

# Protein comparison

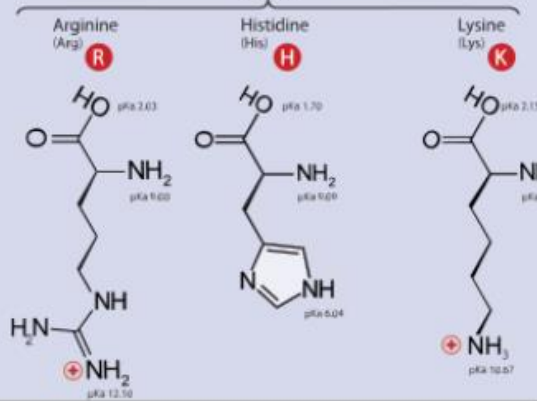
# Amino acids

## Twenty-One Amino Acids

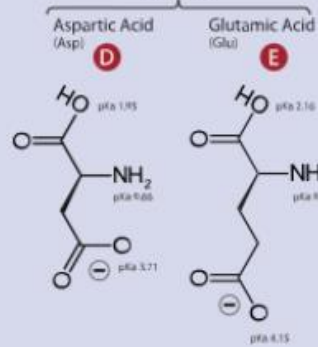
⊕ Positive  
⊖ Negative  
\* Side chain charge at physiological pH 7.4

### A. Amino Acids with Electrically Charged Side Chains

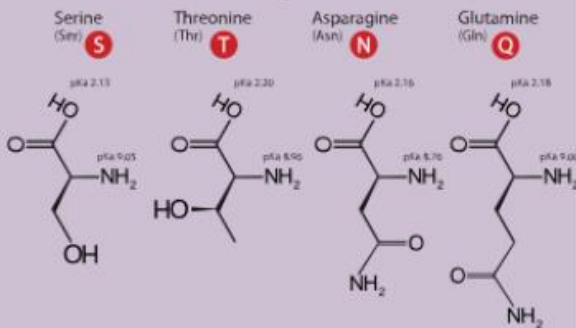
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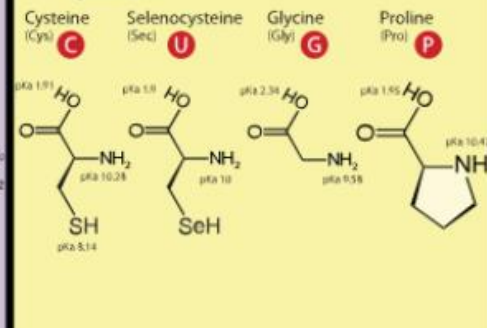
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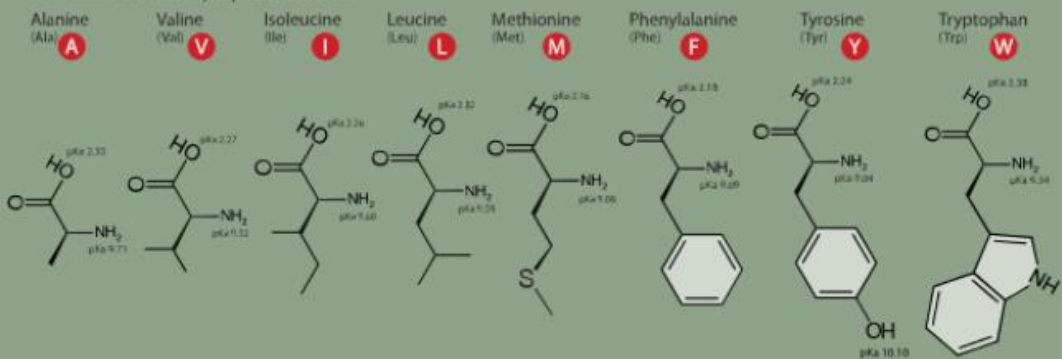
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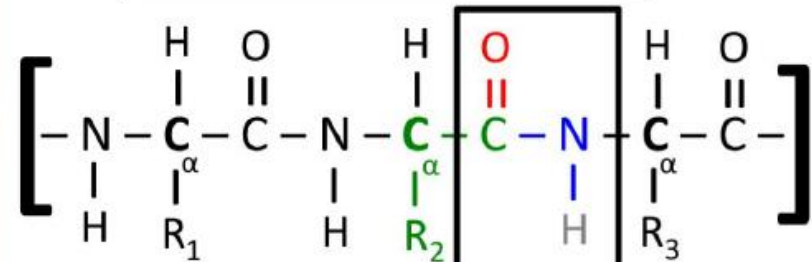
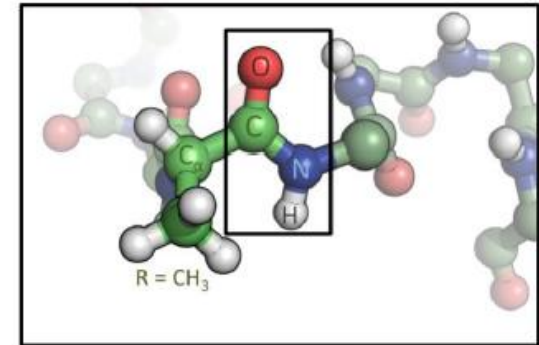
### C. Special Cases



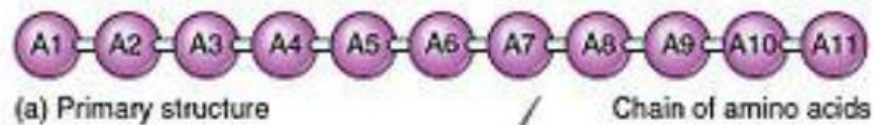
### D. Amino Acids with Hydrophobic Side Chain



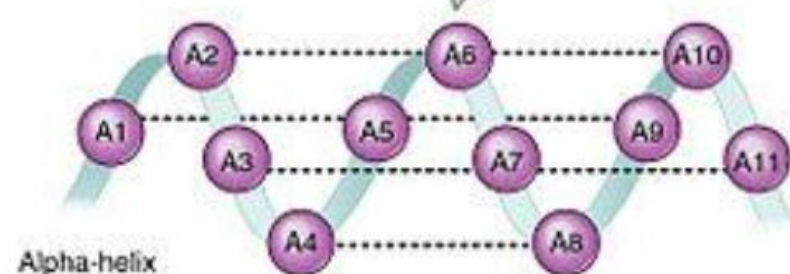
# Pepdific bond



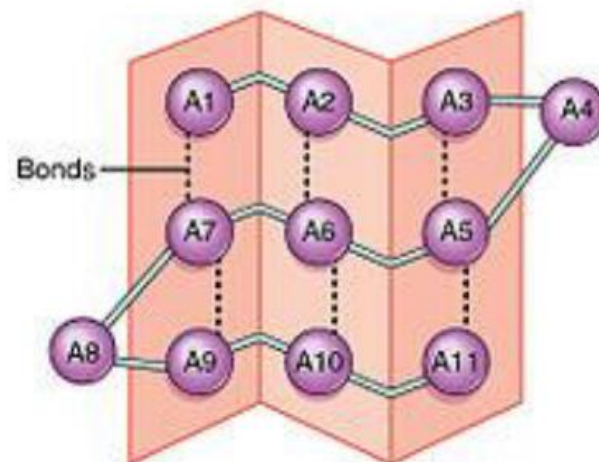
residues



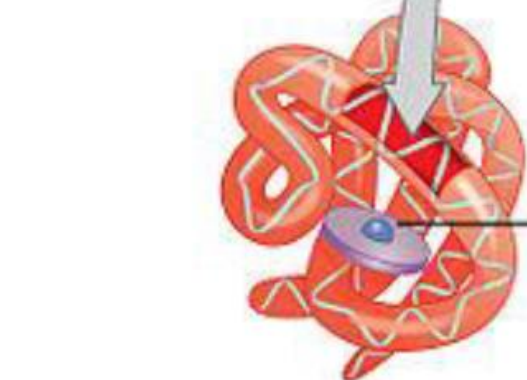
# Proteins...



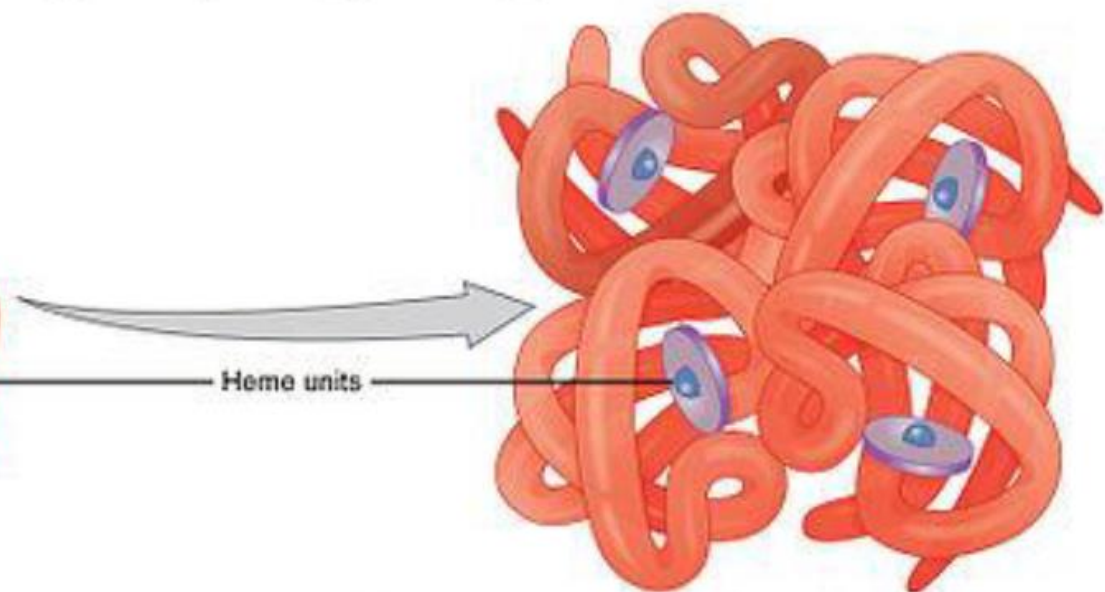
OR



(b) Secondary structure (pleated sheet)



