Sequence Analysis

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2. Sequence comparison: from qualitative to quantitative methods
3. Deterministic methods: Dynamic programming
4. Heuristic methods: BLAST
5. Multiple Sequence Alignment

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    1. Biological sequences
    2. Homology vs analogy
    3. Homology: orthology and paralogy
    4. Applications

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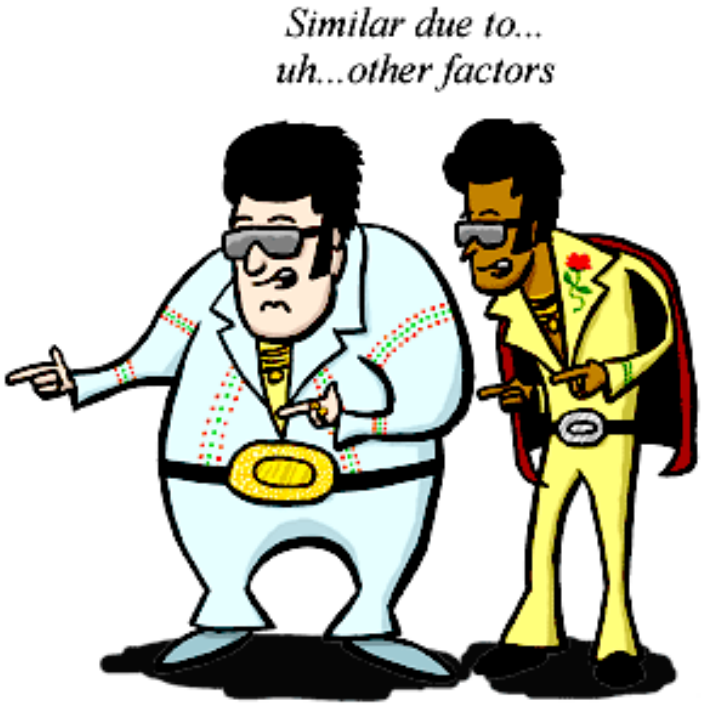
Similarity: Homology vs Analogy

Homology: Similarity in characteristics resulting from shared ancestry.

Analogy: The similarity of characteristics between two species that are not closely related; attributable to convergent evolution.

Two sisters: homologs



Two "Elvis": analogs

Homology: Orthologs and Paralogs

Homology:
Similarity in characteristics resulting from shared ancestry.

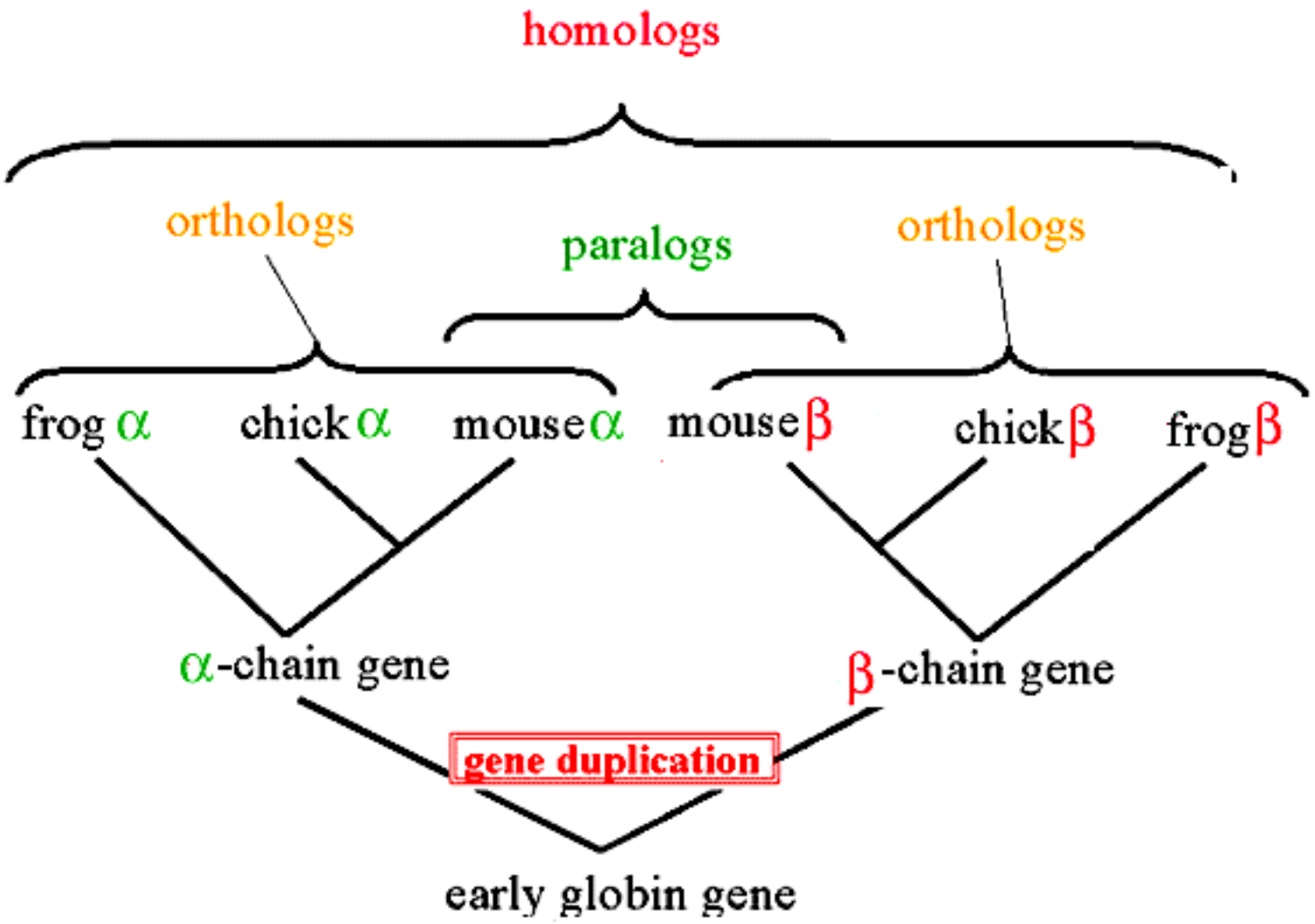
Paralogy:
Homologous sequences are paralogous if they were separated by a gene duplication event

Orthology:
Homologous sequences are orthologous if they were separated by a speciation event

Further reading:

Koonin EV (2005). "Orthologs, paralogs, and evolutionary genomics". Annu. Rev. Genet. 39:309-338.

Homology: Orthologs and Paralogs



Applications of Sequence Analysis

- Sequencing projects, assembly of sequence data
- Evolutionary history
- Identification of functional elements in sequences
- gene prediction
- Classification of proteins
- Comparative genomics
- RNA structure prediction
- Protein structure prediction
- Health Informatics

Sequence Analysis: Outline

1. Why do we compare sequences?

2. Sequence comparison: from qualitative to quantitative methods
    1. Sequence composition
    2. Sequence comparison: DotPlot
    3. Sequence alignment

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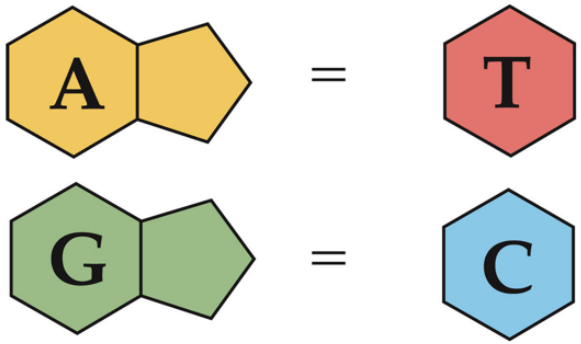
DNA sequence: Chargaff's rules

Rule 1: In double stranded DNA, the amount of guanine is equal to cytosine and the amount of adenine is equal to thymine



(basis of Watson Crick base pairing)

Rule 2: the composition of DNA varies from one species to another; in particular in the relative amounts of A, G, T, and C bases

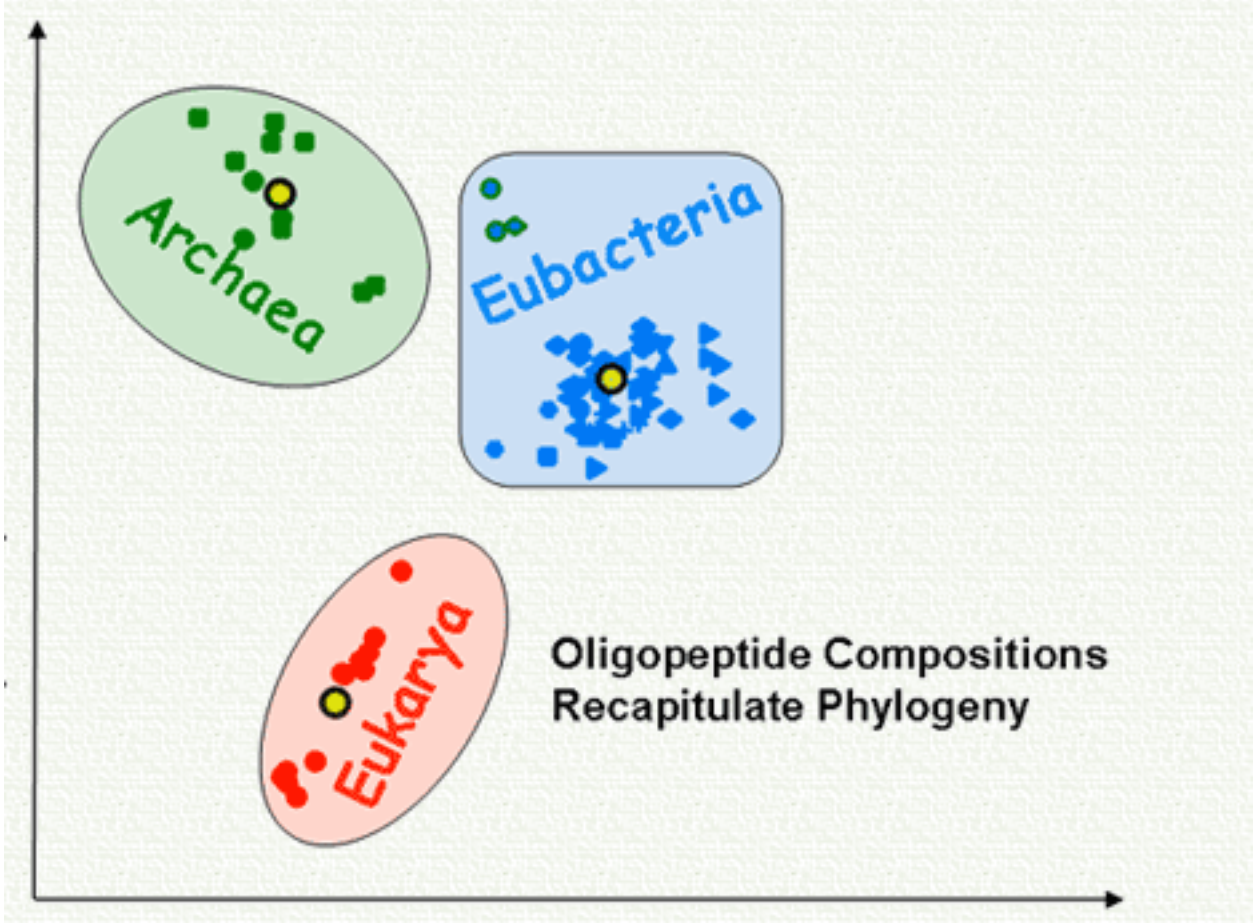
DNA sequence: Chargaff's rules

Table 3-2 Data Leading to the Formulation of Chargaff's Rules

Source	Adenine to Guanine	Thymine to Cytosine	Adenine to Thymine	Guanine to Cytosine	Purines to Pyrimidines
Ox	1.29	1.43	1.04	1.00	1.1
Human	1.56	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.0
Hen	1.45	1.29	1.06	0.91	0.99
Salmon	1.43	1.43	1.02	1.02	1.02
Wheat	1.22	1.18	1.00	0.97	0.99
Yeast	1.67	1.92	1.03	1.20	1.0
Hemophilus influenzae	1.74	1.54	1.07	0.91	1.0
E-coli K2	1.05	0.95	1.09	0.99	1.0
Avian tubercle bacillus	0.4	0.4	1.09	1.08	1.1
Serratia marcescens	0.7	0.7	0.95	0.86	0.9
Bacillus schatz	0.7	0.6	1.12	0.89	1.0

SOURCE: After E. Chargaff et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 177 (1949).

Comparing sequences based on their tri-peptide content



Proteins: Structure, Function and Genetics **54**, 20-40 (2004)

Comparing individual letters

Scores are usually stored in a "weight" matrix also called "substitution" matrix or "matching" matrix.

Defining the "proper" matrix is still an active area of research:

1. **Identity matrix**

2. **Chemical property matrix**
   In this matrix amino acids or nucleotides are intuitively classified on the basis of their chemical properties

3. **Substitution-based matrix**
   Dayhoff matrix
   PAM matrices
   Blosum matrices

Substitution Matrices

Dayhoff matrix was created in 1978 based on few closely related (> 85% identity) sequences available this time (1500 aligned amino-acids).

PAM-family of matrices is a simple update of the original Dayhoff matrix.

Gonnet matrices were created by exhaustive alignment of all Database sequences in 1992.

BLOSUM matrix is based on local similarities (blocks) of proteins rather than overall alignments.

