Practical considerations of working with sequencing data

# File Types

- Fastq ->aligner -> reference(genome) coordinates
- Coordinate files
  - SAM/BAM most complete, contains all of the info in fastq and more!
  - Bedgraph read density along the genome
  - Bed file –Read density reported in large continuous intervals
    - Genes/transcript and transcript structure
    - Transcription factor binding regions
- If someone does a sequencing experiment usually one of these is available and deposited in a public database

#### SAM/BAM

(1) The query name of the read is given (M01121)	(2) The flag value is 163 (this equals 1+2+32+128)	(3) The reference sequence name, chrM, refers to the mitochondrial genome				
(4) Position 480 is the left-most coordinate position of this read	(5) The Phred-scaled mapping quality is 60 (an error rate of 1 in 10 <sup>6</sup> )	(6) The CIGAR string (148M2S) shows 148 matches and 2 soft- clipped (unaligned) bases				

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M01121:5:000000	000-A2DTN:1:211	1:20172:15571	163 chrM
480 60	148M2S =	524 195	AATCTCATCAAT
ACAACCCTCGCCCAT	CCTACCCAGCACACA	CACACCGCTGCTAACC	CCATACCCCGAACC
AACCAAACCCCAAAG	ACACCCCCCACAGTT	TATGTAGCTTACCTCC	CTCAAAGCAATAACC
TGAAAATGTTTAGAC	GGG BBBBBFFB5@	FFGGGFGEGGGEGAAA	CGHFHFEGGAGFFH
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RG:Z:Sample7	XC:i:148	XT:A:U NM:i:3	3 SM:i:37
AM:i:37 X0:i:1	X1:i:0 XM:i:3	XO:i:0 XG:i:0	MD:Z:19C109C0A17

(7) An = sign shows that	(
the mate reference matches	F
the reference name	

(8) The 1-based left position is 524

(9) The insert size is 195 bases

(10) The sequence begins AATCT and ends ACGGG (its length is 150 bases)

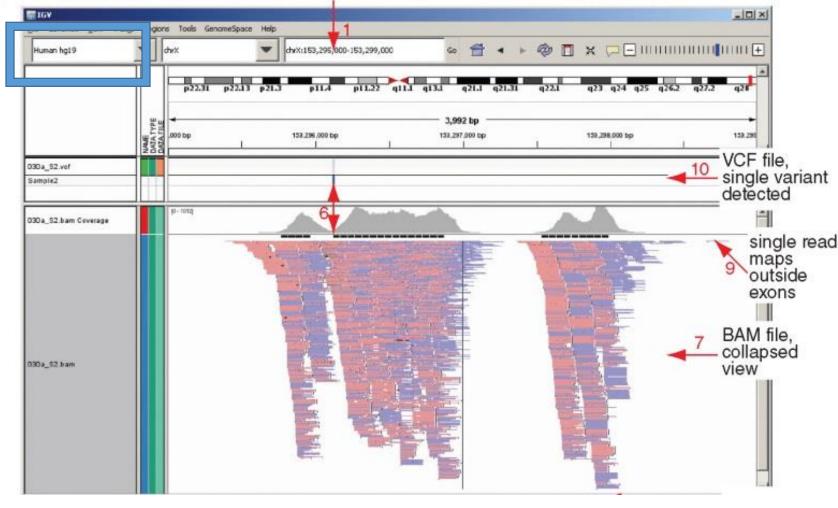
(11) Each base is assigned a quality score (from BBBBB additional, optional ending FHC.-)

(12) This read has fields that accompany the MiSeq analysis

# Viewing genome coordinate files with IGV

- Integrated Genome Browser
- Cross-platform application
- Knows about common genomes
- Genome version is important!

(a) IGV display of a BAM file (at two resolutions) and a VCF in the MECP2 gene region



# Different assemblies

- Genome coordinates different between genome assemblies
  - Differences accumulate over chromosome length
- You have to know which assembly was used
- Sequencing files are nonrandomly distributed relative to genes
  - RNAseq—should align with exons
  - TF binding sites—biased towards promoter regions

#### Human

- Source: UCSC Genome Bioinformatics, <u>http://genome.ucsc.edu/</u>
- Assemblies:
  - UCSC hg19 (GCA\_000001405.1), February 2009
  - UCSC hg18 (NCBI build 36.1), March 2006
  - UCSC hg17 (NCBI build 35), May 2004
  - UCSC hg16 (NCBI build 34), July 2003

#### Human: 1000 Genomes

- Source: 1000 Genomes, <u>http://www.1000genomes.org/</u>
- Assembly: b37, October 2009
- Assembly: b36 (1kg ref), December 2008

