties. Techniques such as self-supervised learning can utilize unlabeled sequence data to extract biologically relevant features, leading to more accurate and context-aware alignments.
