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COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY AND ADVANCED TOPICS HOMEWORK 4

a) Given sequence A of length n and sequence B of length m, how many possible alignments are there? Give an expression in n and m. Here, A is the first sequence; B is the second sequence. Report the sample possibilities for the entered A and B sequences in a pdf file.

Answer:

(m+n)!/m!*n!

Let's say A sequence defined as CAT and B sequence defined as TAG. In this case, if we calculate the formula above with m=3 and n=3, we get 20. So there are <u>20</u> possible alignments in this case.

Sample possible 2 alignments:

- A T * *
- b) Example program output:







