Lecture 24: Randomized Algorithms

Chapter 12

Randomized Algorithms

- Randomized algorithms incorporate random, rather than deterministic, decisions
- Commonly used in situations where no exact and/or fast algorithm is known
- Main advantage is that no input can reliably produce worst-case results because the algorithm runs differently each time.

Select

- **Select(L, k)** finds the k^{th} smallest element in L
- Select(L,1) find the smallest…
  - Well known O(n) algorithm

```
minv = HUGE
for v in L:
    if (v < minv):
        minv = v
```

- Select(L, len(L)/2) find the median…
  - How?
  - median = sorted(L)[len(L)/2] → O(n logn)
- Can we find medians, or 1^{st} quartiles in O(n)?

Select Recursion

- **Select(L, k)** finds the k^{th} smallest element in **L**
  - Select an element *m* from unsorted list **L** and partition L the array into two smaller lists:

$$\mathbf{L}_{lo} \text{ - elements smaller than } m$$

and

$$\mathbf{L}_{hi} \text{ - elements larger than } m.$$

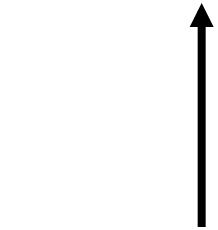
- If len($\mathbf{L}_{lo}$) > k then
  Select($\mathbf{L}_{lo}$, k)
- else if k > len($\mathbf{L}_{lo}$) + 1 then
  Select($\mathbf{L}_{hi}$, k - len($\mathbf{L}_{lo}$) - 1)
- else *m* is the k^{th} smallest element

Example of Select(L, 5)

Given an array: **L** = { 6, 3, 2, 8, 4, 5, 1, 7, 0, 9 }

Step 1: Choose the first element as *m*

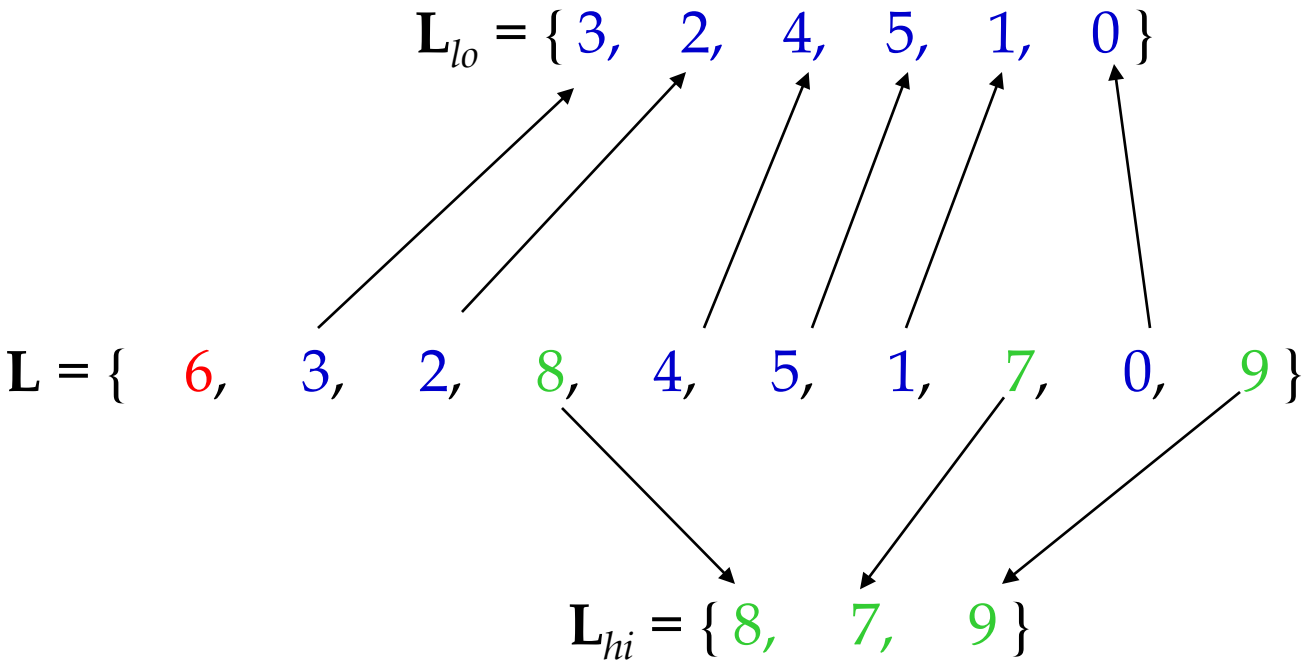
L = { 6, 3, 2, 8, 4, 5, 1, 7, 0, 9 }



Our Selection

Example of Select(cont'd)

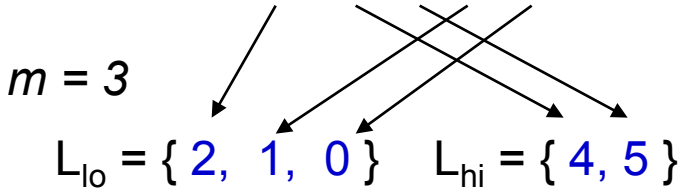
Step 2: Split the array into $\mathbf{L}_{lo}$ and $\mathbf{L}_{hi}$



Example of Select(cont'd)

Step 3: Recursively call Select on either $\mathbf{L}_{lo}$ or $\mathbf{L}_{hi}$ until len($\mathbf{L}_{lo}$) = k, then return *m*.

