

CS 466  
Introduction to Bioinformatics  
Lecture 7

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# Course Announcements

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Midterm on Oct. 10, 7-9pm, 1310 DCL

# Outline

- Recap: RNA Secondary Structure Prediction
- Protein Contact Map Overlap

## Reading:

- Lecture notes
- Caprara, A., Carr, R., Istrail, S., Lancia, G., & Walenz, B. (2004). 1001 Optimal PDB Structure Alignments: Integer Programming Methods for Finding the Maximum Contact Map Overlap. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 11(1), 27–52. <http://doi.org/10.1089/106652704773416876>

# Nussinov Algorithm

RNA can fold into structures due to nucleotide complementarity:  
A <--> U and G <--> C

Secondary structure is determined by a set of non-overlapping complimentary base pairs

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## ALGORITHMS FOR LOOP MATCHINGS\*

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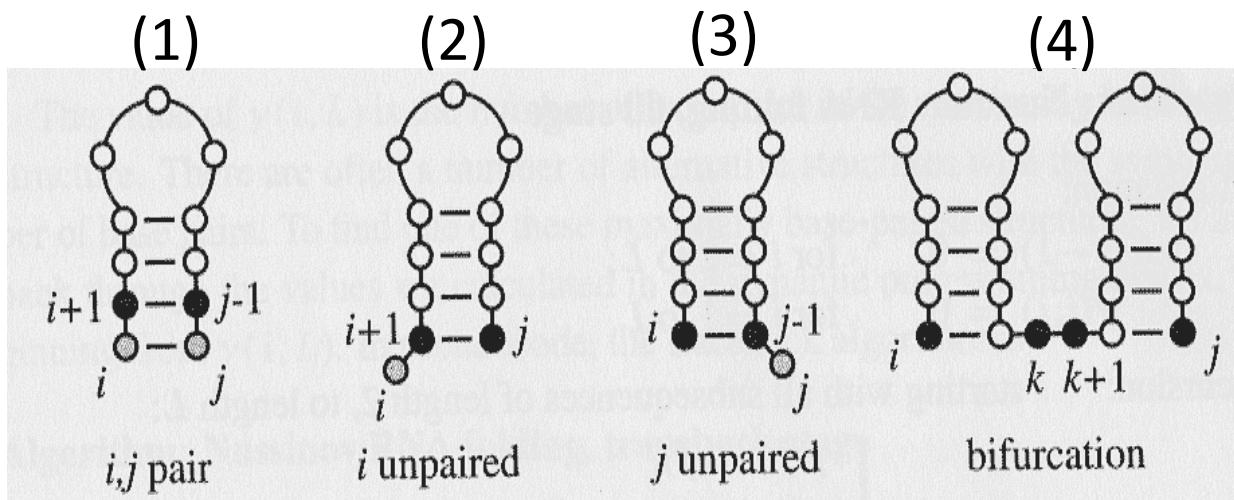


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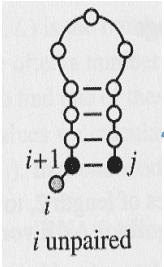
Let  $s[i, j]$  denote the maximum number of pseudoknot-free complementary base pairings in subsequence  $v_i, \dots, v_j$



$$s[i, j] = \max \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \geq j, \\ s[i + 1, j - 1] + 1, & \text{if } i < j \text{ and } (v_i, v_j) \in \Gamma, \text{ (1)} \\ s[i + 1, j - 1], & \text{if } i < j \text{ and } (v_i, v_j) \notin \Gamma, \text{ (1*)} \\ s[i + 1, j], & \text{if } i < j, \text{ (2)} \\ s[i, j - 1], & \text{if } i < j, \text{ (3)} \\ \max_{i < k < j} \{s[i, k] + s[k + 1, j]\}, & \text{if } i < j, \text{ (4)} \end{cases}$$

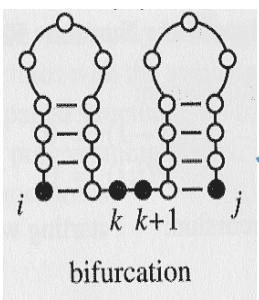
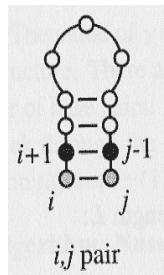
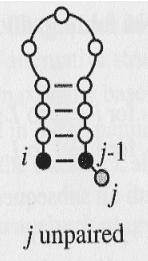
**Question:**  
Which case is redundant?

