## Introcuction

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## Goals for next $11 / 2$ days

- Protein structure and sequence conservation
- Homology-based inference and sequence similarity searches
- P- and E-value
- Sequence alignment (dynamic programming) $\rightarrow$ Role of algorithms in bioinformatics
- Sequence profiles: information is power!
- MMseqs, basic analyses of metagenomics dataset
- (Genome assembly)
- Structure databases
- AlphaFold


## Protein structure is highly conserved even without obvious sequences similarity



Sequence identity
$60 \%$
$40 \%$
$20 \%$

RMSD in conserved core
0.85 A
1.2 A
1.8 A

Fraction in core

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 95 \% \\
& 80 \% \\
& 55 \%
\end{aligned}
$$

# Protein sequence determines structure! Anfinsen's experiment 



Native (100\% active)

1. Reduce

## 2. 8 M urea



Denatured (inactive)


Native ( $>90 \%$ active)

Anfinsen CB. "Principles that govern the folding of protein chains". Science 1973
If all the information to correctly fold a protein is contained in its amino acid sequence, we should be able to predict its structure from its sequence!

Computational chemistry: uncover the rules of protein folding from first physical principles
Do you know "exceptions" to Anfinsen? (3) Allostery; misfolded proteins (Alzheimer's, prions); chaperones (GroEL, Hsp70,Hsp90,...)

## From comparative protein structure modeling to deep learning and AlphaFold

Comparative modeling has been the mainstay of protein structure prediction up to now. It relied on the fact that homologous proteins (those related by common ancestry) usually have very similar structures. If a protein with known structure can be found that has sufficiently high sequence similarity, the two are likely to be homologous, and the unknown structure can be modeled using the known structure as a template.
Comparative modeling is now superseded by deep neural networks (transformers) such as AlphaFold, trained on all $\sim 160 \mathrm{k}$ protein structures.

## Homologous = descended from common ancenstor



## Homology-based inference of protein structure and function

query protein
MKAMLGLMARLETP-ARSLKEKRALIKRALERLKARFPVSAARLI

When are two sequences similar enough to ascertain homology?
$\rightarrow$ E-value < 0.01

MKA MLGLMTARLETP-ARSLKEKRALIMALERLKARFPVSAARL
--MLIGVGRVIISIPESESLKEKRKMKRSIVDKMRSKFNVSIAEV
homologous sequence found with known structure or functions

predict structure and/or function of query from those of database match

## When are two sequences similar enough to ascertain homology?

Null hypothesis (boring "hypothesis of randomness"): query sequence is not in any way related to database sequence, similarity score is "random".
Can we reject this null hypothesis (assume the db sequence is homologous)?
The sequence similarity score (our "test statistic") has a distribution with only two parameters which we can compute. ©


## Small P-value: reject null hypothesis

Given: a null hypothesis (boring "hypothesis of randomness") and a score ("test statistic") with known distribution under the null hypothesis

Goal: find interesting cases for which the null hypothesis can be rejected $P$-value = the probability to obtain a score as observed or more extreme, under the null hypothesis.
A small $P$-value (e.g. < 0.01) indicates the null hypothesis can be rejected.


## E-values

$\boldsymbol{P}$-value = the probability to obtain a score as observed or more extreme under the null hypothesis

Suppose you searched a sequence database with a query sequence and you obtained a match with a P -value $=1 \mathrm{E}-6$. Can you trust this matched sequence to be homologous to your query?

Suppose your sequence database contains $10^{8}$ sequences.
Can you trust the matched sequence with a $P$-value $=1 E-6$ to be homologous to your query?

No! Each db sequence has a probability of 1E-6 to have a P-value < 1E-6 by pure chance alone. So the expected number of db sequences to achieve a P -value $<1 \mathrm{E}-6$ is

$$
E=10^{8} \times 1 E-6=100!
$$

Therefore, the match is not at all trustworthy.

## $E$-value $=$ expected number of observations at least as extreme as the one observed

(1) P-value $=$ Probability for event with score $\geq s$ under the null hypothesis
(2) E-value $=$ Expected number of events out of $N_{\text {tests }}$ trials with score $\geq S$ under the null hypothesis

$$
E \text {-value }=N_{\text {tests }} \times P \text {-value }
$$

## Distant homology can predict function

## TAF1B Is a TFIIB-Like Component of the Basal Transcription Machinery for RNA Polymerase I

Srivatsava Naidu,* J. Karsten Friedrich,* Jackie Russell, Joost C. B. M. Zomerdijk $\dagger$
SCIENCE VOL 33316 SEPTEMBER 2011

