Overview

- Week 2
  - Similarity *vs.* Homology
  - Global *vs.* Local Alignments
  - Scoring Matrices
  - BLAST
  - BLAT

- Week 3
  - Profiles, Patterns, Motifs, and Domains
  - Structures: VAST, Cn3D, and *de novo* Prediction
  - Multiple Sequence Alignment

Why do sequence alignments?

- Provide a measure of relatedness between nucleotide or amino acid sequences

- Determining relatedness allows one to draw biological inferences regarding
  - structural relationships
  - functional relationships
  - evolutionary relationships

    → *importance of using correct terminology*
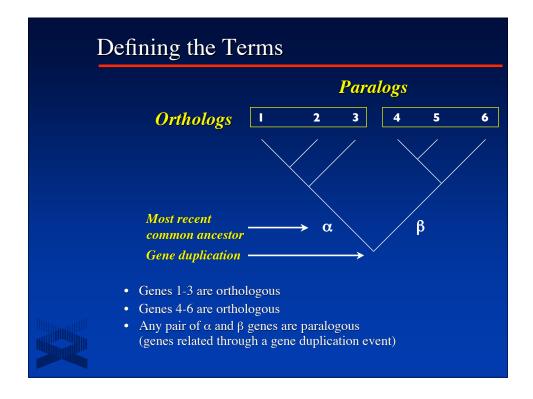
Defining the Terms

- The quantitative measure: *Similarity*
  - Always based on an observable
  - Usually expressed as percent identity
  - Quantify changes that occur as two sequences diverge
    - substitutions
    - insertions
    - deletions
  - Identify residues crucial for maintaining a protein's structure or function

- High degrees of sequence similarity *might* imply
  - a common evolutionary history
  - possible commonality in biological function

Defining the Terms

- The conclusion: *Homology*
  - Genes *are* or *are not* homologous (not measured in degrees)
  - Homology implies an evolutionary relationship

- The term "homolog" may apply to the relationship
  - between genes separated by the event of speciation (*orthology*)
  - between genes separated by the event of genetic duplication (*paralogy*)

Defining the Terms

- Orthologs
  - Sequences are direct descendants of a sequence in a common ancestor
  - Most likely have similar domain structure, three-dimensional structure, and biological function

- Paralogs
  - Related through a gene duplication event
  - Provides insight into "evolutionary innovation" (adapting a pre-existing gene product for a new function)

Defining the Terms

Paralogs

Orthologs

| 1 | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Most recent common ancestor → α   β

Gene duplication →

- Genes 1-3 are orthologous
- Genes 4-6 are orthologous
- Any pair of α and β genes are paralogous (genes related through a gene duplication event)

Global Sequence Alignments

- Sequence comparison along the entire length of the two sequences being aligned
- Best for highly-similar sequences of similar length
- As the degree of sequence similarity declines, global alignment methods tend to miss important biological relationships

Local Sequence Alignments

- Sequence comparison intended to find the most similar regions in the two sequences being aligned ("paired subsequences")
- Regions outside the area of local alignment are excluded
- More than one local alignment could be generated for any two sequences being compared
- Best for sequences that share some similarity, or for sequences of different lengths

Scoring Matrices

- Empirical weighting scheme representing physicochemical and biological characteristics of nucleotides and amino acids
  - Side chain structure and chemistry
  - Side chain function

- Amino acid-based examples:
  - Cys/Pro important for structure and function
  - Trp has bulky side chain
  - Lys/Arg have positively-charged side chains
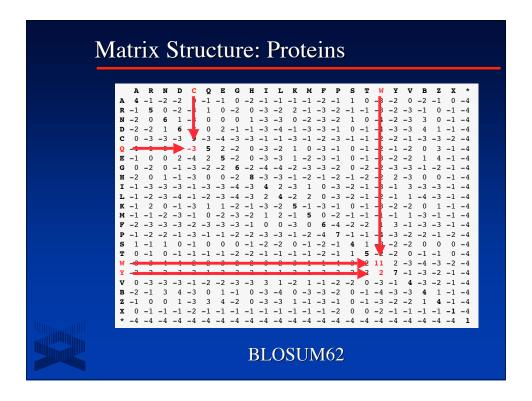
Scoring Matrices

- ***Conservation:*** What residues can substitute for another residue and not adversely affect the function of the protein?
  - Ile/Val - both small and hydrophobic
  - Ser/Thr - both polar
  - *Conserve charge, size, hydrophobicity, other physicochemical factors*

- ***Frequency:*** How often does a particular residue occur amongst the entire constellation of proteins?