Most common Scoring Matrices

BLOSUM matrices *(Henikoff and Henikoff, 1992)*

- Start from "reliable" alignments of sequences with at least XX % identity
- Compute mutation probabilities
- Convert into Scores: -> BLOSUMXX matrix

PAM matrices *(Dayhoff, 1974)*

- Point Accepted Mutation
- Start with PAM score = 1: alignments of sequences with 1 mutation -> PAM1 matrix
- Generate successive PAM matrices: PAMXX = $(PAM1)^{XX}$

Example of a Scoring matrix: Blosum62

	C	S	T	P	A	G	N	D	E	Q	H	R	K	M	I	L	V	F	Y	W
C	9	-1	-1	-3	0	-3	-3	-3	-4	-3	-3	-3	-3	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2
S	-1	4	1	-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3
T	-1	1	4	1	-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3
P	-3	-1	1	7	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-2	-3	-3	-2	-4	-3	-4
A	0	1	-1	-1	4	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-3
G	-3	0	1	-2	0	6	-2	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-4	-4	0	-3	-3	-2
N	-3	1	0	-2	-2	0	6	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-2	-4
D	-3	0	1	-1	-2	-1	1	6	2	0	-1	-2	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	-3	-3	-4
E	-4	0	0	-1	-1	-2	0	2	5	2	0	0	1	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3
Q	-3	0	0	-1	-1	-2	0	0	2	5	0	1	1	0	-3	-2	-2	-3	-1	-2
H	-3	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	1	1	0	0	8	0	-1	-2	-3	-3	-2	-1	2	-2
R	-3	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	0	-2	0	1	0	5	2	-1	-3	-2	-3	-3	-2	-3
K	-3	0	0	-1	-1	-2	0	-1	1	1	-1	2	5	-1	-3	-2	-3	-3	-2	-3
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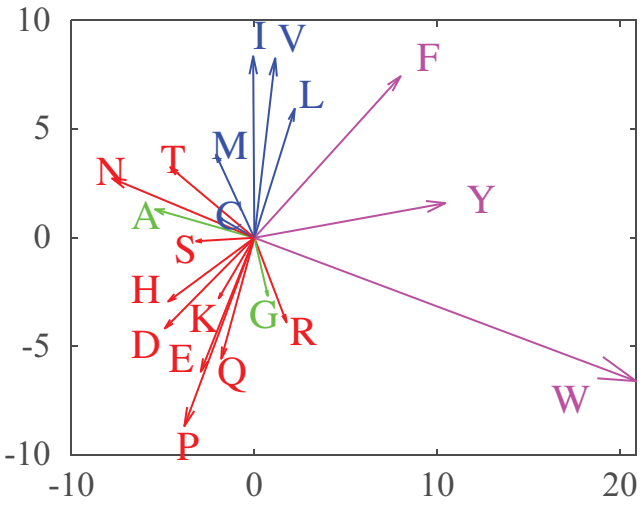
L	-1	-2	-2	-3	-1	-4	-3	-4	-3	-2	-3	-2	-2	2	2	4	3	0	-1	-2
V	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	-3	-3	-3	-2	-2	-3	-3	-2	1	3	1	4	-1	-1	-3
F	-2	-2	-2	-4	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-1	-3	-3	0	0	0	-1	6	3	1
Y	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-3	-2	-3	-2	-1	2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	3	7	2
W	-2	-3	-3	-4	-3	-2	-4	-4	-3	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-3	-2	-3	1	2	11

BLOSUM30: 2D Projection



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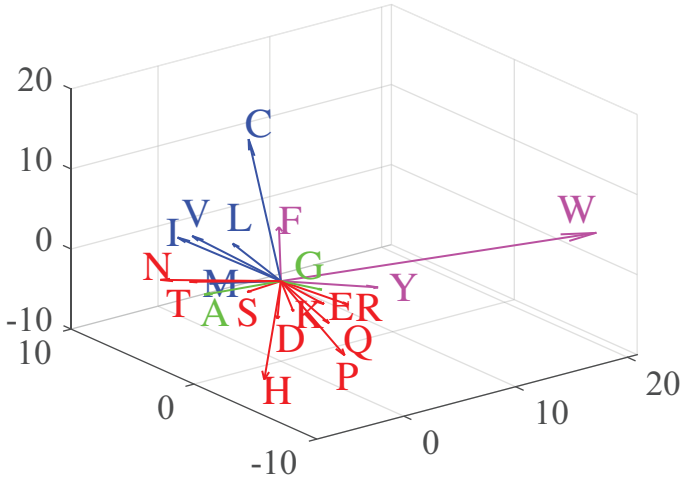

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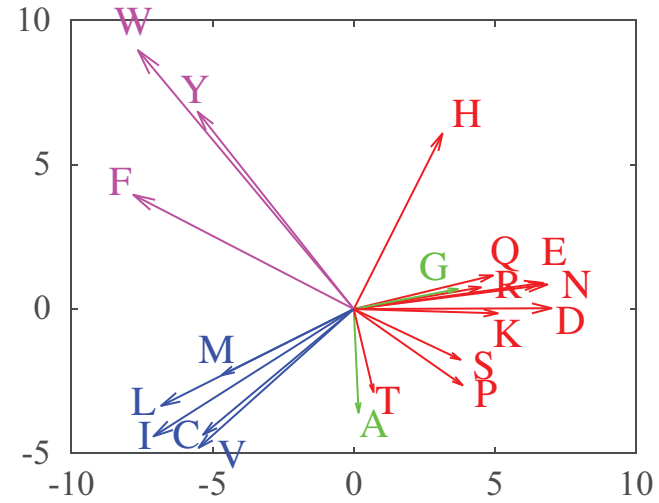

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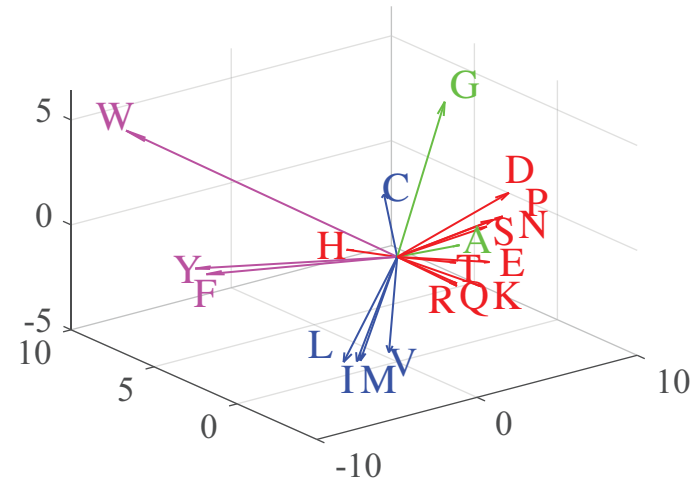


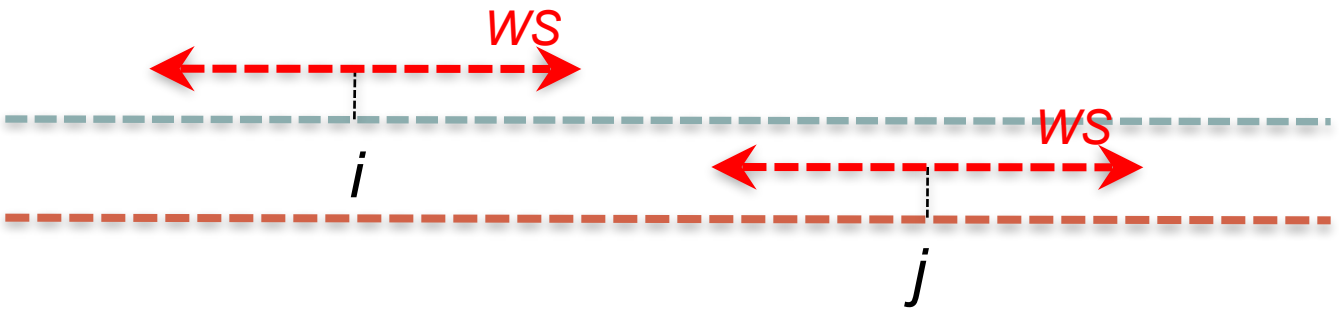
DotPlot: Overview of Sequence Similarity

Build a table S:

- rows: Sequence 1
- columns: Sequence 2

Assign a score S(i,j) to each entry in the table:

- select a window size WS

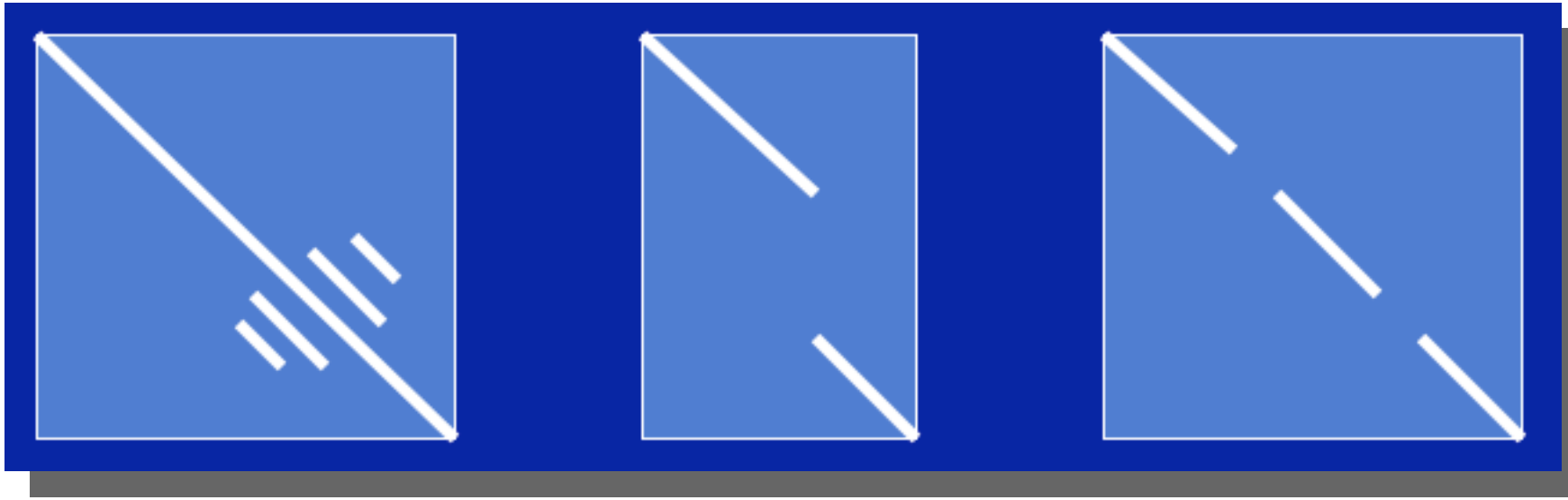


- Compare window around i with window around j -> Score(i,j)

Display table of scores S

- show a dot at position (i,j) if Score(i,j) > Threshold

Patterns on DotPlot



Internal Repeat Insertion (Deletion) Divergence

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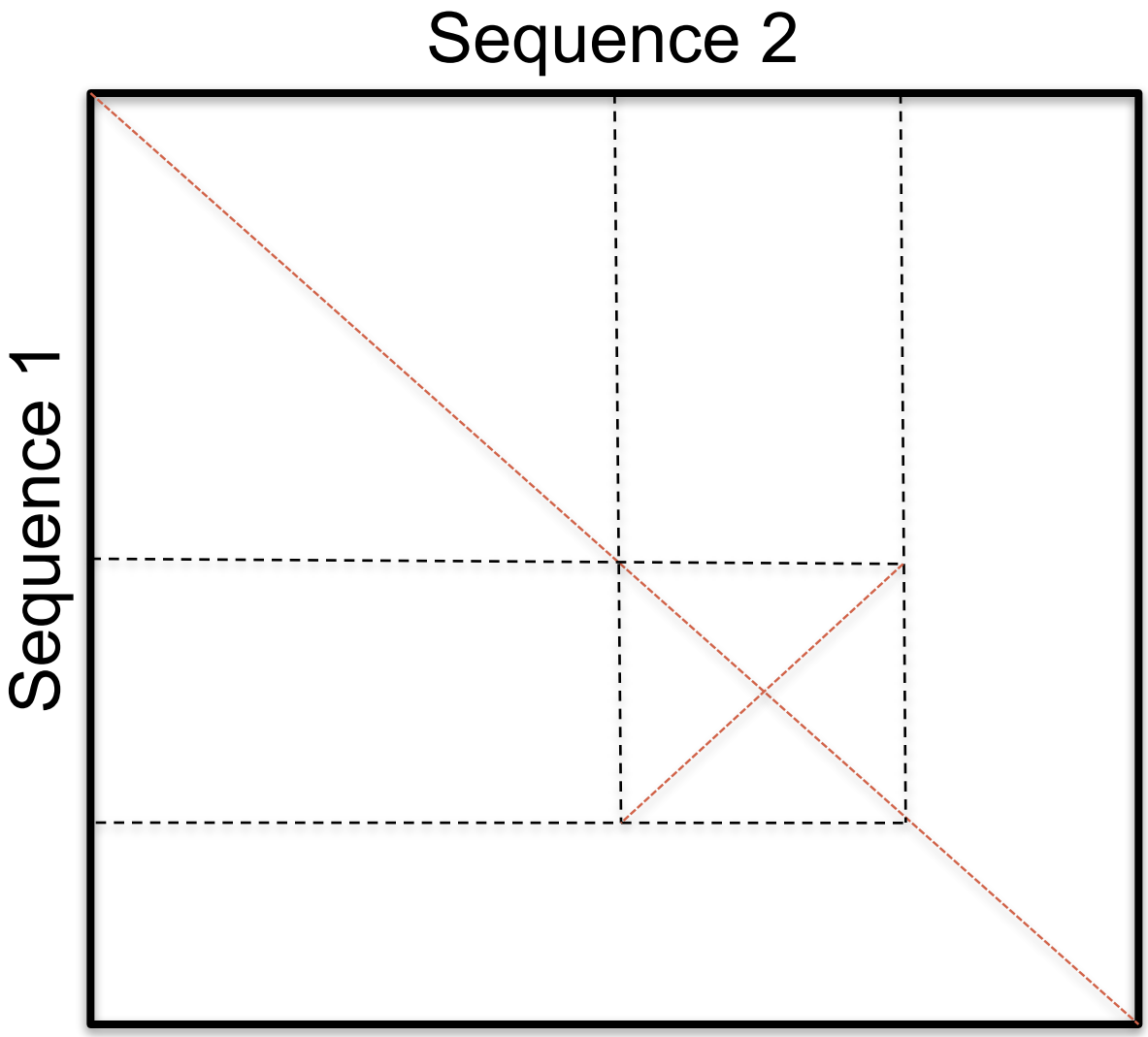

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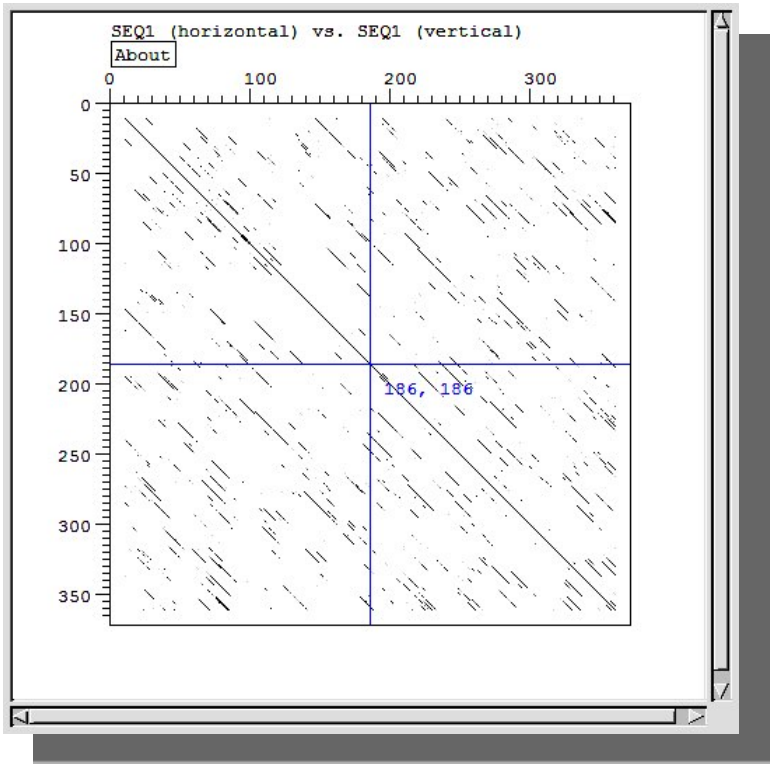
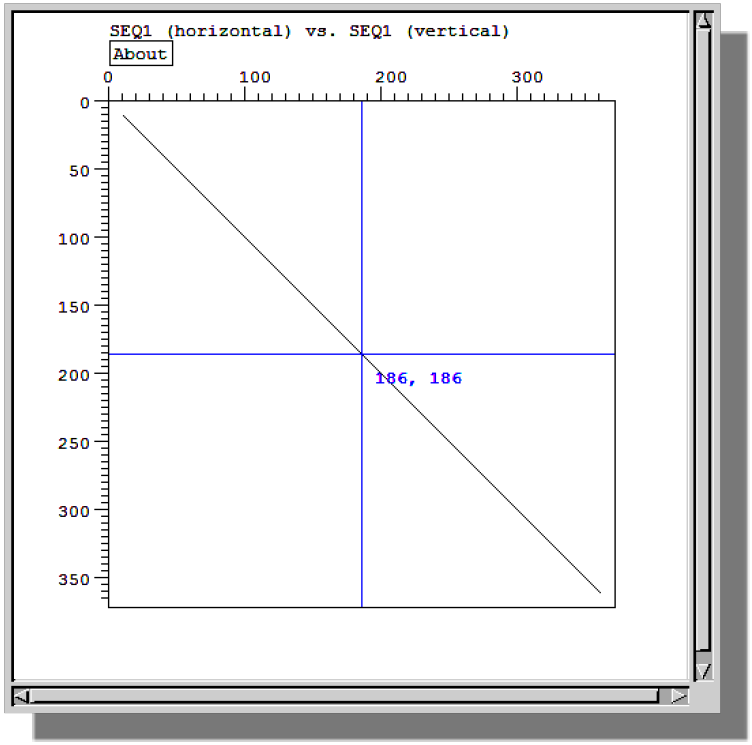


With many details



Overall view - no details

What is sequence alignment?

