# CS 466 Introduction to Bioinformatics Lecture 3

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# Outline

- 1. Edit distance recap
- 2. Global alignment
- 3. Fitting alignment
- 4. Local alignment
- 5. Gapped alignment

#### **Reading:**

- Jones and Pevzner. Chapters 6.6, 6.8 and 6.9
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# Weighted Edit Distance – Practice Problem

• Compute weighted edit distance between  $\mathbf{v} = AGT$  and  $\mathbf{w} = ATCT$ .

	vw	0	1	2	3	4
	0					
Α	1					
G	2					
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A T C G

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• But not every series of elementary operations corresponds to an alignment! Why?

• TACAT 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{subst}}$$
 GACAT  $\xrightarrow{\text{del}}$  GAAT  $\xrightarrow{\text{ins}}$  TGAAT  $\xrightarrow{\text{ins}}$  TGATAT  $\xrightarrow{\text{-TAC-AT}}$  TGA-TAT

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• TACAT 
$$\stackrel{\text{ins}}{\rightarrow}$$
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Examples from http://profs.scienze.univr.it/~liptak/ACB/files/StringDistance\_6up.pdf

# Distance Function / Metric

A distance function (metric) on a set X is a function  $d : X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$ s.t. for all  $x, y, z \in X$ : *i.*  $d(x, y) \ge 0$  [non-negativity] *ii.* d(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y [identity of indiscernibles] *iii.* d(x, y) = d(y, x) [symmetry] *iv.*  $d(x, y) \le d(x, z) + d(z, y)$  [triangle inequality]

#### **Question**: Is edit distance a distance function?

Edit distance  $d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})$  is the minimum number of elementary operations to transform  $\mathbf{v} \in \Sigma^*$  into  $\mathbf{w} \in \Sigma^*$ .

*Claim*: edit distance is a distance function.

Proof: Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \Sigma^*$ .[non-negativity]*i.*  $d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \ge 0$ [non-negativity]Edit distance is defined by an alignment. This in turn uniquely determinesa series of elementary operations, each with cost either 0 (match) or 1(otherwise). Thus,  $d(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \ge 0$ .

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Proof: Let u, v, w ∈ Σ\*.[symmetry]*iii.* d(v, w) = d(w, v)[symmetry]Let A = [a<sub>i,j</sub>] be the optimal alignment corresponding to d(v, w), i.e. A is an 2 × kmatrix where k ∈ {max(|v|, |w|), ..., |v| + |w|}. Define the function f(A) = B suchthat B is obtained by interchanging the two rows of A. Since the cost of any insertion,deletion and mismatch is 1, we have that alignment B has cost d(v, w). The existenceof an alignment from w to v with cost less than d(v, w), yields a contradiction as itimplies that A is not an optimal alignment from v to w. Hence, d(w, v) = d(v, w).

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# Biological Sequence Alignment

- Weighted edit distance: find alignment with minimum distance
  - Shortest path in weighted edit graph
- Sequence alignment: find alignment with maximum similarity
  - Longest path in weighted edit graph
  - Score function:  $\delta : (\Sigma \cup \{-\})^2 \to \mathbb{R}$



**Question**: What is an example of  $\delta$ ?

# Scoring Matrices

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G	-1	-2	-2	1	-1
-	-1	-1	-1	-1	$-\infty$

# Global Alignment – Needleman-Wunsch Algorithm

**Global Alignment problem:** Given strings  $\mathbf{v} \in \Sigma^m$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \Sigma^n$  and scoring function  $\delta$ , find alignment with maximum score.

- An alignment is a source-to-sink path in the edit graph
- An alignment  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{i,j}]$  is a  $2 \times k$  matrix s.t. (i)  $k = \{\max(m, n), \dots, m + n\}$ , (ii)  $a_{i,j} \in \Sigma \cup \{-\}$  and (iii) there is no  $j \in [k]$  where  $a_{1,j} = a_{2,j} = -$

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## Demonstration

<u>http://alfehrest.org/sub/nwa/index.html</u>

•  $\mathbf{v} = \text{ATGTTAT}$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \text{ATCGTAC}$ .

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# Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Technology



# NGS Characterized by Short Reads



**Genome** Millions -billions nucleotides

Next-generation DNA sequencing

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Allow for inexact matches due to:

- Sequencing errors
- Polymorphisms/mutations in reference genome



#### 10-100's million *short reads* Short read: 100 nucleotides

# NGS Characterized by Short Reads



**Question**: How to account for discrepancy between lengths of reference and short read?

# Fitting Alignment

For short read alignment, we want to align complete short read  $\mathbf{v} \in \Sigma^m$  to substring of reference genome  $\mathbf{w} \in \Sigma^n$ . Note that  $m \ll n$ .



