

Sequence Homology and Analysis

*Understanding How FASTA and BLAST work to
optimize your sequence similarity searches.*



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Take Home Messages

1. *Homologous* sequences share a common ancestor, but most sequences are *non-homologous*
2. Compare protein sequence for distant comparison and DNA for close comparisons
3. Sequence Homology can be reliably inferred from statistically significant similarity (non-homology cannot from non-similarity)
4. Homologous proteins share common structures, but not necessarily common functions
5. Sequence statistical significance estimates are accurate (verify this yourself)
6. Smaller databases increase search sensitivity
7. Statistical accuracy can be evaluated by examining the “highest scoring unrelated sequence” or by random shuffles

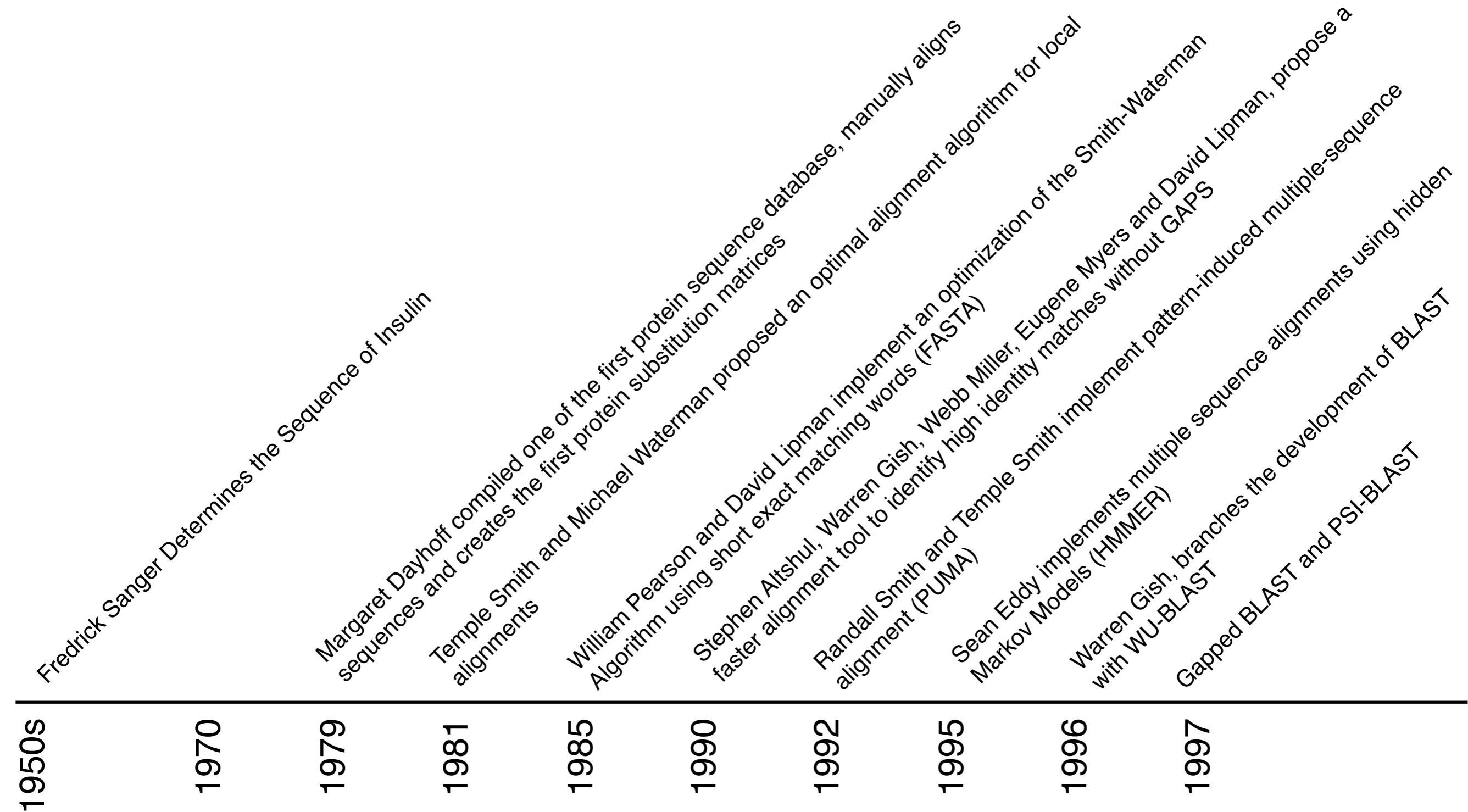
What is Understanding Homology Important

- Most gene databases use sequence similarity to infer gene function (with a few exceptions)
 - In the absence of high-throughput biochemistry experimentation, homology is used to predict gene function and pathway assignments.
- Many of these predictions are correct however distinguishing orthologs (deviation from speciation) and paralogs (deviation from gene duplication) is difficult
- E-values are more reliable than percent identity

What is Homology?

How do we recognize it?

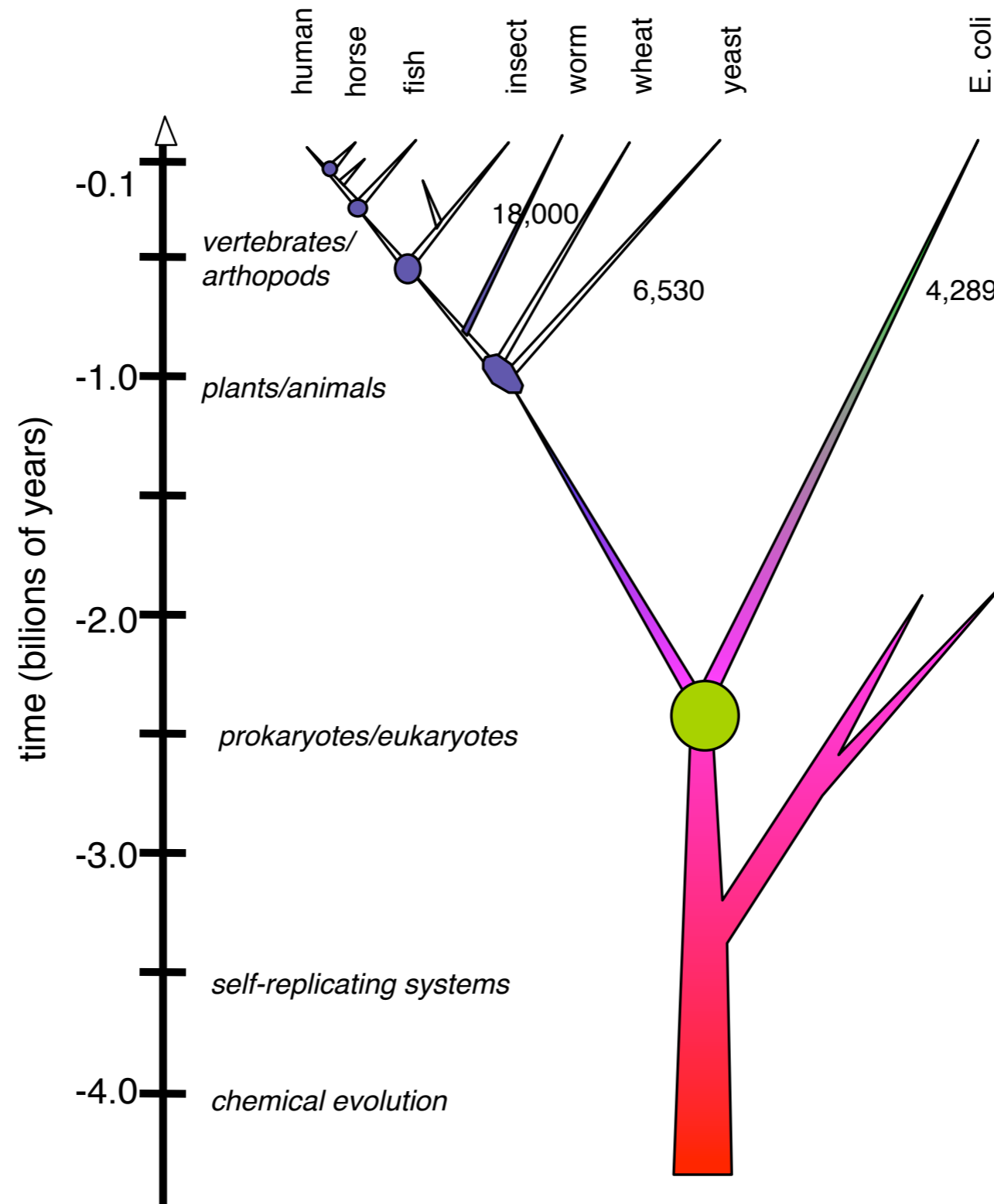
History of Sequence Similarity



Establishing homology from statistically significant similarity

- For most proteins, homologs are easily found over long evolutionary distances (500 My – 2 By) using standard approaches (BLAST, FASTA)
- Difficult for distant relationships or very short domains
- Most default search parameters are optimized for distant relationships and work well

Homologous Sequences Share a Common Ancestor

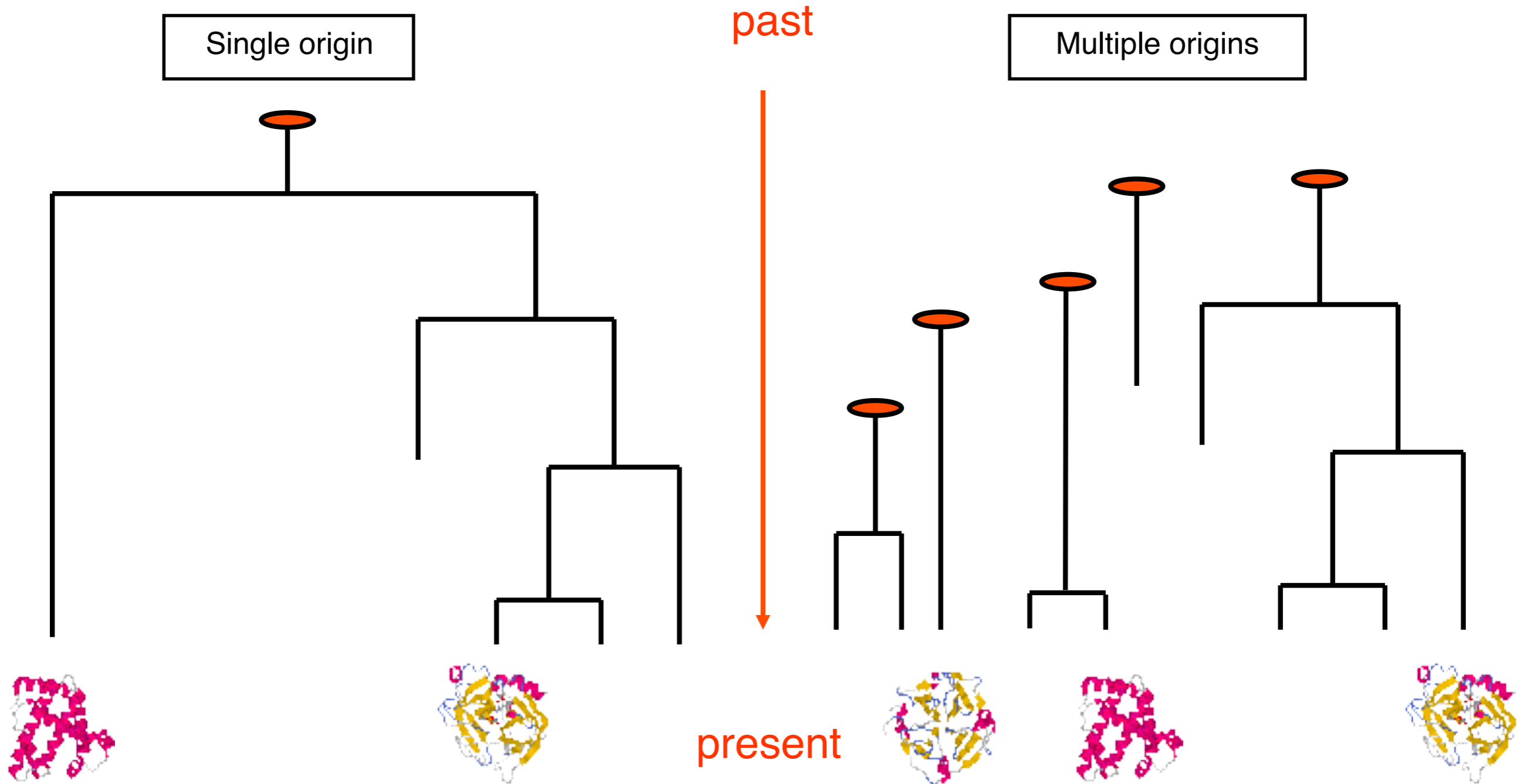


Homology is Confusing:

Ways we have seen it defined

- Protein/Genes/DNA that share a common ancestor
- Specific positions/columns in a multiple sequence alignment that have a 1:1 relationship over evolutionary history
 - Is it possible to be 50% homologous?
- Specific morphological/functional characteristics that share a recent divergence (clade)
 - Are all wings homologous (bat, butterfly, eagle)?

Homology is Confusing: Are all sequences homologous?

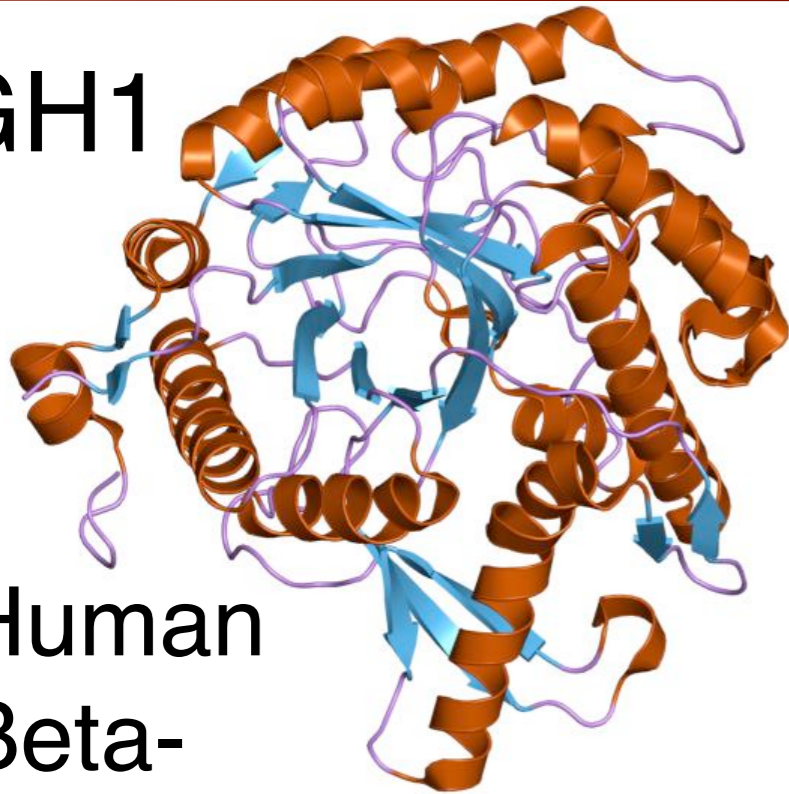


Homology Using Sequence/Structural Comparisons

- Homology is shared ancestry
- Convergence are independent events resulting in the same outcome.
- Sequences are inferred to share a common ancestor based on statistically significant **excess** similarity
- Any evidence of this **excess** similarity can be used to infer homology (sequence or structure)
- Lack of evidence cannot be used to infer non-homology
- One must weight the evidence for each hypothesis (Convergence or Homology)

When do we infer homology?

GH1



**Human
Beta-
glucosidase**

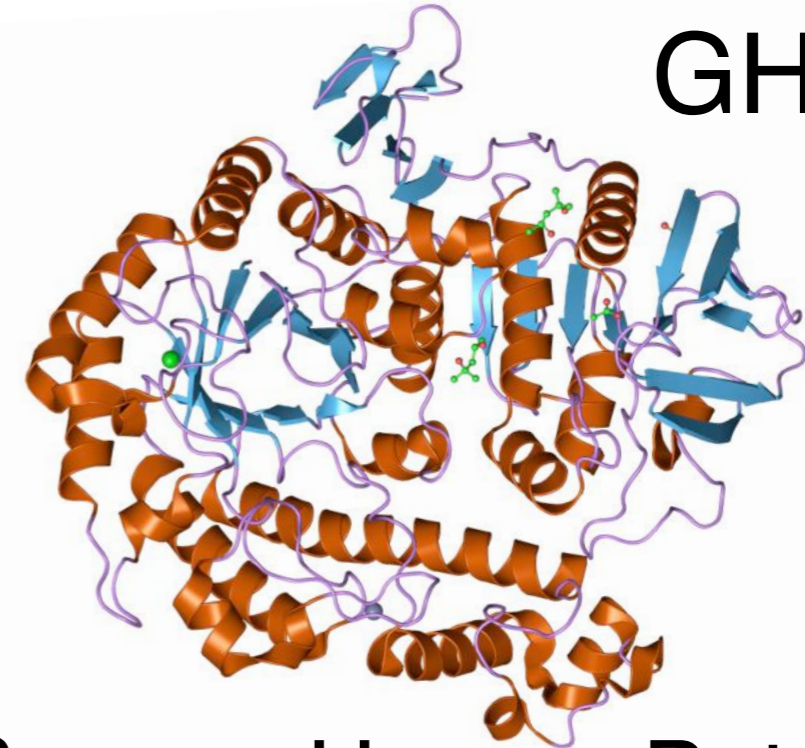
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**Lactococcus lactis
Beta-galactosidase**



