



Lecture 2

September 2, 2025



Matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

- *m by n*
 - m is the number of row, n is the number of columns



Why matrices?

- ▀ Represent systems of equations

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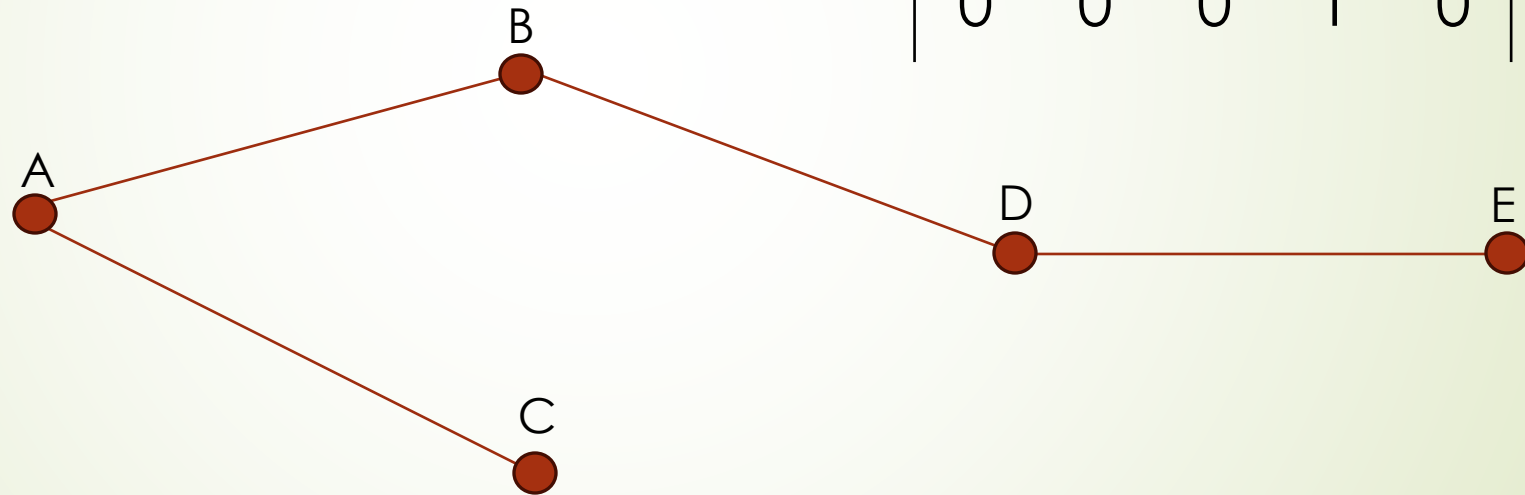
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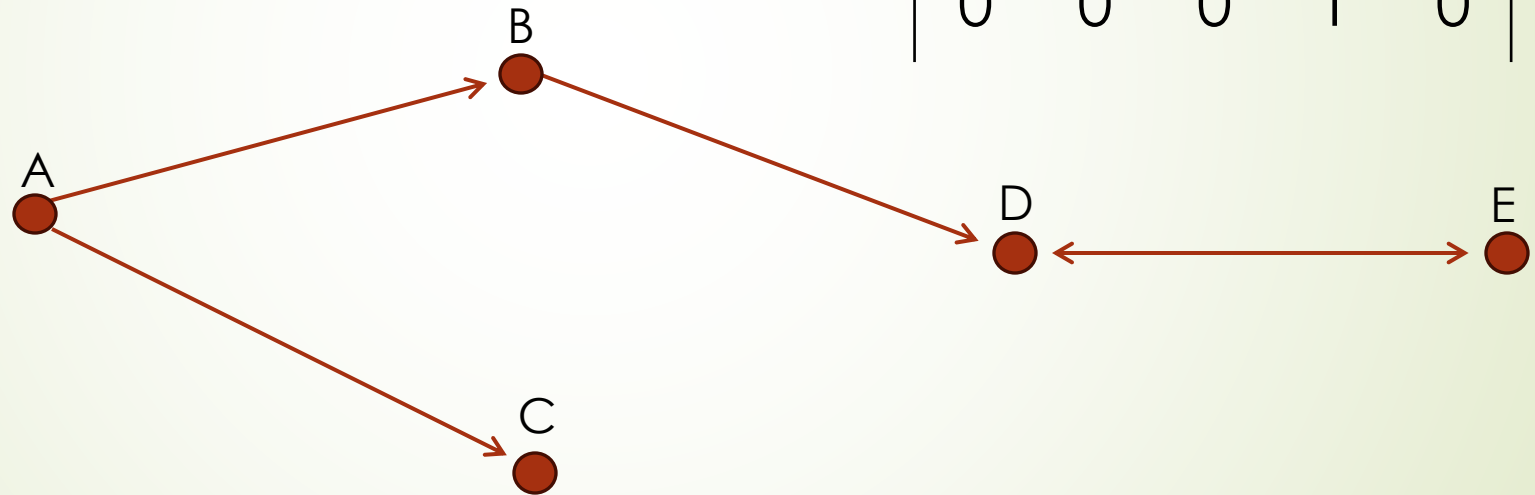
➤ Represent Graphs



