
Local Alignment and Linear Space Alignment

Myoglobin Genes of Mouse and Human

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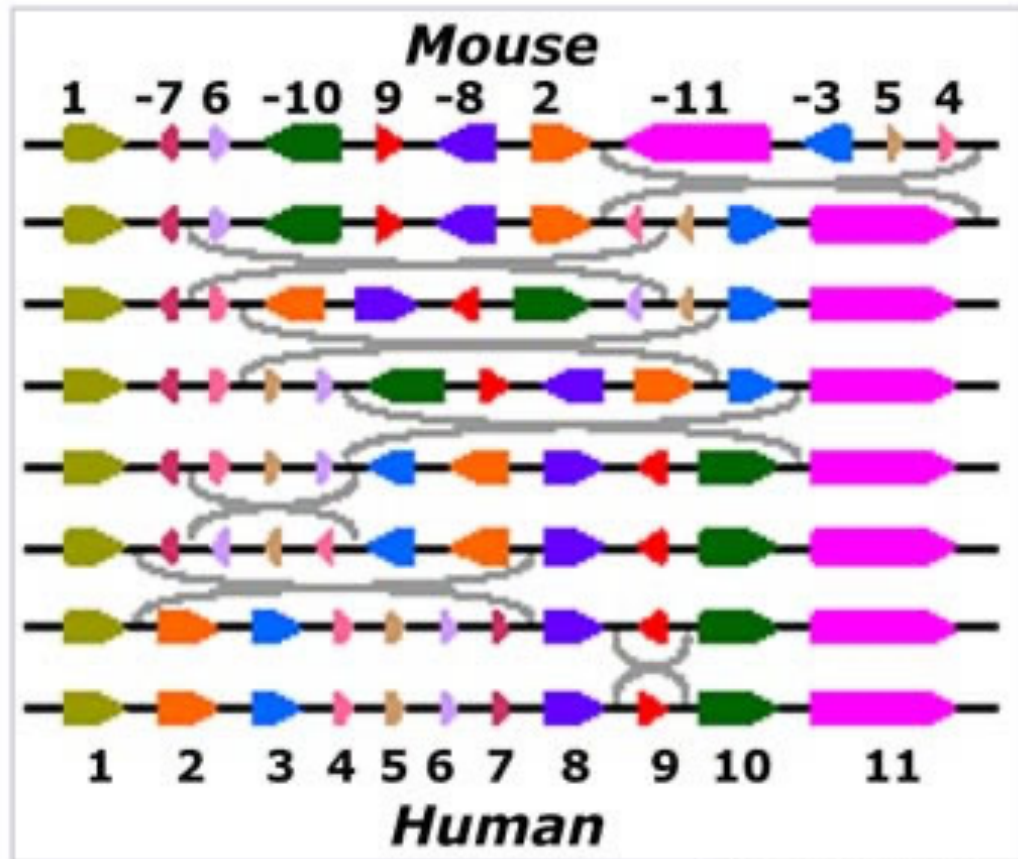
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>NM_005368.3 *Homo sapiens* myoglobin (MB), transcript variant 1, mRNA

