

Variant Calling

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Lecture 7: Applied Comparative Genomics



Mission Impossible

- 1. Setup VirtualBox**
- 2. Initialize Tools**
- 3. Download Reference Genome & Reads**
- 4. Decode the secret message**
 1. Estimate coverage, check read quality
 2. Check kmer distribution
 3. Assemble the reads with spades
 4. Align to reference with MUMmer
 5. Extract foreign sequence
 6. `dna-encode.pl -d`

<https://github.com/schatzlab/appliedgenomics2018/blob/master/assignments/assignment2/README.md>



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Assignment Date: Thursday, Feb. 18, 2018
Due Date: Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 @ 11:59pm

– Q14a. Draw (by hand or by code) the de Bruijn graph for the following reads using $k=3$ (assume all reads are from the forward strand, no sequencing errors, complete coverage of the genome)

• Q10. Assume that the maximum number of occurrences of any 3-mer in the actual genome is 3 using the 6-mers from Q9. Write one possible genome sequence.

Her colleague is developing an experimental and computational protocol to determine the species present in food samples based on DNA sequencing. (See [here](#) for a technology working towards making this a reality.) She extracted DNA from a mixed-meal sausage at 100bp fragment sequencing. When the data returns, she uses a short-read aligner such as Bowtie2 or BWA to align the sequencing reads. As the references, she chose several genomes of animals whose meat is commonly consumed, including chicken and pig and cow. Next, she extracts the unmapped reads and runs a short-read assembler such as Spades on those reads. She only gets a few contigs that are longer than a few hundred base pairs.

The odds for your help in finding the origin of these 'mystery meat' contigs. Fortunately you are familiar with genomic databases and offer to help her out. You use query the NCBI's database of reference genome assemblies with the longest contigs using the BLAST to alignments between your sequence and a database. One contig you examine has several high E-value alignments to scaffolds in the *Mycoplasma agalactiae* genome assembly. Two of the alignments are in annotated gene regions. However, the *Mycoplasma agalactiae* assembly

Because the assembly is rough, you are suspicious that the contig has more than one alignment. It overlaps more than one annotated gene. Could there be a duplicated region or misassembly in the reference genome? Or does the tanner wasabi actually have genes 1 to 500 in both?

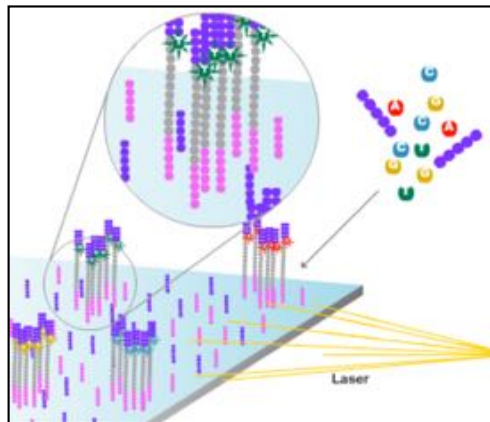
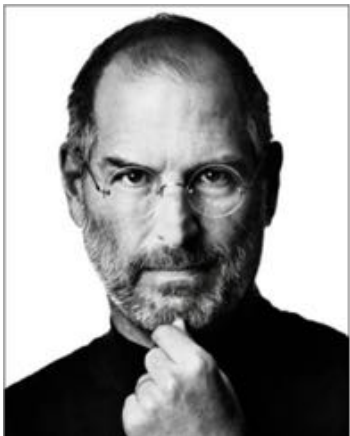
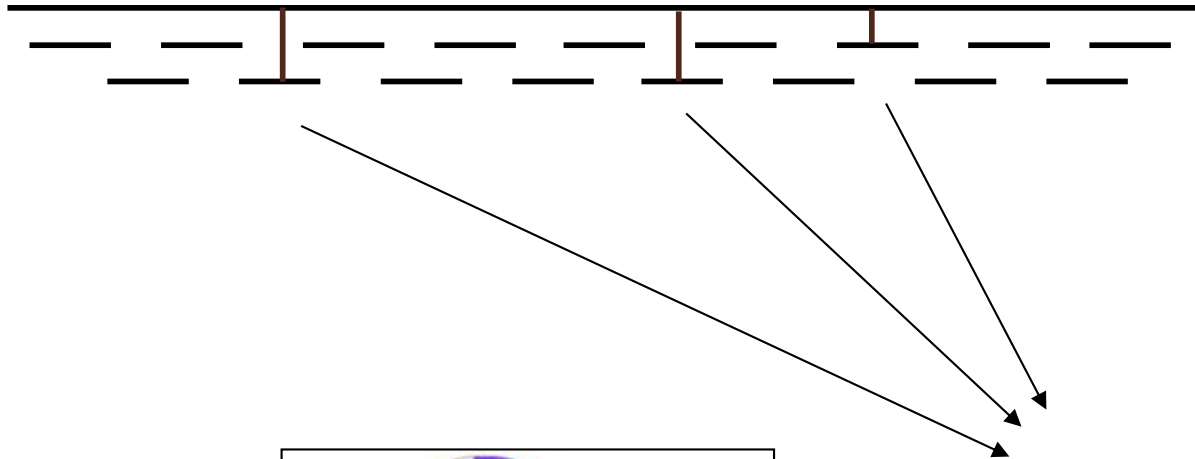
Here are some protein sequences of some hits from a blast search including the two sequences from *M. egypti*, [MMP1901](#) to [MMP1905](#). Some proteins are annotated "hemoglobin epsilon" and others are annotated "hemoglobin beta" (β and ε in the sequence names in the M