0	1	1	0	0
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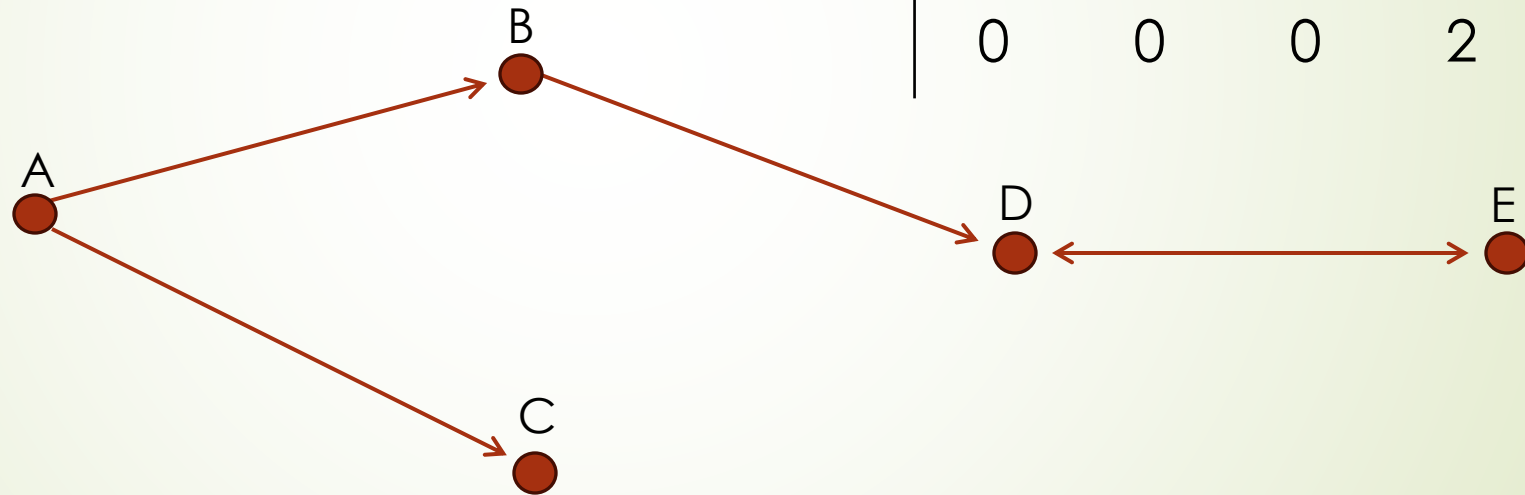
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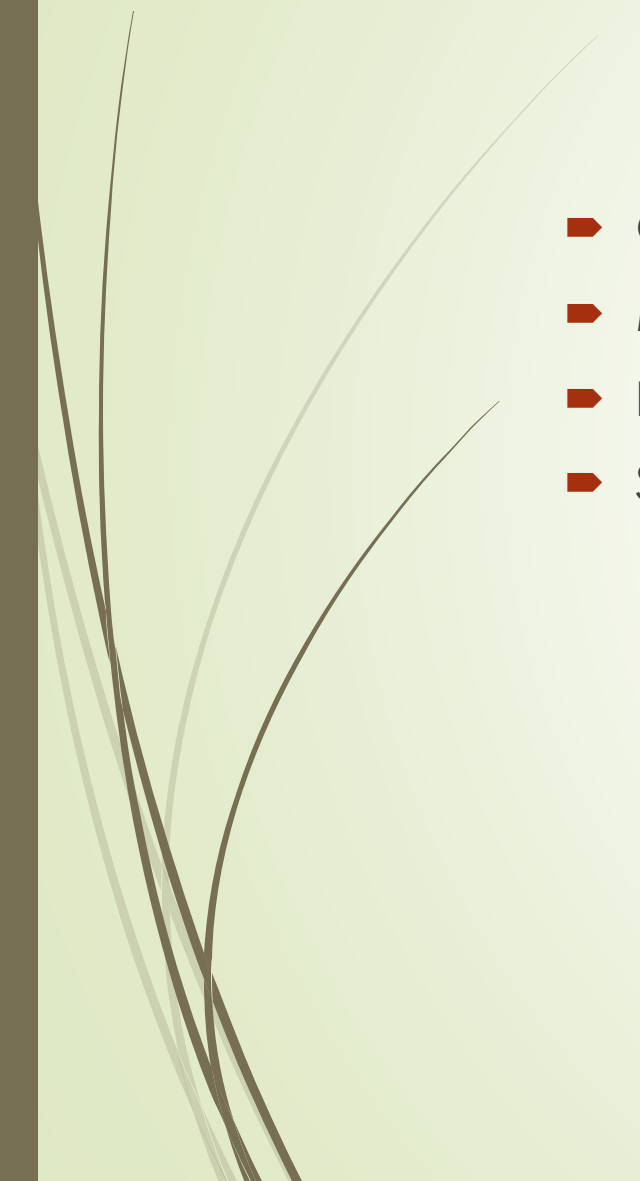
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0	1.5	5	0	0
0	0	0	0.25	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	2
0	0	0	2	0



