FASTA

FASTA: algorithm (4 steps)





Identify all k-tuple matches



score the 10 best scoring regions using a scoring matrix

____ Init1 score

Each diagonal: ungapped alignment

The smaller the k, The sensitive the method but slower

Find the best combination B of the diagonals-> computer a score.

Only those sequences with a score higher than a threshold will go to the fourth step



DP applied around The best scoring diagonal.

BLAST

BLAST1: Algorithm

First step:

For each position p of the query, find the list or words of length w scoring more than T when paired with the word starting at p:



Quickly locate ungapped similarity regions between the sequences. Instead of comparing each word of the query with each word Of the DB: create a list of "similar" words.

With w=2 : (20x20=400 Possible words, w=3, 8000 Possible words,...)

Second step:

For each words list, identify all exact matches with DB sequences:



BLAST1: Algorithm

Third step:

For each word match («hit»), extend ungapped alignment in both directions. Stop when S decreases by more than X from the highest value reached by S.

Each match is then extended. The extension is stopped as soon as the score decreases more then X when compared with the highest value obtained During the extension process





Reports all HSPs having score S above a threshold, or equivalently, having E-value below a threshold.

BLAST1: Algorithm



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BLAST2: (NCBI)

The «two-hits» requirement

First step: as with BLAST1, generate lists of words scoring more than T with words of the query.

Second step: generation of hits: identify all word matches in DB sequences

Third step: extension of hits: requires a second hit on the same diagonal at a distance of less than A.



Additional step:

Gapped extension of the hits slower-> therefore: requirement of a second hits on the diagonal. (hits not joined by ungapped extensions could be part of the same gapped alignmnet)

This step generates ungapped HSPs

Fourth step: gapped extension of HSPs having score above a threshold Sg