- What do the leaves of the tree represent? Is the tree rooted or unrooted? (1)
- Propose a location for the root of the tree, and justify your answer. (Mark it on the image of the tree) (2)
- Do you think the "S" and "E" genes are paralog? Justify your answer by referring to the tree. (2)

Here is the output from *MrBayes*, a Bayesian MCMC tree algorithm, run on the same protein sequences.

Personal Genomics

How does your genome compare to the reference?



Heart Disease

Cancer

Creates magical
technology

Binary Search Analysis of Suffix Arrays

- Binary Search

Initialize search range to entire list

$mid = (hi+lo)/2$; $middle = suffix[mid]$

if query matches middle: done

else if query < middle: pick low range

else if query > middle: pick hi range

Repeat until done or empty range

[WHEN?]

- Analysis

- More complicated method

- How many times do we repeat?

- How many times can it cut the range in half?

- Find smallest x such that: $n/(2^x) \leq 1$; $x = \lg_2(n)$

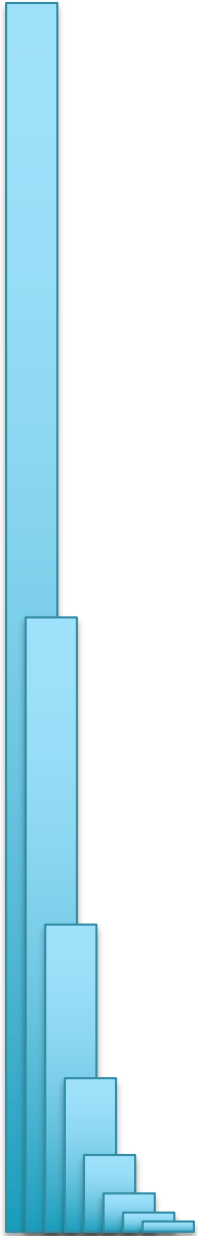
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- Total Runtime: $O(m \lg n)$

- More complicated, but **much** faster!

- Looking up a query loops 32 times instead of 3B

[How long does it take to search 6B or 24B nucleotides?]

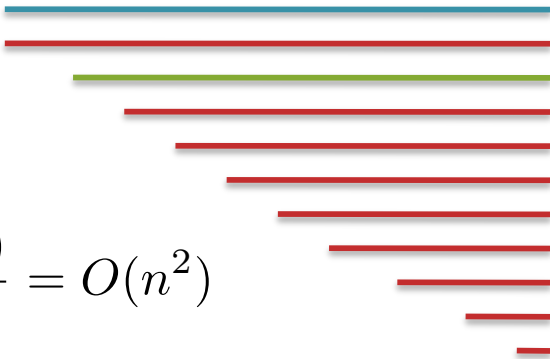


Suffix Array Construction

- How can we store the suffix array?
[How many characters are in all suffixes combined?]

