

Genome 559:

Introduction to Statistical and  
Computational Genomics

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# Logistics

- Syllabus and web site:

[http://faculty.washington.edu/jht/GS559\\_2017/](http://faculty.washington.edu/jht/GS559_2017/)

- Should I take this class?
- Grading - see web page, problem sets count most.

# Homework format

Hand in homework on paper at beginning of class.

Some parts may be hand-drawn if you like.

# Class time structure

Split into three parts:

- 1) bioinformatics topics
- 2) Python (programming) topics
- 3) in class Python exercises

# Bioinformatics

- Sequence alignment
- Genome assembly
- Sequence trees
- Molecular evolution
- Gene prediction
- Expression analysis
- Network analysis
- Machine learning
- Large dataset management
- Mass spec peptide identification
- Genotype-phenotype association
- Many others...

# Sequence comparison: Introduction and motivation

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- Why align two protein or DNA sequences?
  - Determine whether they are descended from a common ancestor (homologous).
  - Infer a common function.
  - Locate related sequences in a database.
  - Locate functional elements (motifs or domains).
  - Infer protein or RNA structure, if the structure of a related sequence is known.
  - Analyze sequence evolution.



## protein–protein BLAST

Nucleotide

Protein

Translations

Retrieve results for an RID

[Search](#)

```
GDIYPGYCPDVKPVNDFDLSAFAGAWHEIAKLP  
LENENQGKCTIAEYKYDGKKASVYNSFVSNGVKE  
YMEGDLEIAPDAKYTKQGKYVMTFKFGQVVNLVP  
WVLATDYKNYAINYNCDYHPDKKAHSIHAWILSK  
SKVLEGNTKEVVDNVLK
```

[Set subsequence](#) From:  To:

[Choose database](#)  nr

[Do CD-Search](#)

Now: [BLAST!](#) or [Reset query](#) [Reset all](#)

One of many commonly used tools that depend on sequence alignment.

### Options for advanced blasting

[Limit by entrez query](#)  or select from:  All organisms

[Composition-based statistics](#)

[Choose filter](#)  Low complexity  Mask for lookup table only  Mask lower case

[Expect](#)  10

[Word Size](#)  3

# Sequence comparison overview

- Problem: Find the “best” alignment between two sequences.
- To solve this problem, we need:
  - a method for scoring alignment quality
  - an algorithm for finding the alignment with the best score
- The alignment score is calculated using:
  - a substitution matrix
  - gap penalties
- The main algorithm for finding the best alignment is called dynamic programming.

# A simple alignment problem.

- Problem: find the best pairwise alignment of GAATC and CATAC.

# Scoring alignments

GAATC

GAAT-C

-GAAT-C

CATAC

C-ATAC

C-A-TAC

GAATC-

GAAT-C

GA-ATC

CA-TAC

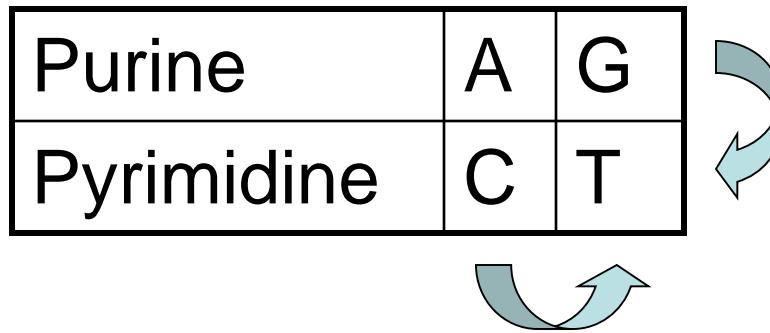
CA-TAC

CATA-C

(some of a very large number of possibilities)

- We need a way to measure the quality of a candidate alignment.
- Alignment scores consist of: a **substitution matrix** (aka score matrix) and a **gap penalty**.