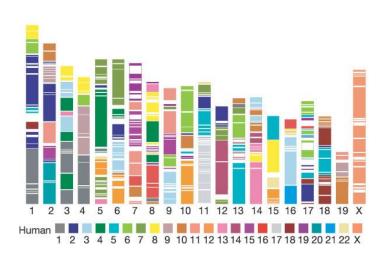
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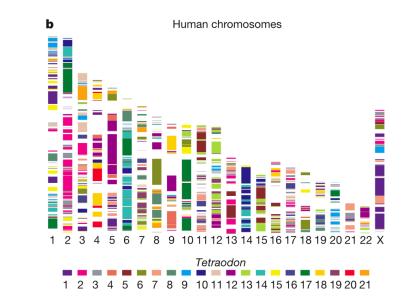
- Source: UCSC Genome Bioinformatics, <u>http://genome.ucsc.edu/</u>
- Assemblies:
  - UCSC mm9 (NCBI build 37), July 2007
  - UCSC mm8 (NCBI build 36), Febuary 2006
  - UCSC mm7 (NCBI build 35), August 2005

# Converting coordinates

- UCSC liftOver -- converts genome coordinates
- Convert from one assembly to another
- Cross organism conversion
  - Mammals/vertebrates

mm10ToLoxAfr3.over.chain.gz	20-Mar-2012	15:38	51M
mm10ToMacEug2.over.chain.gz	24-Mar-2012	11:54	12M
mm10ToMelGal1.over.chain.gz	03-Apr-2012	11:53	7.0M
mm10ToMelUnd1.over.chain.gz	30-Mar-2012	04:25	7.1M
<u>mm10ToMicMur1.over.chain.gz</u>	13-Mar-2012	22:10	55M
<u>mm10ToMm9.over.chain.gz</u>	30-Apr-2012	21:52	940K
<u>mm10ToMonDom5.over.chain.gz</u>	30-Mar-2012	19:24	20M
mm10ToMyoLuc2.over.chain.gz	22-Mar-2012	09:03	49M
<u>mm10ToNomLeu1.over.chain.gz</u>	08-Mar-2012	22:47	66M
<u>mm10ToNomLeu2.over.chain.gz</u>	14-Apr-2012	21:16	65M
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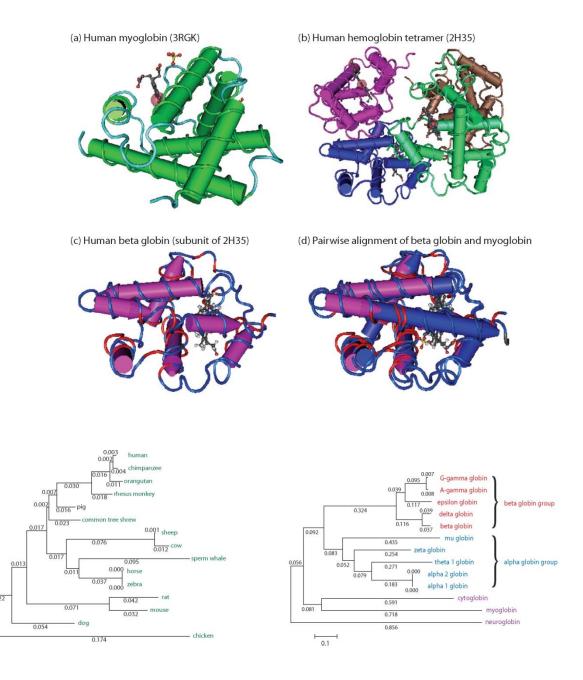
# Sequence Alignment

# To do:

- Global alignment
- Local alignment
- Scoring
  - Gaps
  - Scoring matrices
- Database Search
  - Statistical Significance
- Multiple Sequence alignment

# Why compare sequences

- Given a new sequence, infer its function based on similarity to another sequence
- Find important molecular regions conserved across species
- Determine 3d structure with homology modeling
- Homologs-sequences that descended from a common ancestral sequence
  - Orthologs- separated by speciation
  - **Paralogs** separated by duplication in a single genome
- Basic unit of protein homology is a sufficient functional unit—typically much smaller than a whole gene

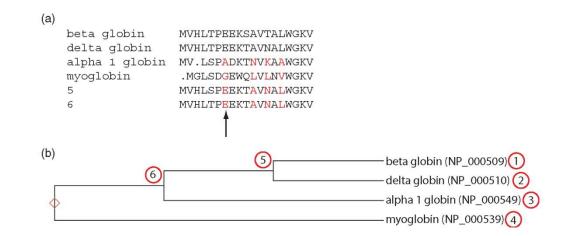


# DNA vs Protein alignments

- Protein coding
  - Typically compared in amino acid space
  - Amino acid change slower than nucleotides
    - Some nucleotides can change without any change to a.a. sequence
  - Different levels of amino acid similarity can be accounted for
    - Not all a.a. changes are equally disruptive
  - Can detect very remote homology
- Non-coding regions
  - Smaller alphabet requires more matches to achieve significance
  - No notion of similarity—match or nor match
  - Diverge more rapidly though some are very conserved at short evolutionary distances

## What is a good sequence alignment

- Theory: If two sequences are homologous we want to match up the residues such that each residue is descendant from a common ancestral residue
- Practice: approximate string matching
  - introduce gaps and padding to find best matching between two strings