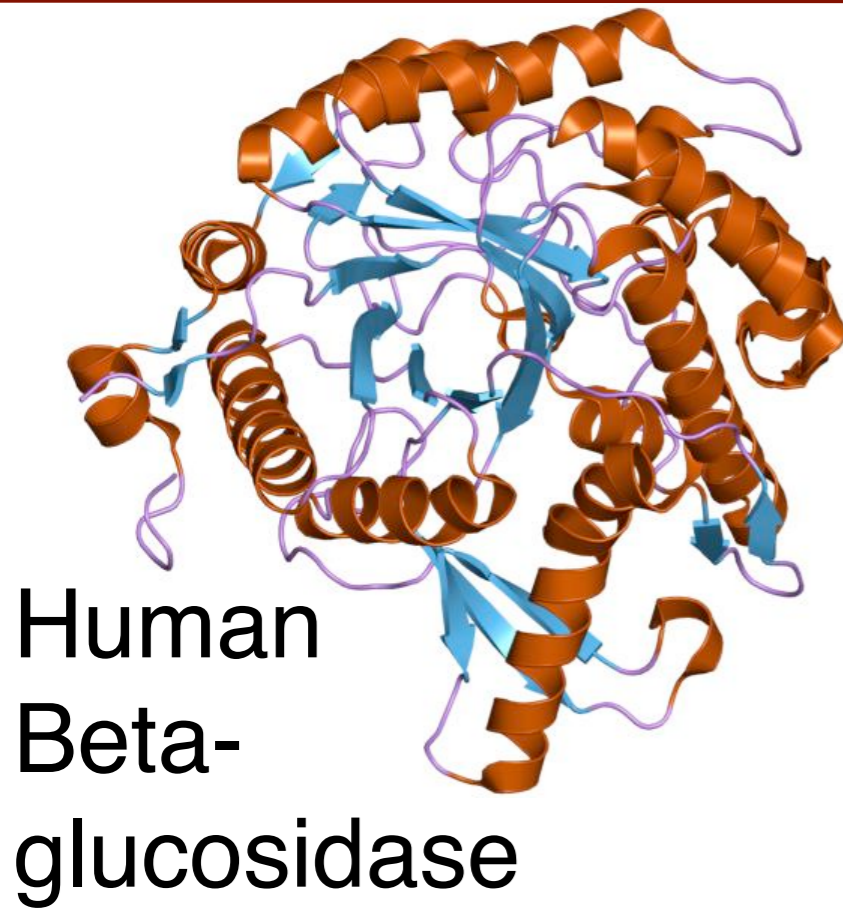
GH42



**Human Beta-
galactosidase**

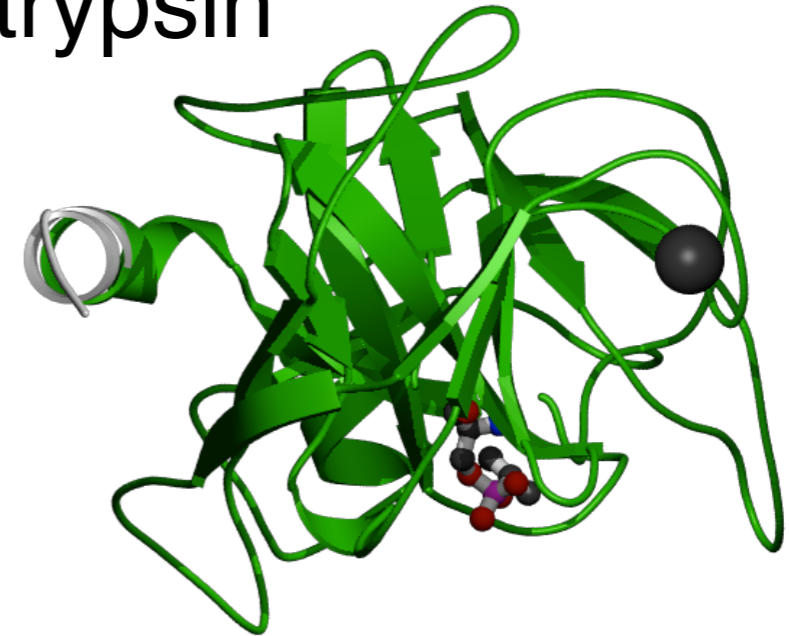
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When do we infer non-homology?

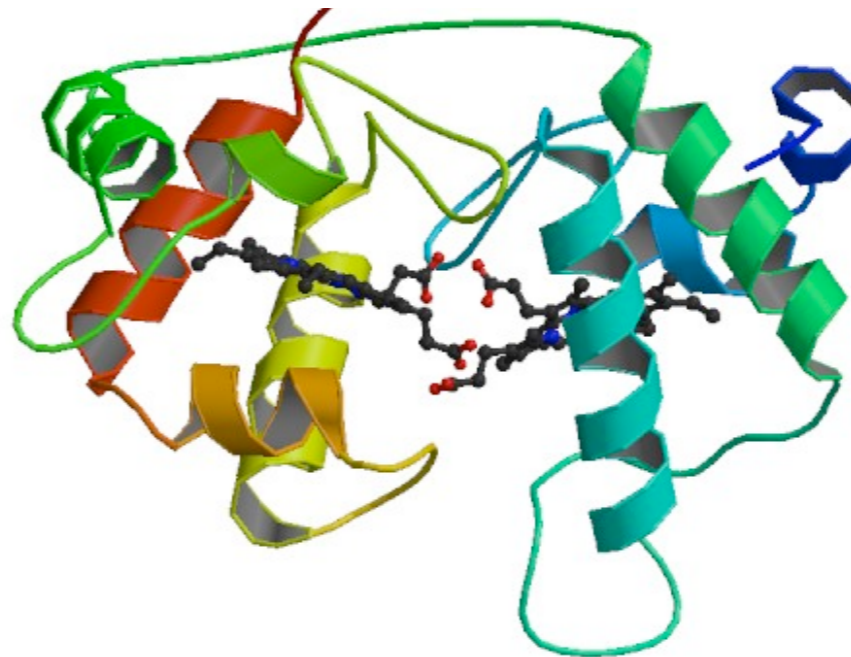


Sequence: Score = 15.8 bits,
Expect = 1.5
%ID = 45%
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[Score:](#) 48.73
[RMSD:](#) 3.36
[%Id:](#) 2.9%

Bovine trypsin



Sequence: Score = 13.5 bits (23)
Expect = 6.4
%ID = 36%
Structure: [P-value:](#) 7.57e-01
[Score:](#) 122.45
[RMSD:](#) 4.74
[%Id:](#) 4.3%



CYTOCHROME
C4

Non-homologous Proteins have
different structures

What BLAST Does

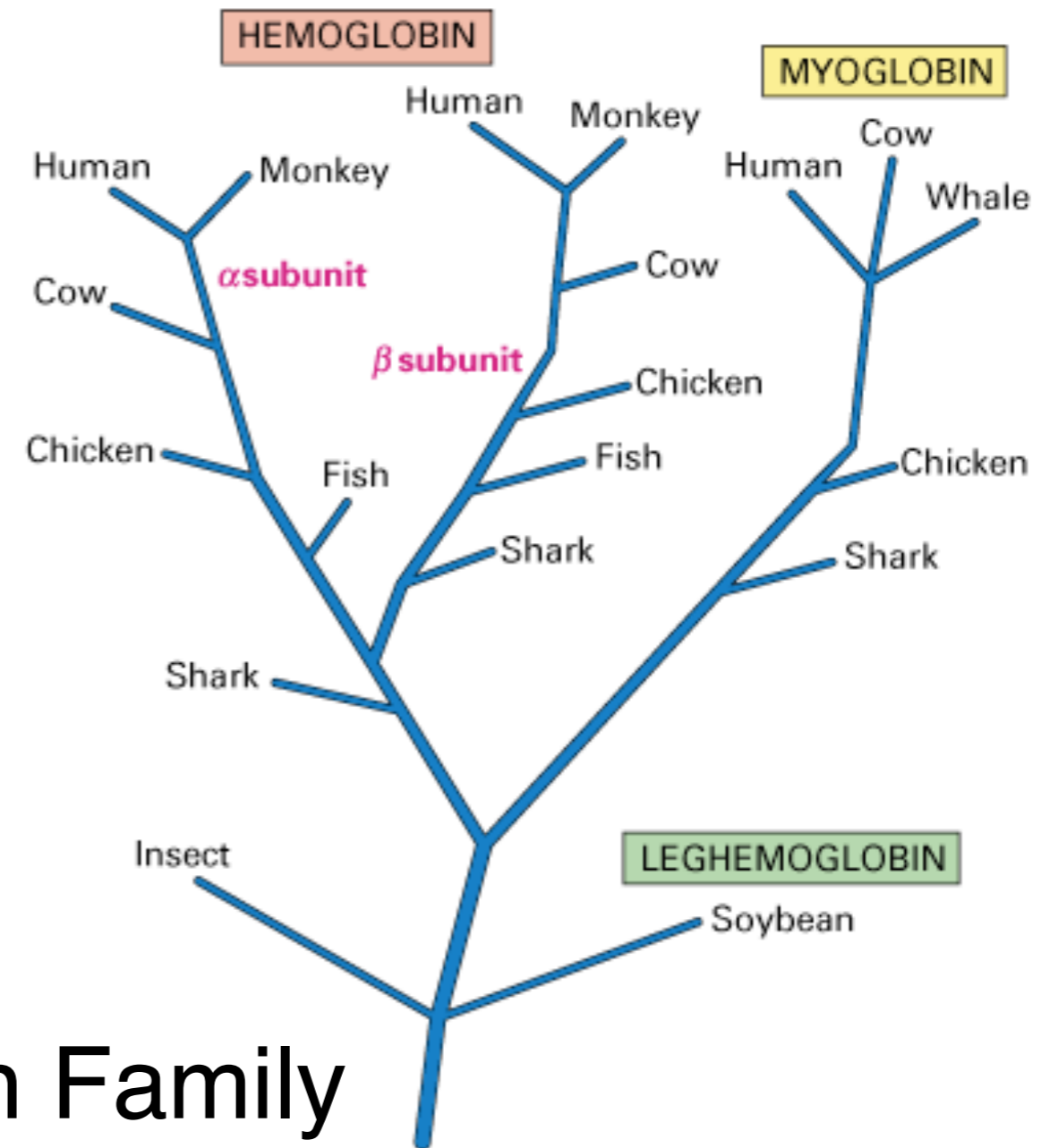
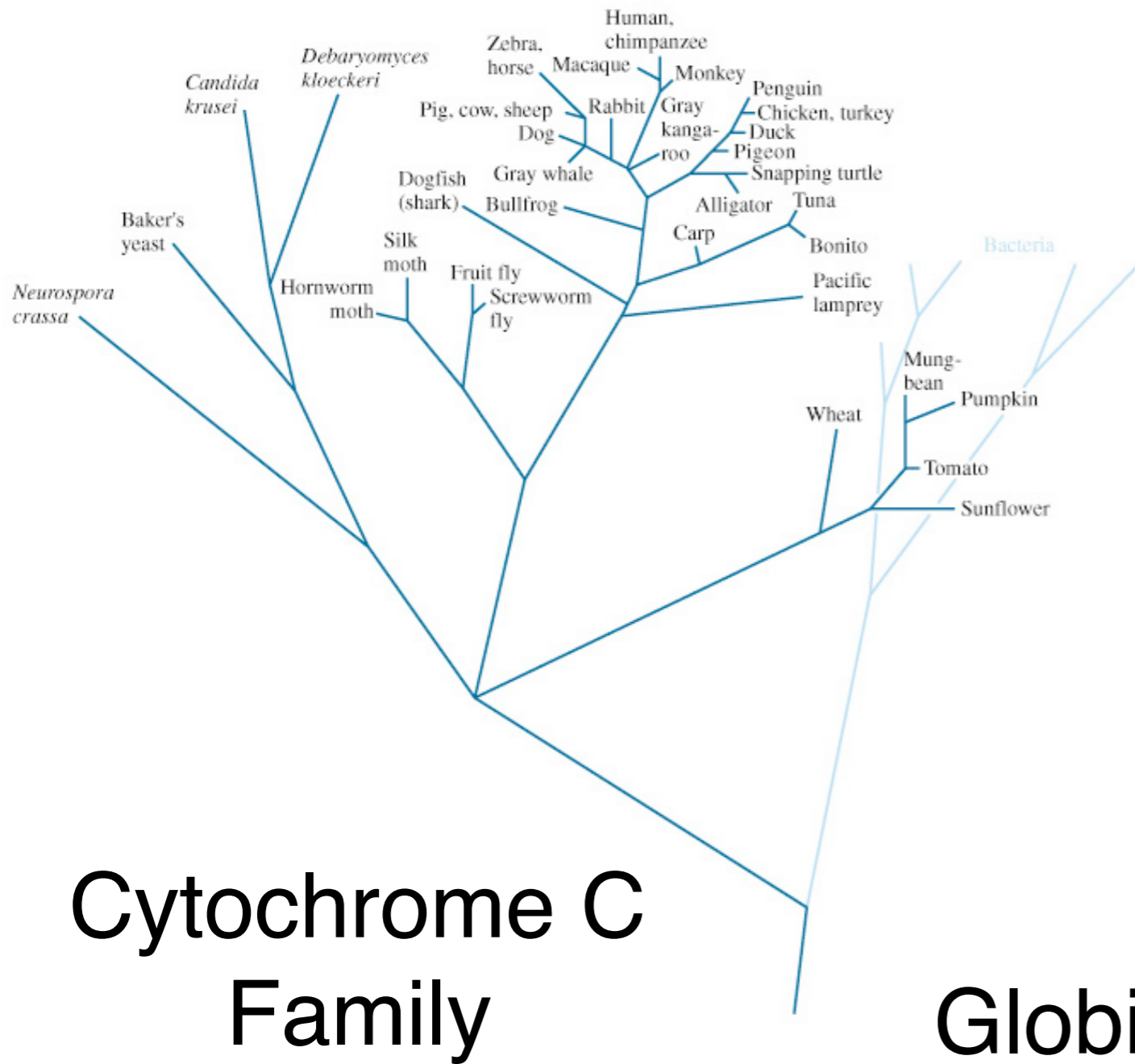
Similarity $\stackrel{?}{\Leftrightarrow}$ Homology

Statistical Significance $\stackrel{?}{\Leftrightarrow}$ Biological Significance

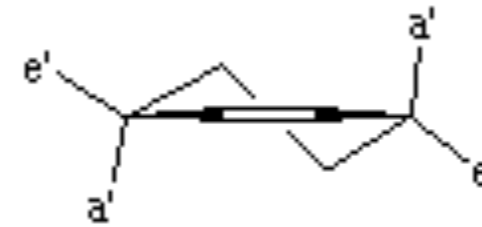
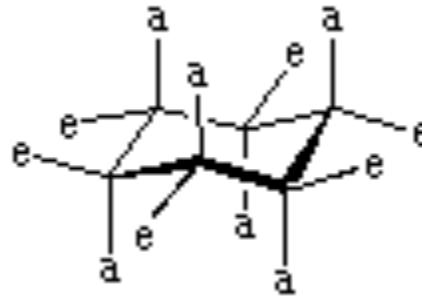
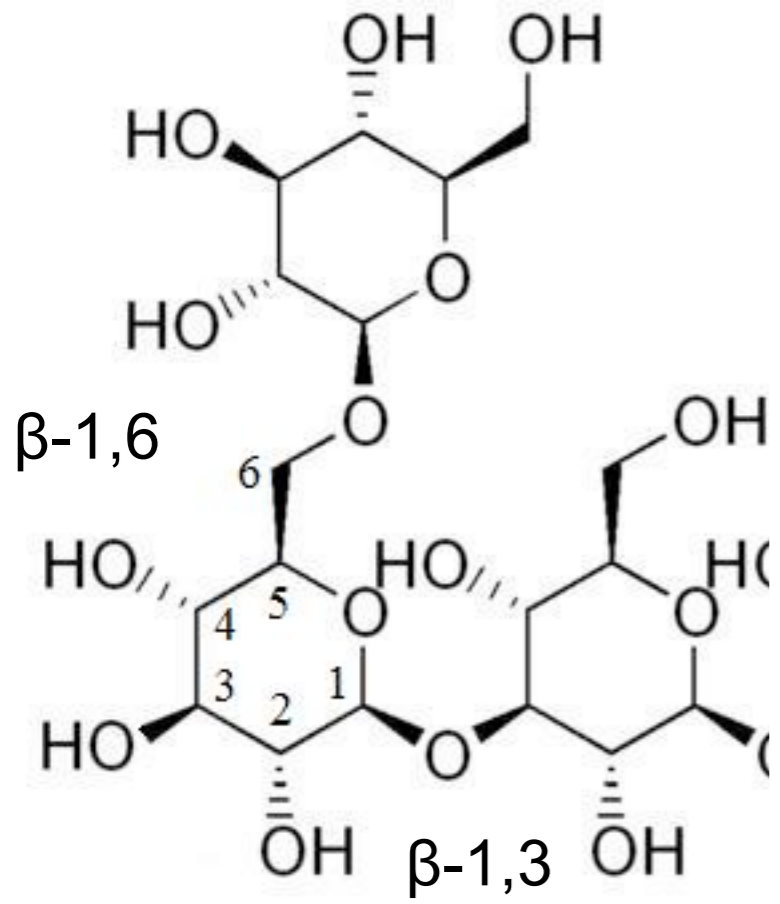
Divergence OR Convergence

Orthologs vs Paralogs

Inferring Function

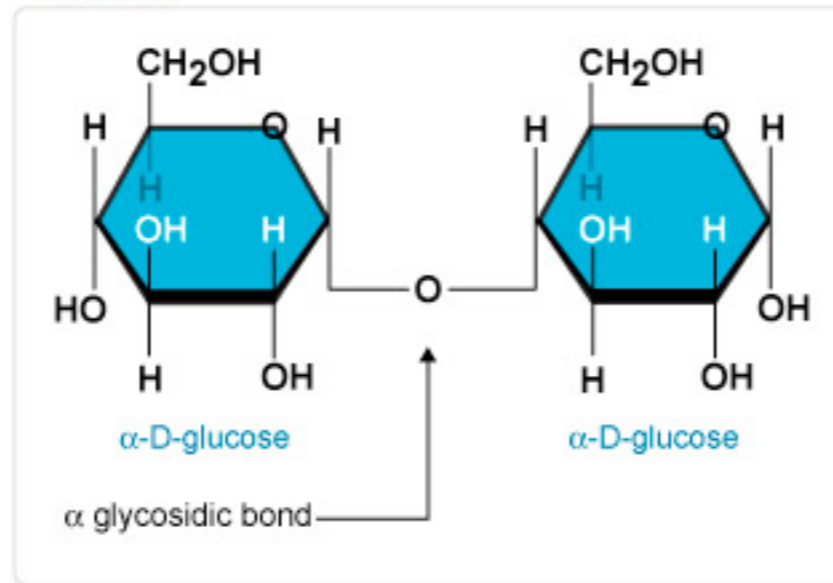


Orthologs vs Paralogs Inferring Function



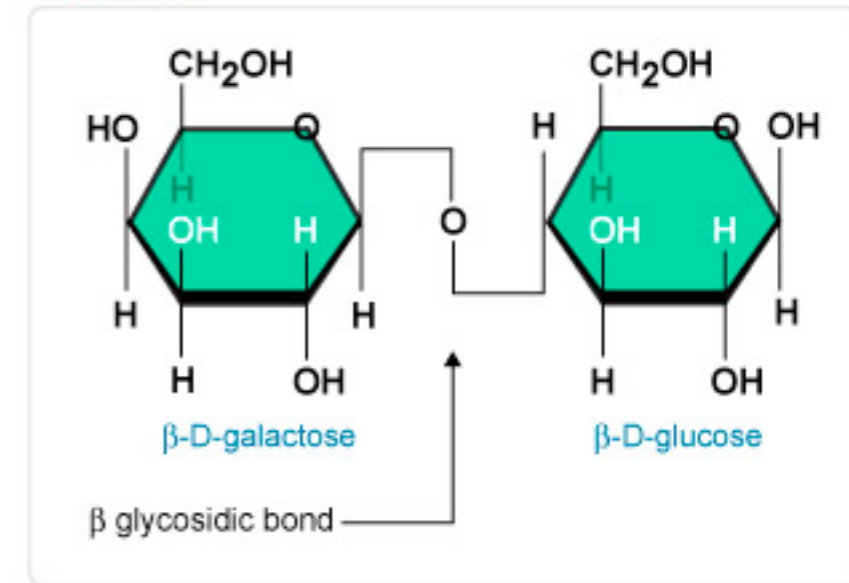
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e = equatorial
a' = pseudo-axial
e' = pseudo-equatorial