# Nussinov Algorithm – Traceback Step

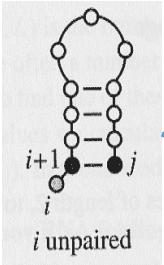


Push  $(1, n)$  onto stack  
Repeat until stack is empty:

pop  $(i,j)$   
if  $i \geq j$  continue  
else if  $s[i+1,j] = s[i,j]$   
    push  $(i+1,j)$   
else if  $s[i,j-1] = S[i,j]$   
    push  $(i,j-1)$   
else if  $s[i+1,j-1] + 1 = s[i,j]$   
    **record  $(i,j)$  base pair**  
    push  $(i+1,j-1)$   
else for  $k = i+1$  to  $j-1$   
    if  $s[i,k]+s[k+1,j] = s[i,j]$   
        push  $(k+1,j)$   
        push  $(i,k)$   
        break (for loop)

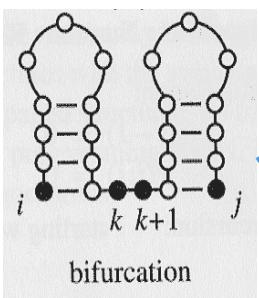
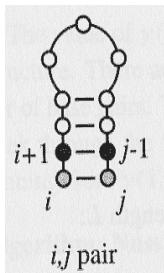
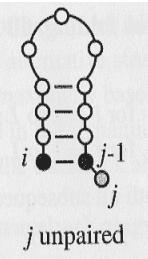


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BackTrack( $i, j$ )  
if  $i < j$

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    **else if**  $s[i, j-1] = S[i, j]$   
        BackTrack( $i, j-1$ )  
    **else if**  $s[i+1, j-1] + 1 = s[i, j]$   
        **Output  $(i, j)$**   
        BackTrack( $i+1, j-1$ )  
    **else for**  $k = i+1$  to  $j-1$   
        **if**  $s[i, k] + s[k+1, j] = s[i, j]$   
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# Central Dogma of Molecular Biology

## Three fundamental molecules:

### 1. DNA

Information storage.

### 2. RNA

Old view: Mostly a “messenger”.

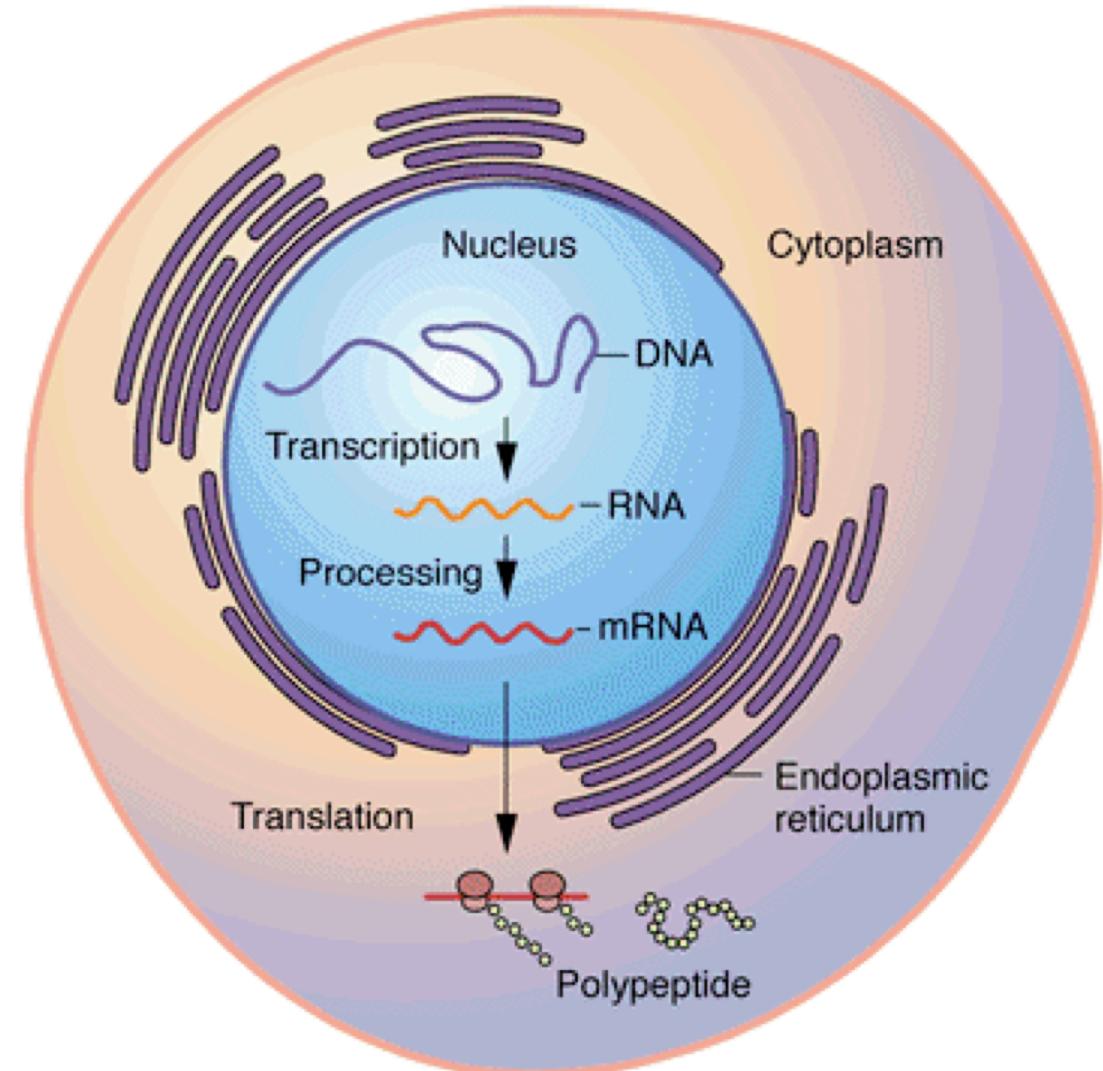
New view: Performs many important functions, through **3-D structure!**