# Scoring aligned bases

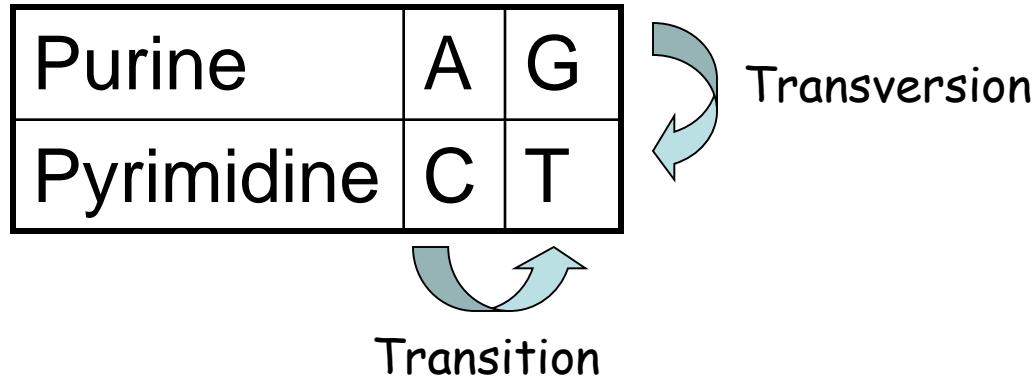


Transversion change  
(very low score)

Transition change  
(low score)

Transitions are typically about 2x as frequent as transversions in real sequences.

# Scoring aligned bases

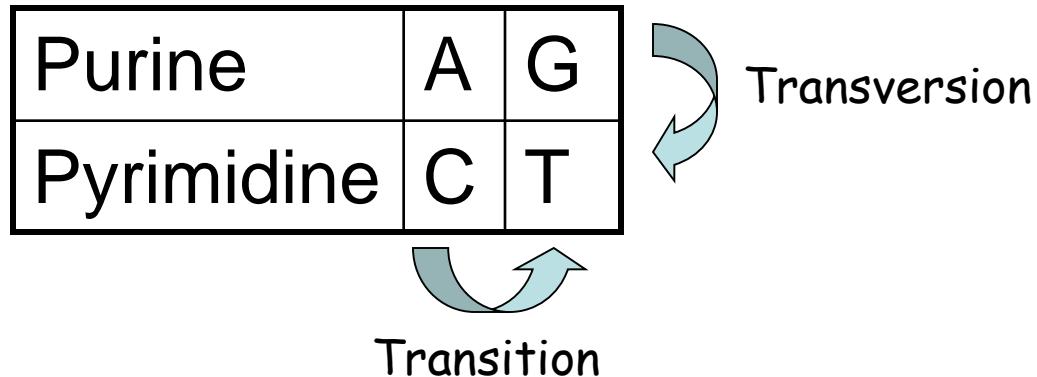


GAATC  
CATAAC  
↓  
 $-5 + 10 + -5 + -5 + 10 = 5$

A reasonable substitution matrix:

	A	C	G	T
A	10	-5	0	-5
C	-5	10	-5	0
G	0	-5	10	-5
T	-5	0	-5	10

# Scoring gaps



GAAT-C  
CA-TAC

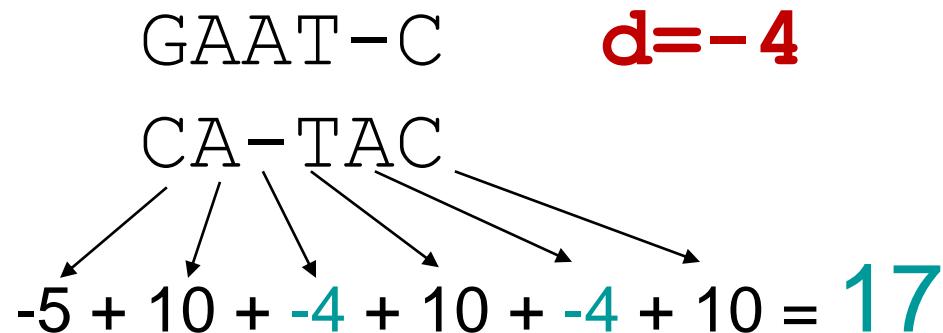
-5 + 10 + ? + 10 + ? + 10 = ?

