



Help!! What is

... an ORF ??

ORF = open reading frame





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Possible Amino Acid Sequences (Forward)

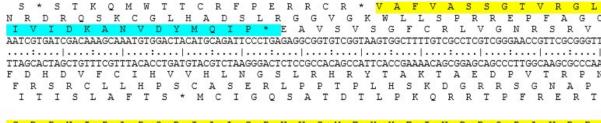
Nucleotide Sequence

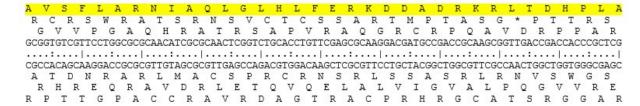
Possible Amino Acid Sequences (Reverse)

Standard genetic code

start codon = ATG (AUG) stop codon = TAG / TAA / TGA

ORF = sequence stretch between start codon and stop codon









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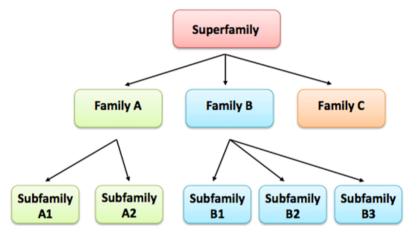
... a protein (super)family ??

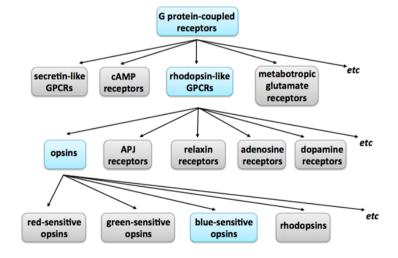
Families, superfamilies,...





- Protein family = group of proteins that share a common evolutionary origin, reflected by their related functions and similarities in sequence or structure.
 - superfamily = large group of distantly related proteins
 - subfamily = small group of closely related proteins
- Protein families are often arranged into hierarchies, with proteins that share a common ancestor subdivided into smaller, more closely related groups.





Protein domains



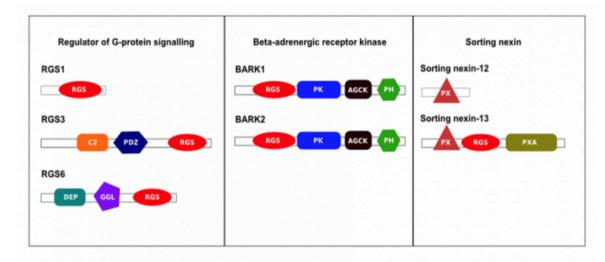


- Protein domains = functional and/or structural units in a protein
- Protein usually contain several protein domains





SH3 domain



RGS family

beta-adrenergic receptor kinase family

Sorting nexin family

RGS = Regulator of G-protein signalling





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... an E-value ??

Fake gene expression data

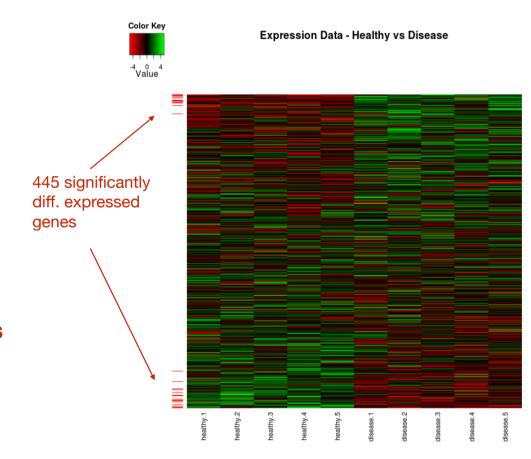




- Finding differentially expressed genes between healthy and disease patients
- t-test with $\alpha = 5\%$
- H₀: non-significant expression difference between the two groups

This dataset contains only random numbers

- → H₀ holds for all 10.000 "genes"
- → all the 445 genes are false-positives



Multiple testing





- Significance level α : level at which to reject $(p < \alpha)$ or accept $(p > \alpha)$ the Null hypothesis
- P-value: probability to observe a more extreme effect if H0 is true ("risk of a false-positive by random chance")
- E-value: expected number of false-positive events when N tests are performed

$$E = p \cdot N$$





Help!! What is

... BLAST ??

Why sequence alignments?