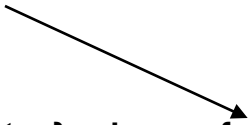
len(L_{lo}) > k = 5 → Select({ 3, 2, 4, 5, 1, 0 }, 5)



m = 3

L_{lo} = { 2, 1, 0 } L_{hi} = { 4, 5 }

k = 5 > len(L_{lo}) +1 → Select({4, 5 }, 5 - 3 - 1)



m = 4

L_{lo} = { empty }, L_{hi} = { 5 }

k = 1 == len(L_{lo}) + 1 → return 4

Select Code

```
def select(L, k):
    value = L[0]
    Llo = [t for t in data if t < value]
    Lhi = [t for t in data if t > value]
    below = len(Llo) + 1
    if (k < len(Llo)):
        return select(Llo, k)
    elif (k > below):
        return select(Lhi, k - below)
    else:
        return value
```

Select Analysis with Good Splits

- Runtime depends on our selection of *m*:

  - A good selection will split **L** evenly such that

$$|\mathbf{L}_{lo}| = |\mathbf{L}_{hi}| = |\mathbf{L}|/2$$

  - The recurrence relation is:

$$T(n) = T(n/2)$$

- $n + n/2 + n/4 + n/8 + n/16 + \ldots = 2n \rightarrow O(n)$

Select Analysis with Bad Splits

However, a poor selection will split **L** unevenly and in the worst case, all elements will be greater or less than *m* so that one Sublist is full and the other is empty.

For a poor selection, the recurrence relation is

$$T(n) = T(n\text{-}1)$$

In this case, the runtime is $O(n^2)$.

Our dilemma:

$O(n)$ or $O(n^2)$,

depending on the list… or $O(n \log n)$ independent of it

Select Analysis (cont'd)

- Select seems risky compared to sort
- To improve Select, we need to choose m to give good 'splits'
- It can be proven that to achieve O(n) running time, we don't need a perfect splits, just reasonably good ones.
- In fact, if both subarrays are at least of size $n/4$, then running time will be O(n).
- This implies that half of the choices of m make good splitters.

A Randomized Approach

- To improve Select, ***randomly*** select m.
- Since half of the elements will be good splitters, if we choose m at random we will get a 50% chance that m will be a good choice.
- This approach will make sure that no matter what input is received, the expected running time is small.

Randomized Select

```
def randomizedSelect(L, k):
    value = random.choice(L)
    Llo = [t for t in data if t < value]
    Lhi = [t for t in data if t > value]
    below = len(Llo) + 1
    if (k < len(Llo)):
        return randomizedSelect(Llo, k)
    elif (k > below):
        return randomizedSelect(Lhi, k-below)
    else:
        return value
```

RandomizedSelect Analysis

- Worst case runtime: $O(n^2)$
- ***Expected runtime***: $O(n)$.
- Expected runtime is a good measure of the performance of randomized algorithms, often more informative than worst case runtimes.
- Worst case runtimes are rarely repeated
- RandomizedSelect always returns the correct answer, which offers a way to classify Randomized Algorithms.

Two Types of Randomized Algorithms

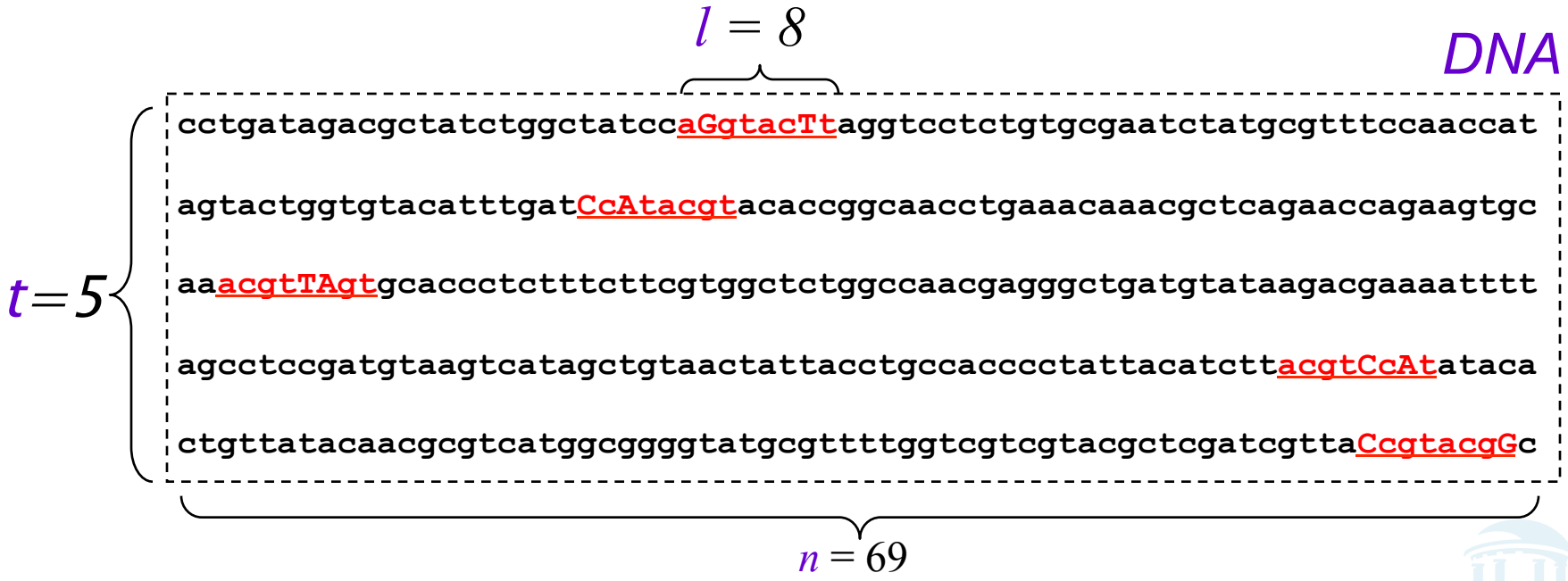
- **Las Vegas Algorithms –** always produce the correct solution (i.e. randomizedSelect)

- **Monte Carlo Algorithms –** do not always return the correct solution.

