Comp 555 - BioAlgorithms - Spring 2021

CLUSTAL O(1.2.1) multiple sequence alignment

Cat	MAPWTRLLPLLALLSLWIPAPTRAFVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPKARREAED	6
Pig	MALWTRLLPLLALLALWAPAPAQAFVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPKARREAEN	6
Human	MALWMRLLPLLALLALWGPDPAAAFVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPKTRREAED	6
Dog	MALWMRLLPLLALLALWAPAPTRAFVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPKARREVED	6
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Cat	LOGKDAELGEAPGAGGLOPSALEAPLOKRGIVEOCCASVCSLYOLEHYCN 110	
Pig	PQAGAVELGGGLGGLQALALEGPPQKRGIVEQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN 108	
Human	LQGSLQPLALEGSLQKRGIVEQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN 98	
Dog	LQVRDVELAGAPGEGGLQPLALEGALQKRGIVEQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN 110	
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- MIDTERM RESULTS
 ARE POSTED
- **P5 #3** Grades are Posted.
- REVIEW OF
 SEQUENCE
 ALIGNMENT
- SCORING MATRICES
- GLOBAL VS. LOCAL

Advanced Sequence Alignment

Midterm Results

Average: 85.65 Q1: 94.00 Median: 89.00 Q3: 80.00

All curves will be applied to the combined weighted course average

The median course grade will be a "B", "B+", or "B-"

At least as good as it would on a 10-point scale





Longest Common Subsequence (LCS) is a special case of alignment

This term allows

Construct a graph 1.

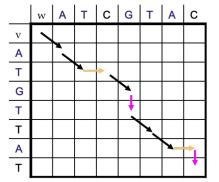
A Refresher

- 2. Define a recurrence relation
- 3. Solve it for all paths from (0,0) to (n,m)
- Used a dynamic program where 4. each step relies only on solutions already computed and saved in our tableau

How about alternate recurrence relations?

$$S_{ij} = max \begin{cases} S_{i-1,j-1} + 1 \\ S_{i-1,j-1} \\ S_{i-1,j} - 2 \\ S_{i,j-1} - 2 \end{cases}$$
 if $v_i = w_j$ us to take a few "diagonals", even if the row and column letters don't match.
What if we want to change these reward/penalty values? Perhaps we'd prefer an INDEL over a mismatch

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







A more "general purpose" alignment graph

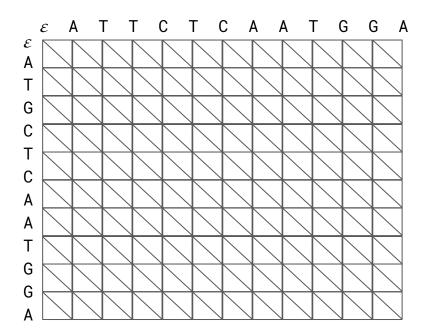
Now consider a more uniform "Manhattan"

There are four ways to reach an intersection

From the north,

From the east,

From a diagonal at every intersection with different scores for a "match" and a "mismatch"



Alignment using a Scoring Matrix

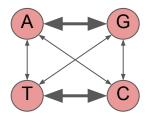


- Rather *edit distance* one can use a table with costs for every symbol aligned to any other
- Scoring matrices allow alignments to consider biological constraints
- Alignments can be thought of as two sequences that differ due to mutations.
- Some types of mutations are more common, or have little or no effect on function, therefore some mismatch penalties, $\delta(v_i, w_i)$, should be less harsh than others.

Example: DNA transitions and transversions

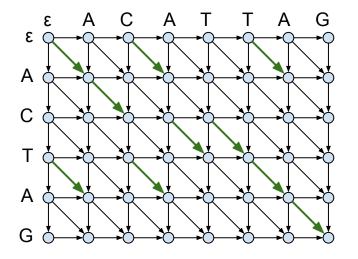
- Like LCS, we want to maximize sequence matches, so each should have a positive score (diagonal of scoring matrix)
- Unlike LCS, we need to allow for occasional mismatches, as well as INDELs.
- The 4 DNA nucleotides come in two types, *purines* (A and G), which have two-rings and *pyrimidines*, (C and T) which have only one.
- Mutations within types are far more common than mutations between types, despite there being twice as many. This higher mutation rate can be encoded as a smaller substitution penalty.
- Insertions and deletions are even less common that any substitution, thus they have even higher penalties.

