ECE-S690-501 Genomic Signal Processing: Sequence Alignment and BLAST Homework Assignment 2

Due on:

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Introduction

You must turn in your Matlab code in your solutions, or you will receive a 0.

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Please do the following problem by hand. Chapter 2 of Durbin et al. will be helpful

Calculate the Dynamic Programming matrix and an optimal alignment for the DNA sequences GAATTC and GATTA, scoring +2 for a match, -1 for a mismatch, and with a linear gap penalty of d = 2. (Hint: There are two possible solutions).

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Pairwise alignment:

(a) Compute the global (N-W algorithm) and local (Smith-Waterman) alignment of SCIONS with CONSCIENCES, using the following scoring system: matches = 4, mismatches = -3, indels = -3. Show your alignment matrix with scores and traceback on the attached alignment template.

(b) What is the score of the global alignment? What is the score of the optimal local alignment? There is more than one optimal local alignment. Show all optimal local alignments.

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Inspired from Exercise 3.9 from Cristiani:

- **a.** Obtain two highly similar E. Coli bacterial genomes NC_002655 and NC_002695. Is it possible to take the global alignment of them with Matlab (**show code and results**)? Can we BLAST them (show BLAST results)?
- **b.** Take two similar genes of E. Coli sequences, GeneID: 4187696 and GeneID: 1038700. Align them as nucleotide sequences (print out the score and alignment). Where is the region of dense dissimilarity?
- **c.** Now align the Genes as Amino Acid sequences. Do these nucleotide regions of dissimilarity yield a high difference in the amino acid sequence?
- **d.** Use ClustalW (ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/software/clustalw2 where clustalx is a graphical interface) to perform multiple alignment of CAA56038.1, CAC80518.1, CAA09227.1, AAL67846.1, and AAM33145.1 .