Maltose



a

Lactose



e

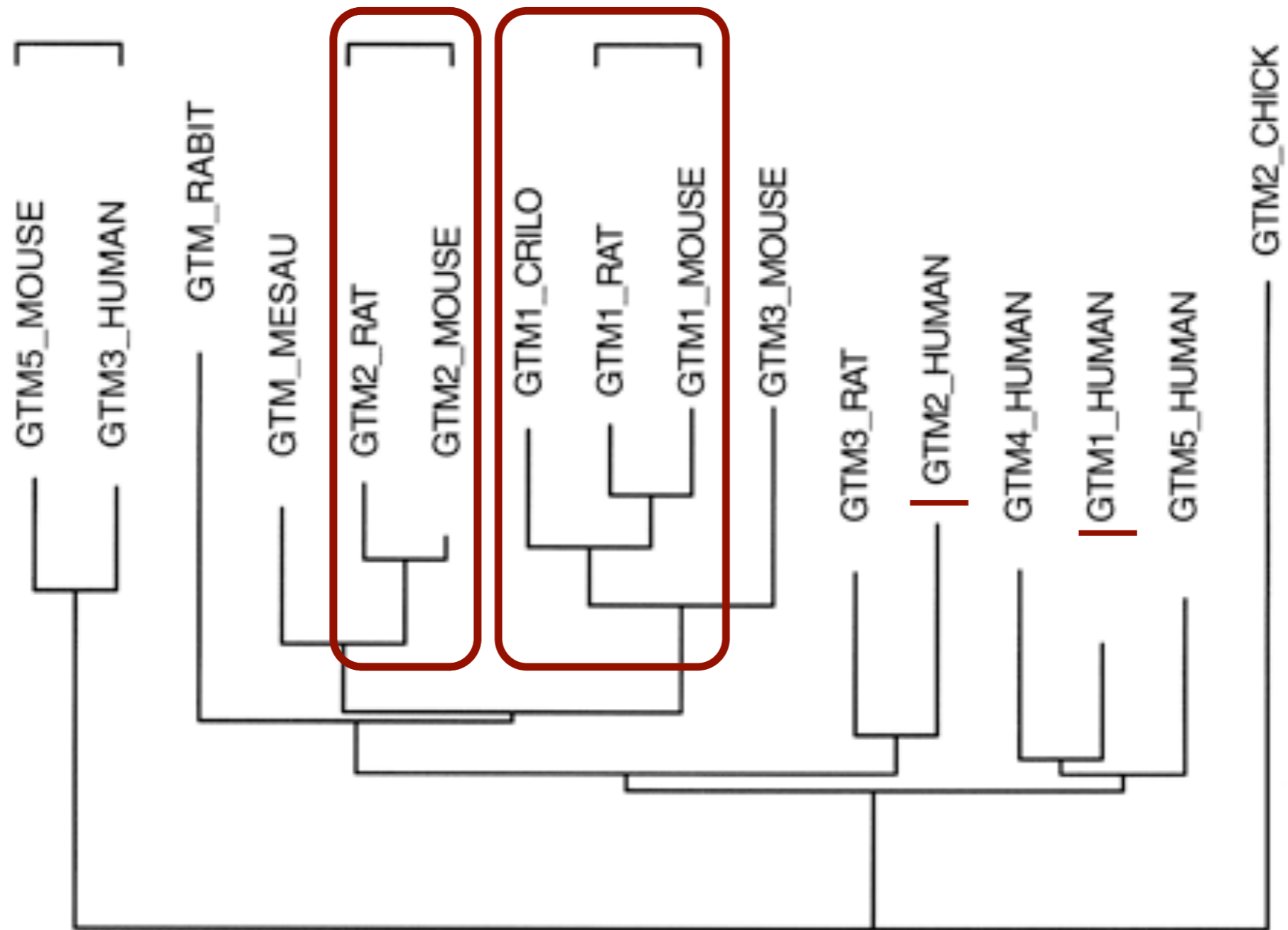
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Homologs Often Maintain Similar Chemical Functions

Orthology can be difficult to infer

- Over modest distances (human/mouse) post-speciation duplication is common
- Over large distances (human/fly, bacteria), duplication/loss/replacement may be common
- Homology inferences have false-negatives, but the false-positive rate can be reliably controlled
- Orthology inferences will have both false positives and false negatives
- Paralogous proteins often have similar chemical functions (may act in different pathways)

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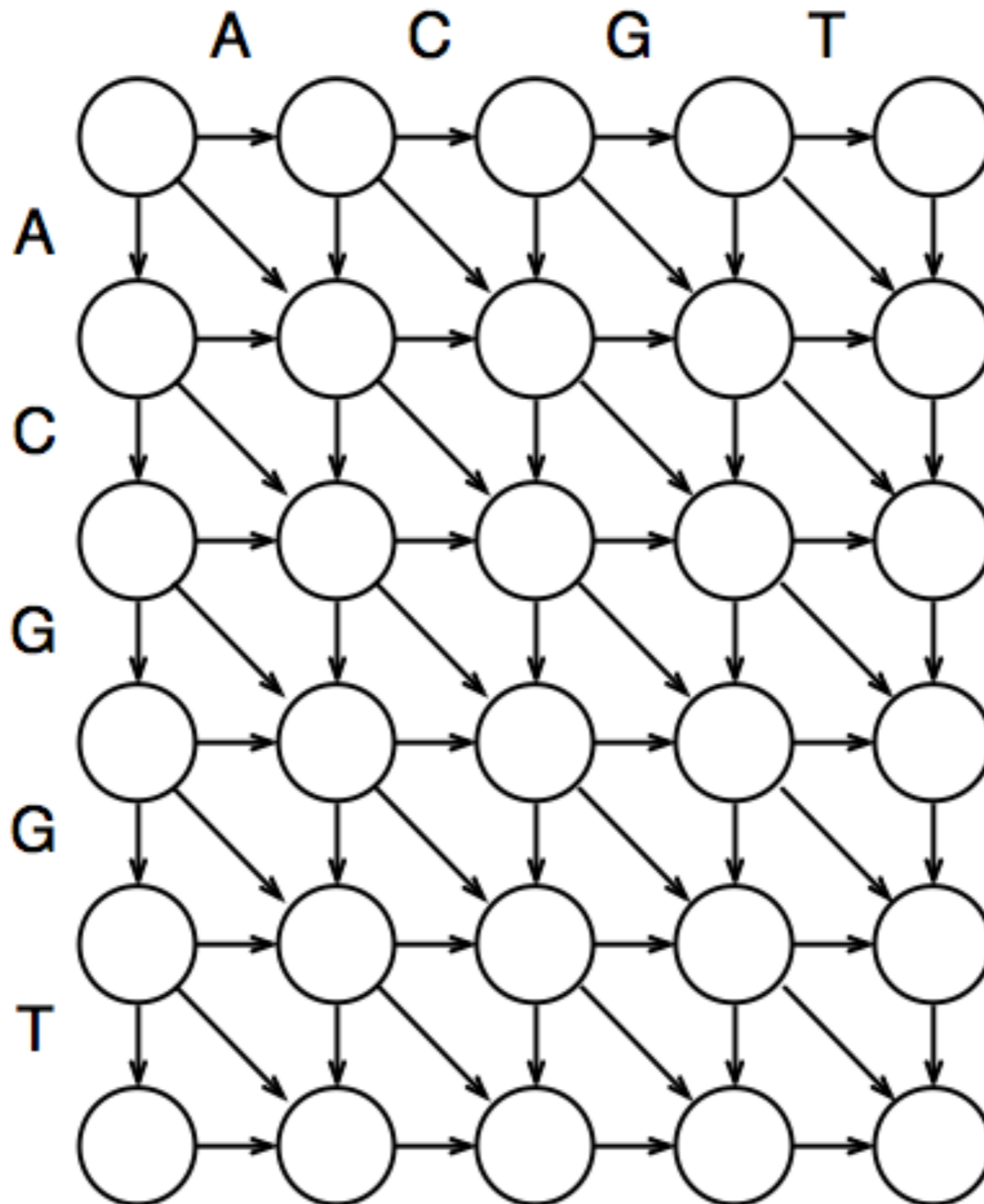


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How do we measure
sequence similarity by
alignment and scoring
matrices?

Simple Alignments

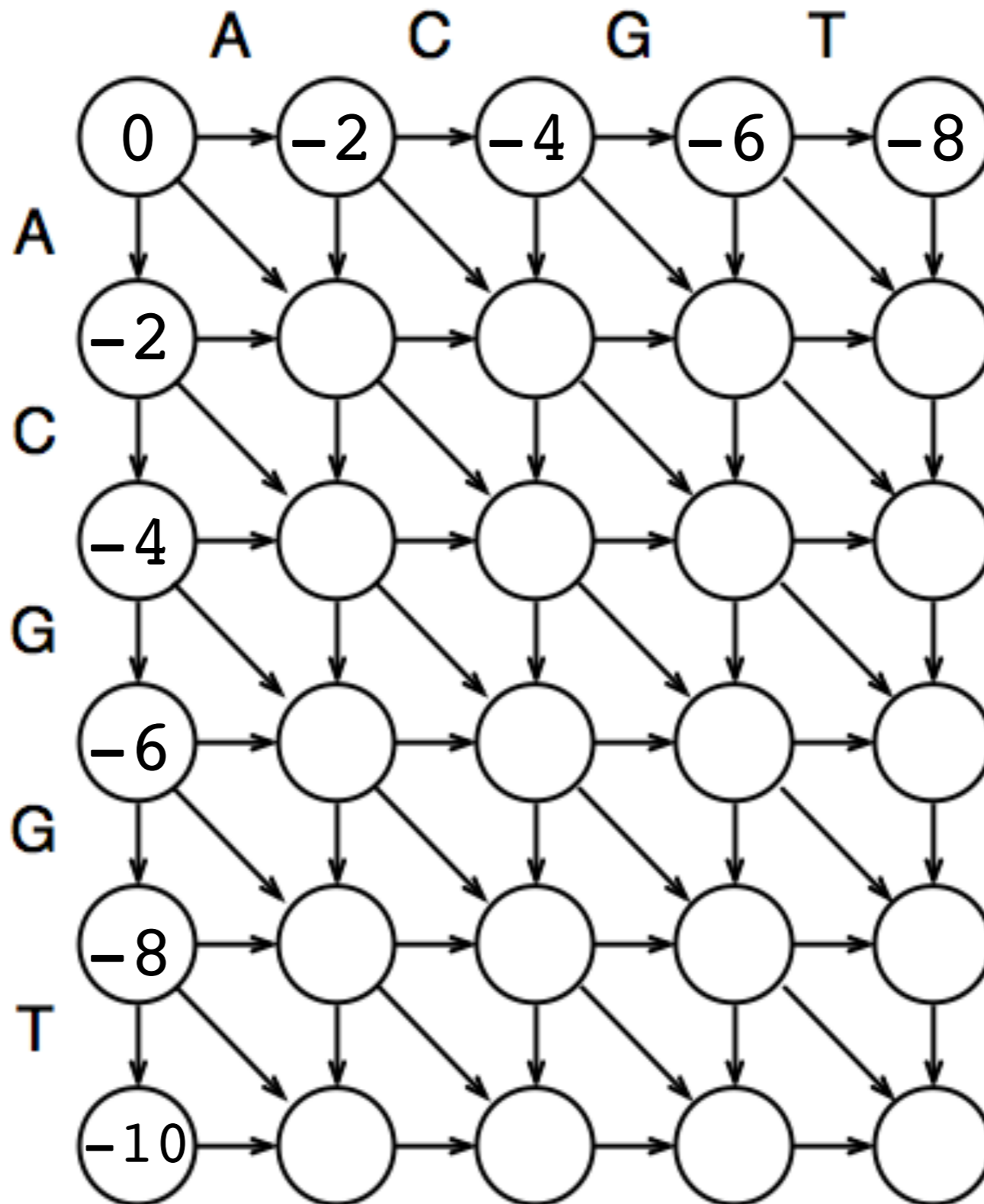
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Gap: -2



