



Pairwise Sequence Alignment

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Today's Goal

> DNA Sequence 1

ACTGCGATTGACGTACGATCATCGTACGATCATCATGCTGAGCTATCATCATCGTACTGA
TCGTAGACTACGTAGCTAGCATGCAGTCTGATGACGTCATGCTGACGTAGCATGC

> DNA Sequence 2

GACTAGCAGCGAGAGATCTCTCGAGTATGCGAGAGCTGATGCATCTACGTATGCAGTCGT
GCTAATGCGAGCGTATACGCGGGCATGTAGAGACTTCTTAGTAC

How similar are two sequences?

> Protein Sequence 1

KGLAHDGHNADFLKAMGGPIAFPIDADPFIDFKLHMNI

> Protein Sequence 2

LHASDGFKHSADFHNAIFDPAFLKADFPIMADSFN

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Alignment

CGTAGCAGC
TGTAGTTCAGC



CGTAG--CAGC
| | | | | | | |
TGTAGTTCAGC

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Scoring Alignments

Match: +5 Mismatch: -4 Gap: -6

CGCGTTA
CGGGTCA



CGCGTTA
| | | | |
CGGGTCA

ACTCGATCG
ACTTCG



ACTCGATCG
| | | | | | | |
ACT---TCG

CGTAGCAGCT
CATACAGGACT



CGTAGCAG--CT
| | | | | | | |
CATA-CAGGACT

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Use the Optimal (best scoring) Alignment

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      CGTTACA--TG          CGTT-ACATG
        | | |
C-G-T-TACATG      T-GT-CACGT-   C-GTT-ACATG      -TGTCACGT-
  ||                | | | |
TG-T-C-AC-GT      -TG-TCACGT-          CG-TTACATG
                                     | |
                                     TGTC-A-CGT

      CGTTACATG-
      || | |
      TGT--CACGT

CGTTACATG
TGTCACGT

      -CGTTAC-ATG      C-----GTTACATG          CGTTACATG
        | |                ||                | | | |
      T-GTCA-C-GT      TGTCACGT-----      TGTCACGT-

      CGT-TACATG-          CGTTACATG          CGTTACATG-
        | | |                |                | | |
      T-G-T-CACGT          T-GTCACGT          --TGTCACGT
  
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Pairwise Alignment Problem:

Given two sequences, determine their optimal (i.e., best scoring) alignment.

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How Many Different Alignments?

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      CGTTACA--TG          CGTT-ACATG
        | | |
C-G-T-TACATG      T-GT-CACGT-   C-GTT-ACATG      -TGTCACGT-
  ||                | | | |
TG-T-C-AC-GT      -TG-TCACGT-          CG-TTACATG
                                     | |
                                     TGTC-A-CGT

      CGTTACATG-
      || | |
      TGT--CACGT

CGTTACATG
TGTCACGT

      -CGTTAC-ATG      C-----GTTACATG          CGTTACATG
        | |                ||                | | | |
      T-GTCA-C-GT      TGTCACGT-----      TGTCACGT-

      CGT-TACATG-          CGTTACATG          CGTTACATG-
        | | |                |                | | |
      T-G-T-CACGT          T-GTCACGT          --TGTCACGT
  
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The Elegance of Alignment

The problem of finding the best alignment of two sequences has two important properties:

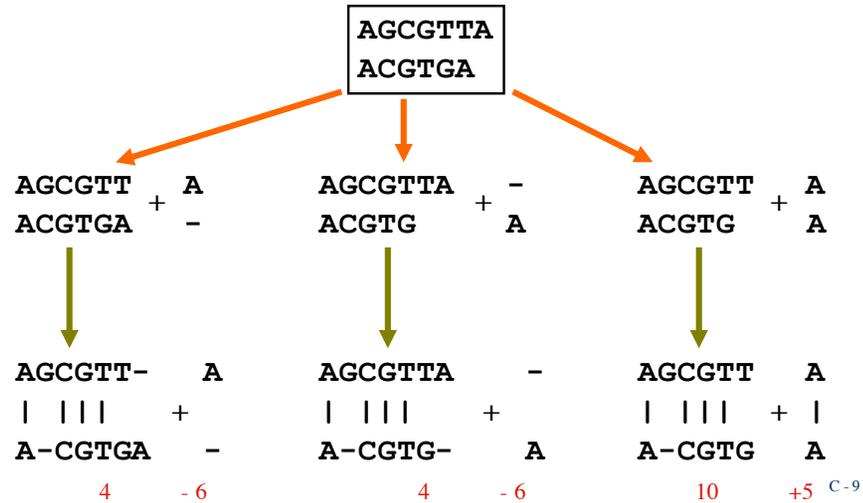
- (1) The solution can be found by looking at the solutions to subproblems
- (2) Subproblems often overlap

Indeed, to find the best alignment of two sequences, **we need only look at 3 slightly smaller alignments** (i.e., remove one or two characters from the sequences).