$$S = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = O(n^2)$$

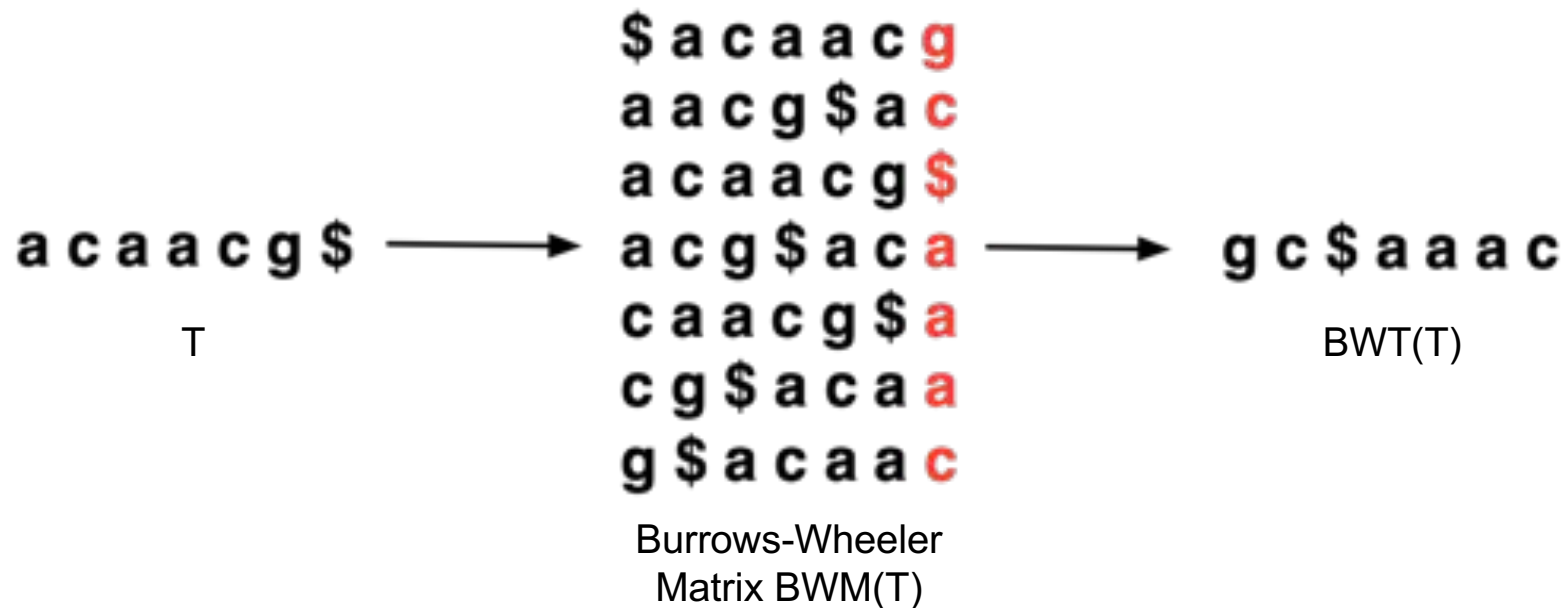
- Hopeless to explicitly store 4.5 billion billion characters
- Instead use implicit representation
 - Keep 1 copy of the genome, and a list of sorted offsets
 - Storing 3 billion offsets fits on a server (12GB)
- Searching the array is very fast, but it takes time to construct
 - This time will be amortized over many, many searches
 - Run it once "overnight" and save it away for all future queries



Pos
6
13
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Burrows-Wheeler Transform

