

Dynamic Programming: Edit Distance & Sequence Alignment

DNA Sequence Comparison: First Success Story

- Finding sequence similarities with genes of known function is a common approach to infer a newly sequenced gene's function
- In 1984 Russell Doolittle and colleagues found similarities between cancer-causing gene and normal growth factor (PDGF) gene

Bring in the Bioinformaticians

- Gene similarities between two genes with known and unknown function alert biologists to some possibilities
- Computing a similarity score between two genes tells how likely it is that they have similar functions
- **Dynamic programming** is a technique for revealing similarities between genes

Alignment: 2 row representation

Given 2 DNA sequences **v** and **w**:

v : A T G T T A T $n = 7$
w : A T C G T A C $m = 7$

Alignment : $2 * k$ matrix ($k \geq m, n$)

letters of **v**

letters of **w**

A	T	--	G	T	T	A	T	--
A	T	C	G	T	--	A	--	C

Alignment: 2 row representation

Columns that contain the same letter in both rows are called **matches**.

Columns containing different letters are called **mismatches**.

The columns of the alignment containing one space are called **indels**.

The columns containing a space in the top row called **insertions**.

The columns with a space in the bottom row **deletions**.

letters of **v**

letters of **w**

A	T	--	G	T	T	A	T	--
A	T	C	G	T	--	A	--	C

5 matches

2 insertions

2 deletions

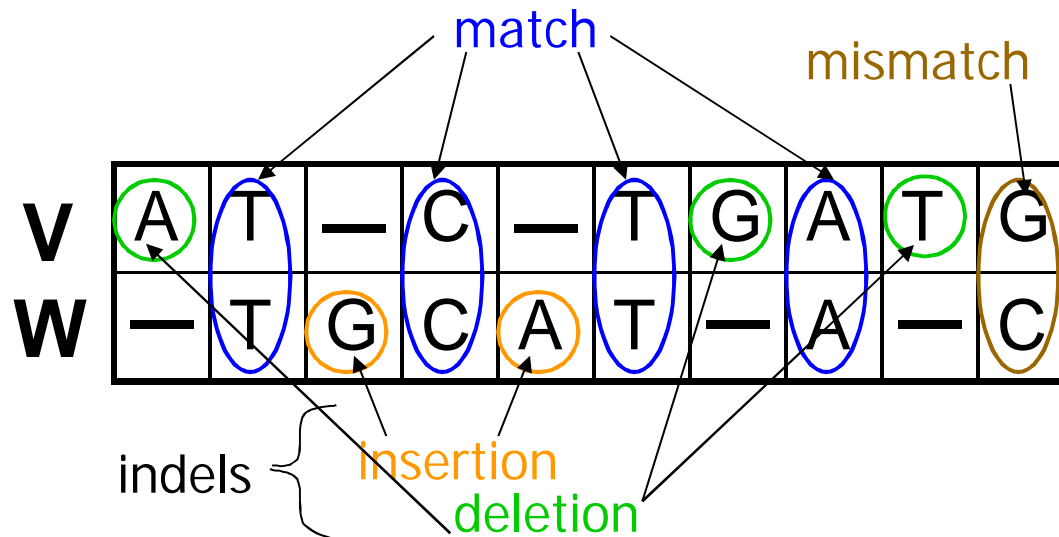
Aligning DNA Sequences

V = ATCTGATG

$n = 8$

W = TGCATAC

$m = 7$



4 matches
1 mismatches
2 insertions
3 deletions

Longest Common Subsequence (LCS) – Alignment without Mismatches

- Given two sequences

$$\mathbf{v} = v_1 v_2 \dots v_m \text{ and } \mathbf{w} = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$$

- The LCS of \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} is a sequence of positions in

$$\mathbf{v}: 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq m$$

and a sequence of positions in

$$\mathbf{w}: 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k \leq n$$

such that i_t -th letter of \mathbf{v} equals to j_t -letter of \mathbf{w} and t is maximal

LCS: Example

<i>i</i> coords:	0	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8
elements of <i>v</i>	A	T	--	C	--	T	G	A	T	C	
elements of <i>w</i>	--	T	G	C	A	T	--	A	--	C	
<i>j</i> coords:	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	7

$(0,0) \rightarrow (1,0) \rightarrow (2,1) \rightarrow (2,2) \rightarrow (3,3) \rightarrow (3,4) \rightarrow (4,5) \rightarrow (5,5) \rightarrow (6,6) \rightarrow (7,6) \rightarrow (8,7)$

Matches shown in yellow

positions in *v*: $2 < 3 < 4 < 6 < 8$

positions in *w*: $1 < 3 < 5 < 6 < 7$

Every common subsequence is a path in 2-D grid

LCS: Dynamic Programming

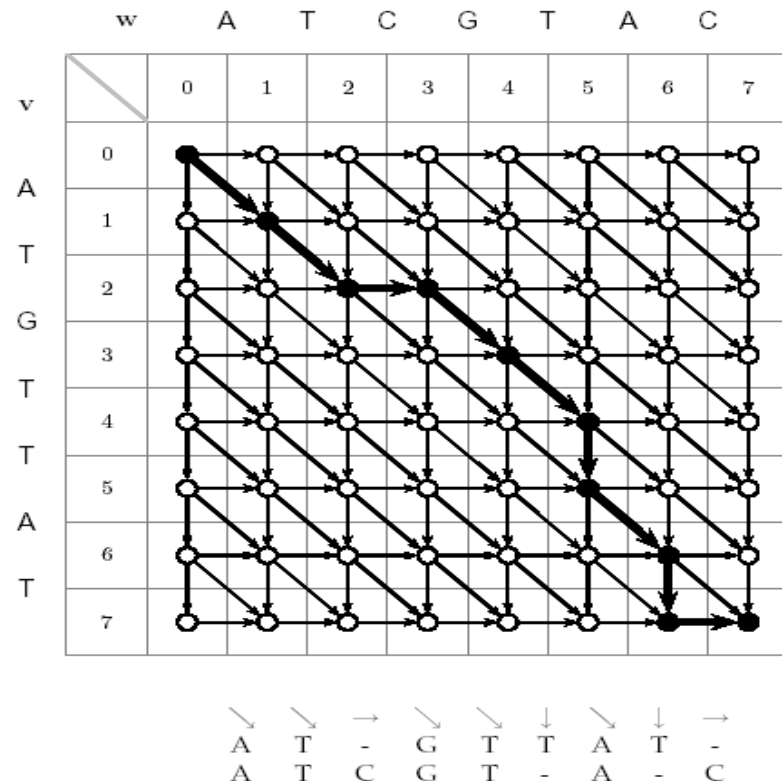
- Find the LCS of two strings

Input: A weighted graph G with two distinct vertices, one labeled “*source*” one labeled “*sink*”

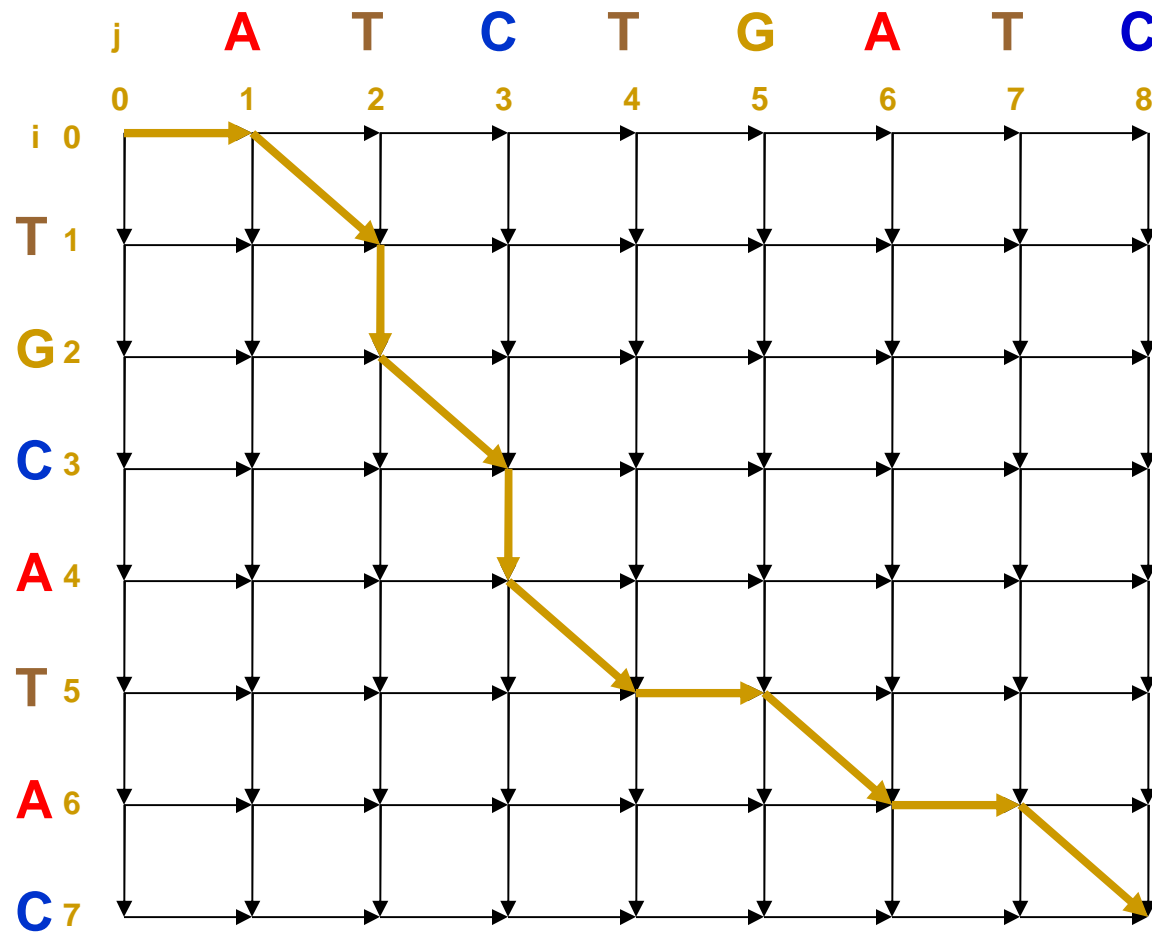
Output: A longest path in G from “*source*” to “*sink*”