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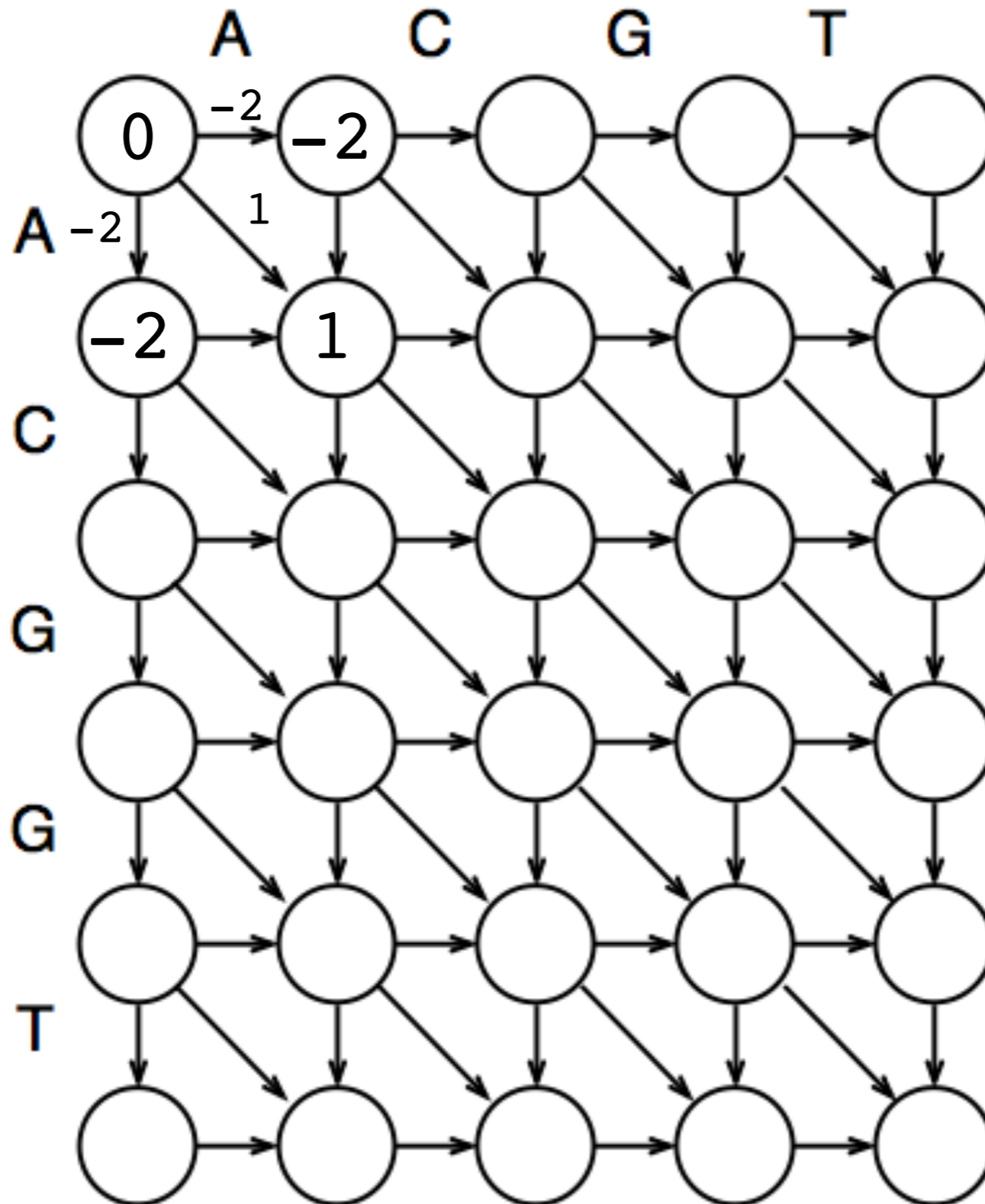
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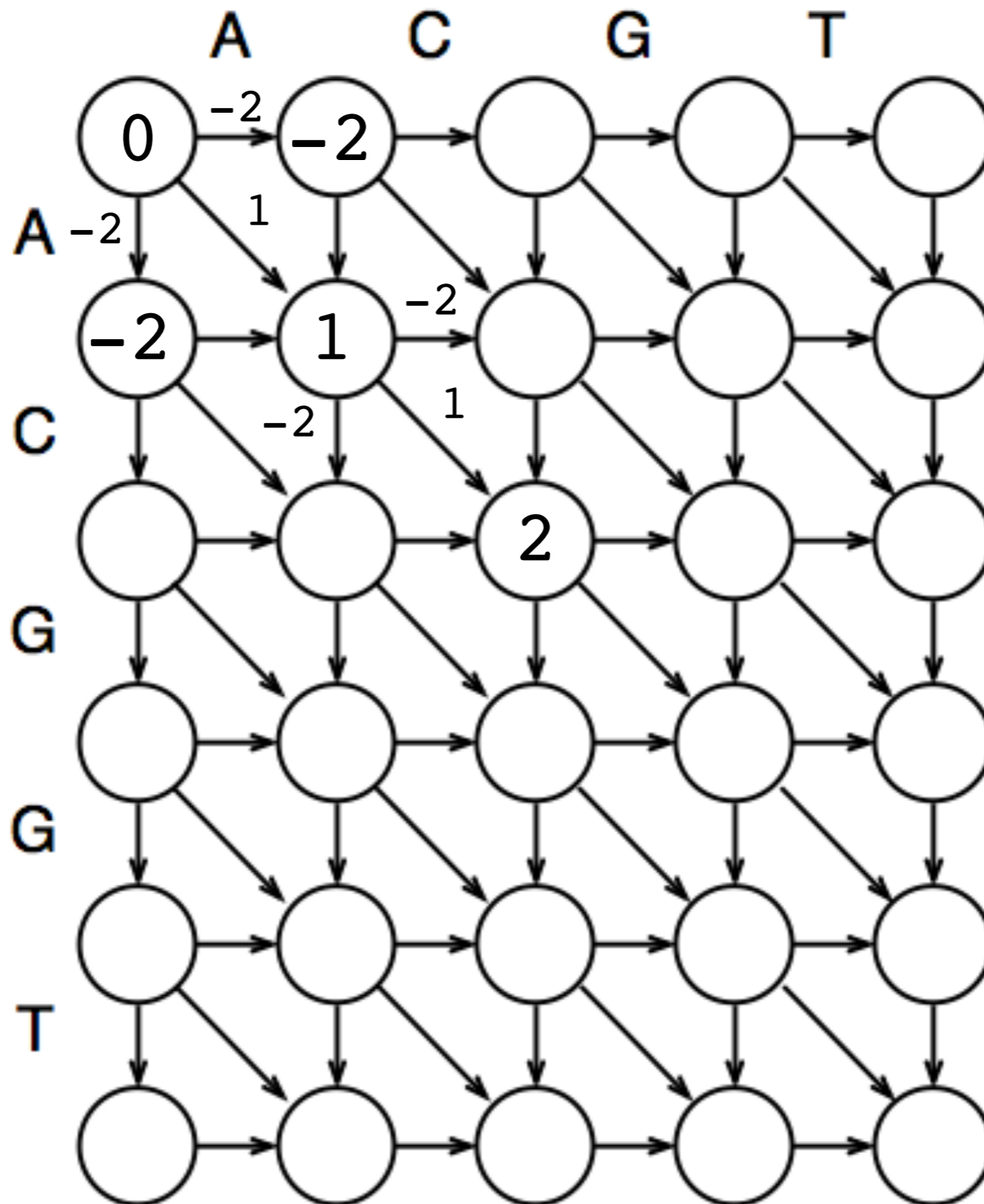
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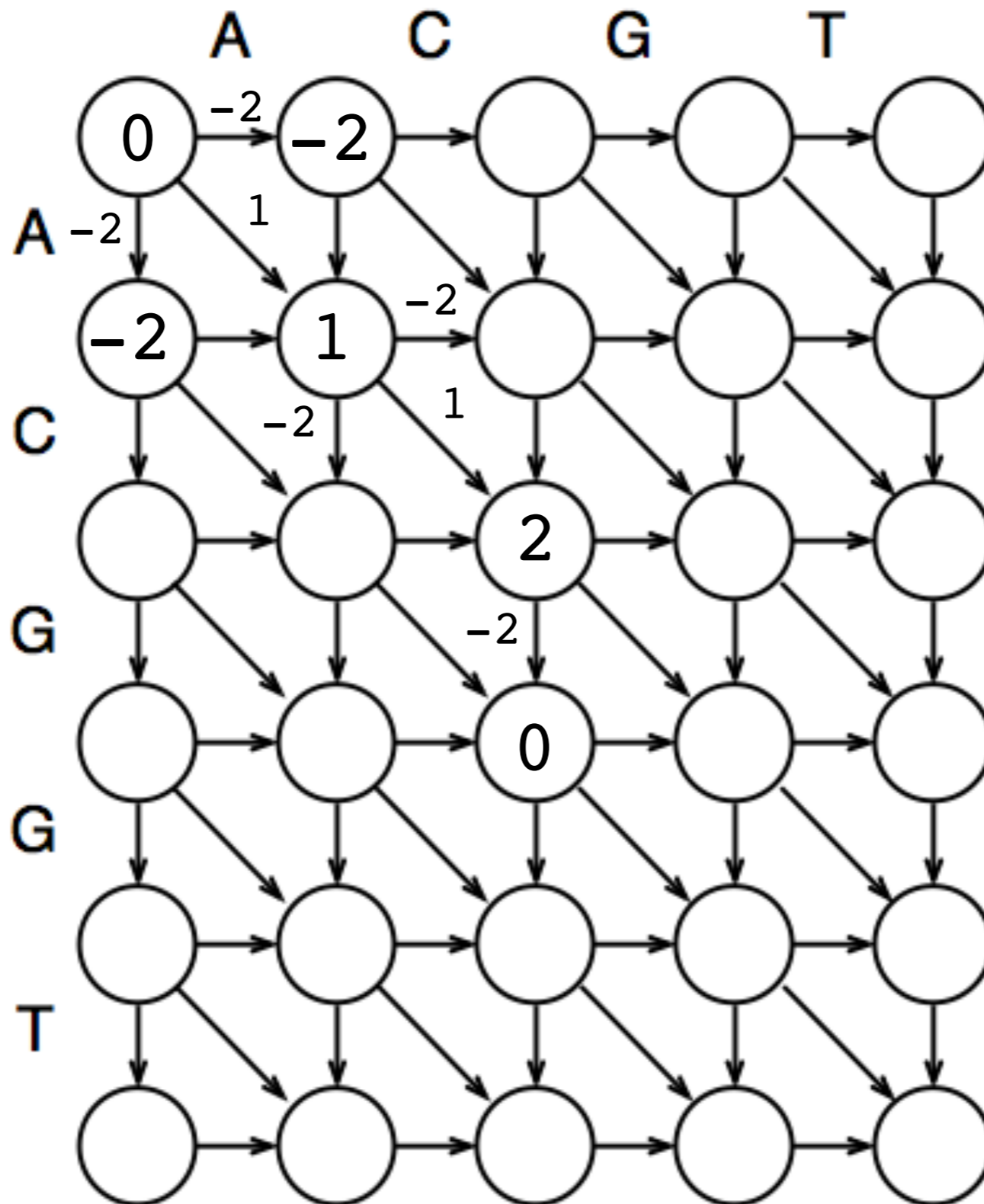
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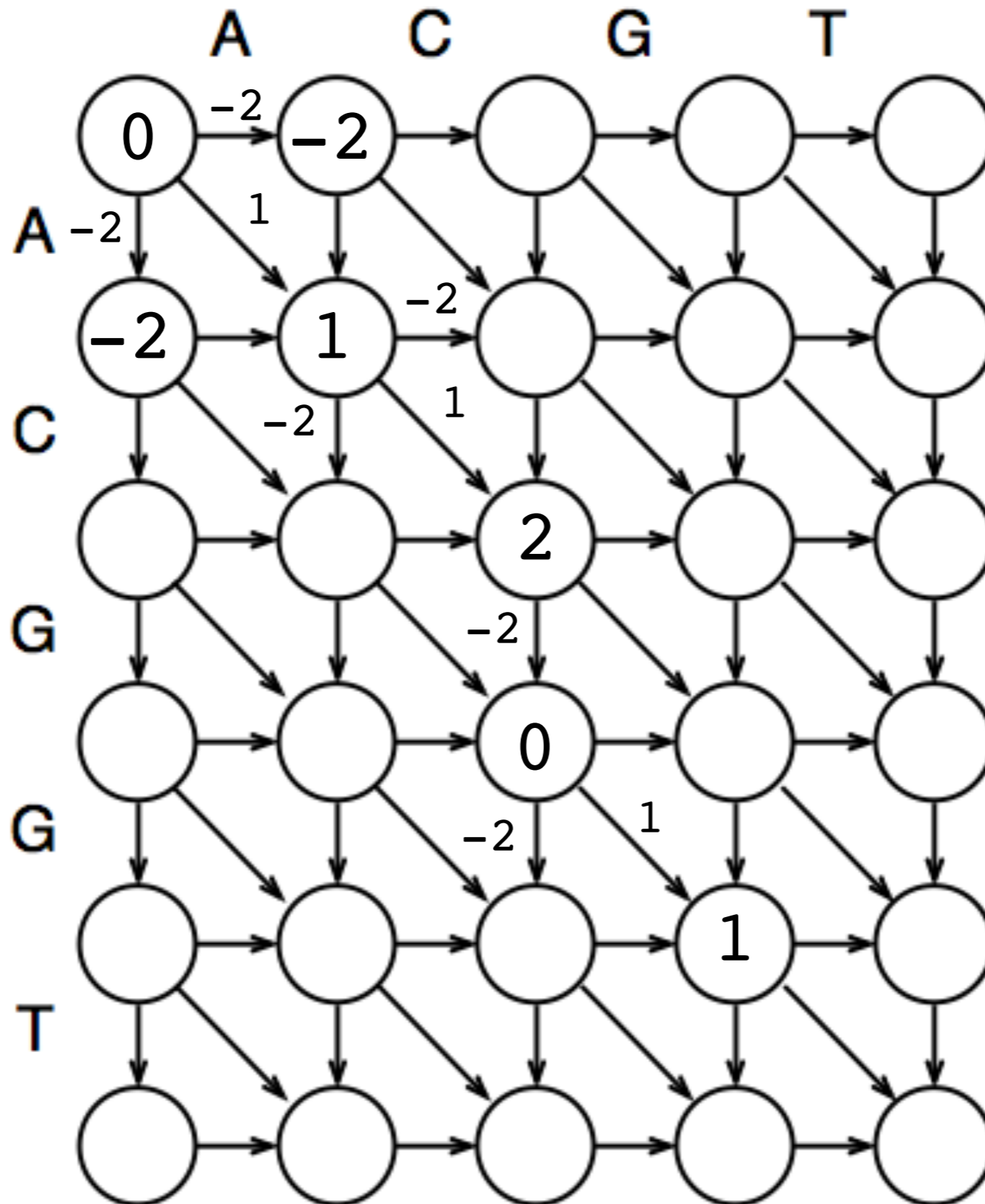
AC-
ACG



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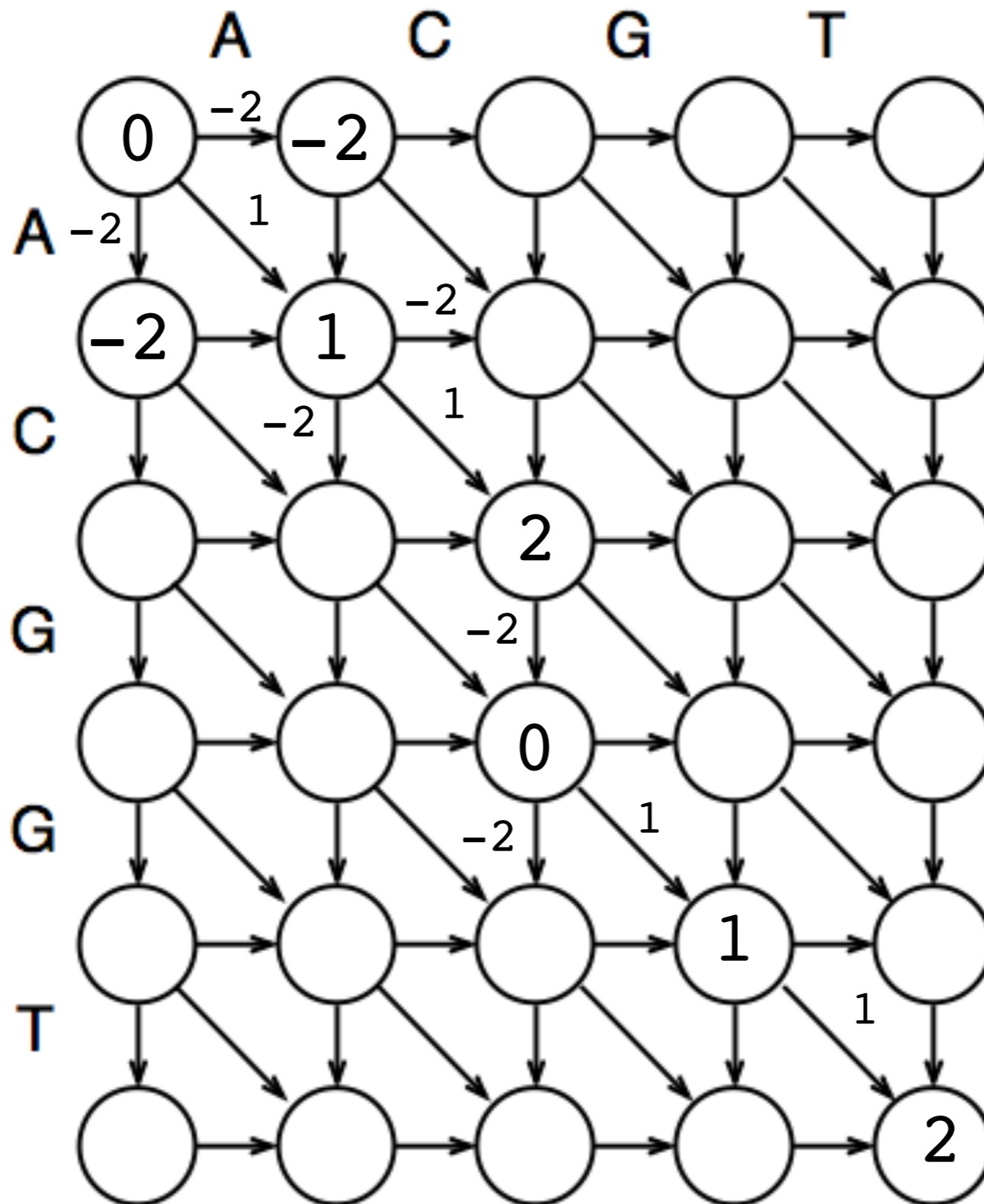
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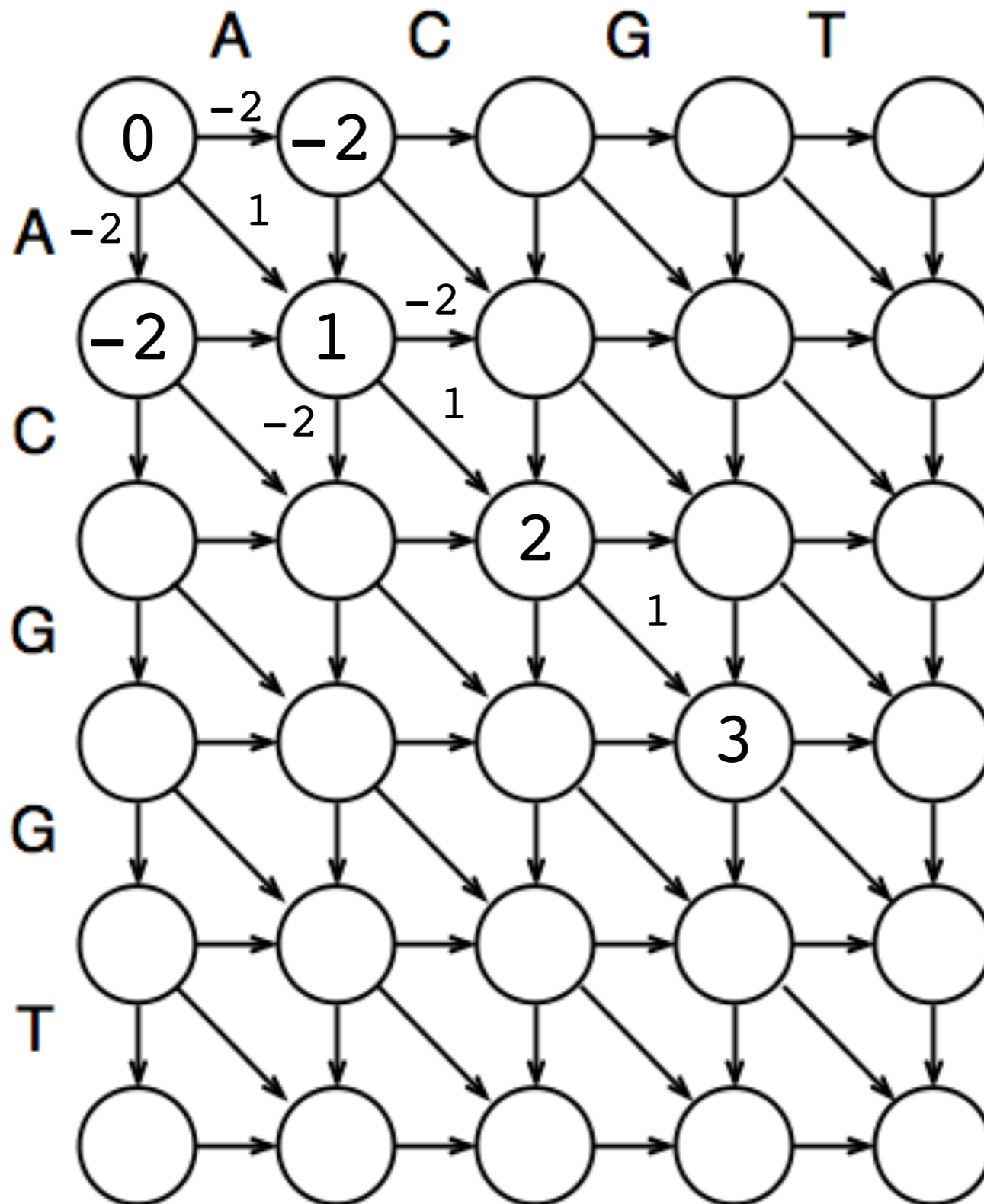
AC-GT
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Simple Alignments