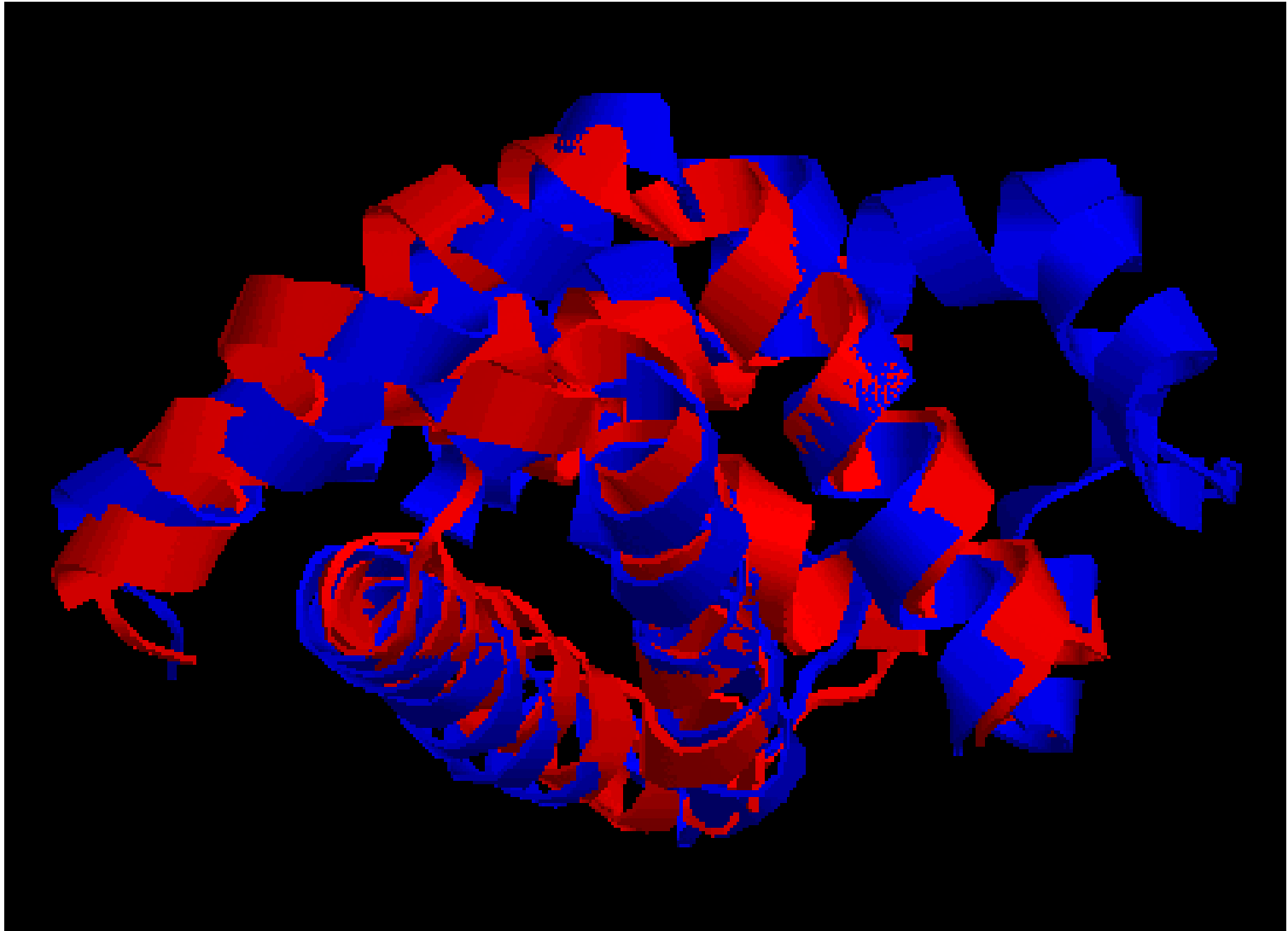
(c) Tertiary structure



(d) Quaternary structure

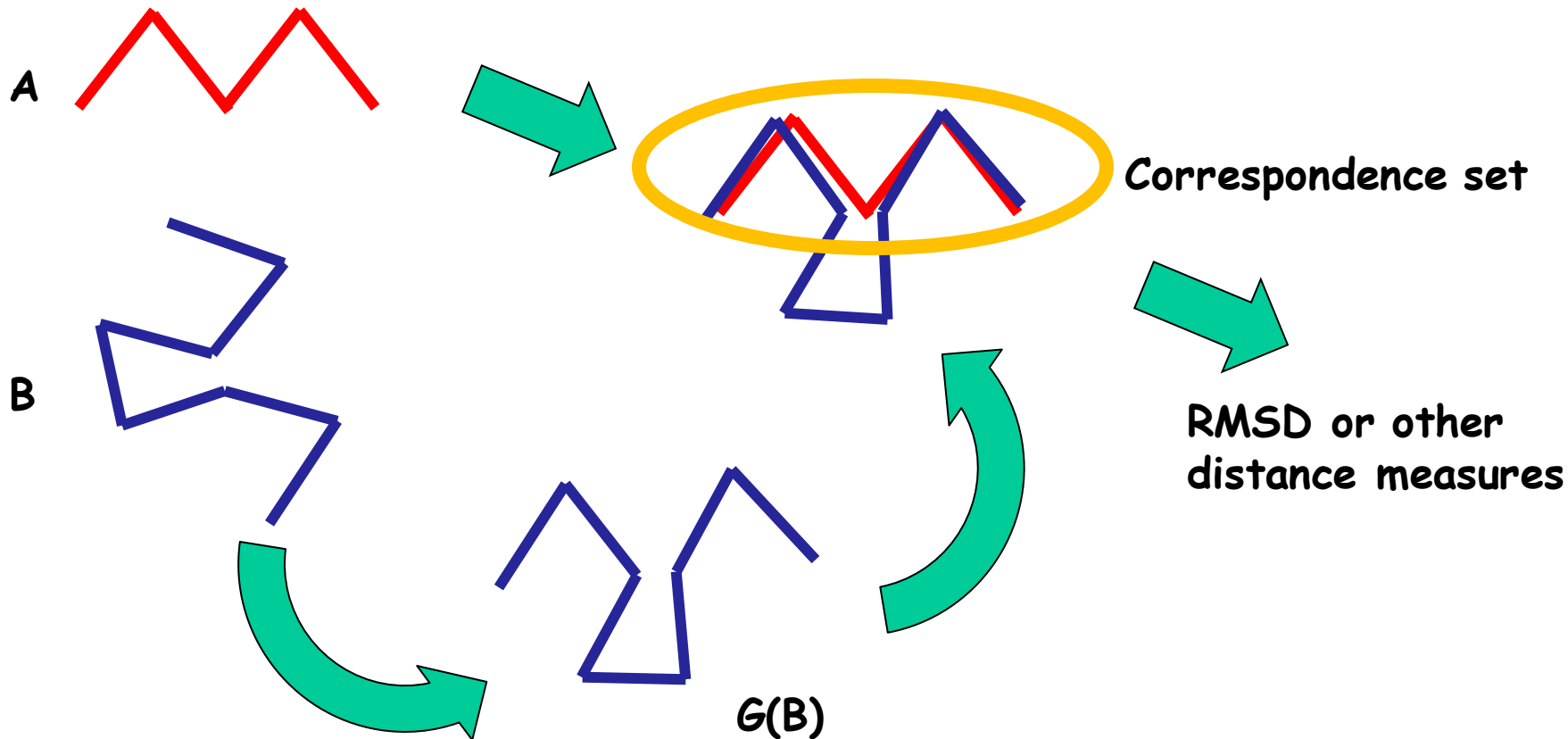
Hemoglobin  
(globular protein)

# Structure superimposition



Sperm Whale Mioglobin vs bacterial Emoglobin

# Structure superimposition problem



# Formalizing the structure superimposition problem

Given two sets of points  $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $B = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)$  in Cartesian space, find the **optimal** subsets  $A(P)$  and  $B(Q)$  with  $|A(P)| = |B(Q)|$ , and find the **optimal** rigid body transformation  $G$  between the two subsets  $A(P)$  and  $B(Q)$  that minimizes a given distance metric  $D$  over all possible rigid body transformation  $G$ , i.e.

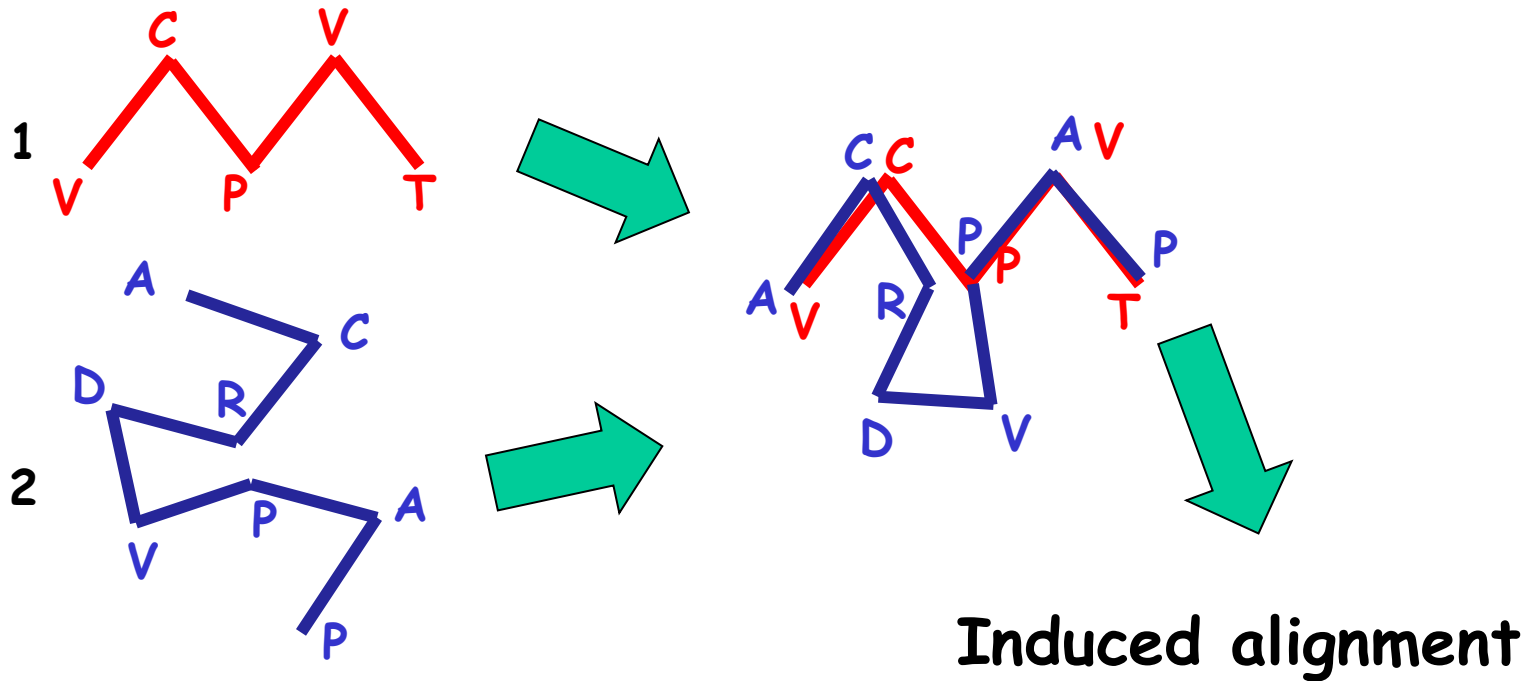
$$\min_G \{D[A(P) - G(B(Q))]\}$$

where, usually,  $D$  is  $\text{RMSD} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - b_i)^2}{n}}$

The two subsets  $A(P)$  and  $B(Q)$  define a "**correspondence**", and  $p = |A(P)| = |B(Q)|$  is called the correspondence length. Naturally, the correspondence length is maximal when  $A(P)$  and  $B(Q)$  are similar.

Therefore there are essentially two problems in structure alignment:  
(i.) Find the correspondence set (which is *NP-hard*), and  
(ii.) Find the alignment transform (which is  $O(n)$ ).

# Structural superimposition induces a structural alignment between the sequences

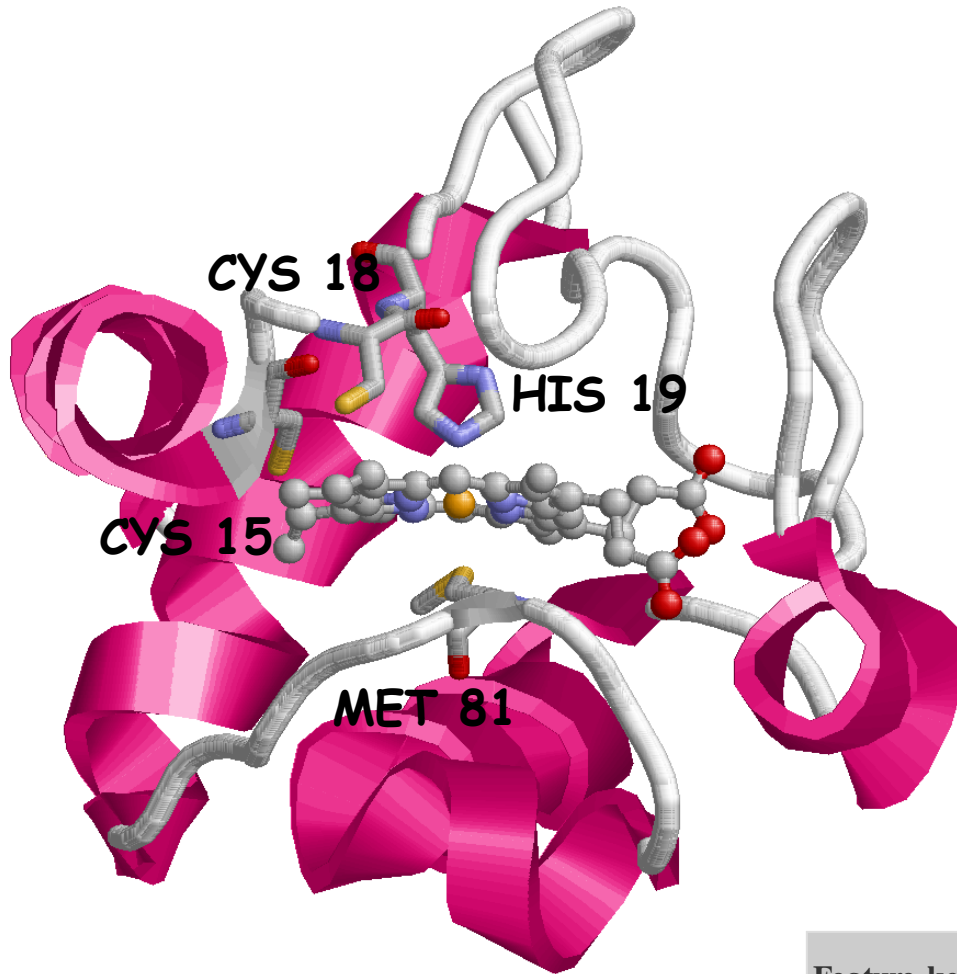


Alignment length=8 res  
Alignment identity = 2/8

VC---PVT  
ACRDVPAP  
.\*...\*..



# Sequence-to-structure relation: Cytochrome C



Electron carrier protein. The oxidized form of the cytochrome c heme group can accept an electron from the heme group of the cytochrome c1 subunit of cytochrome reductase. Cytochrome c then transfers this electron to the cytochrome oxidase complex, the final protein carrier in the mitochondrial electron-transport chain.