- Las Vegas Algorithms are always preferred, but they are often hard to come by.

The Motif Finding Problem

Motif Finding Problem: Given a list of t sequences each of length n, find the "best" pattern of length l that appears in each of the t sequences.



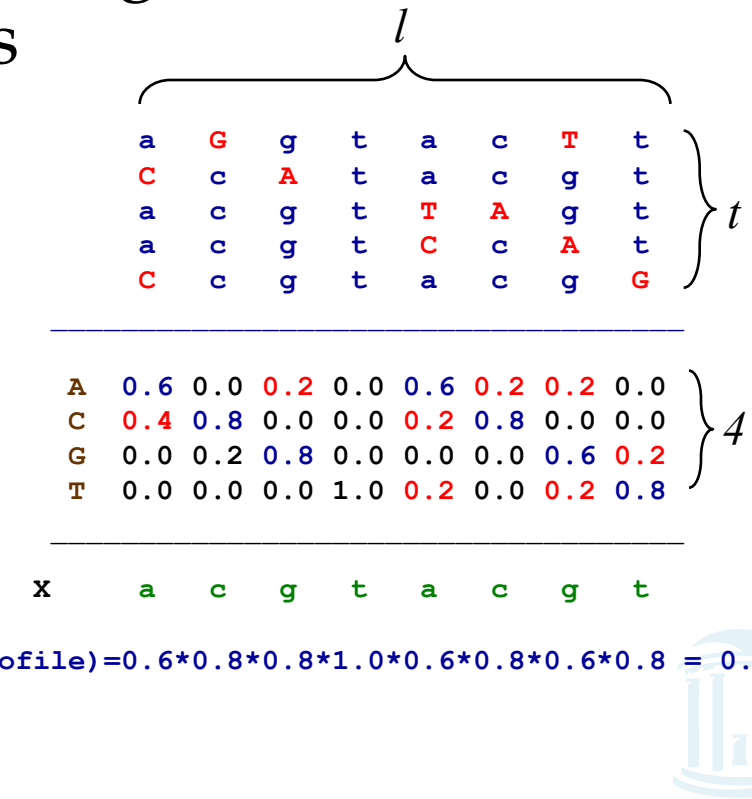
A New Motif Finding Approach

- **Motif Finding Problem**: Given a list of t sequences each of length n, find the "best" pattern of length l that appears in each of the t sequences.
- **Previously:** we solved the Motif Finding Problem using a Branch and Bound or a Greedy technique.
- **Now**: **randomly** select possible locations and find a way to greedily change those locations until we converge to the hidden motif.

Profiles Revisited

- Let **s** = (s_1,…,s_t) be the starting positions for *l*-mers in our *t* sequences.
- The substrings corresponding to these starting positions will form:

  - *t* x *l* ***alignment matrix***
  - 4 x *l* ***profile matrix****



* Note that we now define the profile matrix in terms of frequency, not counts as in Lecture 5.

Scoring Strings with a Profile

- Let l-mer $\mathbf{a} = a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots a_l$
- $P(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{P})$ is defined as the probability that an l-mer **a** was created by the Profile **P**.
- If **a** is very similar to the consensus string of **P** then $P(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{P})$ will be high
- If **a** is very different, then $P(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{P})$ will be low.

$$Prob(\mathbf{a} \mid \mathbf{P}) = \prod_{i=1}^{l} p(a_i, i)$$

Scoring Strings with a Profile (cont'd)

Given a profile: **P** =

A	1/2	7/8	3/8	0	1/8	0
C	1/8	0	1/2	5/8	3/8	0
T	1/8	1/8	0	0	1/4	7/8
G	1/4	0	1/8	3/8	1/4	1/8

The probability of the consensus string:

Prob(**aaacct**|**P**) = ???

Scoring Strings with a Profile (cont'd)

Given a profile: **P** =

A	**1/2**	**7/8**	**3/8**	0	1/8	0
C	1/8	0	1/2	**5/8**	**3/8**	0
T	1/8	1/8	0	0	1/4	**7/8**
G	1/4	0	1/8	3/8	1/4	1/8

The probability of the consensus string:

Prob(**aaacct**|**P**) = 1/2 x 7/8 x 3/8 x 5/8 x 3/8 x 7/8 = .033646

Scoring Strings with a Profile (cont'd)

Given a profile: **P** =

A	**1/2**	7/8	**3/8**	0	**1/8**	0
C	1/8	0	1/2	**5/8**	3/8	0
T	1/8	**1/8**	0	0	1/4	7/8
G	1/4	0	1/8	3/8	1/4	**1/8**

The probability of the consensus string:

Prob(**aaacct**|**P**) = 1/2 x 7/8 x 3/8 x 5/8 x 3/8 x 7/8 = .033646

Probability of a different string:

Prob(**atacag**|**P**) = 1/2 x 1/8 x 3/8 x 5/8 x 1/8 x 1/8 = .001602

P-Most Probable *l*-mer

- Define the **P**-most probable *l*-mer from a sequence as an *l*-mer in that sequence which has the highest probability of being created from the profile **P**.