## Yeast Rrn7 and Human TAF1B Are TFIIB-Related RNA Polymerase I General Transcription Factors

Bruce A. Knutson and Steven Hahn*
SCIENCE VOL 33316 SEPTEMBER 2011
ribosomal DNA (rDNA) promoter (13-15). Using HHpred, a server for protein remote homolog detection and structure prediction (10), we discovered that the TAF1B (TBP-associated factor $1 B / T_{A F} 63$ ) subunit of human SL1 is structurally similar to TFIIB, having the signature N -terminal Zn ribbon and core domain with two potential cyclin-like folds (Fig. 1, fig. S1, and tables S1 and
factors (13) because Pol I subunits share relatively low protein sequence conservation with their Pol II and Pol III counterparts (14). Using the homology detection program HHpred, which uses pairwise hidden Markov model profile comparisons that are more sensitive than traditional Web-based approaches (15), we detected highprobability matches between the Rm7 N-terminal 320 residues and the TFIIB family, indicating that

| Table 1. HHpred results for Rrn7 using S.cerevisiae, <br> H.sapiens, and P.abyssi <br> genome databases |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Protein | \%Probability | \%Identity | Evalue | \%Fold |
| HsTAF1B | 100.00 | 16 | 0 | 84 |
| ScBrf1 | 97.91 | 10 | $5.1 \mathrm{E}-04$ | 74 |
| HsBrf1 | 97.76 | 11 | $1.6 \mathrm{E}-03$ | 82 |
| HsTFIIB | 97.72 | 12 | $1.4 \mathrm{E}-03$ | 83 |
| ScTFIIB | 97.45 | 8 | $6.9 \mathrm{E}-03$ | 77 |
| HsBrf2 | 96.23 | 12 | $5.4 \mathrm{E}-01$ | 77 |
| PaTFB | 95.15 | 13 | $3.2 \mathrm{E}-01$ | 80 |



## Distant homology can predict function

> Type VI secretion (trimeric unit)


Type VI secretion apparatus and phage tail-associated protein complexes share a common evolutionary origin
Petr G. Leiman ${ }^{\text {a, } 1,2}$, Marek Baslerb, ${ }^{\text {b } 1, ~ U d u p i ~ A . ~ R a m a g o p a l c, ~ J e f f r e y ~ B . ~ B o n a n n o c ~, ~ J . ~ M i c h a e l ~ S a u d e r ~}{ }^{\text {d }}$, Stefan Pukatzkie, Stephen K. Burley ${ }^{\text {d }}$, Steven C. Almo ${ }^{\text {c }}$, and John J. Mekalanos ${ }^{\text {b, }}{ }^{3}$

[^0]
## phage T4 needle and spike



## How can we infer common descent over time spans of billions of years?

## Hydrophobic residues form the domain cores

Example: protein with a ferredoxin fold
Most hydrophobic side chains extend into the protein core


## Hydrophobic residues form the domain cores

The protein core is tightly packed...

| aliphatic | V LIM I A C |
| :--- | :--- |
| aromatic | F W Y |
| small | STP G |
| polar | NQ |
| negative | D E |
| positive | K R H |

## Hydrophobic residues form the domain cores

The protein core is tightly packed with mainly hydrophobic residues

## Core residues are often well conserved



## Note the conserved hydrophobic columns in strands and helices.

The space of foldable sequences is like small islands in a vast ocean ...
... of sequences that do not form stable structures

Island-hopping is therefore very rare
fold $Y$

fold W, W'

Less than $\sim 10^{-10}$ is covered by islands of stability. The rest is water.

## Homology-based protein structure and function prediction is powerful

Structures and functions of proteins may be conserved over billions of years

Homology (common descent) can often be predicted from sequence similarity

$\longrightarrow--$ MLAGLGMTARLETP-ARSLKEKRALIKPALERLKARFPVSAARL


We can predict the structure and function of proteins based on sequence similarity to homologous proteins

## Homology-based protein structure and function prediction is powerful

Structures and functions of proteins may be conserved over billions of years

Homology (common descent) can often be predicted by aligning sequence profiles built from closer homologs


We can predict the structure and function of proteins based on sequence similarity to homologous proteins

## Homologous = descended from common ancenstor



## How is it that we can infer common descent over time spans of billions of years?

- Sequence evolution is highly constrained by the requirement of a stable structural core
- Every fold has a specific 3D jig-saw puzzle logic of how its side-chains interlock, which is highly conserved
- This logic is reflected in a protein's multiple sequence alignment: in pattern of conserved hydrophobicity and amino acid properties
- By comparing multiple alignments we can detect similar patterns that indicate the same 3D folding logic

Structure and function of protein domains are often conserved over billions of years

Sequences are diverged beyond recognition at those time scales

We and others develop tools to build and compare multiple sequence alignments of closer homologs

From the similarity score we obtain an E-value. When $E<0.01$, homology is likely.