UniProt: P99999

PDB: 3zcf:A

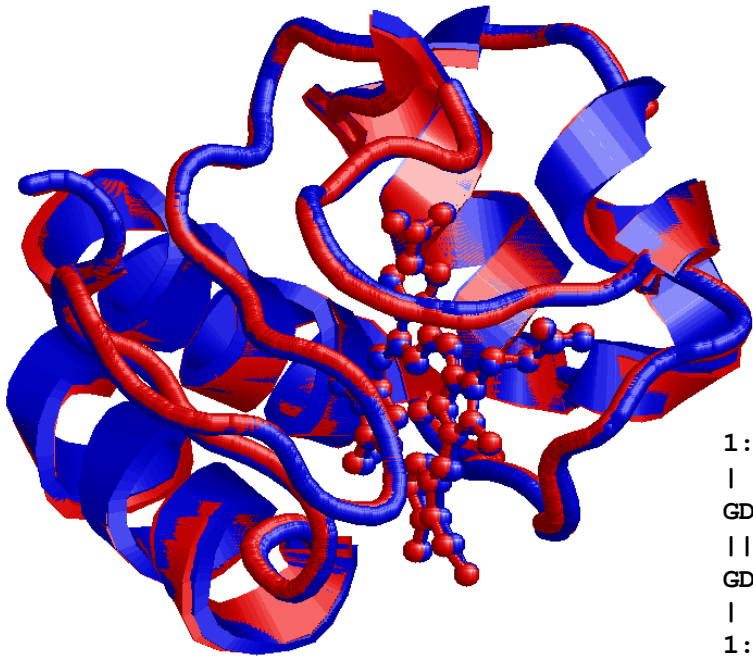
Feature key	Position(s)	Length	Description
Binding site <sup>i</sup>	<a href="#">15 – 15</a>	1	Heme (covalent)
Binding site <sup>i</sup>	<a href="#">18 – 18</a>	1	Heme (covalent)
Metal binding <sup>i</sup>	<a href="#">19 – 19</a>	1	Iron (heme axial ligand)
Metal binding <sup>i</sup>	<a href="#">81 – 81</a>	1	Iron (heme axial ligand)



## Cytochrome C (*Homo* vs. *Horse*)

Human Cytochrome C - Uniprot:P99999. PDB: 3ZCF:A

Equine Cytochrome C - Uniprot: P00004. PDB 3O20:A



## Structural alignment:

**RMSD= 0,035 nm**

1:A 20:A 40:A 60:A  
| . | . | . | . | . | . |  
GDVEKGKKIFIMKCSQCHTVEKGGKHKTGPNLHGLFGRKTQAPGYSYTAANKNGKGIIWGEDTLMLEYEN  
| | | | | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | : | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  
GDVEKGKKIFVQKCAQCHTVEKGGKHKTGPNLHGLFGRKTQAPGFTYTDANKNGKITWKEETLMLEYEN  
| . | . | . | . | . | . |  
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## 88% sequence identity

80:A 100:A

PKKYIPGTKMIFVGIKKKEERADLIAYLKATNE

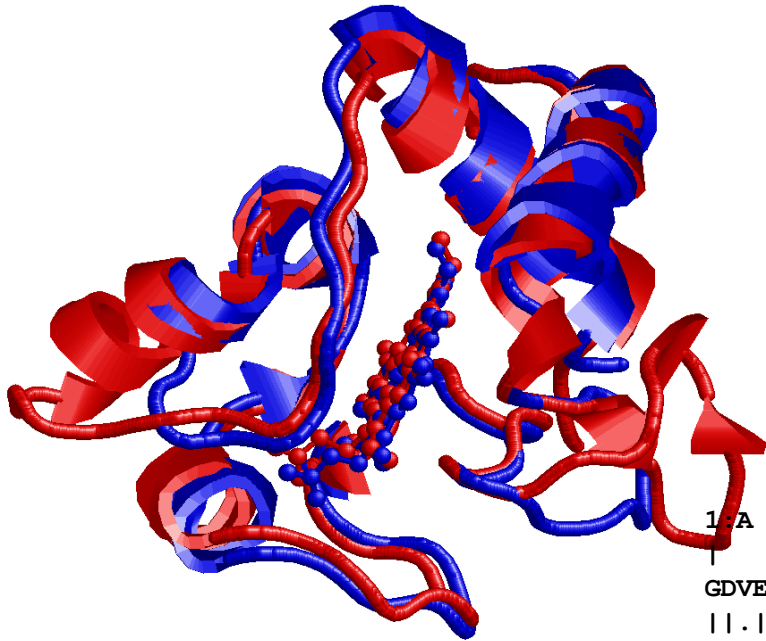
PKKYIPGTKMIFAGIKKKTREDLIAYLKATNE

80:A 100:A

## Cytochrome C (*Homo* vs. *Rhodobacter sphaeroides*)

Human Cytochrome C - Uniprot:P99999. PDB: 3ZCF:A

**Cytochrome C2 *Rhodobacter Sph.* - Uniprot: P0C0X8. PDB 1CXC:A**



## Structural alignment:

**RMSD= 0,18 nm**

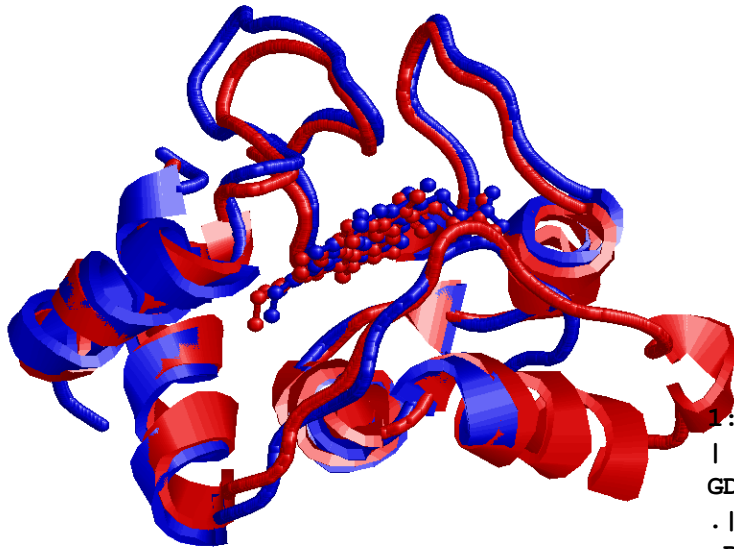
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## 28% sequence identity

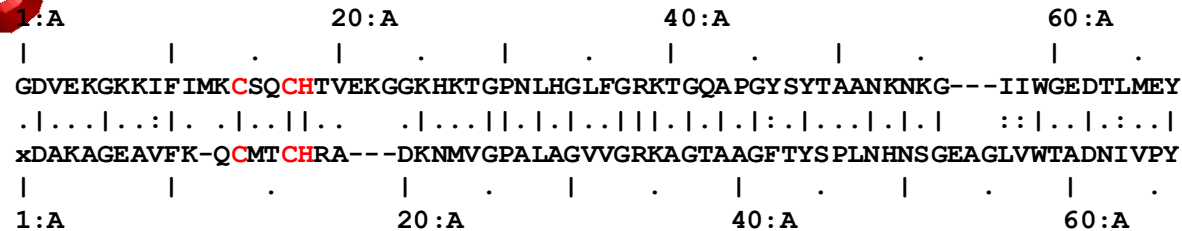
# Cytochrome C (*Homo* vs. *Rhodopseudomonas palustris*)

Human Cytochrome C - Uniprot:P99999. PDB: 3ZCF:A

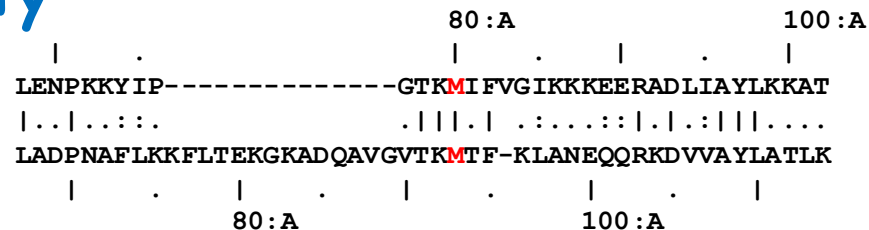
**Cytochrome C2 *Rhodopseudomonas pal.* - Uniprot: P00091. PDB 1I8O:A**



**Structural alignment:**  
**RMSD= 0,13 nm**



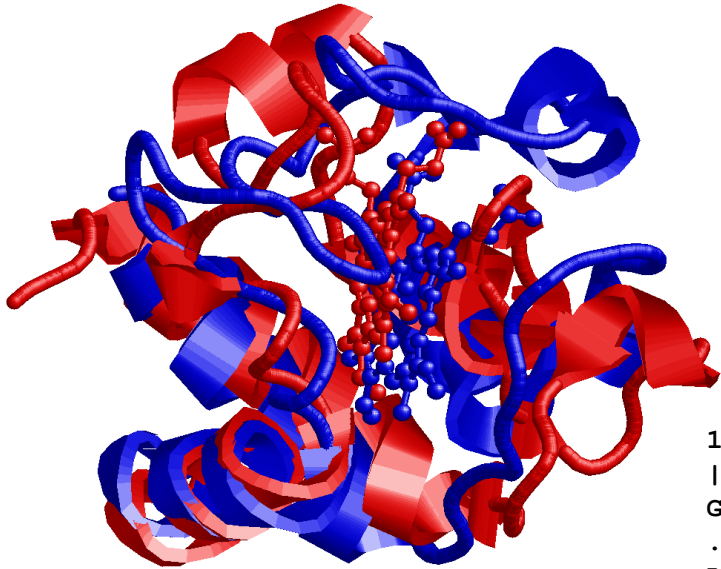
## 29% sequence identity



## Cytochrome C (*Homo* vs. *Arabidopsis thaliana*)

Human Cytochrome C - Uniprot:P99999. PDB: 3ZCF:A

**Cytochrome C6A *Arabidopsis Thaliana* - Uniprot: Q93VA3. PDB 2CE0:A**

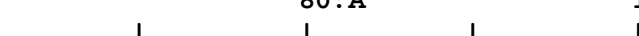


## Structural alignment:

**RMSD= 0,35 nm**

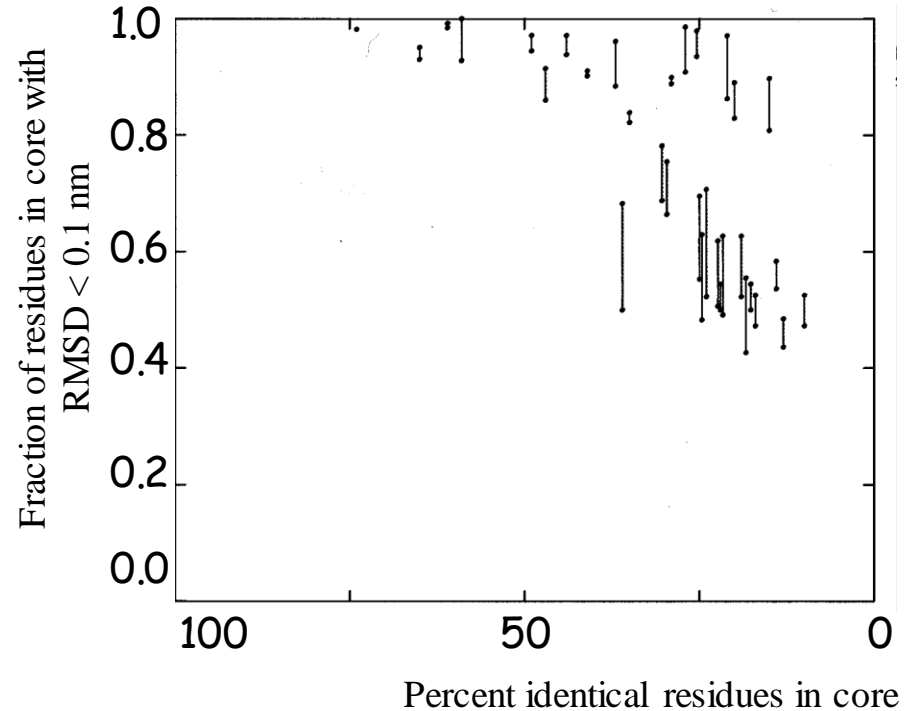
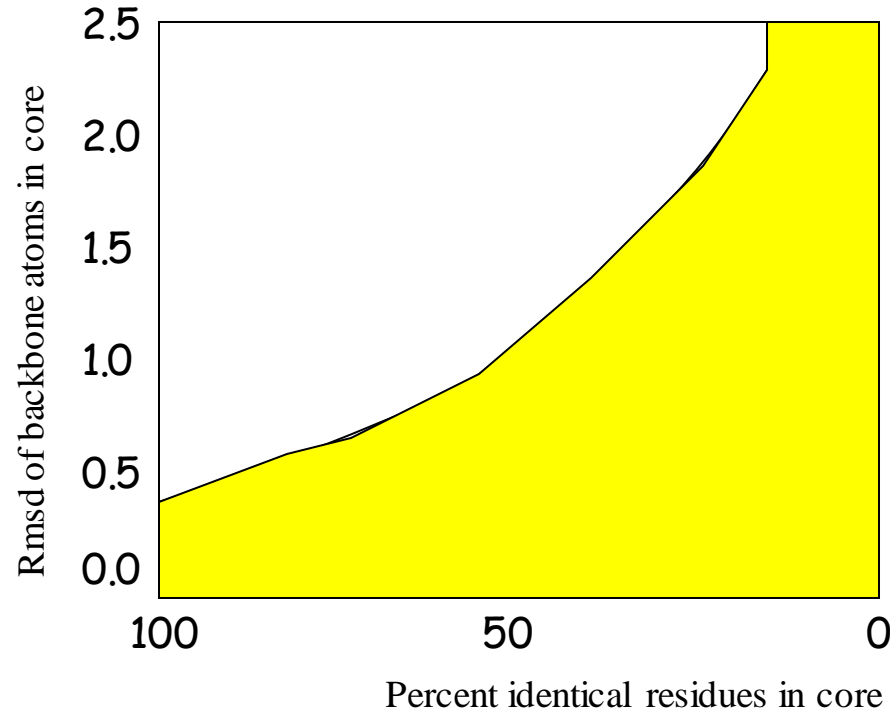
1:A                      20:A                      40:A                      60:A  
 |                      .                      |                      .                      |                      .                      |                      .  
 GDVEKGGKIFIMKCSQCHTVEKGKKHKTGP--NLHG-LFGRKTGQAPGYSYTAANKNKGI IWGEDTLME  
 .|:::||..||...|...|...|...|. ...|. ..|. ....|.....|:....  
 LDIQRGATLFNRACAACHDTG--GNII-QPGATLFTKDLELN-----GVDTEEEIYR  
 |                      .                      |                      .                      |                      .                      |                      .  
 3:A                      20:A                      40:A