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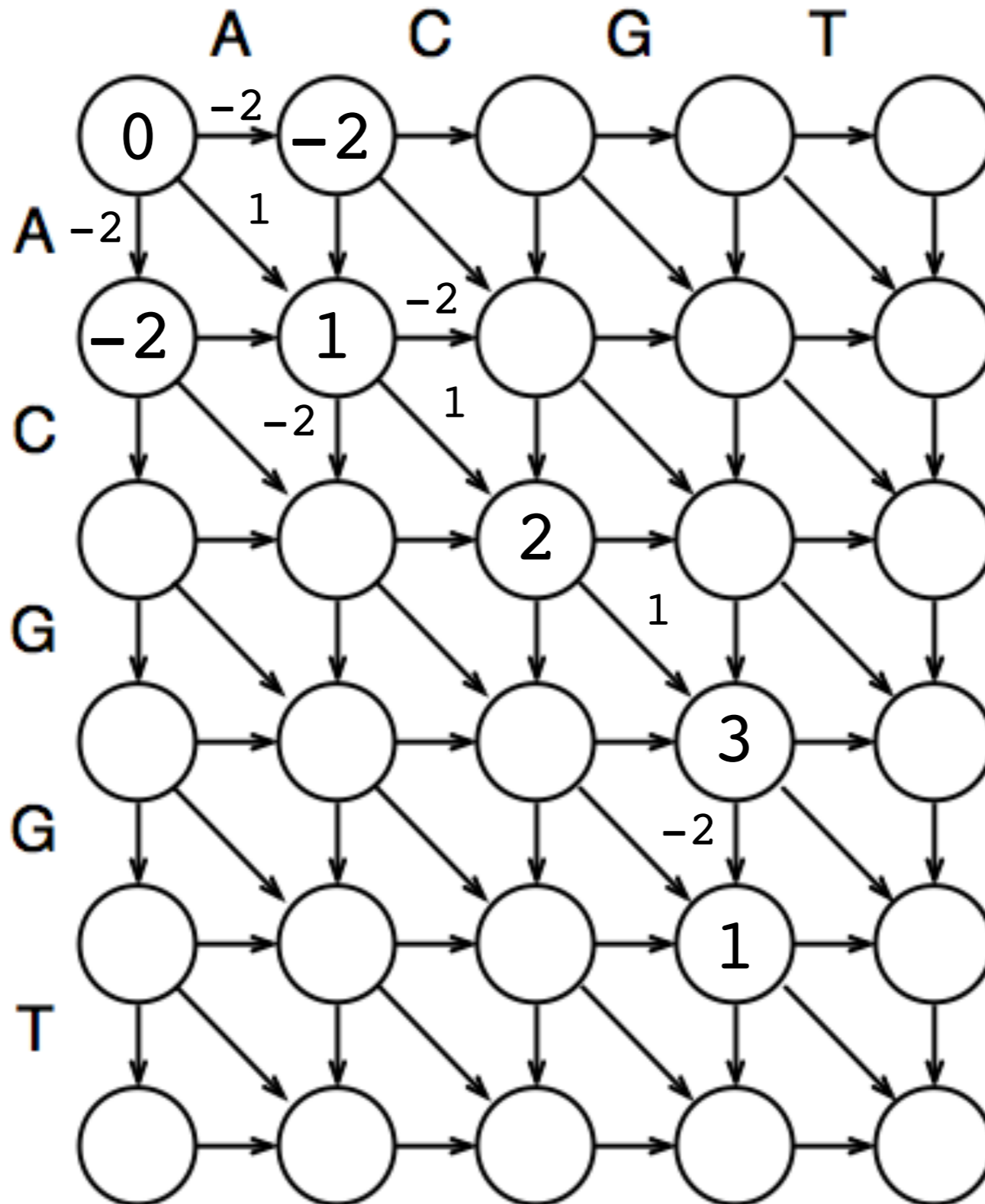
ACG
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Simple Alignments

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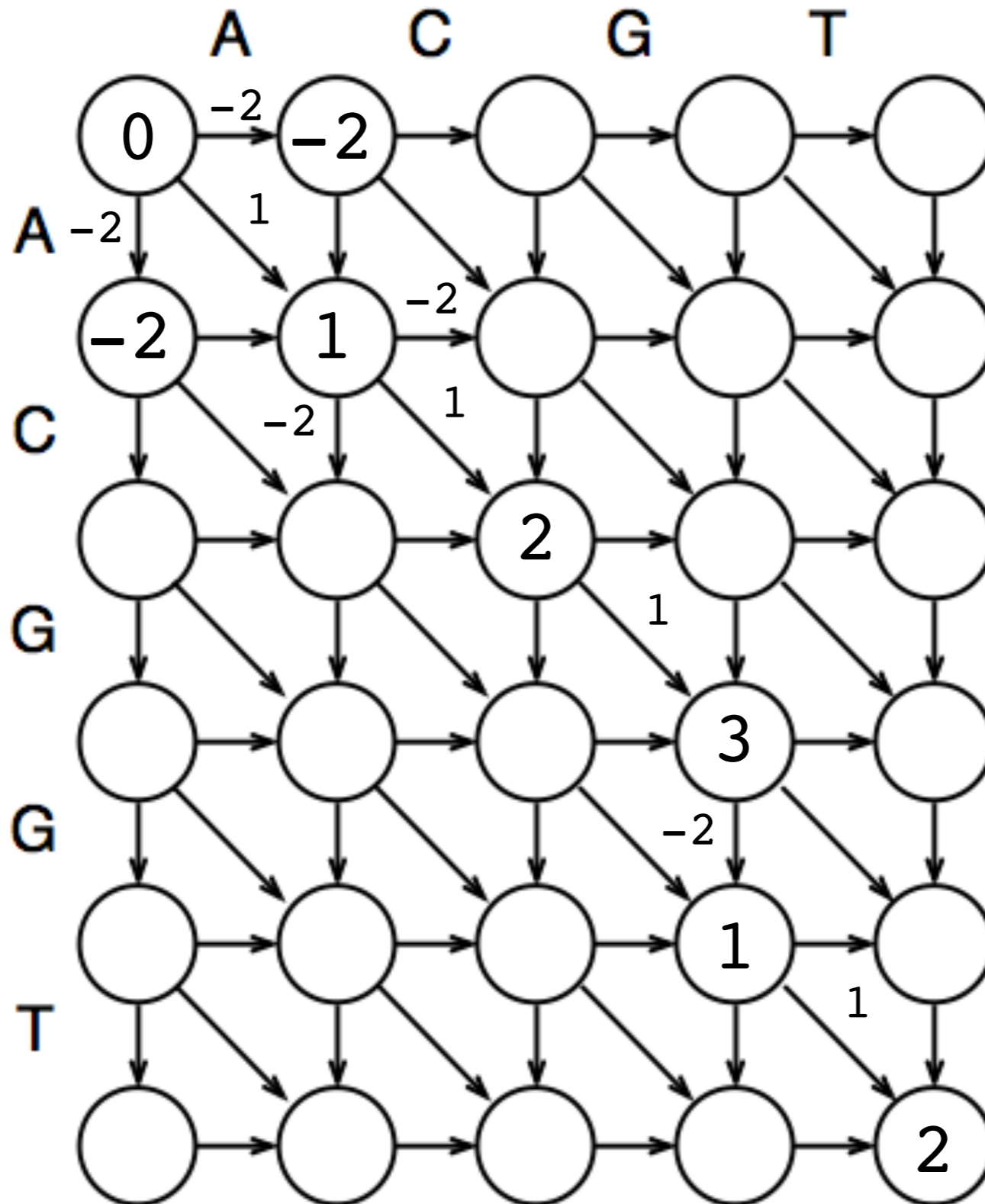
ACG-
 ACGG



Simple Alignments

Match: 1
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 Gap: -2

ACG-T
 ACGGT



Global or Local

	P	M	I	L	G	Y	W	N	V	R	G	L
P	:											
P	:											
Y		.			:	.						
T							.	.				
I		:
V		.	.	.				:	.			.
Y		.			:	.						
F	
P	:											
V		.	.	.				:	.			.
R									:			
G										:		

: = Match

. = Similar

- = Gap

Local Alignment

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PM-ILGYWNVRL
:  :  :  :  :  :
PPYTIV-YFPVRG
    
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Global Alignment

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-PMILGYWNVRL
:
PPYTIVYFPVRG-
    
```


Global Alignments

Global Alignment
-PMILGYWNVRL
· · · · ·
PPYTI VYFPVRG-

Basis:

$$F_{0j} = d * j$$

$$F_{i0} = d * i$$

Recursion, based on the principle of optimality:

$$F_{ij} = \max(F_{i-1,j-1} + S(A_i, B_j), F_{i,j-1} + d, F_{i-1,j} + d)$$

The pseudo-code for the algorithm to compute the F matrix therefore looks like this:

```
for i=0 to length(A)
  F(i,0) ← d*i
for j=0 to length(B)
  F(0,j) ← d*j
for i=1 to length(A)
  for j=1 to length(B)
  {
    Match ← F(i-1,j-1) + S(Ai, Bj)
    Delete ← F(i-1, j) + d
    Insert ← F(i, j-1) + d
    F(i,j) ← max(Match, Insert, Delete)
  }
```

Local Alignments

Local Alignment

AAPMILGYWNVRLBB
DDPPTYTIVYFPVRRGCC

A matrix H is built as follows:

$$H(i, 0) = 0, 0 \leq i \leq m$$

$$H(0, j) = 0, 0 \leq j \leq n$$

if $a_i = b_j$ then $w(a_i, b_j) = w(\text{match})$ or if $a_i \neq b_j$ then $w(a_i, b_j) = w(\text{mismatch})$

$$H(i, j) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \\ H(i-1, j-1) + w(a_i, b_j) \quad \text{Match/Mismatch} \\ H(i-1, j) + w(a_i, -) \quad \text{Deletion} \\ H(i, j-1) + w(-, b_j) \quad \text{Insertion} \end{array} \right\}, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Where:

- a, b = Strings over the **Alphabet** Σ
- $m = \text{length}(a)$
- $n = \text{length}(b)$
- $H(i, j)$ - is the maximum Similarity-Score between a suffix of $a[1\dots i]$ and a suffix of $b[1\dots j]$
- $w(c, d)$, $c, d \in \Sigma \cup \{-\}$, '-' is the **gap-scoring** scheme

Search Algorithms

Algorithm	Value Calculated	Scoring Matrix	Gap penalty	Time Requirement	Reference
Needleman-Wunsch	Global similarity	Any	Penalty/Gap	$O(n^2)$	Needleman and Wunsch, 1970
Sellers	Global distance	Unity	Penalty/Gap	$O(n^2)$	Sellers, 1974
Smith-Waterman	Local Similarity	$S_{ij} < 0.0$	Affine ($q+rk$)	$O(n^2)$	Smith and Waterman, 1981 Gotoh, 1982
SRCHN	Approx. local similarity	diagonal	Penalty/Gap	$O(n) - O(n^2)$	Wilbur and Lipman, 1983
FASTP/FASTA	Approx. local similarity	$S_{ij} < 0.0$	Limit Size ($q+rk$)	$O(n^2)/K$	Lipman and Pearson, 1985, Pearson and Lipman, 1988
BLAST	Maximum Segment Score	$S_{ij} < 0.0$	Multiple Segment	$O(n^2)/K$	Altschul et al 1990
BLAST2.0	Approx. local similarity	$S_{ij} < 0.0$	($q+rk$)	$O(n^2)/K$	Altschul et al 1997

Scoring Matrices For Proteins

Scoring matrices can set the evolutionary look-back time for a search

- Lower PAM (PAM10/MDM10 ... PAM60) for closer (90% - 50% identity)
- Higher BLOSUM for higher conservation (BLOSUM50 distant, BLOSUM80 conserved)
- **Shallow scoring matrices for short domains/short queries (metagenomics)**
 - Matrices have “bits/position” (score/position), 40 aa at 0.7 bits/position (BLOSUM62) means 28 bit max score (50 bits significant)
- **Deep scoring matrices allow alignments to continue, possibly outside the homologous region**

PAM Matrices



- The PAM matrices were introduced by Margret Dayhoff in 1979
- They were based on 1572 observed mutations in 71 families of closely related proteins.
- Each matrix has the twenty standard amino acids in its twenty rows and columns