δ	А	С	G	Т	_
А	1	-2	-1	-2	-3
С	-2	1	-2	-1	-3
G	-1	-2	1	-2	-3
Т	-2	-1	-2	1	-3
_	-3	-3	-3	-3	



Impact on Alignment

Graph includes all diagonal edges, but many with negative weights



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

Generalized recurrence relation

Needleman–Wunsch Alignment Algorithm





Global Alignment with a scoring matrix

In [9]: import numpy

v = TTCCGAGCGTTA

 $W = TTTC_AG_GTTA$

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def GlobalAlign(v, w, scorematrix, indel):
    s = numpy.zeros((len(v)+1,len(w)+1), dtype="int32")
    b = numpy.zeros((len(v)+1,len(w)+1), dtype="int32")
    for i in range(0, len(v)+1):
        for j in range(0,len(w)+1):
            if (j == 0):
                if (i > 0):
                    s[i,j] = s[i-1,j] + indel
                    b[i,j] = 1
                continue
            if (i == 0):
                s[i, j] = s[i, j-1] + indel
                b[i, j] = 2
                continue
            score = s[i-1,j-1] + scorematrix[v[i-1],w[j-1]]
            vskip = s[i-1,j] + indel
            wskip = s[i,j-1] + indel
            s[i,j] = max(vskip, wskip, score)
            if (s[i, j] == vskip):
                b[i, j] = 1
            elif (s[i,j] == wskip):
                b[i,j] = 2
            else:
                b[i, j] = 3
    return (s, b)
match = {('A', 'A'): 1, ('A', 'C'): -2, ('A', 'G'): -1, ('A', 'T'): -2,
         ('C', 'A'): -2, ('C', 'C'): 1, ('C', 'G'): -2, ('C', 'T'): -1,
         ('G', 'A'): -1, ('G', 'C'): -2, ('G', 'G'): 1, ('G', 'T'): -2,
         ('T', 'A'): -2, ('T', 'C'): -1, ('T', 'G'): -2, ('T', 'T'): 1}
V = "TTCCGAGCGTTA"
W = "TTTCAGGTTA"
s, b = GlobalAlign(v,w,match,-3)
print("Best score =", s[-1,-1])
align = Alignment(b, v, w, b.shape[0]-1, b.shape[1]-1)
print("v =", align[0])
print("w =", align[1])
Best score = 2
```

Local vs. Global Alignment



- The *Global Alignment Problem* tries to find the highest scoring path between vertices (0,0) and (n,m) in the edit graph.
- The Local Alignment Problem tries to find the highest scoring subpath between all vertex pairs (i_1, j_1) and (i_2, j_2) in the edit graph where $i_2 > i_1$ and $j_2 > j_1$.
- In an edit graph with negatively-weighted scores, a Local Alignment may score higher than a Global Alignment

Example:

• Global Alignment finds a match for the entire sequence

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--T--CC-C-AGT--TATGT-CAGGGGACACG-A-GCATGCAGA-GAC
```