### 3. Protein

Perform most cellular functions  
(biochemistry, signaling, control, etc.)

**DNA → RNA → Protein**

*First proposed by Francis Crick in 1956.*

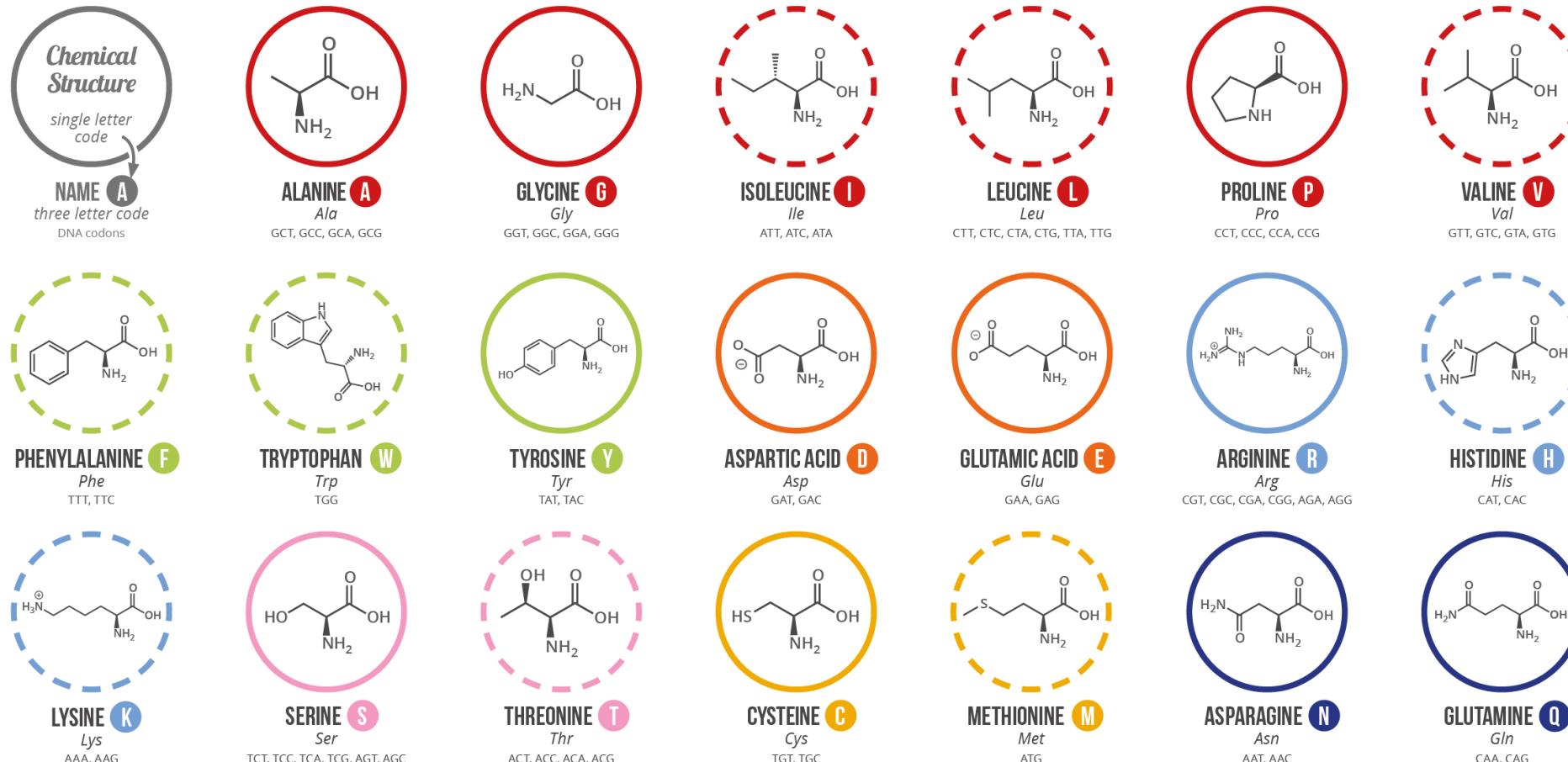


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# A GUIDE TO THE TWENTY COMMON AMINO ACIDS

AMINO ACIDS ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF PROTEINS IN LIVING ORGANISMS. THERE ARE OVER 