

## Gaps

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ATTACGTACTCCATG  
ATTACGT----CATG
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In an edit script we need 4 edit operations for the gap of length 4.

In maximal score alignments we treat the dash "-" like any other character, hence we charge the  $s(x,-)$  costs 4 times.

But

In terms of evolution this gap is probably the result of a single deletion or insertion of length 4.

**Biological observations:**

Gaps are usually longer than just one character

However, long gaps are less frequent than short gaps

**Therefore ...**

...gaps should be considered as single units

Gap costs should depend on the length of the gap, they should be monotonously growing, but not as fast as the length itself.

Gap costs should be subadditive:

$g(n)$  gap cost of a gap of length  $n$   
 $n=n_1+n_2$

Subadditivity:

$$g(n) \leq g(n_1) + g(n_2)$$

If not:



Gap is cheaper if it is considered  
as two successive gaps.

# SCORING

Scorematrix for pairs of characters  
e.g. VT160

and

Gapcosts  $g(n)$

e.g.  $g(n) = 9 + 3n$

MYL--V

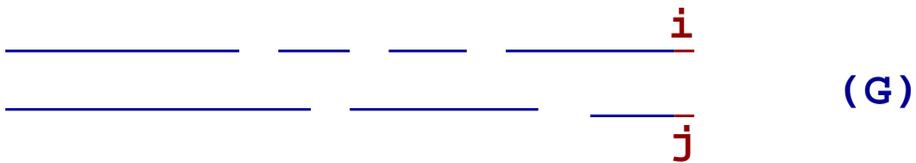
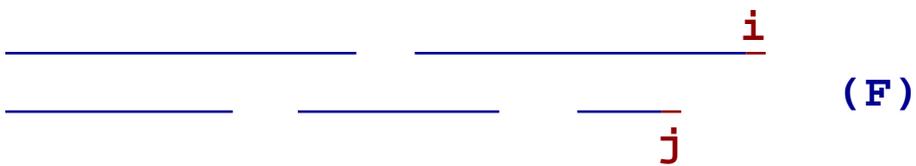
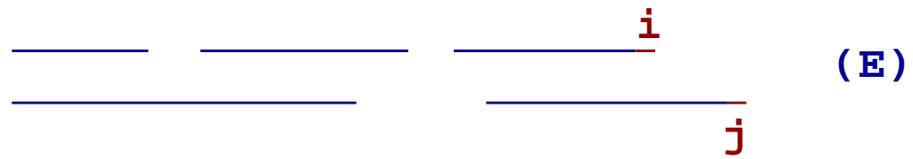
M-ACVV

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Score} &= \text{vt}(M,M) - g(1) + \text{vt}(L,A) - g(2) + \text{vt}(V,V) \\ &= 6 \quad -12 \quad -2 \quad -15 \quad +4 \\ &= -19 \end{aligned}$$

## GENERAL GLOBAL ALIGNMENT PROBLEM

Given a score matrix and a subadditive gap cost function, calculate the global maximal score alignment.

There are three different ways the alignment of  $S1[1..i]$  and  $S2[1..j]$  can end.



The recurrence relation  
for maximal score alignments  
with general gap cost function  $g(n)$

$$S(i, j) = \max\{E(i, j), F(i, j), G(i, j)\}$$

where

$$G(i, j) = S(i-1, j-1) + s(S1(i), S2(j))$$

$$E(i, j) = \max_{k \leq j-1} \{V(i, k) - g(j-k)\}$$

$$F(i, j) = \max_{k \leq i-1} \{V(k, j) - g(i-k)\}$$

Needleman Wunsch algorithm in a  
modification by Sankoff.