- The value in a given cell represents the probability of a substitution of one amino acid for another.

Details on Scoring Matrices

Pam40

	A	R	N	D	E	I	L
A	8						
R	-9	12					
N	-4	-7	11				
D	-4	-13	3	11			
E	-3	-11	-2	4	11		
I	-6	-7	-7	-10	-7	12	
L	-8	-11	-9	-16	-12	-1	10

Pam250

	A	R	N	D	E	I	L
A	2						
R	-2	6					
N	0	0	2				
D	0	-1	2	4			
E	0	-1	1	3	4		
I	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	5	
L	-2	-3	-3	-4	-3	2	6

q_{ij} : replacement frequency at PAM40, 250

$$q_{R:N(40)} = 0.000435$$

$$p_R = 0.051$$

$$q_{R:N(250)} = 0.002193$$

$$p_N = 0.043$$

$$I_2 S_{ij} = \lg_2 (q_{ij}/p_i p_j) \quad I_e S_{ij} = \ln(q_{ij}/p_i p_j) \quad p_R p_N = 0.002193$$

$$I_2 S_{R:N(40)} = \lg_2 (0.000435/0.00219) = -2.333$$

$$I_2 = 1/3; S_{R:N(40)} = -2.333/I_2 = -7$$

$$I S_{R:N(250)} = \lg_2 (0.002193/0.002193) = 0$$

PAM Matrices

$$\lambda S = \log \left(\frac{q_{ij}}{p_i p_j} \right)$$

- S is the replacement score of i to j
- λ term is used to scale the matrix so that individual scores can be accurately represented with integers
- q_{ij} is Replacement frequency of i to j
- p_i is the expected frequency of i

Table 1: Relative mutabilities and the distribution of amino acids in M. Dayhoff's database of observed amino acid changes.

		mut_i	f_i			mut_i	f_i
Ala	A	100	0.087	Leu	L	40	0.085
Arg	R	65	0.041	Lys	K	56	0.081
Asn	N	134	0.040	Met	M	94	0.015
Asp	D	106	0.047	Phe	F	41	0.040
Cys	C	20	0.033	Pro	P	56	0.051
Gln	Q	93	0.038	Ser	S	120	0.070
Glu	E	102	0.050	Thr	T	97	0.058
Gly	G	49	0.089	Trp	W	18	0.010
His	H	66	0.034	Tyr	Y	41	0.030
Ile	I	96	0.037	Val	V	20	0.065

- Scoring matrices can be designed for different evolutionary distances (less=shallow; more=deep)
- Deep matrices allow more substitution

PAM1: Predicts one mutation per 100 aa

PAM40: Predicts 40 mutations per 100 aa

PAM250: Predicts 250 mutations per 100 aa

Details on Scoring Matrices

PAM

- Evolutionary model - extrapolated from PAM1
- PAM20: 20% change (mammals)
- PAM250: 250% change (<20% identity)
- Gap penalties should vary
- shallow matrices (PAM10-40) for short sequences and short distances

BLOSUM

- Empirically determined, no extrapolation (no model)
- BLOSUM45-50 - distant (1/3 bits)
- BLOSUM80 - very highly conserved (not small change), high info/position
- BLOSUM62 - 1/2 bits

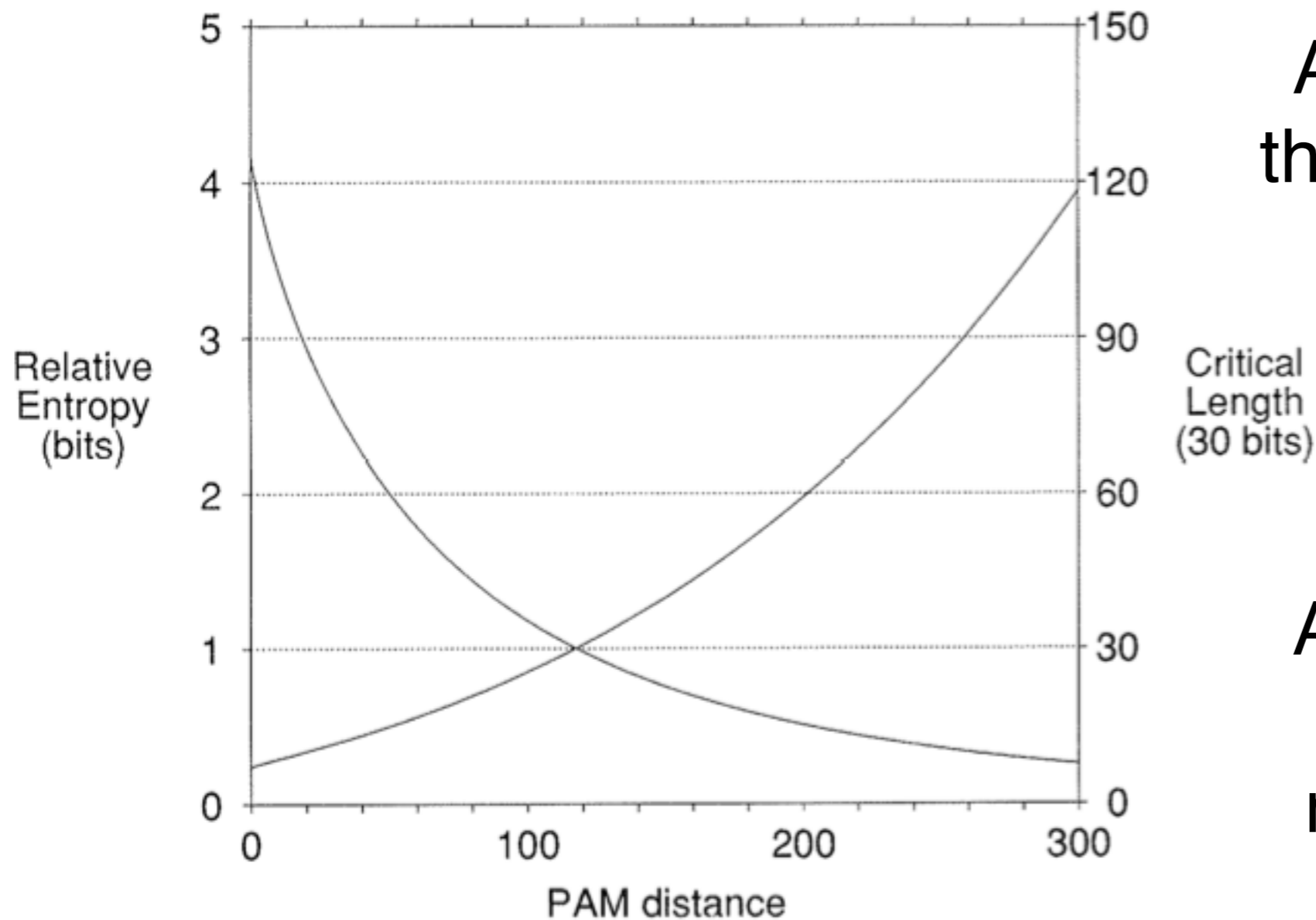
PAM : BLOSUM

PAM100 :	BLOSUM90
PAM120 :	BLOSUM80
PAM160 :	BLOSUM60
PAM200 :	BLOSUM52
PAM250 :	BLOSUM45

Scoring Matrices

- PAM and BLOSUM matrices greatly improve the sensitivity of protein sequence comparison – low identity with significant similarity
- PAM matrices have an evolutionary model - lower number, less divergence – lower=closer; higher=more distant
- BLOSUM matrices are sampled from conserved regions at different average identity – higher=more conservation
- Short alignments require shallow matrices (closer)
- Shallow matrices set maximum look-back time

Details on Scoring Matrices



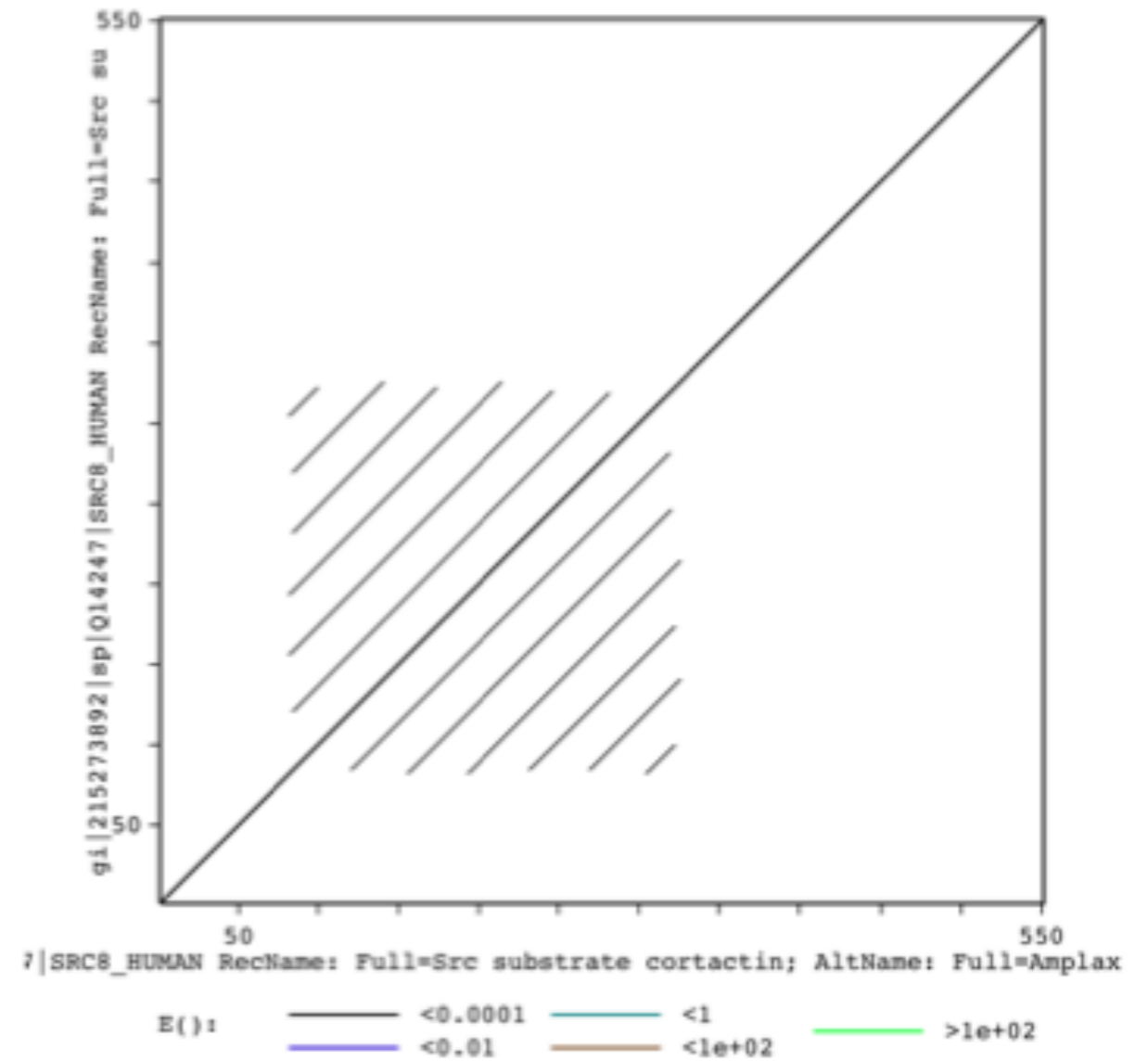
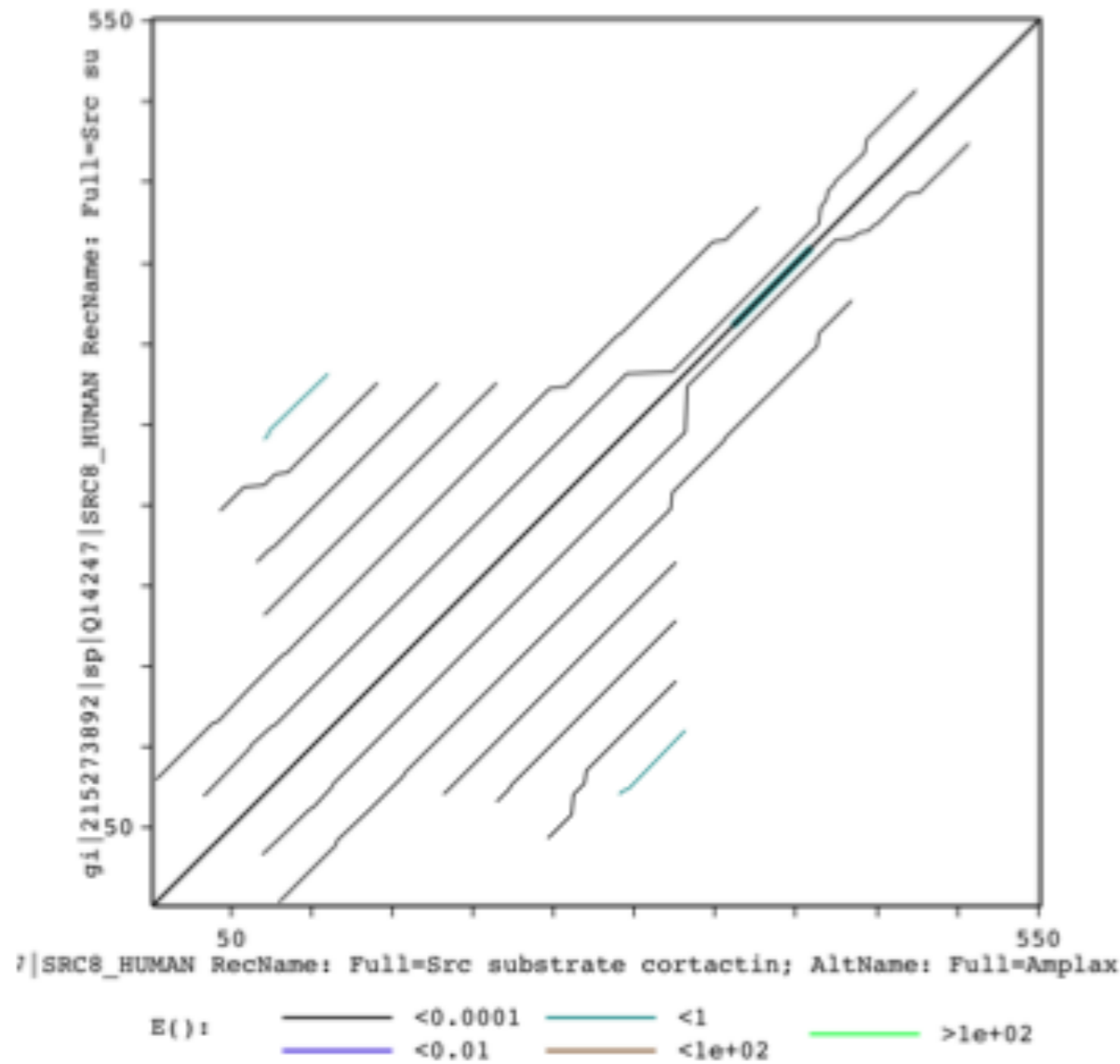
As sequences diverge,
there is less information
per position

As sequences diverge,
longer alignments are
required to contain the
score threshold

Stringent Score Leads to Short Alignments

BLOSUM62 -11/-1

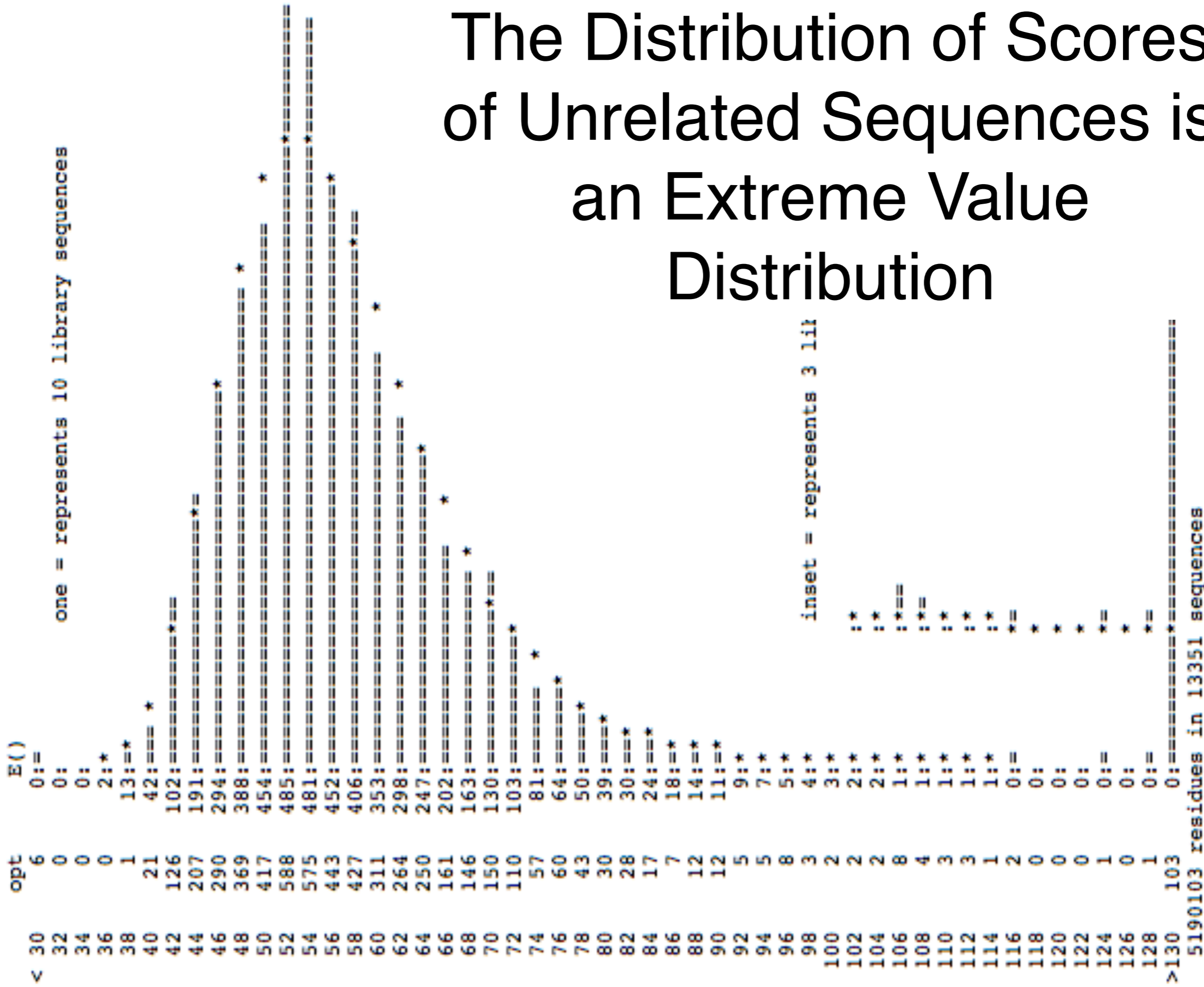
MD20 -26/-4



Inferring Homology from Statistical Significance

- Real *UNRELATED* sequences have similarity scores that are indistinguishable from *RANDOM* sequences
- If a similarity is NOT *RANDOM*, then it must be NOT *UNRELATED*
- Therefore, NOT *RANDOM* (statistically significant) similarity must reflect *RELATED* sequences

The Distribution of Scores of Unrelated Sequences is an Extreme Value Distribution



What is an Expectation Value

- The Expectation Value is the probability of the score times the number of sequences in your search library
- The number of times you expect to get that p-value by chance in the search that was performed.

Library Size