- Solve using an LCS edit graph with diagonals replaced with +1 edges

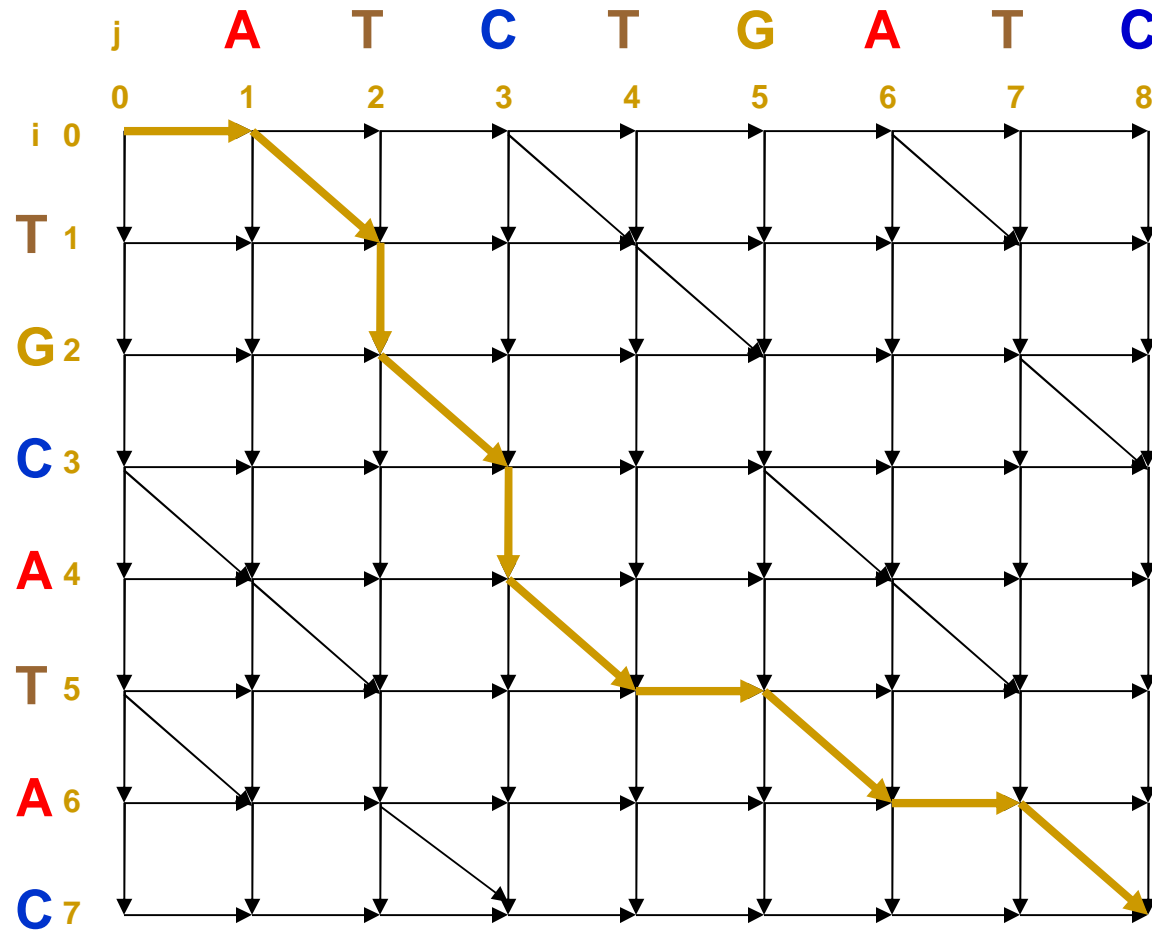
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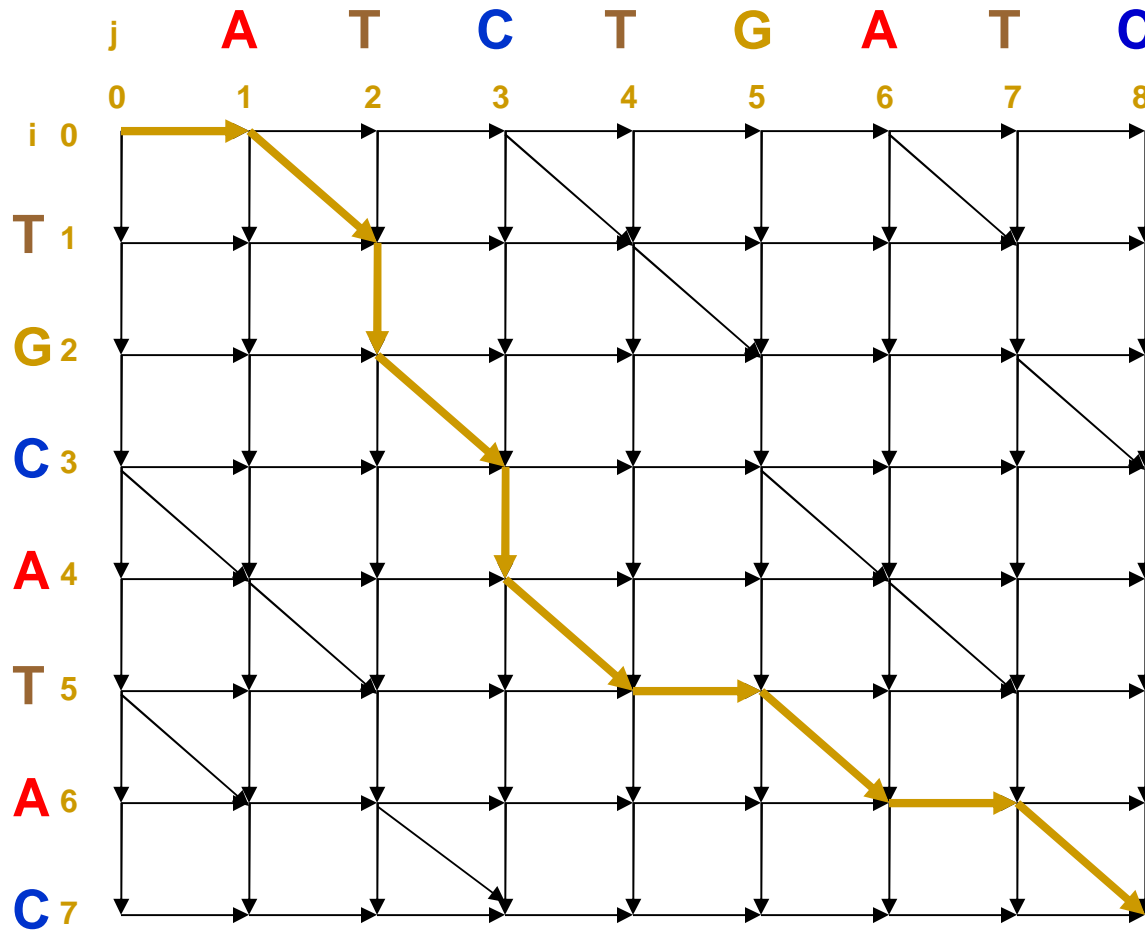
LCS Problem as Manhattan Tourist Problem



Edit Graph for LCS Problem



Edit Graph for LCS Problem



Every path is a common subsequence.

Every diagonal edge adds an extra element to common subsequence

LCS Problem:
Find a path with maximum number of diagonal edges

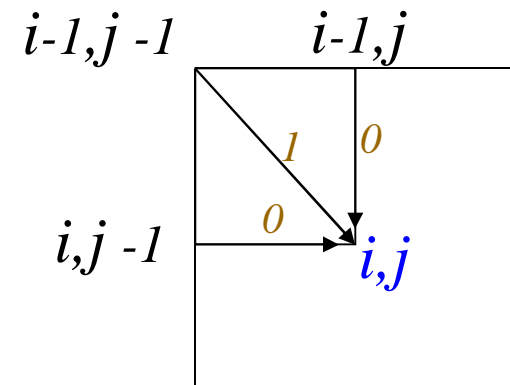
Computing LCS

Let \mathbf{v}_i = prefix of \mathbf{v} of length i : $v_1 \dots v_i$

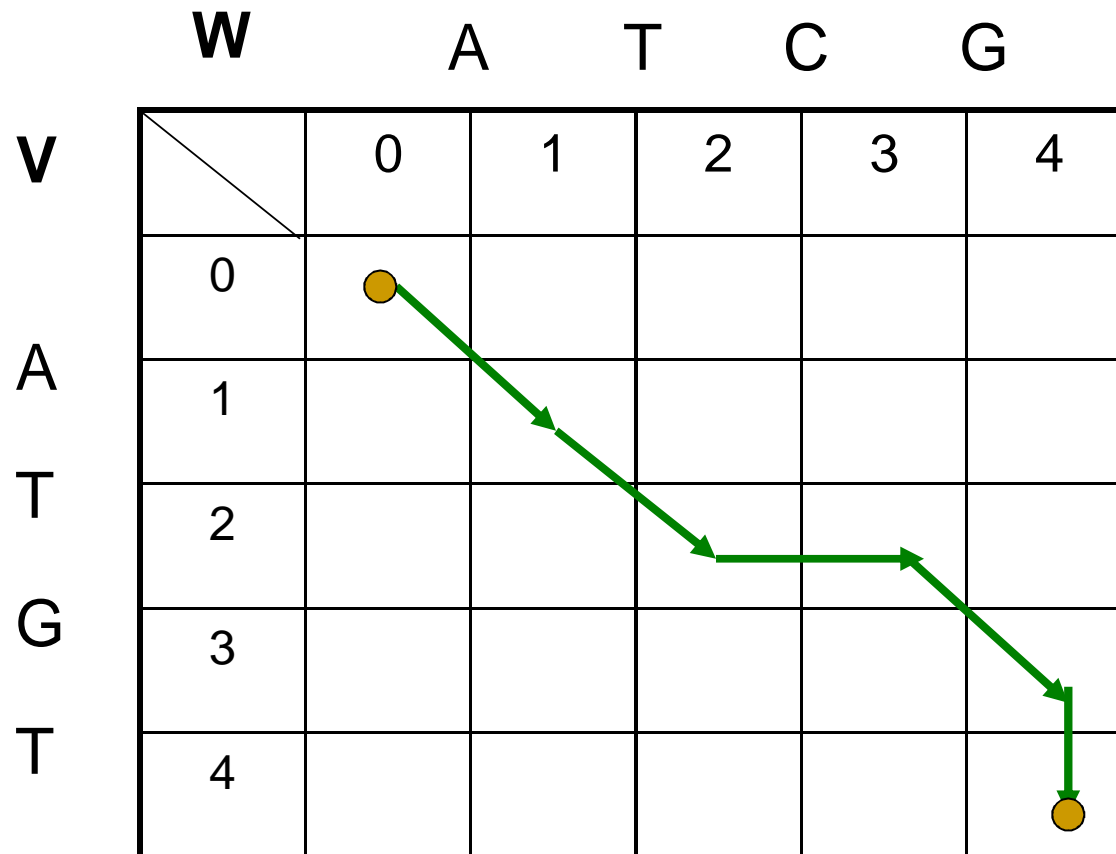
and \mathbf{w}_j = prefix of \mathbf{w} of length j : $w_1 \dots w_j$