 $\mathbf{w} \in \Sigma^n$ 

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- How many? Answer:  $n + \binom{n}{2}$
- What are their total lengths?
- What is the running time?

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# Local Alignment – Biological Motivation

Proteins are composed of functional units called domains. Such domains may occur in different proteins even across species.



From Pfam database (<u>http://pfam.sanger.ac.uk/</u>)

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#### Brute force:

- 1. Generate all pairs (v', w') of substrings of v and w
- 2. For each pair  $(\mathbf{v}', \mathbf{w}')$ , solve global alignment problem.

**Question**: There are  $\binom{m}{2}\binom{n}{2}$  pairs of substrings. But they have different lengths. What is the running time?

# Key Idea

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

tccCAGTTATGTCAGgggacacgagcatgcagagac

aattgeegeegtegtttteagCAGTTATGTCAGate

#### **Global alignment**:

• Start at (0,0) and end at (m,n)

#### Local alignment:

• Start and end anywhere



**Figure 6.16** (a) Global and (b) local alignments of two hypothetical genes that each have a conserved domain. The local alignment has a much worse score according to the global scoring scheme, but it correctly locates the conserved domain.

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**Question**: Which alignment is better?

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Let 
$$\rho = 10$$
 and  $\sigma = 1$ . Left:  $(3 * 1) - (10 + 1 * 2) = -9$ .  
Right:  $(3 * 1) - (10 + 1 * 1) - (10 + 1 * 1) = -19$ .

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Idea: Insert horizontal (deletion) and vertical (insertion) edges spanning k > 1 gaps with score  $-(\rho + \sigma k)$ .





# Affine Gap Penalty Alignment – Naive Approach

Affine gap penalty: Two penalties: (i) gap open penalty  $\rho \ge 0$  and (ii) gap extension penalty  $\sigma \ge 0$ . Stretch of k consecutive gaps has score  $-(\rho + \sigma k)$ .



**Question**: What's the recurrence?

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🛰 old edges

**Question**: What's the running time?

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Figure 6.18 A three-level edit graph for alignment with affine gap penalties. Every vertex (i, j) in the middle level has one outgoing edge to the upper level, one outgoing edge to the lower level, and one incoming edge each from the upper and lower levels. 46

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Running time: O(mn)





### Affine Gap Penalty Alignment – Example

#### Let $\rho = 10$ and $\sigma = 1$ . Match = 1. Mismatch = -1

$\mathbf{v} = AAC$	$\mathbf{w} = ACAAC$
$s^{\rightarrow}[i,j] = \max \begin{cases} s^{\rightarrow}[i,j-1] - \sigma, \\ s^{\searrow}[i,j-1] - (\sigma + \rho), \end{cases}$	if $j > 1$ , if $j > 0$ ,
$s^{\searrow}[i,j] = \max \begin{cases} 0, \\ s^{\rightarrow}[i,j], \\ s^{\downarrow}[i,j], \\ s^{\searrow}[i-1,j-1] + \delta(v_i) \end{cases}$	if $i = 0$ and $j = 0$ , if $j > 0$ , if $i > 0$ , $(w_j)$ , if $i > 0$ and $j > 0$ ,
$s^{\downarrow}[i,j] = \max \begin{cases} s^{\downarrow}[i-1,j] - \sigma, \\ s^{\searrow}[i-1,j] - (\sigma + \rho), \end{cases}$	if $i > 1$ , if $i > 0$ .

Gapped Alignment – Additional Insights

• Naive approach supports arbitrary gap penalties given two sequences  $\mathbf{v} \in \Sigma^m$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \Sigma^n$ . This results in an O(mn(m + n)) algorithm.

• Alignment with convex gap penalties given two sequences  $\mathbf{v} \in \Sigma^m$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in \Sigma^n$  can be computed in  $O(mn \log m)$  time. See: Dan Gusfield. 1997. Algorithms on Strings, Trees, and Sequences: Computer Science and Computational Biology. Cambridge University Press, New York, NY, USA.



# Take Home Messages

- 1. Edit distance
- 2. Global alignment
- 3. Fitting alignment
- 4. Local alignment
- 5. Gapped alignment

Edit distance is shortest path in DAG

Global alignment is longest path in DAG

Small tweaks enable different extensions

### **Reading:**

- Jones and Pevzner. Chapters 6.6, 6.8 and 6.9
- Lecture notes