Given two sequences of letters and a scoring scheme for evaluating letter matching, find the optimal pairing of letters from one sequence to the other.

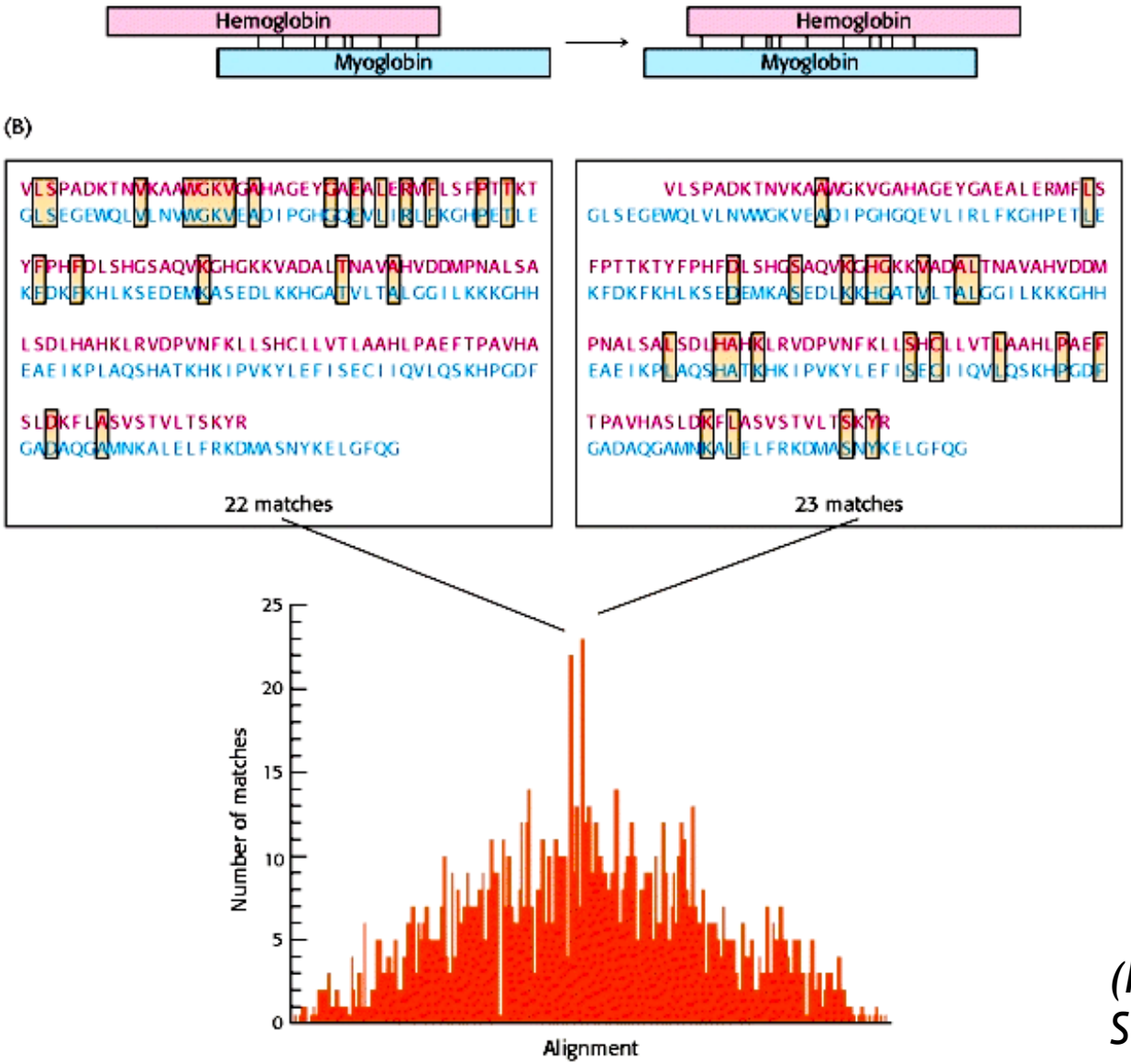
Human hemoglobin (α chain)

VLSPADKTNVKAAWGKVGAHAGEYGAEALERMFLSFPTTKTYFPHFDLSHG
SAQVKGHGKKVADALTNAVAHVDDMPNALSALSDLHAHKLRVDPVNFKLLS
HCLLVTLAAHLPAEFTPAVHASLDKFLASVSTVLTSKYR

Human myoglobin

GLSDGEWQLVLNVWGKVEADIPGHGQEVLIRLFKGHPETLEKFDKFKHLKS
EDEMKASEDLKKHGATVLTALGGILKKKGHHEAEIKPLAQSHATKHKIPVK
YLEFISECIIQVLQSKHPGDFGADAQGAMNKALELFRKDMASNYKELGFQG

Ungapped Alignment



(From Biochemistry, Stryer, fifth edition)

Alignment with gap(s)

How do we generate the “best” gapped alignment ?

Total number of possible gapped alignment: $\sum_{k=1}^{\min(N,M)} \binom{N}{k}\binom{M}{k}$

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    3. Statistics
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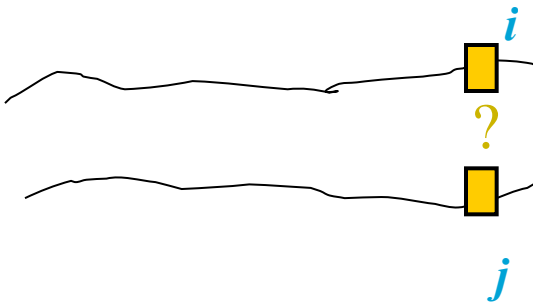
DP and Sequence Alignment

Key idea:

The score of the optimal alignment that ends at a given pair of positions in the sequences is the score of the best alignment previous to these positions plus the score of aligning these two positions.

DP and Sequence Alignment

Test all alignments that can lead to i aligned with j



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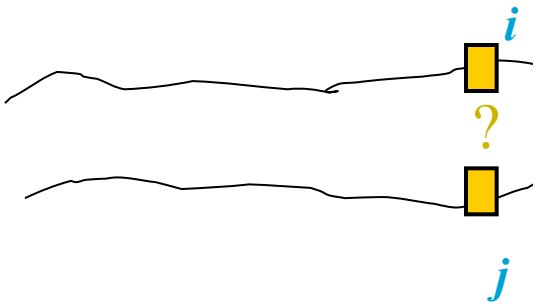
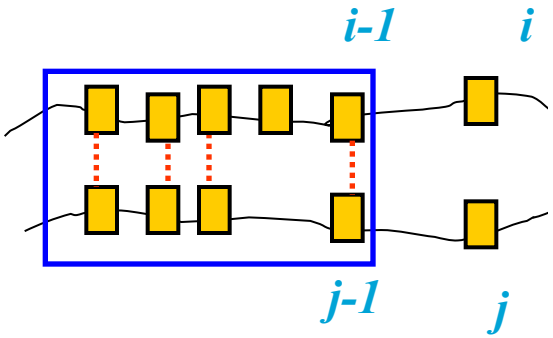


3 possibilities:

1) i-1 aligned with j-1



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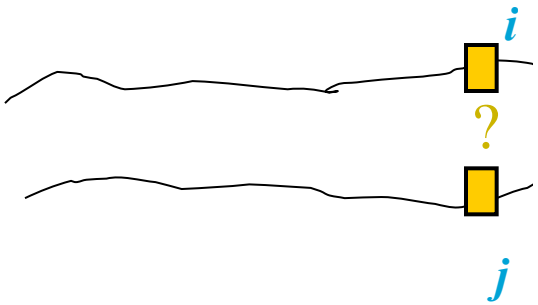
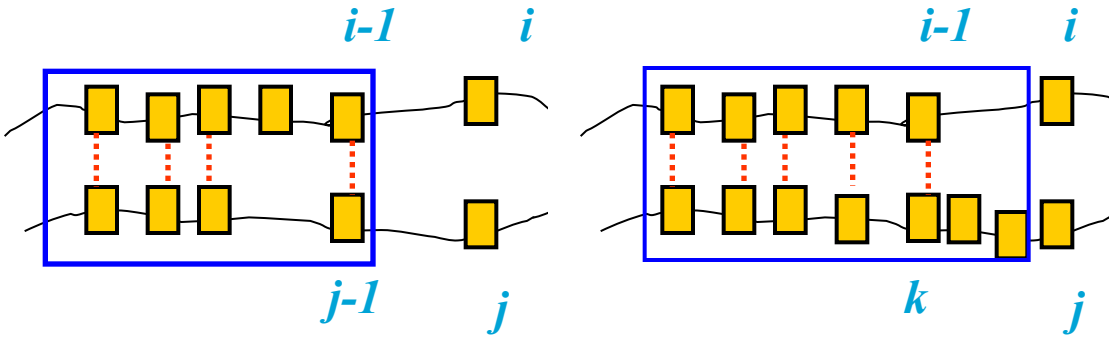


3 possibilities:

1) i-1 aligned with j-1

2) i-1 aligned with k
1≤k ≤j-2



-> Choose alignment yielding best score

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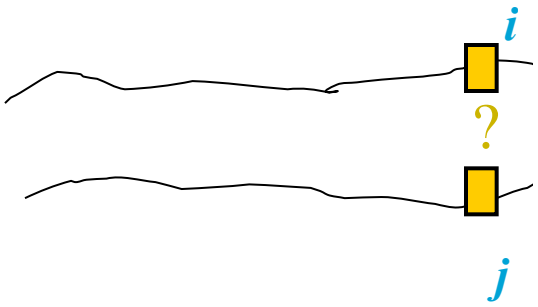

3 possibilities:

1) i-1 aligned with j-1

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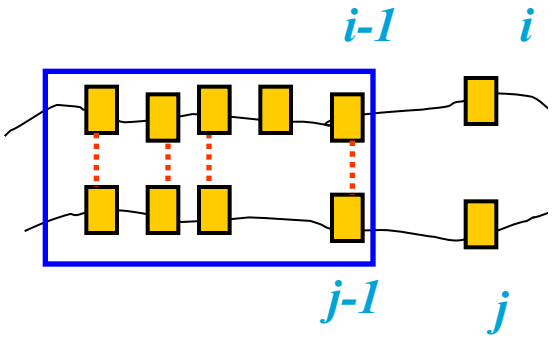
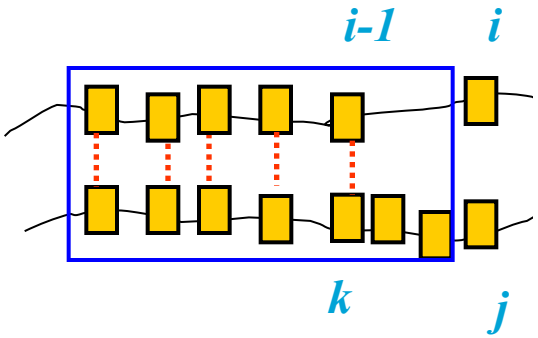
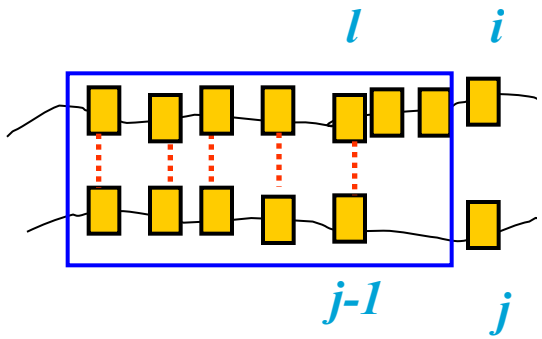
3) j-1 aligned with l,
1≤l ≤i-2







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Implementing the DP algorithm for sequences

Aligning 2 sequence S1 and S2 of lengths N and M:

1) Build a NxM alignment matrix A such that A(i,j) is the optimal score for alignments up to the pair (i,j)

2) Find the best score in A

3) Track back through the matrix to get the optimal alignment of S1 and S2.