500 AMINO ACIDS FOUND IN NATURE - HOWEVER, THE HUMAN GENETIC CODE ONLY DIRECTLY ENCODES 20. 'ESSENTIAL' AMINO ACIDS MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIET, WHILST NON-ESSENTIAL AMINO ACIDS CAN BE SYNTHESISED IN THE BODY.

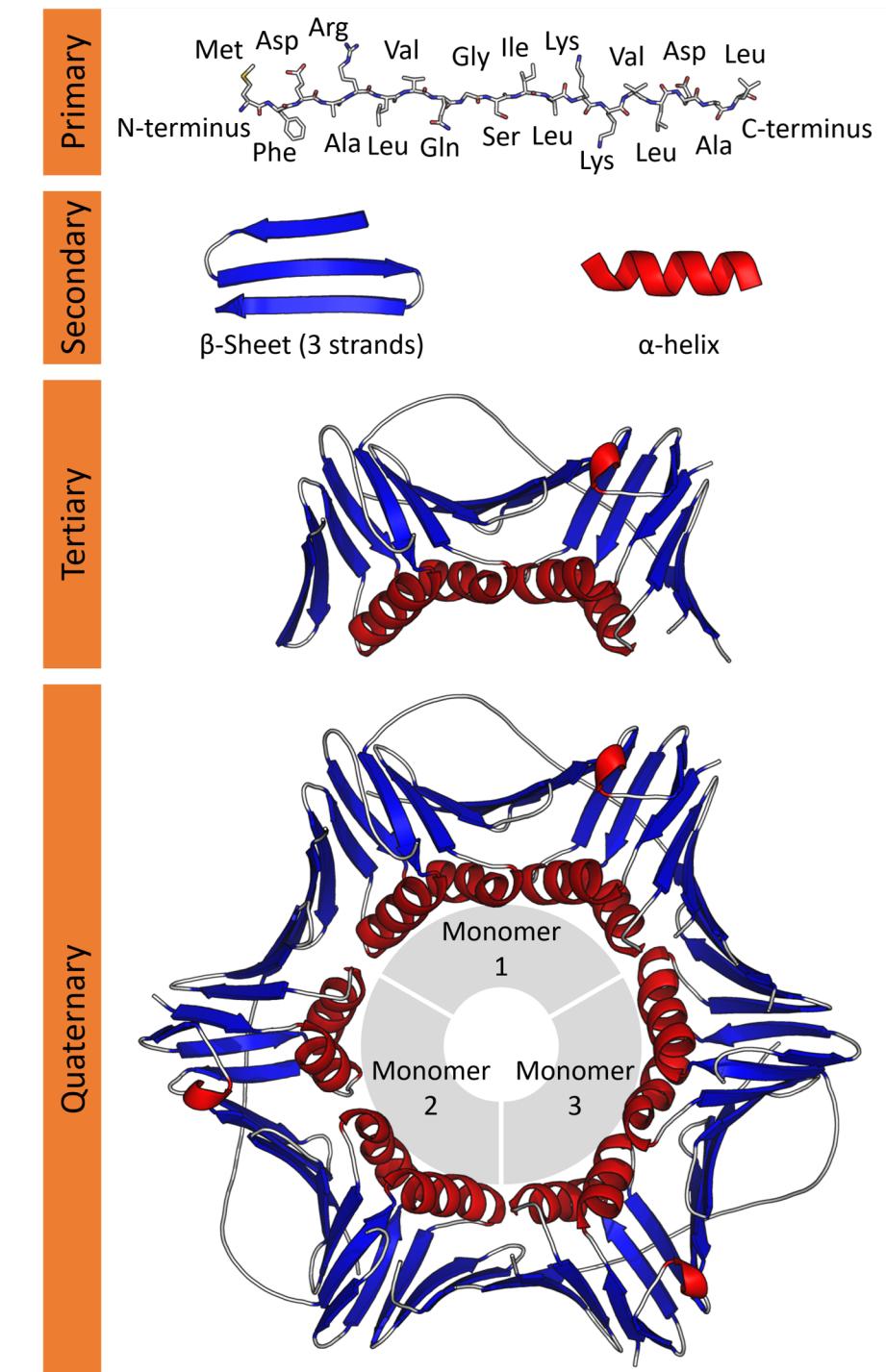
**Chart Key:** ● ALIPHATIC ● AROMATIC ● ACIDIC ● BASIC ● HYDROXYLIC ● SULFUR-CONTAINING ● AMIDIC ○ NON-ESSENTIAL ○ ESSENTIAL