## 13% sequence identity


  
 YLE-----NPKKYIPG**TK**MIFVGIIKKKEERADLIAYLKKATNE
   
 ... ..|...|.....:... |...|...:|...:
   
 VTYFGKGRMPGFGEKCTPRG**Q**CTFGPRLQDE-EIKLLAEFVKF**Q**ADQ
   
 . | . | . | . | . | . | . | .
   
 60:A 80:A

# Sequence-to-structure relation

*By structurally aligning a large set of structures:*

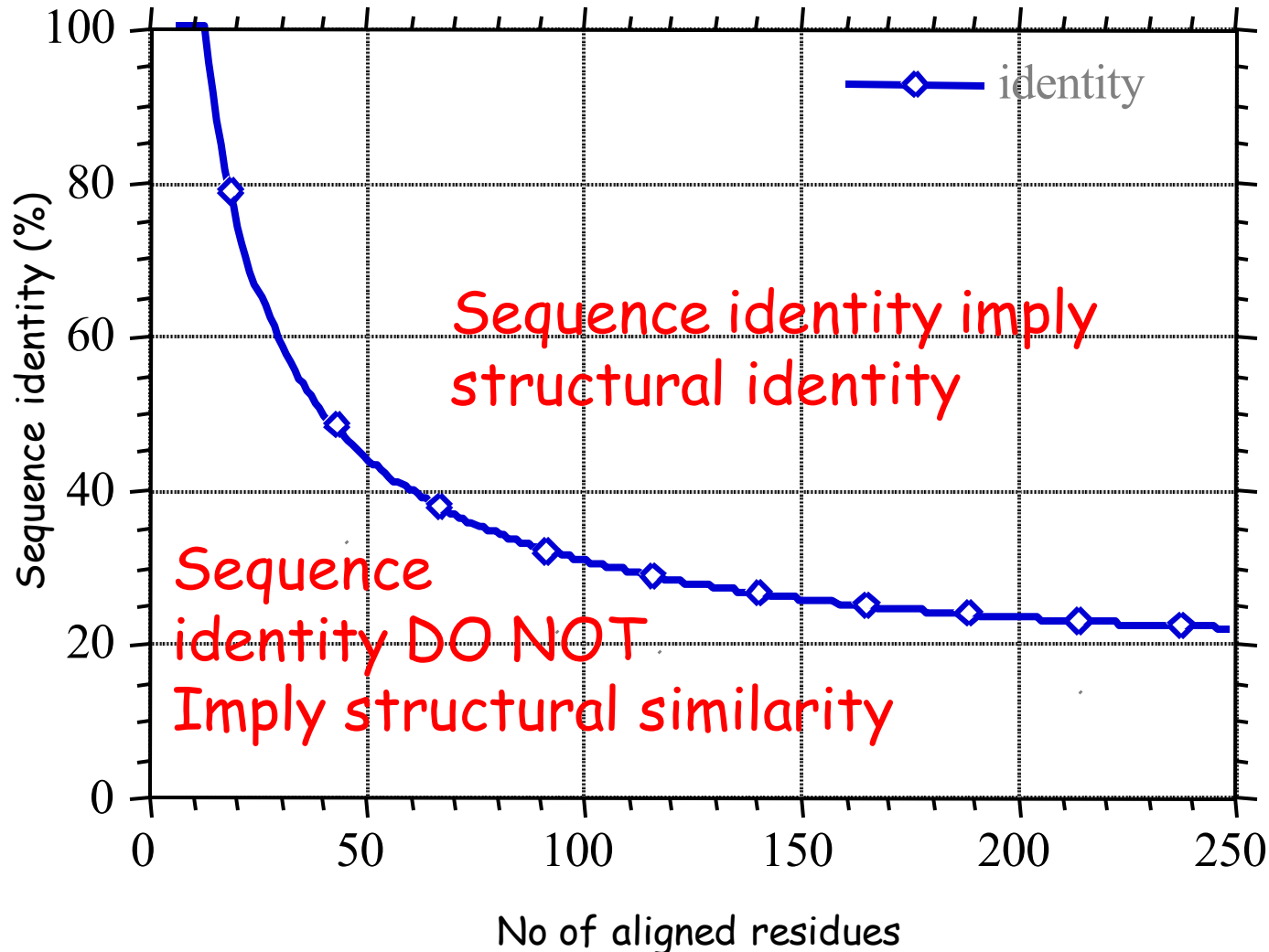


**•Proteins more than 60% identical have more than 90% of residues that result less than 0.1 nm apart after superimposition**

Chothia, C. & Lesk, A. M. (1986). The relation between the divergence of sequence and structure in proteins. *EMBO J.* 5, 823-826.

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# Sequence identity and structural similarity

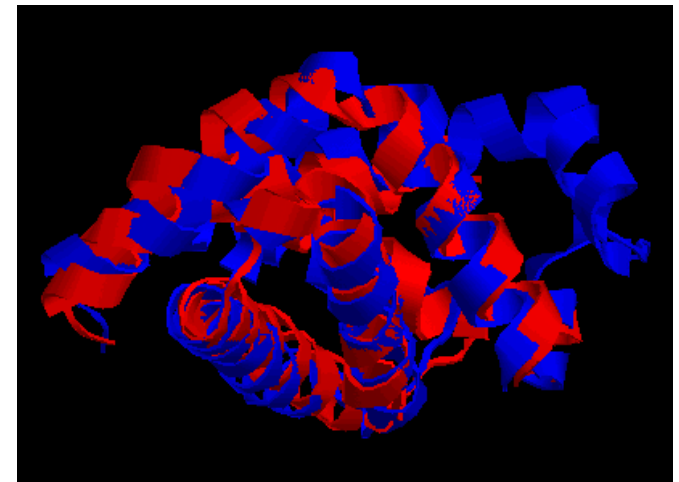
*Sequences longer than 100 residues and sharing more the 30% of similar residues have similar structures*

*For shorter sequences the level of identity must be higher*

*This DO NOT mean that sequences sharing lower identity MUST have different structures*

Example: Sperm Whale Myoglobin and bacterial Emoglobin

RMSD = 0.19 nm, Identity: 14%





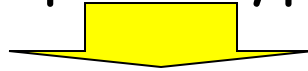
# Evolution did it (?)

## *Evolution: Variability and Natural Selection*

Sequences of living organisms have evolved from ancestral sequences

Genomic sequences are continually changing at random

The environment operates a selection of the individuals on the basis of the fitness of their phenotypes



When the products of the modified gene (the proteins, the structural RNAs ...) fit worse with the environment than the original ones, the individual has a lower probability of surviving and the mutation has lower probability to be transmitted

NB. Are mutation always random? Not, at least when the mutation rate is taken into consideration (Radman polymerases)

# Homology vs sequence similarity

## Homology

Sequences are homologous when they derive from a common ancestor

Orthologous when they belong to different species

Paralogous when they are present into the same species  
(duplication)

## Similarity

Sequences are similar if they share a large amount of residues along the sequence: it is a comparative criterion, not an evolutionary one.

# Homology vs Sequence Similarity

*Are homologous sequences always similar?*

It depends on how much did they separated after the divergence.

*Are similar sequences always homologous?*

Different sequences could be evolved in a convergent way towards similar sequences. (Similarly to wings, independently evolved in insects, birds and bats)

*In principle, homology and similarity are different concepts. However, sequences sharing high similarity are likely to be homologous.*

Similarity can be measured as the degree of identity

# Sequence alignment

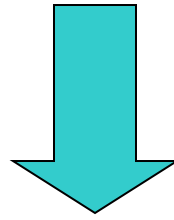
*Comparing sequences (without structures) can give information about the structural similarity among two proteins*

*Sequence comparison = sequence alignment*

# Pairwise Sequence Alignment

EEELTKPRLWLALYFNMRDALSSG

VEKPRIYLALYFNMRDSSDE



EEELTKPRLWLALYFNMRDALSSG—  
— — —VEKPRIYLALYFNMRD— —SSDE

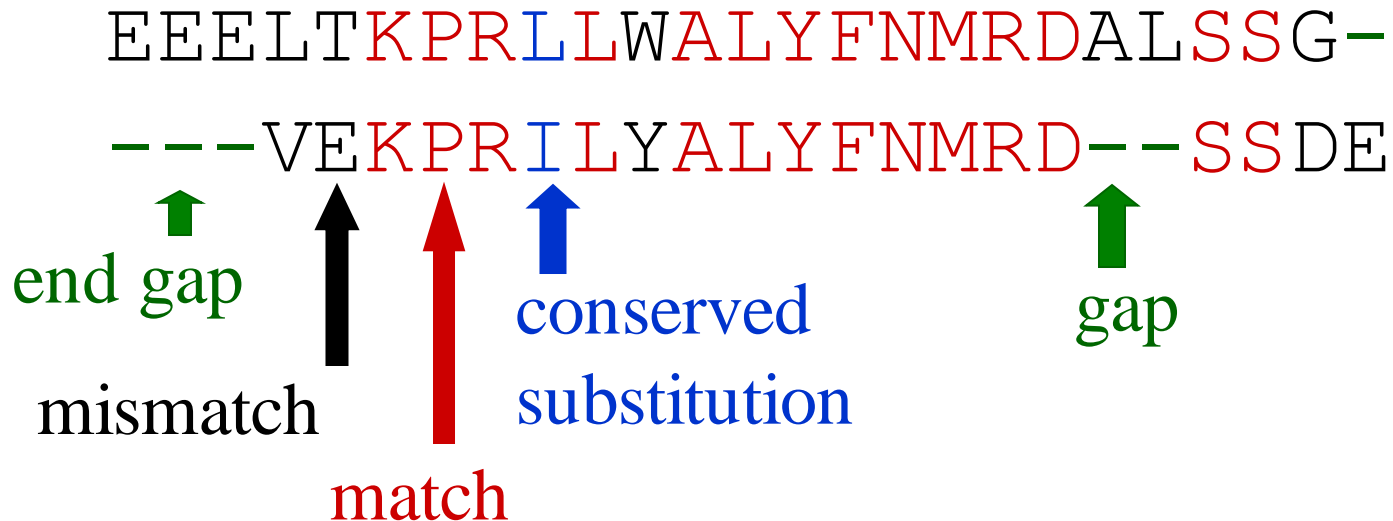
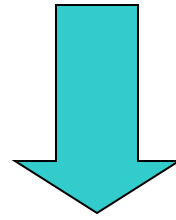
## Alignment

The process of lining up two or more sequences to achieve maximal levels of identity (and conservation, in the case of amino acid sequences) for the purpose of assessing the degree of similarity and the possibility of homology.