Scoring Matrices

- Why is understanding scoring matrices important?

  - Appear in all analyses involving sequence comparison

  - Implicitly represent particular evolutionary patterns

  - Choice of matrix can strongly influence outcomes of analyses

Matrix Structure: Nucleotides

	A	T	G	C	S	W	R	Y	K	M	B	V	H	D	N
A	5	-4	-4	-4	-4	1	1	-4	-4	1	-4	-1	-1	-1	-2
T	-4	5	-4	-4	-4	1	-4	1	1	-4	-1	-4	-1	-1	-2
G	-4	-4	5	-4	1	-4	1	-4	1	-4	-1	-1	-4	-1	-2
C	-4	-4	-4	5	1	-4	-4	1	-4	1	-1	-1	-1	-4	-2
S	-4	-4	1	1	-1	-4	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-3	-3	-1
W	1	1	-4	-4	-4	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-1	-1
R	1	-4	1	-4	-2	-2	-1	-4	-2	-2	-3	-1	-3	-1	-1
Y	-4	1	-4	1	-2	-2	-4	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-1	-3	-1
K	-4	1	1	-4	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-4	-1	-3	-3	-1	-1
M	1	-4	-4	1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-4	-1	-3	-1	-1	-3	-1
B	-4	-1	-1	-1	-1	-3	-3	-1	-1	-3	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1
V	-1	-4	-1	-1	-1	-3	-1	-3	-3	-1	-2	-1	-2	-2	-1
H	-1	-1	-4	-1	-3	-1	-3	-1	-3	-1	-2	-2	-1	-2	-1
D	-1	-1	-1	-4	-3	-1	-1	-3	-1	-3	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1
N	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