The length of $\text{LCS}(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{w}_j)$ is computed by:

$$s_{i,j} = \max \begin{cases} s_{i-1,j} + 0 \\ s_{i,j-1} + 0 \\ s_{i-1,j-1} + 1 \text{ if } v_i = w_j \end{cases}$$



Every Path in the Grid Corresponds to an Alignment



$\swarrow \swarrow \rightarrow \swarrow \downarrow$
 0 1 2 2 3 4
 V = A T - G T
 | | |
 W = A T C G -
 0 1 2 3 4 4

Aligning Sequences without Insertions and Deletions: Hamming Distance

Given two DNA sequences \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} :

\mathbf{v} : A T A T A T A T
 \mathbf{w} : T A T A T A T A

- The Hamming distance: $d_H(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = 8$ is large but the sequences are very similar

Aligning Sequences with Insertions and Deletions

By shifting one sequence over one position:

v : **A**T**A**T**A**T**A**T--
w : --**T****A**T**A**T**A**T**A**

- The edit distance: $d_H(v, w) = 2$.
- Hamming distance neglects insertions and deletions in DNA

Edit Distance

Levenshtein (1966) introduced **edit distance** between two strings as the minimum number of elementary operations (insertions, deletions, and substitutions) to transform one string into the other

$d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$ = MIN number of elementary operations
to transform $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow \mathbf{w}$

Edit Distance vs Hamming Distance

Hamming distance

always compares

i^{th} letter of \mathbf{v} with

i^{th} letter of \mathbf{w}

$\mathbf{v} = \text{ATATATAT}$
 | | | | | | | |
 $\mathbf{w} = \text{TATATATA}$

Hamming distance:

$$d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = 8$$

Computing Hamming distance
is a **trivial** task

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Just one shift
— — — — — →
Make it all line up

Hamming distance:

$$d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = 8$$

Computing Hamming distance
is a **trivial** task

Edit distance

may compare

i^{th} letter of \mathbf{v} with

j^{th} letter of \mathbf{w}

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Edit distance:

$$d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = 2$$

Computing edit distance
is a **non-trivial** task

Edit Distance vs Hamming Distance

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 $\mathbf{w} = \text{TATATATA}$

Edit distance:

$$d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = 2$$

(one insertion and one deletion)

How to find what j goes with what i ???

Edit Distance: Example

TGCATAT → ATCCGAT in 5 steps

TGCATAT^T → (delete last ^T)
TGCAT^A → (delete last ^A)
TGCAT → (insert ^A at front)
^AT^GCAT → (substitute ^C for 3rd ^G)
AT^CCAT → (insert ^G before last A)
ATCC^GAT (Done)

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What is the edit distance? 5?

Edit Distance: Example (cont'd)

TGCATAT → ATCCGAT in 4 steps

TGCATAT → (insert **A** at front)

ATGCATAT → (delete 6th **T**)

ATGC**A**TA → (substitute **G** for 5th **A**)

AT**G**CGTA → (substitute **C** for 3rd **G**)

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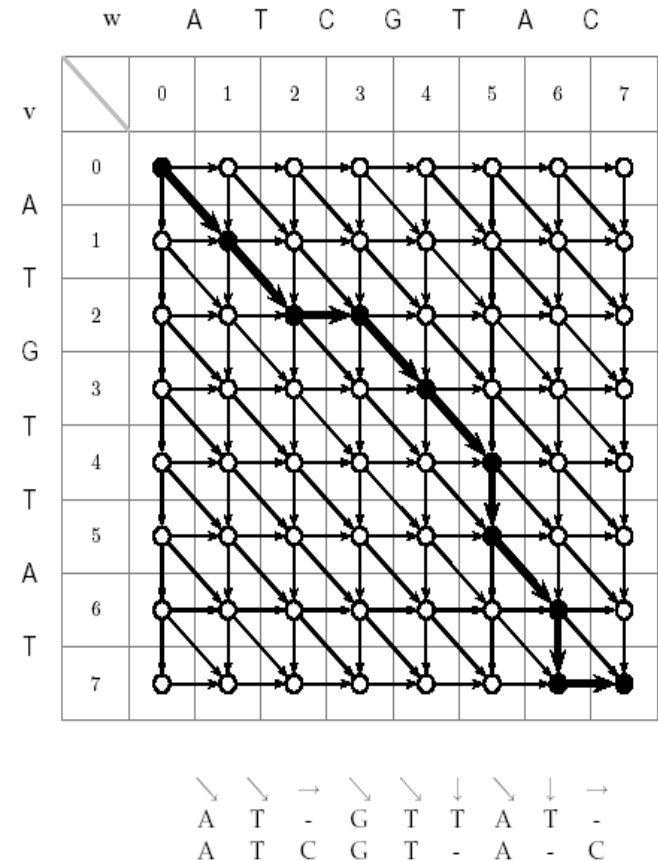
Can it be done in 3 steps???

The Alignment Grid

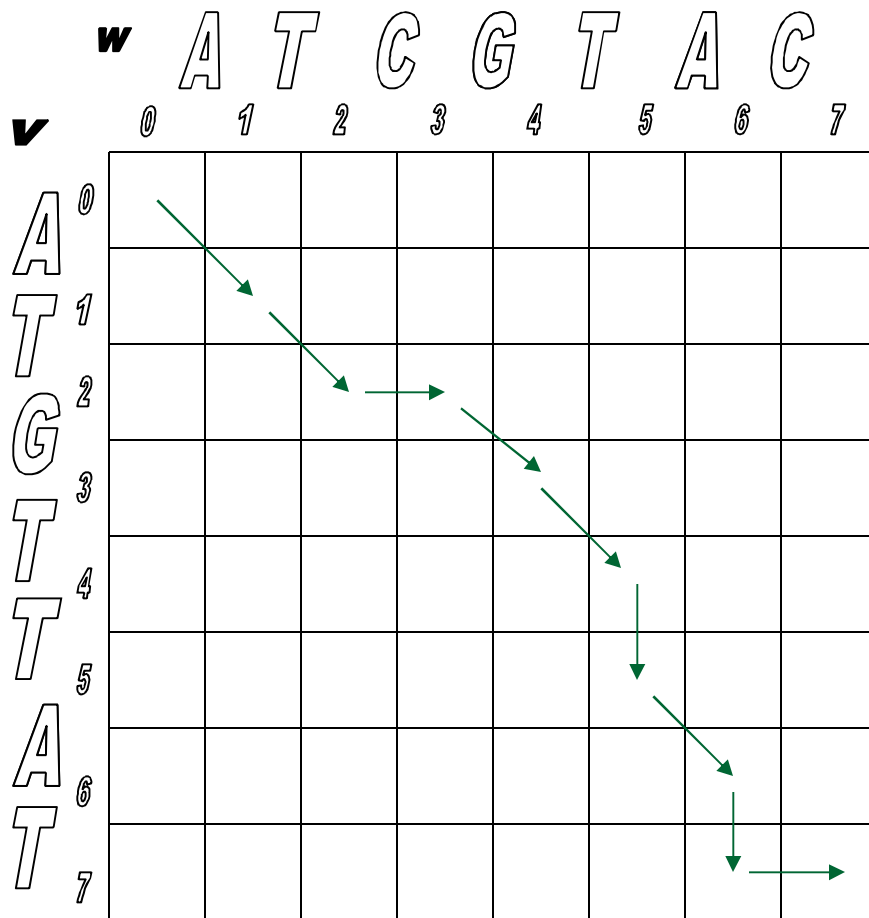
- Every alignment path is from source to sink

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v = 0 1 2 2 3 4 5 6 7 7
    A T - G T T A T -
w = 0 1 2 3 4 5 5 6 6 7
    A T C G T - A - C
  
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Alignment as a Path in the Edit Graph