>Protein sequence

MLCPISGWAIYSKDNSIRIGSKGDVFVIREPFISCSHLECRTFFLTQGALLNDKHSN GTVKDRSPYRTLMSCPVGEAPSPYNSRFESVAWSASACHDGISWLTIGISGPDNGAV AVLKYNGIITDTIKSWRNNTLRTQESECACVNGSCFTVMTDGPSNEQASYKIFKIEK

- Open questions
 - Homologues: are there related sequences in other organisms?
 - Function: possible biological/molecular/enzymatic function?
 - Origin: from which organisms / clade? (Example: Metagenomics)
- Global (= whole sequence) / local (= parts of the sequence) comparisons













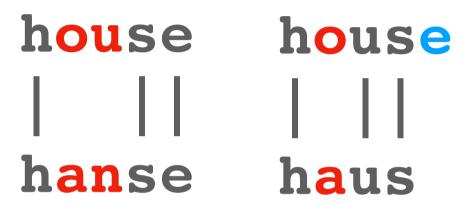


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3 Matches

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2 Mismatches

1 Mismatch

1 Ins./Del. (Indel)





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- which comparison is better?
 - → Scoring-Method
- Score should take into account...
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 - Mismatches (-)
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 - Insertion/Deletion (-)





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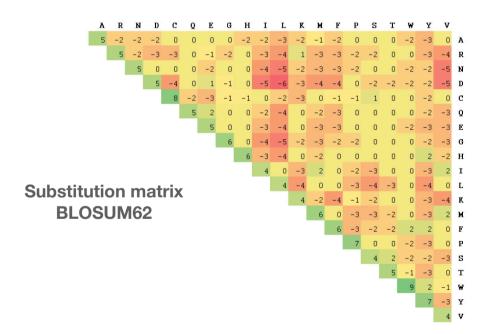
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Scoring Verfahren





Matches/mismatches
 subtitution matrix: values represent
 frequencies of observed substitutions in
 homologous sequences (ex. BLOSUM62)



- Gaps mostly affine cost
 - gap opening (O)
 - gap extensions (E)

indels
$$I = 7$$

here:
$$-11 + 7 \times (-2) = -25$$

Which is the best alignment?





• Given 2 sequences, which is the best alignment?







BLOSUM62 Matrix O = -11: E = -2

$$S = -1$$

$$S = -12$$

$$\binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{21}{7} = 116.280$$
 possible alignments...

Dynamical programming (DP)

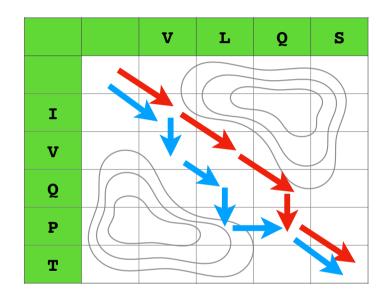




- Dynamical programming allows to determine exactly the best alignment
- Alignment = path in the score matrix
- Best alignment is obtained by determining at each step the best alignment
- Needleman & Wunsch = global alignment
 Smith & Watermann = local Alignment

Complexity

 $\mathcal{O}(m \cdot n)$



V-L-QS IVOP-T VLQ-S IVQPT



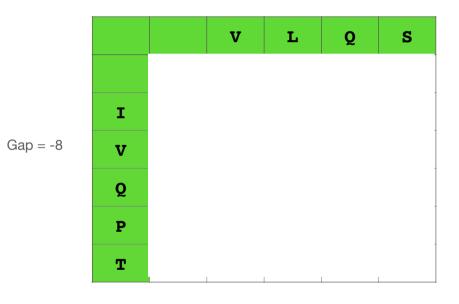
gap in 2nd sequence

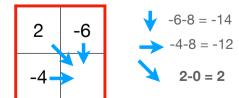
gap in 1st sequence

(mis)match

Needlman & Wunsch: globales Alignment

1. PhaseFüllen der Matrix





2. Phase

Backtracking von unten rechts nach oben links

| | | v | L | Q | S |
|---|-----|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 0 K | -8 | -16 | -24 | -32 |
| I | -8 | 2 _ | → -6 — | →-14 - | → -22 |
| v | -16 | -4 | 2 - | → -6 — | →-14 |
| Q | -24 | -12 | - 6 | 7 — | → -1 |
| P | -32 | -20 | -14 | - 1 | 7 |
| T | -40 | -28 | -22 | -9 | -1 |

Smith Watermann: lokales Alignment

1. Phase

Füllen der Matrix (negative Werte werden durch Null ersetzt)

| | | v | L | Q | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| I | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| v | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Q | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| P | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

2. Phase

Backtracking vom höchsten Wert bis zur ersten Null

| | | v | L | Q | S |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| | 0 _ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| I | 0 | 2 K | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| v | 0 | 4 | 2 5 | 0 | 0 |
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VLQS IVQP

Gap = -8

Problem solved?



