

Genome Assembly

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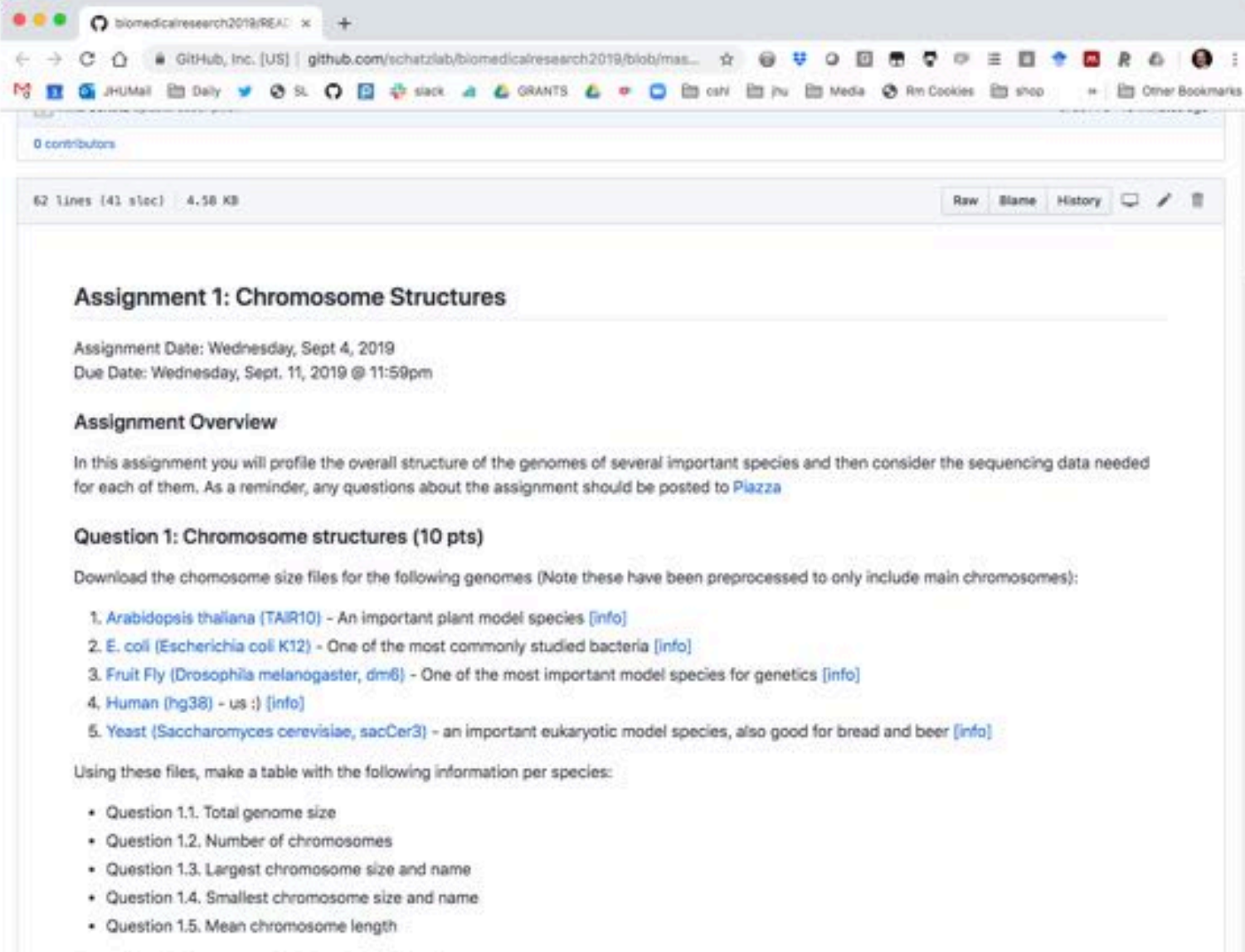
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Lecture 3: Computational Biomedical Research



Assignment I: Chromosome Structures

Due Wed Sept 11 @ 11:59pm



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a GitHub repository page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: github.com/schatzlab/biomedicalresearch2019/blob/master/REAL. The page content includes the following sections:

Assignment 1: Chromosome Structures

Assignment Date: Wednesday, Sept 4, 2019
Due Date: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 @ 11:59pm

Assignment Overview

In this assignment you will profile the overall structure of the genomes of several important species and then consider the sequencing data needed for each of them. As a reminder, any questions about the assignment should be posted to [Piazza](#)

Question 1: Chromosome structures (10 pts)

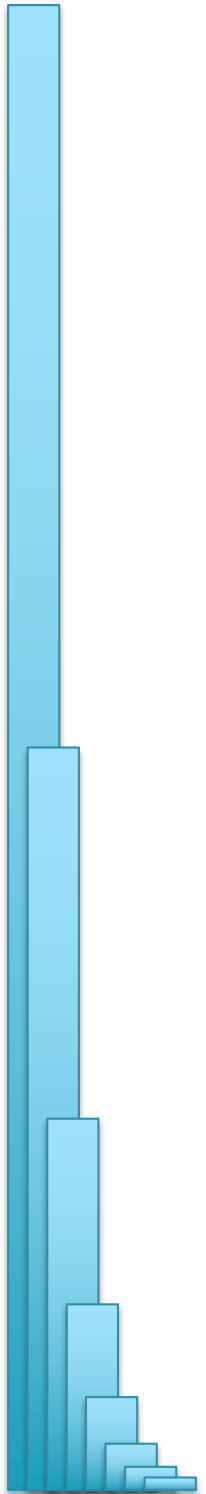
Download the chromosome size files for the following genomes (Note these have been preprocessed to only include main chromosomes):

1. *Arabidopsis thaliana* (TAIR10) - An important plant model species [\[info\]](#)
2. *E. coli* (*Escherichia coli* K12) - One of the most commonly studied bacteria [\[info\]](#)
3. Fruit Fly (*Drosophila melanogaster*, dm6) - One of the most important model species for genetics [\[info\]](#)
4. Human (hg38) - us :) [\[info\]](#)
5. Yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, sacCer3) - an important eukaryotic model species, also good for bread and beer [\[info\]](#)

Using these files, make a table with the following information per species:

- Question 1.1. Total genome size
- Question 1.2. Number of chromosomes
- Question 1.3. Largest chromosome size and name
- Question 1.4. Smallest chromosome size and name
- Question 1.5. Mean chromosome length

<https://github.com/schatzlab/biomedicalresearch2019>



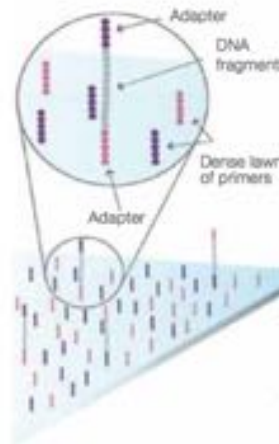
Part I: Recap

Second Generation Sequencing

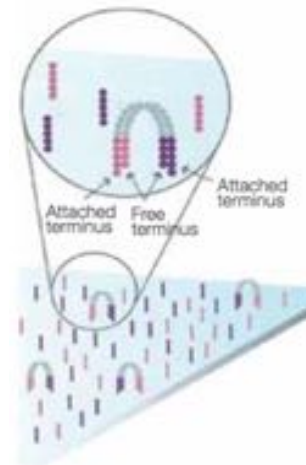


Illumina NovaSeq 6000
Sequencing by Synthesis

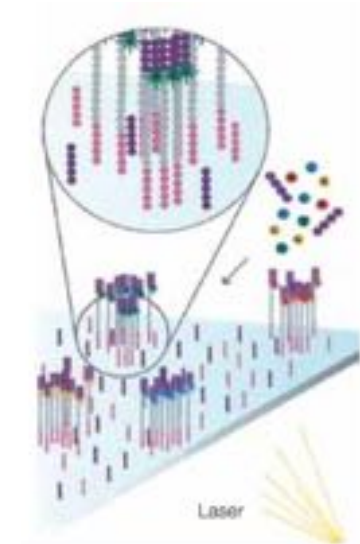
>3Tbp / day



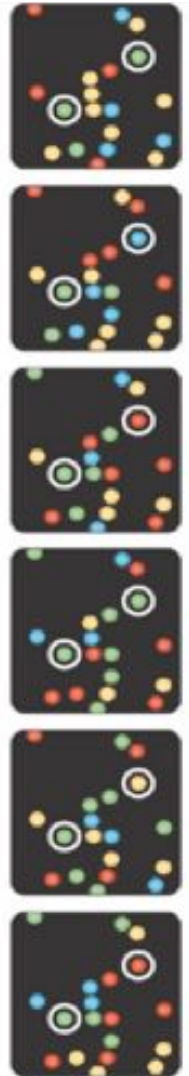
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2. Amplify

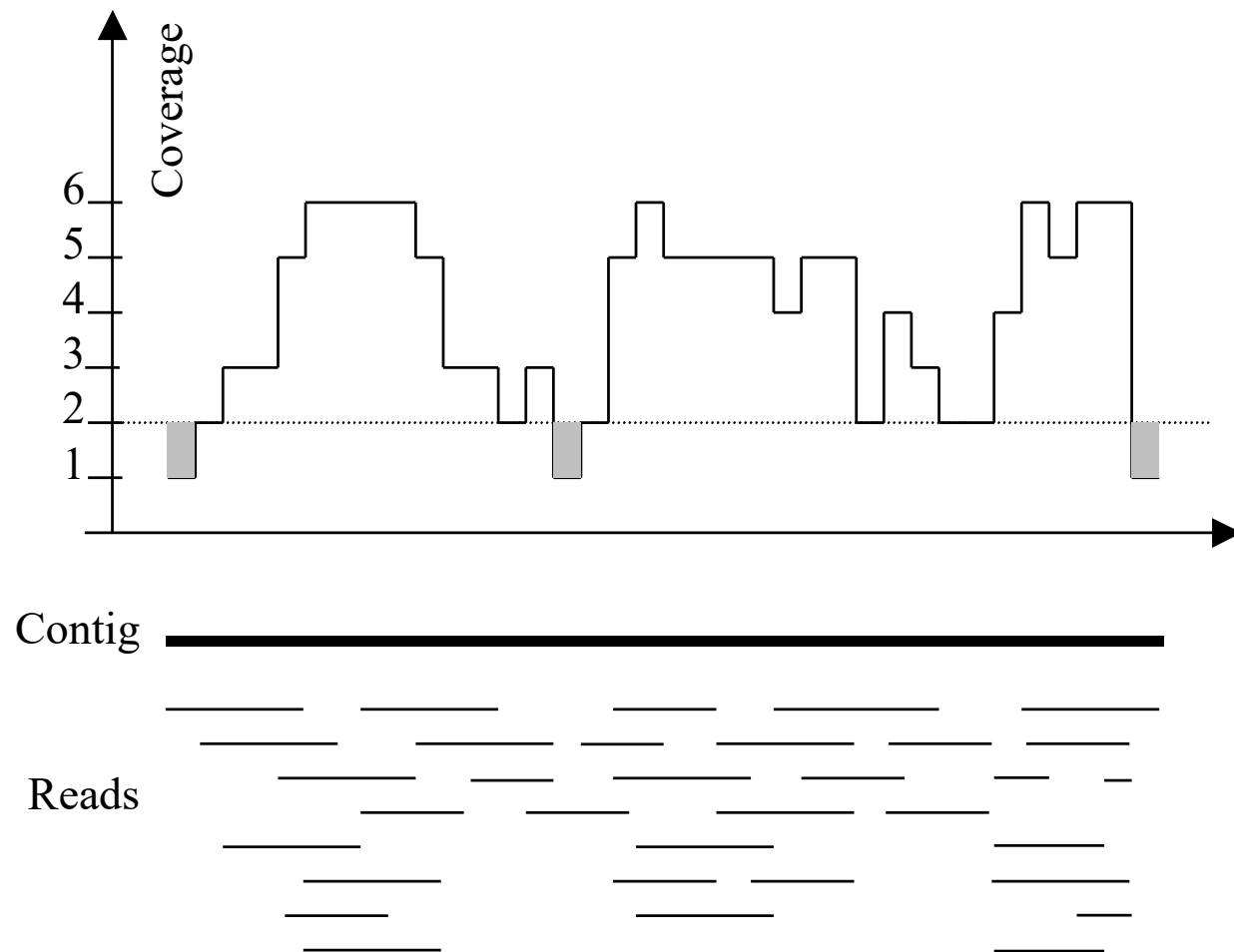


3. Image



Metzker (2010) Nature Reviews Genetics 11:31-46
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Typical sequencing coverage