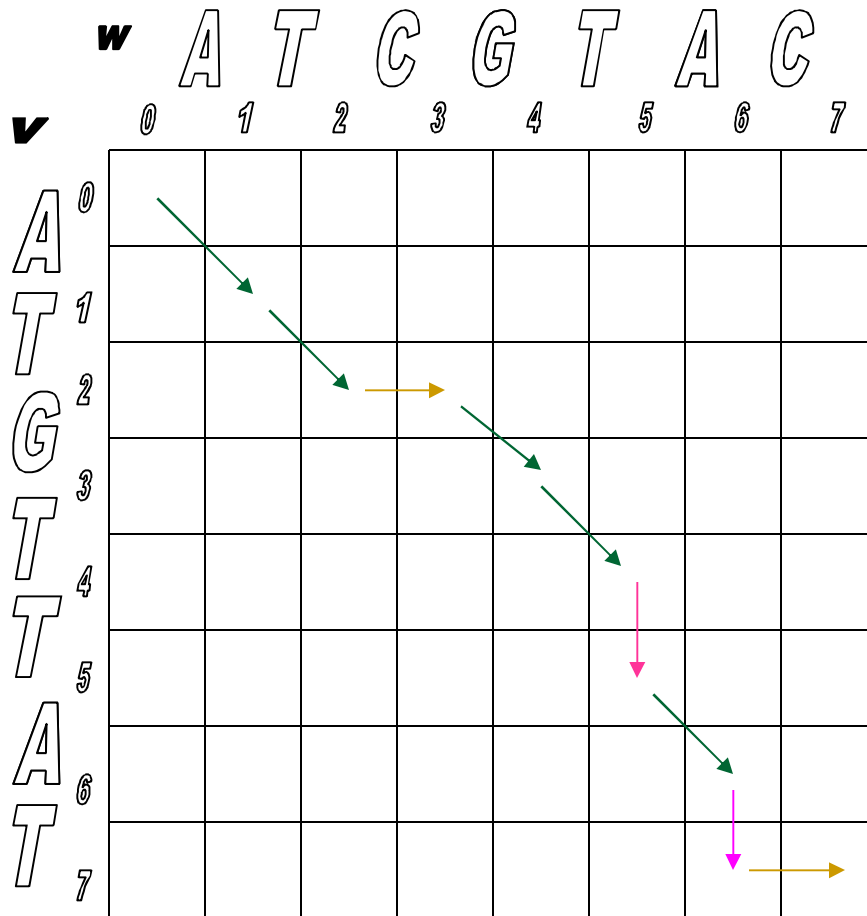


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	A	T	_	G	T	T	A	T	_
	A	T	C	G	T	_	A	_	C
0	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	6	7

- Corresponding path -

(0, 0) , (1, 1) , (2, 2), (2, 3),
 (3, 4), (4, 5), (5, 5), (6, 6),
 (7, 6), (7, 7)

Alignments in Edit Graph (cont'd)

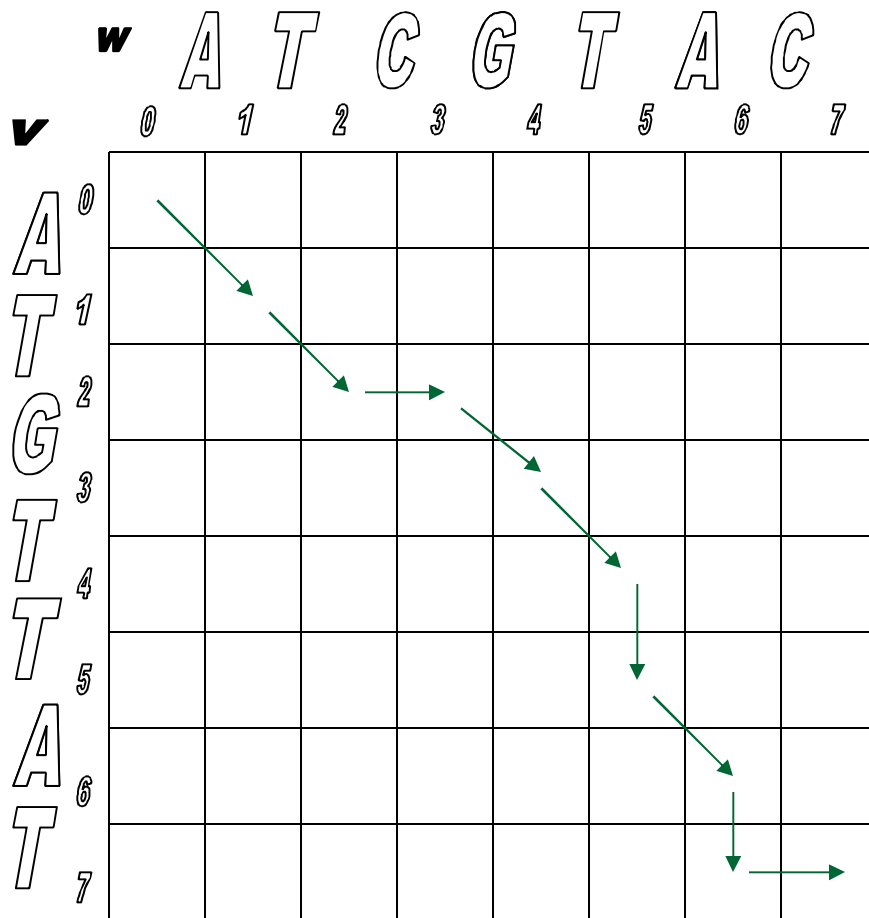


↓ and → represent indels in **v** and **w** with score 0.

↘ represent matches with score 1.

- The score of the alignment path is 5.

Alignment as a Path in the Edit Graph



Every path in the edit graph corresponds to an alignment:

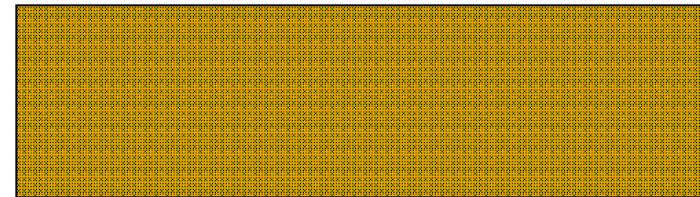
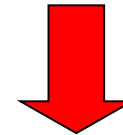


Diagram illustrating a sequence alignment (likely Needleman-Wunsch algorithm) on a grid. The sequence being aligned is **ATCGTAC** (top) and the reference sequence is **ATGTTAT** (left). The grid shows the alignment path (green arrows) and the resulting alignment:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A								
T								
G								
T								
T								
A								
T								

The alignment path (green arrows) starts at (0,0) and ends at (7,7). The alignment sequence is: A (0,0) → T (1,1) → C (2,2) → G (3,3) → T (4,4) → A (5,5) → C (6,6) → T (7,7). The alignment shows a mismatch at (3,3) (G vs T) and a deletion at (5,5) (A vs T). Red arrows indicate mismatches at (3,3) and (5,5). Pink arrows indicate deletions at (4,4), (5,5), and (6,6). Yellow arrows indicate gaps at (2,2) and (7,7).

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W= ATCGT_A_C

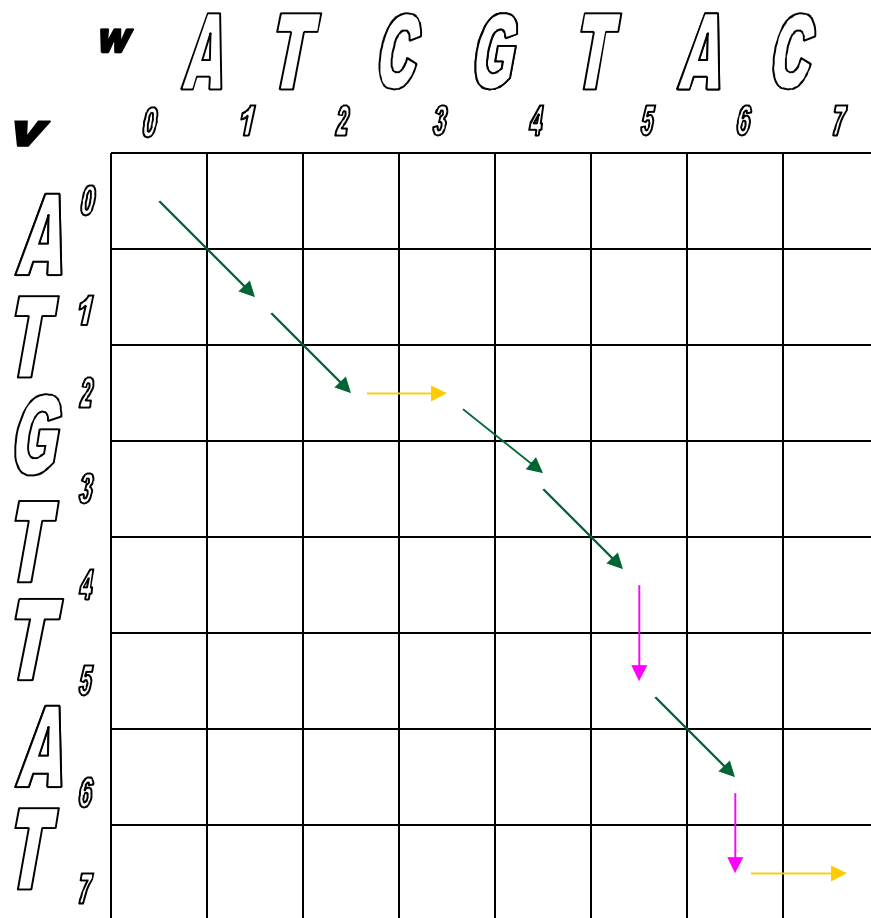
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W= ATCG TA C

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Alignment as a Path in the Edit Graph



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 v= AT_GTTAT_
 w= ATCGT_A_C
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

(0,0) , (1,1) , (2,2), (2,3),
 (3,4), (4,5), (5,5), (6,6),
 (7,6), (7,7)

Alignment: Dynamic Programming

$$s_{i,j} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{i-1,j-1} + 1 \text{ if } v_i = w_j \quad \swarrow \\ s_{i-1,j} \quad \downarrow \\ s_{i,j-1} \quad \rightarrow \end{array} \right.$$

Dynamic Programming Example

		w							
		A	T	C	G	T	A	C	
v		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T	1	0							
G	2	0							
T	3	0							
T	4	0							
A	5	0							
A	6	0							
T	7	0							

Initialize 1st row and 1st column to be all zeroes.

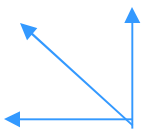
Or, to be more precise, initialize 0th row and 0th column to be all zeroes.