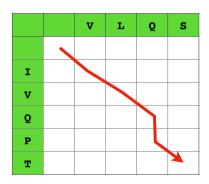


Enumeration of all possible alignments

complexity
$$n = m = 50$$

$$\binom{m+n}{n} = 10^{29}$$

Optimal alignment using DP



$$m \cdot n = 2500$$

Optimal alignment with database



N ~ 230 million sequences

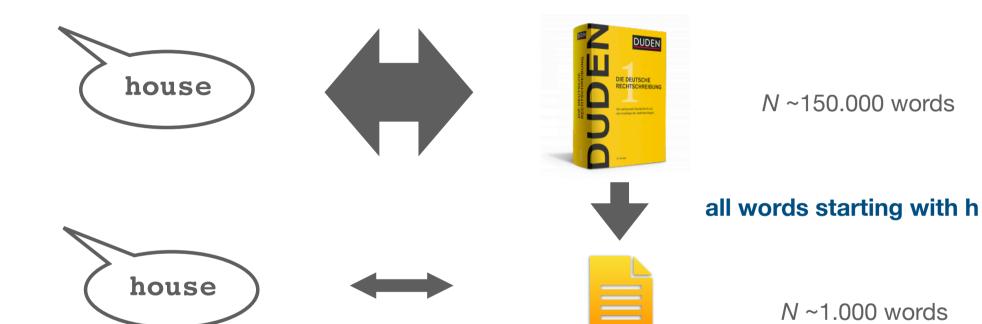
$$N \cdot m \cdot n = 5.8 \cdot 10^{11}$$

- **Problem**: DP alignment cannot be computed for all target sequences (too long!)
- Solution: select most promissing sequences first... then do DP

Heuristic = short-cut







- Advantage: much faster!
- **Disadvantage**: maybe the right translation starts with a different letter ...

BLAST: basic local alignment search tool



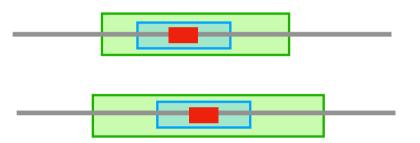


Heuristic

 homologous sequences share very similar short words

(Protein: *k*=3; DNA: *k*=11)

- 2. these words reside in longer homologous sequences without gaps(HSP = high scoring pairs)
- 3. starting from HSP longer alignments with gaps can be obtained using DP.
 - \rightarrow final raw score S depends on the substitution matrix, number of matches / mismatches / gaps



BLAST 1.0 (Altschul et al., 1990) Alignments **ohne** Gaps

BLAST 2.0 (Altschul et al., 1997) Alignments **mit** Gaps

Score





Raw score obtained from the dynamical programming

$$S' = \frac{\lambda S - \ln K}{\ln 2}$$
 (bits)

E = expected number of false-positive in a database of the same size

$$E=rac{Q}{2S'}$$
 Size of the database

NCBI BLAST





E-value = number of false-positives with equal scores

RecName: Full=Nøn-symbiotic hemoglobin 0; AltName: Full=Non-vascular plant hemoglobin

Sequence ID: Q9M6 0.1 Length: 180 Number of Matches: 1

Range 1: 24 to 169 GenPept Graphics

▼ Next Match ▲ Previous Match

| S = | 238 | |
|------|------|------|
| S' = | 96.3 | bits |

| Score | | Expect | Method | Identities | Positives | Gaps | |
|----------|---------|--------|---|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-----|
| 96.3 bit | ts(238) | 1e-24 | Compositional matrix adjust | 58/146(40%) | 84/146(57%) | 5/146(3%) | |
| Query | 3 | | - EALVNSSSQLFKQNPSNYSVLF E LV S ++ K++ | | | VVDSPKLGA ++PK+ | 61 |
| Sbjct | 24 | | EQLVKQSWEILKKDAQRNGINF | | | | 83 |
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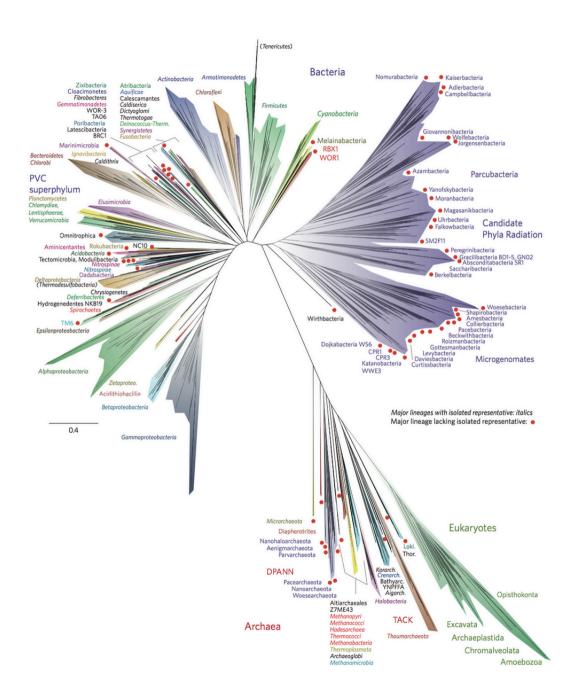
... phylogenetic tree ??

Phylogenetic tree





- Represent the evolutionary history of a set of sequences or organisms
- Beware the a tree built from a single gene can differ from the evolutionnary tree of the species!
- Trees are constructed based on multiple alignments, from which a distance matrix can be built







Outgroup





- IN an unrooted tree, one cannot tell which is the evolutionary origin
- If you know that a group of sequences is more distant than the rest ('outgroup'), then the root of the tree can be set on the branch separating the outgroup from the rest!