```
>>sp|P07925|ATP6_MAIZE ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6) (291 aa)
  initn: 96 initl: 56 opt: 116 Z-score: 161.2 bits: 37.6 E(13351): 0.0048
Smith-Waterman score: 175; 24.7% identity (57.9% similar) in 247 aa overlap (16-251:31-259)
Entrez Lookup Re-search database General re-search
```


Highest Scoring Unrelated Sequenced E() ~ 1

The best scores are:

					s-w bits	E(13351)	%_id	%_sim	alen		
sp	P26205	BGLT_TRIRP	Cyanogenic beta-glucosidase precur	(425)	1187	281.9	4.3e-76	0.452	0.763	392	align
sp	P26204	BGLS_TRIRP	Non-cyanogenic beta-glucosidase pr	(493)	1179	279.9	1.9e-75	0.406	0.704	497	align
sp	P11546	LACG_LACLA	6-phospho-beta-galactosidase (Beta	(468)	712	171.6	7.5e-43	0.326	0.603	494	align
sp	P12614	BGLS_AGRSA	Beta-glucosidase (Gentiobiase) (Ce	(459)	699	168.6	5.9e-42	0.302	0.590	483	align
sp	P31835	CDGT2_PAEMA	Cyclomaltodextrin glucanotransfer	(713)	110	31.7	1.5	0.251	0.561	187	align
sp	P26537	VL1_HP5B	Major capsid protein L1	(525)	106	30.9	1.9	0.245	0.504	139	align
sp	P02667	CS2LA_RAT	Alpha-S2-casein-like A precursor (C	(179)	97	29.2	2.1	0.288	0.652	66	align
sp	Q03763	DSG1_BOVIN	Desmoglein-1 precursor (Desmosomal	(1043)	109	31.3	2.8	0.206	0.497	286	align
sp	P09282	UL32_VZVD	Probable major envelope glycoprotei	(585)	101	29.7	4.8	0.237	0.568	118	align
sp	Q92040	ANX12_COLLI	Annexin A1 isoform p37 (Annexin I	(343)	96	28.7	5.5	0.251	0.508	179	align
sp	P16330	CN37_MOUSE	2',3'-cyclic-nucleotide 3'-phospho	(420)	97	28.9	6.1	0.227	0.529	172	align
ref	NP_276832.1		transcriptional regulator Icc related	(262)	91	27.7	8.8	0.285	0.455	123	align

Highest Scoring Unrelated Protein

The best scores are:

						opt bits	E(13351)	%_id	%_sim	alen	
sp	P00846	ATP6_HUMAN	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(226)	1124	289.8	4.1e-79	1.000	1.000	226	align
sp	P00847	ATP6_BOVIN	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(226)	1075	277.5	2e-75	0.779	0.951	226	align
sp	P00848	ATP6_MOUSE	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(226)	1057	273.0	4.5e-74	0.757	0.916	226	align
sp	P00849	ATP6_XENLA	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(226)	499	133.4	4.7e-32	0.533	0.847	229	align
sp	P00854	ATP6_YEAST	ATP synthase a chain precursor (AT	(259)	357	97.9	2.7e-21	0.353	0.694	232	align
sp	P00851	ATP6_DROYA	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(224)	323	89.4	8.3e-19	0.378	0.721	222	align
ref	NP_008281.1	ATP6_10704	ATP synthase F0 subunit 6 [D	(224)	321	88.9	1.2e-18	0.375	0.710	224	align
sp	P00852	ATP6_EMENI	ATP synthase a chain precursor (AT	(256)	266	75.1	1.9e-14	0.304	0.691	230	align
sp	P14862	ATP6_COCHE	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(257)	221	63.8	4.7e-11	0.313	0.650	214	align
sp	P68526	ATP6_TRITI	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(386)	204	59.5	1.5e-09	0.289	0.651	235	align
sp	P05499	ATP6_TOBAC	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(395)	185	54.7	4e-08	0.283	0.635	233	align
sp	P07925	ATP6_MAIZE	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(291)	182	54.0	4.7e-08	0.311	0.667	180	align
sp	P0AB98	ATP6_ECOLI	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(271)	166	50.1	7e-07	0.233	0.585	236	align
sp	P15993	AROP_ECOLI	Aromatic amino acid transport prot	(457)	103	34.2	0.072	0.234	0.622	111	align
sp	P27178	ATP6_SYNY3	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(276)	92	31.5	0.27	0.265	0.571	170	align
sp	P00329	ADH1_MOUSE	Alcohol dehydrogenase 1 (Alcohol d	(375)	89	30.7	0.64	0.344	0.607	61	align
sp	P06757	ADH1_RAT	Alcohol dehydrogenase 1 (Alcohol deh	(376)	85	29.7	1.3	0.339	0.629	62	align
sp	P00161	CYB_EMENI	Cytochrome b	(387)	83	29.2	1.9	0.308	0.593	91	align
sp	P29631	CYB_POMTE	Cytochrome b	(308)	81	28.8	2	0.274	0.584	113	align
sp	P00328	ADH1S_HORSE	Alcohol dehydrogenase S chain	(374)	82	29.0	2.2	0.328	0.590	61	align
sp	P00327	ADH1E_HORSE	Alcohol dehydrogenase E chain	(375)	82	29.0	2.2	0.328	0.590	61	align
sp	P11599	HLYB_PROVU	Alpha-hemolysin translocation ATP-	(707)	86	29.8	2.3	0.277	0.625	112	align
sp	P03880	ANI1_EMENI	Intron-encoded DNA endonuclease I-	(488)	83	29.1	2.5	0.389	0.630	54	align
sp	P07327	ADH1A_HUMAN	Alcohol dehydrogenase 1A (Alcohol	(375)	79	28.2	3.6	0.265	0.556	117	align
sp	P41680	ADH1_PERMA	Alcohol dehydrogenase 1 (Alcohol d	(375)	79	28.2	3.6	0.241	0.583	108	align
sp	P24956	CYB_EQUGR	Cytochrome b	(379)	79	28.2	3.7	0.315	0.576	92	align
sp	P10724	ALR_BACST	Alanine racemase	(388)	79	28.2	3.8	0.233	0.535	86	align
sp	P03046	CIM_BPMU	Cim protein (Kil protein)	(74)	66	25.4	5.1	0.208	0.623	53	align
sp	P72588	DNLJ_SYNY3	DNA ligase (Polydeoxyribonucleotid	(669)	81	28.6	5.1	0.250	0.570	128	align

Unrelated or Too Distance

The best scores are:

					opt	bits	E(13351)	%_id	%_sim	alen	
sp	P0AB98	ATP6_ECOLI	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(271)	1650	428.4	1.1e-120	1.000	1.000	271	align
sp	P06451	ATPI_SPIOL	Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain p	(247)	161	49.1	1.5e-06	0.270	0.616	211	align
sp	P06289	ATPI_MARPO	Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain p	(248)	161	49.1	1.5e-06	0.261	0.621	211	align
sp	P06452	ATPI_PEA	Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain pre	(247)	158	48.3	2.6e-06	0.274	0.614	223	align
sp	P69371	ATPI_ATRBE	Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain p	(247)	156	47.8	3.7e-06	0.270	0.607	211	align
sp	P00848	ATP6_MOUSE	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(226)	149	46.0	1.2e-05	0.259	0.617	193	align
sp	P00846	ATP6_HUMAN	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(226)	148	45.7	1.4e-05	0.237	0.589	236	align
sp	P30391	ATPI_EUGGR	Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain p	(251)	139	43.4	7.6e-05	0.298	0.596	225	align
sp	P00847	ATP6_BOVIN	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(226)	138	43.2	8.1e-05	0.233	0.581	236	align
sp	P0C2Y5	ATPI_ORYSA	Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain p	(247)	132	41.7	0.00026	0.259	0.603	239	align
sp	P68526	ATP6_TRITI	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(386)	121	38.9	0.0028	0.259	0.603	239	align
sp	P27178	ATP6_SYNY3	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(276)	116	37.6	0.0048	0.264	0.578	258	align
sp	P00854	ATP6_YEAST	ATP synthase a chain precursor (AT	(259)	113	36.8	0.0077	0.235	0.578	277	align
sp	P08444	ATP6_SYNP6	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(261)	113	36.8	0.0077	0.267	0.600	240	align
sp	P00852	ATP6_EMENI	ATP synthase a chain precursor (AT	(256)	111	36.3	0.011	0.209	0.590	244	align
sp	P07925	ATP6_MAIZE	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(291)	109	35.8	0.017	0.259	0.578	232	align
sp	P00851	ATP6_DROYA	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(224)	98	33.0	0.094	0.225	0.549	253	align
sp	P14862	ATP6_COCHE	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(257)	91	31.2	0.37	0.204	0.608	265	align
ref	NP_008281.1	ATP6_10704	ATP synthase F0 subunit 6 [D	(224)	90	31.0	0.39	0.230	0.576	165	align
sp	P09716	US17_HCMVA	Hypothetical protein HVLF1	(293)	91	31.2	0.42	0.260	0.565	131	align
sp	P12446	MAT_INCJJ	Polyprotein p42 [Contains: Protein	(374)	85	29.7	1.5	0.247	0.559	93	align
sp	P00849	ATP6_XENLA	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(226)	79	28.2	2.7	0.261	0.630	165	align
sp	P06974	FLIM_ECOLI	Flagellar motor switch protein fli	(334)	81	28.7	2.8	0.308	0.673	52	align
sp	P05499	ATP6_TOBAC	ATP synthase a chain (ATPase prote	(395)	81	28.7	3.3	0.220	0.582	268	align

Proteins Sequences Are
Better for Comparing
Divergent or Not Well
Conserved Genes.

Question you can ask using sequence similarity

Is there an homologous protein?

- Does that homologous protein have a similar domain?
- Does XXX genome have YYY (kinase, GPCR, ...)?

Questions not to ask:

- Does this DNA sequence have a similar regulatory element (too short – never significant)?
- Does (non-significant) protein have the same function/ modification/antigenic site?

DNA or Protein

- DNA is better when comparing genomes with few variants (populations within a species) or highly conserved genes or RNA genes.
- Otherwise use Protein Sequences



A comprehensive non-coding RNA sequence database ver. 3.4

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Total: 510,055 entries



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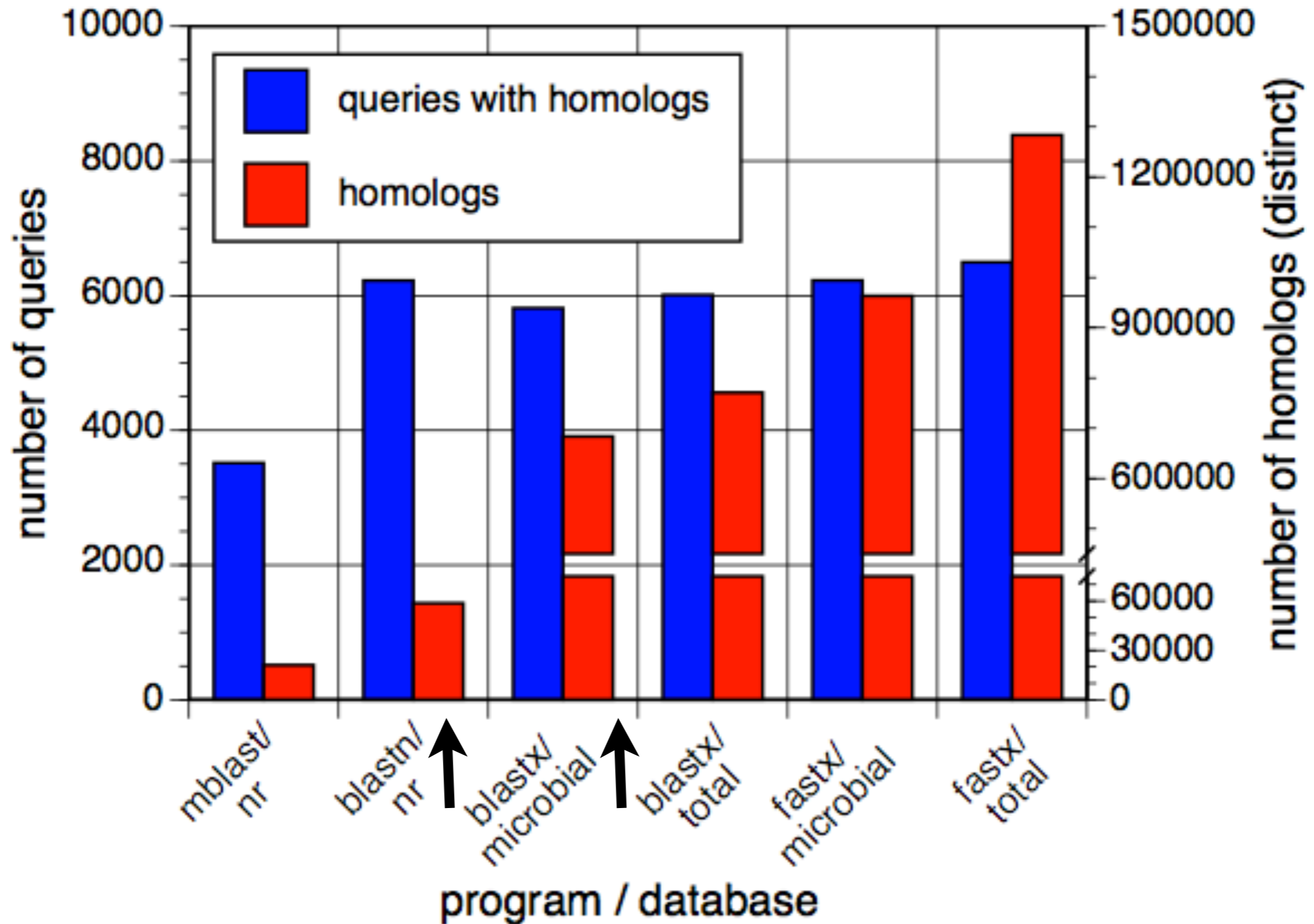
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Protein has a longer look back

The best scores are:		DNA	tfastx3	prot.
		E(188,018)	E(187,524)	E(331,956)
DMGST	D.melanogaster GST1-1	1.3e-164	4.1e-109	1.0e-109
MDGST1	M.domestica GST-1 gene	2e-77	3.0e-95	1.9e-76
LUCGLTR	Lucilia cuprina GST	1.5e-72	5.2e-91	3.3e-73
MDGST2A	M.domesticus GST-2 mRNA	9.3e-53	1.4e-77	1.6e-62
MDNF1	M.domestica nf1 gene. 10	4.6e-51	2.8e-77	2.2e-62
MDNF6	M.domestica nf6 gene. 10	2.8e-51	4.2e-77	3.1e-62
MDNF7	M.domestica nf7 gene. 10	6.1e-47	9.2e-77	6.7e-62
AGGST15	A.gambiae GST mRNA	3.1e-58	4.2e-76	4.3e-61
CVU87958	Culicoides GST	1.8e-41	4.0e-73	3.6e-58
AGG3GST11	A.gambiae GST1-1 mRNA	1.5e-46	2.8e-55	1.1e-43
BMO6502	Bombyx mori GST mRNA	1.1e-23	8.8e-50	5.7e-40
AGSUGST12	A.gambiae GST1-1 gene	2.3e-16	4.5e-46	5.1e-37
MOTGLUSTRA	Manduca sexta GST	5.7e-07	2.5e-30	8.0e-25
RLGSTARGN	R.leguminosarum <i>gstA</i>	0.0029	3.2e-13	1.4e-10
HUMGSTT2A	H. sapiens GSTT2	0.32	3.3e-10	2.0e-09
HSGSTT1	H.sapiens GSTT1 mRNA	7.2	8.4e-13	3.6e-10
ECAE000319	E. coli hypothet. prot.	—	4.7e-10	1.1e-09
MYMDCMA	Methyl. dichlorometh. DH	—	1.1e-09	6.9e-07
BCU19883	Burkholderia maleylacetate red.	—	1.2e-09	1.1e-08
NFU43126	Naegleria fowleri GST	—	3.2e-07	0.0056
SP505GST	Sphingomonas paucim	—	1.8e-06	0.0002
EN1838	H. sapiens maleylaceto. iso.	—	2.1e-06	5.9e-06
HSU86529	Human GSTZ1	—	3.0e-06	8.0e-06
SYCCPNC	Synechocystis GST	—	1.2e-05	9.5e-06
HSEF1GMR	H.sapiens EF1g mRNA	—	9.0e-05	0.00065

BlastX vs BlastN



What program do I use?

- What is your query sequence?
 - protein: BLAST (NCBI), SSEARCH (EBI)
 - DNA vs Protein: BLASTX (NCBI), FASTX (EBI)
- DNA (structural RNA, repeat family)
 - BLASTN (NCBI), FASTA (EBI)
- Does XXX genome have YYY (protein)?
 - TBLASTN YYY vs XXX genome
 - TFASTX YYY vs XXX genome
- Is Sequence X homologous to Y?
 - BL2SEQ (NCBI), LALIGN, PRSS
- Does my protein contain repeated domains?
 - LALIGN

Sequence Alignment Via the Web

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Basic BLAST

Choose a BLAST program to run.

[nucleotide blast](#)

Search a **nucleotide** database using a **nucleotide** query
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Algorithms: blastp, psi-blast, phi-blast, delta-blast

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FASTA ?

FASTA is another commonly used sequence similarity search tool which uses heuristics for fast **local** alignment searching.

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SSEARCH ?

SSEARCH is an optimal (as opposed to heuristics-based) **local** alignment search tool using the Smith-Waterman algorithm. Optimal searches guarantee you find the best alignment score for your given parameters.

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PSI-Search ?

PSI-Search combines the sensitivity of the Smith-Waterman search algorithm (SSEARCH) with the PSI-BLAST profile construction strategy to find distantly related protein sequences.

[Protein](#)

GGSEARCH ?

GGSEARCH performs optimal **global-global** alignment searches using the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm.

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BLAST

NCBI BLAST ?

NCBI BLAST is the most commonly used sequence similarity search tool. It uses heuristics to perform fast **local** alignment searches.

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PSI-BLAST ?

PSI-BLAST allows users to construct and perform a BLAST search with a custom, position-specific, scoring matrix which can help find distant evolutionary relationships. PHI-BLAST functionality is also available to restrict results using patterns.

[Protein](#)

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/sss/>

Sequence Alignment Via the Web

STEP 1 - Select your databases

PROTEIN DATABASES

1 Databank Selected

X Clear Selection

- UniProt Knowledgebase
- UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot
- UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot isoforms
- UniProtKB/TrEMBL
- ▶ UniProtKB Taxonomic Subsets
- ▶ UniProt Clusters
- ▶ Patents
- ▶ Structure
- ▼ Other Protein Databases
 - UniProt Archive
 - IntAct
 - IMGT/HLA
 - IPD-KIR
 - IPD-MHC
 - MACiE Annot Pub

STEP 2 - Enter your input sequence

Enter or paste a sequence in any supported format:

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STEP 3 - Set your parameters

PROGRAM

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UVa FASTA Server

New: Annotation features available for SwissProt/PIR1 library searches.

About

- Getting started
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Other FASTA Servers

- EMBL-EBI
- KEGG (Japan)

References

- FASTA
- FASTX/FASTY
- Statistics
- FASTS/FASTF

Software

- FASTA v36
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- Sequence Libraries
- Developer Mailing list

Other resources

- CHAPS - Convert HMMs and Profiles
- Near optimal alignments
- FASTA Exercises
- NCBI BLAST server
- EMBL-EBI Server

The **FASTA** programs find regions of local or global similarity between Protein or DNA sequences, either by searching Protein or DNA databases, or by identifying local duplications within a sequence. Other programs provide information on the statistical significance of an alignment. Like **BLAST**, **FASTA** can be used to infer functional and evolutionary relationships between sequences as well as help identify members of gene families.

Protein

- Protein-protein **FASTA**
- Protein-protein Smith-Waterman (**ssearch**)
- Global Protein-protein (Needleman-Wunsch) (**ggsearch**)
- Global/Local protein-protein (**glsearch**)
- Protein-protein with unordered peptides (**fasts**)
- Protein-protein with mixed peptide sequences (**fastf**)

Nucleotide

- Nucleotide-Nucleotide (DNA/RNA **fasta**)
- Ordered Nucleotides vs Nucleotide (**fastm**)
- Un-ordered Nucleotides vs Nucleotide (**fasts**)

fasta.bioch.virginia.edu

Translated

- Translated DNA (with frameshifts, e.g. ESTs) vs Proteins (**fastx/fasty**)
- Protein vs Translated DNA (with frameshifts) (**tfastx/tfasty**)
- Peptides vs Translated DNA (**tfasts**)

Statistical Significance

- Protein vs Protein shuffle (**prss**)
- DNA vs DNA shuffle (**prss**)
- Translated DNA vs Protein shuffle (**prfx**)

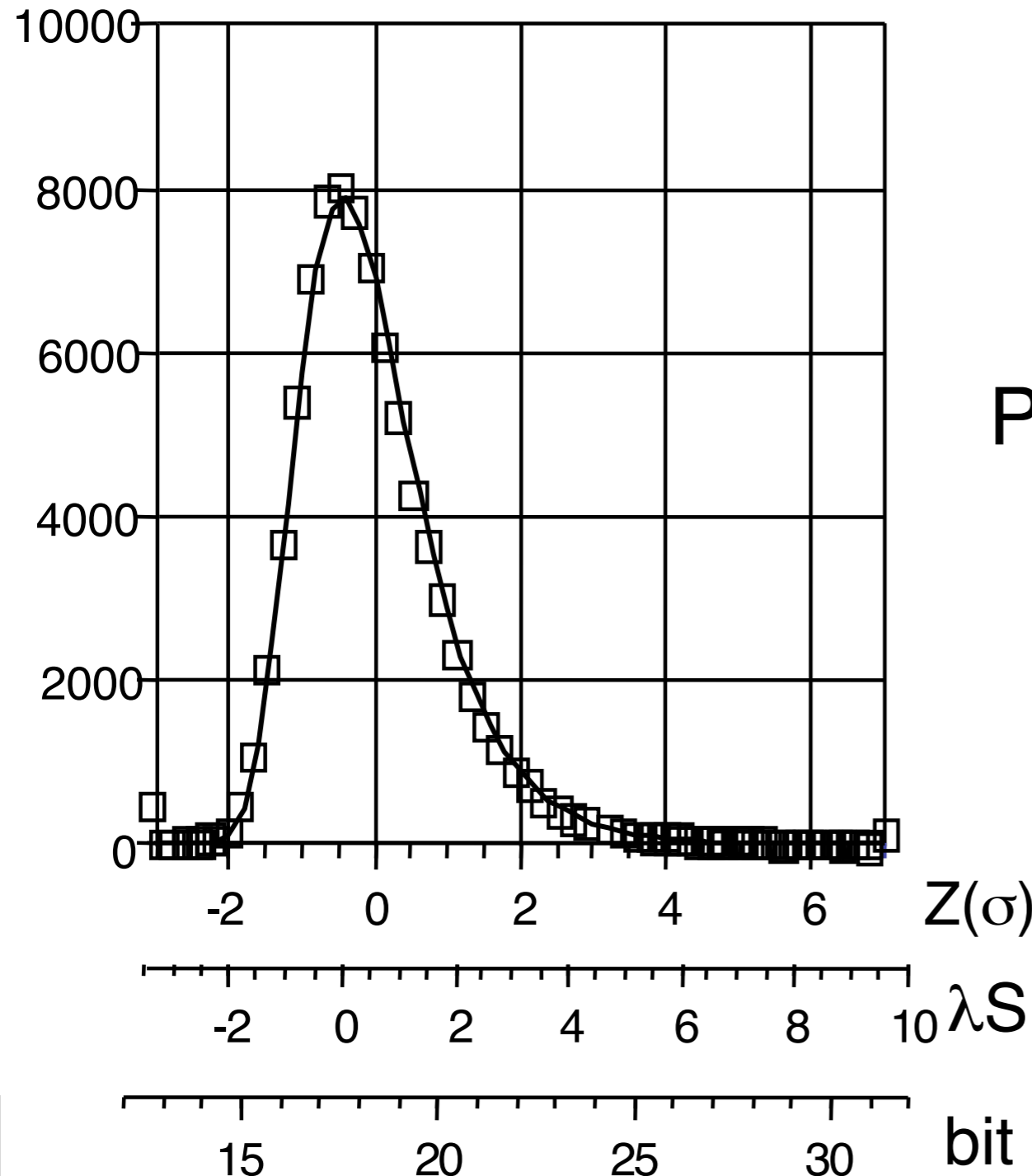
Local Duplications

- Local Protein alignments (**lalign**)
- Plot Protein alignment "dot-plot" (**plalign**)
- Local DNA alignments (**lalign**)
- Plot DNA alignment "dot-plot" (**plalign**)

What Database to Search?

- Search the smallest comprehensive database likely to contain your protein of interest
 - vertebrates – human proteins (40,000)
 - fungi – *S. cerevisiae* (6,000)
 - bacteria – *E. coli*, gram positive, etc. (<100,000)
- Search a richly annotated protein set (SwissProt, 450,000)
- Always search NR (> 12 million) *LAST*
Never Search “GenBank” (DNA)

DB Size Matters Smaller is Better



$$S' = \lambda S_{\text{raw}} - \ln K m n$$

$$S_{\text{bit}} = (\lambda S_{\text{raw}} - \ln K) / \ln(2)$$

$$P(S' > x) = 1 - \exp(-e^{-x})$$

$$P(S_{\text{bit}} > x) = 1 - \exp(-mn2^{-x})$$

$$E(S' > x \text{ ID}) = P D$$

$$P(B \text{ bits}) = m n 2^{-B}$$

$$P(40 \text{ bits}) = 1.5 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$E(40 \mid D=4000) = 6 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$E(40 \mid D=12E6) = 1.8$$

DB Size Matters

Smaller is Better

gi|114443|sp|P00846.1|ATP6_HUMAN ATP synthase subunit a; F-ATPase - 226 aa
vs

gi|16131606|ref|NP_418194.1| F0 sector of membrane-bound ATP synthase, subunit a [Escherichia coli str. K-12 subst - 271 aa

initn: 159 initl: 104 opt: 148 Z-score: 212.5 bits: 46.8
Smith-Waterman score: 178; 23.7% identity (58.9% similar) in 236 aa overlap (45-264:8-222)

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Human Ref	38000	17401176	1.9E-05	1
SwissProt	445410	165796297	0.0015	10
RefSeq	711441	261324908	NS	16

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How can you tell what is the Highest Scoring Unrelated Hit?

