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Theoretical Assignments

Task 1: Sequencing approaches (in a nutshell) (4)

The Illumina Sequencing workflow consists of four basic steps [2]:

- **Sample prep**: Additional motifs are added to the DNA: Regions complimentary to the flow cell oligose, sequencing binding site and indices [1].

- In the **cluster generation** step, DNA is fixed in an extremely high density on the flow cell while facilitating enzyme access and then amplified using solid-phase amplification [2].

- **Sequencing**: In each cycle, a single labeled deoxynucleoside triphosphate is added to the DNA nucleotide chain and emits a light signal, afterwards being cleaved off [2].

- In **data analysis**, accompanying software enables researchers to peform alignment to a reference, working with extremely accurate data and being able to streamline collection and analysis of data [2].

Task 2: HMM for RNA sequence structure prediction(3)

Emission alphabet:

$\sum = \{A, G, C, U\}$

Set of states:

$Q = \{\text{Coil, Steam, Loop}\}$

Transitions probabilities:

$p = \{p_{bC}, p_{eC}, p_{CC}, p_{SS}, p_{LL}, p_{SC}, p_{CS}, p_{SL}, p_{LS}\}$

Emission probabilities:

$e = \{e_{CA}, e_{CG}, e_{CC}, e_{CU}, e_{SA}, e_{SG}, e_{SC}, e_{SU}, e_{LA}, e_{LG}, e_{LC}, e_{LU}\}$

The number of total parameters is 21 (12 emission probabilities and 9 transition probabilities).

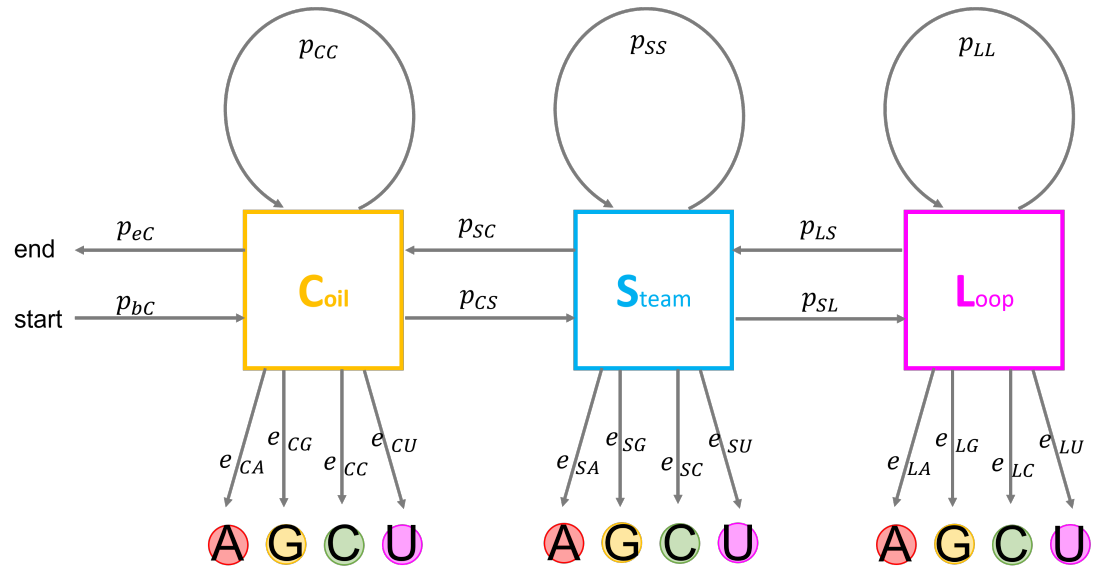The HMM graph for our hairpin loop structure looks as follows:

p_{CC} p_{SS} p_{LL}

end $\xleftarrow{p_{eC}}$ **C**oil $\xleftarrow{p_{SC}}$ **S**team $\xleftarrow{p_{LS}}$ **L**oop

start $\xrightarrow{p_{bC}}$ $\xrightarrow{p_{CS}}$ $\xrightarrow{p_{SL}}$

e_{CA} e_{CG} e_{CC} e_{CU} e_{SA} e_{SG} e_{SC} e_{SU} e_{LA} e_{LG} e_{LC} e_{LU}

A G C U   A G C U   A G C U

Figure 1: Hidden and Emission states of HMM for the hairpin loop structure.

Task 3: Transition matrix computation by hand (2)

Given the following sequences of exonic regions, compute the transition matrix P_{exonic} by hand for the alphabet $\sum = \{b, e, A, T, C, G\}$

seq1 = CTTCTTGTGT   seq2 = GTTGGACACTTTCGGG   seq3=TTGCTGTCGTA
seq4 = CAGACGTAAGTCG   seq5 = GCCCGTATAGGGC   seq6=CCTGTG

The number of observed frequencies matrix $P_{exonic}=$

c_{st}	b	A	G	C	T	e
b	0	0	2	3	1	0
A	0	1	3	3	1	1
G	0	2	5	3	9	3
C	0	2	5	3	5	1
T	0	4	7	3	6	1
e	0	0	0	0	0	1

From observed frequencies to probabilities in the final transition matrix $P_{exonic} =$

c_{st}	b	A	G	C	T	e
b	0	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0
A	0	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$
G	0	$\frac{1}{11}$	$\frac{5}{22}$	$\frac{3}{22}$	$\frac{9}{22}$	$\frac{3}{22}$
C	0	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$
T	0	$\frac{4}{21}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{2}{7}$	$\frac{1}{21}$
e	0	0	0	0	0	1

Practical Assignments

Task 4: Transition matrix and log-odds computation(11)

For Task 4 we used Python 3.8.8, and the following libraries **sys, getopt, Bio and numpy**. Enter the following code in the command line to run the file **auckenthaler_dittschar_train_hmm.py**:

```
python auckenthaler_dittschar_train_hmm.py -f "material/cds_set.fasta"
-n "cds_p_matrix"
```

and

```
python auckenthaler_dittschar_train_hmm.py -f "material/notcds_set.fasta"
-n "notcds_p_matrix"
```

With the parameters:

-f : input file

-n : name for output transition matrix.

This code outputs a .txt file with the transition matrix and the header as specified in the script.

Enter the following code in the command line to run the file **auckenthaler_dittschar_test_hmm.py**:

```
python auckenthaler_dittschar_test_hmm.py -a "cds_p_matrix.txt" -b "notcds_p_matrix.txt"
-i "material/contig.fasta"
```

With the parameters:

-a : transition matrix for the plus model

-b : transition matrix for the minus model

- i : input file with sequence to determine probability for

The log-odds ratio is 10.28. It is positive, therefore it is more likely that the sequence in question belongs to protein-coding regions.

References

[1] Illumina. Illumina sequencing by synthesis. `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCd6B5HRaZ8&t=3s`, 2016.

[2] Inc. Illumina. Illumina sequencing technology. `https://www.illumina.com/documents/products/techspotlights/techspotlight_sequencing.pdf`, 2010.