- *Simple match/mismatch scoring scheme:*

  Match   + 5
  Mismatch   – 4

- *Assumes each nucleotide occurs 25% of the time*

Matrix Structure: Proteins

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     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  -4
R   -1   5   0  -2  -3   1   0  -2   0  -3  -2   2  -1  -3  -2  -1  -1  -3  -2  -3  -1   0  -1  -4
N   -2   0   6   1  -3   0   0   0   1  -3  -3   0  -2  -3  -2   1   0  -4  -2  -3   3   0  -1  -4
D   -2  -2   1   6  -3   0   2  -1  -1  -3  -4  -1  -3  -3  -1   0  -1  -4  -3  -3   4   1  -1  -4
C    0  -3  -3  -3   9  -3  -4  -3  -3  -1  -1  -3  -1  -2  -3  -1  -1  -2  -2  -1  -3  -3  -2  -4
Q   -1   1   0   0  -3   5   2  -2   0  -3  -2   1   0  -3  -1   0  -1  -2  -1  -2   0   3  -1  -4
E   -1   0   0   2  -4   2   5  -2   0  -3  -3   1  -2  -3  -1   0  -1  -3  -2  -2   1   4  -1  -4
G    0  -2   0  -1  -3  -2  -2   6  -2  -4  -4  -2  -3  -3  -2   0  -2  -2  -3  -3  -1  -2  -1  -4
H   -2   0   1  -1  -3   0   0  -2   8  -3  -3  -1  -2  -1  -2  -1  -2  -2   2  -3   0   0  -1  -4
I   -1  -3  -3  -3  -1  -3  -3  -4  -3   4   2  -3   1   0  -3  -2  -1  -3  -1   3  -3  -3  -1  -4
L   -1  -2  -3  -4  -1  -2  -3  -4  -3   2   4  -2   2   0  -3  -2  -1  -2  -1   1  -4  -3  -1  -4
K   -1   2   0  -1  -3   1   1  -2  -1  -3  -2   5  -1  -3  -1   0  -1  -3  -2  -2   0   1  -1  -4
M   -1  -1  -2  -3  -1   0  -2  -3  -2   1   2  -1   5   0  -2  -1  -1  -1  -1   1  -3  -1  -1  -4
F   -2  -3  -3  -3  -2  -3  -3  -3  -1   0   0  -3   0   6  -4  -2  -2   1   3  -1  -3  -3  -1  -4
P   -1  -2  -2  -1  -3  -1  -1  -2  -2  -3  -3  -1  -2  -4   7  -1  -1  -4  -3  -2  -2  -1  -2  -4
S    1  -1   1   0  -1   0   0   0  -1  -2  -2   0  -1  -2  -1   4   1  -3  -2  -2   0   0   0  -4
T    0  -1   0  -1  -1  -1  -1  -2  -2  -1  -1  -1  -1  -2  -1   1   5  -2  -2   0  -1  -1   0  -4
W   -3  -3  -4  -4  -2  -2  -3  -2  -2  -3  -2  -3  -1   1  -4  -3  -2  11   2  -3  -4  -3  -2  -4
Y   -2  -2  -2  -3  -2  -1  -2  -3   2  -1  -1  -2  -1   3  -3  -2  -2   2   7  -1  -3  -2  -1  -4
V    0  -3  -3  -3  -1  -2  -2  -3  -3   3   1  -2   1  -1  -2   0  -3  -1   4  -3  -2  -1  -4
B   -2  -1   3   4  -3   0   1  -1   0  -3  -4  -1  -3  -3  -2   0  -1  -4  -3  -3   4   1  -1  -4
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X    0  -1  -1  -1  -2  -1  -1  -1  -1  -1  -1  -1  -1  -1  -2   0   0  -2  -1  -1  -1  -1  -1  -4
*   -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4  -4   1
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BLOSUM62

BLOSUM Matrices

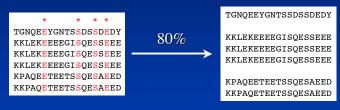- Henikoff and Henikoff, 1992

- <u>Bl</u>ocks <u>S</u>ubstitution <u>M</u>atrix

  - Look only for differences in conserved, ungapped regions of a protein family ("blocks")

  - Directly calculated, using no extrapolations

  - More sensitive to detecting structural or functional substitutions

  - Generally perform better than PAM matrices for local similarity searches *(Henikoff and Henikoff, 1993)*