**Note:** This chart only shows those amino acids for which the human genetic code directly codes for. Selenocysteine is often referred to as the 21st amino acid, but is encoded in a special manner. In some cases, distinguishing between asparagine/aspartic acid and glutamine/glutamic acid is difficult. In these cases, the codes asx (B) and glx (Z) are respectively used.



# Protein Structure Prediction

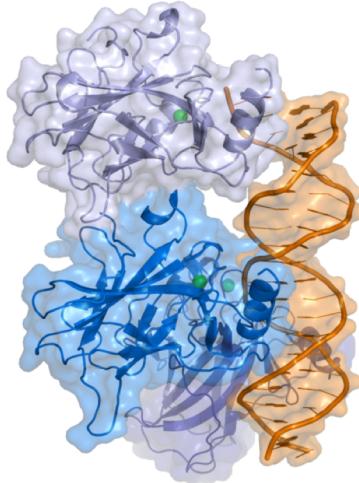


# Example

- <http://pdb101.rcsb.org/motm/218>

# On Sequence, Structure and Function: p53

10	20	30	40	50
MEEPQSDPSV	EPPLSQETFS	DLWKLLPENN	VLSPLPSQAM	DDLMLSPDDI
60	70	80	90	100
EQWFTEDPGP	DEAPRMPEAA	PPVAPAPAPA	TPAAPAPAPS	WPLSSSVPSQ
110	120	130	140	150
KTYQGSYGYFR	LGFLHSGTAK	SVTCTYSPAL	NKMFQCLAKT	CPVQLWVDST
160	170	180	190	200
PPPGTRVRAM	AIYKQSQHMT	EVVRRCPHHE	RCSDSDGLAP	PQHLIRVEGN
210	220	230	240	250
LRVEYLDDRN	TFRHSVVVPY	EPPEVGSDCT	TIHYNYMCNS	SCMGGMNRRP
260	270	280	290	300
ILTIITLEDS	SGNLLGRNSF	EVRVCACPGR	DRRTEEENLR	KKGEPHHELP
310	320	330	340	350
PGSTKRALPN	NTSSSPQPKK	KPLDGEYFTL	QIRGRERFEM	FRELNEALEL
360	370	380	390	
KDAQAGKEPG	GSRRAHSSHLD	SKKGQSTSRRH	KKLMFKTEGP	DSD



- It can activate [DNA repair](#) proteins when DNA has sustained damage
- It can arrest growth by holding the [cell cycle](#) at the [G1/S regulation point](#) on DNA damage
- It can initiate [apoptosis](#) (i.e., programmed cell death) if DNA damage proves to be irreparable.
- It is essential for the senescence response to short [telomeres](#).