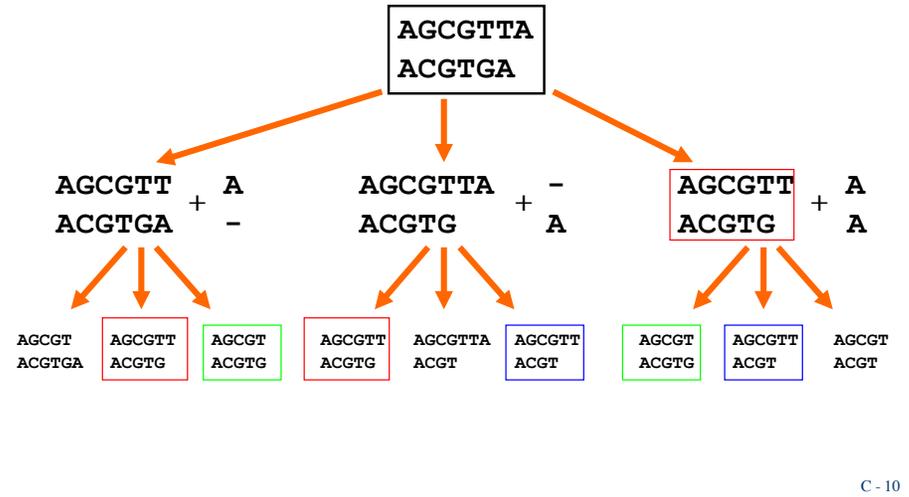
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- (2) Subproblems often overlap

The method for determining the best alignment is known as a *dynamic programming algorithm*.



Score Table

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AGCGTTA ACGTGA | | A | C | G | T | G | A |
| | | | | | | | |
| A | | | | | | | |
| G | | | | | | | |
| C | | | | | | | |
| G | | | | | | | |
| T | | | | | | | |
| T | | | | | | | |
| A | | | | | | | |

AGCGT
ACG



How Is Each Entry in the Table Determined?

- Each entry depends on 3 previous entries (because of problem's "elegance")
- Each entry also depends on scores used (match, mismatch, gap)

| | A | C | G | T | G | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | | | | | | |
| G | | | | | | |
| C | | | | | | |
| G | | | | | | |
| T | | | | | | |
| T | | | | | | |
| A | | | | | | |

max
of 3

- Score in block to the left minus gap penalty
- Score in block above minus gap penalty
- Score in block diagonally left/above plus match/mismatch score

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Alignment Score Table

AGCGTTA
ACGTGA

| | A | C | G | T | G | A | |
|---|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0 | 0 | -6 | -12 | -18 | -24 | -30 | -36 |
| A | -6 | | | | | | |
| G | -12 | | | | | | |
| C | -18 | | | | | | |
| G | -24 | | | | | | |
| T | -30 | | | | | | |
| T | -36 | | | | | | |
| A | -42 | | | | | | |

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Alignment Score Table

AGCGTTA
ACGTGA

| | A | C | G | T | G | A | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0 | 0 | -6 | -12 | -18 | -24 | -30 | -36 |
| A | -6 | 5 | -1 | -7 | -13 | -19 | -25 |
| G | -12 | -1 | 1 | 4 | -2 | -8 | -14 |
| C | -18 | -7 | 4 | -2 | 0 | -6 | -12 |
| G | -24 | -13 | -2 | 9 | 3 | 5 | -1 |
| T | -30 | -19 | -8 | 3 | 14 | 8 | 2 |
| T | -36 | -25 | -14 | -3 | 8 | 10 | 4 |
| A | -42 | -31 | -20 | -9 | 2 | 4 | 15 |

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How Do We Re-Create the Alignment?

AGCGTTA
ACGTGA

| | A | C | G | T | G | A | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0 | 0 | -6 | -12 | -18 | -24 | -30 | -36 |
| A | -6 | 5 | -1 | -7 | -13 | -19 | -25 |
| G | -12 | -1 | 1 | 4 | -2 | -8 | -14 |
| C | -18 | -7 | 4 | -2 | 0 | -6 | -12 |
| G | -24 | -13 | -2 | 9 | 3 | 5 | -1 |
| T | -30 | -19 | -8 | 3 | 14 | 8 | 2 |
| T | -36 | -25 | -14 | -3 | 8 | 10 | 4 |
| A | -42 | -31 | -20 | -9 | 2 | 4 | 15 |

AGCGTTA
| | | | |
A-CGTGA

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Local Alignment

AGATCAC
CGACAG

| | C | G | A | C | A | G |
|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| G | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 6 |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| C | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 14 |
| C | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 8 |

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Local Alignment

AGATCAC
CGACAG

| | C | G | A | C | A | G |
|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| G | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 6 |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| C | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 14 |
| C | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 8 |

GATCA
|| ||
GA-CA

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Linear Gap Penalty

With linear gap scoring, every gap has the same score

AGGCTACGATCGATCGAGTT
| | | | | | |
A-GCCA---TCG-TC--GTT
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
-6 -6 -6 -6 -6 -6 -6

If the match score is +5, the mismatch score is -4, and the linear gap score is -6, then the alignment score is 14.

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Affine Gap Penalty

With affine gaps, gap scores are determined from two scores:

- alpha, α , is the gap opening score
- beta, β , is the gap extension score

AGGCTACGATCGATCGAGTT
| | | | | | |
A-GCCA---TCG-TC--GTT
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
-7 -7 -2 -2 -7 -7 -2

If the match score is +5, the mismatch score is -4, and the affine gap scores are $\alpha = -7$ and $\beta = -2$, then the alignment score is 22.

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