

MID-TERM EXAMINATION

08:30 - 11:30 Thursday, October 22, 2020

Answer any combination of questions totalling to exactly 100 points. If you answer questions totalling more than 100 points, answers will be discarded at random until the total points are less than or equal to 100. There are 12 questions to choose from, totaling 120 points. This exam is worth 20% of the course grade.

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Ways to write a readable and concise answer:

- i. Just answer the question. Save time by specifically addressing what is asked. Don't give irrelevant background if it doesn't contribute to the question that was asked.
  - ii. Avoid stream of consciousness. Plan your answer by organizing your key points, and then write a concise, coherent answer. Make your point once, clearly, rather than repeating the same thing several times with no new information.
  - iii. Point form, diagrams, tables, bar graphs, figures are welcome. Often they get the point across more clearly than a long paragraph.
  - iv. Your writing must be legible. If I can't read it, I can't give you any credit.
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1. (10 points) In a very real sense, the cell has to work with information in ways that are analogous to how we work with data in bioinformatics. For example, one might think of the eukaryotic nucleus as being analogous to the hard drive of a computer, where the data is stored as a DNA sequence. In this analogy, the fact that chromatin domains are uncoiled in the nucleus to allow transcription factors to find any gene, would be analogous to the fact that a disk drive is a random-access device, on which any file can be found by rotating the disk, and moving the read/write head in or out on the disk.

Describe another cellular process that has an analogy in bioinformatics or computer science. How does your analogy fit the process, and in what ways does the analogy break down? Feel free to use diagrams to make your point.

2. (10 points) In this course, we have used numerous layers of software working in concert. Describe the distinction among the following. In other words, what do each of them do, and how do they differ, and how do they work together?

- Linux
- bash
- BIRCH
- BioLegato
- Thinlinc

3. (10 points) TFASTA and TBLASTN use protein query sequences to search against DNA databases. How do these programs translate the sequences in the DNA databases into proteins? Suppose that you were searching a DNA database consisting of 100 billion nucleotides. How many amino acids would that correspond to?

4. (10 points) Two amino acid sequences were compared for similarity using SSEARCH. Next, the sequences were then randomized by local shuffling, and a second SSEARCH alignment was done on the two randomized sequences. The first five lines of the alignment are shown for each. Even if you didn't know which was the original, and which was done with randomized sequences, it should be easy to figure out. What differences do you see in the two outputs, that tells you which is which?

It is striking that the two alignments are about the same length 419 in the original vs. 435 aa in the alignment of randomized sequences. Normally we'd expect that the alignment with the original sequences would be much longer. What does it tell us that both alignments are of comparable length?

**Original sequences**

```
>>D_ 424 bp (424 aa)
s-w opt: 2259 Z-score: 2444.5 bits: 461.3 E(1): 2.4e-134
Smith-Waterman score: 2259; 80.4% identity (92.4% similar) in 419 aa overlap (3-417:7-423)

      10      20      30      40      50
D_sali  MPSTSGASPFLPAAPA-LARRCSR--GPNSSRRRCRAVPASSVSRSPVAVQATL
      ..... : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
D_      MAQRTATSSSSPSIIYAPSPISNRSGRRRAAANHGIRNGSRRA-AGRMGLCSTVQVNCTL
      10      20      30      40      50

      60      70      80      90     100     110
D_sali  AMPSPD-SQRLRLQQQLQQQAQQQQLSGKDVEQAAMQACIRTATSVPPSSGVLDPS
      ..... : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
D_      AMPQPNHGQKMRLLQQQQLQQQ-QQQLSGKQVEEQAMLQCIKTAQSVPPSTGLLNPR
      60      70      80      90     100     110

      120     130     140     150     160     170
D_sali  GLRWRGGALEAAYERCGAVCKEYAKTFYLGTLMPVQARCIWAIYVWCRRTDELVDGPN
      ..... : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
D_      GLRWQGSLSLEAAYERCGAVCSEYAKTFYLGTLMPVQARCIWAIYVWCRRTDELVDGPN
      120     130     140     150     160     170

      180     190     200     210     220     230
D_sali  ASKITPQALDRWEERLNGVFQGRPYDVLDAALTDTISKFPLEVQPFPRDMIEGMRMDLFKS
      ..... : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
D_      ASKITPQALDRWEERLEGMFQGKPYDVLDAALTDTISKFPLEVQPFPRDMIEGMRIDLFS
      180     190     200     210     220     230

      240     250     260     270     280     290
D_sali  RYQTFDELYEYCYRVAGTVGLMTPVMGIDPNYKGPLDKVYRAALALGTANQLTNILRDV
      ..... : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
D_      RYHTFDELYEYCYRVAGTVGLMTPVMGIDPNYKGPIDKVYKAALALGTANQLTNILRDV
      240     250     260     270     280     290
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**Randomized sequences**