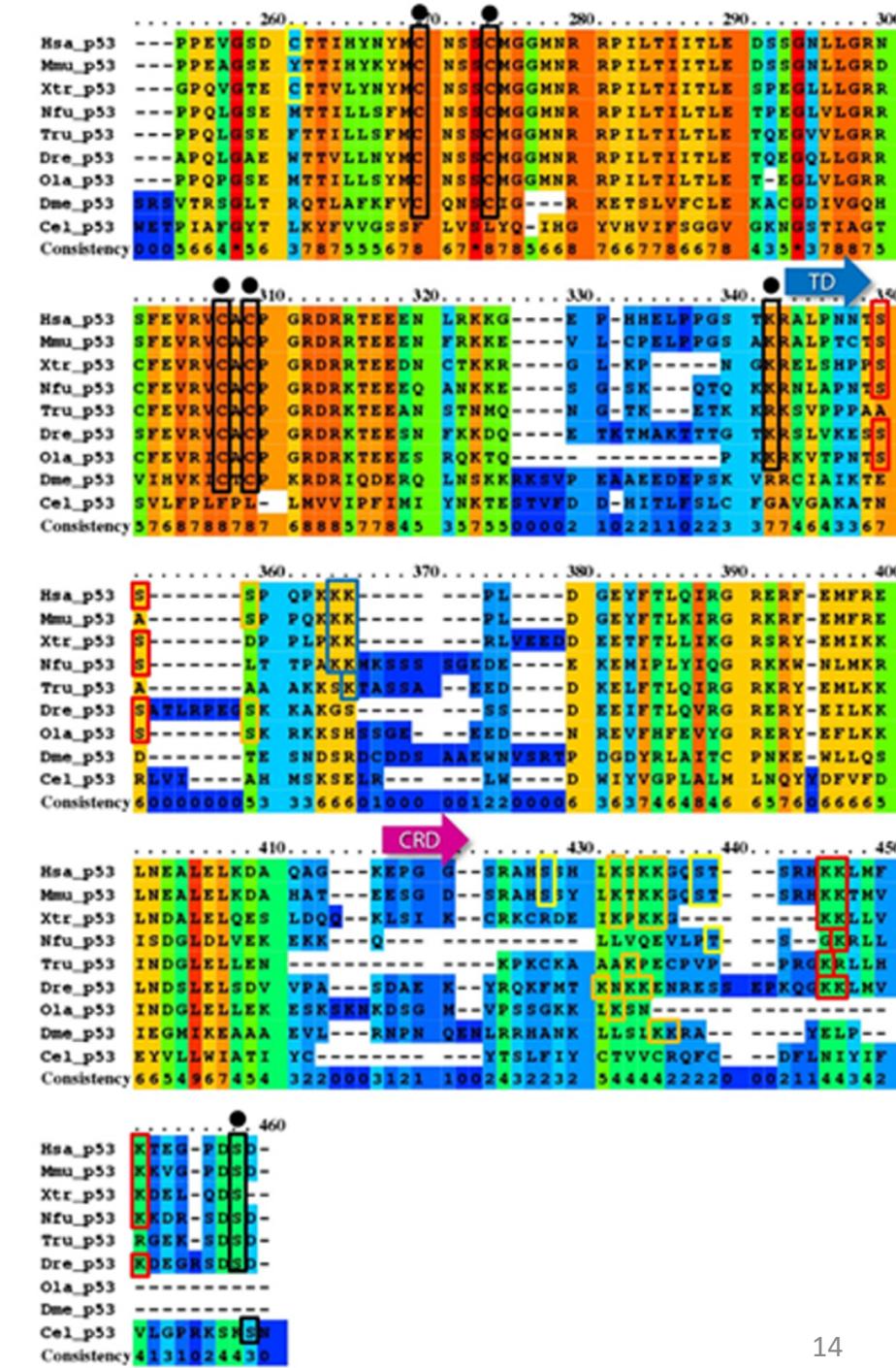