BLOSUM *n*

- Calculated from sequences sharing no more than *n%* identity

- Contribution of sequences > *n%* identical clustered and weighted to 1

```
         *      *  * *
TGNQEEYGNTSSDSSDEDY          TGNQEEYGNTSSDSSDEDY
KKLEKEEEEGISQESSEEE
KKLEKEEEEGISQESSEEE          KKLEKEEEEGISQESSEEE
KKLEKEEEEGISQESSEEE          KKLEKEEEEGISQESSEEE
KPAQEETEETSSQESAEED          KKLEKEEEEGISQESSEEE
KKPAQETEETSSQESAEED
                             KPAQEETEETSSQESAEED
                             KKPAQETEETSSQESAEED
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80% →

A+T Hook Domain (Block IPB000637B)

2,000 blocks representing > 500 groups of related proteins

BLOSUM *n*

- Clustering reduces contribution of closely-related sequences (less bias towards substitutions that occur in the most closely-related members of a family)

- Substitution frequencies are more heavily-influenced by sequences that are more divergent than this cutoff

- Reducing *n* yields more distantly-related sequences

So many matrices...

BLOSUM		% Similarity
90	Short alignments, highly similar	70-90
80	Best for detecting known members of a protein family	50-60
62	Most effective in finding all potential similarities	30-40
30	Longer, weaker local alignments	< 30

Wheeler, 2003

So many matrices...

No single matrix is
the complete answer for
all sequence comparisons

Gaps

- Compensate for insertions and deletions

- Used to improve alignments between two sequences

- Must be kept to a reasonable number, to not reflect a biological implausible scenario (~1 gap per 20 residues good rule-of-thumb)

- Cannot be scored simply as a "match" or a "mismatch"

Affine Gap Penalty

Fixed deduction for introducing a gap *plus* an additional deduction proportional to the length of the gap

$$\text{Deduction for a gap} = G + Ln$$

			nuc	pro
where	G =	gap-opening penalty	5	11
	L =	gap-extension penalty	2	1
	n =	length of the gap		
and	$G > L$			

Can adjust scores to make gap insertion more or less permissive, but most programs will use values of G and L most appropriate for the scoring matrix selected

BLAST

- <u>B</u>asic <u>L</u>ocal <u>A</u>lignment <u>S</u>earch <u>T</u>ool

- Seeks high-scoring segment pairs (HSP)
  - pair of sequences that can be aligned with one another
  - when aligned, have maximal aggregate score (score cannot be improved by extension or trimming)
  - score must be above score threshhold *S*
  - gapped or ungapped

- Results not limited to the "best HSP" for any given sequence pair

BLAST Algorithms

Program	Query Sequence	Target Sequence
BLASTN	Nucleotide	Nucleotide
BLASTP	Protein	Protein
BLASTX	Nucleotide, six-frame translation	Protein
TBLASTN	Protein	Nucleotide, six-frame translation
TBLASTX	Nucleotide, six-frame translation	Nucleotide, six-frame translation

Neighborhood Words

Query Word ($W = 3$)

```
Query:    GSQSLAALLNKCKTPQGQRLVNQWIKQPLMDKNRIEERLNLVEAFVED
```

Neighborhood Words

PQG	18	= 7 + 5 + 6
PEG	15	
PRG	14	
PKG	14	
PNG	13	
PDG	13	
PHG	13	
PMG	13	
PSG	13	
PQA	12	
PQN	12	
etc.		

Neighborhood Score Threshold
($T = 13$)

High-Scoring Segment Pairs

PQG	18
PEG	15
PRG	14
PKG	14
PNG	13
PDG	13
PHG	13
PMG	13
PSG	13
PQA	12
PQN	12
etc.	

```
Query:    325  SLAALLNKCKTPQGQRLVNQWIKQPLMDKNRIEERLNLVEA  365
               +LA++L   TP+G R++ +W+ +P+ D   + ER   + A
Sbjct:    290  TLASVLDCTVTPMGSRMLKRWLHMPVRDTRVLLERQQTIGA  330
```

Extension

```
Query:   325  SLAALLNKCKTPQGQRLVNQWIKQPLMDKNRIEERLNLVEA  365
              +LA++L    TP+G R++ +W+ +P+ D    + ER   + A
Sbjct:   290  TLASVLDCTVTPMGSRMLKRWLHMPVRDTRVLLERQQTIGA  330
```


Significance decay
• *mismatches*
• *gap penalties*

Scores and Probabilities

```
Query:   325  SLAALLNKCKTPQGQRLVNQWIKQPLMDKNRIEERLNLVEA  365
              +LA++L    TP+G R++ +W+ +P+ D    + ER   + A
Sbjct:   290  TLASVLDCTVTPMGSRMLKRWLHMPVRDTRVLLERQQTIGA  330
```


Karlin-Altschul Equation

$$E = kmNe^{-\lambda S}$$

m	*# letters in query*
N	*# letters in database*
mN	*size of search space*
λS	*normalized score*
k	*minor constant*

Scores and Probabilities

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Query:    325   SLAALLNKCKTPQGQRLVNQWIKQPLMDKNRIEERLNLVEA   365
                +LA++L     TP+G R++ +W+ +P+ D    + ER    + A
Sbjct:    290   TLASVLDCTVTPMGSRMLKRWLHMPVRDTRVLLERQQTIGA   330
```