## Domains are the building blocks of proteins

 - their structural, functional, and evolutionary units- Most eurkaryotic proteins have multiple structural domains
- Domains have often been duplicated and rearranged during evolution


We can often formulate hypotheses about protein function based on its domains

## Many parts in eukaryotic proteins are disordered (or natively unfolded ) What do they do?

Natively unfolded residues in human proteome: 37\%-50\%
Fewer in simpler eukaryotes
Much fewer in bacteria and archaea (only 3\%-25\% of their proteins contain disordered regions >50 aa)

## disordered



## Disordered regions are interspersed with short linear motifs that can bind to specific target domains

pKID domain of CREB binding to KIX domain of CREB-binding protein (CBP)


Dyson and Wright, Mol Cell Biol (2005)

Short linear motifs fold upon binding to their target domain

## Liquid-liquid phase separation a long-known phenomenon now revolutionizing cell biology



Many types of membraneless droplets exist in cytosol and nucleus of eukaryotic cells: nucleolus, stress granules, P bodies, splicing speckles,...

Multivalent weak interactions



Liquid-liquid phase separation is involved in almost every cellular process in eukaryotic cells


## Time for a bio-break, bro.

## 5 minutes ©

## Sequence searching



## Sequence-sequence comparison

- A sequence alignment groups similar residues into same column. These residues are assumed to occupy homologous positions in the proteins

- Alignment score = sum of similarity scores - gap penalties:

$$
\text { Score }=S(V, I)+\ldots+S(V, I)+\ldots+S(E, G)+\ldots+S(G, G)-d-e
$$

- Find alignment with maximum score, rank by score


## Goal of sequence alignment: maximize alignment score

Alignments correspond 1:1 to paths in dynamic progr. matrix

|  |  |  |  |  | T |  |  | G | T |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| T | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 |  | 1 | Scores: |
| T | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 |  | 1 | match = +1 |
| A | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 |  | 1 | mismatch =-1 |
| G | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 |  | 1 | Gap = -1 $\downarrow \rightarrow$ |
| G | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1-1 |  | 1 |  |
| T | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 |  | 1 |  |
| T | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| T | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 11 |  | 1 |  |

Corresponding GAATTCAG-TTalignment: $\quad-$ - ATT-AGGTTT

## Dynamic programming finds the sequencesequence alignment with highest score


alignment ending in:

| $\ldots x_{i-1}$ | $x_{i}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\ldots y_{j-1}$ | $y_{j}$ |
| $\ldots x_{i}$ | - |
| $\cdots y_{j-1}$ | $y_{j}$ |
| $\ldots x_{i-1}$ | $x_{i}$ |
| $\cdots y_{j}$ | - |
|  |  |

$$
V(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
V(i-1, j-1)+S\left(x_{i}, y_{j}\right) \\
V(i, j-1)-\text { gap.penalty } \\
V(i-1, j)-\text { gap.penalty }
\end{array} \text { similarity } \begin{array}{l}
\text { score }
\end{array}\right.
$$

Exercise: find the alignment with highest score by dynamic programming!


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | scores |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $\text { match }=+1$ |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | mismatch $=-1$ |
| A | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |  |
| G | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | gap. penalty $=-1$ |
| G | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 |  |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 |  |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 |  |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |  |
| $V(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l} 0 \\ V(i-1, j-1)+S\left(x_{i} y_{j}\right) \\ V(i, j-1)-\text { gap.penalty } \\ V(i-1, j)-\text { gap.penalty } \end{array}\right.$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| A | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | sc |
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| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | mismatch $=-1$ |
| A | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |  |
| G | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | gap. penalty $=-1$ |
| G | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 |  |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 |  |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 |  |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |  |
| $V(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l} 0 \\ V(i-1, j-1)+S\left(x_{i} y_{j}\right) \\ V(i, j-1)-\text { gap.penalty } \\ V(i-1, j)-\text { gap.penalty } \end{array}\right.$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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# Sustitution matrices score the similarity between amino acids 

L-tyrosine (Y)


L-phenylalanine (F)


Similar amino acids can frequently substitute for each other since without fitness loss

L-tyrosine (Y)


L-aspartic acid (D)


Dissimilar amino acids can rarely substitute for each other without fitness loss

How to "measure" similarity between amino acids?
Count how often each pair of amino acids $a, b$ is aligned together

Log-odds score

$$
S(a, b)=\log \frac{P(a, b)}{P(a) P(b)}
$$

## Log odds $P(a, b) / P(a) P(b)$ measures how much more frequently $a$ and $b$ are found aligned than by random chance

$$
S(a, b)=\log \frac{P(a, b)}{P(a) P(b)} \longleftarrow \longleftarrow \begin{gathered}
\text { Probability for finding (a,b) among aligned } \\
\text { residue pairs (model prob.) }
\end{gathered}
$$

