

# Algorithms in Bioinformatics

Final bits of  
dynamic  
programming



Recap

Few HW - careful about shuffle!

A *shuffle* of two strings  $X$  and  $Y$  is formed by interspersing the characters into a new string, keeping the characters of  $X$  and  $Y$  in the same order. For example, the string **BANANAANANAS** is a shuffle of the strings **BANANA** and **ANANAS** in several different ways.

**BANANA**ANANAS

BAN**ANANA**NAS

BAN**AN**A**NA**NA**S**

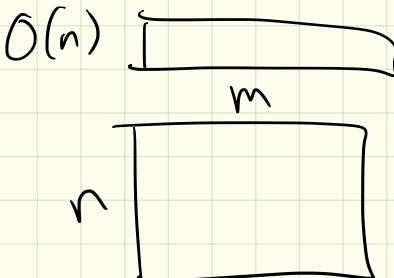
Similarly, the strings **PRODGYRNAMAMMIINC** and **DYPRONGARMAMM****I****CING** are both shuffles of **DYNAMIC** and **PROGRAMMING**:

**PRO<sup>D</sup>G<sup>Y</sup>R<sup>N</sup>A<sup>M</sup>M<sup>I</sup>I<sup>C</sup>G**

**DY<sup>P</sup>R<sup>O</sup>N<sup>G</sup>**A**<sup>R</sup><sup>M</sup><sup>A</sup><sup>M</sup><sup>I</sup><sup>C</sup>ING**

Given three strings  $A[1..m]$ ,  $B[1..n]$ , and  $C[1..m+n]$ , describe and analyze an algorithm to determine whether  $C$  is a shuffle of  $A$  and  $B$ .

each string ( $A + B$ ) must  
keep same order in  $C$



Space + time

# Dynamic programming

- Utilize "optimal Substructure"
    - i.e. find a recursive formulation that tries all possibilities
  - Then memoize:  
instead of doing all sorts of recursive calls, store in a data structure
  - Often, will simply re-formulate to fill in the data structure iteratively
    - Why? Languages <sup>(most)</sup> do better at iteration.
      - i.e. C-based (Java, Python, ...)
      - Not true in functional languages:
        - i.e. Mathematica, Haskell
- Ex: up through <sup>local</sup> Alignment

Section 6.9: penalty for indel is  $p$   
→ pays  $p \cdot x$

"Gaps"— common in alignment,  
since DNA errors  
usually drop more than  
a single nucleotide.

So: want to modify penalty  
so that  $x$  spaces is  
not the same as  $x$   
individual indels.

Dm: Affine gap penalty:  
 $-(p + \epsilon_x)$

Explanation:

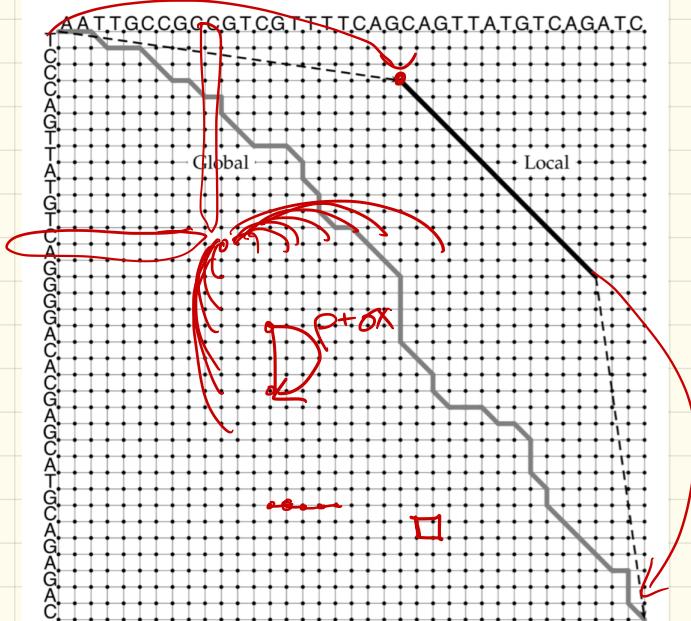
$p$  is cost for even a  
single space gap  
(typically big( $\epsilon$ ))

$\epsilon$ - fairly small

Cool part: Algorithm is  
basically unchanged!

Back to the edit graph:

Need to modify, just like w/  
local alignment.



Solution:

Add edge from  $(i, j)$  to  $\{(i, j) + x\}$   
if weight  $-(P + \sigma x)$

do each step for  
(s.t.  
 $\langle n \text{ norm} \rangle$ )

The problem: runtime!

This changes 3 lookups  
to fill in a cell.

Now: check all of  
row  $i$  & column  $j$   
 $\Rightarrow O(i + j)$   
 $= O(m + n)$

Total:  $O(m \cdot n) \times O(m + n)$   
 $= O(n^3)$  if  $n \gg m$

However, we can fix this:

Instead, track best path  
ending at  $(i, j)$

- with no gap (diagonal edges-payoff)
- with vertical gap
- with horizontal gap

So - 3 recurrences!

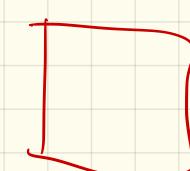
vertical gap

$$s_{i,j} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{i-1,j} - \sigma \\ s_{i-1,j} - (\rho + \sigma) \end{array} \right.$$

had  $\rho + (x-1)\sigma$  now  $\rho + x\sigma$  top: in middle of gap

$$\rightarrow s_{i,j} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{i,j-1} - \sigma \\ s_{i,j-1} - (\rho + \sigma) \end{array} \right.$$

horizontal gap



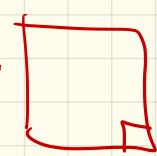
And then:

diagonal

$$s_{i,j} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{i-1,j-1} + \delta(v_i, w_j) \\ s_{i,j} \\ s_{i,j} \end{array} \right.$$

vertical gap

horizontal gap

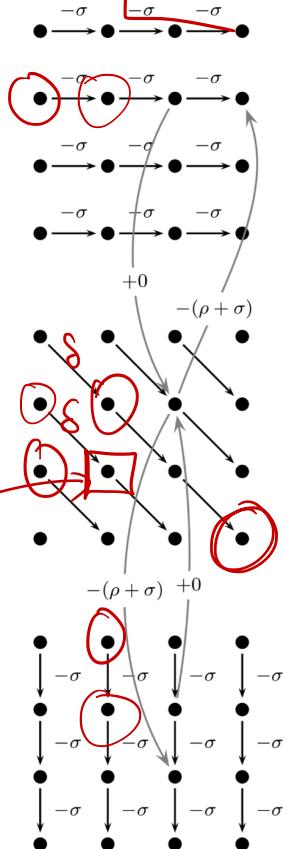


End result:

*Pseudocode*

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for i ← 1 to n
    for j ← 1 to m
        7 loops { fill in  $S_{i,j}$ 
                    fill in  $S_{i,j}$ 
    return  $S_{m,n}$ 
  
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to fill in  $i,j$   
need ~7 table lookups

for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$   
 for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$   
 7 loops { fill in  $S_{i,j}$   
 return  $S_{m,n}$

gaps in ✓

$S_{i,j} \rightarrow$

$S_{i,j}$   
normal  
alignment

$S_{i,j}$   
gaps in w

# Next: Multiple Alignment (6.10)

Some similarities may not show up strongly with pairs.

But in larger group, obvious!

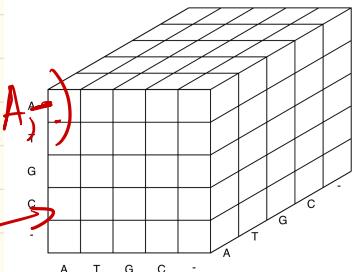
$k=3$

--T--CC-C-AGT--TATGT-CAGGGGACACG--A-GCATGCAGA-GAC  
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  
AATTGCCGCC-GTCGT-T-TTCAG---CA-GTTATG--T-CAGAT--C  
|||||| | X||||| | || XXX||| | | | | | | | | | | | | |  
-ATTGC-G--ATTCTGTAT-----GGGACA-TGGATGCATGCAG-TGAC

Assumptions / notation:

- inputs are  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$  each a string of length  $n_i$
- let  $n \geq \max n_i$
- each row of alignment contains  $v_i$  plus  $(n - n_i)$  '-'s.
- Scoring function  $f$ :
  - all A: 1  $f(A, T, A, T)$
  - all different: bad

$k=3$



Example :  $k=3$

$S_{i,j,k}$  will be best alignment of :

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 & [1 \dots i] \\ v_2 & [1 \dots j] \\ v_3 & [1 \dots k] \end{aligned}$$

What will possibilities be?  
(think recursively!)