Example

Sequence 1: AWVCDEC

Sequence 2: AWEC

Score(i,j) = 10 if i=j, 0 otherwise

no gap penalty

Example

1) Initialize

	A	W	V	C	D	E	C
A	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
W	0						
E	0						
C	0						

Example

2) Propagate

	A	W	V	C	D	E	C
A	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
W	0	20					
E	0						
C	0						

Example

2) Propagate

	A	W	V	C	D	E	C
A	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
W	0	20	10				
E	0						
C	0						

Example

2) Propagate

	A	W	V	C	D	E	C
A	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
W	0	20	10	10	10	10	10
E	0	10	20	20	20	30	20
C	0	10	20	30	20		

Example

3) Trace back

	A	W	V	C	D	E	C
A	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
W	0	20	10	10	10	10	10
E	0	10	20	20	20	30	20
C	0	10	20	30	20	20	40

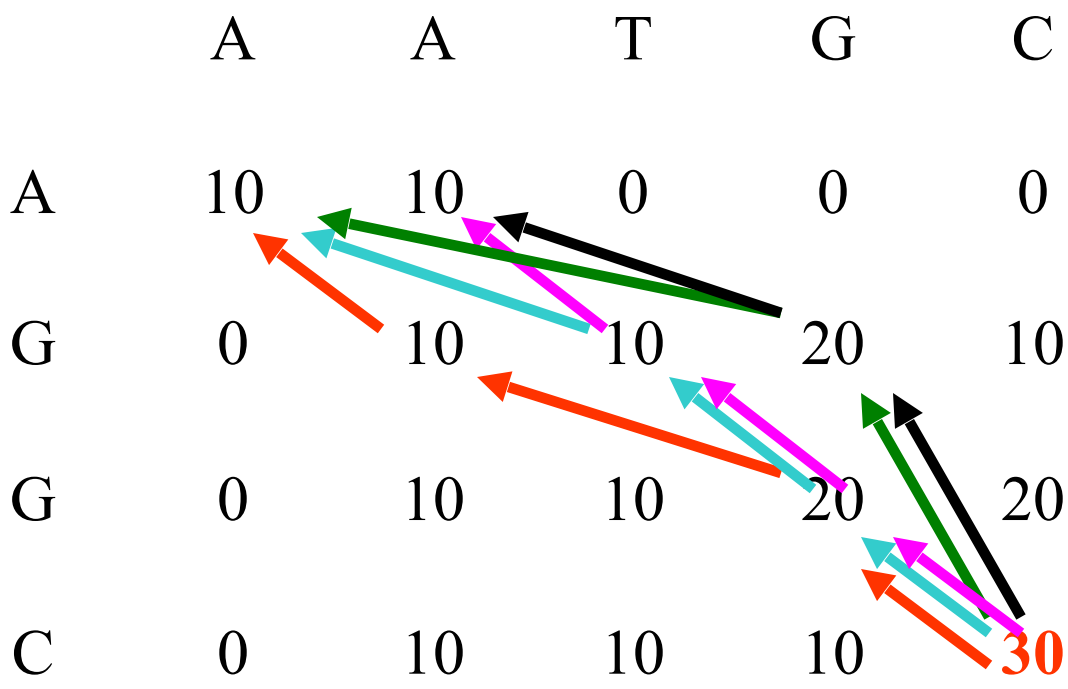
Alignment:

AWVCDEC

AW------EC

Total score: 40

Example 2



		A	A	T	G	C
		10	10	0	0	0
A						
		0	10	10	20	10
G						
		0	10	10	20	20
G						
		0	10	10	10	**30**
C						

High Score: 30

Alignments:

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AATGC     AATGC     AATGC     AATG C    AATG C
AG GC     A GGC      AGGC     A  GGC      A GGC
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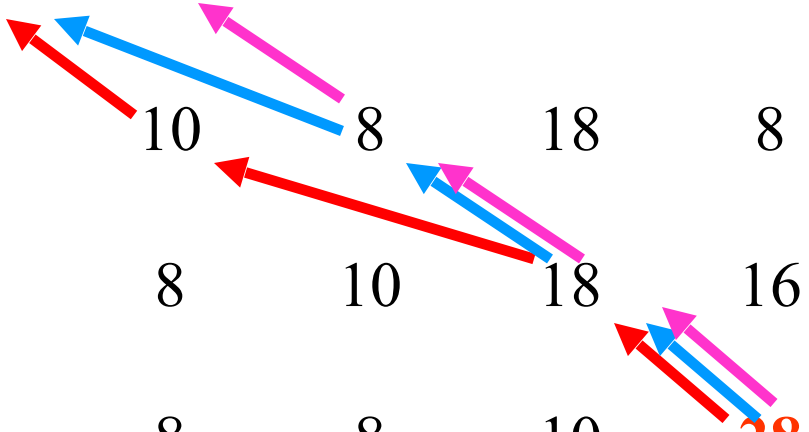
Example 3

Gap cost: -2

		A	A	T	G	C
		10	8	-2	-2	-2
G	-2	10	8	18	8	
G	-2	8	10	18	16	
C	-2	8	8	10	**28**	



High Score: 28

Alignments:

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AATGC      AATGC    AATGC
AG GC      A GGC     AGGC
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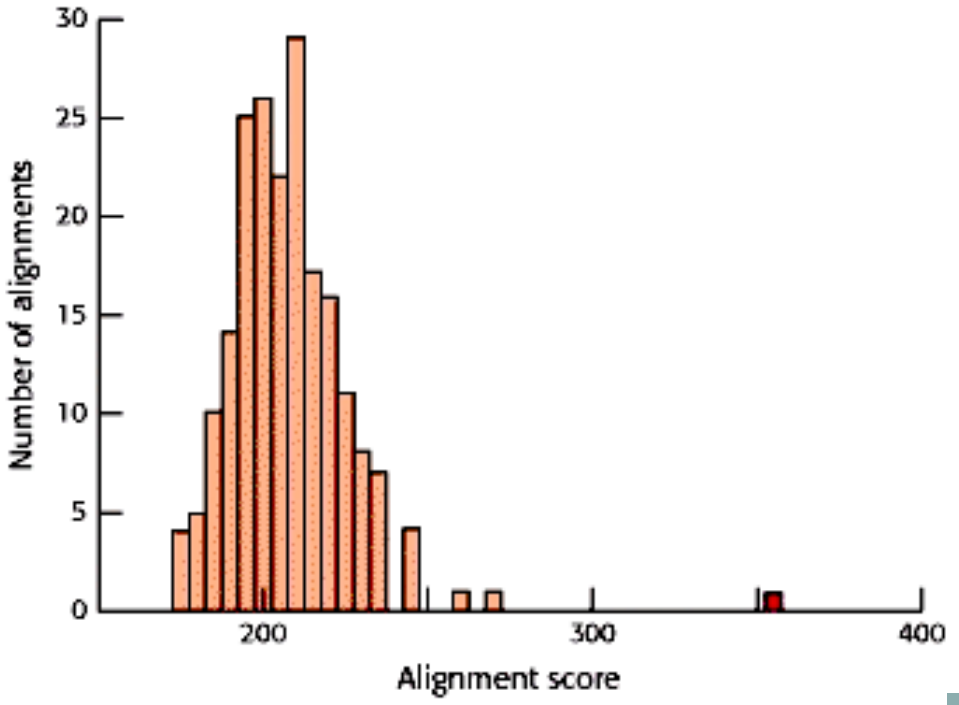
Statistical Significance of alignment: Shuffling

Score: 355

Shuffling a sequence:

THISISTHECORRECTSEQUENCE

TSTCRTQNHIHOESUCISERCEEE



Gap penalty

Most common model:

$$W_N = G_0 + N * G_1$$

W_N : gap penalty for a gap of size N
G_0 : cost of opening a gap
G_1 : cost of extending the gap by one
N : size of the gap

Global versus Local Alignment

Global alignment finds the arrangement that maximizes total score
Best known algorithm: Needleman and Wunsch.

Local alignment identifies highest scoring subsequences, sometimes at the expense of the overall score.
Best known algorithm: Smith and Waterman.

Local alignment algorithm is just a variation of the global alignment algorithm!

Modifications for local alignment

1) The scoring matrix has negative values for mismatches

1) The minimum score for any (i,j) in the alignment matrix is 0.

1) The best score is found anywhere in the filled alignment matrix

These 3 modifications cause the algorithm to search for matching sub-sequences which are not penalized by other regions (modif. 2), with minimal poor matches (modif 1), which can occur anywhere (modif 3).

Global versus Local Alignment

Match: +1; Mismatch: -2; Gap: -1

	A	C	C	T	G	S
A	1	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3
C	-3	2	1	-2	-2	-2
C	-3	1	3	-1	-1	-1
N	-3	-2	-1	1	0	0
S	-3	-2	-1	0	-1	1

	A	C	C	T	G	S
A	1	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	2	1	0	0	0
C	0	1	3	0	0	0
N	0	0	0	1	0	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	1

Global:

ACCTGS
ACC-NS

ACCTGS
ACCN-S

Local:

ACC
ACC

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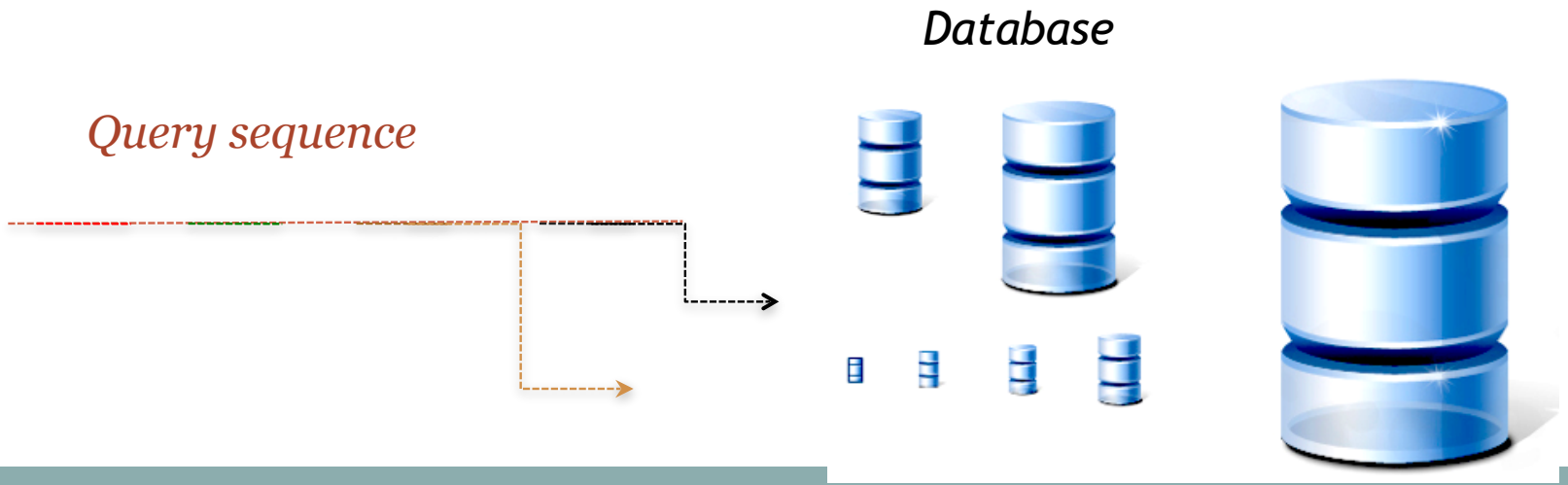
BLAST
(Basic Local Alignment Search Tool)

Main ideas:

1. Construct a list of all words in the query sequence

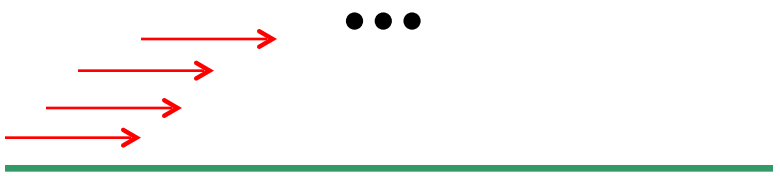
1. Scan database for sequences that contain one or more of the query words

1. Initiate a local alignment for each word match between query and database



Original BLAST

1. Define dictionary
   All words of length k
   (typically k=11)



2. Scan database sequences for matches
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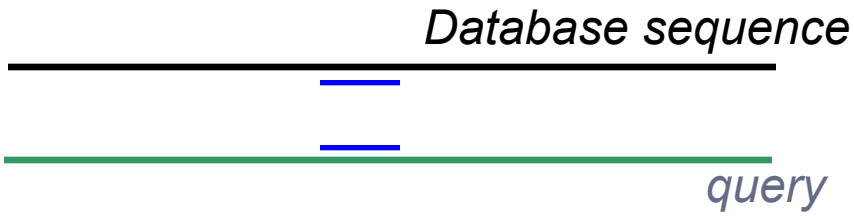
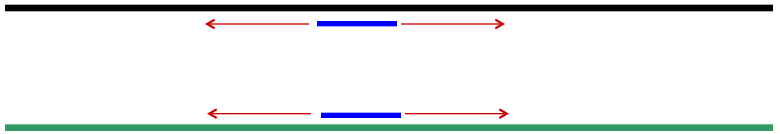


3. Generate alignment
   ungapped extensions until score below statistical threshold



4. Output all local alignments with scores above the statistical threshold

Original BLAST

An example:

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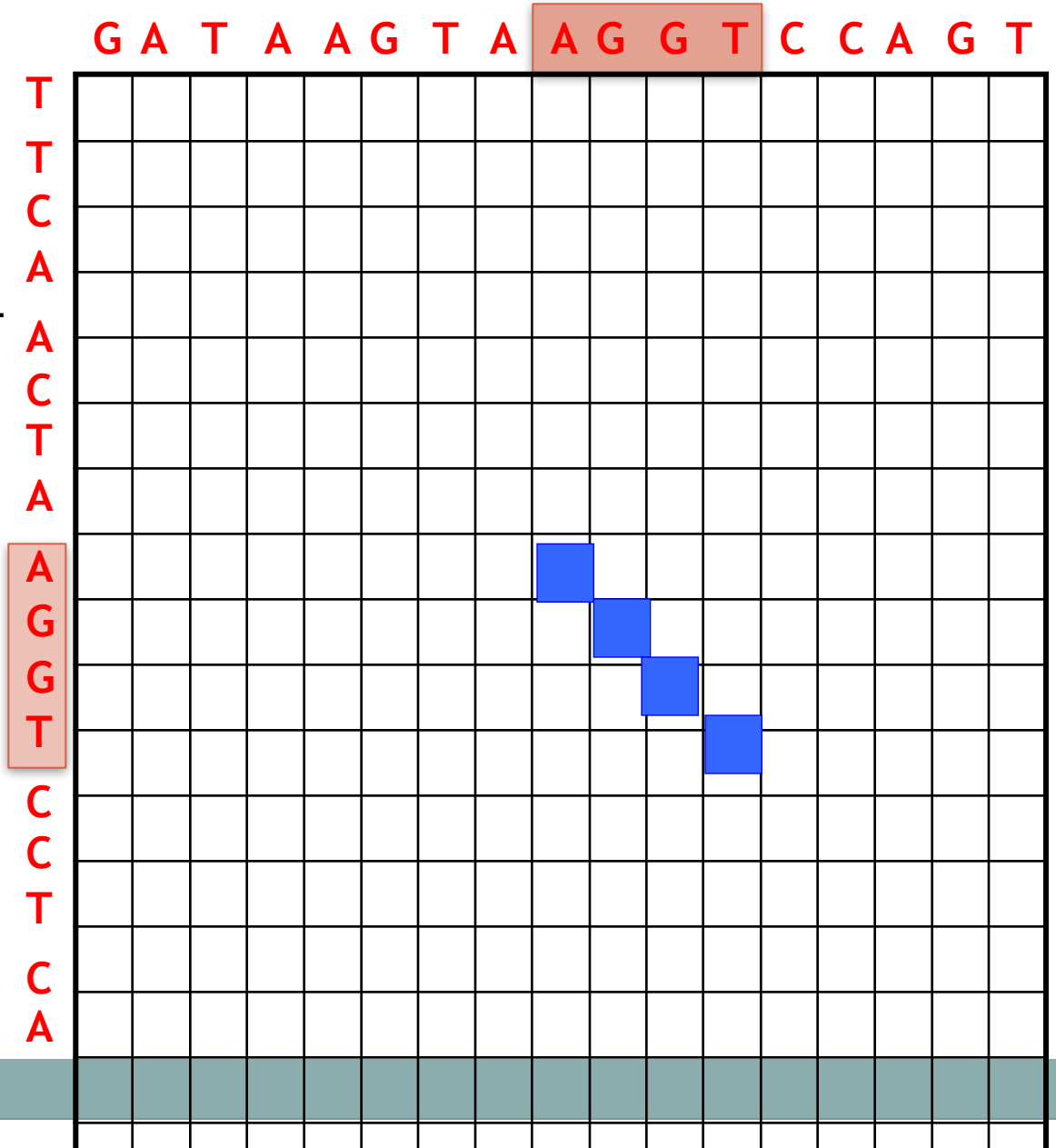
1) The matching word AGGT initiates an alignment