Examples:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S(Y, F)=\log _{2} \frac{P(Y, F)}{P(Y) P(F)}=\log _{2} \frac{3.7 \mathrm{E}-3}{3.3 \mathrm{E}-2 \times 4.0 \mathrm{E}-2}=\log _{2} 2.9=1.5 \\
& S(W, D)=\log _{2} \frac{P(W, D)}{P(W) P(D)}=\log _{2} \frac{1.9 \mathrm{E}-4}{1.3 \mathrm{E}-2 \times 5.9 \mathrm{E}-2}=\log _{2} 0.25=-2.0
\end{aligned}
$$

## Substitutions between similar amino acids have $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})>\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{a}) \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{b}) \Rightarrow$ positive score

$$
S(a, b)=\log \frac{\dot{P}(a, b)}{P(a) P(b)}
$$

A 4
$\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{R} & -1 & 5 & \\ \mathrm{~N} & -2 & 0 & 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\mathrm{D} & -2 & -2 & 1 & 6 & & \text { SCOre } \\ \mathrm{C} & 0 & -3 & -3 & -3 & 9 & \\ \mathrm{Q} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\mathrm{Q} & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 5 & \\ \mathrm{E} & -1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -4 & 2 & 5\end{array}$
G $\quad \begin{array}{llllllll}0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -3 & -2 & -2 & 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllllll}\mathrm{H} & -2 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 8\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { I } & -1 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -1 & -3 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\mathrm{L} & -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 & -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 2 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lrrrrrrrrrrrrr}\mathrm{K} & -1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 1 & -2 & -1 & -3 & -2 & 5 & \\ \mathrm{M} & -1 & -1 & -2 & -3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & -3 & -2 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 5\end{array}$
F $\quad-2 \begin{array}{llllllllllllll} & -3 & -3 & -3 & -2 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllll} & -1 & -2 & -2 & -1 & -3 & -1 & -1 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -3 & -1 & -2 & -4\end{array}$
$\mathrm{S} \quad 1 \begin{array}{llllllllllllll}1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -2\end{array}$


## Substitutions between dissimilar amino acids

 have $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})<\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{a}) \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{b}) \Rightarrow$ negative score $S(a, b)=\log \frac{P(a, b)}{P(a) P(b)}$A 4

|  |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |

$\begin{array}{lrrrrrrrrr}\text { G } & 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -3 & -2 & -2 & 6 & \\ \mathrm{H} & -2 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 8\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { I } & -1 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -1 & -3 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { L } & -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 & -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 & -3 & 2 & 4\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{lllllllllllllll}\text { M } & -1 & -1 & -2 & -3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & -3 & -2 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 5 & \\ \mathrm{~F} & -2 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -2 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 6\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr}\mathrm{P} & -1 & -2 & -2 & -1 & -3 & -1 & -1 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -3 & -1 & -2 & -4 & 7 & \\ \mathrm{~S} & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -2 & -1 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr}\mathrm{T} & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -2 & -2 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 5 & & & \\ \mathrm{~W} & -3 & -3 & -4 & -4 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -2 & -3 & -1 & 1 & -4 & -3 & -2 & 11 & & \\ \mathrm{Y} & -2 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -2 & -1 & -2 & -3 & 2 & -1 & -1 & -2 & -1 & 3 & -3 & -2 & -2 & 2 & 7 & \\ \mathrm{~V} & 0 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -1 & -2 & -2 & -3 & -3 & 3 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & -2 & -2 & 0 & -3 & -1 & 4\end{array}$


# When searching for homologous proteins, search with the protein sequence, not the DNA sequence! 

Selection of mutations iA CodMg?regions acts on the level of codons and amino acids, not on the level of nucleotides.

When comparing nucleotides sequences we ignore the differences in selection pressure between

- silent mutations (which don't change the amino acid),
- conservative muitations (which lead to substitution with a similar amino acid)
- Non-conservative mutations (which lead to substitution with a dissimilar amino acid) and
- Nonsense mutations (which introduce a stop codon)


# Key message: Information is power. Use it! 

## Are these sequences homologous?



BLAST E-value $=0.2$

PSI-BLAST E-value = 1E-17

Yes they are!