• Local Alignment finds a long conserved subsequence

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tccCAGTTATGTCAGgggacacgagcatgcagagac
||||||||
aattgccgccgtcgttttcagCAGTTATGTCAGatc
```

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

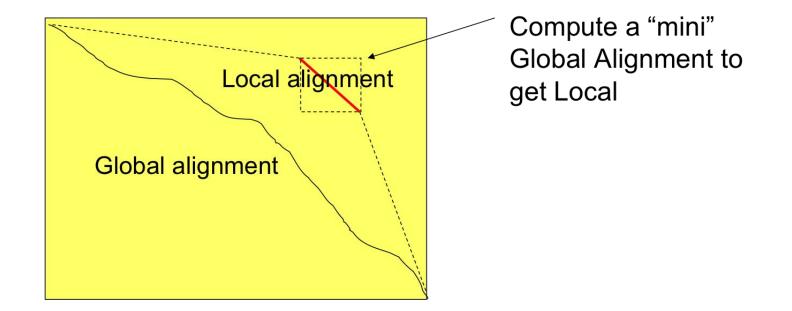
Local Alignment Problem:

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

Local Alignment Approach



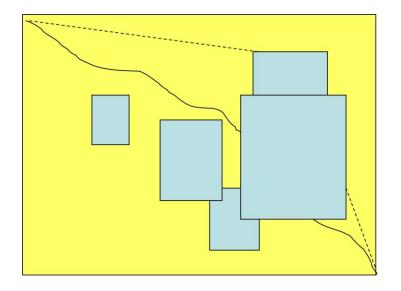
A local alignment is a subpath in a global alignment



Brute Force Local Alignment



Find the best global alignment among all blocks (i_1, j_1, i_2, j_2)



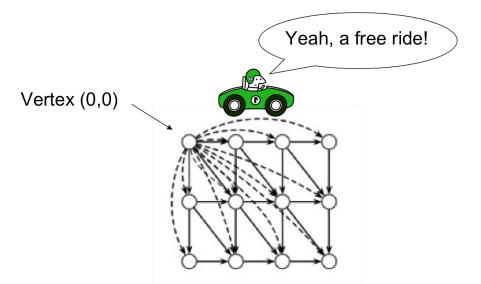
Long run time $O(n^4)$:

- In the grid of size n x n there are $O(n^2)$ vertices (i_1, j_1) that may serve as a source.
- For each such vertex computing alignments from (i_1, j_1) to (i_2, j_2) takes $O(n^2)$ time.

Local Alignment with Free Rides



• Key Ideas: Add extra edges to our graph, consider all scores in matrix



- The dashed edges represent a *free ride* from (0,0) to any other node
- The largest value of s_{i,j} over the *whole score matrix* is the end point of the best local alignment (instead of s_{n,m})



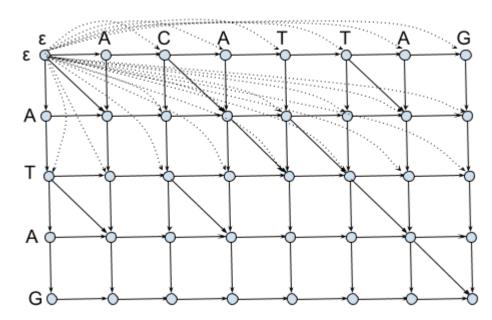
$$s_{i,j} = max \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ s_{i-1,j-1} + \delta(v_i, w_j) \\ s_{i-1,j} + \delta(v_i, -) \\ s_{i,j-1} + \delta(-, w_j) \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice there is only this small change from the original recurrence of a Global Alignment

- The zero is our free ride that allows the node to restart with a score of 0 at any point
 - What does this imply?
- After solving for the entire score matrix, we then search for si,j with the highest score, this is (i_2, j_2)
- We follow our back tracking matrix until we reach a *score* of 0, whose coordinate becomes (i_1, i_1)

Smith-Waterman Local Alignment

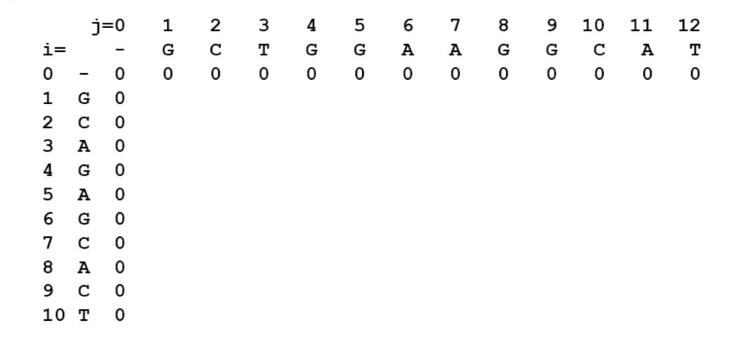




Key Idea: Add edges from the source to any intersection. These free rides might be better than any other path reaching an intersection.



Local Alignment Example









	0	G	С	т	G	G	А	A	G	G	С	A	т
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	0	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	0
С	0	0	10	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	10	3	0
А	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	3	15	8
G	0	5	0	0	11	5	0	2	11	5	0	8	11
А	0	0	1	0	4	7	10	5	4	7	1	5	4
G	0	5	0	0	5	9	3	6	10	9	3	0	1
С	0	0	10	3	0	2	5	0	3	6	14	7	0
А	0	0	3	6	0	0	7	10	3	0	7	19	12
С	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	3	6	0	5	12	15
т	0	0	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	17

- Once the matrix is filled in we find the best alignment