$$E = kmNe^{-\lambda S}$$

Number of HSPs found purely by chance

Lower values signify higher similarity

Cumulative Score

Extension

Scores and Probabilities

```
Query:    325   SLAALLNKCKTPQGQRLVNQWIKQPLMDKNRIEERLNLVEA   365
                +LA++L     TP+G R++ +W+ +P+ D    + ER    + A
Sbjct:    290   TLASVLDCTVTPMGSRMLKRWLHMPVRDTRVLLERQQTIGA   330
```

$$E \leq 10^{-6}$$
for nucleotides

$$E \leq 10^{-3}$$
for proteins

Cumulative Score

Extension

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST

Available protein databases include:

nr	Non-redundant
refseq	Reference Sequences
swissprot	SWISS-PROT
pat	Patents
pdb	Protein Data Bank
env_nr	Environmental samples

Limit by organism or taxonomic group

Low-Complexity Regions

Defined as regions of biased composition

- Homopolymeric runs
- Short-period repeats
- Subtle over-representation of several residues

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>gi|20455478|sp|P50553|ASC1_HUMAN Achaete-scute homolog 1 (HASH1)
MESSAKMESGGAGQQPQPQPQQPFLPPAACFFATAAAAAAAAAAAAAAQSAQQQQQQQQQQQAPQLRPAA
DGQPSGGGHKSAPKQVKRQRSSSPELMRCKRRLNFSGFGYSLPQQQPAAVARRNERERNRVKLVNLGFAT
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SYSSDEGSYDPLSPEEQELLDFTNWF
```

Homopolymeric
alanine-glutamine tract

Identifying Low-Complexity Regions

- Biological origins and role not well-understood
  - DNA replication errors (polymerase slippage)?
  - Unequal crossing-over?

- May confound sequence analysis
  - BLAST relies on uniformly-distributed amino acid frequencies
  - Often lead to false positives
  - Filtering is advised (but *not* enabled by default)

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gb|AAB30541.1|  Prox 1=homeobox gene prospero homolog [mice, e...   219   1e-54
ref|XP_001375160.1|  PREDICTED: similar to FLJ36749 protein [Mono   216   1e-53   G
ref|XP_608175.3|  PREDICTED: similar to FLJ36749 protein [Bos tau   216   1e-53   UG
ref|XP_234418.4|  PREDICTED: similar to RIKEN cDNA 1700058C01 ...   214   4e-53   G
ref|XP_001491332.1|  PREDICTED: similar to prospero homeobox 2 [E   213   1e-52   G
dbj|BAE06658.1|  transcription factor protein [Ciona intestinalis   210   6e-52   UG
ref|XP_001517520.1|  PREDICTED: hypothetical protein [Ornithorhyn   210   7e-52   G