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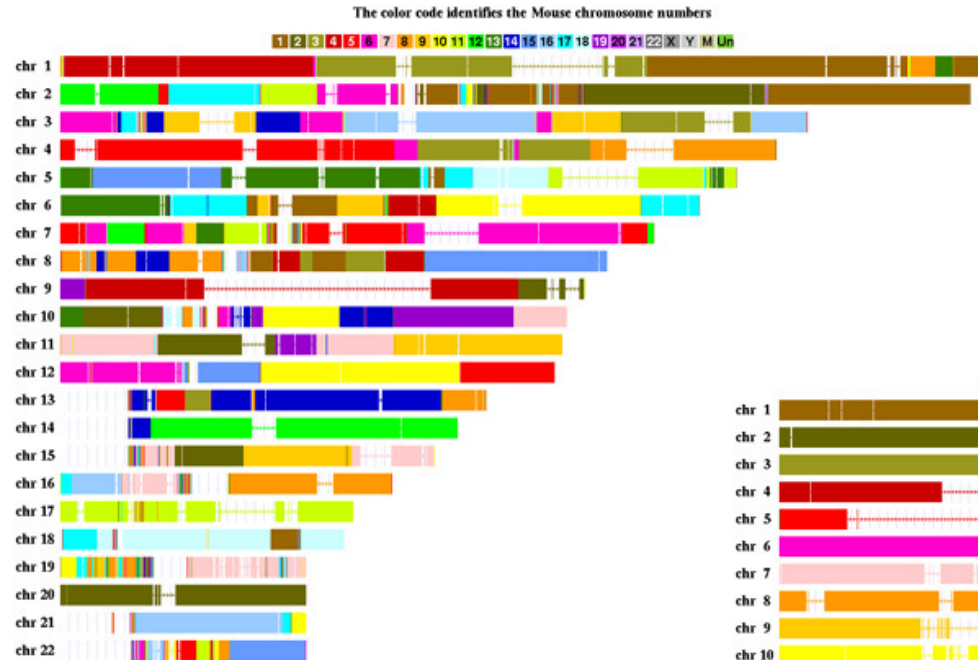
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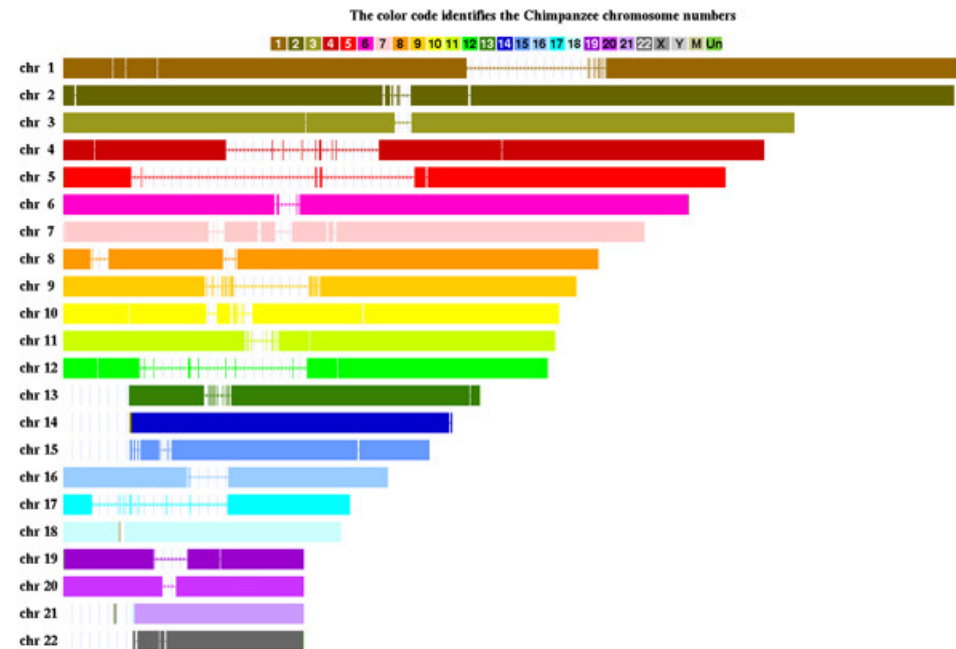
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- Human and mouse share big blocks on their genomes.
- Figure shows relation between chromosome X of mouse and human.
- Each colored block is relatively conserved, but different in orders and orientations.
- Seven inversions are required to put them in the correct order and orientation. This is called “sorting by reversals”.