```
>>D_-rand 424 bp (424 aa)
s-w opt: 226 Z-score: 229.2 bits: 51.4 E(1): 5.9e-11
Smith-Waterman score: 226; 27.6% identity (49.0% similar) in 435 aa overlap (4-409:12-406)

      10      20      30      40
D_sali  FGTAPSSSMPLAAPPAARR--LCSGSG----RRSNPARPSVSCRSAARVVS
      : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
D_-ran  MTQSSASTRAIAYSSSIP---PSPRRAGISRNSGAINSHRNAGALAGRMRCGRTCVNVN
      10      20      30      40      50

      50      60      70      80      90     100
D_sali  QTSPVMAAPPTSDSLQQLLQRQQLRQQQQQ-AQQQAAGEDQSLVQKQAIAMATTRCDGSS
      : . . : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
D_-ran  -TAQLPQQMHKNGMPQQLLQQQQRQQQQQLSQGQQMQQKEVLEASQAICPPTVKGNLGT
      60      70      80      90     100     110

      110     120     130     140     150
D_sali  VL-VP---SPGGWPALGSRRRERCLAEG-YAAEFYAKYTCKVLMGTP--TQVQLYRAICWV
      : : . . : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
D_-ran  VL-VP---SPGGWPALGSRRRERCLAEG-YAAEFYAKYTCKVLMGTP--TQVQLYRAICWV
      : : . . : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
```

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D_-ran  SLRLPQREAAASLWS--GSERVGCACEYLYAFKTYGTQTMQICALRPVCTYIRVWR---WA
          120          130          140          150          160          170

          160          170          180          190          200          210
D_sali  IAWGRREDCVDTLKIAPPANQTSWGLRRLNDEELRGFDPQVYVIATSDDTKALQPDVFFR
          :.  . :.  : :  : :.  : :.  :.  :.  :.  :.  :.  :.  :.  :.