A reasonable substitution matrix:

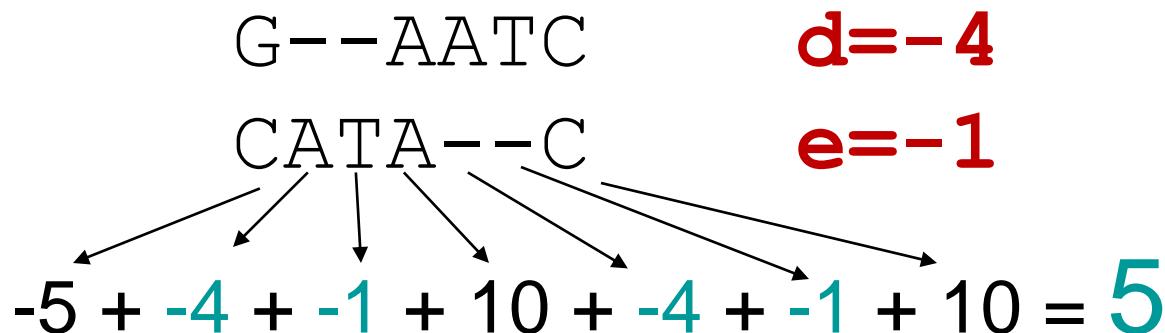
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A	10	-5	0	-5
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# Scoring gaps

- Linear gap penalty: every gap receives a score of  $d$ :



- Affine gap penalty: opening a gap receives a score of  $d$ ; extending a gap receives a score of  $e$ :



Why not just allow gaps for free?

# You should be able to ...

- Explain why sequence comparison is useful.
- Define *substitution matrix* and different types of *gap penalties*.
- Compute the score of an alignment, given a substitution matrix and gap penalties.



# BLOSUM 62 (amino acid score matrix)

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V	B	Z	X
A	4	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	0	-3	-2	0	-2	-1	0
R	-1	5	0	-2	-3	1	0	-2	0	-3	-2	2	-1	-3	-2	-1	-1	-3	-2	-3	-1	0	-1
N	-2	0	6	1	-3	0	0	0	1	-3	-3	0	-2	-3	-2	1	0	-4	-2	-3	3	0	-1
D	-2	-2	1	6	-3	0	2	-1	-1	-3	-4	-1	-3	-3	-1	0	-1	-4	-3	-3	4	1	-1
C	0	-3	-3	-3	9	-3	-4	-3	-3	-1	-1	-3	-1	-2	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-3	-2
Q	-1	1	0	0	-3	5	2	-2	0	-3	-2	1	0	-3	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-2	0	3	-1
E	-1	0	0	2	-4	2	5	-2	0	-3	-3	1	-2	-3	-1	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	1	4	-1
G	0	-2	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	6	-2	-4	-4	-2	-3	-3	-2	0	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-2	-1
H	-2	0	1	-1	-3	0	0	-2	8	-3	-3	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	-2	-2	2	-3	0	0	-1
I	-1	-3	-3	-3	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	4	2	-3	1	0	-3	-2	-1	-3	-1	3	-3	-3	-1
L	-1	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">-2</span>	-3	-4	-1	-2	-3	-4	-3	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4</span>	-2	2	0	-3	-2	-1	-2	-1	1	-4	-3	-1
K	-1	2	0	-1	-3	1	1	-2	-1	-3	-2	5	-1	-3	-1	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	0	1	-1
M	-1	-1	-2	-3	-1	0	-2	-3	-2	1	2	-1	5	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	-3	-1	-1
F	-2	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-1	0	0	-3	0	6	-4	-2	-2	1	3	-1	-3	-3	-1
P	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-2	-4	7	-1	-1	-4	-3	-2	-2	-1	-2
S	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-2	-1	4	1	-3	-2	-2	0	0	0
T	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	5	-2	-2	0	-1	-1	0
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Y	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-1	-2	-3	2	-1	-1	-2	-1	3	-3	-2	-2	2	7	-1	-3	-2	-1
V	0	-3	-3	-3	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	3	1	-2	1	-1	-2	-2	0	-3	-1	4	-3	-2	-1
B	-2	-1	3	4	-3	0	1	-1	0	-3	-4	0	-3	-3	-2	0	-1	-4	-3	-3	4	1	-1
Z	-1	0	0	1	-3	3	4	-2	0	-3	-3	1	-1	-3	-1	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	1	4	-1
X	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	0	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1