Dynamic Programming Example

		w							
		A T C G T A C							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
v	A ⁰	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T ¹	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	G ²	0	1						
	T ³	0	1						
	T ⁴	0	1						
	T ⁵	0	1						
	A ⁶	0	1						
	T ⁷	0	1						

$$S_{i,j} = \max \begin{cases} S_{i-1,j-1} & \leftarrow \text{value from NW} + 1, \text{ if } v_i = w_j \\ S_{i-1,j} & \leftarrow \text{value from North (top)} \\ S_{i,j-1} & \leftarrow \text{value from West (left)} \end{cases}$$

Alignment: Backtracking

Arrows  show where the score originated from.

 if from the top

 if from the left

 if $v_i = w_j$

Backtracking Example

	w		A	T	C	G	T	A	C	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
v										
A	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
T	1		0	1	1	1	1	1	1	
G	2		0	1	2	2	2	2	2	
T	3		0	1	2					
T	4		0	1	2					
A	5		0	1	2					
A	6		0	1	2					
T	7		0	1	2					

Find a match in row and column 2.

$i=2, j=2,5$ is a match (T).

$j=2, i=4,5,7$ is a match (T).

Since $v_i = w_j$, $s_{i,j} = s_{i-1,j-1} + 1$

$$s_{2,2} = [s_{1,1} = 1] + 1$$

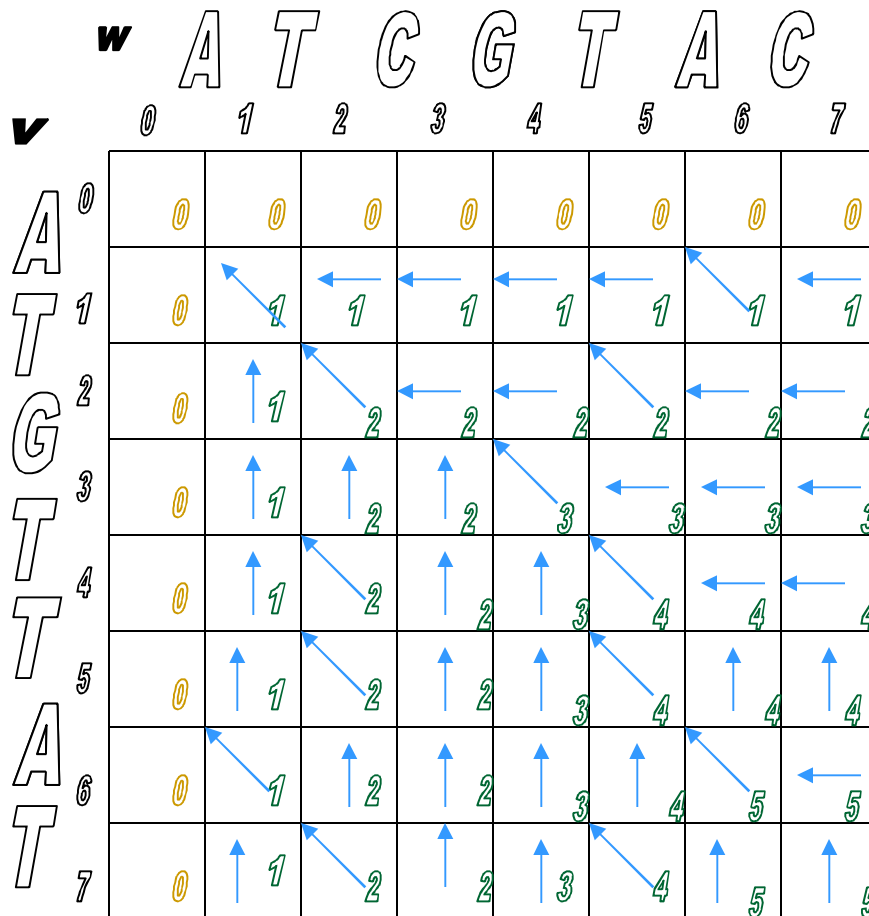
$$s_{2,5} = [s_{1,4} = 1] + 1$$

$$s_{4,2} = [s_{3,1} = 1] + 1$$

$$s_{5,2} = [s_{4,1} = 1] + 1$$

$$s_{7,2} = [s_{6,1} = 1] + 1$$

Backtracking Example



Continuing with the dynamic programming algorithm gives this result.

Alignment: Dynamic Programming

$$s_{i,j} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{i-1,j-1} + 1 \text{ if } v_i = w_j \quad \searrow \\ s_{i-1,j} \quad \downarrow \\ s_{i,j-1} \quad \rightarrow \end{array} \right.$$

Alignment: Dynamic Programming

$$s_{i,j} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{i-1,j-1} + 1 \text{ if } v_i = w_j \quad \searrow \\ s_{i-1,j} + 0 \quad \downarrow \\ s_{i,j-1} + 0 \quad \rightarrow \end{array} \right.$$

This recurrence corresponds to the Manhattan Tourist problem (three incoming edges into a vertex) with all horizontal and vertical edges weighted by zero.

LCS Algorithm

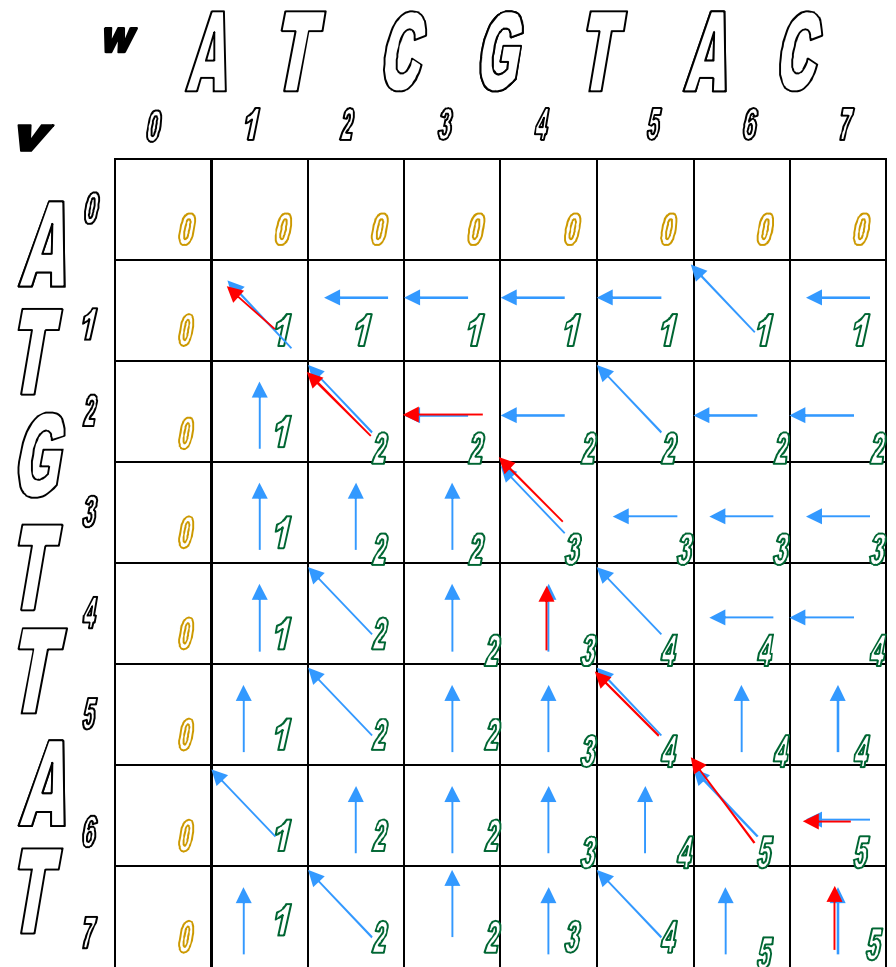
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1. LCS(v, w)
2.   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
3.      $s_{i,0} \leftarrow 0$ 
4.   for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$ 
5.      $s_{0,j} \leftarrow 0$ 
6.   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
7.     for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$ 
8.        $s_{i,j} \leftarrow \max \begin{cases} s_{i-1,j} \\ s_{i,j-1} \\ s_{i-1,j-1} + 1, \text{ if } v_i = w_j \end{cases}$ 
9.        $b_{i,j} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \uparrow & \text{if } s_{i,j} = s_{i-1,j} \\ \leftarrow & \text{if } s_{i,j} = s_{i,j-1} \\ \swarrow & \text{if } s_{i,j} = s_{i-1,j-1} + 1 \end{cases}$ 
10.
11.
•   return  $(s_{n,m}, b)$ 

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Now What?

- $LCS(v, w)$ created the alignment grid
- Now we need a way to read the best alignment of v and w
- Follow the arrows backwards from sink



Printing LCS: Backtracking

1. **PrintLCS(b,v,i,j)**
2. **if** $i = 0$ or $j = 0$
3. **return**
4. **if** $b_{i,j} = "$ ↖ $"$
5. **PrintLCS(b,v,i-1,j-1)**
6. **print** v_i
7. **else**
8. **if** $b_{i,j} = "$ ↑ $"$
9. **PrintLCS(b,v,i-1,j)**
10. **else**
11. **PrintLCS(b,v,i,j-1)**

LCS Runtime

- It takes $O(nm)$ time to fill in the $n \times m$ dynamic programming matrix.
- Why $O(nm)$? The pseudocode consists of a nested “for” loop inside of another “for” loop to set up a $n \times m$ matrix.