# Sequence-sequence alignment uses substitution matrix scores 

 d1btea_ --ECEHDERMCNTTQQCETRIEHCKMEADKPSSCVM SVNETTGILRIRMKGC TDMEC-NQEECVTSAEPRQGNIH CCCKGSECNSNQRII---

## Sequence-sequence alignment uses substitution matrix scores



## What score to use for aligning an MSA with a sequence?




Log-odds profile score

$$
S_{f}(a a)=\log \frac{P_{f}(a a)}{P(a a)}
$$

## Sequence profiles are a condensed representation of multiple alignments

They contain position-specific amino acid substitution scores

| HBA_human | $\ldots$ | W | G | K | V | G | A | H | A | G | E | $\ldots$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| HBB_human | $\ldots$ | W | G | K | V | - | - | N | V | D | E | $\ldots$ |
| MYG_phyca | $\cdots$ | W | G | K | V | E | A | D | V | A | G | $\ldots$ |
| LGB2_luplu | $\ldots$ | W | E | E | F | N | A | N | I | P | K | $\ldots$ |

The profile scores quantify how much more frequent each amino acid aa is in column $j$ of the MSA than its average frequency in the db :

$$
S_{j}(a a)=\log \frac{p_{j}(a a)}{p_{\mathrm{av}}(a a)}
$$

log-odds score
$p_{j}(a a)=$ frequency of aa in column (incl. pseudo-counts)

|  |  | W | G | K | V | G | A | H | A | G | E |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{A}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,0$ | 3,4 | $-2,1$ | 1,4 | 1,5 | $-2,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| C | $\ldots$ | $-2,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,7$ | $-1,8$ | $-2,7$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,6$ | $-2,9$ | $\ldots$ |
| D | $\ldots$ | $-3,7$ | $-1,6$ | $-1,6$ | $-3,1$ | $-1,4$ | $-2,1$ | 2,0 | $-2,8$ | 1,6 | $-1,5$ | $\ldots$ |
| E | $\ldots$ | $-3,4$ | 2,1 | 2,1 | $-2,8$ | 2,1 | $-2,0$ | $-1,6$ | $-2,5$ | $-1,9$ | 2,5 | $\ldots$ |
| F | $\ldots$ | $-0,8$ | $-3,6$ | $-3,2$ | 2,9 | $-3,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,0$ | $-3,2$ | $-3,3$ | $\ldots$ |
| G | $\ldots$ | $-3,3$ | 2,9 | $-2,3$ | $-3,3$ | 1,9 | $-1,8$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,8$ | 1,5 | 1,6 | $\ldots$ |
| H | $\ldots$ | $-2,3$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,8$ | $-2,4$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,3$ | 2,4 | $-2,6$ | $-2,3$ | $-2,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| I | $\ldots$ | $-2,6$ | $-3,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-1,2$ | $-3,1$ | $-2,3$ | $-3,0$ | 2,4 | $-2,9$ | $-3,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| K | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-2,1$ | 3,2 | $-2,7$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,1$ | $-1,8$ | $-2,5$ | $-2,1$ | 2,1 | $\ldots$ |
| L | $\ldots$ | $-2,2$ | $-3,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-1,4$ | $-3,1$ | $-2,4$ | $-3,0$ | $-1,5$ | $-2,9$ | $-3,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| M | $\ldots$ | $-2,3$ | $-3,0$ | $-2,5$ | $-1,5$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,7$ | $-1,5$ | $-2,7$ | $-2,7$ | $\ldots$ |
| N | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-1,8$ | $-1,7$ | $-2,8$ | 2,8 | $-2,1$ | 3,3 | $-2,6$ | $-1,9$ | $-1,8$ | $\ldots$ |
| P | $\ldots$ | $-3,7$ | $-2,4$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,3$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,3$ | $-2,5$ | 2,6 | $-2,3$ | $\ldots$ |
| Q | $\ldots$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,0$ | $-1,5$ | $-2,6$ | $-1,8$ | $-2,1$ | $-1,7$ | $-2,4$ | $-2,0$ | $-1,6$ | $\ldots$ |
| R | $\ldots$ | $-2,5$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,6$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,7$ | $\ldots$ |
| S | $\ldots$ | $-3,1$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,5$ | $-1,8$ | $-1,6$ | $-1,8$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,8$ | $-1,9$ | $\ldots$ |
| T | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,0$ | $-1,8$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,1$ | $\ldots$ |
| V | $\ldots$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,6$ | 2,9 | $-2,8$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,8$ | 2,3 | $-2,6$ | $-2,7$ | $\ldots$ |
| W | $\ldots$ | 6,1 | $-3,4$ | $-3,2$ | $-1,9$ | $-3,3$ | $-3,2$ | $-3,0$ | $-2,8$ | $-3,5$ | $-3,3$ | $\ldots$ |
| Y | $\ldots$ | $-0,6$ | $-3,2$ | $-2,8$ | $-1,4$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,7$ | $-2,6$ | $-2,4$ | $-3,0$ | $-2,9$ | $\ldots$ |