- Rather than using the score of the last entry as we did for a global alignment, we search for the entire matrix for the maximum entry (*O*(*m n*) steps)



	0	G	С	т	G	G	А	А	G	G	С	А	т
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	0	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	0
С	0	0	10	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	10	3	0
Α	0	0	3	6	0	0	6	•6	0	0	3	15	8
G	0	5	0	0	11	5	0	2	11	5	0	8	11
Α	0	0	1	0	4	7	10	5	4	7	1	5	4
G	0	5	0	0	5	9	3	6	10	9 -	3	0	1
С	0	0	10	3	0	2	5	0	3	6	14	7	0
Α	0	0	3	6	0	0	7	10	3	0	7	1-9	12
С	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	3	6	0	5	12	15
т	0	0	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	17

Match = 5, Mismatch = -4, Indel = -7

• From the largest score attained, then backtrack from there until a beginning "0" is reached to find the alignment.



GCTGGAAGG-GCAT | | | | | GCAGAGCACT

6 matches: 6 × 5 = 30 1 mismatch: -4 1 indel: -7 Total: 19

Local Alignment Code



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In [11]: import numpy
         def LocalAlign(v, w, scorematrix, indel):
             s = numpy.zeros((len(v)+1,len(w)+1), dtype="int32")
             b = numpy.zeros((len(v)+1,len(w)+1), dtype="int32")
             for i in range(1, len(v)+1):
                 for j in range(1, len(w)+1):
                      if (j == 0):
                          if (i > 0):
                              s[i,j] = max(s[i-1,j] + indel, 0)
                              b[i, j] = 1
                          continue
                      if (i == 0):
                          s[i,j] = max(s[i,j-1] + indel, 0)
                          b[i, j] = 2
                          continue
                      score = s[i-1,j-1] + scorematrix[v[i-1],w[j-1]]
                      vskip = s[i-1, j] + indel
                      wskip = s[i,j-1] + indel
                      s[i,j] = max(vskip, wskip, score, 0)
                      if (s[i,j] == vskip):
                          b[i, j] = 1
                      elif (s[i,j] == wskip):
                          b[i, j] = 2
                      elif (s[i,j] == score):
                          b[i,j] = 3
                      else:
                          b[i,j] = 0
             return (s, b)
         match = {('A', 'A'): 5, ('A', 'C'): -4, ('A', 'G'): -4, ('A', 'T'): -4,
                   ('C', 'A'): -4, ('C', 'C'): 5, ('C', 'G'): -4, ('C', 'T'): -4,
                  ('G', 'A'): -4, ('G', 'C'): -4, ('G', 'G'): 5, ('G', 'T'): -4,
                  ('T', 'A'): -4, ('T', 'C'): -4, ('T', 'G'): -4, ('T', 'T'): 5}
         v = "GCTGGAAGGCAT"
         W = "GCAGAGCACT"
         s, b = LocalAlign(v,w,match,-7)
         print(s)
         print()
         print(b)