Mouse, Human, Chimpanzee



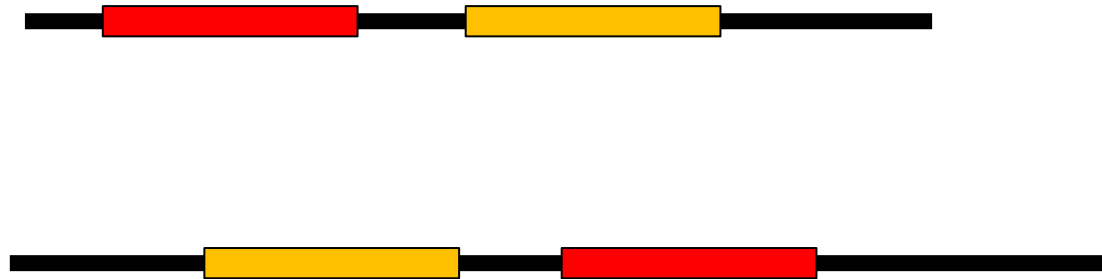
Mouse to Human



Chimpanzee to Human

Local Alignment

- Conserved regions are “local” to the genome/chromosome. But previous alignment is “global”.
- We need a model to define “local” similarity.



Local Alignment

- Given: two sequences S and T
- Find: substrings of S and T that maximizes the alignment score.

- AATTAG-CCGATGAC
- | | | |
- TGGAGGCTGATATA

- I.e., The indels at the beginning and end of the two strings are free.

Local Alignment

- Local alignment score is at least 0.
- The model only makes sense for alignment but not edit distance nor LCS.
- Question: Is the optimal local alignment a local part of an optimal “global” alignment?

Warm-up: Prefix alignment

What if we want to find the highest-scoring alignment between two prefixes of the two sequences.

- CATTTC
- ATTGA

Match=1
Mismatch=-1
Indel=-1

		C	A	T	T	C
	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5
A	-1	-1	0	-1	2	3
T	-2	-2	-1	1	0	-1
T	-3	-3	-2	0	2	1
G	-4	-4	-3	-1	1	1
A	-5	-5	-3	-2	0	0

Warm-up: “suffix alignment”

- Suppose we only get the “free” deletions at the prefixes of the alignment.
 - AATTAG-CCGAT
 - | | | |
 - TGGAGGCTGAT
- That is, we choose two suffixes, and align them together optimally.

Last column

- Let $D[i,j]$ denote the optimal “suffix alignment” alignment score of $s[1..i]$, $t[1..j]$.
- That is, $D[i,j]$ is the maximum alignment score for $s[i'..i]$ and $t[j'..j]$ for all i' and j' .
- Consider the last column of this optimal “suffix” alignment. Four cases arise:

Case 1: $s[i]$ v.s. $t[j]$

Case 2: $s[i]$ v.s. —

Case 3: $t[j]$ v.s. —

Case 4: an empty alignment

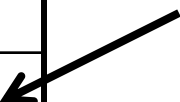
- Case 4 is the only new case comparing to the basic alignment.

DP algorithm for “suffix alignment”

$$D[i,j] = \max \begin{cases} D[i-1, j-1] + f(s[i], t[j]); \\ D[i-1, j] + f(s[i], -); \\ D[i, j-1] + f(-, s[j]); \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

0	0	0	0	0	0
0					
0					
0					
0					
0					

Answer will be here
How to backtrace?



Suffix Alignment Example

Match=1
Mismatch=-1
Indel=-1

		C	A	T	T	C	
		0	0	0	0	0	
A		0	0	1	0	0	
T		0	0	0	2	1	0
T		0	0	0	1	3	2
G		0	0	0	0	2	2
A		0	0	0	0	1	1

Local Alignment

- Recall that for suffix alignment, $D[i,j]$ denote the optimal “suffix alignment” alignment score of $s[1..i]$, $t[1..j]$. I.e., $D[i,j]$ is the maximum alignment score for $s[i'..i]$ and $t[j'..j]$ for all i' and j' .
- Therefore, optimal local alignment score is just $\max_{i,j} D[i,j]$.
- Algorithm:
 - Fill the dynamic programming table is the same as suffix alignment.
 - Find (i,j) to maximize $D[i,j]$, and backtrack from there.