ref|XP_522907.2|  PREDICTED: hypothetical protein [Pan troglodyte   209   9e-52   G
ref|XP_001088672.1|  PREDICTED: similar to prospero-related ho...   209   1e-51   G
ref|NP_001073877.1|  prospero homeobox 2 [Homo sapiens] >ref|X...   207   4e-51   UG
gb|AAI05928.1|  PROX2 protein [Homo sapiens] >gb|AAI05721.1| P...   207   4e-51   UG
ref|XP_692862.2|  PREDICTED: hypothetical protein [Danio rerio]    204   4e-50   G
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emb|CAF95276.1|  unnamed protein product [Tetraodon nigroviridis]   196   1e-47
emb|CAG10630.1|  unnamed protein product [Tetraodon nigroviridis]   195   2e-47
gb|AAC28353.1|  Prox1 [Xenopus laevis]                             187   4e-45   U
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dbj|BAB17311.1|  Prox 1 [Cynops pyrrhogaster]                      162   3e-37
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dbj|BAC04278.1|  unnamed protein product [Homo sapiens]            157   5e-36   UG
gb|AAC59781.1|  prospero_like protein                              156   9e-36
gb|EDL02840.1|  RIKEN cDNA 1700058C01, isoform CRA_a [Mus musculu   154   4e-35   G
ref|XP_849216.1|  PREDICTED: similar to prospero-related homeo...   154   6e-35   UG
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emb|CAG09167.1|  unnamed protein product [Tetraodon nigroviridis]   150   6e-34
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gb|AAD30180.1|AC006530_2  homeobox prospero-like protein [Homo sa  97.4   6e-18   G
ref|XP_547411.2|  PREDICTED: similar to prospero-related homeo...  80.1   1e-12   UG
pir||JC5496  Prox 1 protein 671 - chicken                         80.1   1e-12
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gb|AAF13029.1|AF070733_1  transcription factor Prox1 [Notophthalm  40.4   1.1
gb|ABG29070.1|  transcription factor Prox1 [Pleurodeles waltl]    38.9   3.3
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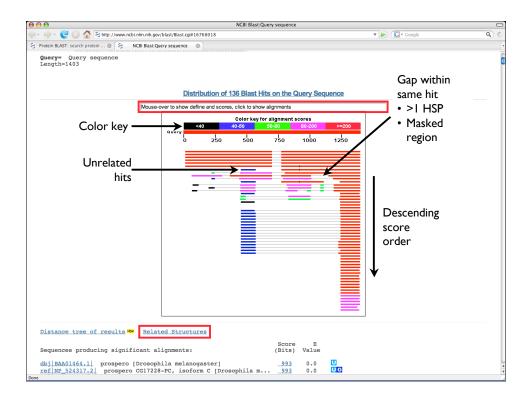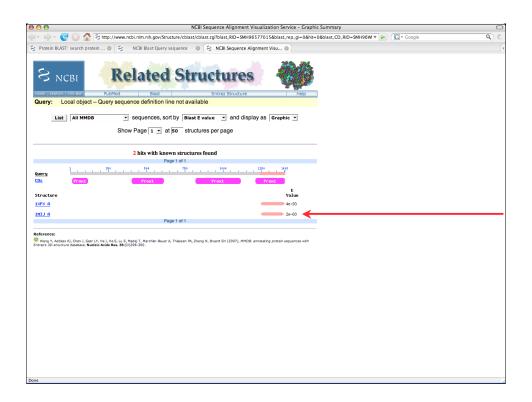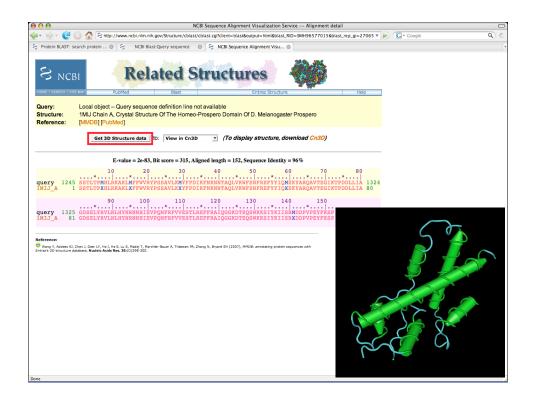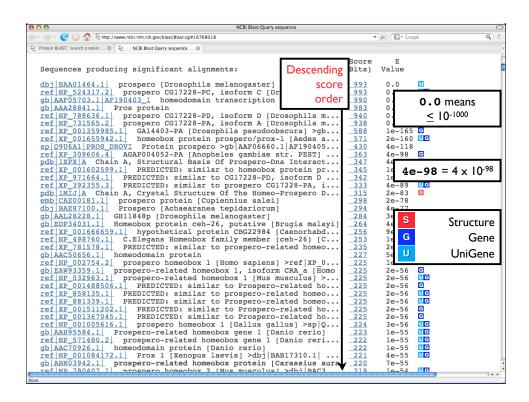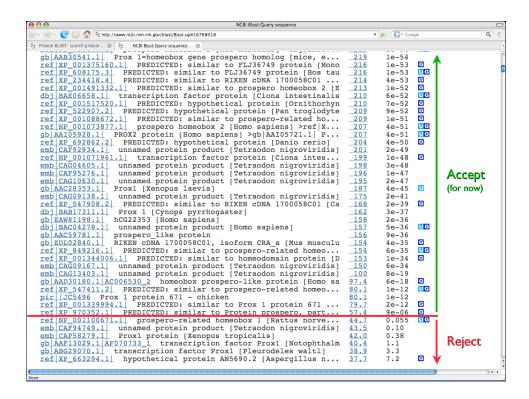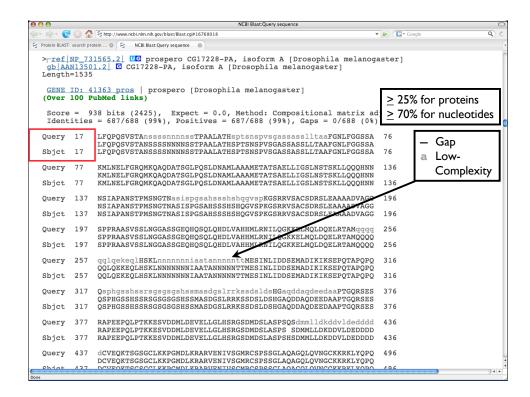
Accept (for now)

Reject

