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Theoretical Assignments

Task 1: An exact multiple sequence alignment

For the computation of an optimal multiple sequence alignment (MSA) of n sequences, you need an n -dimensional matrix (i.e. an n -dimensional hypercube). A resulting alignment corresponds to a path through the hypercube.

For the following MSA of 3 nucleotide sequences:

- Sequence X: A A T G
- Sequence Y: A - T G
- Sequence Z: - - T G

the path is: $(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (2, 1, 0), (3, 2, 1), (4, 3, 2)$. Provide the coordinates of the cells (x, y, z) from the 3D-hypercube that were taken into account in the computation of the values of the cells $(3, 2, 1)$ and $(4, 3, 2)$.

$$F(i, j, k) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(i-1, j-1, k-1) + s(a_{1i}, a_{2j}, a_{3k}), \\ F(i-1, j-1, k) + s(a_{1i}, a_{2j}, -), \\ F(i-1, j, k-1) + s(a_{1i}, -, a_{3k}), \\ F(i, j-1, k-1) + s(-, a_{2j}, a_{3k}), \\ F(i-1, j, k) + s(a_{1i}, -, -), \\ F(i, j-1, k) + s(-, a_{2j}, -), \\ F(i, j, k-1) + s(-, -, a_{3k}), \end{array} \right.$$

$$F(3, 2, 1) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(2, 1, 0) + s(a_{1i}, a_{2j}, a_{3k}), \\ F(2, 1, 1) + s(a_{1i}, a_{2j}, -), \\ F(2, 2, 0) + s(a_{1i}, -, a_{3k}), \\ F(3, 1, 0) + s(-, a_{2j}, a_{3k}), \\ F(2, 2, 1) + s(a_{1i}, -, -), \\ F(3, 1, 1) + s(-, a_{2j}, -), \\ F(3, 2, 0) + s(-, -, a_{3k}), \end{array} \right.$$

$$F(4, 3, 2) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(3, 2, 1) + s(a_{1i}, a_{2j}, a_{3k}), \\ F(3, 2, 2) + s(a_{1i}, a_{2j}, -), \\ F(3, 3, 1) + s(a_{1i}, -, a_{3k}), \\ F(4, 2, 1) + s(-, a_{2j}, a_{3k}), \\ F(3, 3, 2) + s(a_{1i}, -, -), \\ F(4, 2, 2) + s(-, a_{2j}, -), \\ F(4, 3, 1) + s(-, -, a_{3k}), \end{array} \right.$$

Task 2: MSA: How small is small?

Earth started its life from the solar nebula about 4.54 billion ($4.54 * 10^9$) years ago. Assume one highly intelligent creature had already back then built a supercomputer and had with the birth of the Earth started to multiply align r sequences, each of length $L = 50$. Assume this computer needed 10^{12} seconds per pairwise alignment, and 10^6 seconds for 4 sequences. Using the simplified time complexity of $O(2^r L^r)$ of the dynamic programming algorithm based on the sum of pairs score, the supercomputer has computed an MSA of these sequences. Compute how many sequences r this supercomputer would have been able to align until today.

Given:

$$L = 50$$

$$t(2) = 10^{-12}$$

$$t(6) = 10^{-6}$$

$$t_{ges} = 4,54 * 10^9(\text{years}) = 4,54 * 10^9 * 31536000(\text{s}) = 1.432 * 10^{17}$$

What is factor O?

O for pairwise alignment $r = 1$

$$O(2 * 50)^1 = 10^{-12}$$

$$O = 10^{-14}$$

O for 4 sequences $r = 4$

$$O(2^4 * 50^4) = 10^{-6}$$

$$O = 10^{-14}$$

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Calculate r for t_{ges} :

$$\begin{aligned} 1.432 * 10^{17} &= 10^{-14} * 2^r * 50^r \\ \frac{1.432 * 10^{17}}{10^{-14}} &= 2^r * 50^r \\ 1.432 * 10^{31} &= 100^r \\ \log_{100}(1.432 * 10^{31}) &= r \\ \mathbf{15.578} &= \mathbf{r} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The supercomputer would have been able to align 15.6 sequences with a length of 50 until today.

Practical Assignments

Task3: Profile alignment

For Task 3 and 4 we used Python 3.8.8, and the following libraries: **Bio, getopt, sys, numpy, pandas, itertools (combinations, product), math, random, collections(counter)**

Enter the following code in the command line to run our code for task 3 and 4:

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python dittschar_auckenthaler_assignment3.py -a "to_msa.fasta" -m 3 -s -2 -g 4
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Attention: It will take a few seconds until the results are displayed!

If you want to change the files or the scoring you can do this, by changing the arguments in the command line:

- -a or -file: filename (String)
- -s or -mismatch: mismatch-score (int)
- -m or -match: match-score (int)
- -g or -gap: gap-score (int)

We write the profile alignment (MSA) to the file named:

dittschar_auckenthaler_assignment3_profile_alignment.txt

Task 4: Distance matrix calculation using Feng-Doolittle distances

We write the distance matrix of the calculated Feng-Doolittle distance of all combinations of the read in sequences to the file named:

dittschar_auckenthaler_assignment3_distance_matrix.txt