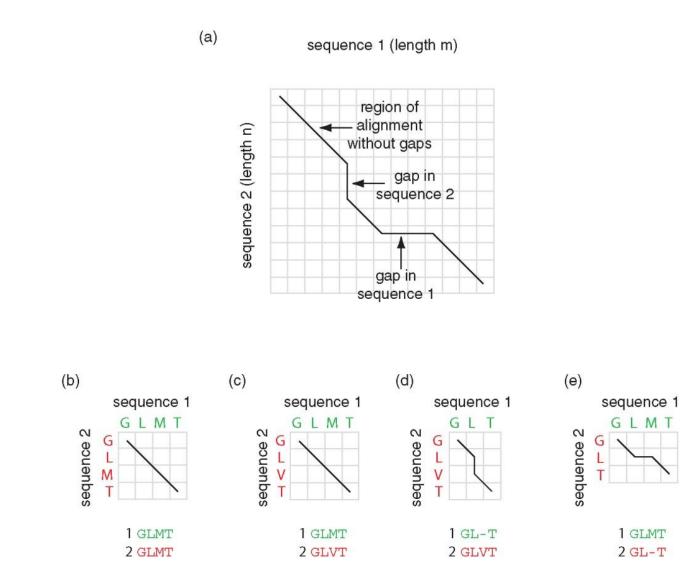


AGGCTATCACCTGACCTCCAGGCCGATGCCC TAGCTATCACGACCGCGGTCGATTTGCCCCGAC -AGGCTATCACCTGACCTCCAGGCCGA--TGCCCC---TAG-CTATCAC--GACCGC--GGTCGATTTGCCCCGAC

# Efficient alignment

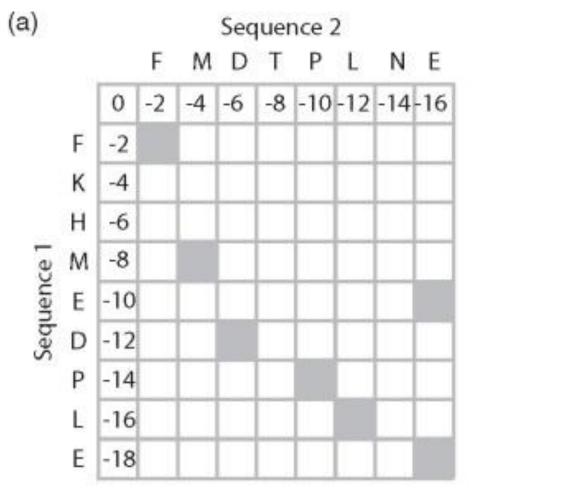
- What is the best alignment? we need a scoring metric
  - Basic scoring metric (1 for matching, 0 for mismatching, 0 for a gap)
- Number of possible alignments is exponential in string length
- Scoring is local
- we apply dynamic programming
- dynamic programming –solve a large problem in terms of smaller subproblems
- Requirements
  - There is only a polynomial number of subproblems
    - Align  $x_1...x_i$  to  $y_1...y_j$
  - Original problem is one of the subproblems
    - Align  $x_1...x_M$  to  $y_1...y_N$
  - Each subproblem is easily solved from smaller subproblems

#### Matrix representation of an alignment



### Dynamical programming approach

- Score the optimal alignment up to every (i,j) F(i,j)
- Scoring is local so F(i,j) depends only 3 other values

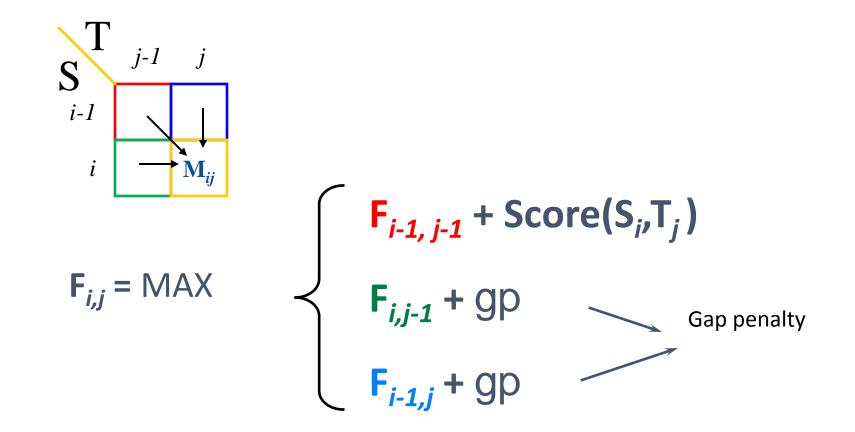


(b)

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\begin{aligned} & \text{Score} = \text{Max} \; \begin{cases} \text{F}(\text{i-1}, \text{j-1}) + \text{s}(\text{x}_{\text{j}}, \text{y}_{\text{j}}) \\ \text{F}(\text{i-1}, \text{j}) - \text{gap penalty} \\ \text{F}(\text{i}, \text{j-1}) - \text{gap penalty} \end{aligned} \end{aligned}
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Score (this example) = +1 (match) -2 (mismatch) -2 (gap penalty)