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 └gb|AAN13501.2|  G CG17228-PA, isoform A [Drosophila melanogaster]
Length=1535

  GENE ID: 41363 pros  | prospero [Drosophila melanogaster]
(Over 100 PubMed links)

  Score = 938 bits (2425),  Expect = 0.0, Method: Compositional matrix ad
  Identities = 687/688 (99%), Positives = 687/688 (99%), Gaps = 0/688 (0%)

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Sbjct  17   LFQPQSVSTANSSSSNNNNSSTPAALATHSPTSNSPVSGASSASSLLTAAFGNLFGGSSA   76

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≥ 25% for proteins
≥ 70% for nucleotides

— Gap
a Low-Complexity

Suggested BLAST Cutoffs

	E-value	Sequence Identity
Nucleotide	$\leq 10^{-6}$	$\geq 70\%$
Protein	$\leq 10^{-3}$	$\geq 25\%$

- *Do not use these cutoffs blindly!*
- *Pay attention to alignments on either side of the dividing line*
- *Do not ignore biology!*

Database Searching Artifacts

- Low-complexity regions

- Repetitive elements
  - LINEs, SINEs, retroviral repeats
  - Choose "Filter: Species-Specific Repeats" when using BLASTN
  - RepeatMasker
    http://www.repeatmasker.org

- Low-quality sequence hits
  - Expressed sequence tags (ESTs)
  - Single-pass sequence reads from large-scale sequencing (possibly with vector contaminants)

BLAST 2 Sequences

- Finds local alignments between two protein or nucleotide sequences of interest

  - All BLAST programs available

  - Select BLOSUM and PAM matrices available for protein comparisons

  - Same affine gap costs (adjustable)

  - Input sequences can be masked

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST

MegaBLAST

- Optimized for aligning very long and/or highly-similar sequences

- Good for batch nucleotide searches

- Search targets include
  - Entire eukaryotic genomes
  - Complete chromosomes and contigs from RefSeq

- Run speeds approximately 10 times faster than BLASTN
  - Adjusted word size
  - Different gap scoring scheme

BLASTN *vs.* MegaBLAST

- Word size
  - BLASTN default   = 11
  - MegaBLAST default   = 28

- *Non-affine* gap penalties

$$\text{Deduction for a gap} = r/2 - q$$

where r = match reward   (default =   1)

               q = mismatch penalty   (default = –2)

and   **no penalty for opening the gap**

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BLAT