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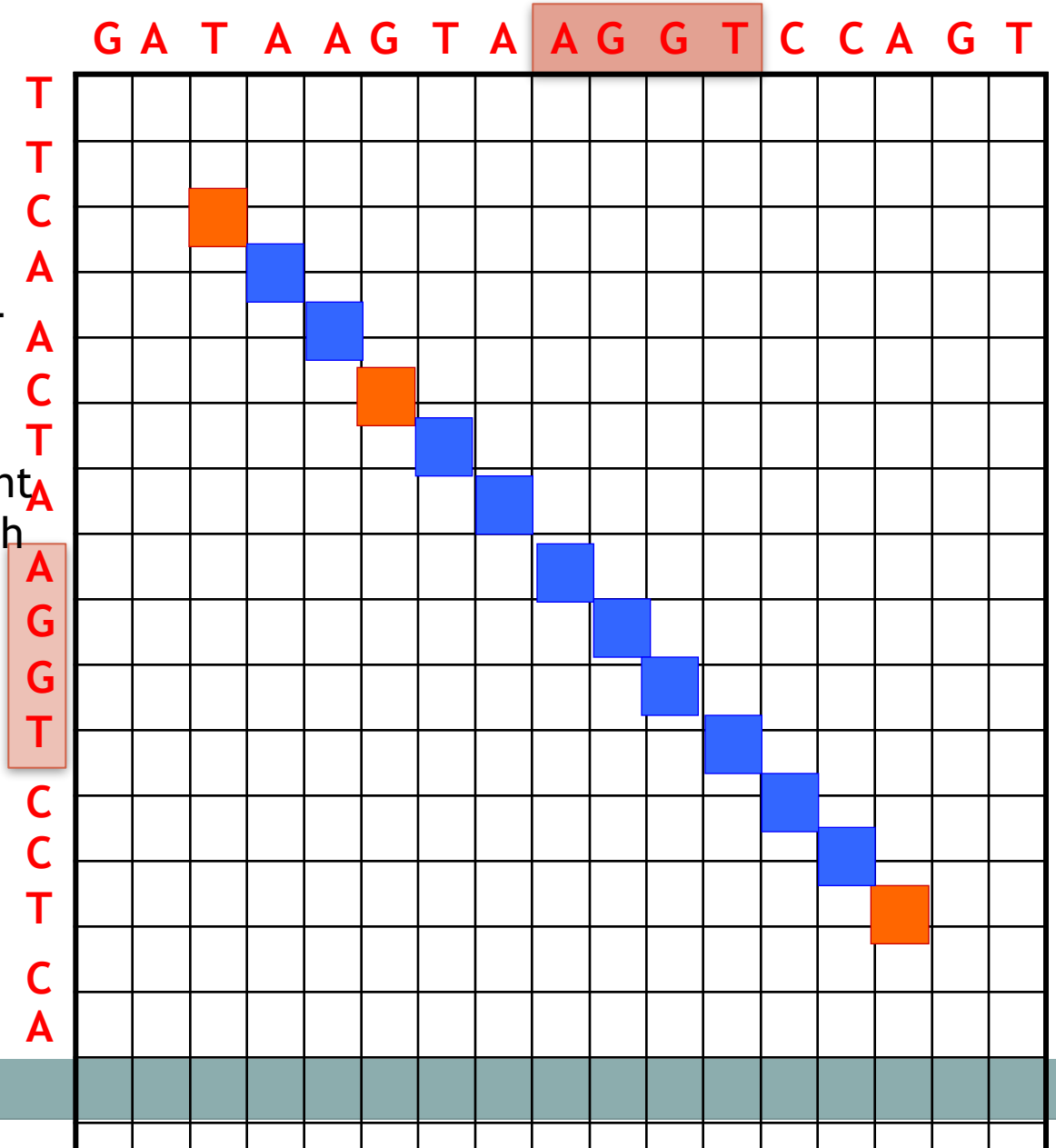

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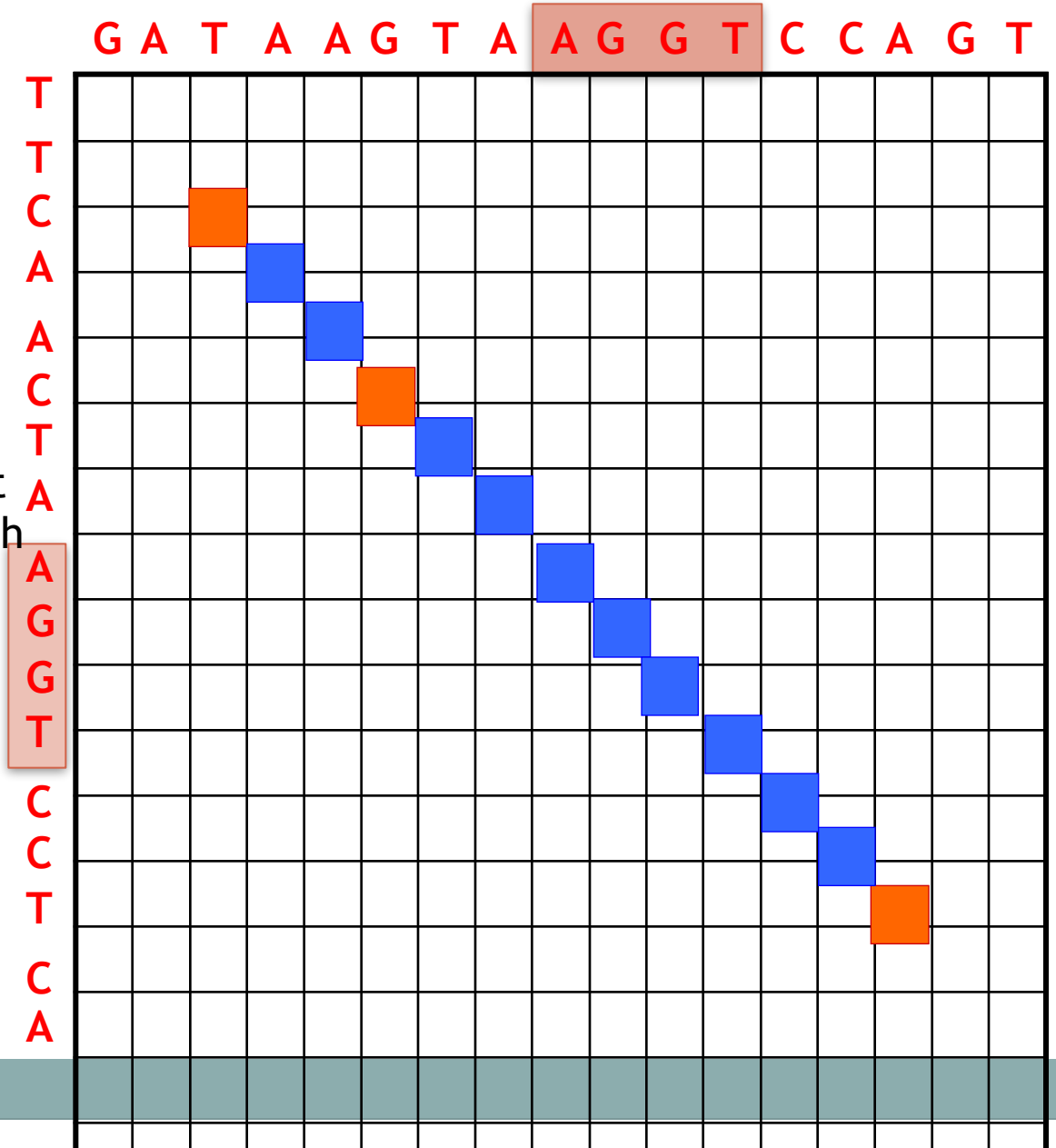

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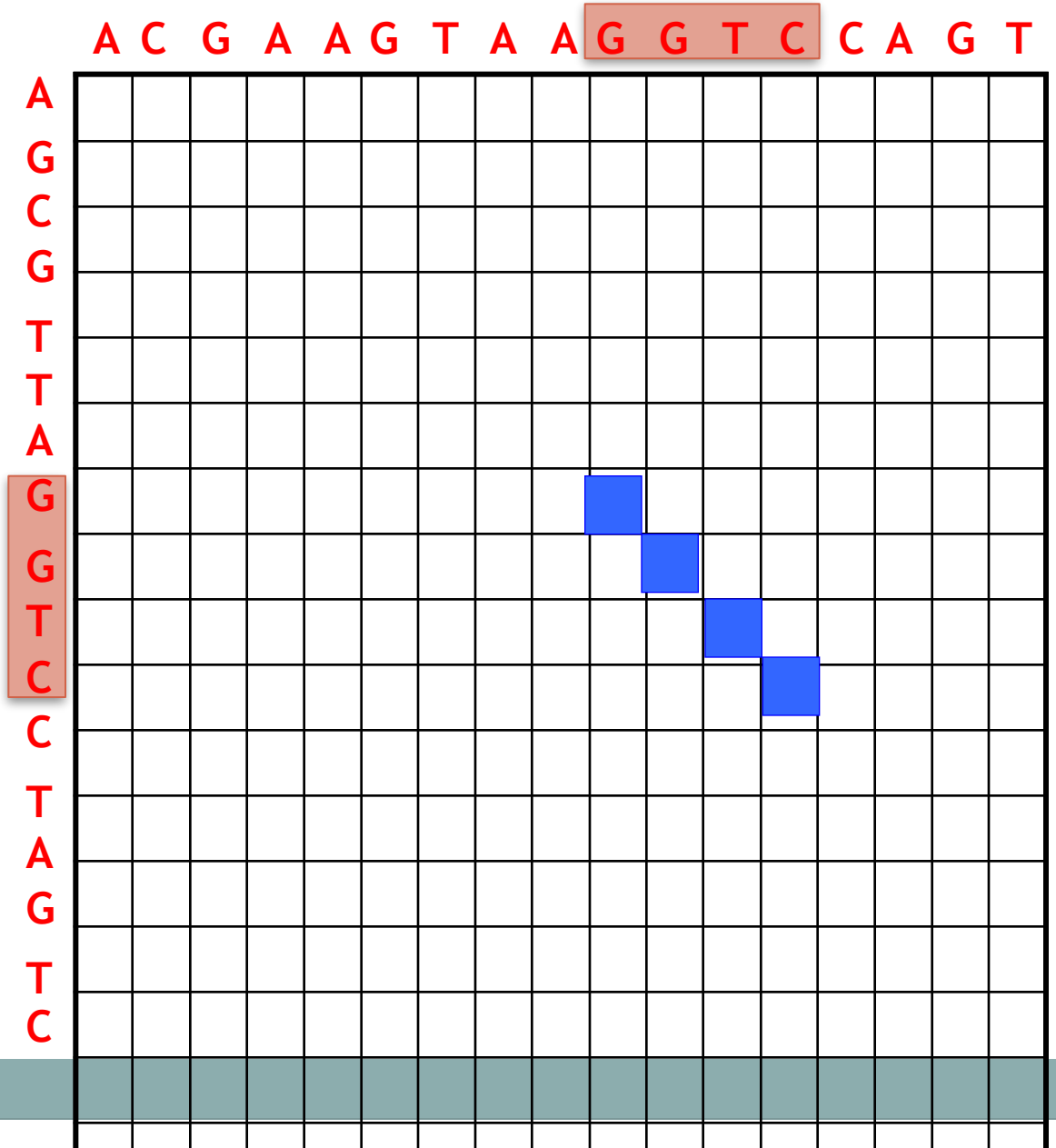

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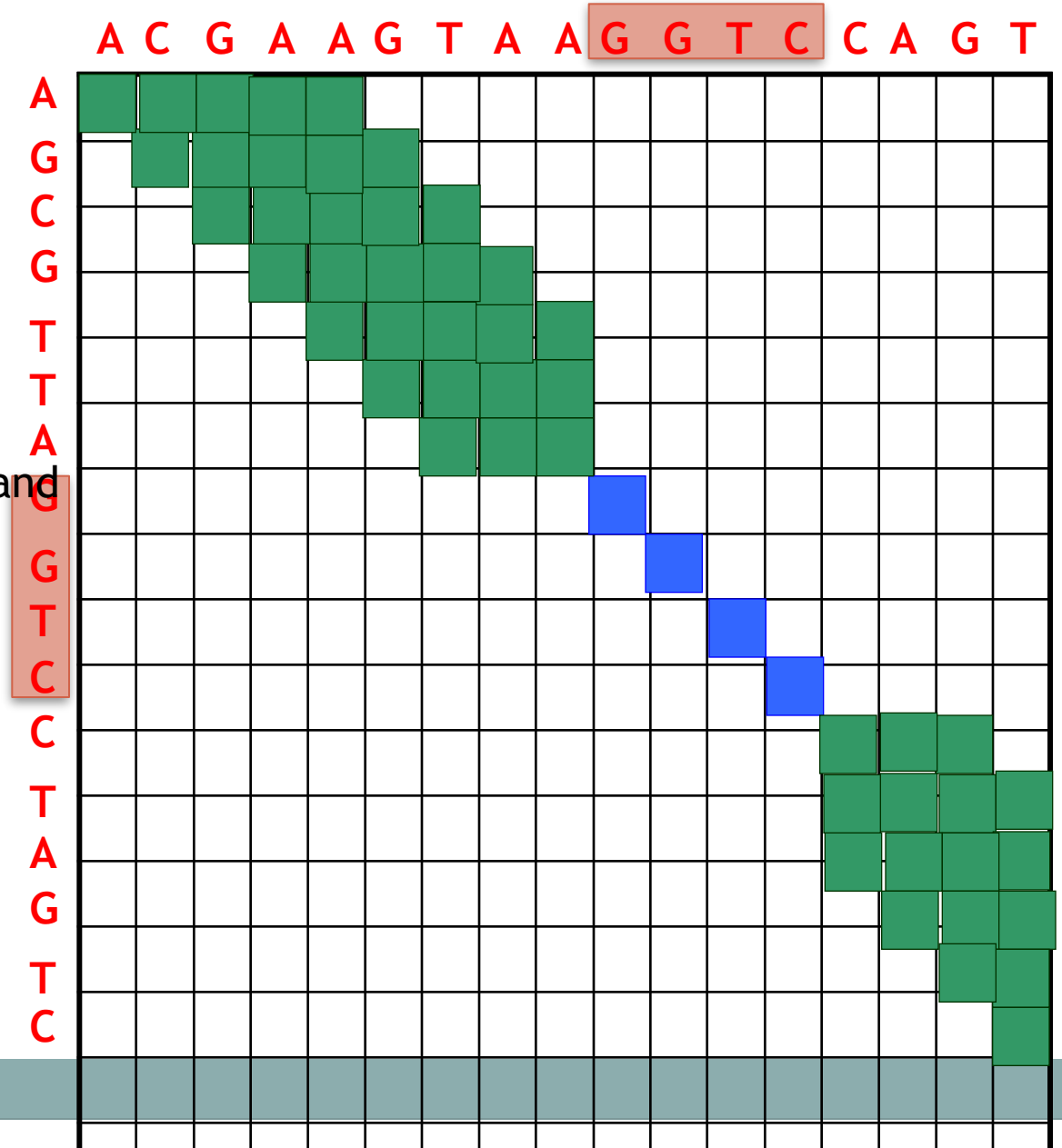