P =

A	1/2	7/8	3/8	0	1/8	0
C	1/8	0	1/2	5/8	3/8	0
T	1/8	1/8	0	0	1/4	7/8
G	1/4	0	1/8	3/8	1/4	1/8

Given a sequence = ctataaaccttacatc, find the P-most probable *l*-mer

P-Most Probable *l*-mer (cont'd)

A	1/2	7/8	3/8	0	1/8	0
C	1/8	0	1/2	5/8	3/8	0
T	1/8	1/8	0	0	1/4	7/8
G	1/4	0	1/8	3/8	1/4	1/8

Find the *Prob*(**a**|**P**) of every possible 6-mer:

First try: **c t a t a a a c c t t a c a t c**

Second try: **c t a t a a a c c t t a c a t c**

Third try: **c t a t a a a c c t t a c a t c**

-Continue this process to evaluate every possible 6-mer

P-Most Probable *l*-mer (cont'd)

Compute *prob*(**a**|**P**) for every possible 6-mer:

String, Highlighted in Red	Calculations	*prob*(**a** | **P**)
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 1/8 x 3/8 x 0 x 1/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 7/8 x 0 x 0 x 1/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 1/8 x 3/8 x 0 x 1/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 7/8 x 3/8 x 0 x 3/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 7/8 x 3/8 x 5/8 x 3/8 x 7/8	.0336
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 7/8 x 1/2 x 5/8 x 1/4 x 7/8	.0299
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 0 x 1/2 x 0 1/4 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 0 x 0 x 0 x 0 x 1/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 1/8 x 0 x 0 x 3/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 1/8 x 3/8 x 5/8 x 1/8 x 7/8	.0004

P-Most Probable *l*-mer (cont'd)

P-Most Probable 6-mer in the sequence is aaacct:

String, Highlighted in Red	Calculations	*Prob*(**a** | **P**)
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 1/8 x 3/8 x 0 x 1/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 7/8 x 0 x 0 x 1/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 1/8 x 3/8 x 0 x 1/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 7/8 x 3/8 x 0 x 3/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	**1/2 x 7/8 x 3/8 x 5/8 x 3/8 x 7/8**	**.0336**
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 7/8 x 1/2 x 5/8 x 1/4 x 7/8	.0299
ctataaaccttacat	1/2 x 0 x 1/2 x 0 1/4 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 0 x 0 x 0 x 0 x 1/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 1/8 x 0 x 0 x 3/8 x 0	0
ctataaaccttacat	1/8 x 1/8 x 3/8 x 5/8 x 1/8 x 7/8	.0004

P-Most Probable *l*-mer (cont'd)

aaacct is the **P**-most probable 6-mer in:

ctataaaccttacatc

because *Prob*(**aaacct|P**) = .0336 is greater than the *Prob*(**a|P**) of any other 6-mer in the sequence.

Dealing with Zeroes

- In our toy example *prob*(**a | P**)=0 in many cases. In practice, there will be enough sequences so that the number of elements in the profile with a frequency of zero is small.
- To avoid many entries with *prob*(**a | P**)=0, there exist techniques to equate zero to a very small number so that one zero does not make the entire probability of a string zero (assigning a *prior* probability, we will not address these techniques here).

P-Most Probable *l*-mers in Many Sequences

- Find the **P**-most probable *l*-mer in each of the "t" sequences.