## Profiles-sequence comparison



## Matched

 databasesequence

|  |  | $\mathbf{W}$ | $\mathbf{G}$ | $\mathbf{K}$ | $\mathbf{V}$ | $\mathbf{G}$ | $\mathbf{A}$ |  |  | $\mathbf{H}$ | $\mathbf{A}$ | G | E |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{A}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,0$ | 3,4 |  |  | $-2,1$ | 1,4 | $\mathbf{1 , 5}$ | $-2,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{C}$ | $\ldots$ | $-2,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,7$ | $-1,8$ |  |  | $-2,7$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,6$ | $-2,9$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{D}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,7$ | $-1,6$ | $-1,6$ | $-3,1$ | $-1,4$ | $-2,1$ |  |  | 2,0 | $-2,8$ | 1,6 | $-1,5$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{E}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,4$ | $\mathbf{2 , 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 1}$ | $-2,8$ | 2,1 | $-2,0$ |  |  | $-1,6$ | $-2,5$ | $-1,9$ | 2,5 | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{F}$ | $\ldots$ | $-0,8$ | $-3,6$ | $-3,2$ | 2,9 | $-3,3$ | $-2,8$ |  |  | $-2,8$ | $-2,0$ | $-3,2$ | $-3,3$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{G}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,3$ | 2,9 | $-2,3$ | $-3,3$ | 1,9 | $-1,8$ |  |  | $-2,0$ | $-2,8$ | 1,5 | 1,6 | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{H}$ | $\ldots$ | $-2,3$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,8$ | $-2,4$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,3$ |  |  | 2,4 | $-2,6$ | $-2,3$ | $-2,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{I}$ | $\ldots$ | $-2,6$ | $-3,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-1,2$ | $-3,1$ | $-2,3$ |  |  | $-3,0$ | 2,4 | $-2,9$ | $-3,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{K}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-2,1$ | 3,2 | $-2,7$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,1$ |  |  | $-1,8$ | $-2,5$ | $-2,1$ | 2,1 | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{L}$ | $\ldots$ | $-2,2$ | $-3,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-1,4$ | $-3,1$ | $-2,4$ |  |  | $-3,0$ | $-1,5$ | $-2,9$ | $-3,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{M}$ | $\ldots$ | $-2,3$ | $-3,0$ | $-2,5$ | $-1,5$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,2$ |  |  | $-2,7$ | $-1,5$ | $-2,7$ | $-2,7$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{N}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-1,8$ | $-1,7$ | $-2,8$ | 2,8 | $-2,1$ |  |  | 3,3 | $-2,6$ | $-1,9$ | $-1,8$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{P}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,7$ | $-2,4$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,3$ | $-1,9$ |  |  | $-2,3$ | $-2,5$ | 2,6 | $-2,3$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\ldots$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,0$ | $-1,5$ | $-2,6$ | $-1,8$ | $-2,1$ |  |  | $-1,7$ | $-2,4$ | $-2,0$ | $-1,6$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{R}$ | $\ldots$ | $-2,5$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,2$ |  |  | $-1,9$ | $-2,6$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,7$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{S}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,1$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,5$ | $-1,8$ | $-1,6$ |  |  | $-1,8$ | $-2,2$ | $-1,8$ | $-1,9$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,0$ | $-1,8$ |  |  | $-1,9$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,0$ | $-2,1$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{V}$ | $\ldots$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,6$ | 2,9 | $-2,8$ | $-2,0$ |  |  | $-2,8$ | 2,3 | $-2,6$ | $-2,7$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{W}$ | $\ldots$ | $\mathbf{6 , 1}$ | $-3,4$ | $-3,2$ | $-1,9$ | $-3,3$ | $-3,2$ |  |  | $-3,0$ | $-2,8$ | $-3,5$ | $-3,3$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\mathbf{Y}$ | $\ldots$ | $-0,6$ | $-3,2$ | $-2,8$ | $-1,4$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,7$ |  |  | $-2,6$ | $-2,4$ | $-3,0$ | $-2,9$ | $\ldots$ |

Score $=6.1+2.1+2.1-1.2-2.0-1.8-5.0-0.5+3.3-2.8+1.5+1.6$
Find alignment with maximum score

## Dynamic programming finds sequence-sequence alignment with highest score


alignment ending in:

$$
V(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{lc}
0 & \\
V(i-1, j-1)+S\left(x_{i}, y_{j}\right) \\
V(i, j-1)-\text { gap.penalty } & \text { substitution } \\
V(i-1, j)-\text { gap.penalty } & \text { matrix }
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Dynamic programming finds profile-sequence alignment with highest score


alignment ending in:

| $\ldots x_{i-1}$ | $x_{i}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\cdots p_{j-1}$ | $p_{j}$ |
| $\cdots x_{i}$ | - |
| $\cdots p_{j-1}$ | $p_{j}$ |
| $\cdots x_{i-1}$ | $x_{i}$ |
| $\cdots p_{j}$ | - |
|  |  |