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Scoring Indels: Naive Approach



ATCTTCAGCCATAAAAGATGAAGTT ATCTTCAGCCAAAGATGAAGTT Reference 3 base deletion relative to the reference

ATCTTCAGCC <mark></mark> AAAGATGAAGTT
ATCTTCAGCCA <mark></mark> AAGATGAAGTT
ATCTTCAGCCA <mark></mark> A <mark>-</mark> AGATGAAGTT
ATCTTCAGCCA <mark>-</mark> AA <mark></mark> GATGAAGTT
ATCTTCAGCCA <mark>-</mark> A <mark>-</mark> A-GATGAAGTT

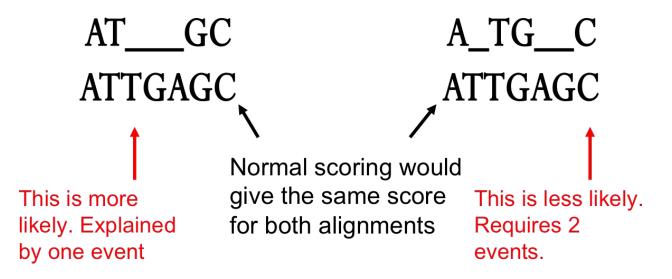
ATCTTCAGCCATA<mark>TGTG</mark>AAAGATGAAGTT 4 base insertion

version 1 version 2 version 3 version 4 version 5

- A fixed penalty σ is given to every indel:
 - \circ - σ for 1 indel,
 - \circ -2σ for 2 consecutive indels
 - \circ -3σ for 3 consecutive indels, etc.
- Can be too severe penalty for a series of 100 consecutive indels
 - large insertions or deletions might result from a single event

Affine Gap Penalties

In nature, a series of k indels often come as a single, albeit rare, event rather than as a series of muliple events





Accounting for Gaps

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- Gaps- contiguous sequence of indels in a row
- Modify the scoring for a gap of length x to be:

 $-(\rho + \sigma x)$

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

 ρ = gap opening penalty

• and σ is the cost of extending it further (ρ + σ >> σ):

 σ = gap extension penalty

• because you do not want to add too much of a penalty for further extending the gap, once it is opened.



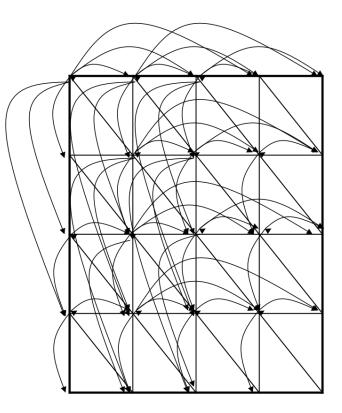
Adding Affine Gap Penalties to our Graph

- 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

-ρ - χ·σ

- There are many such edges!
- Adding them to the graph increases the running time of the alignment algorithm by a factor of n (where n is the number of vertices)
- So the complexity increases from $O(n^2)$ to $O(n^3)$

Can we do it some other way?



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Adding Two More Tables

Affine Gap penalties can be more easily expressed in terms of 3 recurrences

Keep track of these intermediate values in two new tables

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{i,j}{\overset{}} = \begin{cases} t_{i-1,j} - \sigma \\ max \end{cases} \begin{cases} t_{i-1,j} - \sigma \\ s_{i-1,j} - (\rho + \sigma) \end{cases} \\ & u_{i,j} = \\ max \end{cases} \begin{cases} u_{i,j-1} - \sigma \\ s_{i,j-1} - (\rho + \sigma) \end{cases} \\ & s_{i,j} = \\ s_{i,j} = \\ max \end{cases} \begin{cases} s_{i-1,j-1} + \delta (v_{i}, w_{j}) \\ t_{i,j} \\ u_{i,j} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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

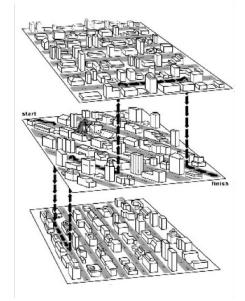
Continue Gap in *v* (insertion) Start Gap in *v* (insertion):from middle