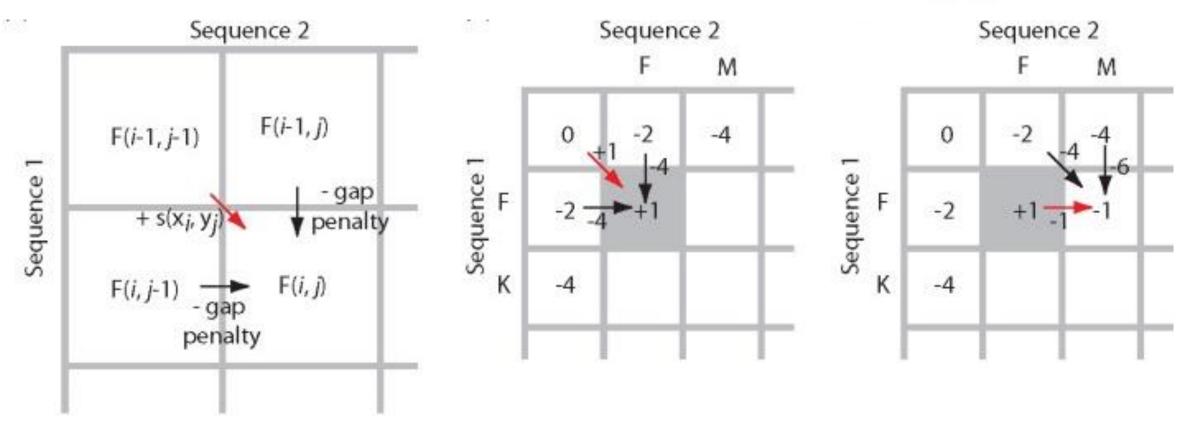
### Global alignment



Needleman & Wunsch, 1970

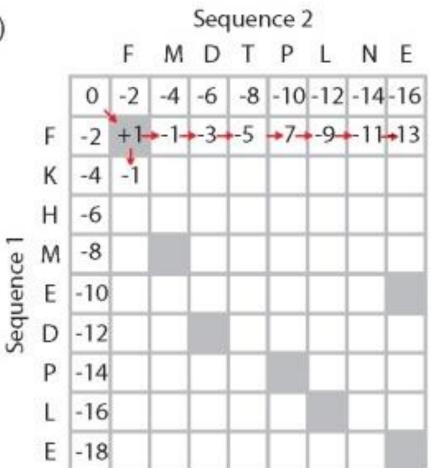
Example

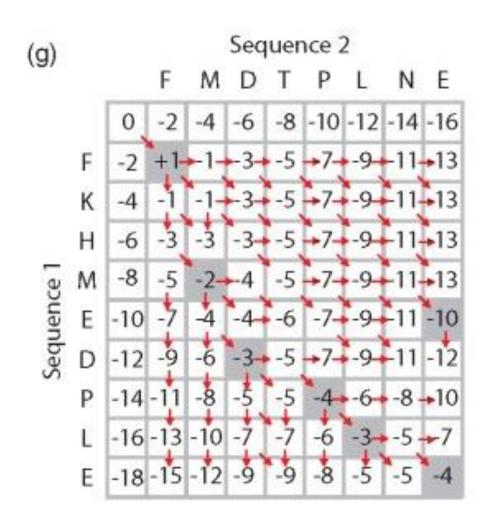
Score (this example) = +1 (match) -2 (mismatch) -2 (gap penalty)



Keep track of the argmax!

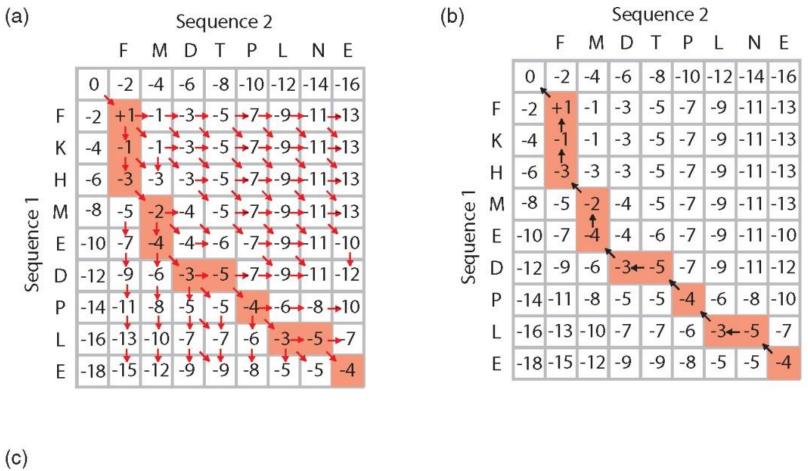
#### Matrix filled out

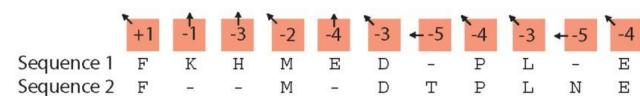




(f)

#### Finding the optimal alignment





# Complete Algorithm

• Initialization.