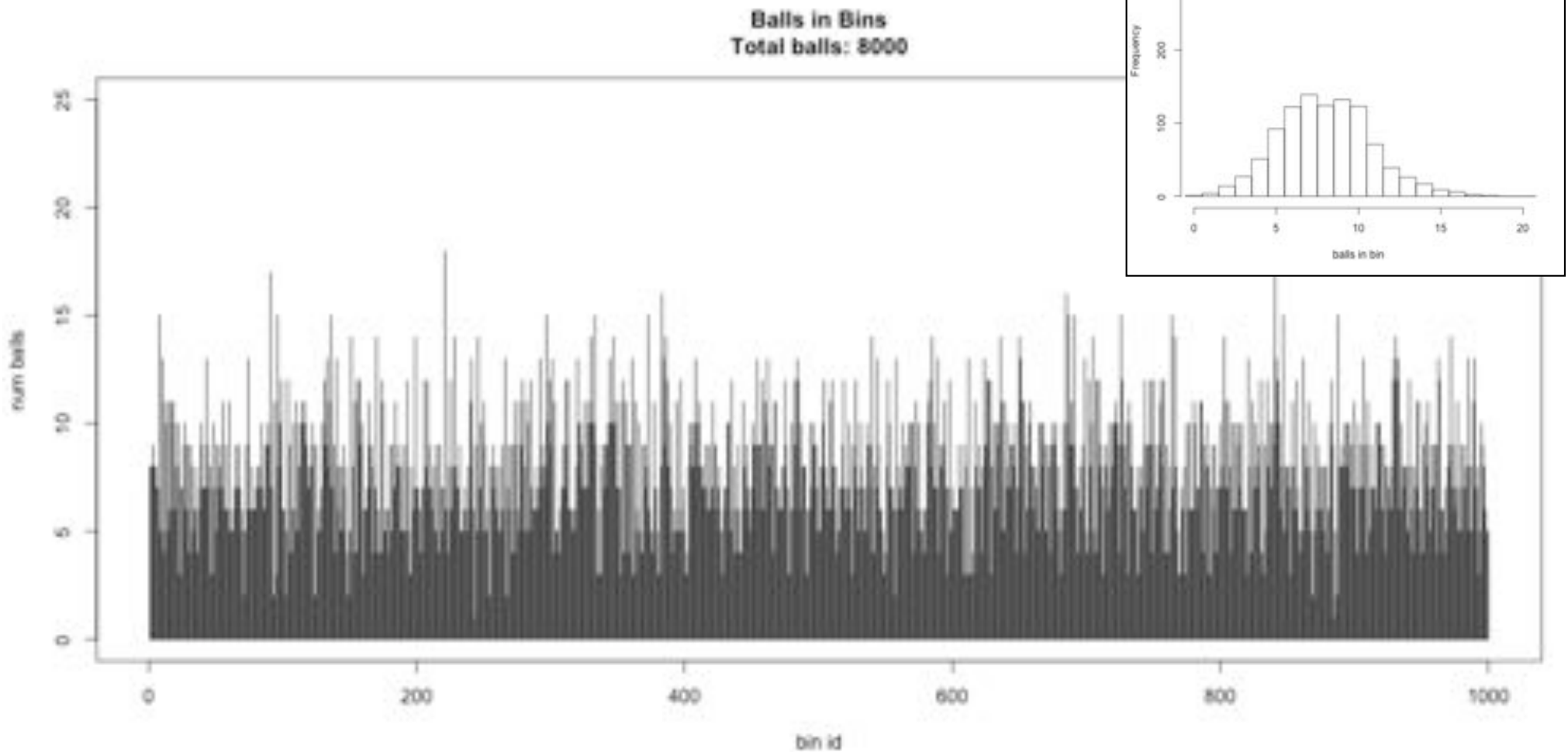


Imagine raindrops on a sidewalk

We want to cover the entire sidewalk but each drop costs \$1

If the genome is 10 Mbp, should we sequence 100k 100bp reads?

8x sequencing



Poisson Distribution

The probability of a given number of events occurring in a fixed interval of time and/or space if these events occur with a known average rate and independently of the time since the last event.

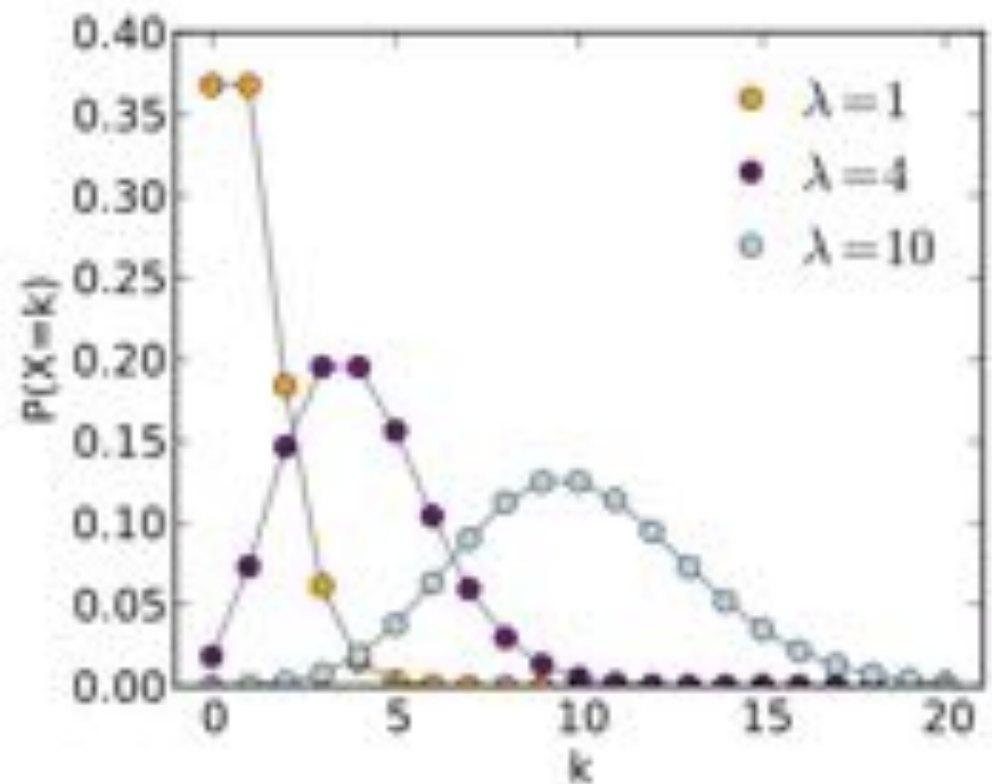
Formulation comes from the limit of the binomial equation

Resembles a normal distribution, but over the positive values, and with only a single parameter.