D_-ran  ---GEDPNDVSLADIRP---LTKWQ---AEEQGRGFMLEAKVLYDLDPATDLKP--FSE
          180          190          200          210

          220          230          240          250          260
D_sali  L-PERMDMEGMFILLRQS---YDTKEFVYYAETG----CYR---MLPGVMVGVTPKYPPI
          . :  : : : :.  : :.  . : : :  : :  : :  : : : :.  : : :
D_-ran  ITPMIQDFEGVRDRLRKYSIMFTDLYHEFYCELGMGVAVYRTDNIPPTVMMG--GKKYPD

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5. (10 points) The following is an excerpt from a genomic sequence for a chlorophyll a/b binding protein from cotton (Accession number X54090).

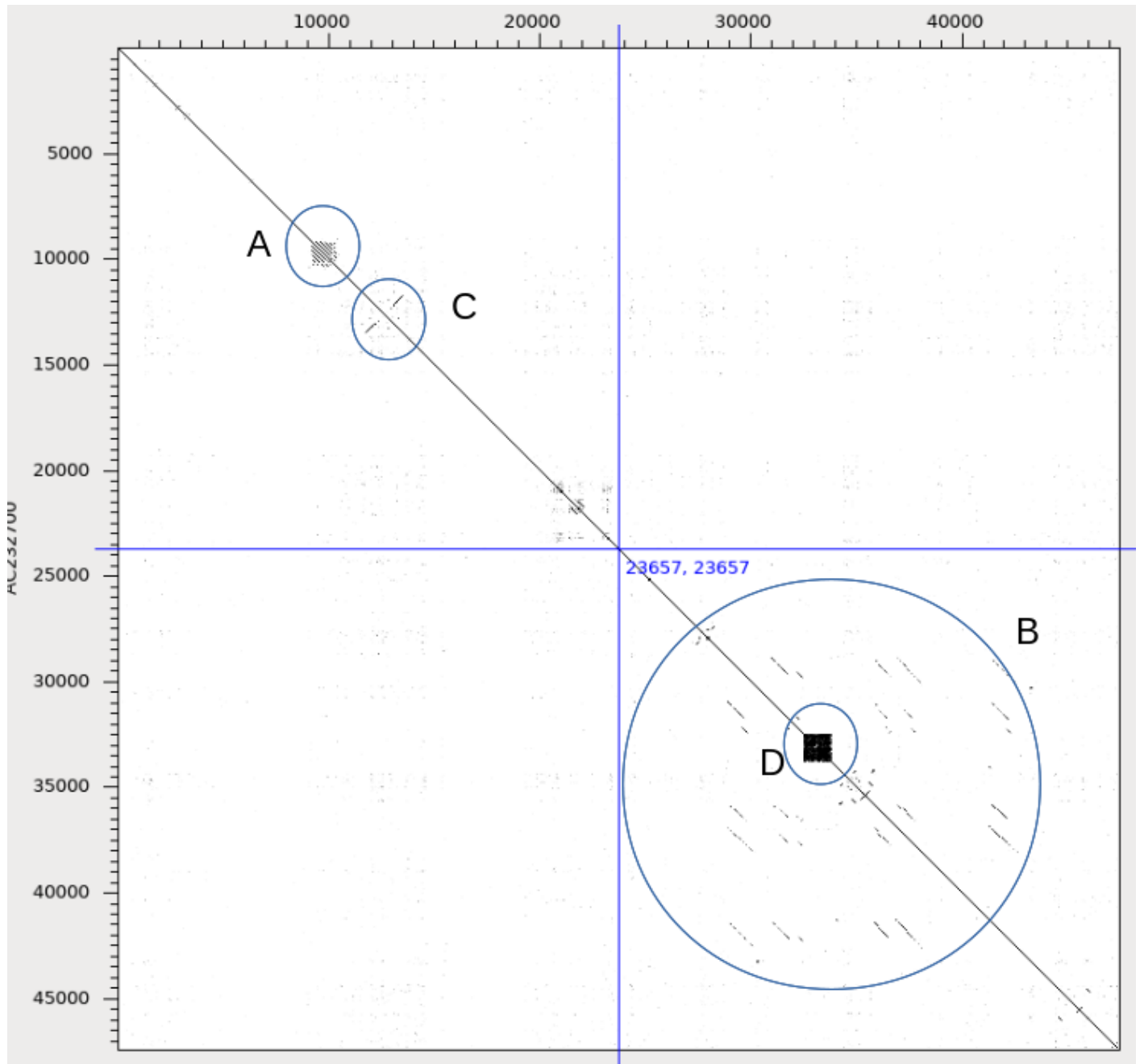
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mRNA      join(<454..599,690..>1341)
          /gene="cab"
gene      454..1341
          /gene="cab"
exon     <454..597
          /gene="cab"
          /number=1
CDS      join(454..599,690..1341)
          /gene="cab"
          /codon_start=1
          /product="chlorophyll ab binding protein"
          /protein_id="CAA38025.1"
          /db_xref="GI:452314"
          /db_xref="SWISS-PROT:P27518"
          /translation="MATSAIQQSAFAGQTALKQSNELVCKIGAVGGGRVSMRRTVKSA
PTSIWYGPDRPKYLGPFSDQIPSYLTGEFPGDYGWDTAGLSADPETFAKNRELEVIHC
RWAMLGALGCVFPEILSKNGVKFGEAVWFKAGSQIFSEGGLDYLGPNLIHAQSILAI
WACQVVLMGFVEGYRVGGGPLEGLDPIYPGGAFDPLGLADDPDAFAELKVKEIKNGR
LAMFSMFGFFVQAIVTGKGPIENLFDHLADPVANNAWAYATNFVPGK"
intron   600..689
          /gene="cab"
          /number=1
exon     691..>1341
          /gene="cab"
          /number=2

