# src/abimerge

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## Contents

This module provides a command-line tool for merging two ABI trace files (forward and reverse) into a single sequence.

The abimerge tool uses Smith-Waterman local alignment to find the overlapping region between forward and reverse sequences, then merges them to create a consensus sequence with improved accuracy.

Command-line usage:

```
abimerge [options] <input_F.ab1> <input_R.ab1> [output.fastq]
```

#### Options:

```
-h, --help
                       Show help message
-m, --min-overlap INT
                       Minimum overlap length for merging (default: 20)
-o, --output STRING
                       Output file name (default: STDOUT)
-j, --join INT
                       Join with gap of INT Ns if no overlap detected
--score-match INT Score for a match (default: 10)
--score-mismatch INT
                       Score for a mismatch (default: -8)
--score-gap INT
                       Score for a gap (default: -10)
--min-score INT
                       Minimum alignment score (default: 80)
--pct-id FLOAT
                       Minimum percentage identity (default: 85)
```

## Examples:

```
# Merge two ABIF files with default settings
abimerge forward.ab1 reverse.ab1 merged.fastq

# Merge with custom alignment parameters
abimerge --min-overlap 30 --score-match 12 forward.ab1 reverse.ab1 merged.fastq

# Join sequences with N gap if no overlap
abimerge -j 10 forward.ab1 reverse.ab1 merged.fastq
```

## 1 Imports

abif

## 2 Types

```
Config = object
  inputFileF*: string
  inputFileR*: string
  outputFile*: string
  minOverlap*: int
  scoreMatch*: int
  scoreMismatch*: int
  scoreGap*: int
  minScore*: int
  pctId*: float
  joinGap*: int
  verbose*: bool
```

windowSize\*: int
qualityThreshold\*: int
noTrim\*: bool
showVersion\*: bool

Represents a Smith-Waterman alignment between two sequences.

```
swWeights = object
match*: int  ## Score for matching bases
mismatch*: int  ## Penalty for mismatched bases
gap*: int  ## Penalty for gap extension
gapopening*: int  ## Penalty for opening a gap
minscore*: int  ## Minimum score for accepting an alignment
```

Scoring parameters for Smith-Waterman alignment.

## 3 Lets

```
swDefaults = swWeights(match: 6, mismatch: -4, gap: -6, gapopening: -6, minscore: 1)
```

#### 4 Procs

```
proc makeMatrix[T](rows, cols: int; initValue: T): seq[seq[T]]
```

```
proc matchIUPAC(a, b: char): bool {.raises: [], tags: [], forbids: [].}
```

```
proc revcompl(s: string): string {.raises: [], tags: [], forbids: [].}
```

```
proc reverseString(str: string): string {.raises: [], tags: [], forbids: [].}
```

```
proc simpleSmithWaterman(alpha, beta: string; weights: swWeights): swAlignment {.
    raises: [], tags: [], forbids: [].}
```

```
proc translateIUPAC(c: char): char {.raises: [], tags: [], forbids: [].}
```