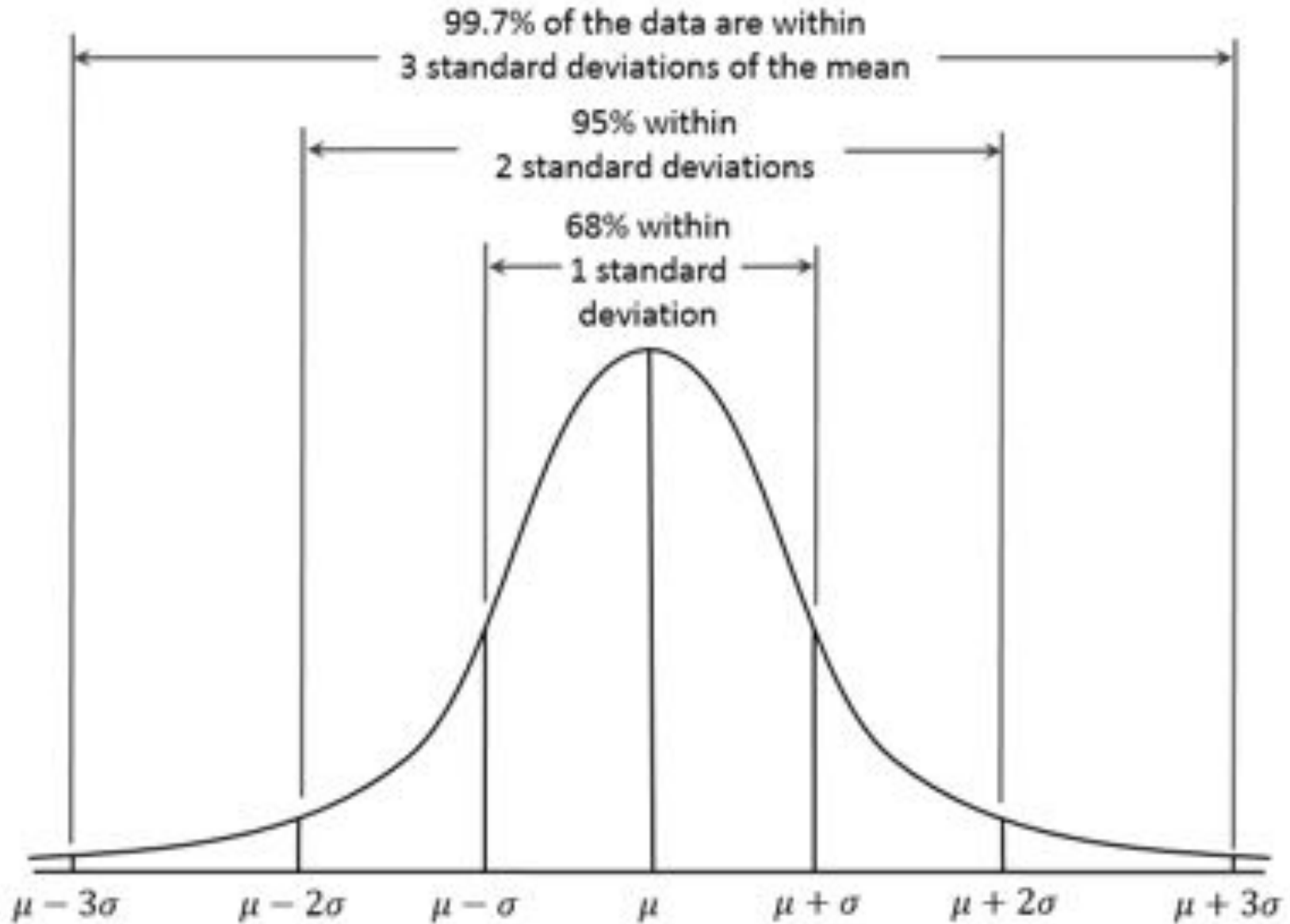
Key properties:

- ***The standard deviation is the square root of the mean.***
- ***For mean > 5, well approximated by a normal distribution***

$$P(k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}$$



Normal Approximation



Can estimate Poisson distribution as a normal distribution when $\lambda > 10$

Pop Quiz!

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I want to sequence a 10Mbp genome so that
>97.5% of the genome has at least 24x coverage.
How many 120bp reads do I need?

Find X such that $X - 2 \times \sqrt{X} = 24$

$$36 - 2 \times \sqrt{36} = 24$$

I need $10\text{Mbp} \times 36x = 360\text{Mbp}$ of data
 $360\text{Mbp} / 120\text{bp} / \text{read} = 3\text{M}$ reads

Illumina Sequencing Summary

Advantages:

- Best throughput, accuracy and read length for any 2nd gen. sequencer
- Fast & robust library preparation

Disadvantages:

- Inherent limits to read length (practically, 150bp)
- Some runs are error prone
- Requires amplification, sequences a population of molecules



Illumina HiSeq

~3 billion paired 100bp reads
~600Gb, \$10K, 8 days
(or “rapid run” ~90Gb in 1-2 days)

Illumina X Ten

~6 billion paired 150bp reads
1.8Tb, <3 days, ~1000 / genome(\$\$)
(or “rapid run” ~90Gb in 1-2 days)