```

What is the difference between the join statements for the mRNA and CDS features, and what does that difference signify?

6. (10 points) The output below shows a pairwise comparison of a BAC clone from tomato with itself.

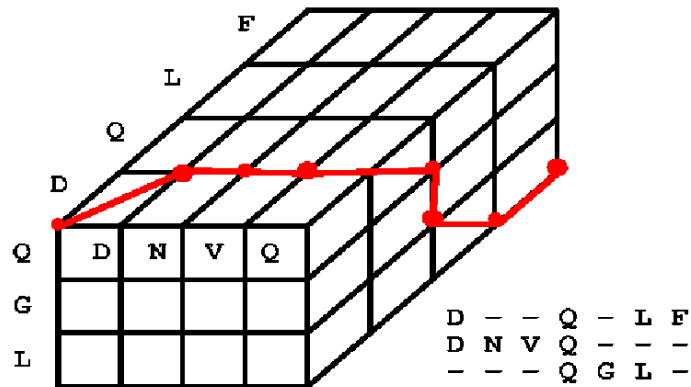


A (4 points) - Describe the two features labeled as A and D

B (4 points) - Describe the reason for the parallel diagonals in region B.

C (2 points) - Describe the region labeled as C. (Note: This output is from the Dotter program, which shows similarity between the two forward strands as diagonals running from upper left to lower right, and similarity between the forward and reverse strand as diagonals running from lower left to upper right.)

7. (10 points) We have discussed the problem of multiple sequence alignment by extending the Needleman-Wunsch (Smith-Waterman) pairwise alignment algorithm to k sequences. This is illustrated for k = 3 sequences below:



The time required for multiple alignment by this algorithm is  $O(k^2 2^k n^k)$ , where  
 k is the number of sequences  
 n is the length of the alignment (assume all sequences are the same length)

Match each of the following phrases to one of the three terms in the expression above (ie.  $k^2$ ,  $2^k$  or  $n^k$ )  
 a) the number of calculations that must be done to fill any given cell in the matrix  
 b) total number cells in the k-dimensional matrix  
 c) the number of pairwise comparisons between sequences at any given position in the alignment

d) Which of these three terms is the most important reason that exhaustive multiple alignment becomes impractical beyond a small number of sequences? That is, which term increases most rapidly as the number of sequences increases?

e) Aside from computational time, the memory (RAM) required to store the k-dimensional matrix also becomes a limitation. If you want to align 100 sequences, each of 200 amino acids in length, how many units of memory is needed to store the entire matrix?

8. (5 points) Below is an example of a FASTA file called ASTRASTL2A.fsa.

```
>ASTRASTL2A - Avana sativa thaumatin-like pathogenesis-related p
cccatagcaagctcggcacacagcaacactagcaaagcttgctagagcttgtagcgatggcgacctcctccgcgg
tgctgttttctcctcctcgccgtcttcgcccgggtgccagcgcggccaccttccgcatcaccaacaactgcccgt
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tagtagttgacaaacggccaaataaagttcaataaagacgggtgcacacatgtgtgcatgtcgacgcttatctattt
aaaa
```

Explain whether or not it be appropriate to search for restriction sites using the grep command? For example, to search for EcoRI sites you might try the command

```
grep GAATTC ASTRASTL2A.fsa
```