Use of matrices in biology

- Gene regulatory networks
 - Metabolic networks
 - Infectious disease models
 - Survival Analysis
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Genomics



- Numerous genomes being sequenced
- Genomes filled junk DNA?
 - Genes
 - Regulatory factors
 - Repetitive elements
- Genes
 - Regulatory elements
 - Exons & Introns
 - Untranscribed elements



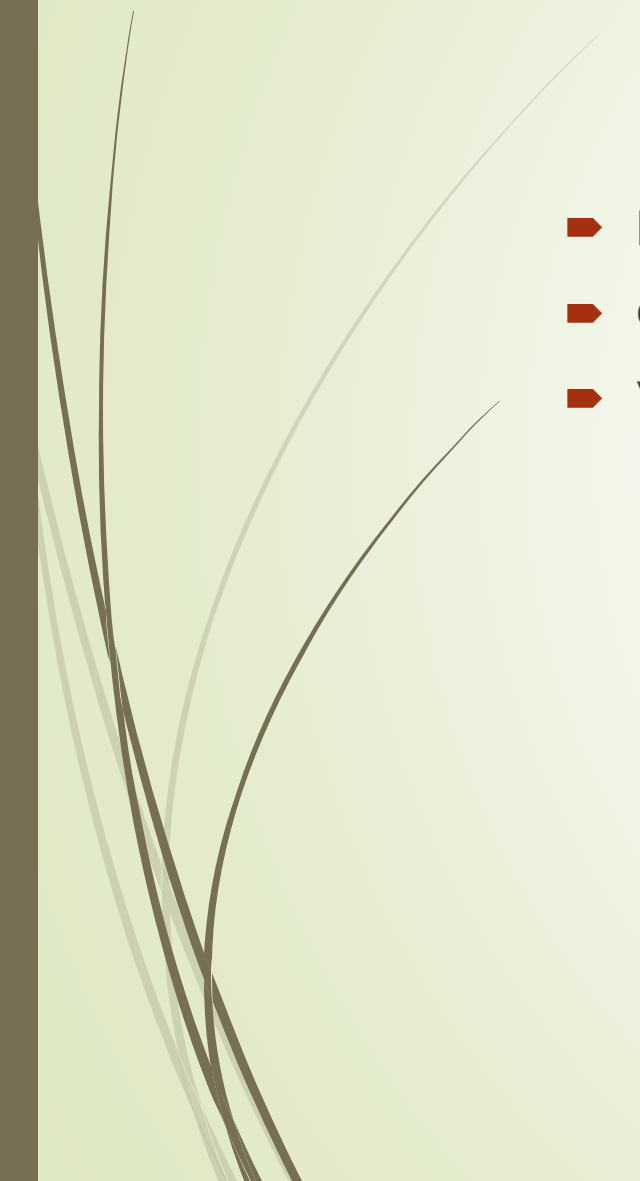
Genomics



- ▀ Variations within the genome
 - ▀ Large deletions
 - ▀ Large duplications
 - ▀ Translocations
 - ▀ Single Nucleotide Variations
 - ▀ Insertions
 - ▀ Deletions
 - ▀ Polymorphisms



What can we do with this information?

- Population/Ancestry structure
 - GWAS studies
 - Variant effects
 - Synonymous vs Non-Synonymous
 - Regulatory disruption
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Variant Call Format (VCF)

- ▶ File format containing sequence information
- ▶ Tab delimited file
- ▶ Header region
 - ▶ Version info
 - ▶ Chromosome/Scaffold/Contig info
 - ▶ Details on content



Variant Call Format (VCF)

- ▶ Can contain info on one or more samples
- ▶ General position info
 - ▶ Chromosome, position, Reference, Alternative(s)
 - ▶ Gene info
 - ▶ Total counts – Individual allele and overall
- ▶ Sample specific info
 - ▶ Allele calls, site depth, number of counts per allele, quality
- ▶ Can contain all sites or those with just variants



Group Project



- ▶ 3 Groups
- ▶ Form a testable hypothesis
 - ▶ Population analysis
 - ▶ Disease
- ▶ Compile Genetic Information
- ▶ Determine software necessary
 - ▶ Is it available or are you creating it?
- ▶ Preliminary presentation and report
- ▶ Run analysis on Biolinux machines
- ▶ Final Write-up and Presentation