Illumina NextSeq

One human genome in **<30 hours**

Market Summary > Illumina, Inc.
NASDAQ: ILMN

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270.46 USD -10.89 (3.87%) ↓

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1 day

5 days

1 month

6 months

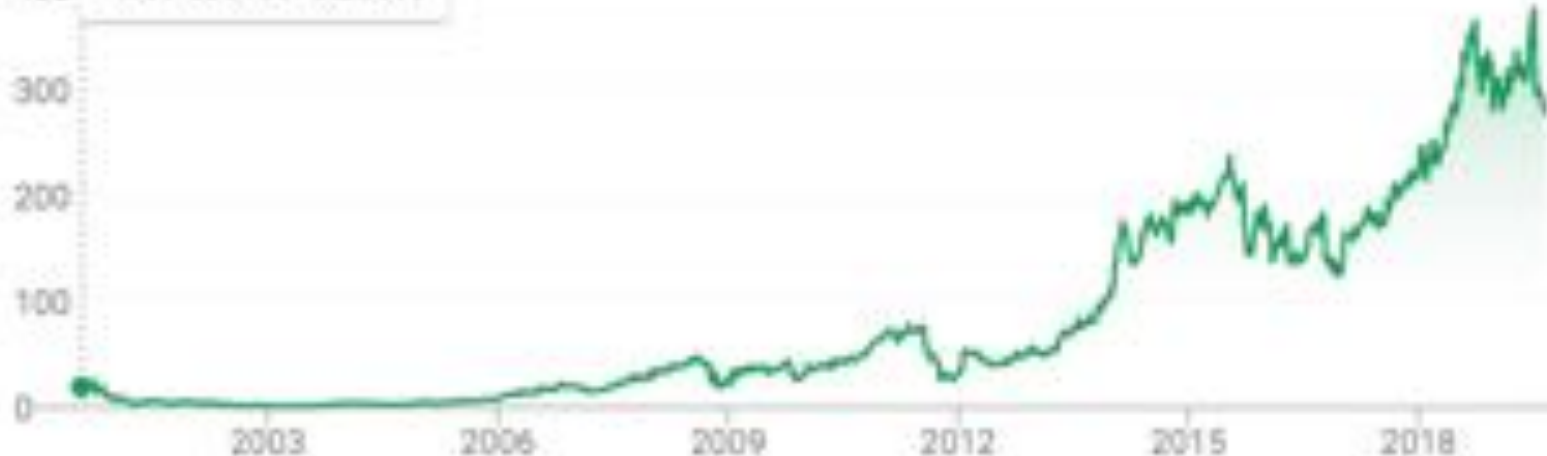
YTD

1 year

5 years

Max

400 19.58 USD Jul 28, 2000



Open	279.88
High	280.36
Low	270.24
Mkt cap	39.78B
P/E ratio	43.17

Div yield	-
Prev close	281.34
52-wk high	380.76
52-wk low	268.62

→ [Financial news, comparisons and more](#)



Part 2: De novo genome assembly

Shredded Book Reconstruction

- Dickens accidentally shreds the first printing of A Tale of Two Cities
 - Text printed on 5 long spools

It was the best of times, it was the worst	of times, it was the	age of wisdom, it was the	age of foolishness, ...
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- How can he reconstruct the text?
 - $5 \text{ copies} \times 138,656 \text{ words} / 5 \text{ words per fragment} = 138\text{k fragments}$
 - The short fragments from every copy are mixed together
 - Some fragments are identical

Greedy Reconstruction

It was the best of
age of wisdom, it was
best of times, it was
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times, it was the age
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was the age of foolishness,
was the best of times,
was the worst of times,
wisdom, it was the age
worst of times, it was

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times, it was the age

The repeated sequence make the correct reconstruction ambiguous

- It was the best of times, it was the [worst/age]

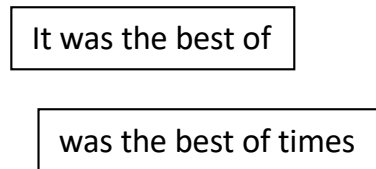
Model the assembly problem as a graph problem

How long will it take to compute the overlaps?

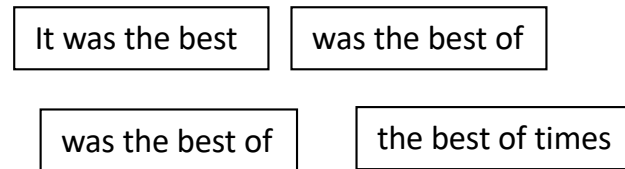
de Bruijn Graph Construction

- $G_k = (V, E)$
 - V = Length- k sub-fragments
 - E = Directed edges between consecutive sub-fragments
 - Sub-fragments overlap by $k-1$ words