Local Alignment Example

Match=1
Mismatch=-1
Indel=-1

		C	A	T	T	C
	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	1	0	0	0
T	0	0	0	2	1	0
T	0	0	0	1	3	2
G	0	0	0	0	2	2
A	0	0	0	0	1	1

A Little History

- The algorithm was first proposed by Temple Smith and Michael Waterman in 1981. It works for both linear and affined gap penalty.
- It is known popularly as the Smith-Waterman algorithm.
- The global alignment algorithm was called the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm, which was published in 1970.



Temple Smith and Michael Waterman. (1981) "Identification of common molecular subsequences." *Journal of molecular biology* 147(1): 195-197.

Saul Needleman and Christian Wunsch. (1970). "A general method applicable to the search for similarities in the amino acid sequence of two proteins". *Journal of Molecular Biology*. **48**(3): 443–53.

Space Saving

- Space complexity is $O(mn)$.
- What if we only want the score?
- And the end positions?
- And the start positions?

		C	A	T	T	C
	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	1	0	0	0
T	0	0	0	2	1	0
T	0	0	0	1	3	2
G	0	0	0	0	2	2
A	0	0	0	0	1	1

Affine Gap Local Alignment

$$D_0[i,j] = f(s[i], t[j]) + \max \begin{cases} D_0[i-1, j-1]; \\ D_1[i-1, j-1]; \\ D_2[i-1, j-1]; \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

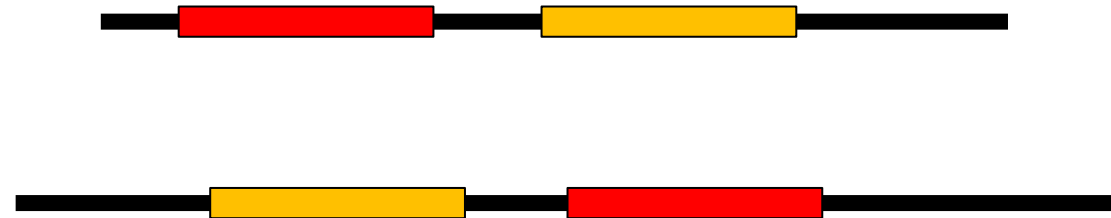
$$D_1[i,j] = \text{gapext} + \max \begin{cases} D_0[i, j-1] + \text{gapopen}; \\ D_1[i, j-1]; \\ D_2[i, j-1] + \text{gapopen}; \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

$$D_2[i,j] = \text{gapext} + \max \begin{cases} D_0[i-1, j] + \text{gapopen}; \\ D_1[i-1, j] + \text{gapopen}; \\ D_2[i-1, j]; \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

- Algorithm is as before, except that score is now lower bounded by 0.
- Afterward, find maximum element in all 3 tables, and backtrack until reaching a 0.

Compute Many Local Alignments

- It's sometimes useful to find many local alignments of S and T. E.g. when there are multiple similar regions between the two input strings.
- How?
- Time complexity?

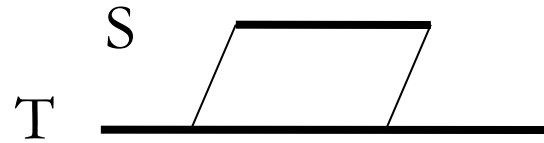


Local Alignment

		G	C	C	C	T	A	G	C	G
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
C	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
G	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
C	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	2	1
A	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
T	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
G	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Fit Alignment

- Given sequence S and T. Find a global alignment between S and a substring of T, maximizing the alignment score.



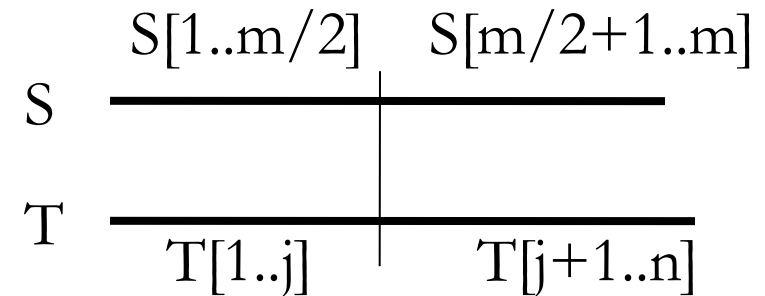
- Deleting the prefix of T is free, deleting the suffix of T is free.
- How?
- Time Complexity?