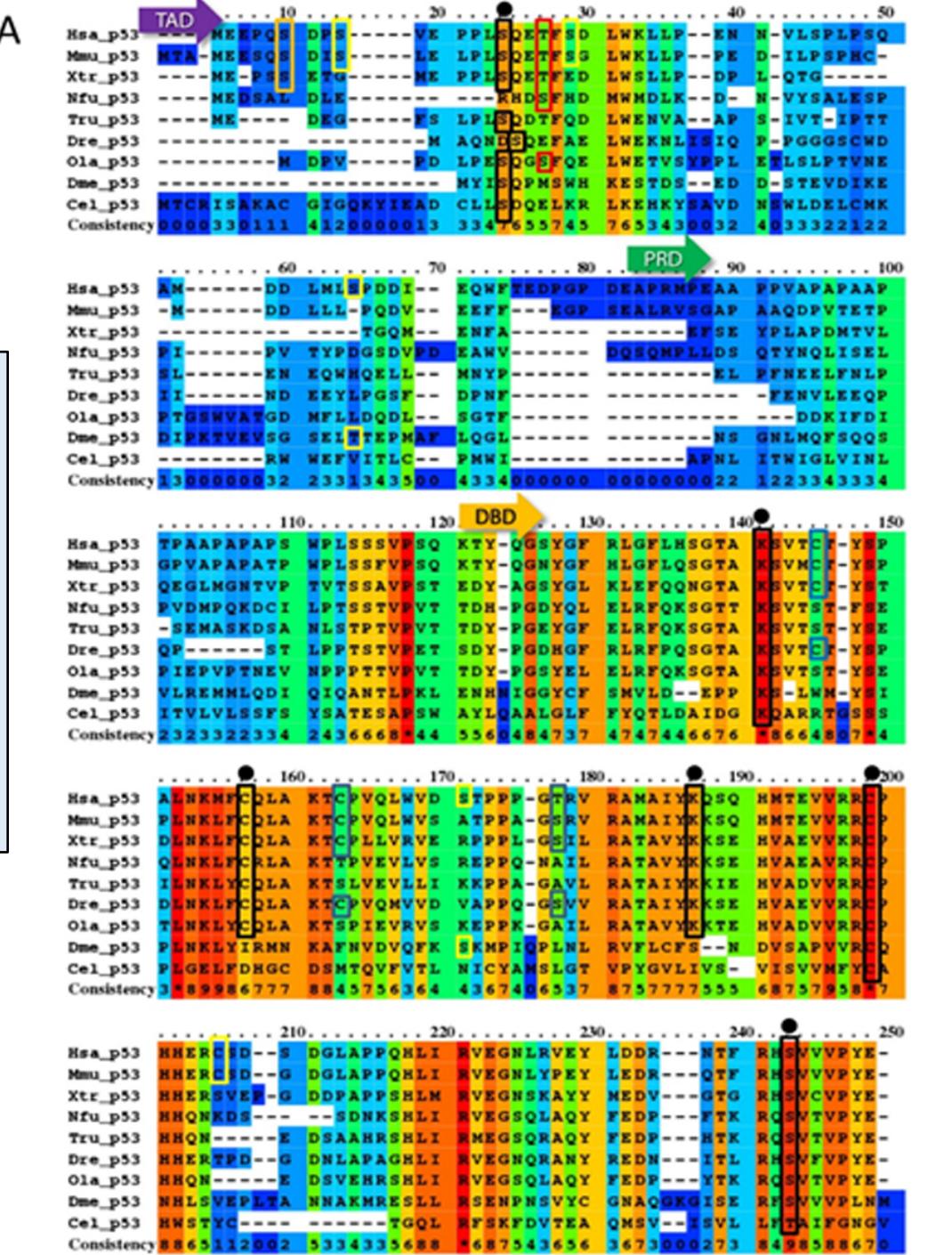
Sequence