Sequence Alignment

From LCS to Alignment: Change up the Scoring

- The Longest Common Subsequence (LCS) problem
 - the simplest form of sequence alignment – allows only insertions and deletions (no mismatches).
- In the LCS Problem, we scored 1 for matches and 0 for indels
- Consider penalizing indels and mismatches with negative scores
- Simplest *scoring schema*:
 - +1 : match premium
 - μ : mismatch penalty
 - σ : indel penalty

Simple Scoring

- When mismatches are penalized by $-\mu$, indels are penalized by $-\sigma$, and matches are rewarded with $+1$, the resulting score is:

$$\#matches - \mu(\#mismatches) - \sigma(\#indels)$$

The Global Alignment Problem

Find the best alignment between two strings under a given scoring schema

Input : Strings **v** and **w** and a scoring schema

Output : Alignment of maximum score

$$\begin{array}{l} \uparrow \rightarrow = -\sigma \\ \swarrow \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} = 1 \text{ if match} \\ = -\mu \text{ if mismatch} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

$$s_{i,j} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{i-1,j-1} + 1 \text{ if } v_i = w_j \\ s_{i-1,j-1} - \mu \text{ if } v_i \neq w_j \\ s_{i-1,j} - \sigma \\ s_{i,j-1} - \sigma \end{array} \right.$$

μ : mismatch penalty

σ : indel penalty

Scoring Matrices

To generalize scoring, consider a $(4+1) \times (4+1)$ **scoring matrix** δ .

In the case of an amino acid sequence alignment, the scoring matrix would be a $(20+1) \times (20+1)$ size. The addition of 1 is to include the score for comparison of a gap character “-”.

This will simplify the algorithm as follows:

$$s_{i,j} = \max \begin{cases} s_{i-1,j-1} + \delta(v_i, w_j) \\ s_{i-1,j} + \delta(v_i, -) \\ s_{i,j-1} + \delta(-, w_j) \end{cases}$$

Making a Scoring Matrix

- Scoring matrices are created based on biological evidence.
- Alignments can be thought of as two sequences that differ due to mutations.
- Some of these mutations have little effect on the protein's function, therefore some penalties, $\delta(v_i, w_j)$, will be less harsh than others.

Scoring Matrix: Example

	A	R	N	K
A	5	-2	-1	-1
R	-	7	-1	3
N	-	-	7	0
K	-	-	-	6

AKRANR

KAAANK

$$-1 + (-1) + (-2) + 5 + 7 + 3 = 11$$

- Notice that although *R* and *K* are different amino acids, they have a positive score.
- Why? They are both positively charged amino acids → will not greatly change function of protein.

Local vs. Global Alignment

- The Global Alignment Problem tries to find the longest path between vertices $(0,0)$ and (n,m) in the edit graph.
- The Local Alignment Problem tries to find the longest path among paths between **arbitrary vertices** (i, j) and (i', j') in the edit graph.

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- In the edit graph with negatively-scored edges, Local Alignment may score higher than Global Alignment

Local vs. Global Alignment (cont'd)

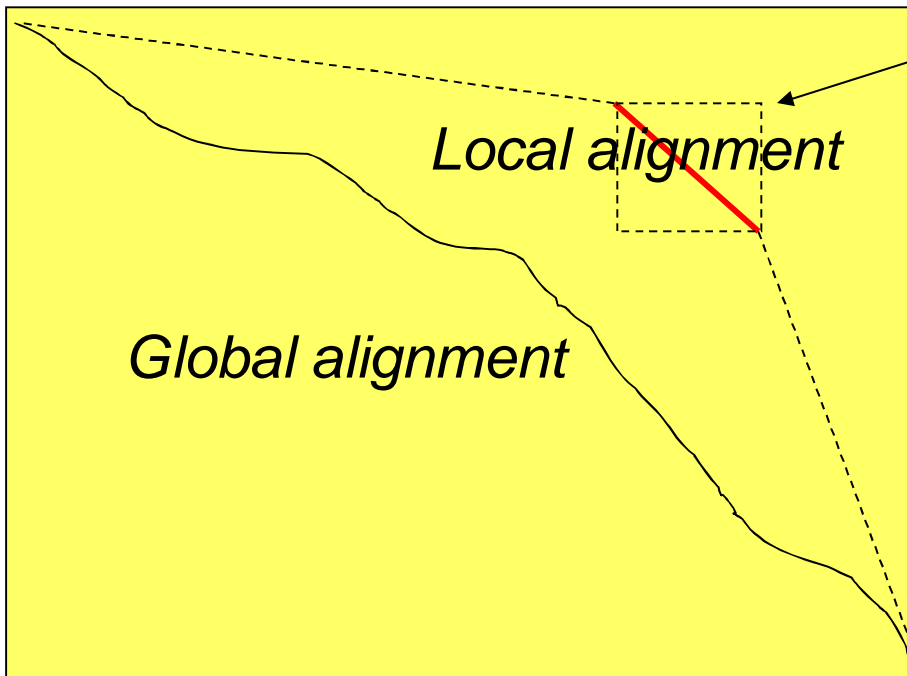
- *Global Alignment*

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--T--CC-C-AGT--TATGT-CAGGGGACACG-A-GCATGCAGA-GAC
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
AATTGCCGCC-GTCGT-T-TTCAG-----CA-GTTATG-T-CAGAT--C
```

- *Local Alignment—better alignment to find conserved segment*

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      tccCAGTTATGTCAGgggacacgagcatgcagagac
      |||||
aattgccgccgctcgtttttcagCAGTTATGTCAGatc
```

Local Alignment: Example



Compute a "mini"
Global Alignment to
get Local

Local Alignments: Why?

- Two genes in different species may be similar over short conserved regions and dissimilar over remaining regions.
- Example:
 - Homeobox genes have a short region called the *homeodomain* that is highly conserved between species.
 - A global alignment would not find the homeodomain because it would try to align the ENTIRE sequence

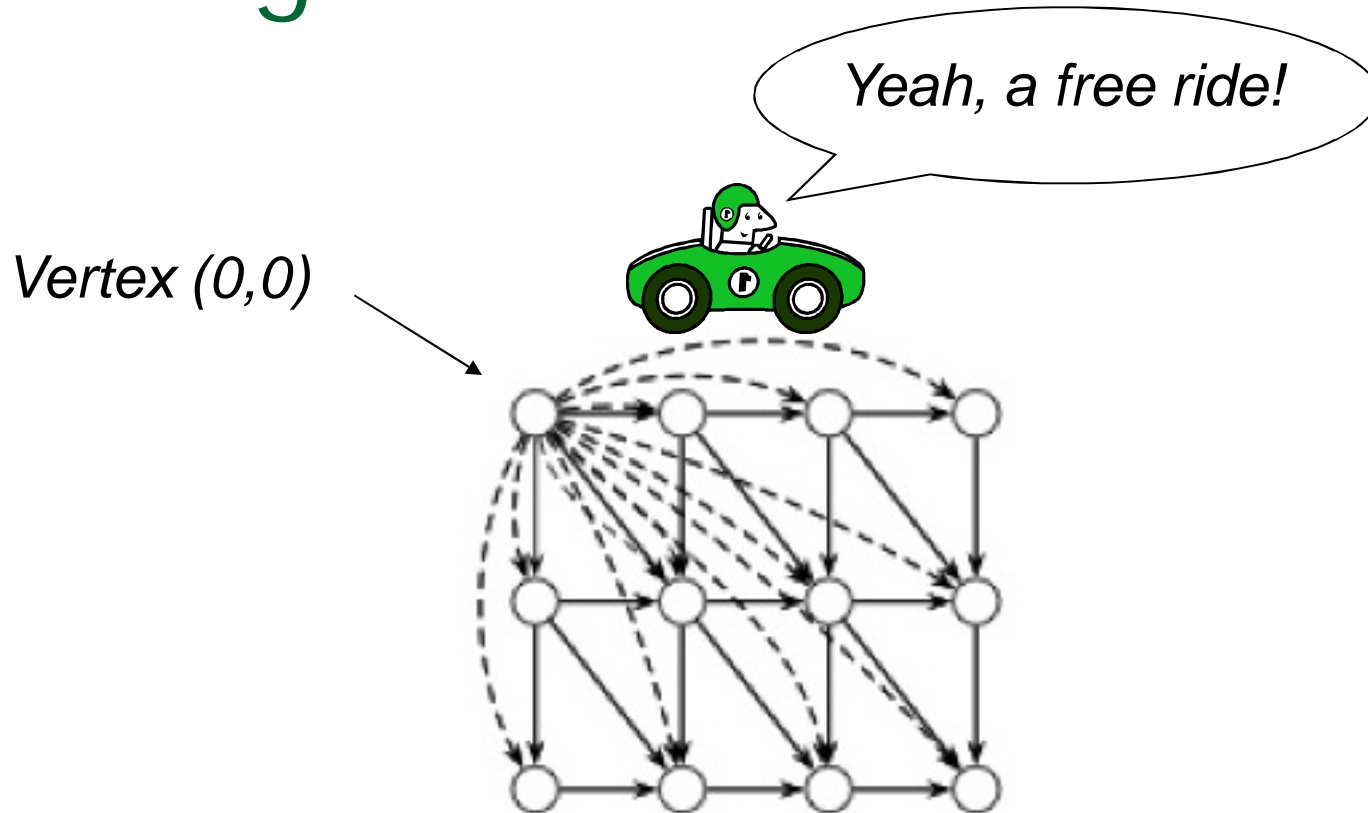
The Local Alignment Problem

- Goal: Find the best local alignment between two strings
- Input : Strings \mathbf{v} , \mathbf{w} and scoring matrix δ
- Output : Alignment of substrings of \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} whose alignment score is maximum among all possible alignments of all possible substrings

The Problem with this Problem

- High running time $O(n^4)$:
 - In the grid of size $n \times n$ there are $\sim n^2$ vertices (i, j) that may serve as a source.
 - For each such vertex computing alignments from (i, j) to (i', j') takes $O(n^2)$ time.
- This can be remedied by giving free rides

Local Alignment: Free Rides



The dashed edges represent the free rides from $(0,0)$ to every other node.