- Permutation of the characters in a text



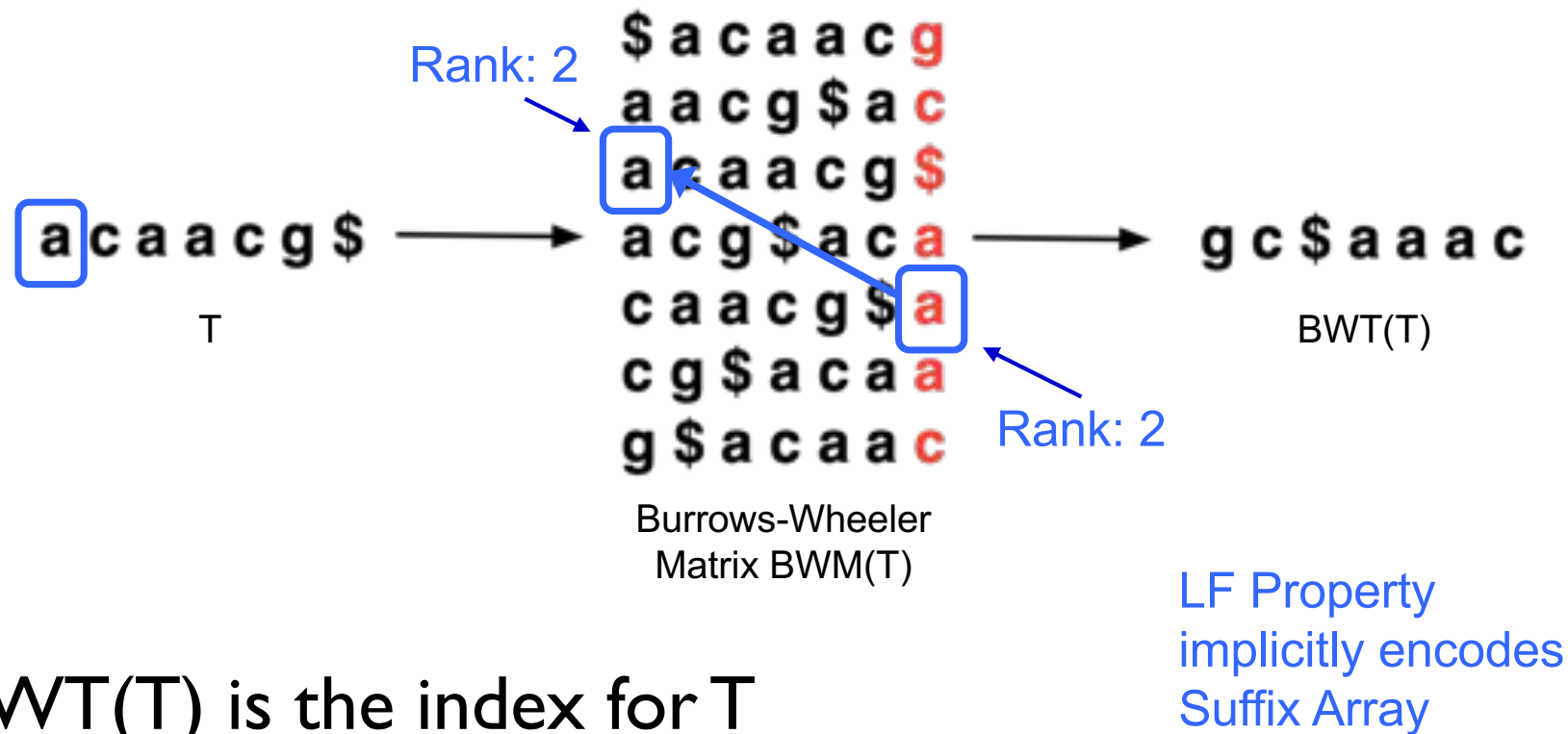
- $BWT(T)$ is the index for T

A block sorting lossless data compression algorithm.