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



A 3-level Manhattan Grid





Gaps in w (t-table)

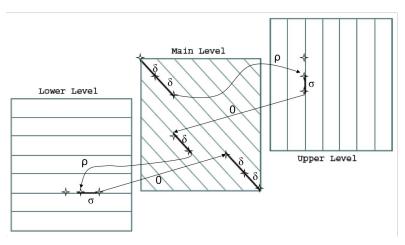
Matches/Mismatches (s-table)

Gaps in v (u-table)

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



Switching between Layers



- Levels:
 - The main level is for diagonal edges
 - The lower level is for horizontal edges
 - The upper 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 (- ρ σ)
- There is a gap extension penalty for each continuation on a level other than the main level $(-\sigma)$

Multiple versus Pairwise Alignment

- Up until now we have only tried to align two sequences.
- What about more than two? And why?
- A faint similarity between two sequences becomes significant if present in many
- Multiple alignments can reveal subtle similarities that pairwise alignments do not reveal









Generalizing Pairwise Alignment



- Alignment of 2 sequences is represented as a 2-row matrix
- In a similar way, we represent alignment of 3 sequences as a 3-row matrix

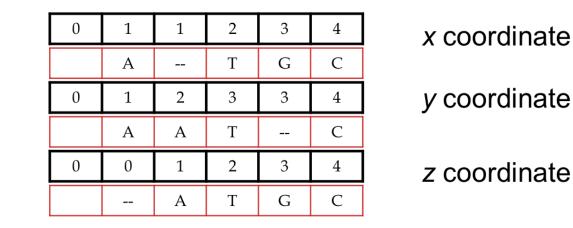
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• Score: more conserved columns, better alignment

Three-D Alignment Paths



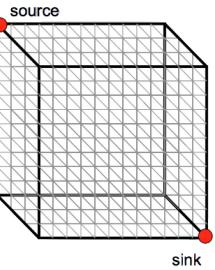
• An alignment of 3 sequences: ATGC, AATC, ATGC



- Resulting path in (x,y,z) space: $(0,0,0) \rightarrow (1,1,0) \rightarrow (1,2,1) \rightarrow (2,3,2) \rightarrow (3,3,3) \rightarrow (4,4,4)$
- Is there a better one?

Aligning Three Sequences



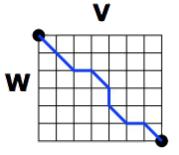


- Same strategy as aligning two sequences
- Use a 3-D "Manhattan Cube", with each axis representing a sequence to align
- For global alignments, go from source to sink

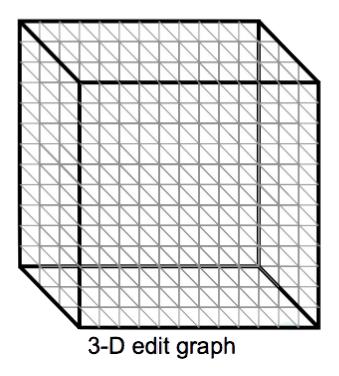


2-sequence vs 3-sequence Alignment

- In a 2-D grid there are 3 approaches to each intersection
- I'm now ignoring
 - Free-passes
 - \circ Affine jumps
- How about 3-D?
- How does this impact our recurrence relations?

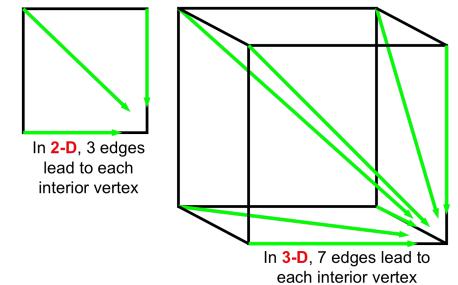


2-D edit graph



A 2-D versus a 3-D neighborhood





- 2-D $[(i-1,j-1), (i-1,j), (i,j-1)] \rightarrow (i,j)$ (3 directions)
- 3-D $[(i-1,j-1,k-1), (i-1,j,k), (i,j-1,k), (i,j,k-1), (i,j-1,k-1), (i-1,j,k-1), (i-1,j-1,k),] \rightarrow (i,j,k)$ (7 directions)
- N-D (2^N -1 directions)

Structure of a 3-D Alignment Cell



There are three path types

(i-1,j,k-1)(i-1,j-1,k-1)1. Consume a character (*i*-1,*j*-1,*k*) (i-1, j, k)in all 3 sequences 1- Match/Mismatch (diagonal "red" edge) Path in 3 seqs 6 – indels paths 2. Consumes characters in 3 in one seq 2 of 3 sequences 3 in two seqs ("blue" diagonals on faces) 3. Consuumes a character from (i,j,k-1 only one sequence (i,j-1,k-1)("green" edges" (i,j,k) (i, j-1, k)

Multiple Alignment: Recursion Relation