- Could match  $v_1[i]$  to  
 $v_2[j]$  to  $v_3[k]$

$$\text{pay } \delta(v_1[i], v_2[j], v_3[k])$$

- indel in any of 3:

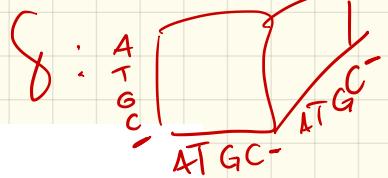
$$S_{i-1,j,k} + \delta(-, v_2[j], v_3[k])$$

$$S_{i,j-1,k} \quad \delta ;$$

$$S_{i,j,k-1} \quad \delta$$

- 2 indels

# Recurrence:



$$s_{i,j,k} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} s_{i-1,j,k} & +\delta(v_i, -, -) \\ s_{i,j-1,k} & +\delta(-, w_j, -) \\ s_{i,j,k-1} & +\delta(-, -, u_k) \\ s_{i-1,j-1,k} & +\delta(v_i, w_j, -) \\ s_{i-1,j,k-1} & +\delta(v_i, -, u_k) \\ s_{i,j-1,k-1} & +\delta(-, w_j, u_k) \\ s_{i-1,j-1,k-1} & +\delta(v_i, w_j, u_k) \end{array} \right.$$

Picture:

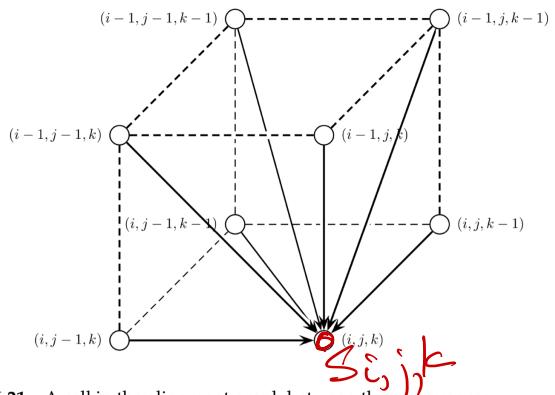
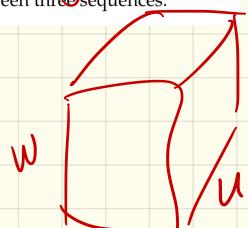


Figure 6.21 A cell in the alignment graph between three sequences.

Runtime (for  $k=3$ ):

$O(n^3)$  entries  
 7 lookups each  $\Rightarrow O(n^3)$



The bad news:

Consider more general  $k$ .

Size of matrix:

$$O(n^k)$$

Time to fill each cell:

$$\overline{1} \ \overline{2} \ \overline{3} \ \cdots \ \overline{k}$$

$$O(2^k - 1)$$



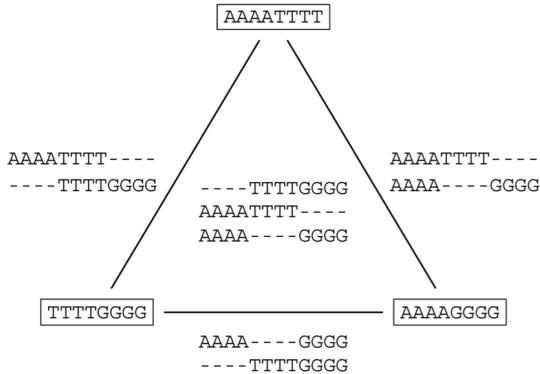
Runtime:

$$O(2^k n^k)$$

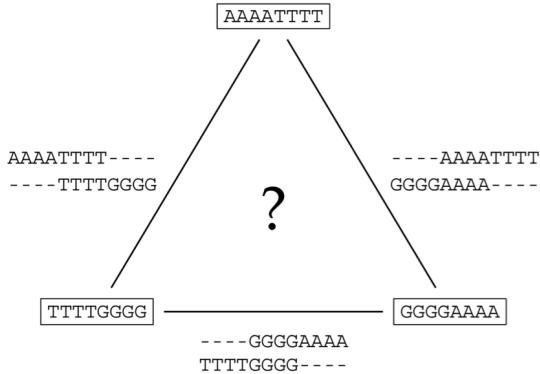
exponential in # of strings ]

So how to do better?

Pairwise alignments might not be possible to combine:



(a) Compatible pairwise alignments



(b) Incompatible pairwise alignments

People still do this though!

### CLUSTAL:

- Computes all pair wise alignments + chooses the strongest.
- Merge these two (still stuck with their gaps)
- Reduce to  $k-1$  strings (+ repeat).

Note: What kind of strategy?

Greedy!

Why? Assumption that a high score is a good indication they are close.

More on Scoring function:

- k-dimensional matrix  $\delta$  isn't really practical  
(especially if  $>4$  letters!)