```
Query: TMP.q
1>>>gi|28200469|gb|AAO31759.1| endo-b1,4-mannanase 5A [Cellvibrio - 430 aa
Library: Swissprot (NCBI)
165796297 residues in 445410 sequences

Statistics: Expectation_n fit: rho(ln(x))= 7.6630+/-0.000201; mu= 3.3292+/- 0.012
mean_var=63.4892+/-13.027, 0's: 51 Z-trim(131.3): 79 B-trim: 0 in 0/68
Lambda= 0.160962
statistics sampled from 60000 (180148) to 445316 sequences
Algorithm: Smith-Waterman (SSE2, Michael Farrar 2006) (7.2 Nov 2010)
Parameters: BL50 matrix (15:-5)xS, open/ext: -10/-2
Scan time: 29.700
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```
The best scores are:
```

					s-w bits	E(445410)	%_id	%_sim	alen		
sp	P51529.2	MANA_STRLI	Mannan endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase	(383)	1225	291.3	1.5e-77	0.520	0.789	375	align
sp	P22533.2	MANB_CALSA	Beta-mannanase/endoglucanase A;	(1331)	896	214.5	7.1e-54	0.403	0.686	382	align
sp	P14768.2	XYNA_CELJU	Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase A; Xylan	(611)	226	59.1	1.9e-07	0.330	0.614	176	align
sp	P10476.2	GUNA_CELJU	Endoglucanase A; EGA; Cellulase	(962)	227	59.2	2.8e-07	0.350	0.657	137	align
sp	P27033.2	GUNC_CELJU	Endoglucanase C; Cellodextrinase	(747)	223	58.4	3.9e-07	0.286	0.636	206	align
sp	P18126.1	GUNB_CELJU	Endoglucanase B; EGB; Cellulase	(511)	201	53.4	8.3e-06	0.327	0.619	202	align
sp	O74706.1	EGLB_ASPNG	Endo-beta-1,4-glucanase B; Endo	(331)	190	51.0	2.9e-05	0.275	0.558	233	align
sp	Q12647.1	GUNB_NEOPA	Endoglucanase B; Cellulase B; En	(473)	183	49.2	0.00014	0.229	0.469	414	align
sp	O96W08.1	EGLB_ASPKA	Probable endo-beta-1,4-glucanase	(332)	179	48.4	0.00017	0.278	0.543	234	align
sp	P23661.1	GUNB_RUMAL	Endoglucanase B; Cellulase B; En	(409)	166	45.3	0.0018	0.227	0.508	299	align
sp	P54937.1	GUNA_CLOLO	Endoglucanase A; Cellulase A; En	(517)	166	45.3	0.0024	0.209	0.520	406	align

Perform a search with your “suspect”

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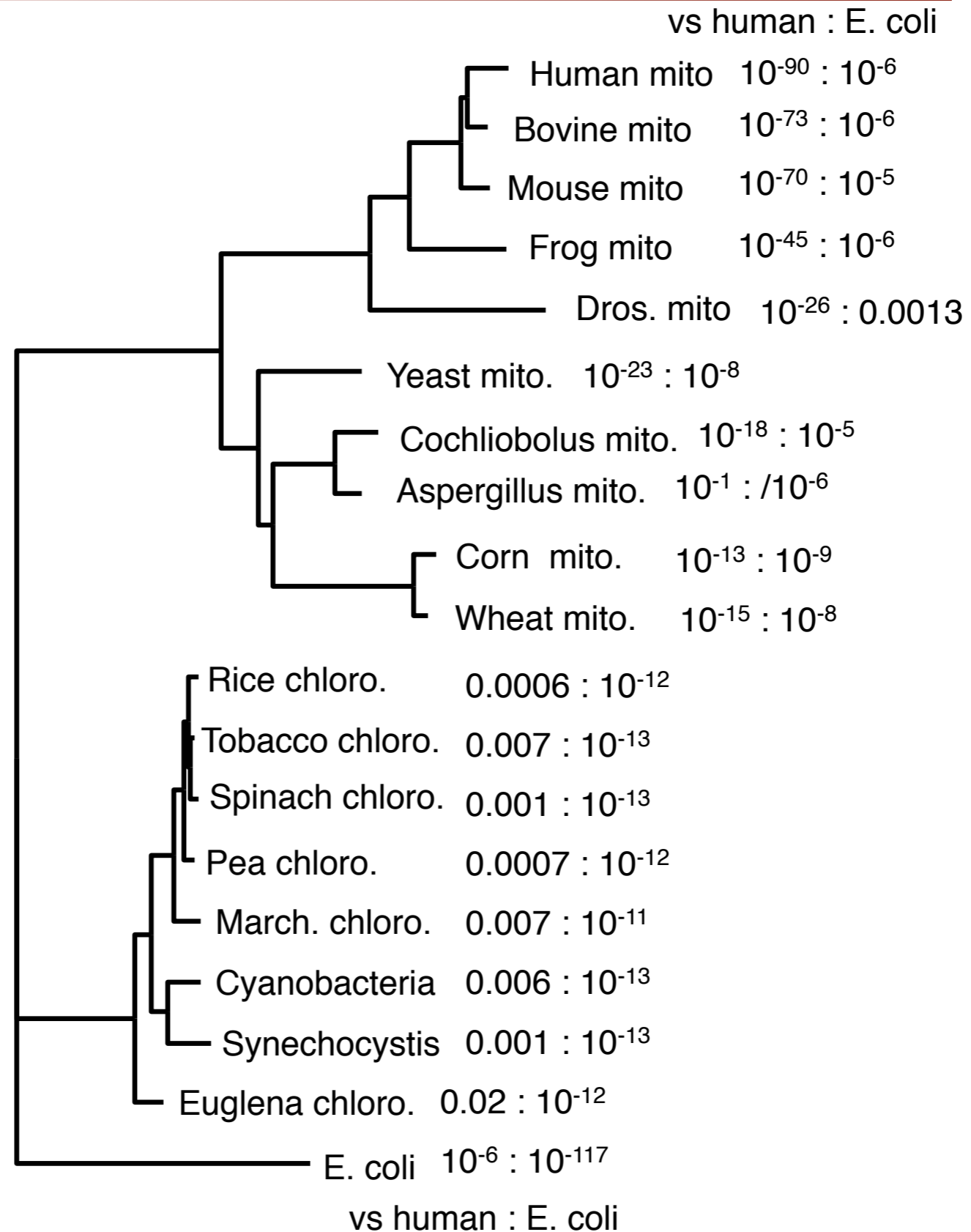
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sp	P16216.1	GUN1_RUMAL	Endoglucanase 1; Cellulase; Endo	(406)	2186	513.7	1.7e-144	0.806	0.934	407	align
sp	P23660.1	GUNA_RUMAL	Endoglucanase A; Cellulase A; En	(364)	992	236.7	3.7e-61	0.461	0.723	343	align
sp	P54937.1	GUNA_CLOLO	Endoglucanase A; Cellulase A; En	(517)	984	234.7	2.1e-60	0.431	0.727	355	align
sp	Q12647.1	GUNB_NEOPA	Endoglucanase B; Cellulase B; En	(473)	895	214.1	3.1e-54	0.433	0.693	342	align
sp	P10477.1	GUNE_CLOTM	Endoglucanase E; Cellulase E; En	(814)	898	214.5	3.9e-54	0.368	0.679	408	align
sp	P28623.2	GUND_CLOC7	Endoglucanase D; Cellulase D; En	(515)	894	213.8	4e-54	0.413	0.707	334	align
sp	P17901.1	GUNA_CLOCE	Endoglucanase A; Cellulase A; EG	(475)	875	209.4	7.7e-53	0.403	0.679	380	align
sp	P20847.1	GUN1_BUTFI	Endoglucanase 1; Cellulase 1; En	(547)	855	204.7	2.3e-51	0.389	0.664	378	align
sp	P28621.1	GUNB_CLOC7	Endoglucanase B; Cellulase B; En	(440)	853	204.4	2.4e-51	0.388	0.703	340	align
sp	P23550.1	GUNB_PAELA	Endoglucanase B; Cellulase B; En	(566)	601	145.8	1.3e-33	0.314	0.638	354	align
sp	P25472.1	GUND_CLOCE	Endoglucanase D; Cellulase D; EG	(584)	570	138.6	2e-31	0.334	0.638	329	align
sp	O08342.1	GUNA_PAEBBA	Endoglucanase A; Cellulase A; En	(400)	538	131.3	2.1e-29	0.303	0.612	356	align
sp	P16218.1	GUNH_CLOTH	Endoglucanase H; Cellulase H; En	(900)	507	123.8	9e-27	0.317	0.609	363	align
sp	P19570.1	GUN3_BACS4	Endoglucanase C; Cellulase C; En	(825)	208	54.4	6.2e-06	0.217	0.506	397	align
sp	Q04469.1	GUN1_CRYFL	Endoglucanase 1; Carboxymethyl-c	(341)	185	49.5	7.8e-05	0.232	0.547	254	align
sp	P07982.1	GUN2_TRIRE	Endoglucanase EG-II; EGLII; Cel	(418)	185	49.4	0.0001	0.224	0.568	340	align
sp	Q2UPQ4.1	EGLB_ASPOR	Probable endo-beta-1,4-glucanase	(333)	181	48.6	0.00014	0.209	0.538	273	align
sp	P06564.1	GUN_BACS1	Endoglucanase; Alkaline cellulase	(800)	188	49.8	0.00015	0.256	0.555	211	align
sp	P19424.1	GUN_BACS6	Endoglucanase; Alkaline cellulase	(941)	186	49.3	0.00025	0.263	0.577	194	align
sp	P54583.1	GUN1_ACIC1	Endoglucanase E1; Cellulase E1;	(562)	176	47.2	0.00064	0.251	0.498	307	align

Is a hit from your original search in the re-search?

Homology through Transitivity

ATP-synt_A

How do you pick the right sequence homologous to both?



Unrelated ≠ Random

low complexity sequence

The best scores are:

					s-w	bits	E(13351)	%_id	%_sim	alen	
sp	P17343	GBB1_CAEEL	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(340)	251	45.2	8.4e-05	0.227	0.531	277	align
sp	P16520	GBB3_HUMAN	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(340)	250	45.0	9.2e-05	0.236	0.528	288	align
sp	P26308	GBB1_DROME	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(340)	249	44.9	0.0001	0.219	0.559	288	align
sp	P62871	GBB1_BOVIN	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(340)	248	44.8	0.00011	0.243	0.558	267	align
sp	P29387	GBB4_MOUSE	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(340)	241	43.8	0.00022	0.234	0.543	265	align
sp	P11017	GBB2_BOVIN	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(326)	240	43.7	0.00023	0.230	0.543	265	align
sp	P04280	PRP1_HUMAN	Basic salivary proline-rich protei	(392)	242	43.9	0.00023	0.268	0.423	291	align
sp	P62879	GBB2_HUMAN	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(340)	240	43.7	0.00024	0.230	0.543	265	align
sp	P04258	CO3A1_BOVIN	Collagen alpha-1(III) chain	(1049)	246	44.4	0.00044	0.288	0.454	302	
+-					197	37.7	0.046	0.267	0.470	285	
+-					182	35.6	0.19	0.246	0.460	313	align
sp	P29829	GBB2_DROME	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(346)	232	42.6	0.00052	0.233	0.574	258	align
sp	P04474	PRP3_RAT	Acidic proline-rich protein PRP33 pr	(206)	224	41.5	0.00064	0.300	0.511	190	align
sp	P23232	GBB_LOLFO	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(341)	220	40.9	0.0016	0.215	0.548	279	align
ref	NP_203699.1		alpha 5 type IV collagen isoform 2, pr	(1691)	225	41.5	0.0054	0.256	0.445	308	
+-					208	39.1	0.027	0.256	0.465	301	
+-					202	38.3	0.048	0.280	0.467	321	
+-					183	35.7	0.29	0.251	0.438	347	align

Filter Low Complexity (SEG)

sp	P62871	GBB1_BOVIN	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(340)	225	52.9	4e-07	0.243	0.558	267	align
sp	P23232	GBB_LOLFO	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein	(341)	220	51.9	8.1e-07	0.215	0.548	279	align
sp	P13712	MSI1_YEAST	Chromatin assembly factor 1 subuni	(422)	147	37.2	0.026	0.207	0.515	309	align
sp	P53622	COPA_YEAST	Coatomer subunit alpha (Alpha-coat	(1201)	142	35.8	0.2	0.201	0.479	234	align
sp	P11269	GAG_MLVRD	Gag polyprotein (Core polyprotein)	(537)	134	34.5	0.22	0.252	0.482	226	align
sp	P29674	LHX1_XENLA	LIM/homeobox protein Lhx1 (LIM hom	(403)	129	33.6	0.3	0.299	0.538	117	align
sp	P09256	VGLC_VZVD	Glycoprotein GPV	(560)	132	34.1	0.3	0.248	0.482	141	align
sp	O13528	YA11A_YEAST	Transposon Tyl-A/Tyl-PR1 Gag poly	(440)	127	33.2	0.44	0.246	0.508	183	align
sp	P53621	COPA_HUMAN	Coatomer subunit alpha (Alpha-coat	(1224)	134	34.1	0.63	0.199	0.534	146	align

SEG Remove Low Complexity

>gi|122065196|sp|P16371.3|GROU_DROME Protein groucho; Enhancer of split m9/10 protein; E(spl)m9/10

	1-8	MYPSPVRH
paaggppppqgp	9-19	
	20-122	IKFTIADTLERIKKEEFNFLQAQYHSIKLEC EKLSNEKTEMQRHYVMYYEMS YGLNVEMHK QTEIAKRLNTLINQLLPFLQADHQQQVLQA VERAKQVTMQELN
liighqqqhgiqqllqqihaqqvpggppqp mg	123-154	
	155-292	ALNPFALGATMGLPHGPQGLLNKPPEHHR PDIKPTGLEGPAAAEERLRNSVSPADREKY RTRSPLDIENDSKRRKDEKLQEDEGEKSDQ DLVVDVANEMESHSPRPNGEHVSMEVRDRE SLNGERLEKPSSSGIKQE
rppsrsgsssrstps	293-308	
	309-321	LKTKDMEKPGTPG
akartptpnaaapapgvnpk	322-341	
qmmpqgpppagypgapyqrpa	342-362	
	363-730	DPYQRPPSDPAYGRPPMPYDPHAHVRTNG IPHPALTGGKPAYSFHMNGEGSLQPVPFP PDALVGVGIPRHARQINTLSHGCVCAVTI SNPTKYVYTGGKGCVKVWDISQPGNKNPVS QLDCLQRDNYIRSVKLLPDGRTLIVGGEAS NLSIWDLASPTPRIKAELTS AAPACYALAI SPDSKVCFSCCSDGNIAVWDLHNEILVRQF QGHTDGASCIDISPDGSRLWTGGLDNTVRS WDLREGRQLQQHDFSSQIFSLGYCPTGDWL AVGMENSHVEVLHASKPKYQLHLHESCVL SLRFAACGKWFVSTGKDNLLNAWRTPYGAS IFQSKETSSVLSCDISTDDKYIVTGSGDKK ATVYEVIY

SEG Remove Low Complexity

Scoring Parameters

Matrix BLOSUM62 ⓘ

Gap Costs Existence: 11 Extension: 1 ⓘ

Compositional adjustments Conditional compositional score matrix adjustment ⓘ

Filters and Masking

Filter Low complexity regions ⓘ

Mask Mask for lookup table only ⓘ
 Mask lower case letters ⓘ

(A) Program: FASTA: protein:protein Compare your own sequences:

(B) Query sequence: FASTA format Use Subset range

[Entrez protein sequence browser](#)
[Entrez DNA sequence browser](#)

Or upload query from file:

Protein DNA (both-strands) DNA (forward only) DNA (rev-comp only)

(C) Database: **Protein** PIR1 Annotated (rel. 66) **DNA** GB170.0 Primate

Exclude low complexity (seg) **(D) Start Search**

Comments (optional):

Validating Stats

- In general, BLASTP statistical estimates are accurate

The most common errors occur because of low-complexity regions, or biased amino-acid composition

To confirm statistical accuracy, find the highest scoring non homolog

- No need to test every hit, test hits that are surprising
- Confirm homology/non-homology by searching against a different comprehensive database, e.g. SwissProt, or refseq.
- Non-homologs will find many significant members of other families, but not the family you are testing for
- Statistical estimates can be confirmed with shuffles

Validating Stats

Choose: (A) program and (B, C) sequences to compare:

(A) Program: PRSS: protein:protein

(B) Number of shuffles: 200

Uniform Window

(B.1) Enter first (query) sequence: FASTA format Subset range:

Annotate Query Sequence (SwissProt accessions)

No annotation

Upload annotation file: Choose File No file chosen

[Entrez protein](#) / [Entrez DNA](#) sequence browser

[Uniprot](#) sequence browser

(B.2) Or upload sequence from file: Choose File No file chosen

Protein DNA (both-strands) DNA (forward only) DNA (rev-comp only)

[Use PSSM:](#)

(C.1) Enter the second sequence: FASTA format Subset range:

Annotate Target Sequence (SwissProt accessions)

No annotation

Upload annotation file: Choose File No file chosen

Shuffle Sequence

Reset Form

(C.2) Or choose file of sequences/accessions: Choose File No file chosen

Other comparison options:

Scoring matrix: open: ext: Ktup:

Blosum50 (25%) -10 -2 ktup = 2

Alignment Summary

- Compare Protein Sequences for long distances, DNA for close relationships.
- Sequence statistical significance estimates are accurate (verify this yourself) $10^{-6} < E() < 10^{-3}$ is statistically significant
- Local sequence alignments find the best region (so that extending the region reduces the score). Global alignments go from end-to-end.
- The Smith-Waterman algorithm produces local alignments with affine gaps in time $O(nm)$ and space $O(n)$.
- BLAST and FASTA try to approximate Smith- Waterman scores for homologous sequences
- Smaller databases increase search sensitivity
- Statistical accuracy can be evaluated by examining the “highest scoring unrelated sequence” or by random shuffles

Workshop Time

https://bcantarel.github.io/cshl_homology_workshop1