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F(0,0) =0
F(0, j) = - j × go
F(i, 0) = - i × go
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#### • Main Iteration. Filling-in partial alignments

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For each i=1.....M

For each j = 1.....N

F(i, j) = max(F(i-1,j-1)+s(xi, yj)...

F(i-1, j) - gp,...

F(i, j-1) - gp)

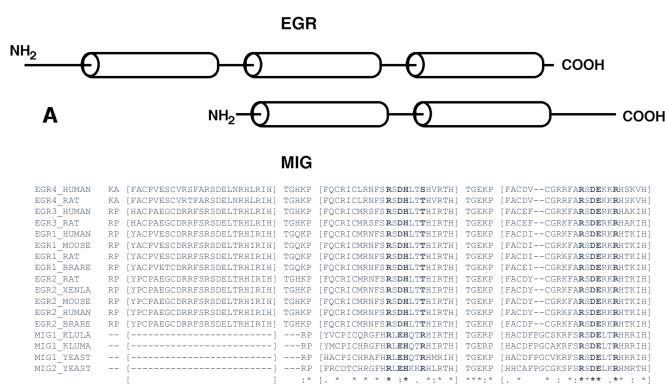
Ptr(i,j) = DIAG

LEFT

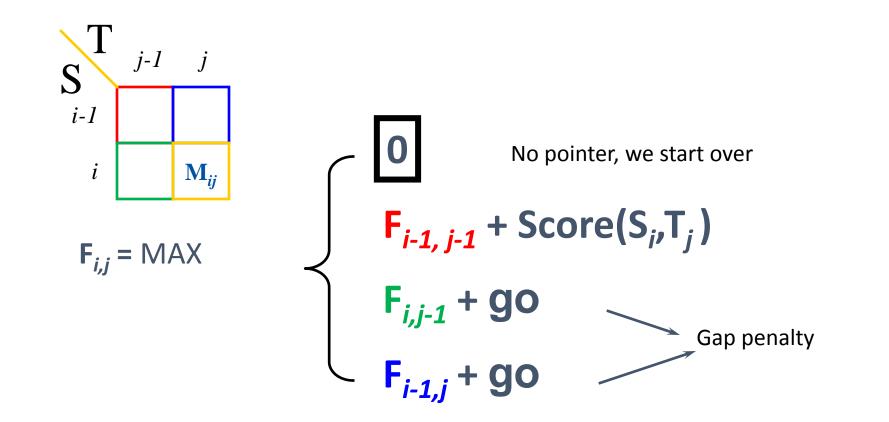
UP
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# Local alignment

- Given two sequences, S and T, find two subsequences, s and t, whose alignment has the highest "score" amongst all subsequence pairs.
- 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
- Genes can have local similarity because of variable domain composition



#### Local alignment



Smith & Waterman, 1981

Similarity Scoring Expected value: negative for random alignments positive for highly similar sequences

# Local alignment

Initialization

F(0,0) = F(0,j) = F(i,0) = 0

Iteration

for i=1,...,M for j=1,...,N

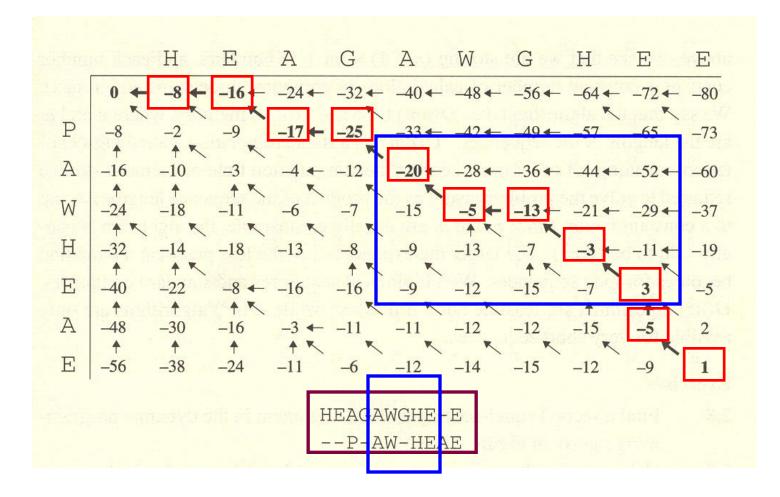
- calculate optimal F(i,j)
- store Ptr(i,j) if score is positive