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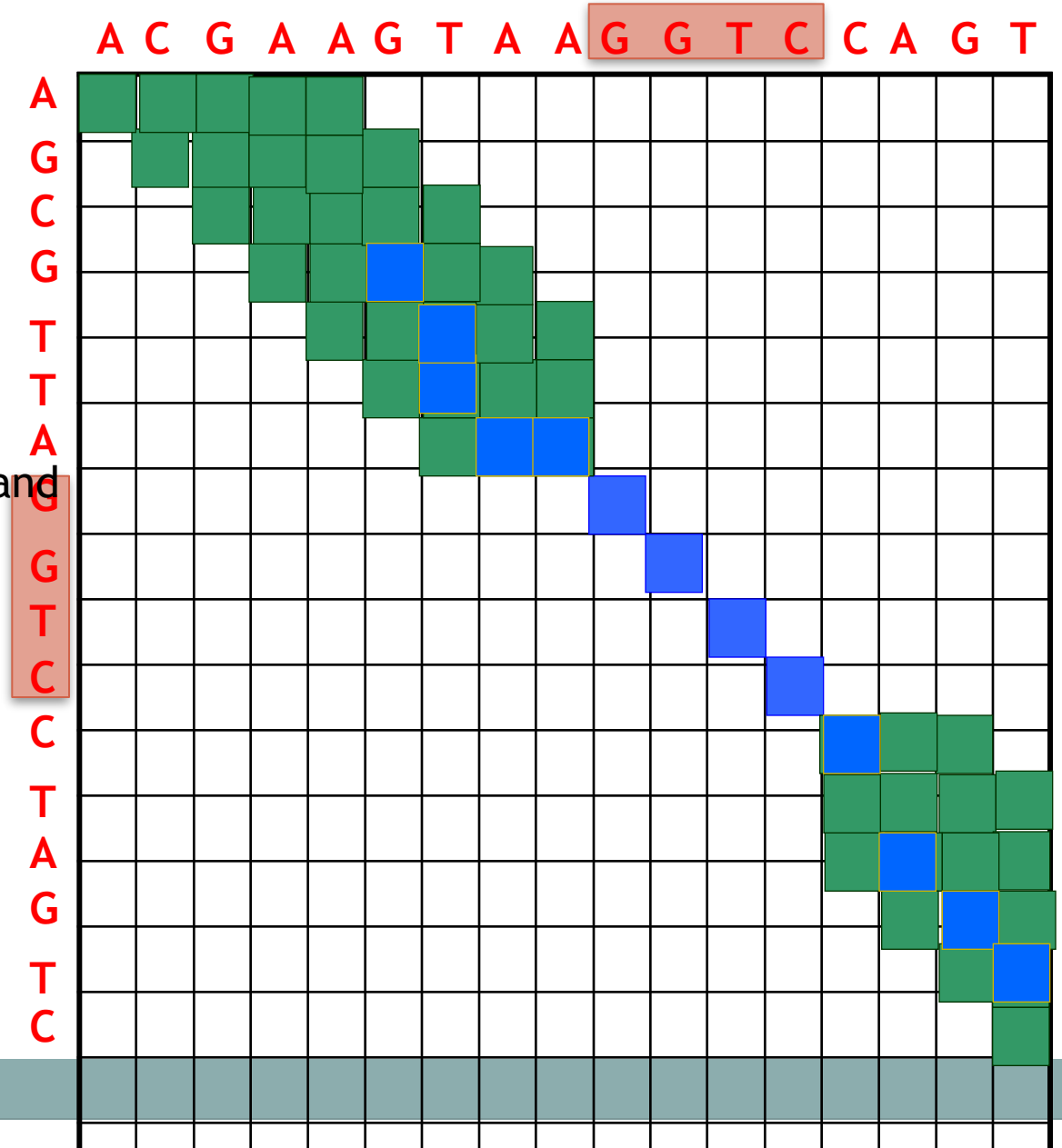
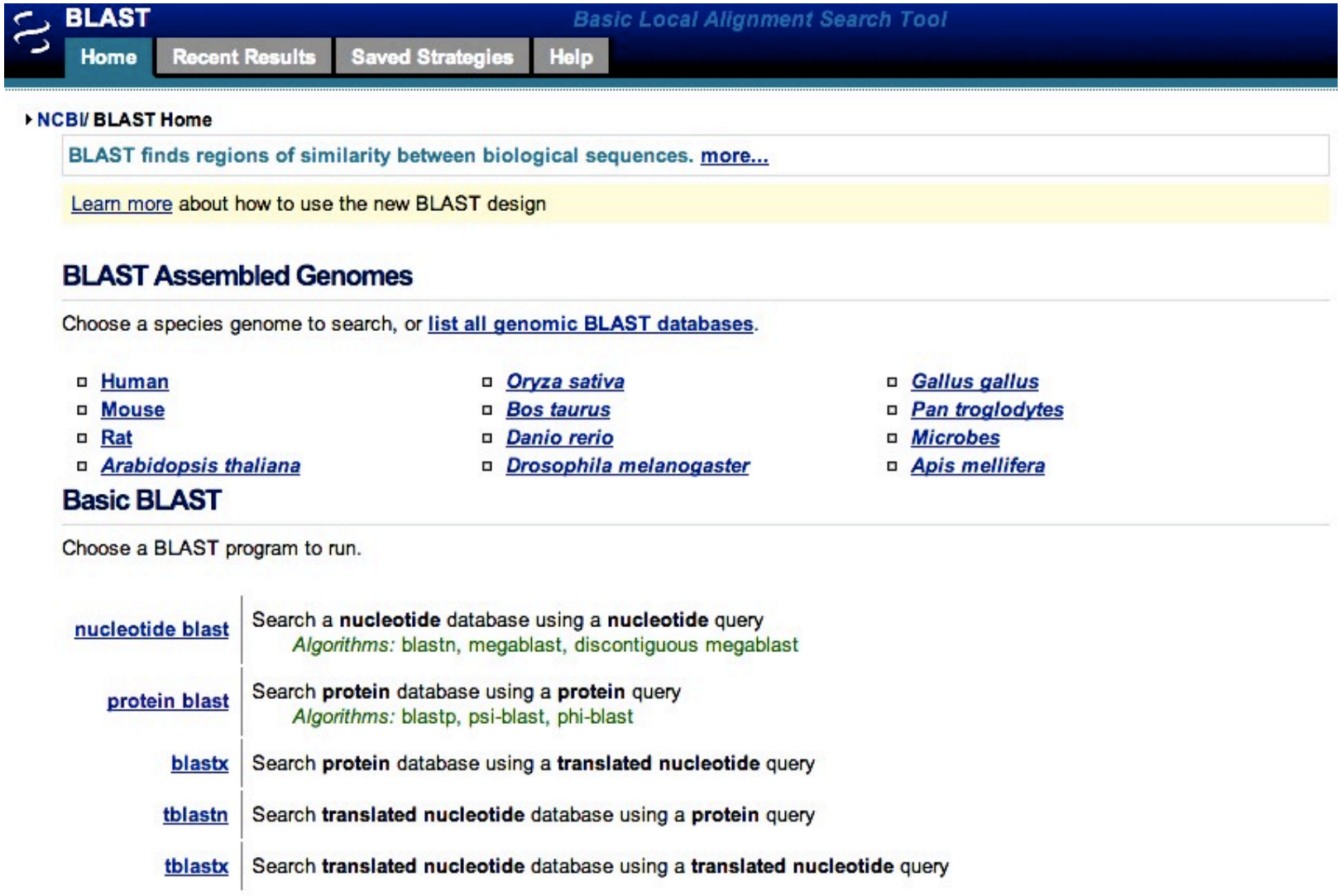


BLAST Portal



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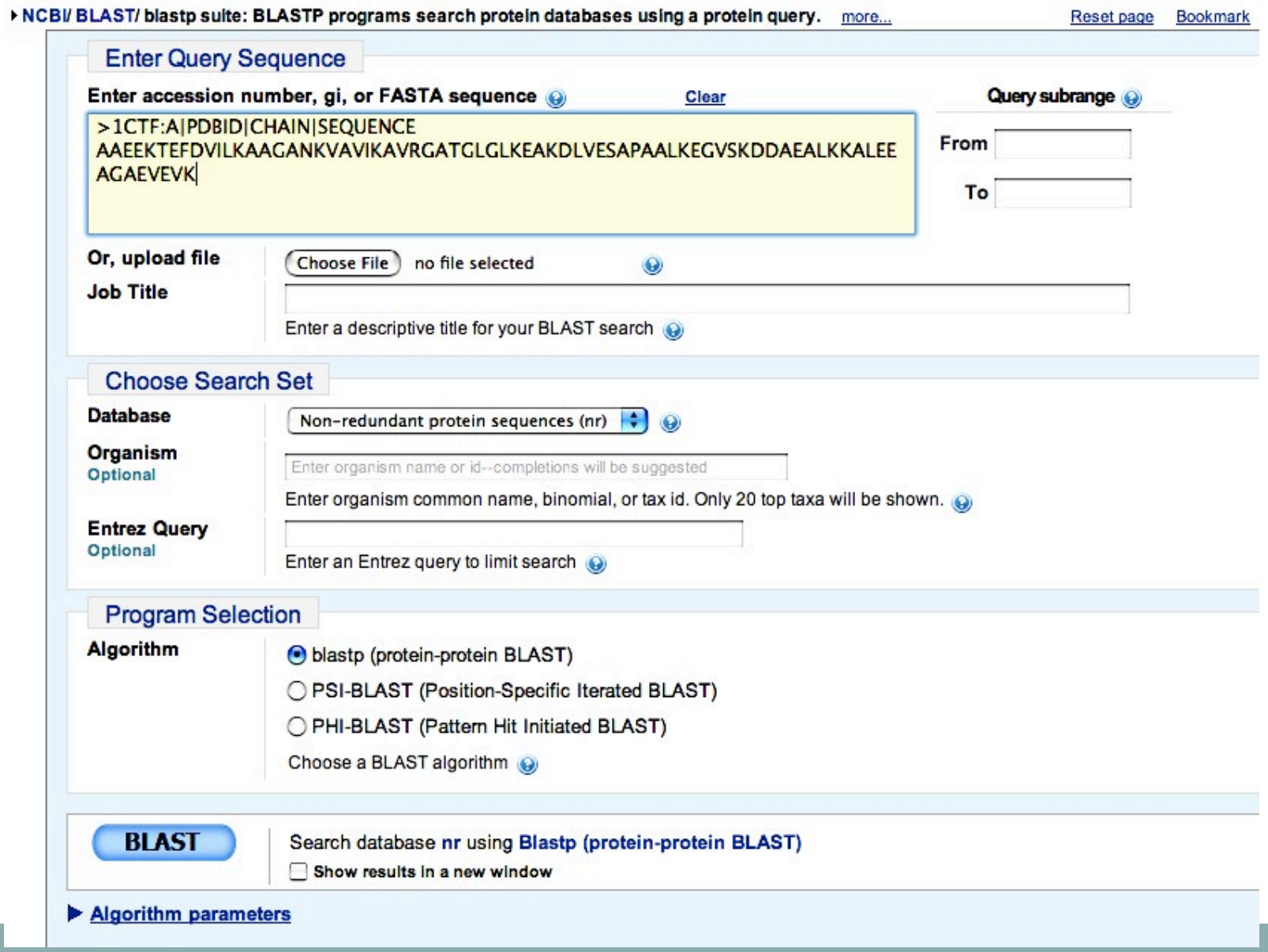
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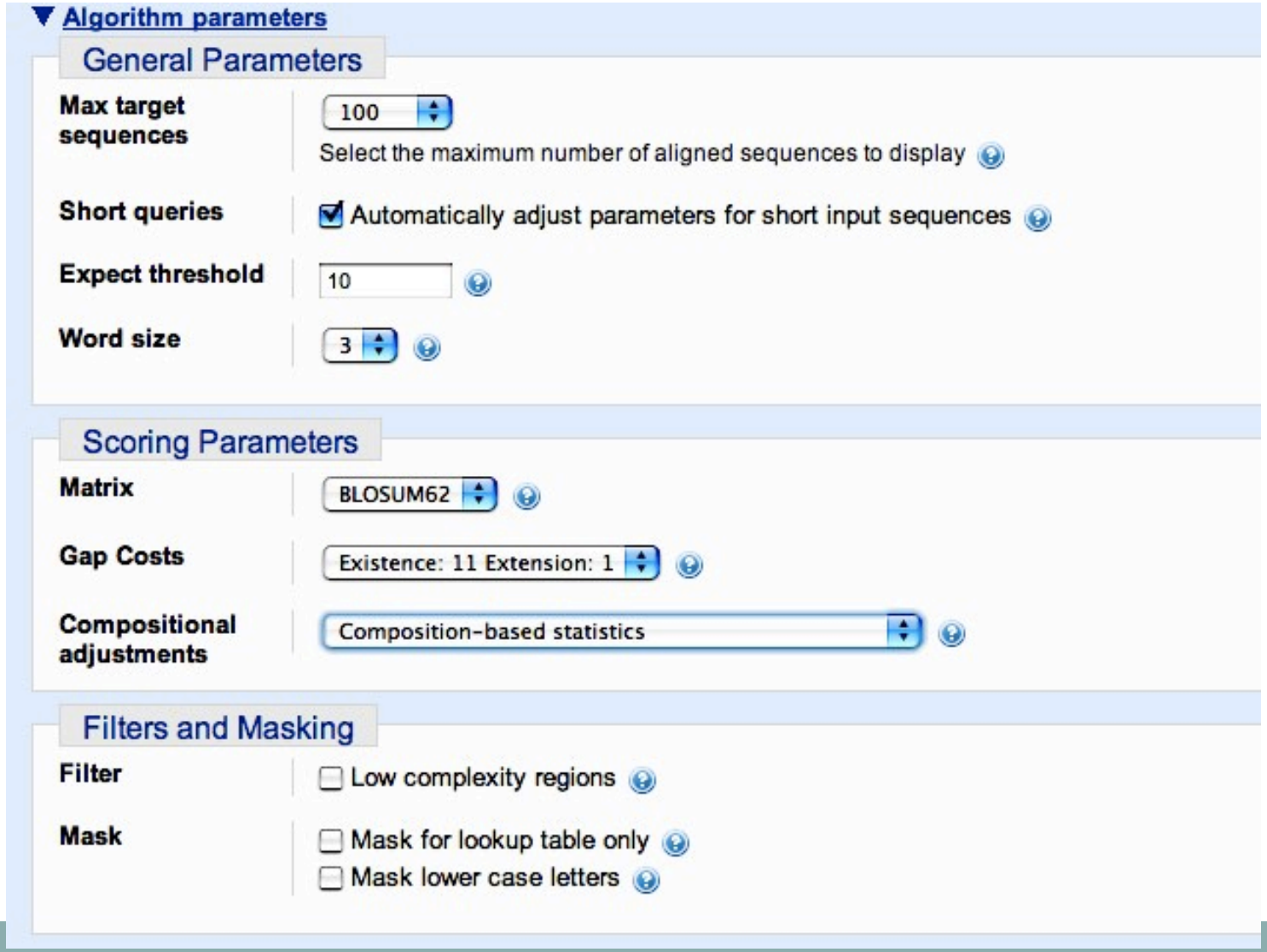