Linear Space Alignment

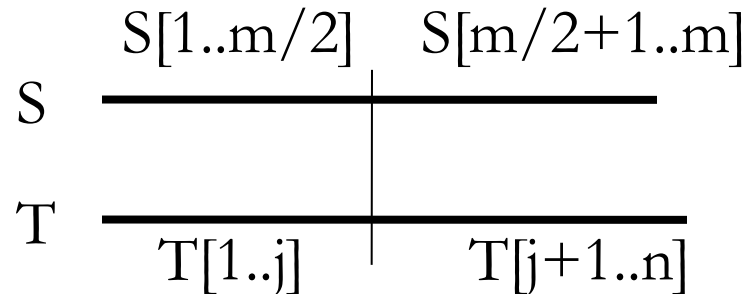
- Why linear space?
 - Computer RAM used to be very expensive in 80s.
 - “Prediction: The cost for 128 kilobytes of memory will fall below U\$100 in the near future.”
 - Creative Computing magazine. December 1981, page 6.
 - Even today, keeping everything in the L2 cache may speed up the computation.
- We have learned the linear space if only alignment score, instead of the alignment, is required.
- Let’s now develop a linear space alignment. We focus on **global** alignment model first.

Divide and Conquer

- We want to find j such that the optimal alignment between S and T consists of two parts
 - $S[1..m/2]$ aligns with $T[1..j]$
 - $S[m/2+1..m]$ aligns with $T[j+1..n]$
- Then we can use divide and conquer.
- However, we need to compute j in linear space.
- Note that there may be more than one j satisfying the condition. Any one of them will do the job.