P=

A	1/2	7/8	3/8	0	1/8	0
C	1/8	0	1/2	5/8	3/8	0
T	1/8	1/8	0	0	1/4	7/8
G	1/4	0	1/8	3/8	1/4	1/8

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ctataaacgttacatc
atagcgattcgactg
cagcccagaaccct
cggtataccttacatc
tgcattcaatagctta
tatcctttccactcac
ctccaaatcctttaca
ggtcatcctttatcct
```

P-Most Probable *l*-mers in Many Sequences (cont'd)

1	a	a	a	c	g	t
2	a	t	a	g	c	g
3	a	a	c	c	c	t
4	g	a	a	c	c	t
5	a	t	a	g	c	t
6	g	a	c	c	t	g
7	a	t	c	c	t	t
8	t	a	c	c	t	t
A	5/8	5/8	4/8	0	0	0
C	0	0	4/8	6/8	4/8	0
T	1/8	3/8	0	0	3/8	6/8
G	2/8	0	0	2/8	1/8	2/8

ctataaacgttacatc

atagcgattcgactg

cagcccagaaccct

cggtgaaccttacatc

tgcattcaatagctta

tgtcctgtccactcac

ctccaaatcctttaca

ggtctacctttatcct

P-Most Probable *l*-mers form a new profile

Comparing New and Old Profiles

1	a	a	a	c	g	t
2	a	t	a	g	c	g
3	a	a	c	c	c	t
4	g	a	a	c	c	t
5	a	t	a	g	c	t
6	g	a	c	c	t	g
7	a	t	c	c	t	t
8	t	a	c	c	t	t
A	5/8	5/8	4/8	0	0	0
C	0	0	4/8	6/8	4/8	0
T	1/8	3/8	0	0	3/8	6/8
G	2/8	0	0	2/8	1/8	2/8

A	**1/2**	**7/8**	**3/8**	**0**	**1/8**	**0**
C	**1/8**	**0**	**1/2**	**5/8**	**3/8**	**0**
T	**1/8**	**1/8**	**0**	**0**	**1/4**	**7/8**
G	**1/4**	**0**	**1/8**	**3/8**	**1/4**	**1/8**

Red – frequency increased, Blue – frequency decreased

Greedy Profile Motif Search

Use P-Most probable *l*-mers to adjust start positions until we reach a "best" profile; this is the motif.

1) Select random starting positions.
3) Create a profile **P** from the substrings at these starting positions.
4) Find the **P**-most probable *l*-mer **a** in each sequence and change the starting position to the starting position of **a**.
5) Compute a new profile based on the new starting positions after each iteration and proceed until we cannot increase the score anymore.

GreedyProfileMotifSearch Algorithm

1. **GreedyProfileMotifSearch**(*DNA, t, n, l*)
2. Randomly select starting positions **s**=(s_1,…,s_t) from *DNA*
3. *bestScore* ← *0*
4. **while** Score(**s**, *DNA*) > *bestScore*
5. form profile **P** from **s**
6. *bestScore* ← Score(**s**, *DNA*)
7. **for** *i* ← *1* **to** *t*
8. Find a **P**–most probable *l*–mer **a** from the i^{th} sequence
9. s_i ← starting position of **a**
10. **return** *bestScore*

GreedyProfileMotifSearch Analysis

- Since we choose starting positions randomly, there is little chance that our guess will be close to an optimal motif, meaning it will take a very long time to find the optimal motif.
- It is unlikely that the random starting positions will lead us to the correct solution at all.
- In practice, this algorithm is run many times with the hope that random starting positions will be close to the optimum solution simply by chance.

Gibbs Sampling

- GreedyProfileMotifSearch is probably not the best way to find motifs.
- However, we can improve the algorithm by introducing **Gibbs Sampling**, an iterative procedure that discards one *l*-mer after each iteration and replaces it with a new one.
- Gibbs Sampling proceeds more slowly and chooses new *l*-mers at random increasing the odds that it will converge to the correct solution.

How Gibbs Sampling Works

1) Randomly choose starting positions
   s = (s_1,...,s_t) and form the set of l-mers associated with these starting positions.
2) Randomly choose one of the t sequences.
3) Create a profile **P** from the other t -1 sequences.
4) For each position in the removed sequence, calculate the probability that the l-mer starting at that position was generated by **P**.
5) Choose a new starting position for the removed sequence at random based on the probabilities calculated in step 4.
6) Repeat steps 2-5 until there is no improvement

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

Input:

t = 5 sequences, motif length l = 8

1. GTAAACAATATTTATAGC
2. AAAATTTACCTCGCAAGG
3. CCGTACTGTCAAGCGTGG
4. TGAGTAAACGACGTCCCA
5. TACTTAACACCCTGTCAA

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

1) Randomly choose starting positions, $\boldsymbol{s}=(s_1,s_2,s_3,s_4,s_5)$ in the 5 sequences:

$s_1=7$	GTAAACAATATTTATAGC
$s_2=11$	AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG
$s_3=9$	CCGTACTGTCAAGCGTGG
$s_4=4$	TGAGTAAACGACGTCCCA
$s_5=1$	TACTTAACACCCTGTCAA

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

2) Choose one of the sequences at random:

Sequence 2: AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG

s_1=*7*	GTAAACAATATTTATAGC
s_2=*11*	AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG
s_3=*9*	CCGTACTGTCAAGCGTGG
s_4=*4*	TGAGTAAACGACGTCCCA
s_5=*1*	TACTTAACACCCTGTCAA

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

2) Choose one of the sequences at random:

Sequence 2: AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG

s_1=7 GTAAACAATATTTATAGC

s_3=9 CCGTACTGTCAAGCGTGG

s_4=4 TGAGTAAACGACGTCCCA

s_5=1 TACTTAACACCCTGTCAA

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

3) Create profile ***P*** from *l*-mers in remaining 4 sequences:

1	A	A	T	A	T	T	T	A
3	T	C	A	A	G	C	G	T
4	G	T	A	A	A	C	G	A
5	T	A	C	T	T	A	A	C
A	1/4	2/4	2/4	3/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	2/4
C	0	1/4	1/4	0	0	2/4	0	1/4
T	2/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	2/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
G	1/4	0	0	0	1/4	0	3/4	0
Consensus String	T	A	A	A	T	C	G	A

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

4) Calculate the *prob*(***a*** | ***P***) for every possible 8-mer in the removed sequence:

Strings Highlighted in Red	*prob*(**a** | **P**)
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	.000732
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	.000122
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	0
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	0
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	0
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	0
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	0
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	.000183
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	0
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	0
AAAATTTACCTTAGAAGG	0

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

5) Create a distribution of probabilities of l-mers $prob(\boldsymbol{a} \mid \boldsymbol{P})$, and randomly select a new starting position based on this distribution.

A) To create this distribution, divide each probability $prob(\boldsymbol{a} \mid \boldsymbol{P})$ by the total:

Starting Position 1: *prob(* AAAATTTA | P) = .706

Starting Position 2: *prob(* AAATTTAC | P) = .118

Starting Position 8: *prob(* ACCTTAGA | P) = .176

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

B) Select a new starting position at random according to computed distribution:

P(selecting starting position 1): .706
P(selecting starting position 2): .118
P(selecting starting position 8): .176

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t = random.random()
if (t < .706):
    # use position 1
elif (t < (.706 + .118)):
    # use position 2
else:
    # use position 8
```

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

Assume we select the substring with the highest probability – then we are left with the following new substrings and starting positions.

s_1=7	GTAAACAATATTTATAGC
s_2=1	AAAATTTACCTCGCAAGG
s_3=9	CCGTACTGTCAAGCGTGG
s_4=5	TGAGTAATCGACGTCCCA
s_5=1	TACTTCACACCCTGTCAA

Gibbs Sampling: an Example

6) We iterate the procedure again with the above starting positions until we cannot improve the score any more.