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# Distance between aligned sequences

## *Alignment without gaps*

A: ALASVLIRLITRLYP

B: ASAVHLNRLITRLYP

*The alignment consists of a sequence of paired residues*

Defining a score for the substitution of residue  $i$  with residue  $j$ :  $s(i,j)$  [Substitution matrix] ,

the score of the two aligned sequences can be computed as the sum of substitution scores over the alignment length

$$Score(A, B, alignment) = \sum_{position\_k} s(A^k, B^k)$$

NB: it assume strong independence among the alignment positions

# How to derive substitution scores?

## 1) Identity matrix

$$s(i,j) = 1 \text{ if } i=j$$

$$s(i,j) = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$$

A: ALASVLIRLITRLYP

B: ASAVHLNRLITRLYP

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$$\text{Score}(A, B, \text{alignment}) = 11$$

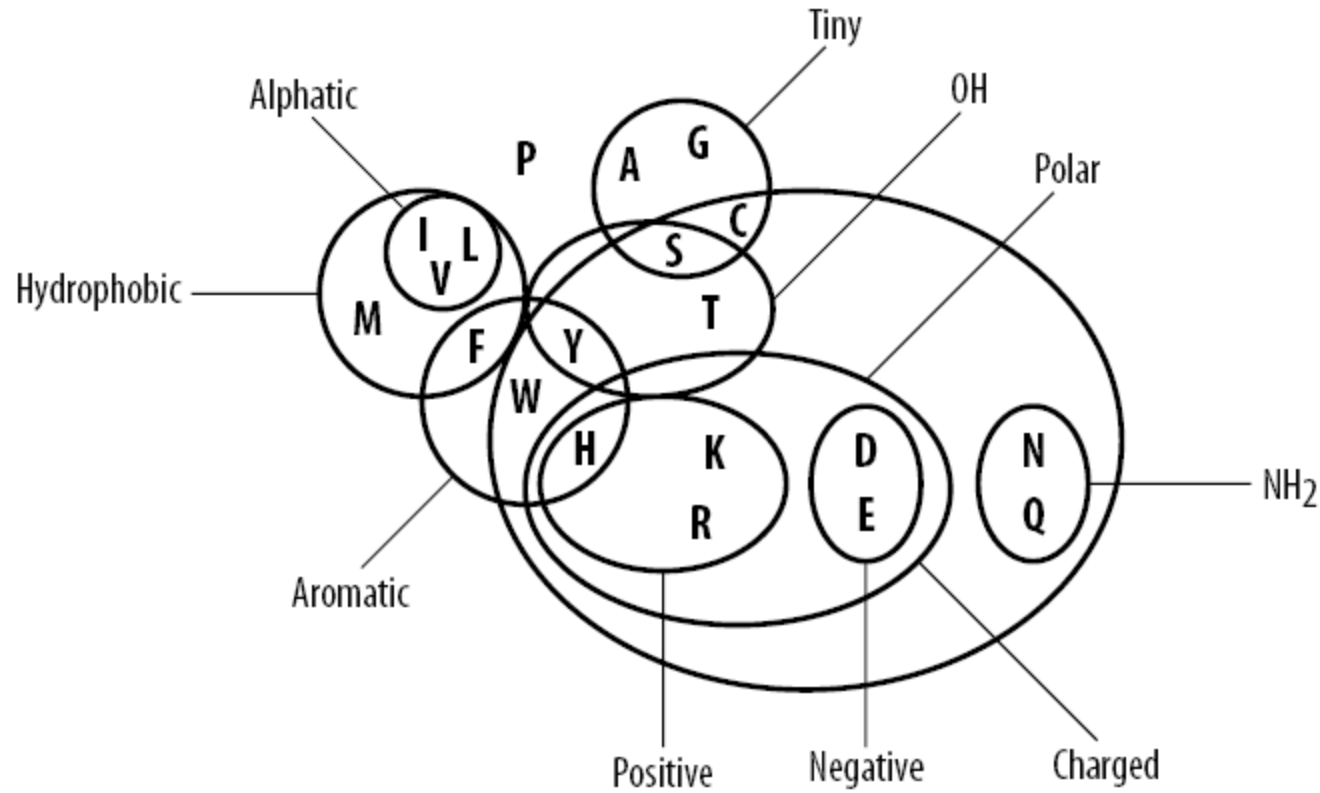
All the mismatches are considered as equivalent

Is it realistic for proteins? For DNA?

Alternatives?

# How to derive substitution scores?

## 1) Physical-chemical characteristics



## The similarity of pairs of amino acids (McLachlan, 1971)

A	8.																			
R	2.	8.																		
N	3.	3.	8.																	
D	3.	1.	5.	8.																
C	1.	1.	1.	1.	9.															
Q	3.	5.	4.	4.	0.	8.														
E	4.	3.	4.	5.	0.	5.	8.													
G	3.	3.	3.	3.	1.	2.	3.	8.												
H	3.	5.	4.	4.	3.	4.	2.	2.	8.											
I	2.	1.	1.	0.	1.	0.	1.	1.	2.	8.										
L	2.	2.	1.	1.	0.	3.	1.	1.	2.	5.	8.									
K	3.	5.	4.	3.	0.	4.	4.	3.	4.	1.	2.	8.								
M	3.	1.	2.	2.	3.	3.	1.	1.	3.	5.	6.	1.	8.							
F	1.	1.	0.	1.	0.	0.	0.	0.	4.	3.	5.	0.	5.	9.						
P	4.	3.	1.	3.	0.	3.	4.	3.	3.	1.	1.	3.	1.	1.	8.					
S	4.	4.	5.	3.	2.	4.	4.	3.	3.	2.	2.	3.	2.	2.	3.	8.				
T	3.	3.	3.	3.	2.	3.	4.	2.	4.	3.	3.	3.	3.	1.	3.	5.	8.			
W	1.	3.	0.	0.	2.	2.	1.	1.	3.	3.	3.	1.	1.	6.	0.	3.	2.	9.		
Y	1.	2.	2.	1.	1.	1.	2.	0.	4.	3.	3.	1.	2.	6.	0.	3.	1.	6.	9.	
V	3.	2.	1.	1.	1.	2.	2.	2.	2.	5.	5.	2.	4.	3.	2.	2.	3.	2.	3.	8.
	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V

Score:  
Similar pairs have high values

# Chemical distance (Grantham, 1974)

Arg	Leu	Pro	Thr	Ala	Val	Gly	Ile	Phe	Tyr	Cys	His	Gln	Asn	Lys	Asp	Glu	Met	Trp	
110	145	74	58	99	124	56	142	155	144	112	89	68	46	121	65	80	135	177	Ser
	102	103	71	112	96	125	97	97	77	180	29	43	86	26	96	54	91	101	Arg
		98	92	96	32	138	5	22	36	198	99	113	153	107	172	138	15	61	Leu
			38	27	68	42	95	114	110	169	77	76	91	103	108	93	87	147	Pro
				58	69	59	89	103	92	149	47	42	65	78	85	65	81	128	Thr
					64	60	94	113	112	195	86	91	111	106	126	107	84	148	Ala
						109	29	50	55	192	84	96	133	97	152	121	21	88	Val
							135	153	147	159	98	87	80	127	94	98	127	184	Gly
								21	33	198	94	109	149	102	168	134	10	61	Ile
									22	205	100	116	158	102	177	140	28	40	Phe
										194	83	99	143	85	160	122	36	37	Tyr
											174	154	139	202	154	170	196	215	Cys
												24	68	32	81	40	87	115	His
													46	53	61	29	101	130	Gln
														94	23	42	142	174	Asn
															101	56	95	110	Lys
																45	160	181	Asp
																	126	152	Glu
																		67	Met

Distance:

Similar pairs have low values

### 3) Substitution scores derived from known structural alignments among proteins

*Given a set of good alignments it is possible to estimate the probability of the mutation between any pairs of residues*

Given (many) pairs of aligned sequences, we estimate the frequency of substitution  $i^A \rightarrow j^B$  or  $i^B \rightarrow j^A$  (independently of the direction):  $P_{ij}$

Ex:

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$$P(\text{A}, \text{A}) = N(A^A, A^B) / N = 2/15$$

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$$P(\text{A}, \text{L}) = P(\text{L}, \text{A}) = [N(L^A, A^B) + N(A^A, L^B)] / N = 2/15$$

# How to estimate whether a substitution frequency is significant?

*Which is the probability that the substitution  $i \rightarrow j$  is random (and so not significant)?*

1st set of known alignments

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2nd set of known alignments

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$P(A,L) = 2/15$  in both the cases.

*Are they equally significant?*

The probability that the substitution is random depends on the frequency of the two substituted residues  $P_i$  e  $P_j$

## Comparison with the independence condition

Random substitution  $i^A \rightarrow j^B$  means that the two events:  
 $E_1 = (i \text{ in } A)$  and  $E_2 = (j \text{ in } B)$  are INDEPENDENT

The "non-randomness" degree is measured by comparing  $P_{ij}$  with the product  $P_i P_j$

### 1st set of known alignments

A: ALASVLIR**A**ILR**L**YP

B: ALAVLLNR**L**ILR**A**LP

$P(A) = 6/30, P(L) = 10/30$

$P(A,L) = 2/15 > 1/15 = P(A)P(L)$ : MORE FREQUENT THAN EXPECTED

### 2nd set of known alignments

A: L**L**LLAALL**L**ALLALL

B: L**A**LLAALL**A**ALLALL

$P(A) = 10/30, P(L) = 20/30$

$P(A,L) = 2/15 < 2/9 = P(A)P(L)$ : LESS FREQUENT THAN EXPECTED

## Substitution score

The ratio  $r_{ij} = P_{ij}/P_iP_j$  determines whether the substitution  $i \rightarrow j$  is more or less frequent than expected by random.

Given an alignment between two sequences

A: SLDPIKHTYRALMNVDSLRTPIL

B: SFGIKKHTKLAKLPVDTIKSWPIL

the probability of all the substitutions A→B is computed as the product of the ratios  $r_{ij} : r_{SS} r_{LF} r_{DG} r_{PI} r_{IK} \dots$  (assuming the independence among the positions)

**SCORE** :  $s(i,j) = \text{int}[K \log(P_{ij}/P_iP_j)]$  LOG-ODD SCORE

Thanks to the logarithm the scores can be added up

*Minimal distance = Maximal score*

## Exercise

Compute the substitution score matrix starting from these alignments

ACAGGTGGACCT

ACTGGTCGACTT

CTATATGG

CCGGATCG

## Substitution matrices: PAM

*In this framework different matrices can be derived.*

The fundamental difference resides in the sets of alignments adopted for building the matrices.

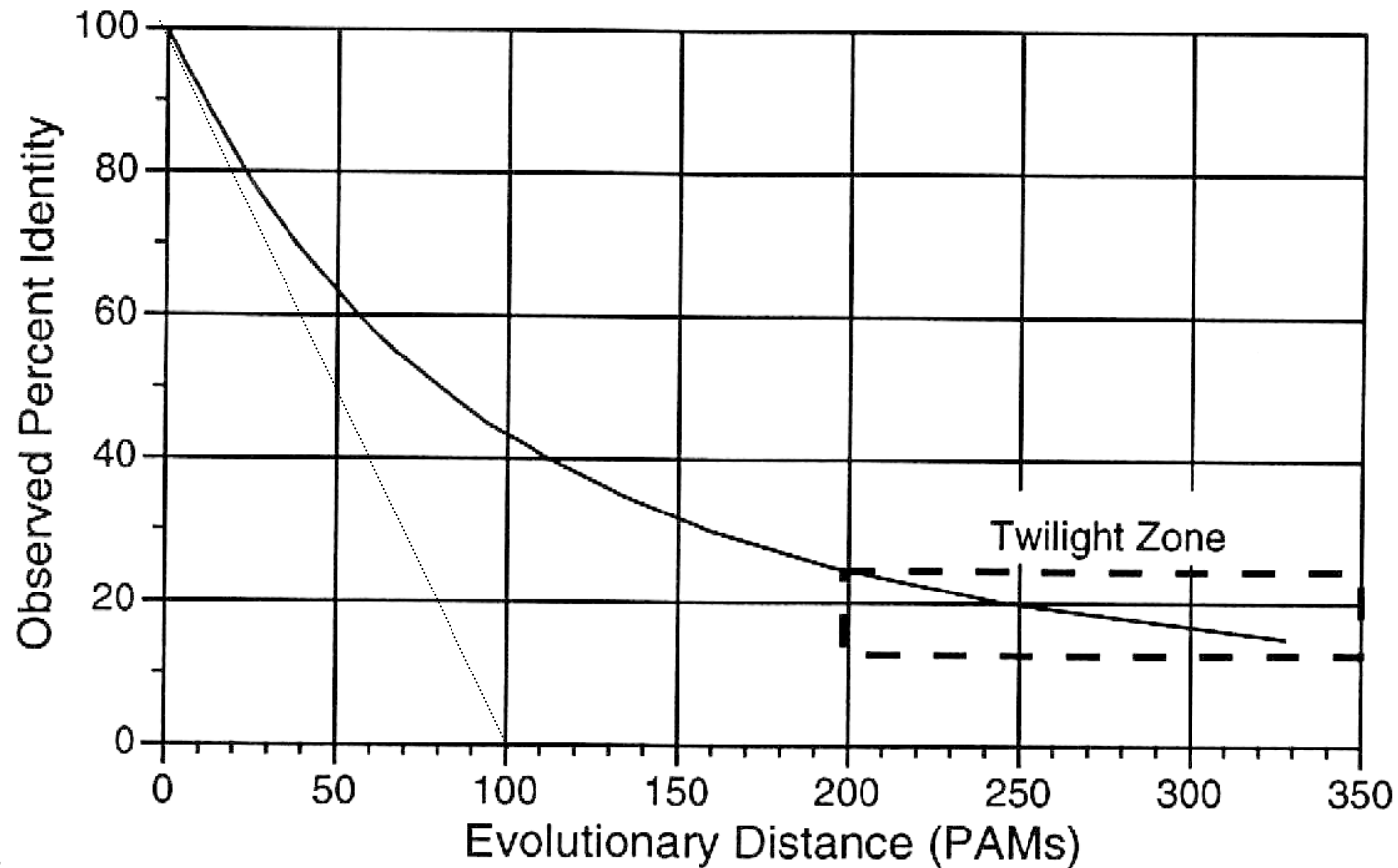
**PAM:** (Point Accepted Mutation) Margaret Oakley Dayhoff (1972 Atlas of protein sequences and structures)