## Initialisation

$S(i,0) = -g(i)$

$S(0,j) = -g(j)$

$E(i,0) = -g(i)$

$E(0,i)$  undefined

$F(0,j) = -g(j)$

$F(j,0)$  undefined

$G(0,0) = 0$

$G(i,0)$  and  $G(0,j)$  undefined

# Time Complexity

		W	R	I	T	E	R	S	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
V	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
I	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
N	3	*	*	*	?				
T	4	*							
N	5	*							
E	6	*							
R	7	*							

 G  $O(nm)$

 F  $O(nm^2)$

 E  $O(mn^2)$

$O(nm^2+mn^2)$

cubic

The number of colored spots depends on the length of the sequences.

## Affine gap costs

$$g(n)=a+bn$$

High costs for opening a gap  
but lower costs for extending it

There are two different types of  
alignments in the (E) case

ATGCTAT-            a new gap starts  
ACGCAATT

ATGC----            a gap is extended  
ACGCAATT

ATGCTAT-  
ACGCAATT

The optimal alignment up to positions  
i and j-1 is of type (G)

$$E(i, j) = S(i, j-1) - a - b$$


Diagram illustrating the components of the equation: 'open' points to 'a' and 'extend' points to 'b'.

ATGC----  
ACGCAATT

The optimal alignment up to positions  
i and j-1 is of type (E)

$$E(i, j) = E(i, j-1) - b$$


Diagram illustrating the component of the equation: 'extend' points to 'b'.

$$E(i, j) = \max\{E(i, j-1), S(i, j-1) - a\} - b$$

### Initialisation

$$S(i,0)=E(i,0)=-a-b*i$$

$$S(0,j)=F(0,j)=-a-b*j$$

### Recurrence relation

$$S(i,j)=\max\{G(i,j),E(i,j),F(i,j)\}$$

$$G(i,j)=S(i-1,j-1)+s(S1(i),S2(j))$$

$$E(i,j)=\max\{E(i,j-1),S(i,j-1)-a\}-b$$

$$F(i,j)=\max\{F(i-1,j),S(i-1,j)-a\}-b$$

### Gotoh's algorithm

## TIME COMPLEXITY

General gap costs:

$$E(i, j) = \max_{k \leq j-1} \{S(i, k) - g(j-k)\}$$

$$F(i, j) = \max_{k \leq i-1} \{S(k, j) - g(i-k)\}$$

$$O(n^3)$$

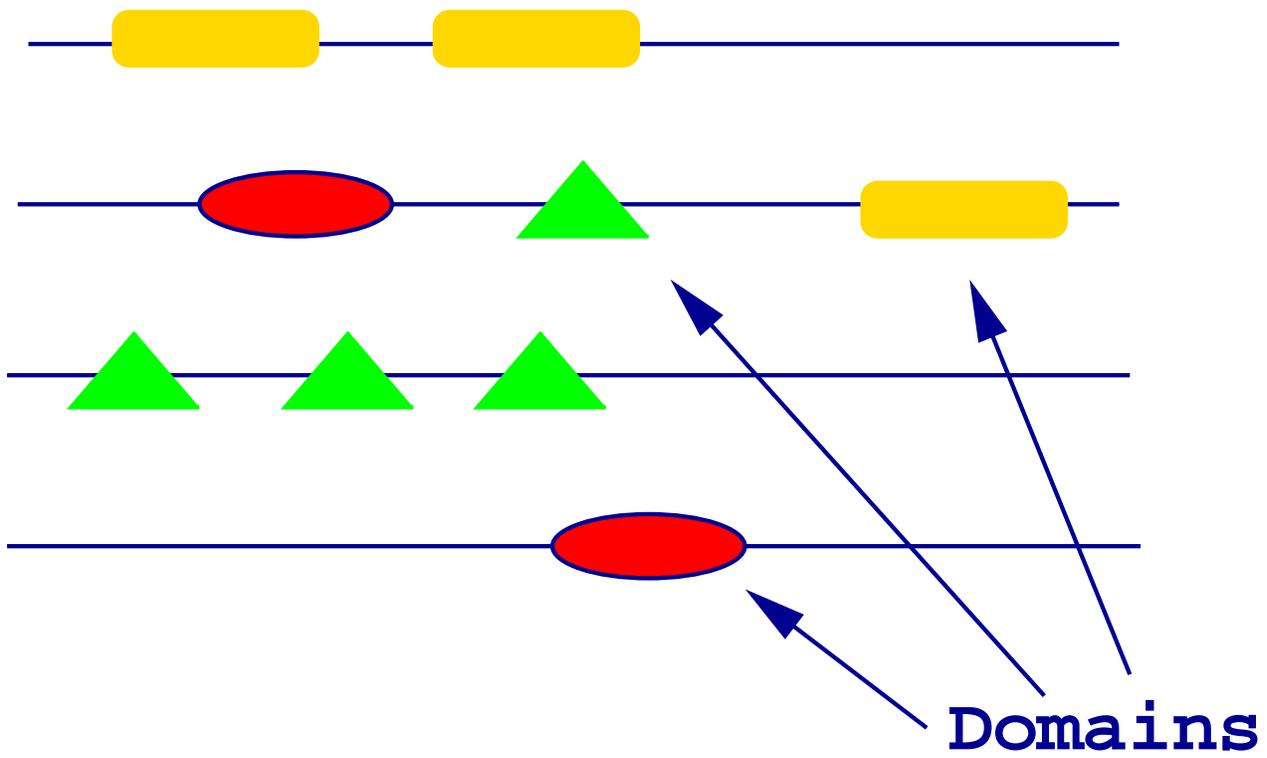
$$E(i, j) = \max\{E(i, j-1), S(i, j-1) - a\} - b$$