Termination

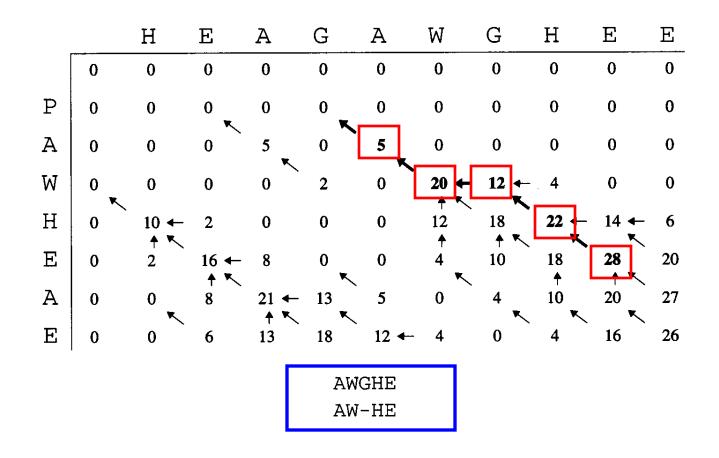
Find the end of the best alignment with FOPT = max{i,j} F(i,j) and trace back OR

Find all alignments with F(i,j) > threshold and trace back

#### Local vs. global alignment

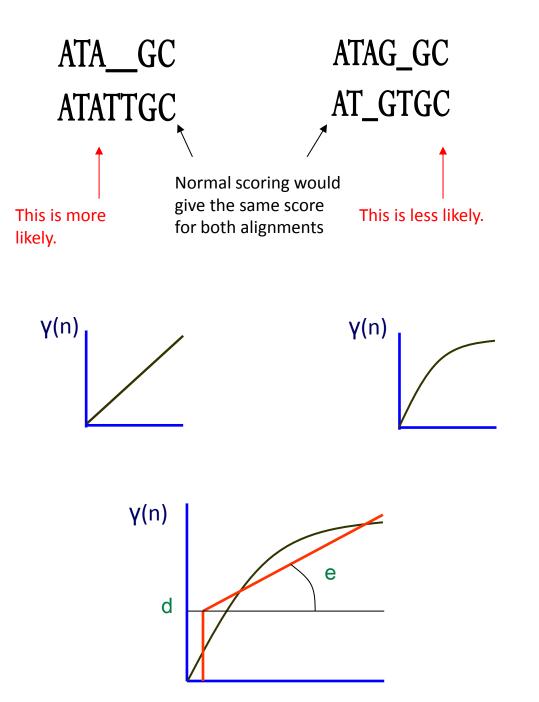


### Local vs. global alignment (cntd)



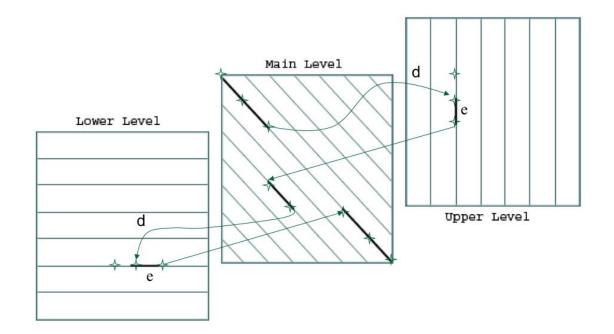
### More accurate gap model

- In nature, gaps often come as a single event rather than a series of single gaps
- Linear gap penalty is too stringent
- Convex gap penalty is expensive
  - Have to keep track of the length of gaps
- Compromise Affine gap penalty
  - γ(n) = -d e \* (n-1)
  - d: gap initiation penalty
  - e: gap extension penalty



# Affine gap algorithm

- Dynamical programming in 3 layers
  - 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.
- Keep track of 3 matrices



#### Affine Gap Update rule

$$\vec{F}_{i,j} = \int_{\text{max}} \vec{F}_{i,j-1} - e$$
$$F_{i,j-1} - (d+e)$$

 $F_{i,j} = \int_{i-1,j} F_{i-1,j} - e$  $F_{i-1,j} - (d+e)$ 

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

$$F_{i,j} = \begin{cases} F_{i-1,j-1} + S(V_i, W_j) & \text{Match or Mismatch} \\ F_{i,j} & \text{End deletion: from top} \\ F_{i,j} & \text{End insertion: from bottom} \end{cases}$$

#### How to decide on the correct scoring metric

- Scoring metrics should reflect the evolutionary process
- What are the odds that an alignment is biologically meaningful – the proteins are homologous
- Random model: product of chance events
- Non-random model: two sequences derived from a common ancestor
- Things to consider
  - What is the frequency of different mutations
  - Over what time scale?