The Local Alignment Recurrence

- *The largest value of $s_{i,j}$ over the whole edit graph is the score of the best local alignment.*

- *The recurrence:*

$$s_{i,j} = \max \begin{cases} 0 \\ s_{i-1,j-1} + \delta(v_i, w_j) \\ s_{i-1,j} + \delta(v_i, -) \\ s_{i,j-1} + \delta(-, w_j) \end{cases}$$

Power of ZERO: *there is only this change from the original recurrence of a Global Alignment - since there is only one “free ride” edge entering into every vertex*

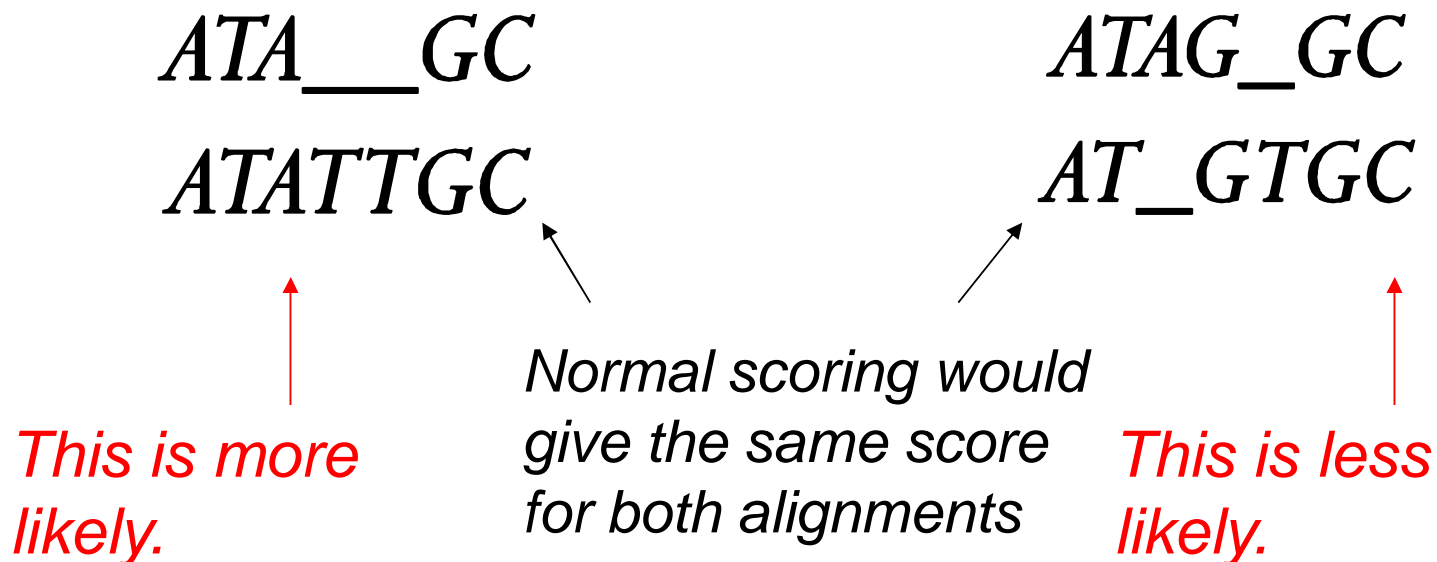
Scoring Indels: Naive Approach

- A fixed penalty σ is given to every indel:
 - $-\sigma$ for 1 indel,
 - -2σ for 2 consecutive indels
 - -3σ for 3 consecutive indels, etc.

Can be too severe penalty for a series of 100 consecutive indels

Affine Gap Penalties

- In nature, a series of k indels often come as a single event rather than a series of k single nucleotide events:



Accounting for Gaps

- *Gaps*- contiguous sequence of spaces in one of the rows

- Score for a gap of length x is:

$$-(\rho + \sigma x)$$

where $\rho > 0$ is the penalty for introducing a gap:

gap opening penalty

ρ will be large relative to σ :

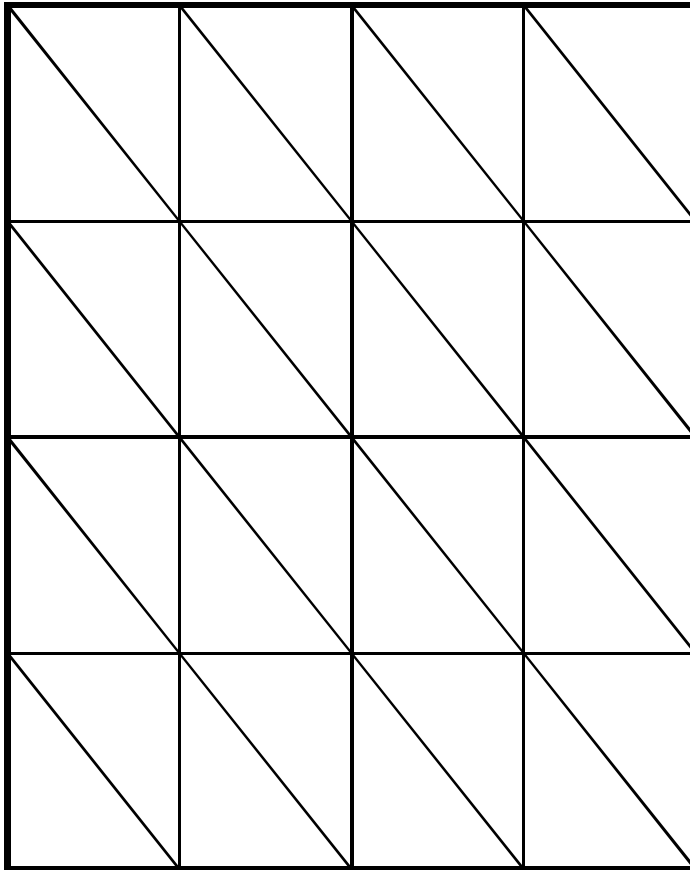
gap extension penalty

because you do not want to add too much of a penalty for extending the gap.

Affine Gap Penalties

- Gap penalties:
 - $-\rho - \sigma$ when there is 1 indel
 - $-\rho - 2\sigma$ when there are 2 indels
 - $-\rho - 3\sigma$ when there are 3 indels, etc.
 - $-\rho - x \cdot \sigma$ (-gap opening - x gap extensions)
- Somehow reduced penalties (as compared to naïve scoring) are given to runs of horizontal and vertical edges

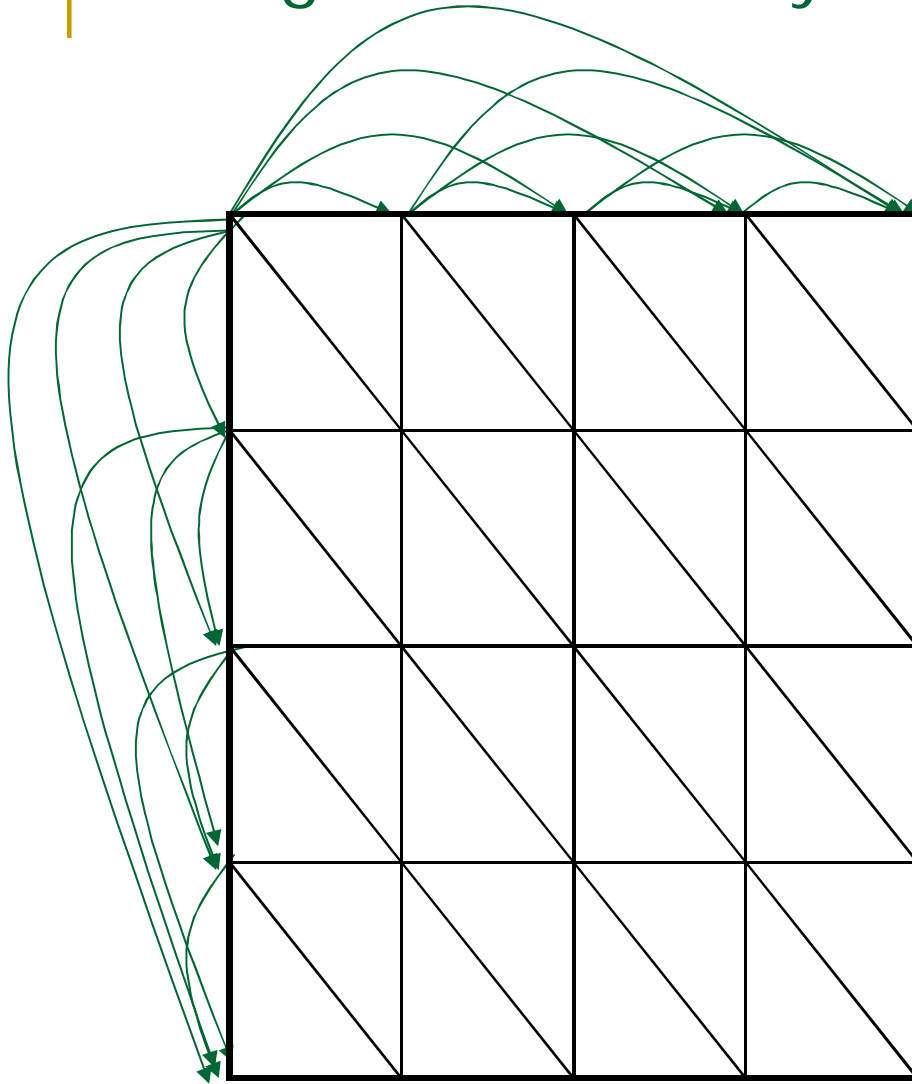
Affine Gap Penalties and Edit Graph



To reflect affine gap penalties we have to add “long” horizontal and vertical edges to the edit graph. Each such edge of length x should have weight