*A point accepted mutation is the replacement of a single amino acid in the primary structure of a protein with another single amino acid, which is accepted by the processes of natural selection.*

PAMx: substitution matrix referring to the sequences undergoing x PAMs every 100 residues



# Relationship between the PAM and the identity between two sequences



The number of mutational events (PAM) does NOT correspond to the number of different residues between two sequences, when mutations accumulates.

# Substitution matrices: PAM

**PAM<sub>x</sub>:** Margaret Oakley Dayhoff (1978)

1,572 changes in 71 groups of closely related proteins (85% min sequence identity)

Original formulation considers manually built phylogenetic trees where hypothetical ancestor sequences are inferred.

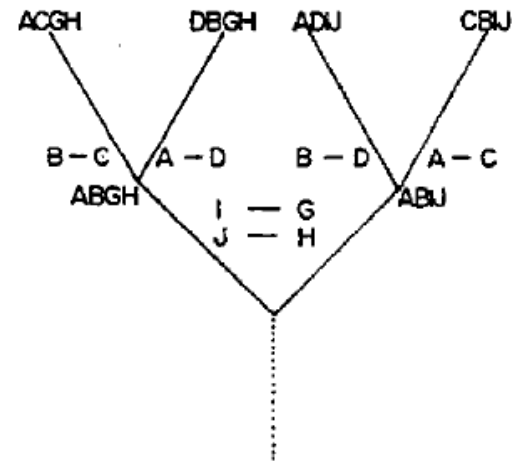


Figure 78. Simplified phylogenetic tree. Four "observed" proteins are shown at the top. Inferred ancestors are shown at the nodes. Amino acid exchanges are indicated along the branches.

	A	B	C	D	G	H	I	J
A			1	1				
B			1	1				
C	1	1						
D	1	1						
G							1	
H								1
I					1			
J						1		

Figure 79. Matrix of accepted point mutations derived from the tree of Figure 78.

# Substitution matrices: PAM

**PAMx:** Margaret Oakley Dayhoff (1978)

1,572 changes in 71 groups of closely related proteins (85% min sequence identity)

General formulation can consider manually built sequence alignments without referring to phylogenesis.

With highly similar sequences, alignments are easily compiled.

Ideally, a conditional probability matrix could be computed using sequences with 1% of mutations

$$A^1_{ij} = P(j|i) = N(i,j)/N(i)$$

PAM1 probability matrix

# Substitution matrices: PAM

**PAMx:** Margaret Oakley Dayhoff (1978)

1,572 changes in 71 groups of closely related proteins (85% min sequence identity)

It is possible to compute the probability matrix

$$A_{ij} = P(j|i) = N(i,j)/N(i)$$

If sequences are not 99% identical, matrix referring to 1% PAM is computed (iteratively) rescaling off-diagonal elements:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{20} P(i) \sum_{j \neq i} P(j|i) = 0.01$$

and then diagonal elements, imposing  $\sum_{j=1}^{20} P(j|i) = 1$

## Substitution matrices: PAM

**PAMx:** Margaret Oakley Dayhoff (1978)

1,572 changes in 71 groups of closely related proteins (85% min sequence identity)

It is possible to compute the probability matrix

$A^1_{ij}$  PAM1 probability matrix

$Score(PAM1)_{ij} = K \text{Log}(A^1_{ij} / P_i)$  PAM1 log-odd matrix

# PAM 1 Probability matrix : $P(j|i)$ $(A^1_{ij} \times 10000)$

Table 14.5.4. PAM1 matrix.

	A	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	V	W	Y
A	9867	3	10	17	2	21	2	6	2	4	6	9	22	8	2	35	32	18	0	2
C	1	9973	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	2	0	3
D	6	0	9859	53	0	6	4	1	3	0	0	42	1	6	0	5	3	1	0	0
E	10	0	56	9865	0	4	2	3	4	1	1	7	3	35	0	4	2	2	0	1
F	1	0	0	0	9946	1	2	8	0	6	4	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	28
G	21	1	11	7	1	9935	1	0	2	1	1	12	3	3	1	21	3	5	0	0
H	1	1	3	1	2	0	9912	0	1	1	0	18	3	20	8	1	1	1	1	4
I	2	2	1	2	7	0	0	9872	2	9	12	3	0	1	2	1	7	33	0	1
K	2	0	6	7	0	2	2	4	9926	1	20	25	3	12	37	8	11	1	0	1
L	3	0	0	1	13	1	4	22	2	9947	45	3	3	6	1	1	3	15	4	2
M	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	4	8	9874	0	0	2	1	1	2	4	0	0
N	4	0	36	6	1	6	21	3	13	1	0	9822	2	4	1	20	9	1	1	4
P	13	1	1	3	1	2	5	1	2	2	1	2	9926	8	5	12	4	2	0	0
Q	3	0	5	27	0	1	23	1	6	3	4	4	6	9876	9	2	2	1	0	0
R	1	1	0	0	1	0	10	3	19	1	4	1	4	10	9913	6	1	1	8	0
S	28	11	7	6	3	16	2	2	7	1	4	34	17	4	11	9840	38	2	5	2
T	22	1	4	2	1	2	1	11	8	2	6	13	5	3	2	32	9871	9	0	2
V	13	3	1	2	1	3	3	57	1	11	17	1	3	2	2	2	10	9901	0	2
W	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	9976	1
Y	1	3	0	1	21	0	4	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	9945

Very stringent matrix: very low values off diagonal

## Substitution matrices: PAM

To derive a score matrix for sequences undergone to  $n$  mutational events every 100 residues:

$$A^n_{ij} = (A^1_{ij})^n$$

$$n=2 \quad P(i|j) = \prod_l P(i|l) P(l|j)$$

The residue  $j$  can change into  $i$  via any intermediate  $l$

$$\text{Score (PAMn)}_{ij} = \text{Log}(A^n_{ij} / P_i)$$

# PAM10 log odd matrix

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V
A	7	-10	-7	-6	-10	-7	-5	-4	-11	-8	-9	-10	-8	-12	-4	-3	-3	-20	-11	-5
R	-10	9	-9	-17	-11	-4	-15	-13	-4	-8	-12	-2	-7	-12	-7	-6	-10	-5	-14	-11
N	-7	-9	9	-1	-17	-7	-5	-6	-2	-8	-10	-4	-15	-12	-9	-2	-5	-11	-7	-12
D	-6	-17	-1	8	-21	-6	0	-6	-7	-11	-19	-8	-17	-21	-12	-7	-8	-21	-17	-11
C	-10	-11	-17	-21	10	-20	-20	-13	-10	-9	-21	-20	-20	-19	-11	-6	-11	-22	-7	-9
Q	-7	-4	-7	-6	-20	9	-1	-10	-2	-11	-8	-6	-7	-19	-6	-8	-9	-19	-18	-10
E	-5	-15	-5	0	-20	-1	8	-7	-9	-8	-13	-7	-10	-20	-9	-7	-9	-23	-11	-10
G	-4	-13	-6	-6	-13	-10	-7	7	-13	-17	-14	-10	-12	-12	-10	-4	-10	-21	-20	-9
H	-11	-4	-2	-7	-10	-2	-9	-13	10	-13	-9	-10	-17	-9	-7	-9	-11	-10	-6	-9
I	-8	-8	-8	-11	-9	-11	-8	-17	-13	9	-4	-9	-3	-5	-12	-10	-5	-20	-9	-1
L	-9	-12	-10	-19	-21	-8	-13	-14	-9	-4	7	-11	-2	-5	-10	-12	-10	-9	-10	-5
K	-10	-2	-4	-8	-20	-6	-7	-10	-10	-9	-11	7	-4	-20	-10	-7	-6	-18	-12	-13
M	-8	-7	-15	-17	-20	-7	-10	-12	-17	-3	-2	-4	12	-7	-11	-8	-7	-19	-17	-4
F	-12	-12	-12	-21	-19	-19	-20	-12	-9	-5	-5	-20	-7	9	-13	-9	-12	-7	-1	-12
P	-4	-7	-9	-12	-11	-6	-9	-10	-7	-12	-10	-10	-11	-13	8	-4	-7	-20	-20	-9
S	-3	-6	-2	-7	-6	-8	-7	-4	-9	-10	-12	-7	-8	-9	-4	7	-2	-8	-10	-10
T	-3	-10	-5	-8	-11	-9	-9	-10	-11	-5	-10	-6	-7	-12	-7	-2	8	-19	-9	-6
W	-20	-5	-11	-21	-22	-19	-23	-21	-10	-20	-9	-18	-19	-7	-20	-8	-19	13	-8	-22
Y	-11	-14	-7	-17	-7	-18	-11	-20	-6	-9	-10	-12	-17	-1	-20	-10	-9	-8	10	-10
V	-5	-11	-12	-11	-9	-10	-10	-9	-9	-1	-5	-13	-4	-12	-9	-10	-6	-22	-10	8

Very stringent matrix: no positive value out of the diagonal



## Substitution matrices: PAM

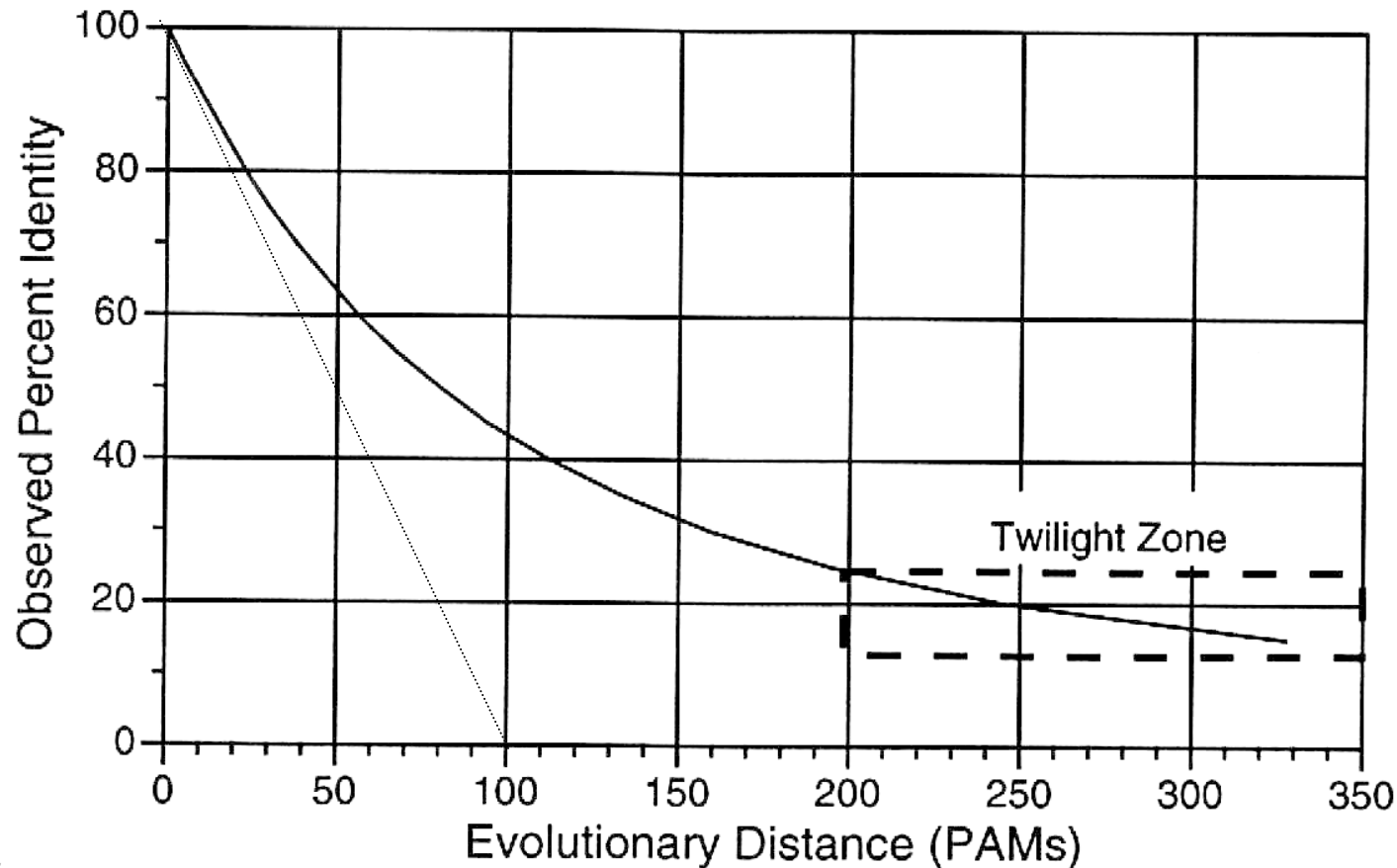
To derive a score matrix for sequences undergone to  $n$  mutational events every 100 residues:

$n$  % mutational events does not mean that  $n$  out of 100 residue are different among the two sequences:

as the number of mutational events increases, different mutations can occur in the same position

Then 100 mutational events in a 100-residue sequence leave some unvaried position

# Relationship between the PAM and the identity between two sequences



a

The number of mutational events (PAM) does NOT correspond to the number of different residues between two sequences, when mutations accumulates.

# PAM160 log odd matrix

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V
A	2	-2	0	0	-2	-1	0	1	-2	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	1	1	1	-5	-3	0
R	-2	6	-1	-2	-3	1	-2	-3	1	-2	-3	3	-1	-4	-1	-1	-1	1	-4	-3
N	0	-1	3	2	-4	0	1	0	2	-2	-3	1	-2	-3	-1	1	0	-4	-2	-2
D	0	-2	2	4	-5	1	3	0	0	-3	-4	0	-3	-6	-2	0	-1	-6	-4	-3
C	-2	-3	-4	-5	9	-5	-5	-3	-3	-2	-6	-5	-5	-5	-3	0	-2	-7	0	-2
Q	-1	1	0	1	-5	5	2	-2	2	-2	-2	0	-1	-5	0	-1	-1	-5	-4	-2
E	0	-2	1	3	-5	2	4	0	0	-2	-3	-1	-2	-5	-1	0	-1	-7	-4	-2
G	1	-3	0	0	-3	-2	0	4	-3	-3	-4	-2	-3	-4	-1	1	-1	-7	-5	-2
H	-2	1	2	0	-3	2	0	-3	6	-3	-2	-1	-3	-2	-1	-1	-2	-3	0	-2
I	-1	-2	-2	-3	-2	-2	-2	-3	-3	5	2	-2	2	0	-2	-2	0	-5	-2	3
L	-2	-3	-3	-4	-6	-2	-3	-4	-2	2	5	-3	3	1	-3	-3	-2	-2	-2	1
K	-2	3	1	0	-5	0	-1	-2	-1	-2	-3	4	0	-5	-2	-1	0	-4	-4	-3
M	-1	-1	-2	-3	-5	-1	-2	-3	-3	2	3	0	7	0	-2	-2	-1	-4	-3	1
F	-3	-4	-3	-6	-5	-5	-5	-4	-2	0	1	-5	0	7	-4	-3	-3	-1	5	-2
P	1	-1	-1	-2	-3	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-3	-2	-2	-4	5	1	0	-5	-5	-2
S	1	-1	1	0	0	-1	0	1	-1	-2	-3	-1	-2	-3	1	2	1	-2	-3	-1
T	1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-2	0	-2	0	-1	-3	0	1	3	-5	-3	0
W	-5	1	-4	-6	-7	-5	-7	-7	-3	-5	-2	-4	-4	-1	-5	-2	-5	12	-1	-6
Y	-3	-4	-2	-4	0	-4	-4	-5	0	-2	-2	-4	-3	5	-5	-3	-3	-1	8	-3
V	0	-3	-2	-3	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	3	1	-3	1	-2	-2	-1	0	-6	-3	4

Some positive values out of the diagonal: residue pairs endowed with positive scores are SIMILAR

# PAM250 log odd matrix

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V
A	2	-2	0	0	-2	0	0	1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-3	1	1	1	-6	-3	0
R	-2	6	0	-1	-4	1	-1	-3	2	-2	-3	3	0	-4	0	0	-1	2	-4	-2
N	0	0	2	2	-4	1	1	0	2	-2	-3	1	-2	-3	0	1	0	-4	-2	-2
D	0	-1	2	4	-5	2	3	1	1	-2	-4	0	-3	-6	-1	0	0	-7	-4	-2
C	-2	-4	-4	-5	12	-5	-5	-3	-3	-2	-6	-5	-5	-4	-3	0	-2	-8	0	-2
Q	0	1	1	2	-5	4	2	-1	3	-2	-2	1	-1	-5	0	-1	-1	-5	-4	-2
E	0	-1	1	3	-5	2	4	0	1	-2	-3	0	-2	-5	-1	0	0	-7	-4	-2
G	1	-3	0	1	-3	-1	0	5	-2	-3	-4	-2	-3	-5	0	1	0	-7	-5	-1
H	-1	2	2	1	-3	3	1	-2	6	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	0	-1	-1	-3	0	-2
I	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-2	5	2	-2	2	1	-2	-1	0	-5	-1	4
L	-2	-3	-3	-4	-6	-2	-3	-4	-2	2	6	-3	4	2	-3	-3	-2	-2	-1	2
K	-1	3	1	0	-5	1	0	-2	0	-2	-3	5	0	-5	-1	0	0	-3	-4	-2
M	-1	0	-2	-3	-5	-1	-2	-3	-2	2	4	0	6	0	-2	-2	-1	-4	-2	2
F	-3	-4	-3	-6	-4	-5	-5	-5	-2	1	2	-5	0	9	-5	-3	-3	0	7	-1
P	1	0	0	-1	-3	0	-1	0	0	-2	-3	-1	-2	-5	6	1	0	-6	-5	-1
S	1	0	1	0	0	-1	0	1	-1	-1	-3	0	-2	-3	1	2	1	-2	-3	-1
T	1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-3	0	1	3	-5	-3	0
W	-6	2	-4	-7	-8	-5	-7	-7	-3	-5	-2	-3	-4	0	-6	-2	-5	17	0	-6
Y	-3	-4	-2	-4	0	-4	-4	-5	0	-1	-1	-4	-2	7	-5	-3	-3	0	10	-2
V	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-2	4	2	-2	2	-1	-1	-1	0	-6	-2	4

Often adopted

# PAM500 log odd matrix

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V
A	1	-1	0	1	-2	0	1	1	0	0	-1	0	-1	-3	1	1	1	-6	-3	0
R	-1	5	1	0	-4	2	0	-1	2	-2	-2	4	0	-4	0	0	0	4	-4	-2
N	0	1	1	2	-3	1	1	1	1	-1	-2	1	-1	-4	0	1	0	-5	-3	-1
D	1	0	2	3	-5	2	3	1	1	-2	-3	1	-2	-5	0	1	0	-7	-5	-1
C	-2	-4	-3	-5	22	-5	-5	-3	-4	-2	-6	-5	-5	-3	-2	0	-2	-9	2	-2
Q	0	2	1	2	-5	2	2	0	2	-1	-2	1	-1	-4	1	0	0	-5	-4	-1
E	1	0	1	3	-5	2	3	1	1	-2	-3	1	-1	-5	0	1	0	-7	-5	-1
G	1	-1	1	1	-3	0	1	4	-1	-2	-3	0	-2	-5	1	1	1	-8	-5	-1
H	0	2	1	1	-4	2	1	-1	4	-2	-2	1	-1	-2	0	0	0	-2	0	-2
I	0	-2	-1	-2	-2	-1	-2	-2	-2	3	4	-2	3	2	-1	-1	0	-5	0	3
L	-1	-2	-2	-3	-6	-2	-3	-3	-2	4	7	-2	4	4	-2	-2	-1	-1	1	3
K	0	4	1	1	-5	1	1	0	1	-2	-2	4	0	-5	0	0	0	-3	-5	-2
M	-1	0	-1	-2	-5	-1	-1	-2	-1	3	4	0	4	1	-1	-1	0	-4	-1	2
F	-3	-4	-4	-5	-3	-4	-5	-5	-2	2	4	-5	1	13	-4	-3	-3	3	13	0
P	1	0	0	0	-2	1	0	1	0	-1	-2	0	-1	-4	4	1	1	-6	-5	-1
S	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	-1	-2	0	-1	-3	1	1	1	-3	-3	-1
T	1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-3	1	1	1	-6	-3	0
W	-6	4	-5	-7	-9	-5	-7	-8	-2	-5	-1	-3	-4	3	-6	-3	-6	34	2	-6
Y	-3	-4	-3	-5	2	-4	-5	-5	0	0	1	-5	-1	13	-5	-3	-3	2	15	-1
V	0	-2	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-2	3	3	-2	2	0	-1	-1	0	-6	-1	3

## Substitution matrices

PAM matrices are computed under the hypothesis that substitution scores for distant sequences can be derived from the rate of mutation observed in pairs of very similar sequences.

*BLOSUMx: BLOck Substitution Matrix (Henikoff and Henikoff (1992))*

Family of matrices computed directly starting from curated alignments of sequences with at most x% of identical residues

For highly similar sequences low PAMs or high BLOSUMs have to be used. The contrary, for distant sequences

# BLOSUM62

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V
A	4	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	0	-3	-2	0
R	-1	5	0	-2	-3	1	0	-2	0	-3	-2	2	-1	-3	-2	-1	-1	-3	-2	-3
N	-2	0	6	1	-3	0	0	0	1	-3	-3	0	-2	-3	-2	1	0	-4	-2	-3
D	-2	-2	1	6	-3	0	2	-1	-1	-3	-4	-1	-3	-3	-1	0	-1	-4	-3	-3
C	0	-3	-3	-3	9	-3	-4	-3	-3	-1	-1	-3	-1	-2	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1
Q	-1	1	0	0	-3	5	2	-2	0	-3	-2	1	0	-3	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-2
E	-1	0	0	2	-4	2	5	-2	0	-3	-3	1	-2	-3	-1	0	-1	-3	-2	-2
G	0	-2	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	6	-2	-4	-4	-2	-3	-3	-2	0	-2	-2	-3	-3
H	-2	0	1	-1	-3	0	0	-2	8	-3	-3	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	-2	-2	2	-3
I	-1	-3	-3	-3	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	4	2	-3	1	0	-3	-2	-1	-3	-1	3
L	-1	-2	-3	-4	-1	-2	-3	-4	-3	2	4	-2	2	0	-3	-2	-1	-2	-1	1
K	-1	2	0	-1	-3	1	1	-2	-1	-3	-2	5	-1	-3	-1	0	-1	-3	-2	-2
M	-1	-1	-2	-3	-1	0	-2	-3	-2	1	2	-1	5	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	1
F	-2	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-1	0	0	-3	0	6	-4	-2	-2	1	3	-1
P	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-2	-4	7	-1	-1	-4	-3	-2
S	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-2	-1	4	1	-3	-2	-2
T	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	5	-2	-2	0
W	-3	-3	-4	-4	-2	-2	-3	-2	-2	-3	-2	-3	-1	1	-4	-3	-2	11	2	-3
Y	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-1	-2	-3	2	-1	-1	-2	-1	3	-3	-2	-2	2	7	-1
V	0	-3	-3	-3	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	3	1	-2	1	-1	-2	-2	0	-3	-1	4

Often adopted



# BLOSUM62 Matrix

	C	S	T	P	A	G	N	D	E	Q	H	R	K	M	I	L	V	F	Y	W	
C	9																				C
S	-1	4																			S
T	-1	1	5																		T
P	-3	-1	-1	7																	P
A	0	1	0	-1	4																A
G	-3	0	-2	-2	0	6															G
N	-3	1	0	-2	-2	0	6														N
D	-3	0	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	6													D
E	-4	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	0	2	5												E
Q	-3	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	0	0	2	5											Q
H	-3	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	1	-1	0	0	8										H
R	-3	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	0	-2	0	1	0	5									R
K	-3	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	0	-1	1	1	-1	2	5								K
M	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-3	-2	-3	-2	0	-2	-1	-1	5							M
I	-1	-2	-1	-3	-1	-4	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	1	4						I
L	-1	-2	-1	-3	-1	-4	-3	-4	-3	-2	-3	-2	-2	2	2	4					L
V	-1	-2	0	-2	0	-3	-3	-3	-2	-2	-3	-3	-2	1	3	1	4				V
F	-2	-2	-2	-4	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-1	-3	-3	0	0	0	-1	6			F
Y	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-3	-2	-3	-2	-1	2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	3	7		Y
W	-2	-3	-2	-4	-3	-2	-4	-4	-3	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-3	-2	-3	1	2	11	W