9. (20 points) Tblastn compares a protein sequence against sequences from a nucleotide database. As each database sequence is read, it is translated into protein in all 6 reading frames, and the proteins compared to the query sequence. On the next page, tblastn results are shown in which the query sequence was a 418 amino acid sequence for the human alpha-1-antitrypsin precursor (NP\_001121174). The best hit from the RefSeq Gene database was a 20946 bp gene for serpin, a trypsin inhibitor (NG\_008290). Some of the feature annotation from the serpin gene is shown on page 9.

a) (15 points) Keeping in mind that the query sequence is 418 amino acids long, explain why four shorter alignments were found. Use information from the annotation to support your explanation.

b) (5 points) In the tblastn output, the matches are almost perfect, with two exceptions. The last four positions in the first alignment show two mismatches, and the beginning of the third alignment has a region of very poor match, while the rest of the alignment matches perfectly. These sections of poor similarity are an artifact of how tblastn works. Explain the reason that these poor matches are shown in the alignment.

## TBLASTN RESULTS

>[NG\\_008290.1](#) Homo sapiens serpin family A member 1 (SERPINA1), RefSeqGene  
on chromosome 14  
Length=20946

Score = 449 bits (1154), Expect = 4e-141, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.  
Identities = 218/221 (99%), Positives = 219/221 (99%), Gaps = 0/221 (0%)  
Frame = +3

```
Query 1      MPSSVSWGILLLAGLCLVPVSLAEDPQGDAQAQKTDTSHHDDHPTFNKITPNLAEFAFS 60
              MPSSVSWGILLLAGLCLVPVSLAEDPQGDAQAQKTDTSHHDDHPTFNKITPNLAEFAFS
Sbjct 12456   MPSSVSWGILLLAGLCLVPVSLAEDPQGDAQAQKTDTSHHDDHPTFNKITPNLAEFAFS 12635

Query 61     LYRQLAHQSNSTNIFFSPVSIATAFAMLSLGTKADTHDEILEGLNFNLTEIPEAQIHEGF 120
              LYRQLAHQSNSTNIFFSPVSIATAFAMLSLGTKADTHDEILEGLNFNLTEIPEAQIHEGF
Sbjct 12636   LYRQLAHQSNSTNIFFSPVSIATAFAMLSLGTKADTHDEILEGLNFNLTEIPEAQIHEGF 12815

Query 121    QELLRTLNPDSQLQLTGNGFLFSEGLKLVDFLEDVKKLYHSEAFVNFVGDTEEAKKQ 180
              QELLRTLNPDSQLQLTGNGFLFSEGLKLVDFLEDVKKLYHSEAFVNFVGDTEEAKKQ
Sbjct 12816   QELLRTLNPDSQLQLTGNGFLFSEGLKLVDFLEDVKKLYHSEAFVNFVGDTEEAKKQ 12995

Query 181    INDYVEKGTQGGKIVDLVKELDRDRTVFALVNYIFFKGGKWERP 221
              INDYVEKGTQGGKIVDLVKELDRDRTVFALVNYIFFKGGK +P
Sbjct 12996   INDYVEKGTQGGKIVDLVKELDRDRTVFALVNYIFFKGGKVAQP 13118
```

Score = 195 bits (495), Expect = 3e-53, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.  
Identities = 91/91 (100%), Positives = 91/91 (100%), Gaps = 0/91 (0%)  
Frame = +1

```
Query 216    GKWERPFVEVKDTEEEEDFHVDQVTTVKVPMMKRLGMFNIQHCKKLSWVLLMKYLGNATAI 275
              GKWERPFVEVKDTEEEEDFHVDQVTTVKVPMMKRLGMFNIQHCKKLSWVLLMKYLGNATAI
Sbjct 14551   GKWERPFVEVKDTEEEEDFHVDQVTTVKVPMMKRLGMFNIQHCKKLSWVLLMKYLGNATAI 14730

Query 276    FFLPDEGKLQHLENELTHDIITKFLNEDRR 306
              FFLPDEGKLQHLENELTHDIITKFLNEDRR
Sbjct 14731   FFLPDEGKLQHLENELTHDIITKFLNEDRR 14823
```