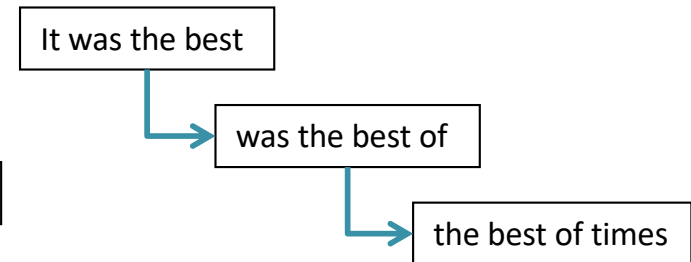
Fragments $|f|=5$



Sub-fragment $k=4$

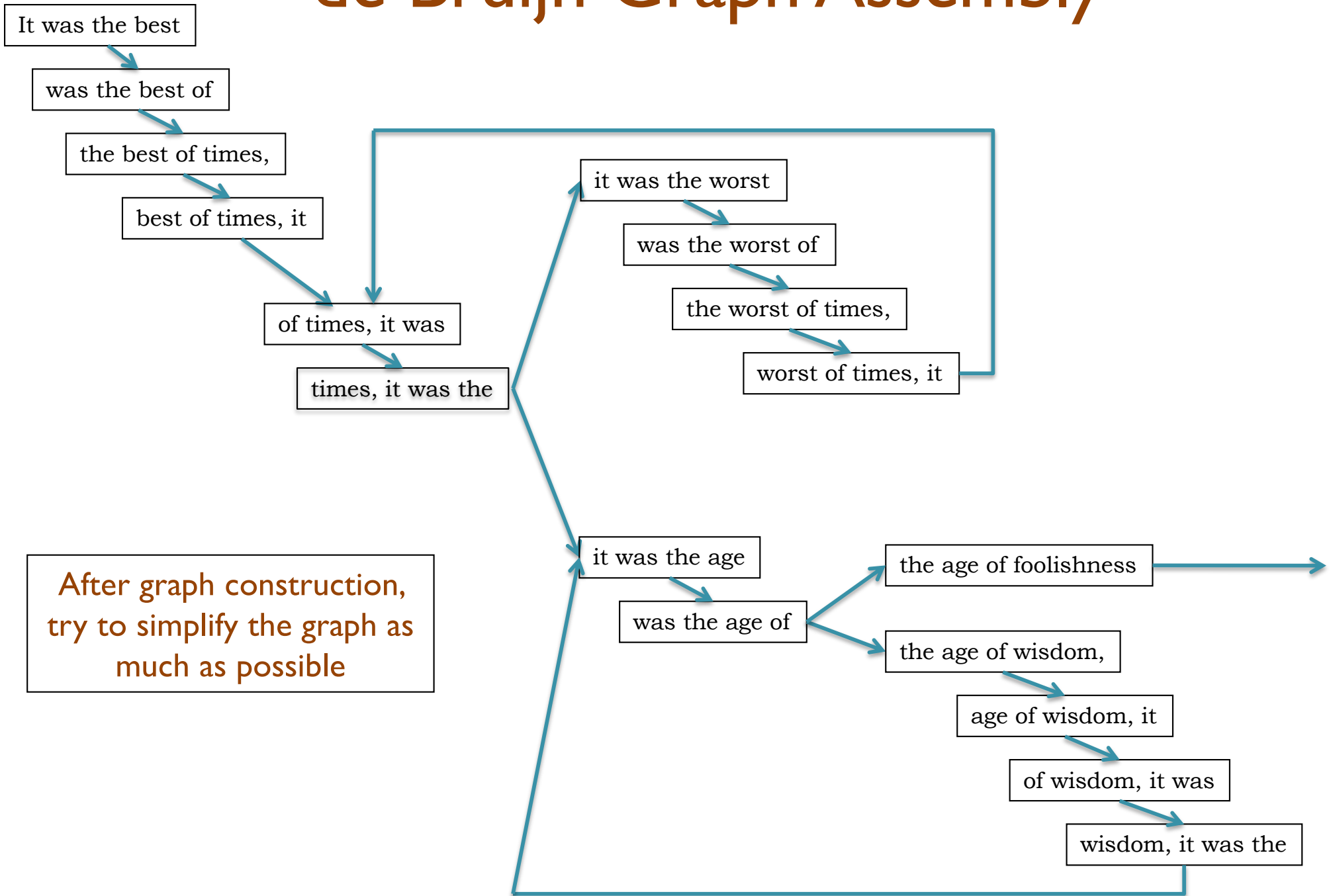


Directed edges (overlap by $k-1$)