$$
V(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
V(i-1, j-1)+\log \frac{p_{j}\left(x_{i}\right)}{p_{\mathrm{av}}\left(x_{i}\right)} \\
V(i, j-1)-\text { gap.penalty } \\
V(i-1, j)-\text { gap.penalty }
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Dynamic programming finds profile-profile alignment with highest score


alignment ending in:

| $\ldots q_{i-1}$ | $q_{i}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\ldots p_{j-1}$ | $p_{j}$ |  |
| $\cdots q_{i}$ | - |  |
| $\cdots p_{j-1}$ | $p_{j}$ |  |
| $\ldots$ | $q_{i-1}$ | $q_{i}$ |
| $\ldots p_{j}$ | - |  |
|  |  |  |

$$
V(i, j)=\max \left\{\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
V(i-1, j-1)+\log \sum_{a=1}^{20} \frac{q_{i}(a) p_{j}(a)}{p_{\mathrm{av}}(\mathrm{a})} \\
V(i, j-1)-\text { gap.penalty } \\
V(i-1, j)-\text { gap.penalty }
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Profile-profile comparison

| HBA human | W | G | K | V | G | A | - | - | H | A | G | E |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HBB human | W | G | K | V | - | - | - | - | N | V | D | E |  |
| MYG-phyca | W | G | K | V | E | A | - | - | D | V | A | G |  |
| LGB2 luplu | W | E | E | F | N | A | - | - | N | I | P | K |  |



## Compare

 amino acid|  |  | W | G | K | V | G | A |  |  | H | A | G | E |  |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A | $\ldots$ | $-3,2$ | $-1,9$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,2$ | $-2,0$ | 3,4 |  |  | $-2,1$ | 1,4 | 1,5 | $-2,0$ | $\ldots$ |
| C | $\ldots$ | $-2,3$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,7$ | $-1,8$ |  |  | $-2,7$ | $-2,1$ | $-2,6$ | $-2,9$ | $\ldots$ |
| D | $\ldots$ | $-3,7$ | $-1,6$ | $-1,6$ | $-3,1$ | $-1,4$ | $-2,1$ |  |  | 2,0 | $-2,8$ | 1,6 | $-1,5$ | $\ldots$ |
| $\ldots$ | . | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| V | $\ldots$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,9$ | $-2,6$ | 2,9 | $-2,8$ | $-2,0$ |  |  | $-2,8$ | 2,3 | $-2,6$ | $-2,7$ | $\ldots$ |
| W | $\ldots$ | 6,1 | $-3,4$ | $-3,2$ | $-1,9$ | $-3,3$ | $-3,2$ |  |  | $-3,0$ | $-2,8$ | $-3,5$ | $-3,3$ | $\ldots$ |
| Y | $\ldots$ | $-0,6$ | $-3,2$ | $-2,8$ | $-1,4$ | $-2,8$ | $-2,7$ |  |  | $-2,6$ | $-2,4$ | $-3,0$ | $-2,9$ | $\ldots$ |


| distributions |  | W | K | D | 1 | A | G | A | D | N | G | A | V |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | -3,1 | 1,8 | -2,0 | -2,1 | 2,2 | -1,8 | 3,4 | -2,1 | -2,0 | -2,2 | 2,5 | -1,8 |  |
|  | G | -2,3 | -2,5 | -3,0 | -2,1 | -2,2 | -2,4 | -1,8 | -3,1 | -2,4 | -2,4 | -2,2 | -2,4 | .. |
|  | D | -3,7 | 2,0 | 2,7 | -3,1 | -2,2 | -1,9 | -2,1 | 3,9 | -1,6 | -2,3 | -1,6 | -2,0 | .. |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |  | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .... | ... | $\ldots$ |
|  | V | -2,6 | -2,4 | -2,7 | 2,7 | -2,2 | -2,8 | -2,0 | -3,0 | -2,4 | -2,7 | -2,2 | -2,5 | $\ldots$ |
|  | W | 5,6 | -3,3 | -3,5 | -2,7 | -1,8 | -3,2 | -3,2 | -3,7 | -3,2 | -1,5 | -3,3 | -3,2 | $\ldots$ |
|  | Y | -0,5 | -2,8 | -2,9 | -2,3 | 2,7 | -3,1 | -2,7 | -2,9 | -2,5 | 3,2 | -2,8 | -3,0 | $\ldots$ |

Various ad-hoc measures of column similarity are used, e.g. Score $=\sum_{a=1}^{20} q_{i a} p_{j a}$