Gibbs Sampler in Practice

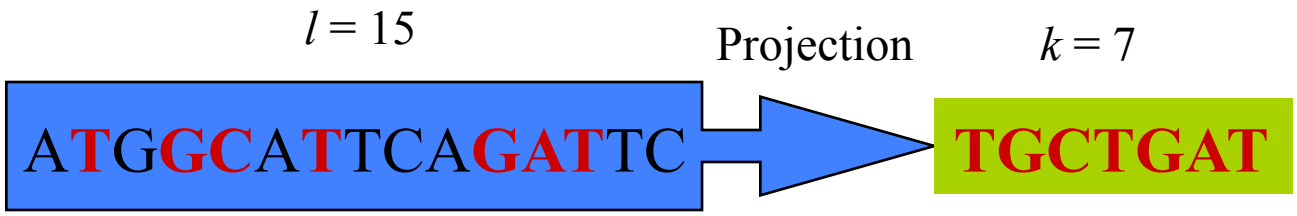
- Gibbs sampling needs to be modified when applied to samples with biased distributions of nucleotides (*relative entropy* approach).
- Gibbs sampling often converges to locally optimal motifs rather than globally optimal motifs.
- Must be run with many randomly chosen seeds to achieve good results.

Another Randomized Approach

- **Random Projection Algorithm** is a different way to solve the Motif Finding Problem.
- **Guiding principle:** Instances of a motif agree at a subset of positions.
- However, it is unclear how to find these "non-mutated" positions.
- To bypass the effect of mutations within a motif, we randomly select a subset of positions in the pattern creating a **projection** of the pattern.
- Search for that projection in a hope that the selected positions are not affected by mutations in most instances of the motif.

Projections

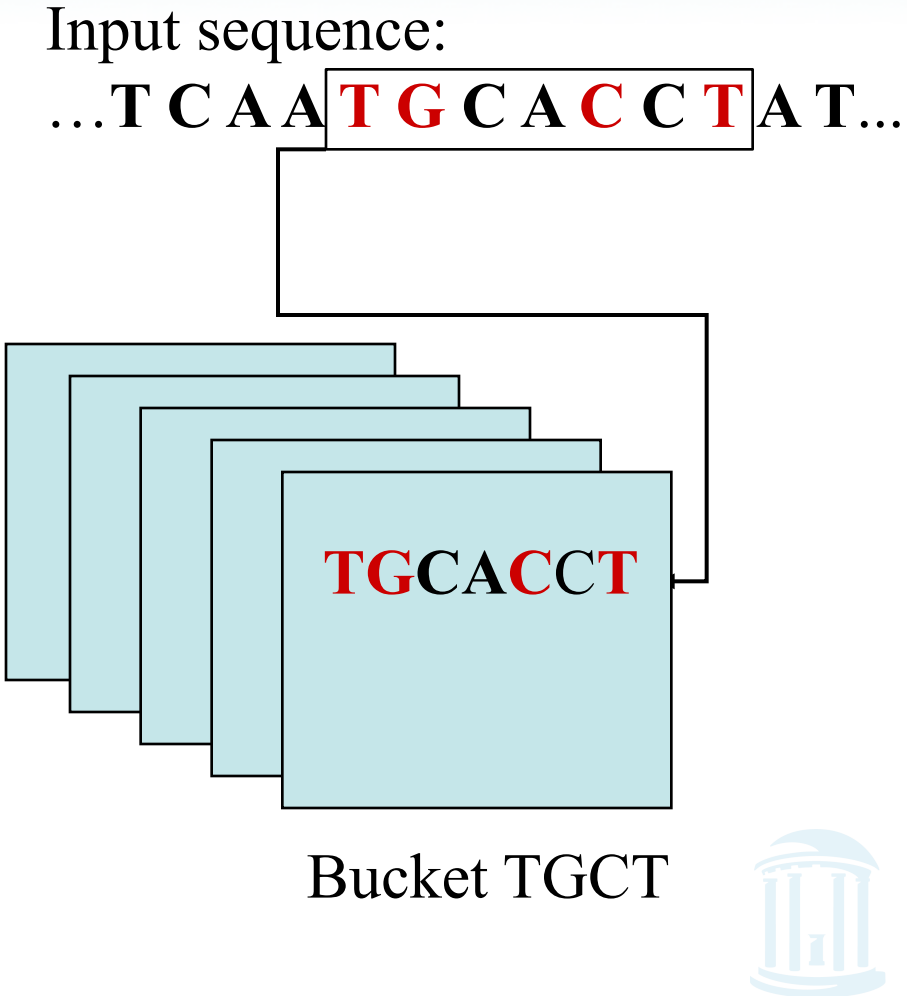
- Choose k positions in string of length l.
- Concatenate nucleotides at chosen k positions to form k-tuple.
- This can be viewed as a projection of l-dimensional space onto k-dimensional subspace.



Projection = (2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13)