Structure

Function

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# How to Compare Two Protein Sequences?

## **TP53 (Human)**

```
1 meepqsdpsv epplsgetfs dlwkllpenn vlsplpsqam dd1mlspddi eqwftedpgp
 61 deaprmppeaa ppvapapaap tpaapapaps wplsssvpsq ktyqgsygfr lgflhsgtak
121 svtctyspal nkmfcqlakt cpvqlwvdst pppgtrvram aiykqsqhmt evvrrcphhe
181 rcsdsdglap pqhlirvegn lrveylddrn tfrhsvvvpy eppevgsdct tihynymcns
241 scmggmnrrp iltiitleds sgnllgrnsf evrvcacpgr drrteeenlr kkgephhelp
301 pgstkralpn ntssspqpkk kpldgeyftl qirgrerfem frelnealel kdaqagkepg
361 gsrahssh1k skkgqstsrh kk1mfktegp dsd
```

## **p53 (Mouse)**

```
1 mtameesqsd islelplsqe tfsglwkl1p pedilpsphc mdd111pqdv eeffegpsea
 61 lrvsgapaaq dpvtetpgpv apapatpwpl ssfvpsqkty qgnygfhlgf lqsgtaksvm
121 ctyssp1nkl fcqlaktcpv qlwvsatppa gsrvraramaiy kksqhmtevv rrcphhercs
181 dgdblappqh rirvegnlyp eyledrqtfr hsvvvpyepp eagseyttih ykymcnsscm
241 ggmnrrpilt iitledssgn llgrdsfevr vcacpgrdrr teeenfrkke vlcpelppgs
301 akralptcts asppqkkp1 dgeyftlkir grkrfemfre lnealelkda hateesgdsr
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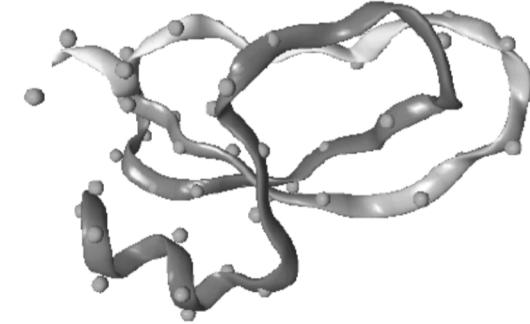
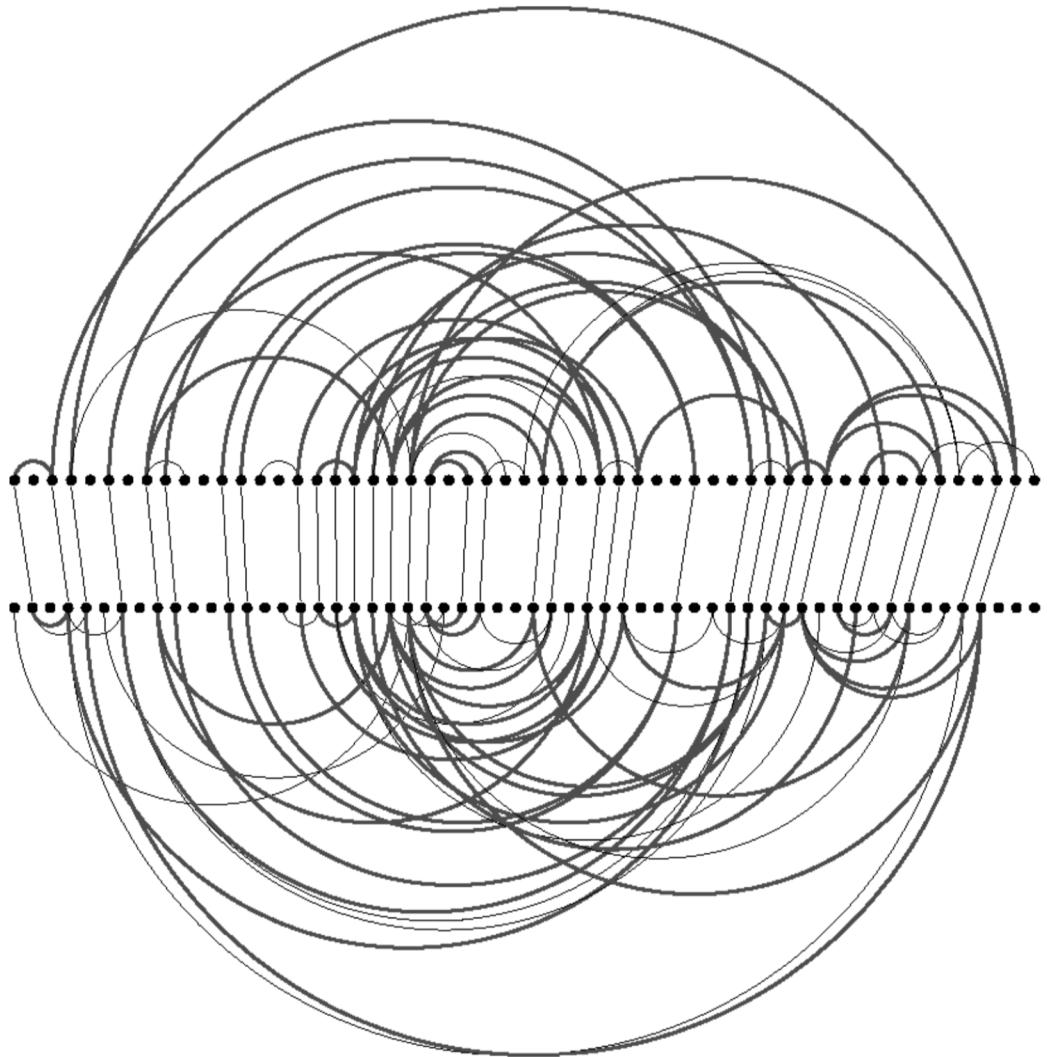
**Global Alignment problem:** Given strings  $v \in \Sigma^m$  and  $w \in \Sigma^n$  and scoring function  $\delta$ , find alignment of  $v$  and  $w$  with maximum score

**[Needleman-Wunsch algorithm]**

**Local Alignment problem:** Given strings  $v \in \Sigma^m$  and  $w \in \Sigma^n$  and scoring function  $\delta$ , find a substring of  $v$  and a substring of  $w$  whose alignment has maximum global alignment score  $s^*$  among *all* global alignments of *all* substrings of  $v$  and  $w$

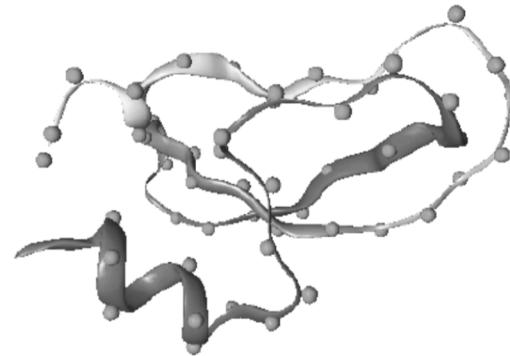
**[Smith-Waterman algorithm]**

# How to Compare Two Protein **Structures**?



**1knt-4.0.cm:** 55 residues with 43 contacts.  
31 shared contacts.

**1bpi-4.0.cm:** 58 residues with 53 contacts.



**FIG. 1.** An optimal alignment of two 4Å threshold contact maps of proteins 1bpi and 1knt.