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$$s_{i,j,k} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{i-1,j-1,k-1} + \delta(v_i, w_j, u_k) \\ s_{i-1,j-1,k} + \delta(v_i, w_j, \ldots) \\ s_{i-1,j,k-1} + \delta(v_i, \ldots, u_k) \\ s_{i,j-1,k-1} + \delta(\ldots, w_j, u_k) \\ s_{i,j-1,k} + \delta(\ldots, w_j, u_k) \\ s_{i,j-1,k} + \delta(\ldots, w_j, \ldots) \\ s_{i,j,k-1} + \delta(\ldots, w_j, \ldots) \\ s_{i,j,k-1} + \delta(\ldots, u_k) \end{array} \right\}$$
 cube diagonal: no indels

• $\delta(x, y, z)$ is an entry in the 3-D scoring matrix

Scoring matrix has 5³ entries

Multiple Alignment: Running Time



- For 3 sequences of length n, the run time is $7n^3$; $O(n^3)$
- For k sequences, build a k-dimensional Manhattan, with run time $(2^{k}-1)(n^{k})$; $O(2^{k}n^{k})$
- Conclusion: dynamic programming approach for alignment between two sequences is easily extended to k sequences but it is impractical due to exponential running time

Example:

To align 6, 100-base sequences, there are 63 directions to consider and 10^{12} cells to compute Compare to aligning all 6(5-1)/2 = 15 pairs, each with 3 directions and 10,000 cells

Multiple Alignment Induces Pairwise Alignments

Every multiple alignment induces pairwise alignments

- x: AC-GCGG-C
- y: AC-GC-GAG
- z: GCCGC-GAG

Induces:

x: ACGCGG-C; x: AC-GCGG-C; y: AC-GCGAG y: ACGC-GAC; z: GCCGC-GAG; z: GCCGCGAG



Inverse Problem



Do Pairwise Alignments imply a Multiple Alignment?

- Given 3 arbitrary pairwise alignments:
 - x: ACGCTGG-C;x: AC-GCTGG-C;y: AC-GC-GAGy: ACGC--GAC;z: GCCGCA-GAG;z: GCCGCAGAG
- Can we construct a multiple alignment that induces them?

NOT ALWAYS

• Why? Because pairwise alignments can be arbitrarily inconsistent

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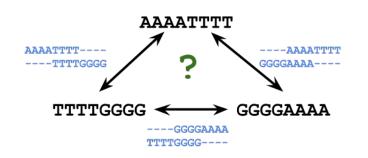
Combining Optimal Pairwise Alignments

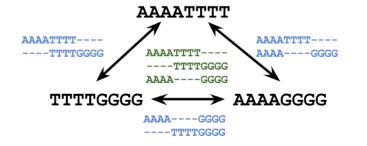
- In some cases we can combine pairwise alignments into a single multiple alignment
- But, in others we cannot because one alignment makes a choice that is inconsistent with the overall best choice

AAAATTTT----------TTTTGGGG---- -OR------GGGGAAAA

Is there another way?

----AAAATTTT---------TTTTGGGG GGGGAAAA-----







Multiple Alignment from Pairwise Alignments



- From an optimal multiple alignment, we can infer pairwise alignments between all pairs of sequences, but they are not necessarily optimal
- It is difficult to infer a "good" multiple alignment from optimal pairwise alignments between all sequences
- Are we stuck, or is there some other trick?



Multiple Alignment using a Profile Scores

• We used profile scores earlier when we discussed Motif finding

