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Foundations of Sequence Analysis

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Exercises

Exercise 3, Discussion: 24/11/2003 and following dates.

1. (a) For all sequences u and v, $lcp(u, v)$ denotes the longest common prefix of u and v. Given two sequences x and y of lengths m and n. Develop an $O(mn)$ time algorithm, computing the
$m \times n$-matrix M^{lcp} such that:

$$M^{lcp}_{i,j} = |lcp(x_i \dots x_m, y_j \dots y_n)|$$

for all $i \in [1, m]$ and $j \in [1, n]$. For the sequences $x = acaacacaacac$ and $y = aaacaccacaca$ the algorithm is supposed to return the following matrix:

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1 1 3 0 2 0 0 3 0 3 0 1
0 0 0 2 0 1 2 0 2 0 2 0
2 5 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1
1 1 4 0 2 0 0 5 0 3 0 1
0 0 0 3 0 1 4 0 4 0 2 0
1 1 3 0 2 0 0 3 0 3 0 1
0 0 0 2 0 1 2 0 2 0 2 0
2 5 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1
1 1 4 0 2 0 0 4 0 3 0 1
0 0 0 3 0 1 3 0 3 0 2 0
1 1 2 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 0 1
0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0
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   (b) For all sequences u and v, $lcsuf(u, v)$ denotes the longest common suffix of u and v. How can the algorithm of 1(a) be used to compute the $m \times n$-matrix M^{lcsuf} such that:

$$M^{lcsuf}_{i,j} = |lcsuf(x_0 \dots x_i, y_0 \dots y_j)|$$

for all $i \in [1, m]$ and $j \in [1, n]$.

2. Implement an object-oriented program according to the Smith-Waterman algorithm for the computation of local optimal alignments. The program should be called *swalign* and have four parameters:

   int indelscore - the score of an insertion resp. deletion
   NNMatrix scorematrix - a symmetric $n \times n$-matrix holding the replacement scores
   String u - first input sequence
   String v - second input sequence.

   The program should be divided in subroutines for

   - building the matrix (*swBuildMatrix*),
   - finding the maximal entry (i, j) in the matrix (*swFindMaxScore*),
   - computing the optimal local alignments by backtracking on a maximizing path starting at (i, j) (*swCompOptAligns*).