

### Molecular Evolutionary analyses: practical sessions

- For these sessions please review the PAML user guide, before starting the following hands-on.

- Write a script *pir2fasta.scr* that converts a *pir* formatted alignment into *fasta* formatted alignment

```
more SPO12.252.pir | sed -e "s/^>P1;/>/g" -e "/^$/d" -e "/^\\*/d" > SPO12.252.fa
```

- Given a set of protein sequences and their corresponding nucleotide sequences (included in the same directory), write a Perl script *alignaa2dna.pl* to align dna sequences according to their corresponding amino-acids alignments as obtained by clustalw. The output alignment will be used as input to the PAML *codeml* or *yn00* programs.

**Note:** For PAML, aligned sequences should be in *phylip text format* with at least two spaces separating the identification of the sequence and the sequence itself. The *Phylip text format* is a multiple alignment where each sequence is a fasta formatted one-line sequence. The first line of the file includes the number of sequences tab separated from the total number of position in the multiple alignment. We will denote these files with “.paml” extension (see example below: SPO12.252.fa.paml).

- We consider a cluster SPO12.252.prt of orthologous mycobacterial proteins as obtained from the comparison of 13 mycobacterial species (in this cluster the *M. leprae* gene is missing) and its corresponding gene cluster is SPO12.252.dna.

Question of the practical sessions: Are there genes in this cluster that are submitted to positive selection?

To answer this question we use the PAML *codeml* program that calculates the rate of non-synonymous over synonymous substitution ( $\omega = d_N/d_S$ ) for each pair of genes in the cluster. Genes that are submitted to positive selection are those with  $\omega > 1$ .

For this purpose, we need to align the gene sequences at the codon level, then convert this alignment into the PAML format and then apply the *codeml* program (see PAML user guide).

We proceed as follows:

a) align the protein sequences using clustalw:

clust.scr SPO12.252.prt & (see scripts in BCGAIPT2017\_msaPS.docx)

clust.scr includes a simple command line:

```
clustalw -infile=SPO12.252.prt -output=PIR -align 2>&1 > /dev/null
```

the output file is : SPO12.252.pir

b) The obtained multiple alignment is converted into a fasta formatted alignment using the *pir2fasta.scr* script or the simple command line:

```
sed -e "s/>P1;/>/g" SPO12.252.pir | sed -e "/^\\*/d" | sed -e "/^$/d" > SPO12.252.fa1
```

c)The next step is to convert this alignment into one-line multiple alignment:

```
cat SPO12.252.fa1 | multalign2oneline.pl > SPO12.252.fa
```

d)and the gene cluster SPO22.252.dna into one-line sequences:

```
cat SPO12.252.dna | multalign2oneline.pl > SPO12.252.fn
```

e)splitSPO12.252.fn into individual sequences using the *splitfasta.pl* script

(seeBCGAIPT2017\_msaPS.docx)

```
splitfasta.pl SPO12.252.fn &
```

f)use the *alignaa2dna.pl* script to align the dna sequences at the codon level and write the final alignment in paml format.

```
alignaa2dna.pl SPO12.252.fa &
```

the output file is SPO12.252.fa.paml

The last step is to apply *codeml* or *yn00* from the *PAML* package.

Application of these programs needs a control file (see PAML documentation and the default control file *codeml.ctl*).

g)codeml control file

Important parameters in this control file include:

seqtype = 1 : corresponding to codons and pair-wise comparison

codonFreq = 2 : corresponding to the frequencies F3x4

model = 0 : assumes one  $d_N/d_S$  ratio, pairwise comparison and codon frequencies: F3x4

the data correspond to codons and one ratio  $d_N/d_S$  per pair of sequences.

Two parameters corresponding to the input and output files, should be adapted:

```
seqfile = SPO12.252.fa.paml
```

```
outfile = SPO12.252.fa.paml.codeml
```

A shell script *sedcodeml.ctl* takes the default control file and substitutes *seqfile* and *outfile* with the correct files.

```
sedcodeml.ctl SPO12.252.fa.paml &
```

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
cp /home0/gensoft/PAML/paml/codeml.ctl X.ctl
```

```
sed -e "s/seqfile.*/ seqfile = $1/g" -e "s/outfile.*/outfile = $1.codeml/g" X.ctl > $1.ctl
```

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rm X.ctl
```

h) run codeml

```
codeml SPO12.252.fa.ctl &
```

See output results in PAML\_Exp in the directory DATA:

SPO12.252.fa.paml.codeml and

i)Converted these results into a table form showing the following:

Fam	seq1	seq2	ns	ls	t	S	N	$d_N/d_S$	$d_N$	$d_S$
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(see script: *cleancodeml.pl*)

(see PAML user guide: Fam=cluster identification(SPO12.252, seq1, seq2: pair of gene identifications in the cluster; ns: total number of genes; ls: total common alignment sequence length; t: time (distance), measured the expected number of nucleotide substitution per codon; S, N: number of synonymous substitution per synonymous site respectively number of non-synonymous sites per non-synonymous site;  $\omega=d_N/d_S$ : ratio of the number of non-synonymous substitution over the number of synonymous substitutions;  $d_S$ ,  $d_N$ : number of synonymous respectively non-synonymous substitutions).

Final table results is shown in: SPO12.252.fa.paml.CML (in PAML\_Exp directory).

Note that no pair of genes are submitted to positive selection since all pairs show  $d_N/d_S < 1$ .

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