Score = 130 bits (328), Expect = 3e-31, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.  
Identities = 67/80 (84%), Positives = 70/80 (88%), Gaps = 3/80 (4%)  
Frame = +1

```
Query 339    GADLSGVTEEAPLKLKSAVHKAVLTIDEKGTAAAGAMFLEAIPMSIPPEVKFNKPFVFLM 398
              G L+ +PL+ AVHKAVLTIDEKGTAAAGAMFLEAIPMSIPPEVKFNKPFVFLM
Sbjct 17011   GISLTTCLCFSPQL---AVHKAVLTIDEKGTAAAGAMFLEAIPMSIPPEVKFNKPFVFLM 17181

Query 399    IEQNTKSPLFMGKVVNPTQK 418
              IEQNTKSPLFMGKVVNPTQK
Sbjct 17182   IEQNTKSPLFMGKVVNPTQK 17241
```

Score = 100 bits (248), Expect = 4e-21, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.  
Identities = 50/50 (100%), Positives = 50/50 (100%), Gaps = 0/50 (0%)  
Frame = +3

```
Query 306 RSASLHLPKLSITGTYDLKSVLQGLGITKVFNSGADLSGVTEEAPLKLSK 355
          RSASLHLPKLSITGTYDLKSVLQGLGITKVFNSGADLSGVTEEAPLKLSK
Sbjct 16080 RSASLHLPKLSITGTYDLKSVLQGLGITKVFNSGADLSGVTEEAPLKLSK 16229
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## FEATURE ANNOTATION