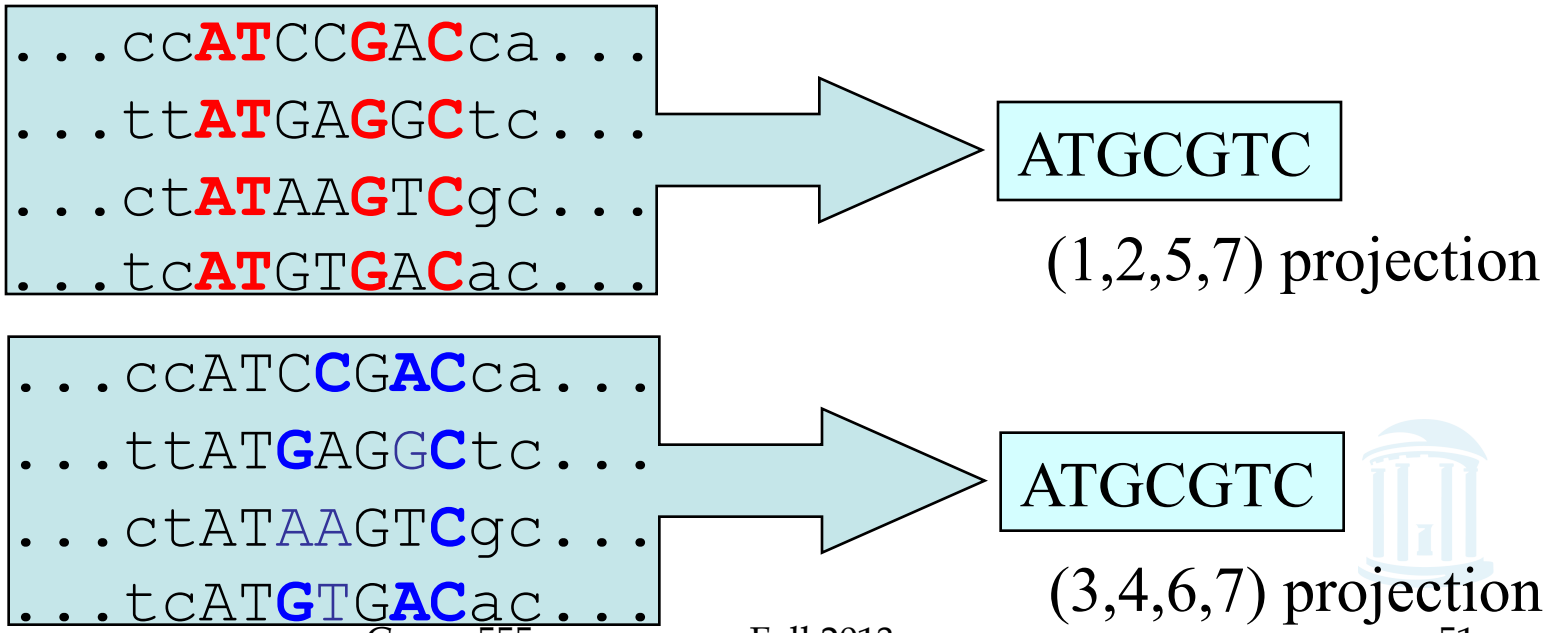
Random Projections Algorithm

- Select k out of l positions uniformly at random.
- For each l-tuple in input sequences, hash into buckets based on the k selected positions.
- Recover motif from ***enriched*** buckets that contain many l-tuples with at least one from each sequence.



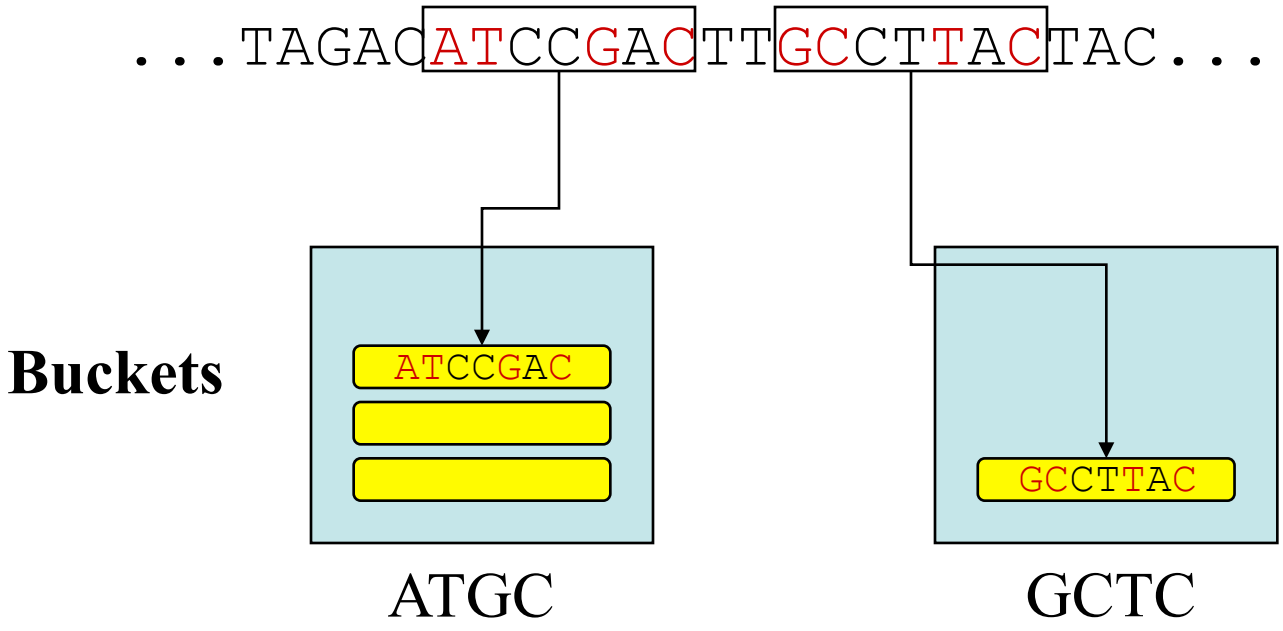
Random Projections Algorithm (cont'd)

- Some projections will fail to detect motifs but if we try many of them the probability that one of the buckets fills increases.
- In the example below, the bucket **GC*AC is "bad" while the bucket AT**G*C is "good"