- "BLAST-Like Alignment Tool"

- Designed to rapidly-align longer nucleotide sequences ($L \geq 40$) having > 95% sequence similarity

- Can find exact matches reliably down to $L = 33$

- Method of choice when looking for exact matches in nucleotide databases

- 500 times faster for mRNA/DNA searches

- May miss divergent or shorter sequence alignments

- Can be used on protein sequences

When to Use BLAT

- To characterize an unknown gene or sequence fragment
  - Find its genomic coordinates
  - Determine gene structure (the presence and position of exons)
  - Identify markers of interest in the vicinity of a sequence

- To find highly-similar sequences
  - Identify gene family members
  - Identify putative homologs

- To display a specific sequence as a separate track

http://genome.ucsc.edu

User Sequence vs Genomic

http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgc?o=101455598&g=htcUserAli&i=../trash/hgSs/hgSs_genome_6dc8_a5b650.pslx+..%2Ftrash% ▼ ▶ | G ▾ Google

Alignment of CB312815

CB312815
Rat.chr5
block1
together

Alignment of CB312815 and chr5:101455599-101456323

Click on links in the frame to the left to navigate through the alignment. Matching bases in cDNA and genomic sequences are colored blue and capitalized. Light blue bases mark the boundaries of gaps in either sequence (often splice sites).

cDNA CB312815

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Genomic chr5 :

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Side by Side Alignment

Done

User Sequence vs Genomic

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Alignment of CB312815

CB312815
Rat.chr5
block1
together

Side by Side Alignment

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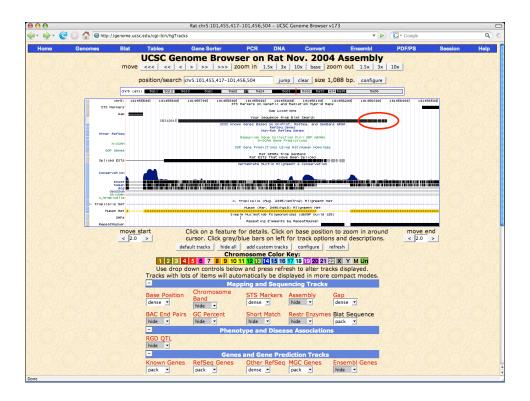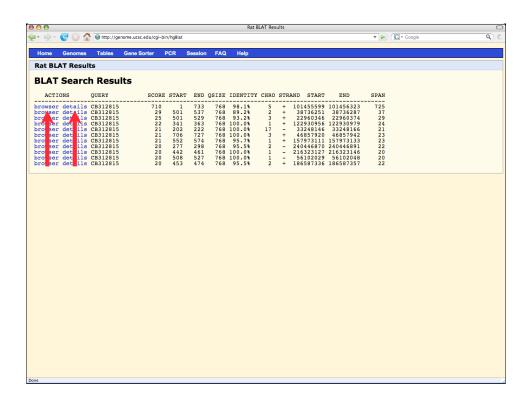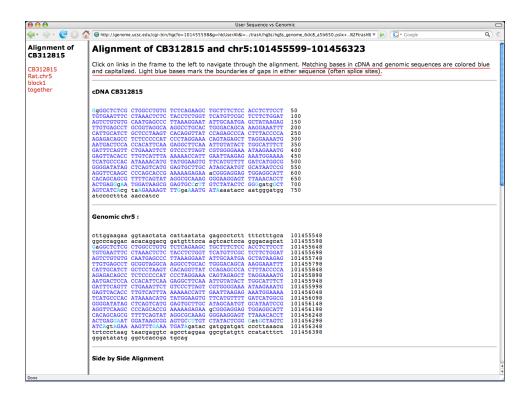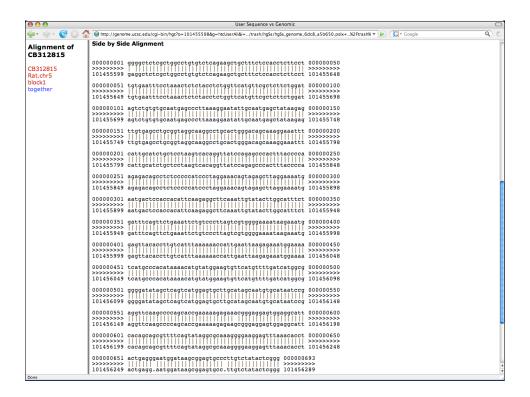
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FASTA

- Identifies regions of local alignment
- Employs an approximation of the Smith-Waterman algorithm to determine the best alignment between two sequences
- Method is significantly different from that used by BLAST
- Online implementations at
  http://fasta.bioch.virginia.edu
  http://www.ebi.ac.uk/fasta33