$$F(i, j) = \max\{F(i-1, j), S(i-1, j) - a\} - b$$

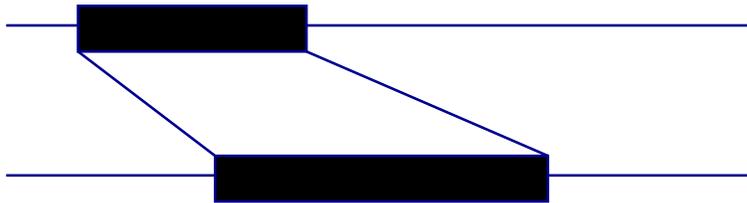
$$O(n^2)$$

## LOCAL CONSERVATION

TAGCTAAA	CTA	ATCGCA
GCGGGACA	CTA	CTACCT
TCAAAACC	CTA	ACCAAA
CCCGCTAC	CCA	TTCAGC
TTCAGCAC	CTC	CCAGTC
ACTTGCTT	CTA	ATTTTT

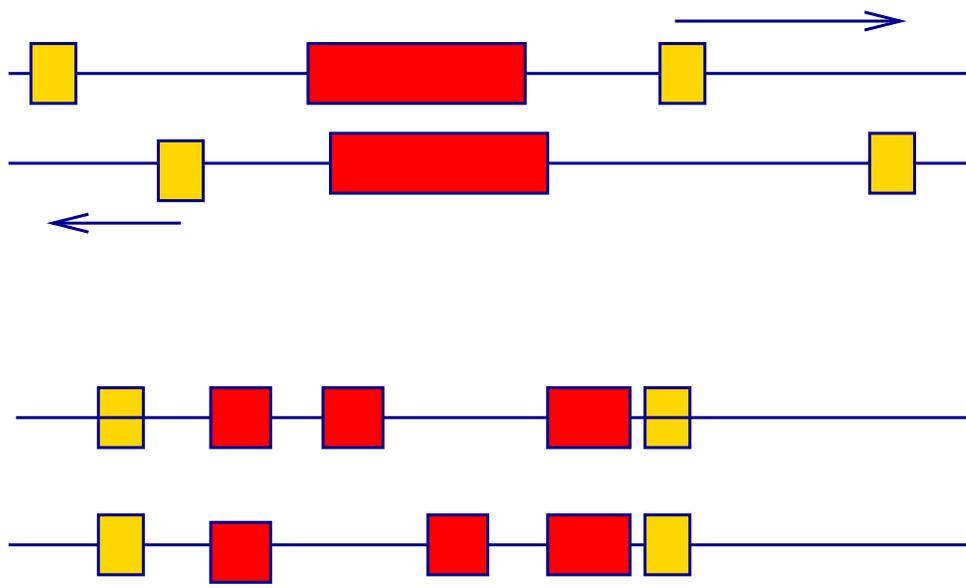


## Local Alignment



...AT-CTA--TC...  
...ATTCCAGATG...

Idea: Just detect conserved regions in a global alignment.



## The local alignment problem

Given two sequences  $S1$  and  $S2$ , find segments  $a1$  and  $a2$  of  $S1$  and  $S2$ , whose similarity (global alignment score) is maximal over all pairs of segments from  $S1$  and  $S2$ .

We use  $H(S1, S2)$  to denote the optimal local alignment score of  $S1$  and  $S2$ .

Idea:

We take every pair of segments from  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , calculate the corresponding optimal global alignment and choose the best one.

Lets say the length of the sequences are  $n$  and  $m$ .