# Log-odds scoring

What are the odds that this alignment is meaningful?

$$\begin{array}{c} X_1 X_2 X_3 \dots X_n \\ Y_1 Y_2 Y_3 \dots Y_n \end{array}$$

Random model: We're observing a chance event. The probability is

$$\prod_{i} p_{X_i} \prod_{i} p_{Y_i}$$

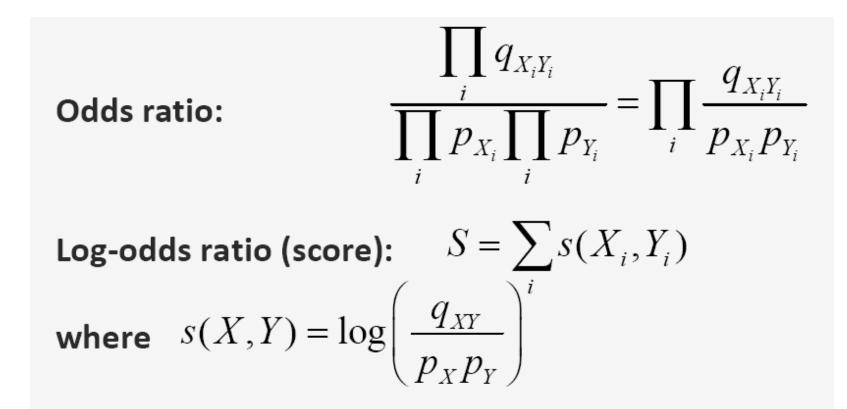
where  $p_X$  is the frequency of X

Alternative: The two sequences derive from a common ancestor. The probability is

$$\prod_{i} q_{X_{i}Y_{i}}$$

where  $q_{XY}$  is the joint probability that X and Y evolved from the same ancestor.

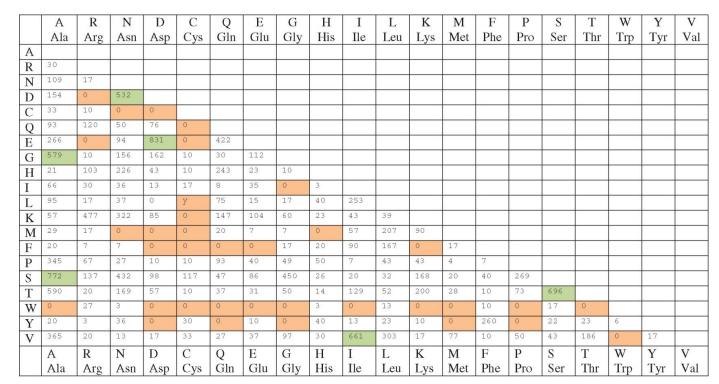
### Log-odds scoring



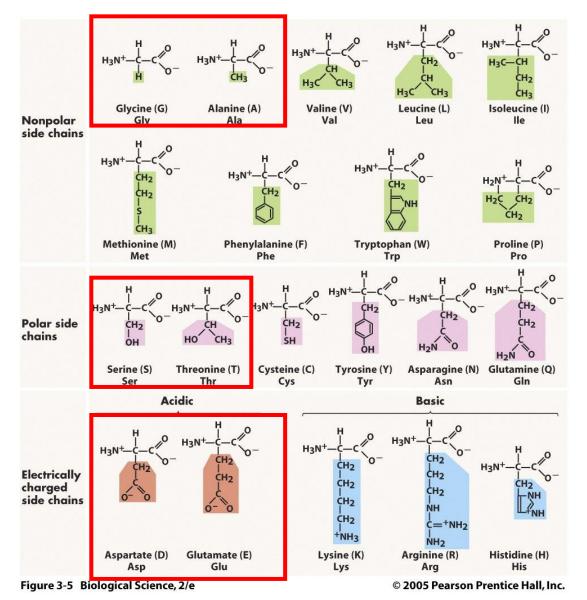
is the score for X, Y. The s(X,Y)'s define a scoring matrix

# Accepted Point Mutation (PAM) model

- Where do we get  $q_{XY}$
- Compare closely related proteins
- Find substitutions that are "accepted" to natural selection
- Very likely mutations E to D
- Very unlikely: involve C and W



#### Conservative substitutions



# PAM1 probability matrix

- PAM1 probability matrix
- Dayhoff et al (1978) estimated probability of onestep transitions
- Used a family of very closely related proteins
- Corresponds to 1 change per 100 a.a.

1	Original amino acid																				
6		A	R	N	D	С	Q	E	G	Н	Ι	L	K	M	F	Р	S	Т	W	Y	V
		Ala	Arg	Asn	Asp	Cys	Gln	Glu	Gly	His	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Phe	Pro	Ser	Thr	Trp	Tyr	Val
	A	98.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2
	R	0.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
	N	0.0	0.0	98.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
	D	0.1	0.0	0.4	98.6	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	C	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Q	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	98.8	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	E	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.4	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
acid	G	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
amino	Н	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	99.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Ι	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.7	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Replacement	L	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	99.5	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
locer	K	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
epla	M	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
24	F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
	Р	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	S	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	98.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0
	Т	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
	W	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0
	Y	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5	0.0
	V	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	99.0

**FIGURE 3.9** The PAM1 mutation probability matrix. The original amino acid *j* is arranged in columns (across the top), while the replacement amino acid *i* is arranged in rows. Dayhoff et al. multiplied values by 10,000 (offering added precision) while here we multiply by 100 so that, for example, the first cell's value of 98.7 corresponds to 98.7% occurrence of ala remaining ala over this evolutionary interval.