```
gene       7091..18946
           /gene="SERPINA1"
           /gene_synonym="A1A; A1AT; AAT; alpha1AT; nNIF; PI; PI1;
           PRO2275"
           /note="serpin family A member 1"
           /db_xref="GeneID:5265"
mRNA       join(7091..7133,12452..13101,14552..14822,16082..16229,
           17053..18946)
           /gene="SERPINA1"
           /gene_synonym="A1A; A1AT; AAT; alpha1AT; nNIF; PI; PI1;
           PRO2275"
           /product="serpin family A member 1, transcript variant 1"
           /transcript_id="NM_000295.5"
           /db_xref="GeneID:5265"
exon       7091..7133
           /gene="SERPINA1"
           /gene_synonym="A1A; A1AT; AAT; alpha1AT; nNIF; PI; PI1;
           PRO2275"
           /inference="alignment:Splign:2.1.0"
           /number=1
exon       12452..13101
           /gene="SERPINA1"
           /gene_synonym="A1A; A1AT; AAT; alpha1AT; nNIF; PI; PI1;
           PRO2275"
           /inference="alignment:Splign:2.1.0"
           /number=2
CDS        join(12456..13101,14552..14822,16082..16229,17053..17244)
           /gene="SERPINA1"
           /gene_synonym="A1A; A1AT; AAT; alpha1AT; nNIF; PI; PI1;
           PRO2275"
           /note="protease inhibitor 1 (anti-elastase),
           alpha-1-antitrypsin; serpin peptidase inhibitor, clade A
           (alpha-1 antiprotease, antitrypsin), member 1; alpha-1
           antitrypsin; serine (or cysteine) proteinase inhibitor,
           clade A, member 1; alpha-1-antitrypsin null; serpin A1;
           epididymis secretory sperm binding protein;
           alpha-1-antiprotease; alpha-1 protease inhibitor; serpin
           peptidase inhibitor clade A member 1; alpha-1-antitrypsin
           short transcript variant 1C4; serpin peptidase inhibitor
           clade A (alpha-1antiprotease, antitrypsin) member 1;
           alpha-1-antitrypsin short transcript variant 1C5"
           /codon_start=1
           /product="alpha-1-antitrypsin precursor"
           /protein_id="NP_000286.3"
           /db_xref="CCDS:CCDS9925.1"
           /db_xref="GeneID:5265"
           /translation="MPSSVSWGILLLAGLCLVPVSLAEDPQGDAAQKTDTSHHQDQH
           PTFNKITPNLAEFAFSLYRQLAHQSNSTNIFFSPVSIATAFAMLSLGTKADTHDEILE
           GLNFNLTEIPEAQIHEGFQELLRTLNPDSQLQLTTGNGLFLEGLKLVDFKLEDVKK
           LYHSEAFVNFQDTEEAKQINDYVEKGTQGGKIVDLVKELDRDTVFALVNYIFFKGGK
           ERPFEVKDTEEDFHVDQVTTVKVPMKRLGMFNIQHCKKLSSWVLLMKYLGNATAIF
           FLPDEGKLQHLENELTHDIITKFLNEDRRSASLHLPKLSITGTYDLKSVLQGLGITK
           VFSNGADLSGVTEEAPLKLSKAVHKAVLTIDEKGTAAAGAMFLEAIPMSIPPEVKFNK
           PFVFLMIEQNTKSPLFMGKVVNPTQK"
exon       14552..14822
           /gene="SERPINA1"
           /gene_synonym="A1A; A1AT; AAT; alpha1AT; nNIF; PI; PI1;
           PRO2275"
           /inference="alignment:Splign:2.1.0"
           /number=3
exon       16082..16229
           /gene="SERPINA1"
           /gene_synonym="A1A; A1AT; AAT; alpha1AT; nNIF; PI; PI1;
           PRO2275"
           /inference="alignment:Splign:2.1.0"
           /number=4
```

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exon      17053..18946
          /gene="SERPINA1"
          /gene_synonym="A1A; A1AT; AAT; alpha1AT; nNIF; PI; PI1;
          PRO2275"
          /inference="alignment:SpIign:2.1.0"
          /number=5

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10. (5 points) The sizes of two protein databases in a 2020 release of GenBank were as follows:

| DB name        | size (Mb) |
|----------------|-----------|
| refseq_protein | 170800    |
| swissprot      | 695       |

Suppose that you have just cloned a new gene from an obscure species, and search both databases. It turns out that one match is present in both databases, giving identical alignments in both searches. However, the calculated E-values calculated for the refseq search is much larger than the E-value for Swissprot. Explain the different E-values. The equation for E is given:

$$E = Kmn e^{-\lambda S}$$

11. (10 points) Suppose you wanted to create a dataset that would accurately sample sequences among different major taxonomic groups. Based on the data in the table below, what are some of the problems with creating such a dataset? Can you think of a strategy that would help you overcome these problems?

| taxon         | estimated number of species | percentage of species | number of sequences in NCBI UniGene | percentage of sequences |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| insects       | 830000                      | 69.2                  | 239944                              | 12.7                    |
| molluscs      | 110000                      | 9.2                   | 40311                               | 2.1                     |
| other animals | 100000                      | 8.3                   | 216337                              | 11.4                    |
| arachnids     | 60000                       | 5.0                   | 26582                               | 1.4                     |
| crustaceans   | 50000                       | 4.2                   | 95901                               | 5.1                     |
| vertebrates   | 50000                       | 4.2                   | 1275236                             | 67.3                    |
| total         | 1200000                     |                       | 1894311                             |                         |

estimates from Stoeckle et al. Barcoding Life Illustrated.

<http://barcoding.si.edu/PDF/BLIllustrated26jan04v1-3.pdf>