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Burrows-Wheeler Transform

- Reversible permutation of the characters in a text



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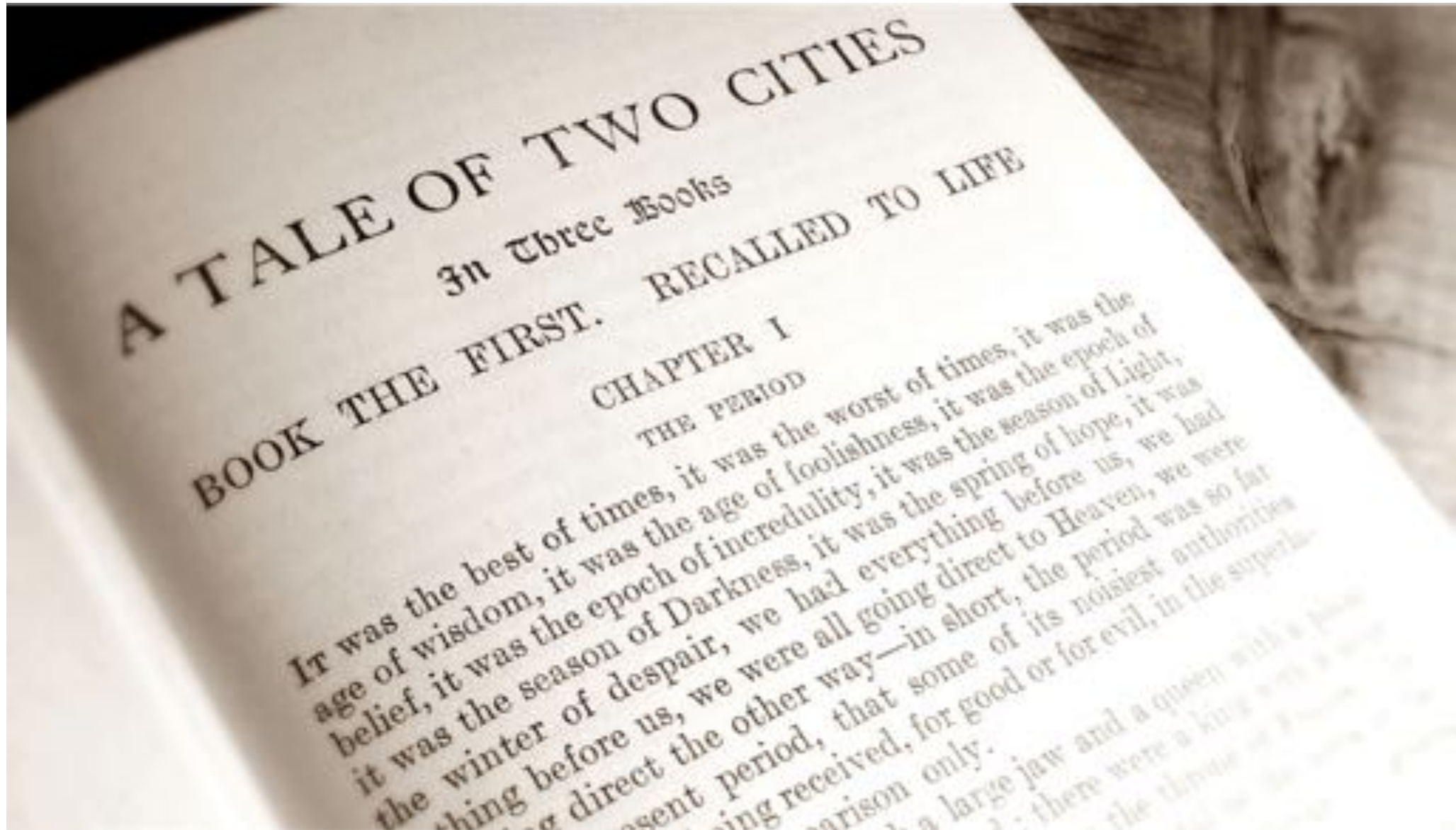
Burrows-Wheeler Transform

- Recreating T from BWT(T)
 - Start in the first row and apply **LF** repeatedly, accumulating predecessors along the way



[Decode this BWT string: ACTGA\$TTA]

Run Length Encoding



Run Length Encoding

ref[614]:

It_was_the_best_of_times,_it_was_the_worst_of_times,_it_was_the_age_of_wisdom,_it_was_the_age_of_foolishness,_it_was_the_epoch_of_belief,_it_was_the_epoch_of_incredulity,_it_was_the_season_of_Light,_it_wa_s_the_season_of_Darkness,_it_was_the_spring_of_hope,_it_was_the_wint_er_of_despair,_we_had_everything_before_us,_we_had_nothing_before_us,_we_were_all_going_direct_to_Heaven,_we_were_all_going_direct_the_o ther_way_-_in_short,_the_period_was_so_far_like_the_present_period,_that_some_of_its_noisiest_authorities_insisted_on_its_being_received,_for_good_or_for_evil,_in_the_superlative_degree_of_comparison_only.\$

Run Length Encoding:

- Replace a “run” of a character X with a single X followed by the length of the run
- GAAAAAAAAATTACA => GA8T2ACA (reverse is also easy to implement)
- If your text contains numbers, then you will need to use a (slightly) more sophisticated encoding

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Why does the BWT tend to make runs in english text?