There are  $O(n^2m^2)$  pairs of segments each global segment alignment takes  $O(nm)$  time. Hence this algorithm is  $O(n^3m^3)$  ... **slow**

**We need to go for a better dynamic programming approach.**

### Global Alignment:

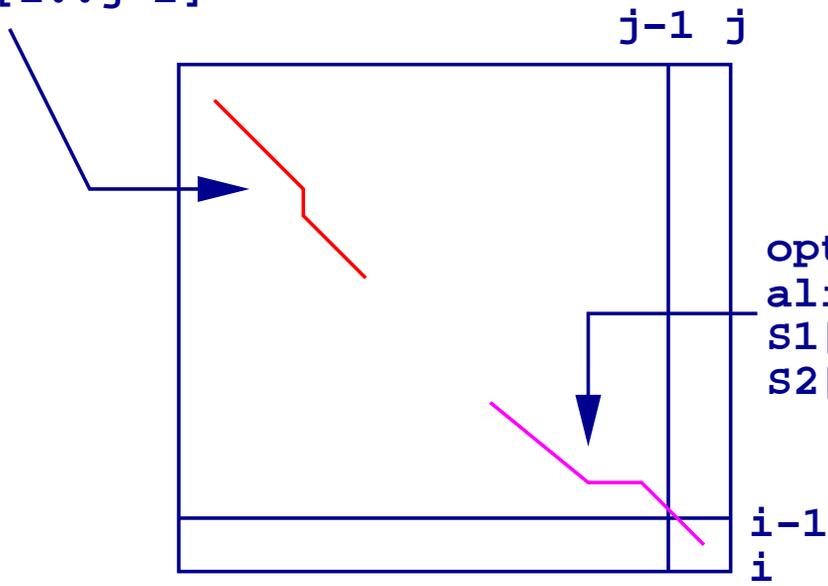
$D(i,j)$  = optimal global alignment score of  $S1[1..i]$  and  $S2[1..j]$ .

The optimal alignment is an extension of one of three shorter global alignments.

### Local Alignment

$H(i,j)$  = optimal local alignment score of  $S1[1..i]$  and  $S2[1..j]$  ?

optimal local  
alignment of  
 $S1[1..i-1]$  and  
 $S2[1..j-1]$



optimal local  
alignment of  
 $S1[1..i]$  and  
 $S2[1..j]$

$H(i,j)$ =optimal local alignment score of  $S1[1..i]$  and  $S2[1..j]$  does not allow a dynamic programming approach.

BUT

What about:

$H(i,j)$ =maximal score of all local alignment, that contain  $S1(i)$  and  $S2(j)$  as their right most characters.