# A profile HMM is a sequence profile extended by position-specific gap penalties 

Record probability of insertions and deletions at each position



## BLAST

## Search with single sequence through sequence database



## PSI-BLAST

## Iterative search with sequence profile through sequence db



Much more sensitive than BLAST

## PSI-BLAST, MMseqs2

## Iterative search with sequence profile through sequence db



Much more sensitive than BLAST

## HHblits

Iterative search with profile HMM through profile HMM db

Best sensitivity, alignment quality, and speed


See you back at 13:30h $\odot$

## Student feedback after lecture

- I think the speed was good, the explanations were clear but I needed more breaks, specially for the first part of the presentations. Small 5 min breaks would be fine
- alignment for the section of profile based dynamic programming
- I found the part of HMM a bit difficult to comprehend. I liked the dynamic programming exercise.
- maybe could introduce a little more about the principles of clustering?
- I was following the local alignment algorithm explanation until the part where position specific score was introduced. Then started getting a bit confused
- Everything was great. Actually, I would prefer to have more days of practice and more command line exercises but I am not sure that you can change it. Thanks a lot!
- The parts where sequence profiles are explained can be explained a bit more in detail. Also, overall the presentation has gone fast for me as not everyone has the same background in bioinformatics.
- The slides were presented well but it was a bit fast and sometimes was difficult to analyze some technical stuff. otherwise the basics were very well explained. Thanks
- I think the hardest topic was the matrix of similarity calculations. It was well explained, but I felt it a little fast. Some more examples and exercises would have helped
- explanation of the log odds score
- The details of MMseqs2 was difficult to understand
- The course was great, I really liked the tutors were very responsive to questions. Also the organization of the course is very nice, with the breakout rooms, the breaks, and the general meetings. Many of the info were new to me, but I finished the course feeling like I understood it very well. I liked the fact that some exercises were put in the middle to help us figure things out ourselves. Thank you for your efforts!
- I feel that we could go slower on the topic of HMM- profile, profile-profile comparison as there are many complex things to understand and visualize.
- I did not understand too much the part that covered MMSeq, BLAST, HHMER3 and HHblits. I think it was too quick. In general, there are times where I think the professor spoke too fast. Everything else was great!


## Small P-value: reject null hypothesis

The P -value is the probability to obtain a result as observed or more extreme, given the null hypothesis (often a "hypothesis of randomness"). A small P-value (e.g. < 0.05) indicates the null hypothesis can be rejected. Suppose we suspect a die to be loaded. We throw it 30 times and never observed a 6. Can we conclude that the die is loaded?
1 - Exercise: Compute the P-value for the null hypothesis that the is fair. What if we observed a 6 only once out of 30 throws? What do you conclude from the $P$-value?

The probability to obtain a six only zero or one times, given the die is not loaded (the null hypothesis), is

$$
\begin{aligned}
P( & \left.k \leq 1 \text { six out of } 30 \mid p_{\text {six }}=1 / 6\right)=\sum_{k=0}^{1}\binom{30}{k}(1 / 6)^{k}(5 / 6)^{30-k} \\
& =\binom{30}{0}(1 / 6)^{0}(5 / 6)^{30}+\binom{30}{1}(1 / 6)(5 / 6)^{29}=0.0042+0.0253=0.029
\end{aligned}
$$

We can reject the null-hypothesis that the die is fair with a P-value of $3 \%$.

## Why „or more extreme"?

$P$-value = the probability to obtain a score as observed or more extreme under the null hypothesis

Suppose we throw a die 6 N times and observe a six N times. What do you guess is the P -value?
Why "or more extreme" in the definition of the $P$-value?

Please type in your answers at
https://forms.google.com/???

## The linux command line (bash)

1. Don't forget spaces
2. Everything in linux is case-sensitive (filenames, commands,..)
3. Filenames = directory path and basename: /usr/local/soeding/my_file.txt You can give only the basename if the file is in the current directory

Is
Is -ltrF cd <path/dir> cd ..
gedit <file> gedit <file> \& less <file>
cp <file> <dest> mv <file> <dest> rm <file> mkdir <dir> info Is, man Is
chmod +x <file>
list content of current directory
Is in long format, time-sorted in reverse order, with Filetype change to directory <path/dir> go up 1 step in directory hierarchy
open file in editor
open file in editor in background
look at raw file (q: quit, b: back,/: find); works for huge files
copy file to destination directory (cp file.txt ~/molbiol/day1/) move file to destination directory
remove file (careful!)
create new directory (remove with rmdir <dir>)
show info / manual page of Is command
change settings of file to make it executable


[^0]:    HHpred (26) analysis shows that E. coli CFT073 Hcp ortholog (Table S1) is weakly similar to putative phage tail protein family PF09540 (e-val = 1.5e-4). As revealed by Hidden Markov Models (HMM) -HMM comparison performed by HHalign (27), this protein family exhibits significant homology $(\mathrm{e}-\mathrm{val}=9.3 \mathrm{e}-10)$ to the family of T4-like tail tube proteins gp19 (PF06841). Moreover, the