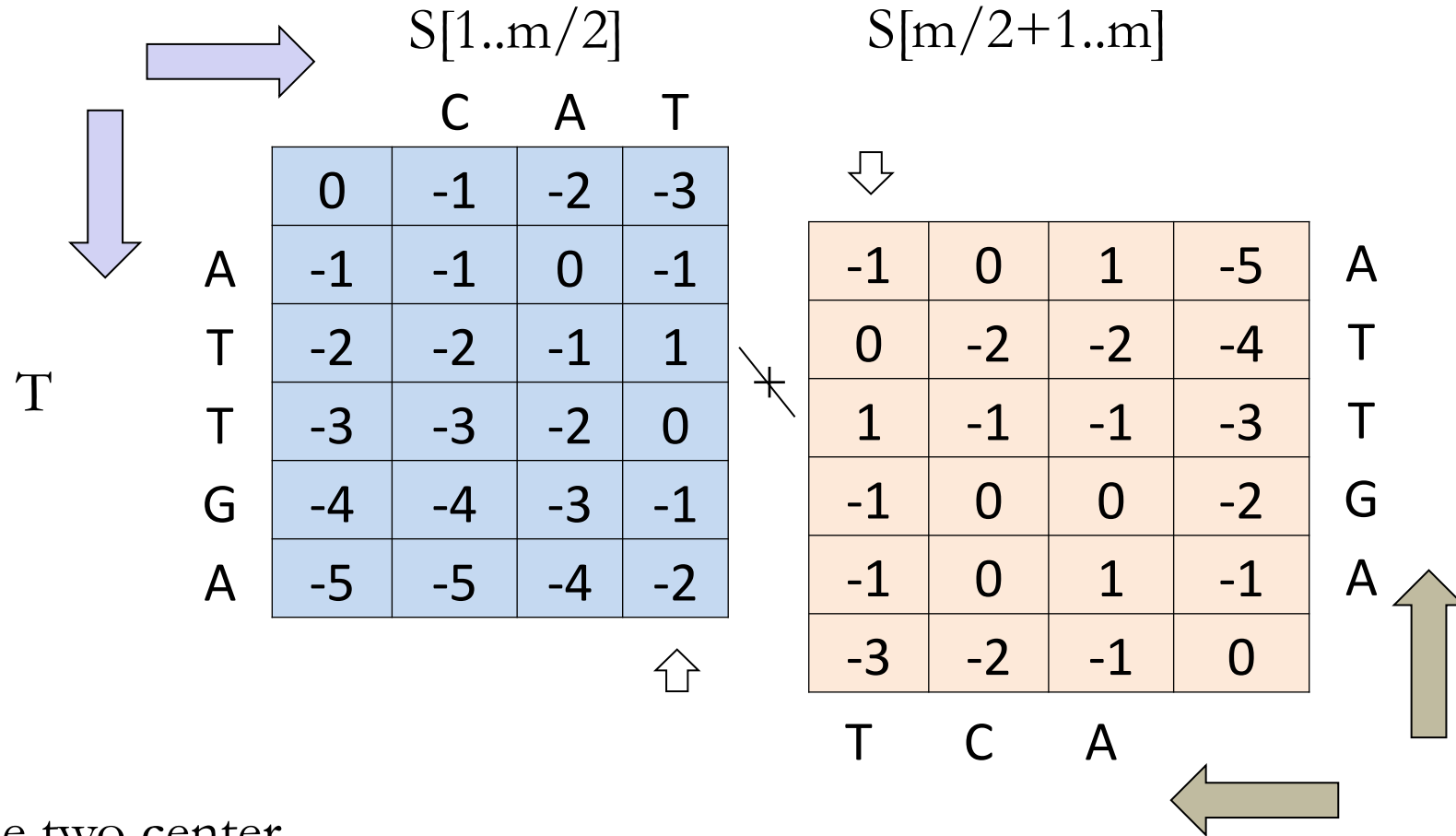


Divide and Conquer



- Claim: j satisfies the desired condition iff it maximizes $\text{alignScore}(S[1..m/2], T[1..j]) + \text{alignScore}(S[m/2+1..m], T[j+1..n])$
- Let D be the dynamic programming table for aligning S and T , where do we find $\text{alignScore}(S[1..m/2], T[1..j])$ for every j ?
- How about $\text{alignScore}(S[m/2+1..m], T[j+1..n])$?