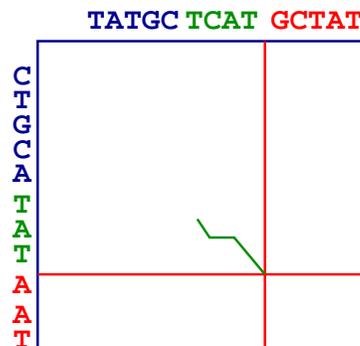
Optimal suffix alignment score of  $S1[1..i]$  and  $S2[1..j]$

suffix of the prefix

S1: TATGC **TCAT** GCTAT  
 S2: CTGCA **TAT** AAT

Prefix

$S1[1..i]$   
 $S2[1..j]$



## THE EMPTY ALIGNMENT

If none of the alignments that end with matching  $S1(i)$  and  $S2(j)$  has a non negative score, we say that the optimal local alignment is the empty alignment.

No characters are aligned and the score is zero.

...assume linear gap costs

4 types of  $H(i,j)$ -alignments

(i)	...ATCGCT ...TTCCTA	$H(i-1, j-1) + s(T, A)$
(ii)	...ATCGCT- ...-TTCCTA	$H(i, j-1) + g(1)$
(iii)	...ATCGC-T ...TTCCTA-	$H(i-1, j) + g(1)$
(iv)	Empty	0

Note that  $\begin{matrix} T \\ A \end{matrix}$  is a type (i) extension of the empty alignment

## SMITH WATERMAN ALGORITHM

Recurrence relation  
for local alignments

$$H(i, j) = \max \begin{cases} H(i-1, j-1) + s(S1(i), S2(j)) \\ H(i, j-1) + s(-, S2(i)) \\ H(i-1, j) + s(S1(i), -) \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$S(i, j)$  = optimal global alignment  
score of  $S1[1..i]$  and  $S2[1..j]$ .

### INITIALIZATION

			W	R	I	T	E	R	S
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V	1	0							
I	2	0							
N	3	0							
T	4	0							
N	5	0							
E	6	0							
R	7	0							

### Tabular calculation

		W	R	I	T	E	R	S	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
V	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
I	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
N	3	*	*	*	?				
T	4	*							
N	5	*							
E	6	*							
R	7	*							



The number of colored spots depends on the lengths of the sequences.

## Traceback

			W	R	I	T	E	R	S
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
V	1	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
I	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
N	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
T	4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
N	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
E	6	*	*	*	*	*	max	*	*
R	7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