Many other variations –  
the choice of  $\delta$  can  
drastically affect quality.

Note: none of this  
changes the recurrence!

(Often, which  $\delta$  you use  
depends on your goal.)

## 2 Commonly used examples:

### ① Entropy approach:

~~\*~~ let  $p_x = \text{frequency of letter } x \text{ in a column}$

for each column:

$$\text{entropy} = \sum_x p_x \log p_x$$

Ex: each nucleotide  $\frac{n}{4}$  times

$$\Rightarrow \text{entropy} = -2$$

only one nucleotide  
 $\Rightarrow \text{entropy} = 0$

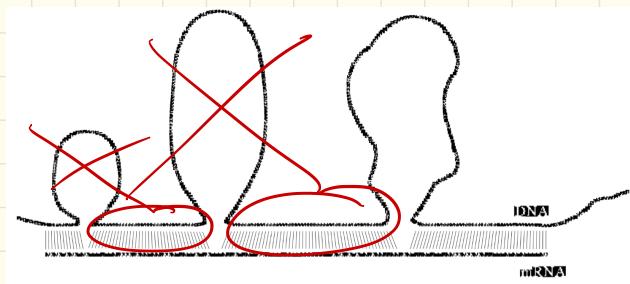
### ②

Sum-of-pairs score for S:

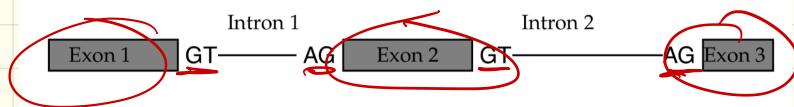
- Compute all pairwise scores for  $v_i + v_j$
- add them up

# Gene Prediction (6.11)

- Intron/exon model of a gene  
(especially in eukaryotic organisms)



One approach: splicing signals  
(statistical approach), 6.12)



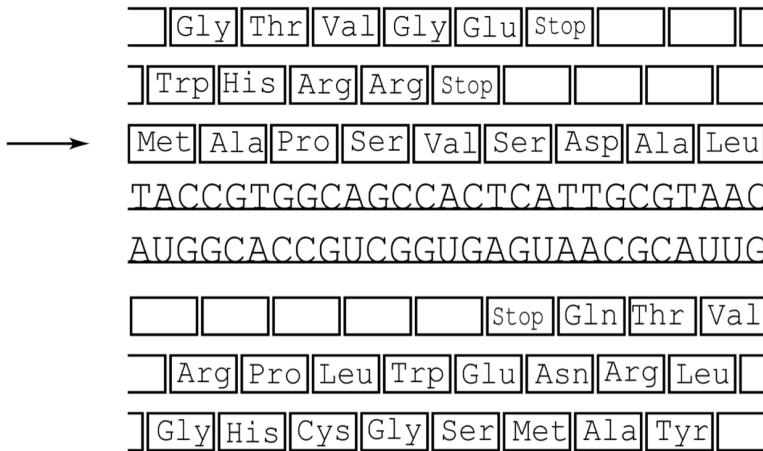
Problem: these profiles are pretty weak  
(we'll discuss a bit anyway,  
since still used)

Codons: groups of 3

Stop codons: TAA, TAG, TGA

Example:

ATGCTTAGTCTG



**Figure 6.25** The six reading frames for the sequence ATGCTTAGTCTG. The string may be read forward or backward, and there are three frame shifts in each direction.

64 possible 3-letter groups

Arg # of codons b/t 2 stops is  $\frac{64}{3} = 21$ .  
(Roughly 300 codons in avg protein)

Often, write down codon usage:

frequency of each occurrence  
of each codon within a given  
sequence

	U	C	A	G
U	UUU Phe 57	UCU Ser 16	UAU Tyr 58	UGU Cys 45
	UUC Phe 43	UCC Ser 15	UAC Tyr 42	UGC Cys 55
	UUA Leu 13	UCA Ser 13	UAA Stp 62	UGA Stp 30
	UUG Leu 13	UCG Ser 15	UAG Stp 8	UGG Trp 100
C	CUU Leu 11	CCU Pro 17	CAU His 57	CGU Arg 37
	CUC Leu 10	CCC Pro 17	CAC His 43	CGC Arg 38
	CUA Leu 4	CCA Pro 20	CAA Gln 45	CGA Arg 7
	CUG Leu 49	CCG Pro 51	CAG Gln 66	CGG Arg 10
A	AUU Ile 50	ACU Thr 18	AAU Asn 46	AGU Ser 15
	AUC Ile 41	ACC Thr 42	AAC Asn 54	AGC Ser 26
	AUA Ile 9	ACA Thr 15	AAA Lys 75	AGA Arg 5
	AUG Met 100	ACG Thr 26	AAG Lys 25	AGG Arg 3
G	GUU Val 27	GCU Ala 17	GAU Asp 63	GGU Gly 34
	GUC Val 21	GCC Ala 27	GAC Asp 37	GGC Gly 39
	GUA Val 16	GCA Ala 22	GAA Glu 68	GGA Gly 12
	GUG Val 36	GCG Ala 34	GAG Glu 32	GGG Gly 15

Note: species specific!