Divide



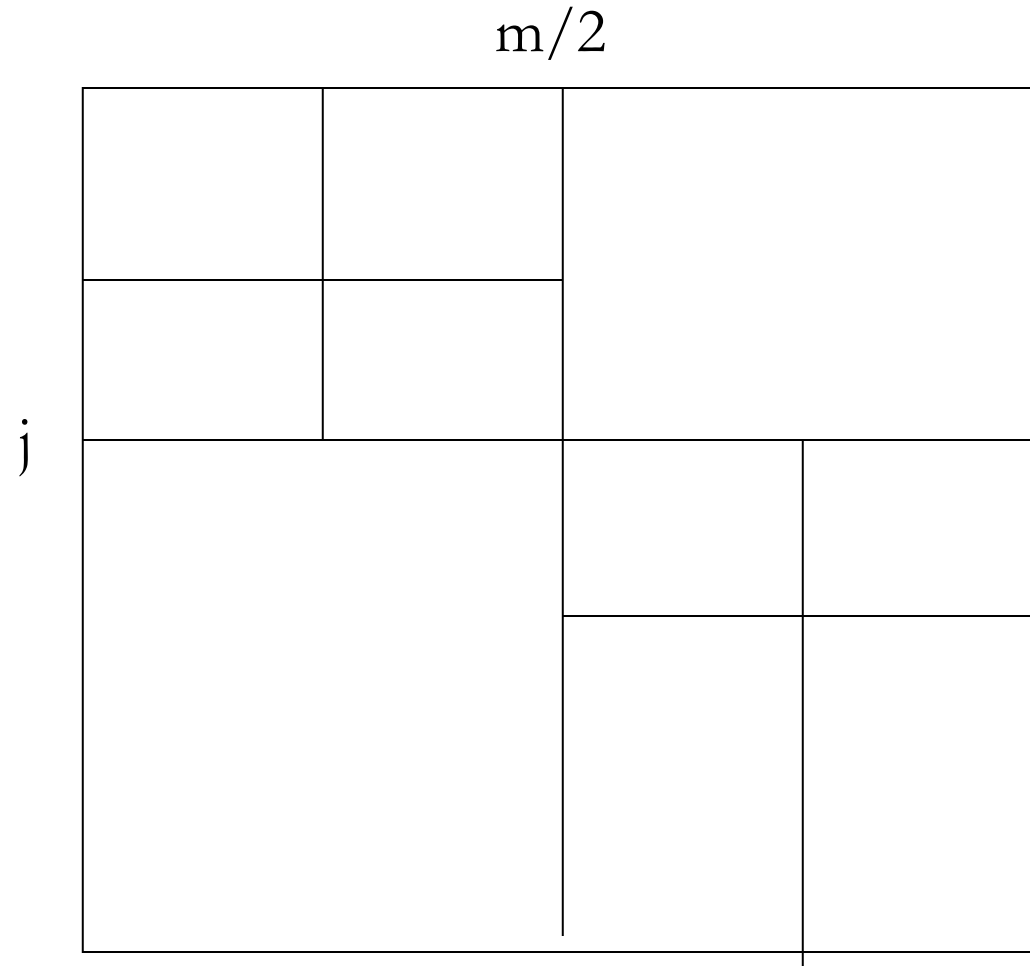
Computing the two center columns requires linear space.

Algorithm

Algorithm $\text{Align}(S,T)$:

1. If $|S| = 1$, return a trivial alignment.
2. Use the previous idea to find j that maximizes $\text{alignScore}(S[1..m/2], T[1..j]) + \text{alignScore}(S[m/2..m], T[j+1..n])$
3. Concatenate $\text{Align}(S[1..m/2], T[1..j])$ and $\text{Align}(S[m/2..m], T[j+1..n])$ and return it.

Time Complexity



- $T(m,n) \leq mn + T(m/2,j) + T(m/2,n-j) \leq 2mn$

D.S. Hirschberg, A linear space algorithm for
computing longest common subsequences,
Comm. *ACM* 18 (1975) 341-343.



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A Linear Space Algorithm for Computing Maximal Common Subsequences

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The problem of finding a longest common subsequence of two strings has been solved in quadratic time and space. An algorithm is presented which will solve this problem in quadratic time and in linear space.

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Optimal alignments in linear space

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Abstract

Space, not time, is often the limiting factor when computing optimal sequence alignments, and a number of recent papers in the biology literature have proposed space-saving strategies. However, a 1975 computer science paper by Hirschberg presented a method that is superior to the new proposals, both in theory and in practice. The goal of this paper is to give Hirschberg's idea the visibility it deserves by developing a linear-space version of Gotoh's algorithm, which accommodates affine gap penalties. A portable C-software package implementing this algorithm is available on the BIONET free of charge.

where $\sigma_{\max} = \max_{(a,b)} \sigma(a,b)$ (Smith *et al.*, 1981). Thus, to produce an alignment that maximizes the similarity score, first apply these transformations and then run the program described in this paper with the resulting w , g and h . If the minimum conversion score is C , then the corresponding maximum alignment score is $\frac{1}{2}(M + N)\sigma_{\max} - C$.

Gotoh (1982) gave an algorithm that solves such problems in $O(MN)$ time. If only the minimum cost is desired, then it is easy to implement the algorithm in $O(N)$ space, where N can be taken as the shorter sequence length. If one also desires a set of operations attaining the minimum cost, then straightforward implementations need $O(MN)$ space. In practice, this space



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Question

How to do local alignment in linear space?

How to do affined gap penalty in linear space?