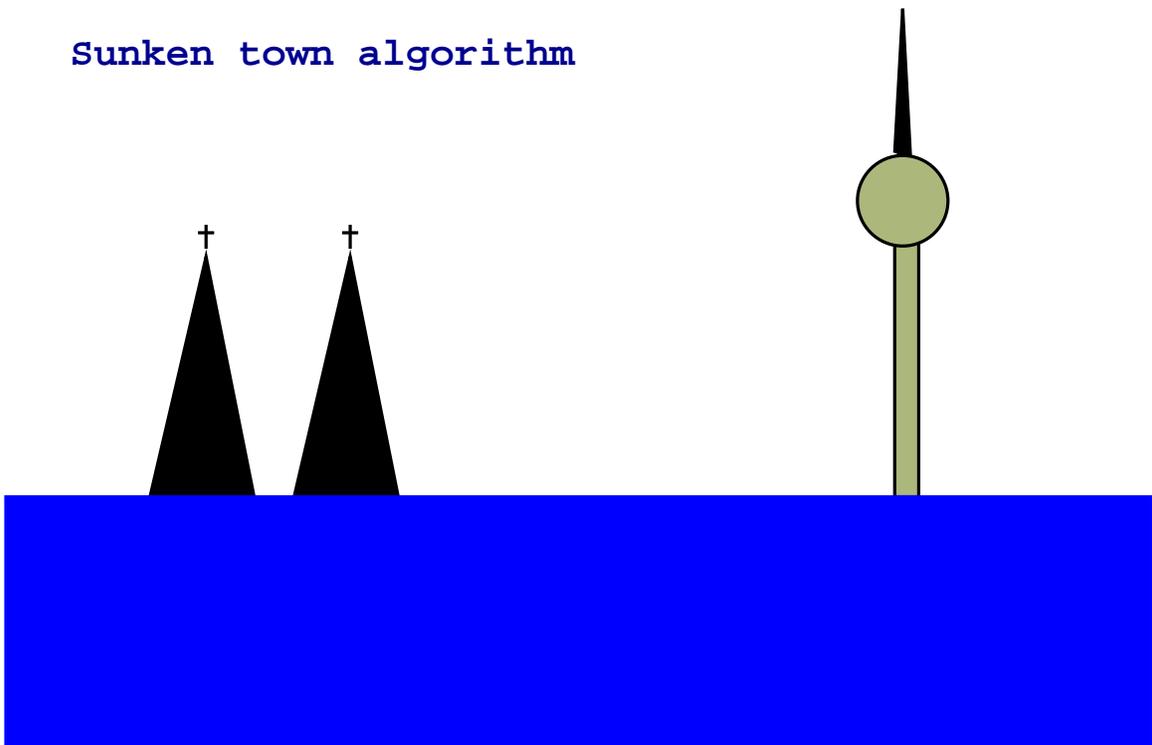
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			S	C	A	P	C	A	L
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	3	0	0	12	4	0	12	4	0
P	4	0	1	4	13	10	4	13	5
C	5	0	0	13	5	10	22	14	5
D	6	0	0	5	13	5	14	22	14

CAPC  
C-PC

CAPCA  
C-PCD

Sunken town algorithm



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match      =1  
mismatch  = -infinity  
gap       = -infinity
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Optimal local alignment is the longest common word of the two sequences

## A Sequence

S1: a1 a2 a3 a4 a5 a6 a7 a8 a9 a10...

any sequence

$a_{i_1} a_{i_2} a_{i_3} a_{i_4} a_{i_5} a_{i_6} a_{i_7} a_{i_8} \dots$

with  $i_1 < i_2 < i_3 < i_4 \dots$

is a subsequence of S1.

Example:

S1 AT**TGTT**CCT**ACTGTA**

**TCCATT**

S1 ATGTTCTACTGTA  
S2 TCCGCAACCAATGGTCT

TCCATT is a common subsequence  
of S1 and S2.

mismatch = -infinity  
match = +1  
gap = 0

Optimal local alignment is the longest  
common subsequence

$q(i)$ =Probability for character  $a_i$   
in the background model  
(relative frequency of amino acid  $a_i$ )

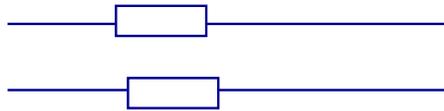
$$E_q[s] = \sum_{i,j} q(i)q(j)s(a_i,a_j)$$

expected score per match position.

If the local alignment should be a  
small region in the alignment  
 $E_q[s]$  must be negative.

Otherwise one would in average gain  
score by randomly matching characters.  
The alignment would be almost as long  
as the sequences.

$E_q[s] < 0$   
local



$E_q[s] > 0$   
quasi global



Phase transition  $E_q[s] = 0$ .

expensive gaps  
longest common  
word -- local



cheap gaps longest  
common subsequence  
quasi global



Phase transition = ?

Probabilistic scores  
are ok for local alignment.

$$\begin{aligned} s(a_i, a_j) &= \log \frac{M_{ij}}{q_i q_j} \\ E_q[s] &= \sum q_i q_j \log \frac{M_{ij}}{q_i q_j} \\ &\leq \log \sum q_i q_j \frac{M_{ij}}{q_i q_j} \\ &= \log(1) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$