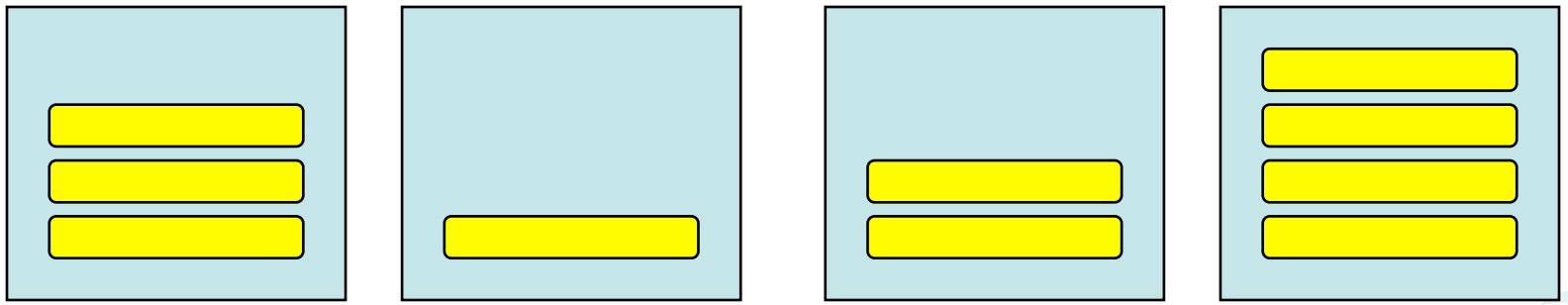
Example

- l = 7 (motif size) , k = 4 (projection size)
- Choose projection (1,2,5,7)



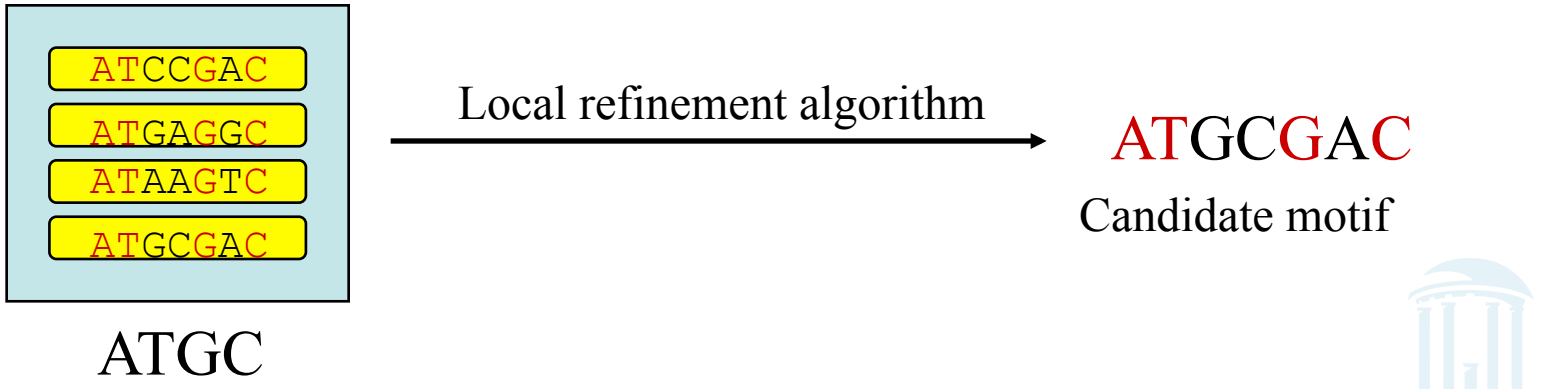
Hashing and Buckets

- Hash function *h(x)* obtained from *k* positions of projection.
- Buckets are labeled by values of *h(x)*.
- *Enriched buckets*: contain more than *s* *l*-tuples, for some parameter *s* with representatives from all sequences



Motif Refinement

- How do we recover the motif from the sequences in enriched buckets?
- *k* nucleotides are exact matches, (hash key of bucket).
- Use information in other *l*-*k* positions as starting point for local refinement scheme, e.g. Gibbs sampler.



Synergy between Random Projection and Gibbs Sampler

- Random Projection is a procedure for finding good starting points: every enriched bucket is a potential starting point.
- Feeding these starting points into existing algorithms (like Gibbs sampler) provides good local search in vicinity of every starting point.
- These algorithms work particularly well for "good" starting points.

Building Profiles from Buckets

ATGC

A	1	0	.25	.50	0	.50	0
C	0	0	.25	.25	0	0	1
G	0	0	.50	0	1	.25	0
T	0	1	0	.25	0	.25	0

Profile P

Gibbs sampler

Refined profile P*

Motif Refinement

- For each bucket h containing more than s sequences, form profile $\mathbf{P}(h)$

- Use Gibbs sampler algorithm with starting point $\mathbf{P}(h)$ to obtain refined profile $\mathbf{P}^*$

Random Projection Algorithm

A Single Iteration:

- Choose a random *k*-projection.
- Hash each *l*-mer *x* in input sequence into bucket labeled by *h*(x)
- From each enriched bucket (e.g., a bucket with more than *s* sequences), form profile **P** and perform Gibbs sampler motif refinement
- Candidate motif is best found by selecting the best motif among refinements of all enriched buckets.

Choosing Projection Size

- Projection size k

  - choose k small enough so that several motif instances hash to the same bucket.

  $$k << l, \qquad l / 2 < k < l - const$$

  - choose k large enough to avoid contamination by spurious l-mers:

  $$4^k >> t\,(n - l + 1)$$

It's Over

- Final 12/7
  - 12:00-3:00PM
  - This room: FB007

- COMP 790-087: Computational Genetics
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