12. (10 points) Answer the following questions about the table below:

- a) By random chance alone, what is the probability that an amino acid chosen from one protein will match a given amino acid from another protein?
- b) By random chance alone, what is the probability that a nucleotide from one DNA sequence will match a nucleotide from another DNA sequence?
- c) When comparing two amino acid sequences for similarity, if you use a k value of 3, how much would you expect to speed up the search?
- d) Typically, proteins are only a few hundred amino acids long. How might that affect the actual speedup of the algorithm, given a k value of 3?
- e) When comparing two DNA sequences, what is the probability a 20 base segment from one sequence will match a given 20 base segment from another sequence? Express the answer as an exponential number ie. scientific notation.

| Table 2.                      | <u>Avg. dist. between k-matches</u> |          |          |          |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                               | $\frac{1}{p^k}$                     |          |          |          |
| Prob. of a match ( <b>p</b> ) | <b>k= 2</b>                         | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> |
| 0.050                         | 400                                 | 8000     |          |          |
| 0.075                         | 178                                 | 2370     |          |          |
| 0.100                         | 100                                 | 1000     |          |          |
| 0.150                         | 44                                  | 296      |          |          |
| 0.200                         | 25                                  | 125      |          |          |
|                               |                                     |          |          |          |
| 0.250                         | 16                                  | 64       | 256      | 1024     |
| 0.300                         | 11                                  | 37       | 123      | 412      |
| 0.350                         | 8                                   | 23       | 67       | 190      |
| 0.450                         | 5                                   | 11       | 24       | 54       |
| 0.600                         | 3                                   | 5        | 8        | 13       |
| 0.700                         | 2                                   | 3        | 4        | 6        |
| 0.900                         | 1                                   | 1        | 1        | 2        |

The IUPAC-IUB symbols for nucleotide nomenclature [Cornish-Bowden (1985)Nucl. Acids Res. 13: 3021-3030.] are shown below:

| Symbol | Meaning             | Symbol | Meaning          |
|--------|---------------------|--------|------------------|
| G      | Guanine             | K      | G or T           |
| A      | Adenine             | S      | G or C           |
| C      | Cytosine            | W      | A or T           |
| T      | Thymine             | H      | A or C or T      |
| U      | Uracil              | B      | G or T or C      |
| R      | Purine (A or G)     | V      | G or C or A      |
| Y      | Pyrimidine (C or T) | D      | G or T or A      |
| M      | A or C              | N      | G or A or T or C |

| The Universal Genetic Code |     |     |     |     |      |     |      |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| UUU                        | phe | UCU | ser | UAU | tyr  | UGU | cys  |
| UUC                        |     | UCC |     | UAC |      | UGC |      |
| UUA                        | leu | UCA |     | UAA | stop | UGA | stop |
| UUG                        |     | UCG |     | UAG | stop | UGG | trp  |
| CUU                        | leu | CCU | pro | CAU | his  | CGU | arg  |
| CUC                        |     | CCC |     | CAC |      | CGC |      |
| CUA                        |     | CCA |     | CAA | gln  | CGA |      |
| CUG                        |     | CCG |     | CAG |      | CGG |      |
| AUU                        | ile | ACU | thr | AAU | asn  | AGU | ser  |
| AUC                        |     | ACC |     | AAC |      | AGC |      |
| AUA                        |     | ACA |     | AAA | lys  | AGA | arg  |
| AUG                        | met | ACG |     | AAG |      | AGG |      |
| GUU                        | val | GCU | ala | GAU | asp  | GGU | gly  |
| GUC                        |     | GCC |     | GAC |      | GGC |      |
| GUA                        |     | GCA |     | GAA | glu  | GGA |      |
| GUG                        |     | GCG |     | GAG |      | GGG |      |

| 3-letter      | 1-letter | 3-letter          | 1-letter | 3-letter | 1-letter |
|---------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Phe           | F        | Leu               | L        | Ile      | I        |
| Met           | M        | Val               | V        | Ser      | S        |
| Pro           | P        | Thr               | T        | Ala      | A        |
| Tyr           | Y        | His               | H        | Gln      | Q        |
| Asn           | N        | Lys               | K        | Asp      | D        |
| Glu           | E        | Cys               | C        | Trp      | W        |
| Arg           | R        | Gly               | G        | STOP     | *        |
| Asx           | B        | Glx               | Z        | UNKNOWN  | X        |
| Xle (Leu/Ile) | J        | Pyl (pyrrolysine) | O        |          |          |