Slide & use these likelihoods -

higher scores in a run  
(higher likelihood) show  
up as peaks

(Maybe more later in course...)

## Second (better) approach:

Similarity-based (6.13)

Relies on previously sequenced genes & their proteins

So: Given a known target protein and a genomic sequence, find substrings (exons) of the sequence that match the protein.



Dfn: putative exon:  
possible exon

Each gets a triple  $(l, r, w)$ :

↑  
Start point    end    ↑  
                    likelihood

Maximum chain:

maximum weight subset  
of exons s.t. no 2  
overlap

# Problem:

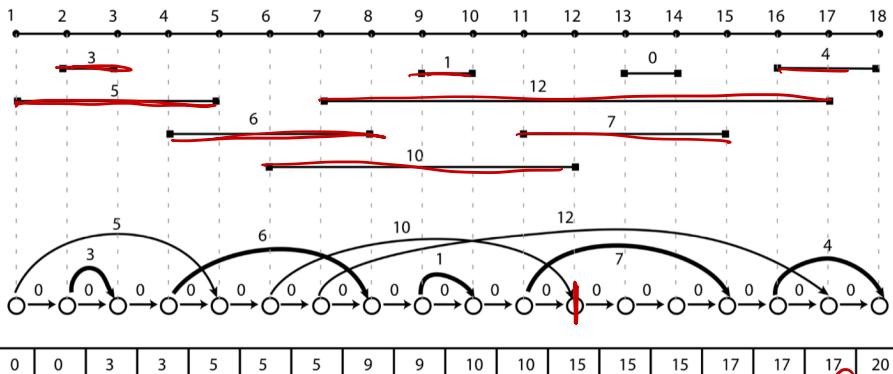
## Exon Chaining Problem:

Given a set of putative exons, find a maximum set of nonoverlapping putative exons.

**Input:** A set of weighted intervals (putative exons).

**Output:** A maximum chain of intervals from this set.

Turn into a graph?



putative exons: weighted edges

$S_i$  = weight of best path at  $v_i$

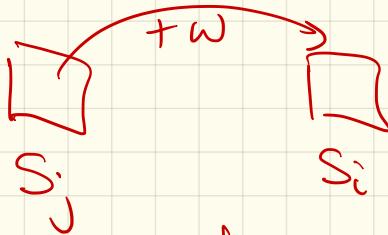
Goal: maximum length path from left vertex to right

Let  $s_i$  = longest path ending at vertex  $i$   
(Solution: read  $s_n$ )

So: fill in  $s_i$

How?

Look at all edges  
that end at  $s_i$ .



Find their best path +  
add weight  
Store maximum over  
all of these

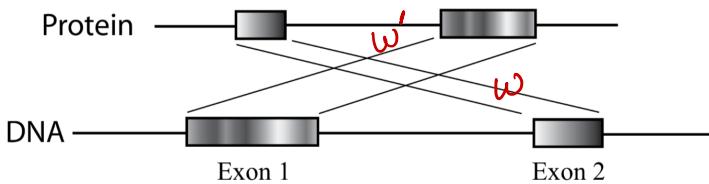
# Final Pseudo code :

EXONCHAINING( $G, n$ )

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1  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $2n$ 
2       $s_i \leftarrow 0$ 
3  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $2n$ 
4      if vertex  $v_i$  in  $G$  corresponds to the right end of an interval  $I$ 
5           $j \leftarrow$  index of vertex for left end of the interval  $I$ 
6           $w \leftarrow$  weight of the interval  $I$ 
7           $s_i \leftarrow \max\{s_j + w, s_{i-1}\}$ 
8      else
9           $s_i \leftarrow s_{i-1}$ 
10 return  $s_{2n}$ 
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O<sub>dc</sub>

## Problem: the Scoring (again)



Reminder: No class Thursday.

You have homework.

Please also read b14

Next HW- up next week,  
over more dynamic  
programming.

Next week: Divide & Conquer