Run Length Encoding

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wlors_9r_2lteiril2re_oua2no2i2oeo4i3hki6o_2ieitsp2ioi_12g2nodsc_s3_g
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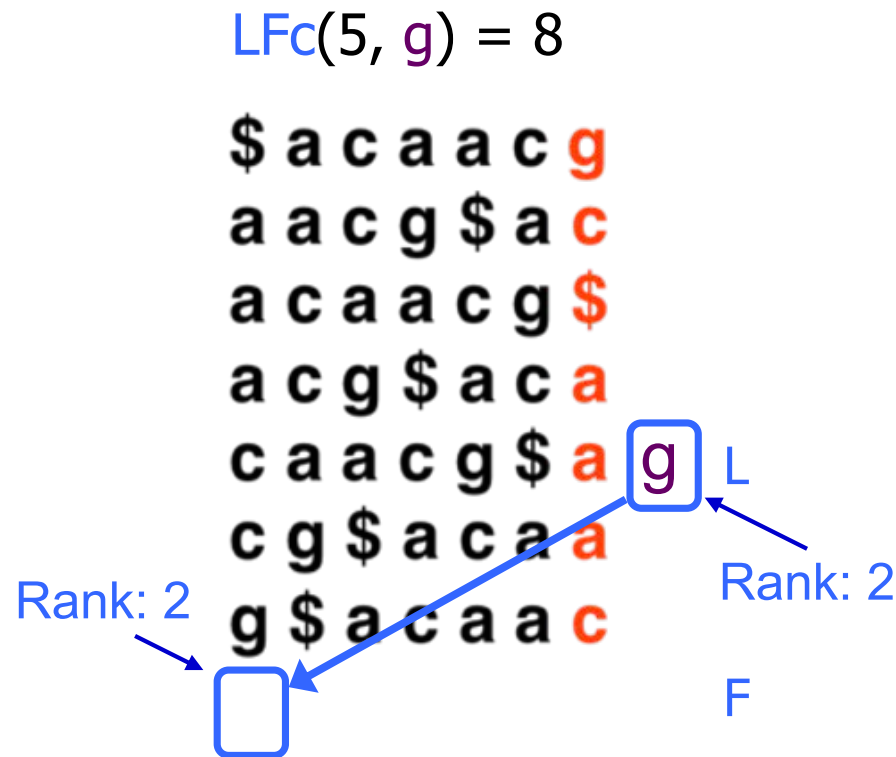
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BWT Exact Matching

- **LFc**(r, c) does the same thing as **LF**(r) but it ignores r's actual final character and "pretends" it's c:



BWT Exact Matching

- Start with a range, (**top**, **bot**) encompassing all rows and repeatedly apply **LFc**:

top = **LFc**(**top**, **qc**); **bot** = **LFc**(**bot**, **qc**)

qc = the next character to the left in the query



Ferragina P, Manzini G: Opportunistic data structures with applications. *FOCS. IEEE Computer Society; 2000.*

[Search for TTA this BWT string: ACTGA\$TTA]

In-exact alignment

- Where is GATTACA *approximately* in the human genome?
 - And how do we efficiently find them?
- It depends...
 - Define 'approximately'
 - Hamming Distance, Edit distance, or Sequence Similarity
 - Ungapped vs Gapped vs Affine Gaps
 - Global vs Local
 - All positions or the single 'best'?
 - Efficiency depends on the data characteristics & goals
 - Smith-Waterman: Exhaustive search for optimal alignments
 - BLAST: Hash-table based homology searches
 - Bowtie: BWT alignment for short read mapping

Searching for GATTACA

- Where is GATTACA *approximately* in the human genome?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	...
T	G	A	T	T	A	C	A	G	A	T	T	A	C	C	...
G	A	T	T	A	C	A									