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# PAM1 through PAM250

- We can multiply PAM1 by itself to get a probability matrix for longer time scales
- PAM is measured in number of changes not time
- Number of changes that occurred is not the same as number of observed changes

Observed differences	Evolutionary distance	
in 100 residues	in PAMs	
1	1.0	
5	5.1	
10	10.7	
15	16.6	
20	23.1	
25	30.2	
30	38.0	
35	47	
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55	94	
60	112	
65	133	
70	159	
75	195	
80	246	

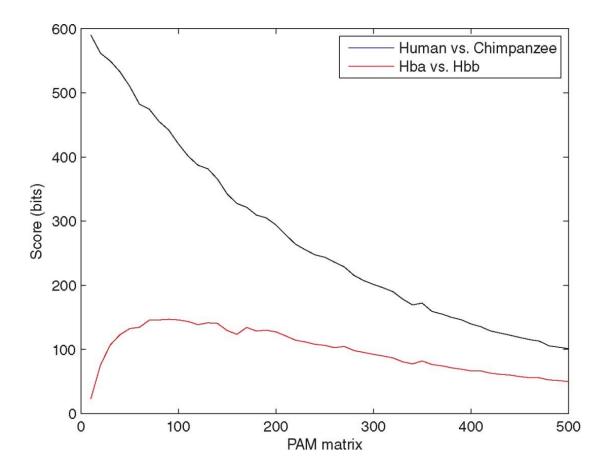
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#### PAM250

- Only 20% identity
- 20% identity is close to what you might get aligning random sequences

				Original amino acid																		
			Α	R	Ν	D	C	Q	E	G	Η	Ι	L	K	M	F	P	S	Т	W	Y	V
ר		Α	13	6	9	9	5	8	9	12	6	8	6	7	7	4	11	11	11	2	4	9
<i>,</i>		R	3	17	4	3	2	5	3	2	6	3	2	9	4	1	4	4	3	7	2	2
		Ν	4	4	6	7	2	5	6	4	6	3	2	5	3	2	4	5	4	2	3	3
		D	5	4	8	11	1	7	10	5	6	3	2	5	3	1	4	5	5	1	2	3
		С	2	1	1	1	52	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	4	2
	_	Q	3	5	5	6	1	10	7	3	7	2	3	5	3	1	4	3	3	1	2	3
	cic	E	5	4	7	11	1	9	12	5	6	3	2	5	3	1	4	5	5	1	2	3
	10 3	G	12	5	10	10	4	7	9	27	5	5	4	6	5	3	8	11	9	2	3	7
	nin	Η	2	5	5	4	2	7	4	2	15	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2
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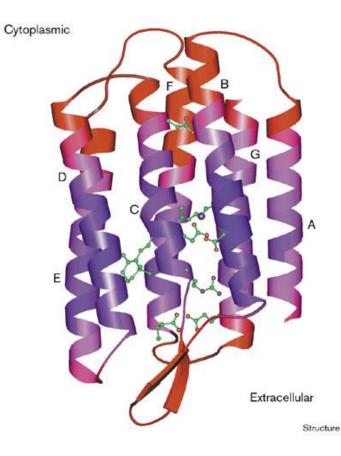
### Choice of scale reflects the result



- Human and chimp beta globin—close orthologs
- Human beta and alpha globin paralogs –further apart

#### PAM model

- Assumptions
  - Replacement at any site depends only on the a.a. on that site, give the **mutability** of the a.a.
  - Sequences in the training set (and those compared) have average a.a. composition.
- Sources of error
  - Many proteins depart from the average a.a. composition.
  - The a.a. composition can vary even within a protein (e.g. transmembrane proteins).
  - A.a. positions are not "mutated" equally probably; especially in lor evolutionary distances.
  - Rare replacements are observed too infrequently and...
  - ...errors in PAM1 are magnified in PAM250.



# Blocks Substitution Matrices (BLOSUM):

- Log-likelihood matrix (Henikoff & Henikoff, 1992)
- BLOCKS database of aligned sequences used as primary source set.
- Different BOLSUMn matrices are calculated independently from BLOCKS (ungapped local alignments)
- BLOSUMn is based on a cluster of BLOCKS of sequences that share at least n percent identity
- BLOSUM62 represents closer sequences than BLOSUM45
- BLOCKS database contains large number of ungapped multiple local alignments of conserved regions of proteins
- Alignments include distantly related sequences in which multiple base substitutions at the same position could be observed

### PAM vs BLOSUM

- PAM is based on closely related sequences, thus is biased for short evolutionary distances where number of mutations are scalable
- PAM is based on globally aligned sequences, thus includes conserved and nonconserved positions; BLOSUM is based on conserved positions only
- Lower PAM/higher BLOSUM matrices identify shorter local alignments of highly similar sequences
- Higher PAM/lower BLOSUM matrices identify longer local alignments of more distant sequences

BLOSUM 80	BLOSUM 62		BLOSUM 45
PAM 1	PAM 120		PAM 250
Less divergent	<	->	More divergent

- Matrices of choice:
  - BLOSUM62: the all-weather matrix
  - PAM250: for distant relatives