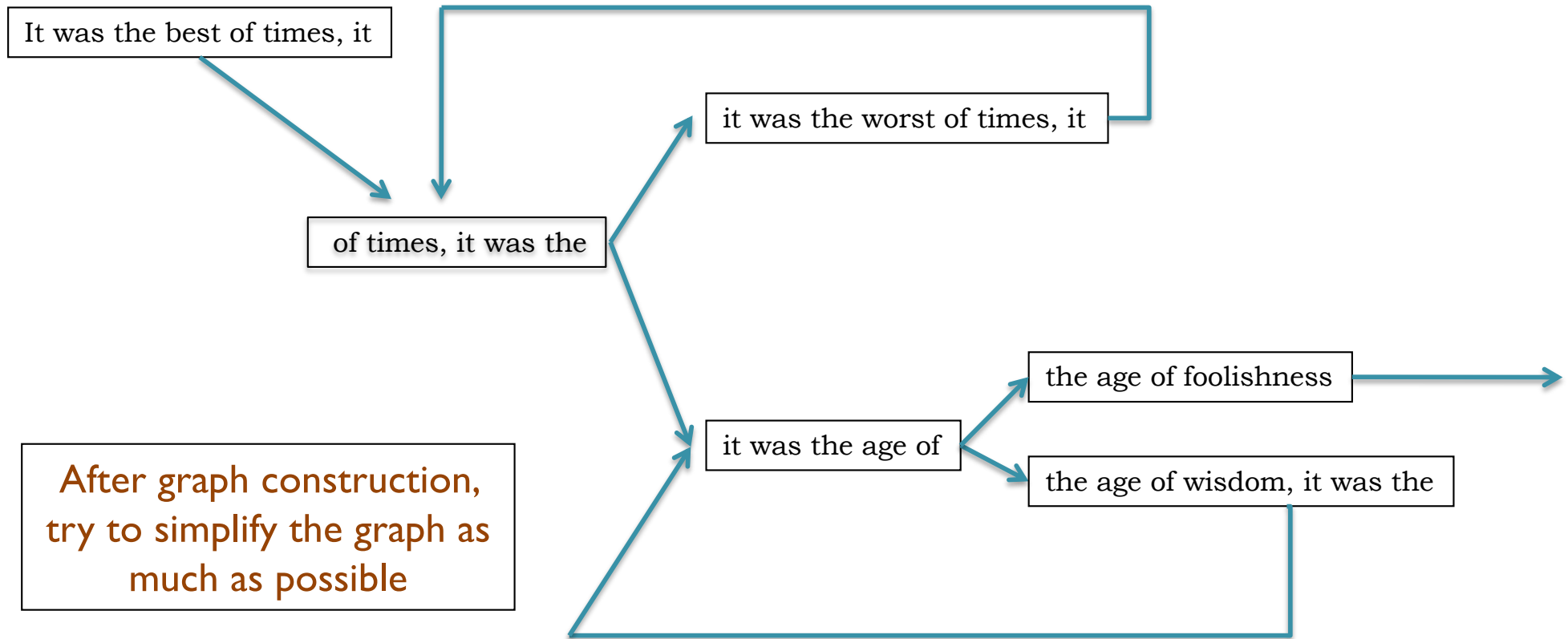


– Overlaps between fragments are implicitly computed

de Bruijn Graph Assembly



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The full tale

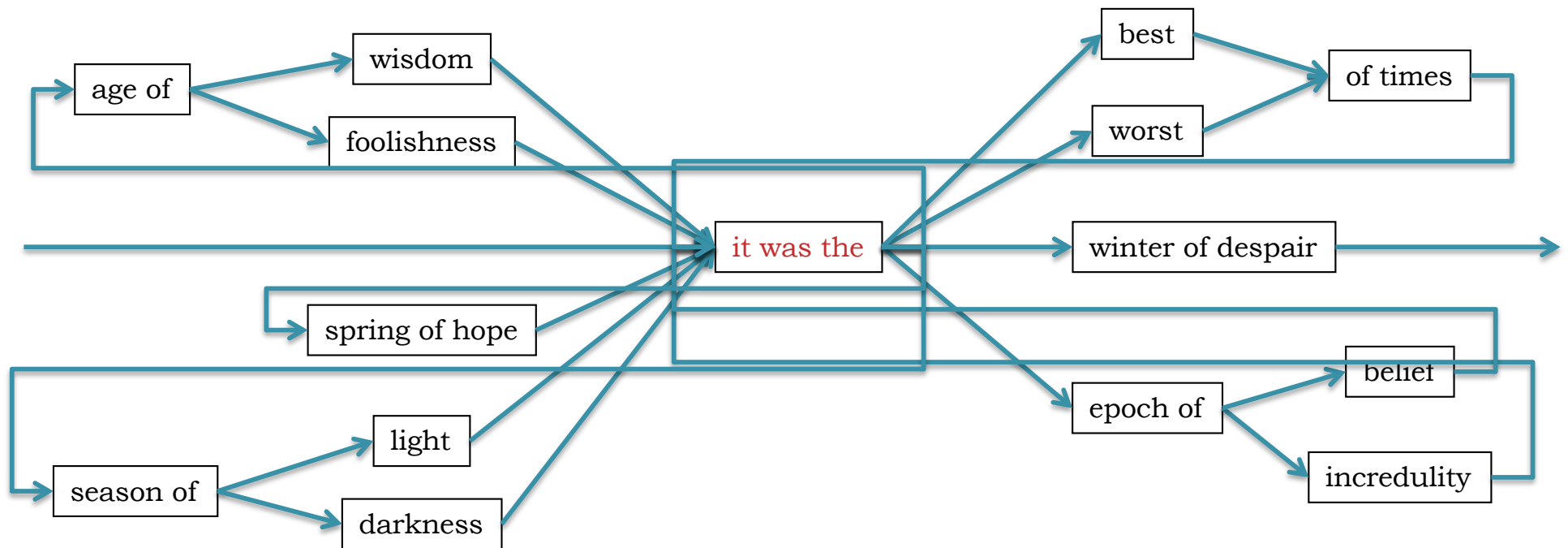
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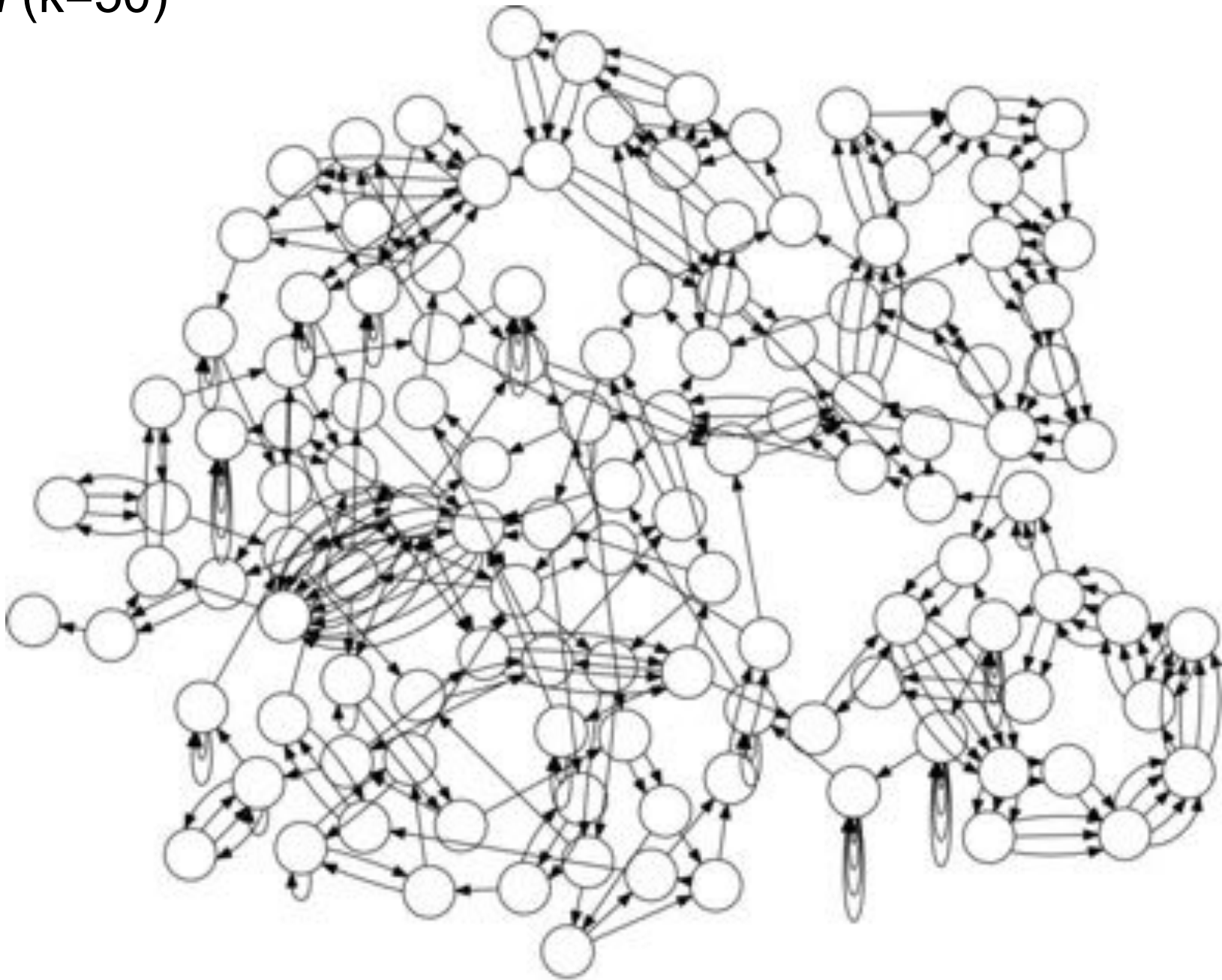
... it was the epoch of belief it was the epoch of incredulity ...