Match Score: 1/7

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Match Score: 7/7

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Match Score: 1/7

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								G	A	T	T	A	C	A	

Match Score: 6/7 <- We may be very interested in these imperfect matches
Especially if there are no perfect end-to-end matches

Hamming Distance



- How many characters are different between the 2 strings?
 - Minimum number of substitutions required to change transform A into B
- Traditionally defined for end-to-end comparisons
 - Here end-to-end (global) for query, partial (local) for reference
- Find all occurrences of GATTACA with Hamming Distance ≤ 1
- Find all occurrences with minimal Hamming Distance
 - [What is the running time of a brute force approach?]

Edit Distance

		A	C	A	C	A	C	T	A
	<u>0</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	1	<u>0</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
G	2	<u>1</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C	3	2	<u>1</u>	2	2	3	4	5	6
A	4	3	2	<u>1</u>	2	2	3	4	5
C	5	4	3	2	<u>1</u>	2	2	3	4
A	6	5	4	3	2	<u>1</u>	2	3	3
C	7	6	5	4	3	2	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	3
A	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	<u>2</u>

$$D[AGCACACA, ACACACTA] = 2$$

AGCACAC-A

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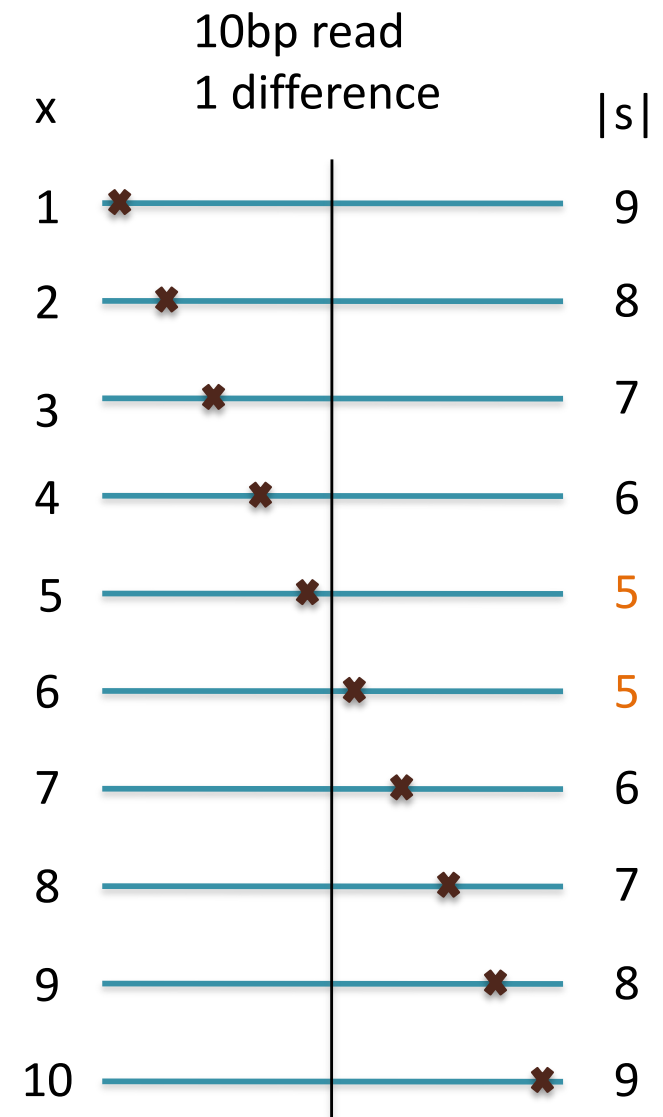
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[Can we do it any better?]