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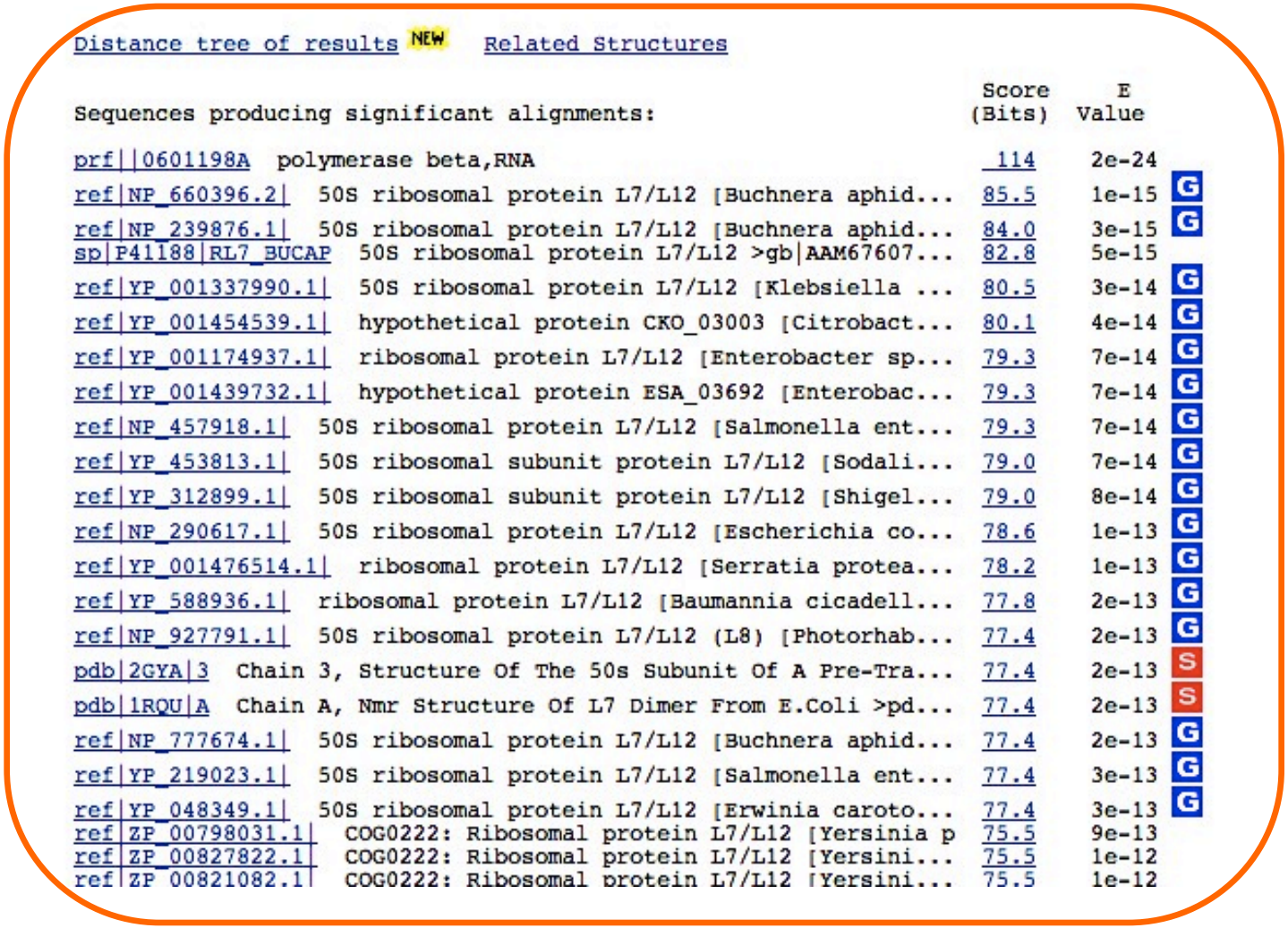

Distance tree of results NEW Related Structures

Sequences producing significant alignments:	Score (Bits)	E Value	
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ref|NP_660396.2| 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 [Buchnera aphid...	85.5	1e-15	G
ref|NP_239876.1| 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 [Buchnera aphid...	84.0	3e-15	G
sp|P41188|RL7_BUCAP 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 >gb|AAM67607...	82.8	5e-15	
ref|YP_001337990.1| 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 [Klebsiella ...	80.5	3e-14	G
ref|YP_001454539.1| hypothetical protein CKO_03003 [Citrobact...	80.1	4e-14	G
ref|YP_001174937.1| ribosomal protein L7/L12 [Enterobacter sp...	79.3	7e-14	G
ref|YP_001439732.1| hypothetical protein ESA_03692 [Enterobac...	79.3	7e-14	G
ref|NP_457918.1| 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 [Salmonella ent...	79.3	7e-14	G
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ref|YP_588936.1| ribosomal protein L7/L12 [Baumannia cicadell...	77.8	2e-13	G
ref|NP_927791.1| 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 (L8) [Photorhab...	77.4	2e-13	G
pdb|2GYA|3 Chain 3, Structure Of The 50s Subunit Of A Pre-Tra...	77.4	2e-13	S
pdb|1RQU|A Chain A, Nmr Structure Of L7 Dimer From E.Coli >pd...	77.4	2e-13	S
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ref|YP_219023.1| 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 [Salmonella ent...	77.4	3e-13	G
ref|YP_048349.1| 50S ribosomal protein L7/L12 [Erwinia caroto...	77.4	3e-13	G
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Statistics of Protein Sequence Alignment

- ***Statistics of global alignment:***

Unfortunately, not much is known! Statistics based on Monte Carlo simulations (shuffle one sequence and recompute alignment to get a distribution of scores)

- ***Statistics of local alignment***

Well understood for ungapped alignment. Same theory probably apply to gapped-alignment

Statistics of Protein Sequence Alignment

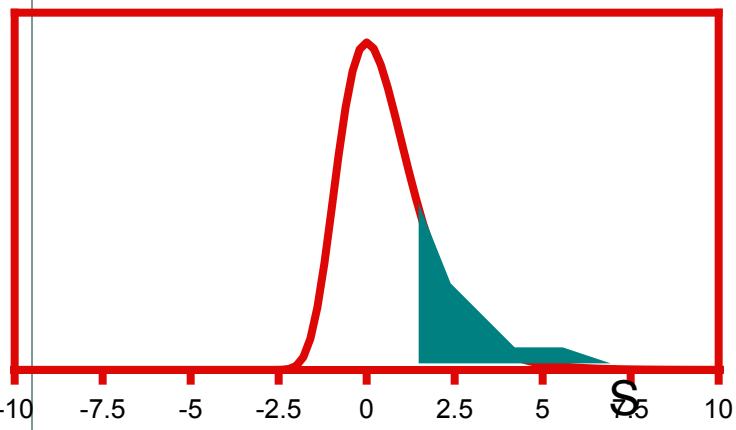
What is a local alignment ?

"Pair of equal length segments, one from each sequence, whose scores can not be improved by extension or trimming. These are called high-scoring pairs, or HSP"

http://www.people.virginia.edu/~wrp/cshl98/Altschul/Altschul-1.html

The E-value for a sequence alignment

HSP scores follow an extreme value distribution, characterized by two parameters, K and λ.



The expected number of HSP with score at least S is given by:

$$E = Kmn\exp(-\lambda S)$$

m, n : sequence lengths
E : E-value

The Bit Score of a sequence alignment

Raw scores have little meaning without knowledge of the scoring scheme used for the alignment, or equivalently of the parameters K and λ.

Scores can be normalized according to:

$$S' = \frac{\lambda S - \ln(K)}{\ln(2)}$$

S' is the **bit score** of the alignment.

The E-value can be expressed as:

$$E = mn2^{-S'}$$

The P-value of a sequence alignment

The number of random HSP with score greater of equal to S follows a Poisson distribution:

$$P(X \text{ random HSP with score} \geq S) = \exp(-E)\frac{E^X}{X!}$$

(E: E-value)
Then:

$$P(0 \text{ random HSP with score} \geq S) = \exp(-E)$$

$$P_{val} = P(\text{at least } 1 \text{ random HSP with score} \geq S) = 1 - \exp(-E)$$

Note: when E <<1, P ≈E

The database E-value for a sequence alignment

Database search, where database contains N_S sequences corresponding to N_R residues:

1) All sequences are a priori equally likely to be related to the query:

$$E_{DB} = N_S K m n \exp(-\lambda S)$$

2) Longer sequences are more likely to be related to the query:

$$E_{DB2} = K m N_R \exp(-\lambda S)$$

BLAST reports E_{DB2}

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Seq6: LSLTCTVSGTSFDD--YYSTWVRQPPG
Seq7: PEVTCVVVDVSHEDPQVKFNWYVDG--
Seq8: ATLVCLISDFYPGA--VTVAWKADS--
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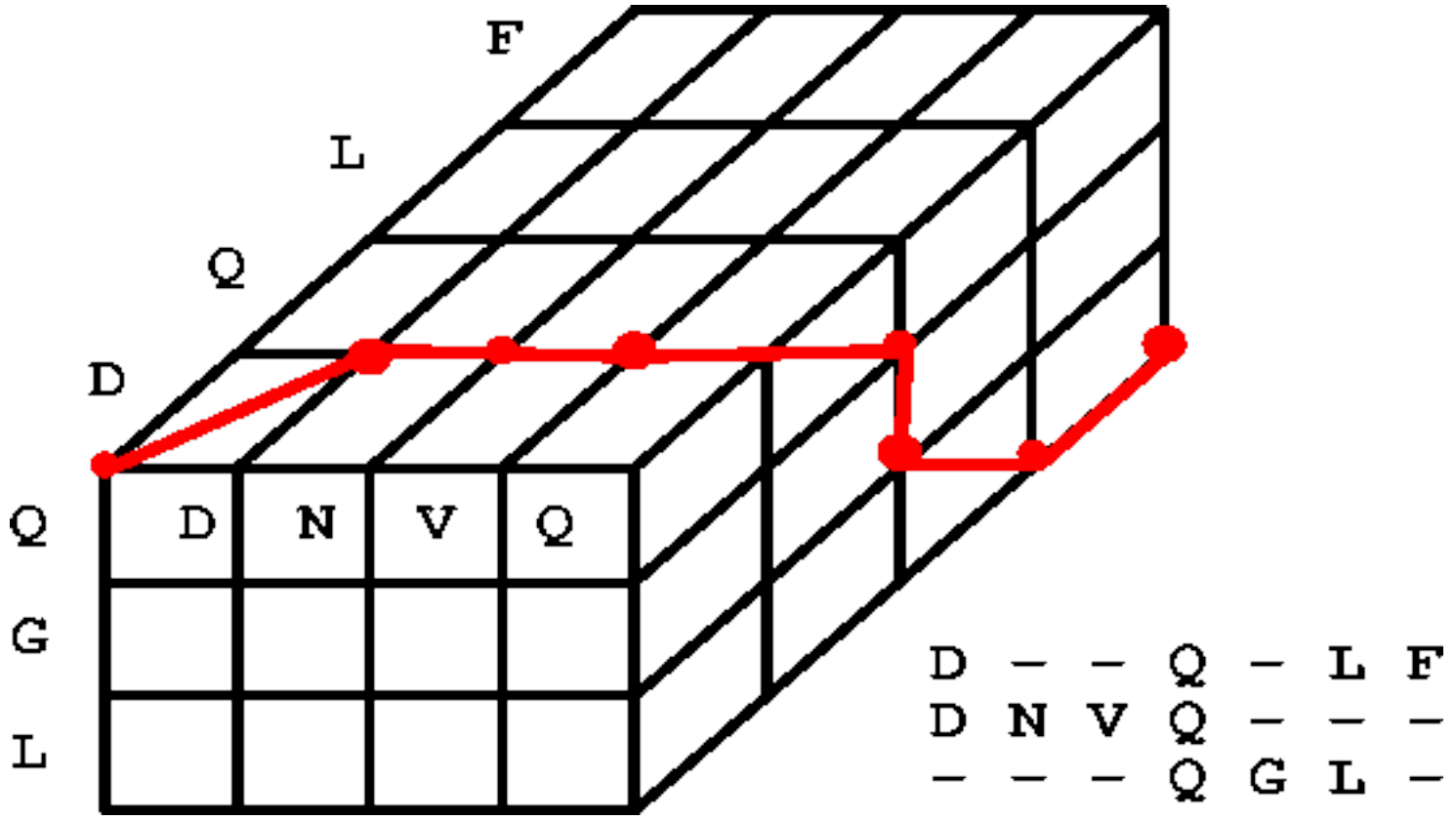
MSA: Dynamic programming?

Theoretically, it is possible to extend the dynamic programming technique to N sequences.



MSA: Dynamic programming?

- One of the most important properties of an algorithm is how its execution time increases as the problem is made larger. This is **the computational complexity** of the algorithm

- There is a notation to describe the algorithmic complexity, called **the big-O notation**.
If we have a problem of size (i.e. number of input data points) n, then an algorithm takes **O(n)** time if the time increases linearly with n.

-It is important to realize that an algorithm that is **quick on small problems may be totally useless on large problems** if it has a bad O() behavior.

MSA: Dynamic programming?

Standard description of algorithms, where n is the size of the problem, and c is a constant:

Complexity	Type	Computing time for n=1000 (1 operation=1s)
$O(c)$	Dream…	Seconds
$O(\log(n))$	Really good	10 seconds
$O(n)$	good	1000 seconds = 5 mins
$O(n^2)$	Not so good	10^6 seconds = 11.5 days
$O(n^3)$	Bad	10^9 seconds = 31 years
$O(c^n)$	Catastrophic!	Millions of years!!