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- Thus far we have aligned sequences against other sequences
- Can we align a sequence against a profile?
- Can we align a profile against a profile?

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Aligning Alignments

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A more general version of the multi-alignment problem:

- Given two alignments, can we align them?
 - x: GGGCACTGCAT
 - y: GGTTACGTC-- Alignment 1
 - z: GGGAACTGCAG
 - w: GGACGTACC-- Alignment 2
 - v: GGACCT----
- Idea: don't use the sequences, but align their profiles
 - x: GGGCAC=TGCAT
 - y: GGTTAC=GTC--
 - z: GGGAAC=TGCAG Combined Alignment

 - w: GG==ACGTACC--
 - v: GG==ACCT----

Profile-Based Multiple Alignment: A Greedy Approach



- Choose the *most similar pair* of strings and combine them into a profile, thereby reducing alignment of *k* sequences to an alignment of of *k*-1 sequences/profiles.
- Repeat
- This is a heuristic *greedy* method

$$k \begin{cases} u_1 = ACGTACGTACGT... & u_1 = ACg/tTACg/tTACg/cT... \\ u_2 = TTAATTAATTAA... & u_2 = TTAATTAATTAA... \\ u_3 = ACTACTACTACT... & ... \\ ... & u_k = CCGGCCGGCCGG \\ & u_k = CCGGCCGGCCGGC \\ & u_k = CCGGCCGGCCGG \\ & u_k = CCGGCCGGCCGGC \\ & u_k = CCGGCCGGCCGG \\ & u_k = CCGGCCGGCCGG \\ & u_k = CCGGCCGGCCGGC \\ & u_k = CCGGCCG$$

Example



• Consider these 4 sequences

s1:	GATTCA
s2:	GTCTGA
s3:	GATATT
s4:	GTCAGC

• with the scoring matrix: {Match = 1, Mismatch = -1, Indel = -1}

Example (continued)



- There are 4 choose 2 = 6 possible pairwise alignments
 - s₂: GTCTGA s₁: GATTCA--
 - s_4 : GTCAGC (score = 2) s_4 : G-T-CAGC (score = 0)
 - s₁: GAT-TCA s₂: G-TCTGA
 - s_2 : G-TCTGA (score = 1) s_3 : GATAT-T (score = -1)
 - s_1 : GAT-TCA s_3 : GAT-ATT s_2 : GATAT-T (score = 1) s_4 : G-TCAGC (score = -1)

• The best pairwise score, 2, is between s_2 and s_4

Example (continued)

- Combine s2 and s4:
 - s2: G T C T G A $| | | | | \rightarrow s2,4$: G T C t/a G a/c s4: G T C A G C
- Giving a set of three sequences:
 - s1 : G A T T C A s3 : G A T A T T s2,4: G T C t/a G a/c
- **Repeat** for 3 choose 2 = 3 possible pairwise alignments

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s1 : GAT-TCA

s3 : GATAT-T (score = 1 + 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 - 1 = 1)

s1 : GAT-TCA

s2,4: G-TCtGa (score = 2 - 2 + 2 - 2 + \frac{1}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{2} = 0)

s3 : GATAT-T

s2,4: G-TCtGa (score = 2 - 2 + 2 - 2 + \frac{1}{2} - 1 - 1 = -\frac{1}{2})
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Next Time

- Dynamic Programming allowed us to save time but cost us a lot of space (i.e. align 2 sequences each 10,000 bp long)
- Alignment algorithm strategies to save space
- Divide and Conquer