Seed-and-Extend Alignment

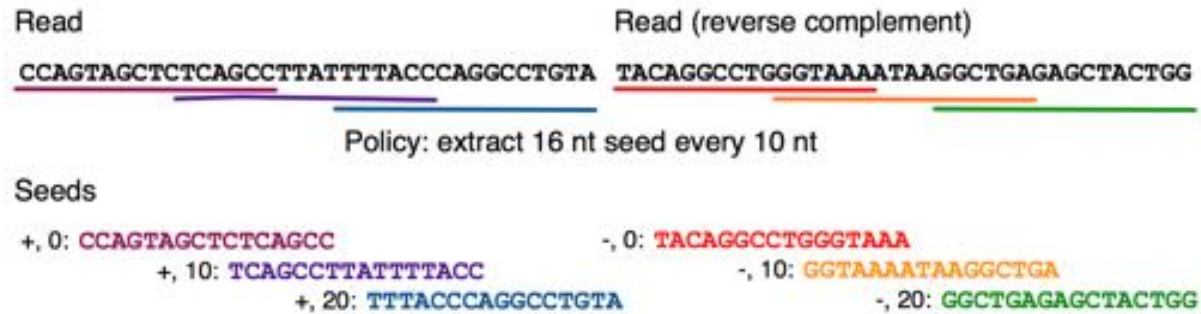
Theorem: An alignment of a sequence of length m with at most k differences **must** contain an exact match at least $s = m / (k + 1)$ bp long
(Baeza-Yates and Perleberg, 1996)

- Proof: Pigeonhole principle
 - 1 pigeon can't fill 2 holes
- Seed-and-extend search
 - Use an index to rapidly find short exact alignments to seed longer in-exact alignments
 - BLAST, MUMmer, Bowtie, BWA, SOAP, ...
 - Specificity of the depends on seed length
 - Guaranteed sensitivity for k differences
 - Also finds some (but not all) lower quality alignments <- heuristic

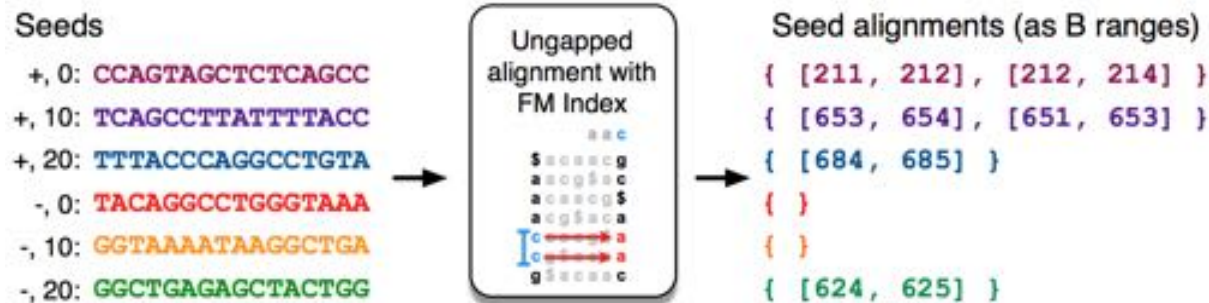


Algorithm Overview

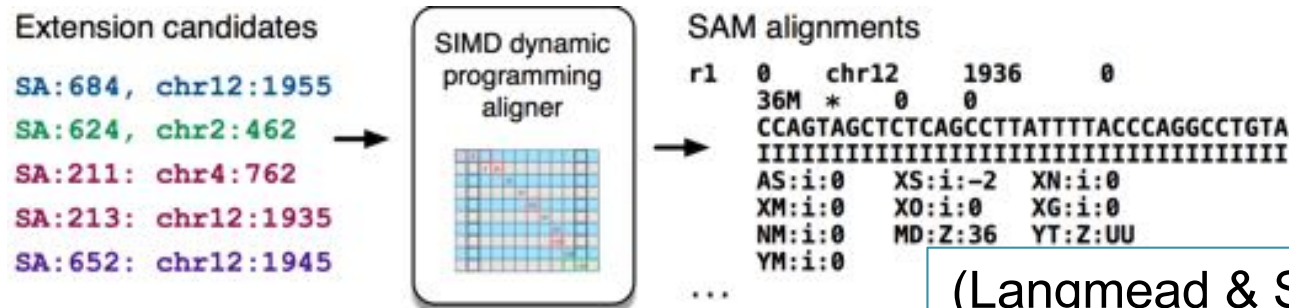
1. Split read into segments



2. Lookup each segment and prioritize



3. Evaluate end-to-end match



(Langmead & Salzberg, 2012)

Variant Calling Overview