MSA: Dynamic programming?

Computational complexity of dynamic programming:

-Two sequences of length M : **$O(M^2)$**

-Three sequences of length M: **$O(M^3)$**

- N sequences of length M: **$O(M^N)$**

-> dynamic programming is not a reasonable option for aligning multiple sequences!

MSA: Approximate methods

1. **Progressive global alignment**
   Start with the most similar sequences and builds the alignment by adding the rest of the sequences

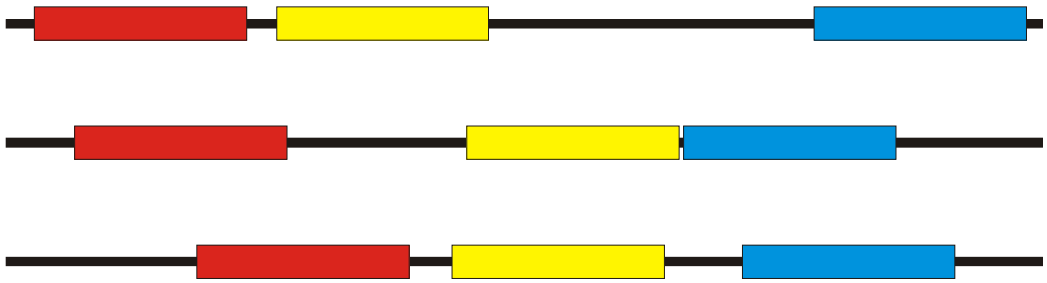
2. **Iterative methods**
   Start by making alignments of small group of sequences and then revise the alignment for better results

3. **Alignment based on small conserved domains**

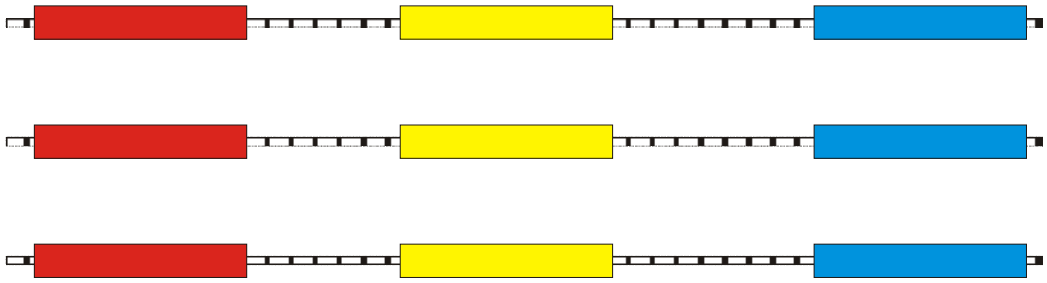
4. **Alignment based on statistical or probabilistic models of the sequence**

Multiple sequence alignment: using conserved domains

Sequences often contain highly conserved regions



These regions can be used for an initial alignment



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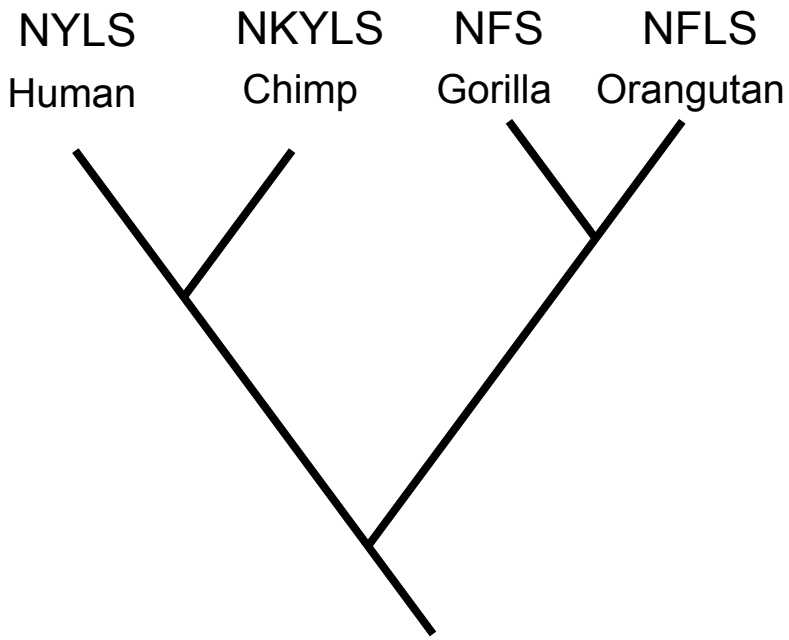

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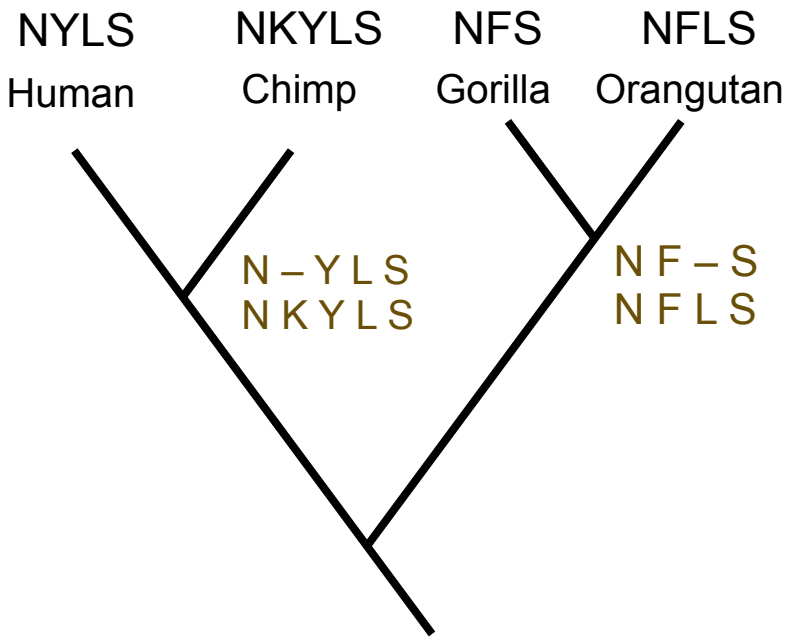

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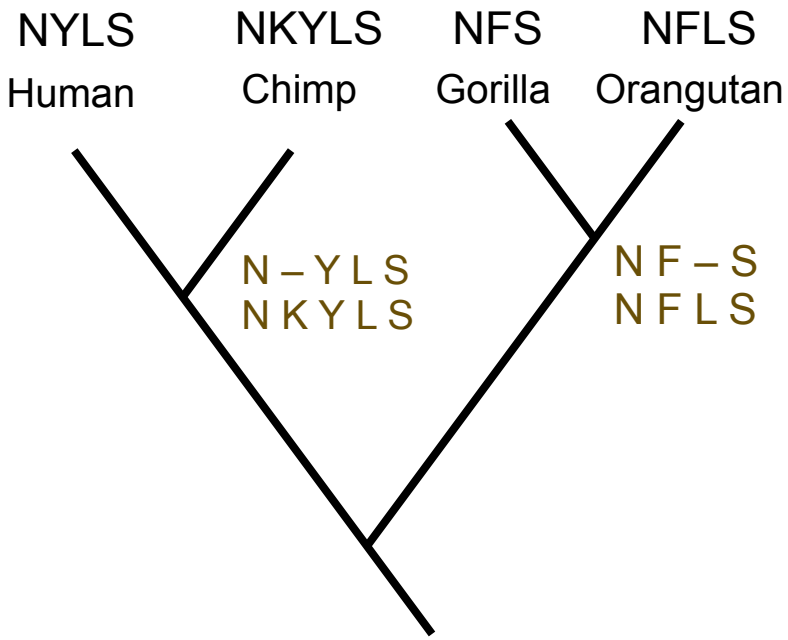

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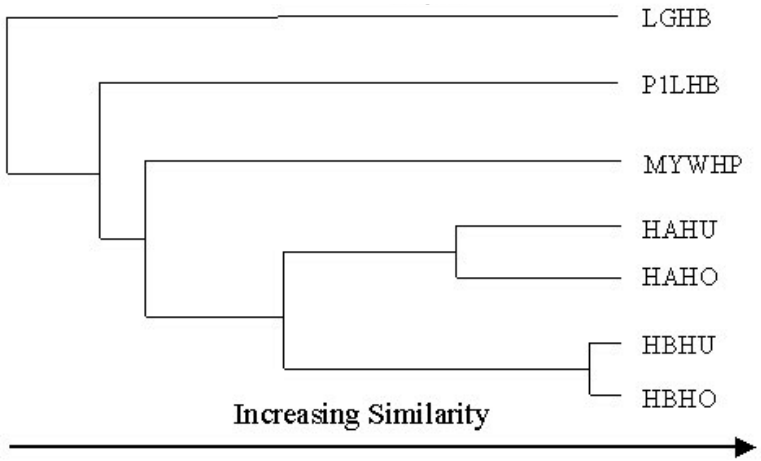

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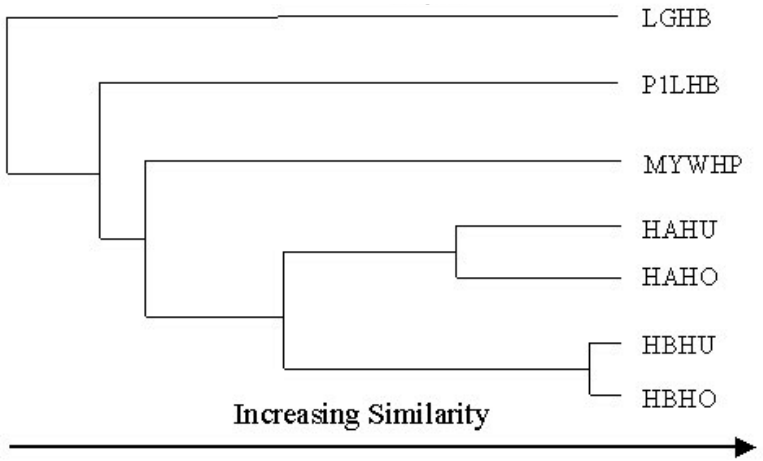

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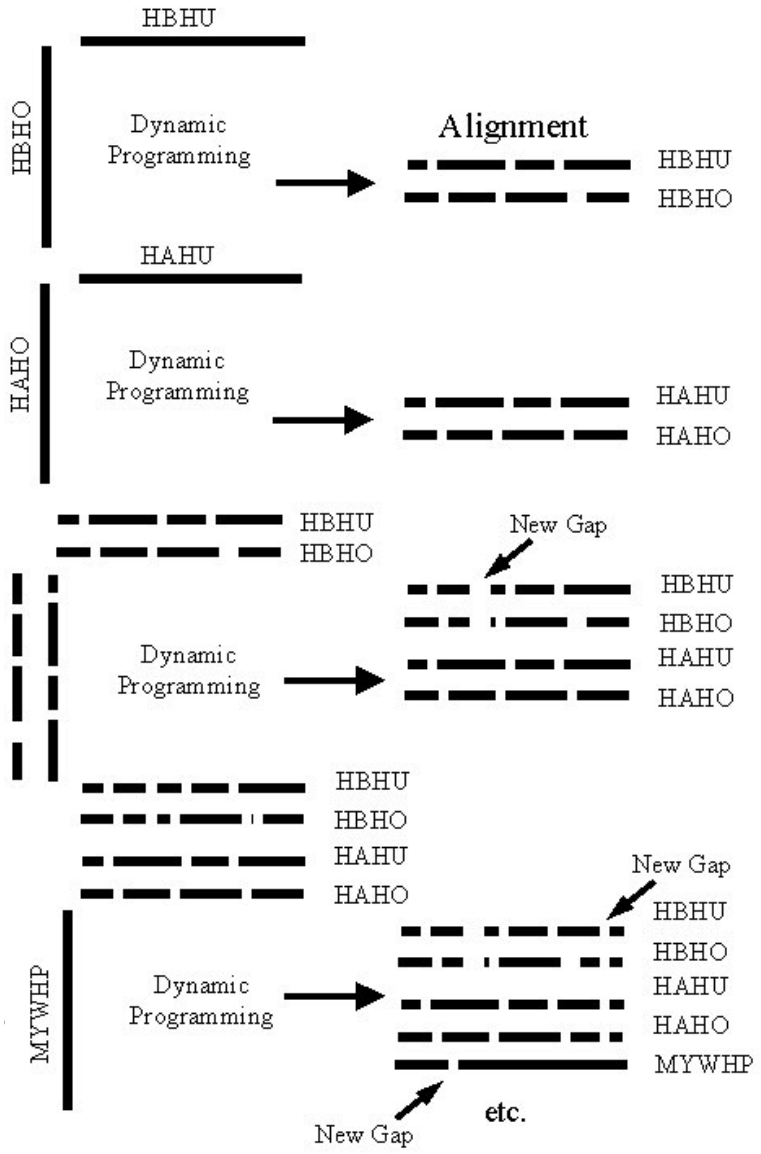

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What have we learnt?

1) **Sequence analysis** is one of the keys that will help us unravel the information coming from Genomics

2) **Vocabulary**

Analogy: The similarity of characteristics between two species that are not closely related

Homology: Similarity in characteristics resulting from shared ancestry

- **Paralog:** Homologous sequences are paralogous if they were separated by a gene duplication event
- **Ortholog:** Homologous sequences are orthologous if they were separated by a speciation event

3) In bioinformatics we often assume that **sequence similarity implies homology**. However we do need to be cautious.

What have we learnt?

4) Sequence analysis starts with **an analysis of its content**
   1) **DNAs:**
      Chargaff rule2: the composition of DNA varies from one species to another
   2) **Proteins:**
      Tri-peptide content identifies the kingdom of life (bacteria, archea or eukaryot)

5) **DotPlots** are very useful, qualitative tools for sequence comparison

4) **Scoring** between sequences is usually based on **substitution matrices**
   Most common matrices: PAM and BLOSUM

What have we learnt?

1. **Dynamic programming (DP)** is an algorithm for aligning two sequences that is guaranteed to generate the optimal alignment, under the hypothesis that the scores are additive.

2. There are two variants of DP used for sequence analysis
   Global alignment: Needleman and Wunsch
   Local alignment: Smith and Waterman

3. DP is too slow for comparing a sequence with a large database

4. **BLAST** provides a heuristic method for detecting sequences that are similar

5. **BLAST is best for detection** and should not be trusted for the alignment itself

What have we learnt?

6) Multiple sequence alignment: definition

A multiple sequence alignment is an alignment of n > 2 sequences obtained by inserting gaps ("-") into sequences such that the resulting sequences have all length L. MSW can help to reveal biological facts about proteins, to establish homology,…

7) Difficulties in generating MSA

Most pairwise alignment algorithms are too complex to be used for N-wise alignments

8) Three main types of MSA algorithms:

- Progressive global alignment (starts with the most alike sequences)
  * e.g., ClustalW, ClustalX
- Iterative methods (initial alignment of groups of sequences that are revised)
  * MultAlin, PRRP, SAGA
- Alignments based on locally conserved patterns