Small  
hydrophylic

Acid, acid amide  
and hydrophilic

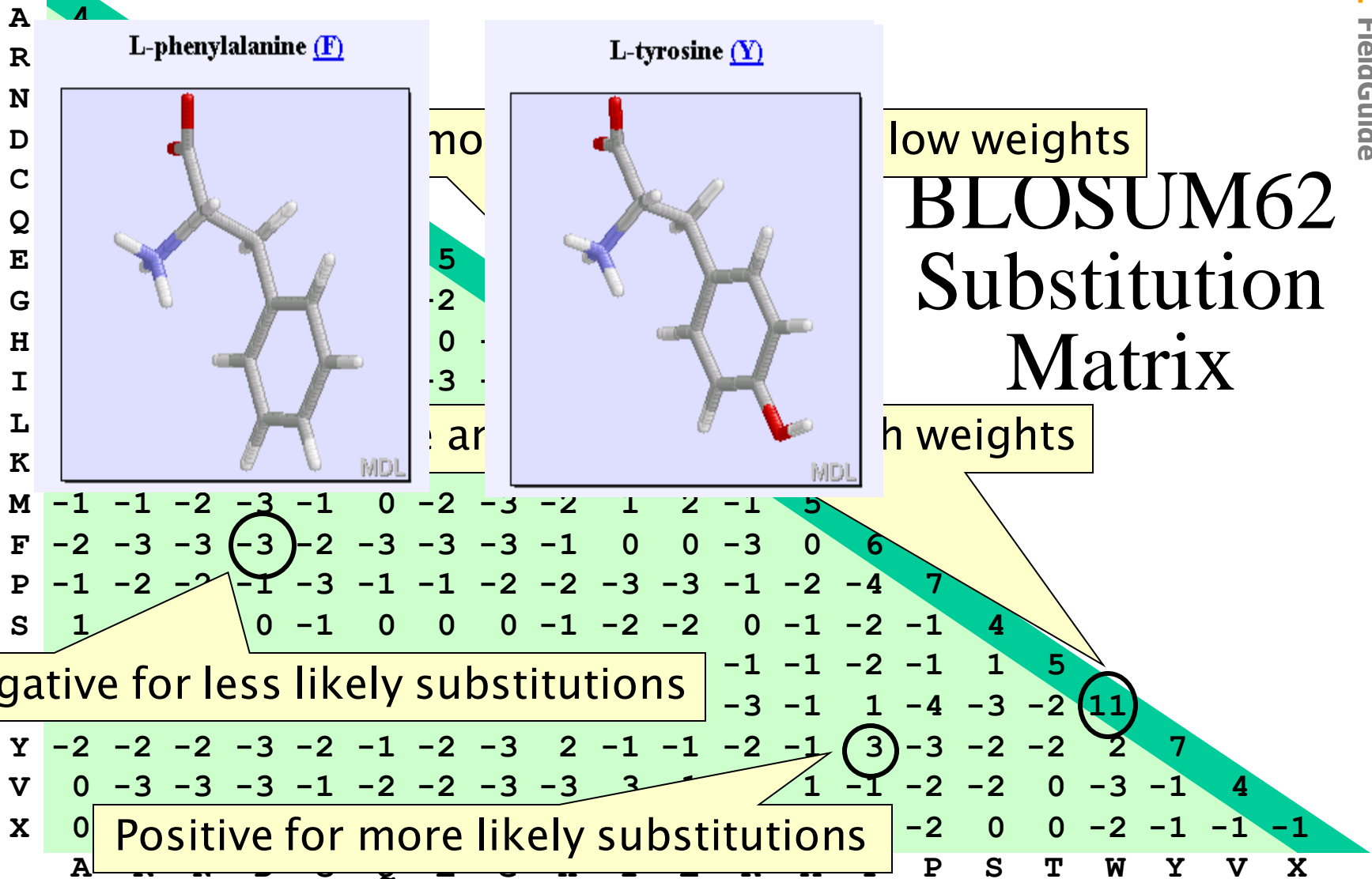
Basic

Small  
hydrophobic

Aromatic



# Scoring Systems - Proteins



# BLOSUM90

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V
A	8	-3	-4	-5	-2	-2	-3	-1	-4	-4	-4	-2	-3	-5	-2	1	-1	-6	-5	-2
R	-3	10	-2	-5	-8	0	-2	-6	-1	-7	-6	3	-4	-6	-5	-3	-3	-7	-5	-6
N	-4	-2	11	1	-5	-1	-2	-2	0	-7	-7	-1	-5	-7	-5	0	-1	-8	-5	-7
D	-5	-5	1	10	-8	-2	2	-4	-3	-8	-8	-3	-8	-8	-5	-2	-4	-10	-7	-8
C	-2	-8	-5	-8	14	-7	-9	-7	-8	-3	-5	-8	-4	-4	-8	-3	-3	-7	-6	-3
Q	-2	0	-1	-2	-7	11	2	-5	1	-6	-5	2	-2	-6	-4	-2	-3	-5	-4	-5
E	-3	-2	-2	2	-9	2	10	-6	-2	-7	-7	0	-5	-8	-4	-2	-3	-8	-7	-5
G	-1	-6	-2	-4	-7	-5	-6	9	-6	-9	-8	-5	-7	-8	-6	-2	-5	-7	-8	-8
H	-4	-1	0	-3	-8	1	-2	-6	13	-7	-6	-3	-5	-4	-5	-3	-4	-5	1	-7
I	-4	-7	-7	-8	-3	-6	-7	-9	-7	8	2	-6	1	-2	-7	-5	-3	-6	-4	4
L	-4	-6	-7	-8	-5	-5	-7	-8	-6	2	8	-6	3	0	-7	-6	-4	-5	-4	0
K	-2	3	-1	-3	-8	2	0	-5	-3	-6	-6	10	-4	-6	-3	-2	-3	-8	-5	-5
M	-3	-4	-5	-8	-4	-2	-5	-7	-5	1	3	-4	12	-1	-5	-4	-2	-4	-5	0
F	-5	-6	-7	-8	-4	-6	-8	-8	-4	-2	0	-6	-1	11	-7	-5	-5	0	4	-3
P	-2	-5	-5	-5	-8	-4	-4	-6	-5	-7	-7	-3	-5	-7	12	-3	-4	-8	-7	-6
S	1	-3	0	-2	-3	-2	-2	-2	-3	-5	-6	-2	-4	-5	-3	9	2	-7	-5	-4
T	-1	-3	-1	-4	-3	-3	-3	-5	-4	-3	-4	-3	-2	-5	-4	2	9	-7	-5	-1
W	-6	-7	-8	-10	-7	-5	-8	-7	-5	-6	-5	-8	-4	0	-8	-7	-7	17	2	-5
Y	-5	-5	-5	-7	-6	-4	-7	-8	1	-4	-4	-5	-5	4	-7	-5	-5	2	12	-5
V	-2	-6	-7	-8	-3	-5	-5	-8	-7	4	0	-5	0	-3	-6	-4	-1	-5	-5	8

# BLOSUM30

[illegible]

# PAM Versus BLOSUM

- ♦ PAM is based on an evolutionary model.
- ♦ BLOSUM is based on protein families.
- ♦ PAM is based on global alignment.
- ♦ BLOSUM is based on local alignment.

BLOSUM 80

PAM 1

*Less divergent*

BLOSUM 62

PAM 120

BLOSUM 45

PAM 250

*More divergent*



# Distance between aligned sequences

## *Alignment without gaps*

A: ALASVLIRLITRLYP

B: ASAVHLNRLITRLYP

*The alignment consists of a sequence of paired residues*

Defining a score for the substitution of residue  $i$  with residue  $j$ :  $s(i,j)$  [Substitution matrix] ,

the score of the two aligned sequences can be computed as the sum of substitution scores over the alignment length

$$Score(A, B, alignment) = \sum_{position\_k} s(A^k, B^k)$$

NB: it assume strong independence among the alignment positions

# Distance between aligned sequences

## *Alignments with gaps*

A: ALASVLIRLIT--YP

B: ASAVHL---ITRLYP

## *Deletion and Insertion*

Some residues can be inserted or deleted

$$\text{Score}(A, B, \text{alignments}) = \sum_{\text{nonGapPositions}_k} s(A^k, B^k) + \sigma(3) + \sigma(2)$$

# Distance between aligned sequences

$$\text{Score}(A, B, \text{alignments}) = \sum_{\text{nonGapPositions}_k} s(A^k, B^k) + \sigma(3) + \sigma(2)$$

The gap score is always negative and depends only on its length

Two main possibilities:

LINEAR

$\sigma(n) = -nd$  (each gapped position is equivalent)

AFFINE

$\sigma(n) = -d - (n-1)e$  ( $d$ : opening,  $e$ : extension with  $d > e$ )

*N.B. All the scores are independent of the position along the sequence*

# Sequence alignment

*Given two sequences, what is the maximal scoring alignment ?*

*Naïf solution: try all the possible alignments and chose the best scoring*

The score of any alignment can be computed with as

$$Score(A, B) = \sum_i s(A^i, B^i) + \sum_{gap} \sigma(n_{gap})$$



# How many possible alignments between two sequences?

Write ALL the possible ungapped alignments between the two sequences

A: tca

B: ga

Score the alignments using the following matrix and the linear gap penalty ( $d=2$ )

	A	C	T	G
A	2	-1	-1	0
C		2	0	-1
T			2	-1
G				2

# How many possible alignments between two sequences?

*Ungapped*

--tca	-tca	tca	tca	tca-
ga---	ga--	ga-	-ga	--ga
<b>-10</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-6</b>

Identical to the first

~~tca--  
---ga~~

Given two sequences with lengths  $m$  and  $n$ , the number of shifts is  $m + n$

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G				2

# How many possible alignments between two sequences?

## Gapped

--tca	-tca	-tca	-tca	t-ca
ga---	ga--	g-a-	g--a	ga--
<b>gatca</b>	<b>gtaca</b>	<b>gtcaa</b>	<b>gtcaa</b>	<b>tgaca</b>
<b>22111</b>	<b>21211</b>	<b>21121</b>	<b>21112</b>	<b>12211</b>

tca	tca	tc-a	tca	tca-
ga-	g-a	-ga-	-ga	--ga
<b>tgcaa</b>	<b>tgcaa</b>	<b>tcgaa</b>	<b>tcgaa</b>	<b>tcaga</b>
<b>12121</b>	<b>12112</b>	<b>11221</b>	<b>11212</b>	<b>11122</b>

The number of possible alignments is equal to the possible ways to intercalate two sequences, preserving the order

Given two sequences with lengths  $m$  and  $n$ , the number of possible alignments is  $(m+n)!/n!m!$

If  $n=m=80$  there are  $9 \cdot 10^{42}$  possible alignments !!!!!!!

**Solution: to adopt dynamic programming strategies**

**Needleman-Wunsch  
Smith-Waterman**

## Basic idea of dynamic programming

*The complete computation of the alignment scores for all the possible alignments leads to compute the same things many times*

ALSKLASPALSAKDLDSPALS

ALSKIADSLAPIKDLSPASLT

ALSKLASPALSAKDLDSPAL-S

ALSKIADSLAPIKDLSPASLT-

The two alignments are equal for most of the length

Scores are summed along the alignment: naif method computes the score for the first part of the alignment is computed two times: BETTER TO STORE AND REUSE IT

## Basic idea of dynamic programming

*Build the alignment step by step, storing the optimal alignment between substrings*

Given the two sequences

ALSKLASPALSAKDLDSPALS, ALSKIADSLAPIKDLSPASLT

the best alignment between the substrings

$$\begin{cases} \text{ALSKLASPA} \\ \text{ALSKIAD} \end{cases}$$

is for sure deriving from one of the following possibilities:

$$\begin{cases} \text{ALSKLASP} \\ \text{ALSKIA} \end{cases} \begin{matrix} + & \text{A} \\ & \text{D} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{cases} \text{ALSKLASP} \\ \text{ALSKIAD} \end{cases} \begin{matrix} + & \text{A} \\ & - \end{matrix} \quad \begin{cases} \text{ALSKLASPA} \\ \text{ALSKIA} \end{cases} \begin{matrix} + & - \\ & \text{D} \end{matrix}$$

It is the highest scoring one