$$-\rho - x * \sigma$$

Adding “Affine Penalty” Edges to the Edit Graph

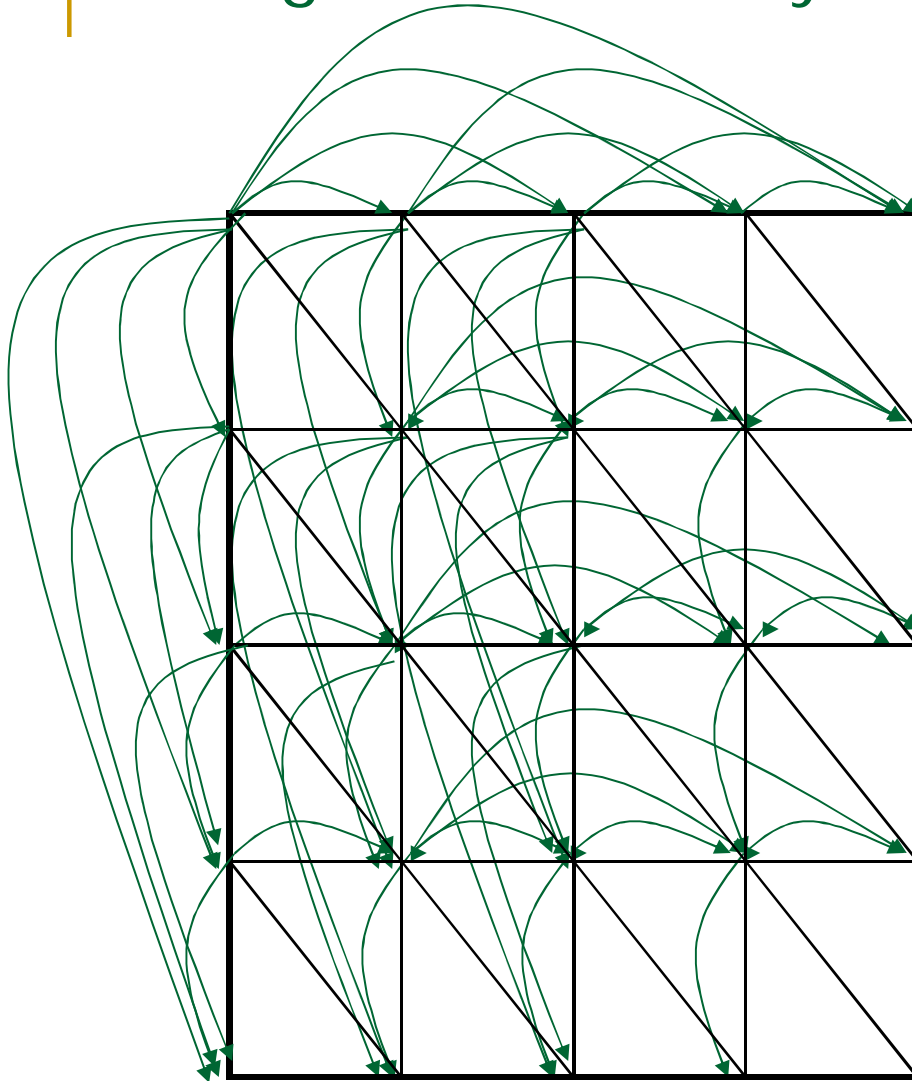


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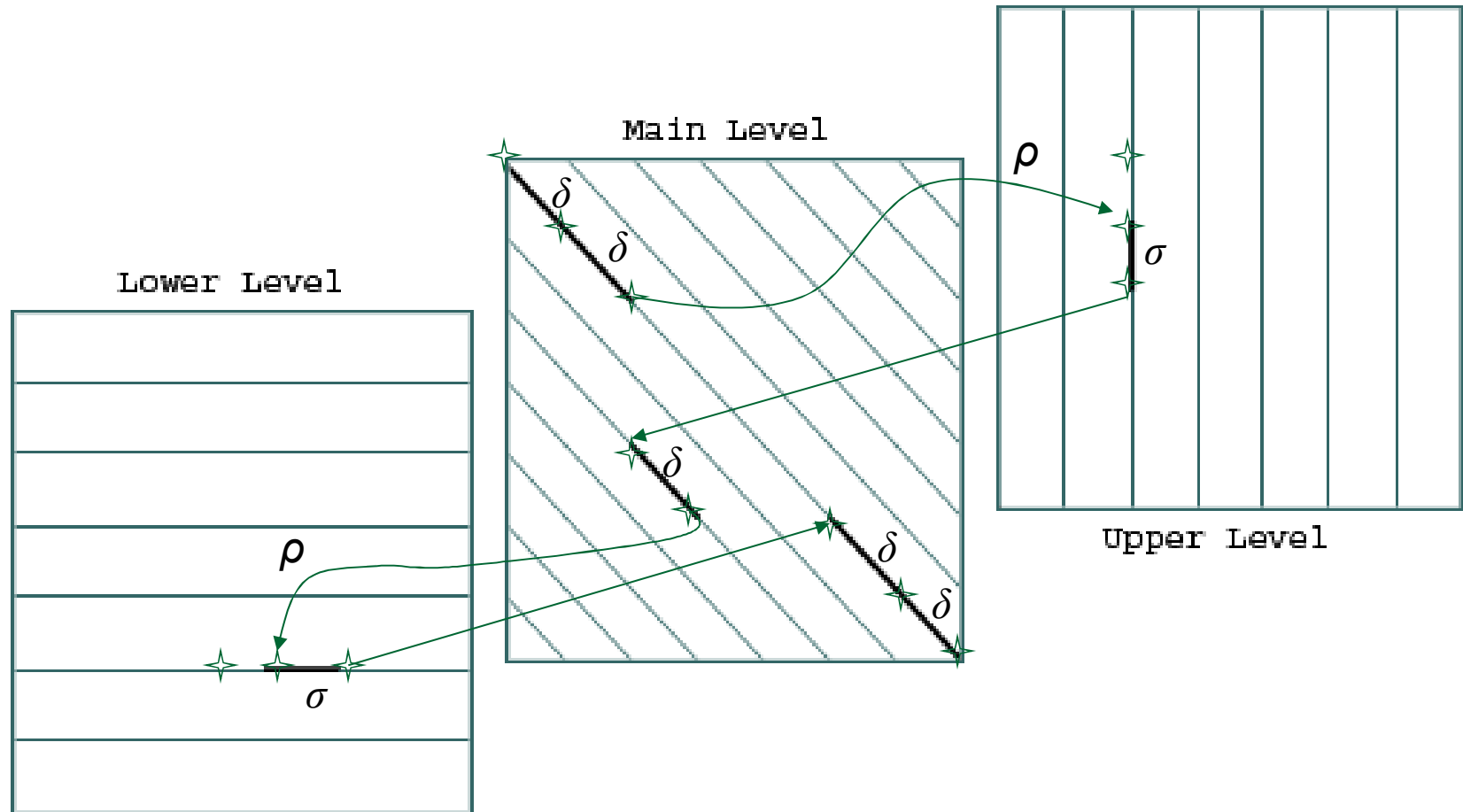


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Manhattan in 3 Layers



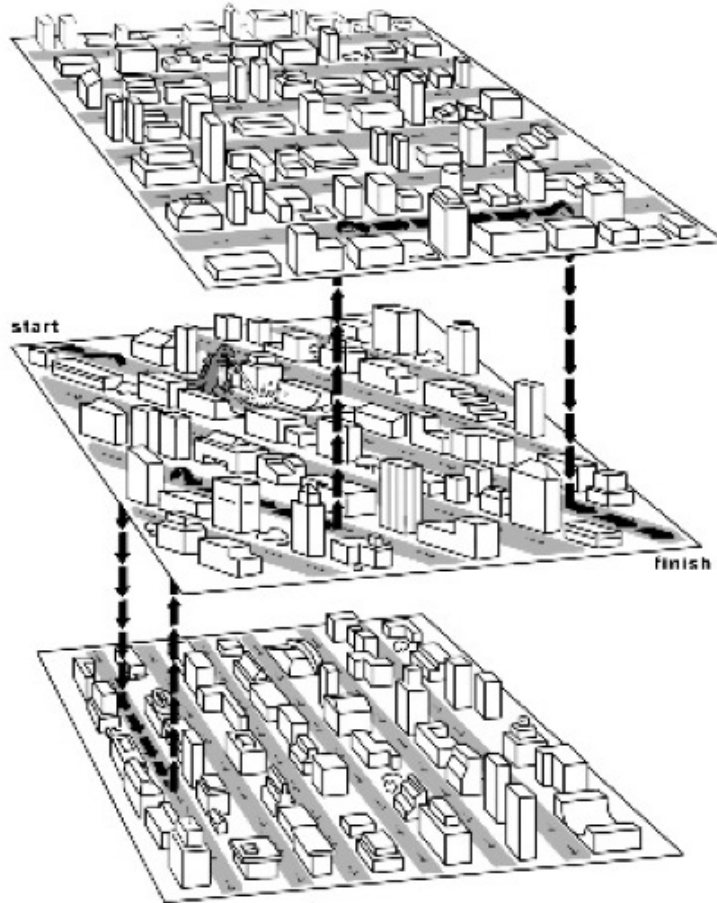
Affine Gap Penalties and 3 Layer Manhattan Grid

- The three recurrences for the scoring algorithm creates a 3-layered graph.
- The top level creates/extends gaps in the sequence v .
- The bottom level creates/extends gaps in sequence w .
- The middle level extends matches and mismatches.

Switching between 3 Layers

- Levels:
 - The **main level** is for diagonal edges
 - The **upper level** is for horizontal edges
 - The **lower level** is for vertical edges
- A jumping penalty is assigned to moving from the main level to either the upper level or the lower level ($-\rho - \sigma$)
- There is a gap extension penalty for each continuation on a level other than the main level ($-\sigma$)

The 3-leveled Manhattan Grid



Gaps in v

Matches/Mismatches

Gaps in w

Affine Gap Penalty Recurrences

$$\downarrow s_{i,j} = \max \begin{cases} \downarrow s_{i-1,j} - \sigma \\ s_{i-1,j} - (\rho + \sigma) \end{cases}$$

Continue Gap in w (deletion)
Start Gap in w (deletion): from middle

$$\overrightarrow{s}_{i,j} = \max \begin{cases} \overrightarrow{s}_{i,j-1} - \sigma \\ s_{i,j-1} - (\rho + \sigma) \end{cases}$$

Continue Gap in v (insertion)
Start Gap in v (insertion): from middle

$$s_{i,j} = \max \begin{cases} s_{i-1,j-1} + \delta(v_i, w_j) \\ \downarrow s_{i,j} \\ \overrightarrow{s}_{i,j} \\ s_{i,j} \end{cases}$$

Match or Mismatch
End deletion: from top
End insertion: from bottom