... it was the season of light it was the season of darkness ...

... it was the spring of hope it was the winder of despair ...



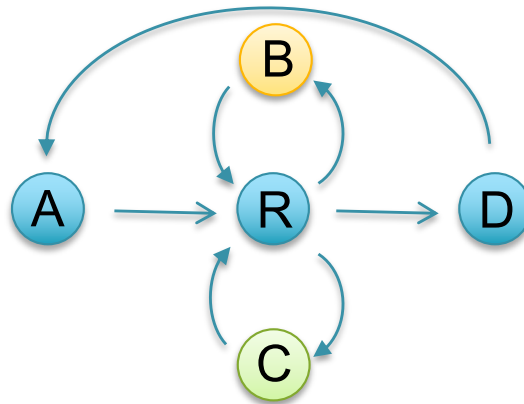
E. coli (k=50)



Reducing assembly complexity of microbial genomes with single-molecule sequencing

Koren et al (2013) Genome Biology. **14**:R101 <https://doi.org/10.1186/gb-2013-14-9-r101>

Counting Eulerian Cycles



AR^BRC^RRD
or
ARC^RRB^RRD

Generally an exponential number of compatible sequences

- Value computed by application of the BEST theorem (Hutchinson, 1975)

$$\mathcal{W}(G, t) = (\det L) \left\{ \prod_{u \in V} (r_u - 1)! \right\} \left\{ \prod_{(u,v) \in E} a_{uv}! \right\}^{-1}$$

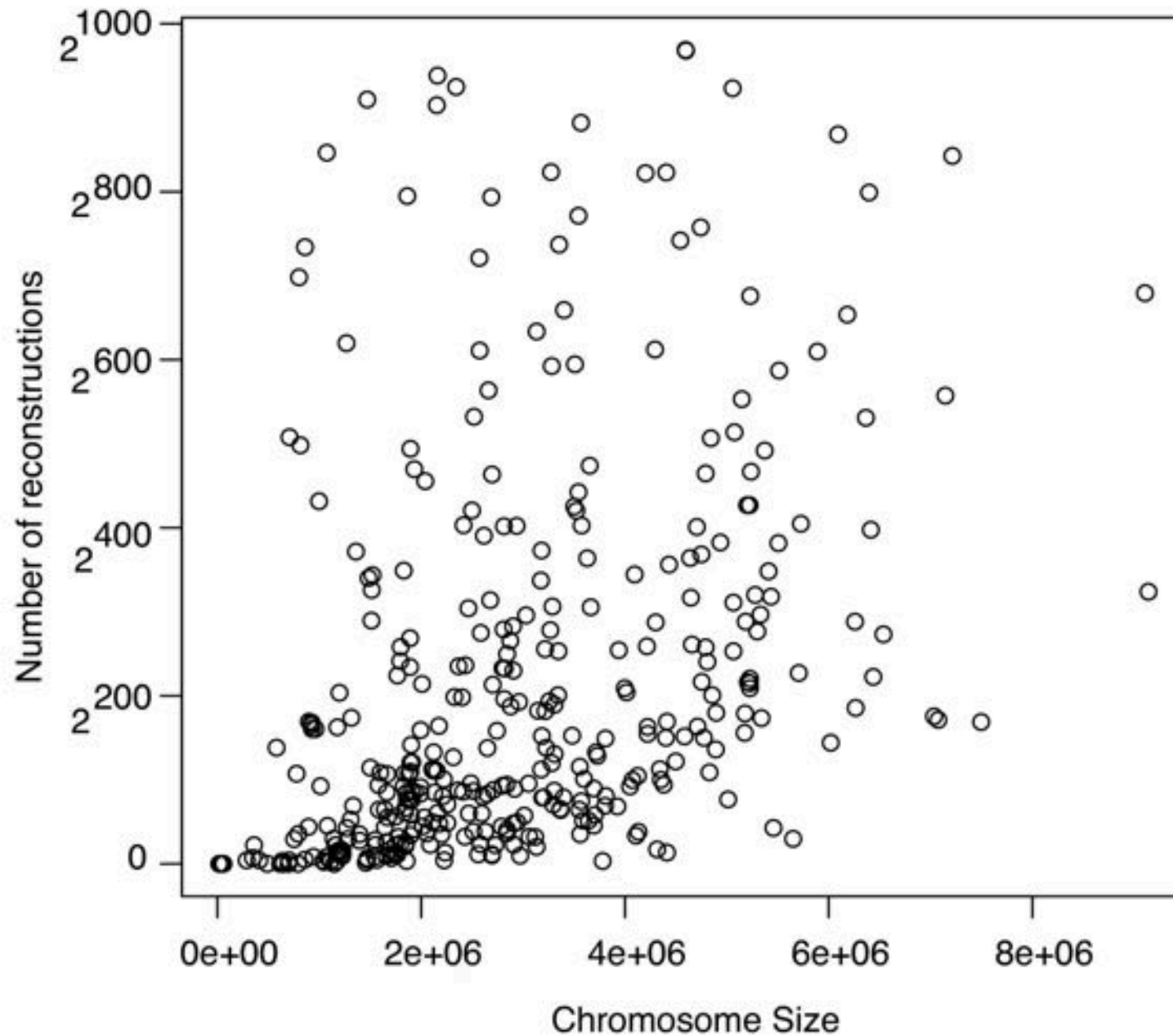
$L = n \times n$ matrix with $r_u - a_{uu}$ along the diagonal and $-a_{uv}$ in entry uv

$r_u = d^+(u) + 1$ if $u=t$, or $d^+(u)$ otherwise

a_{uv} = multiplicity of edge from u to v

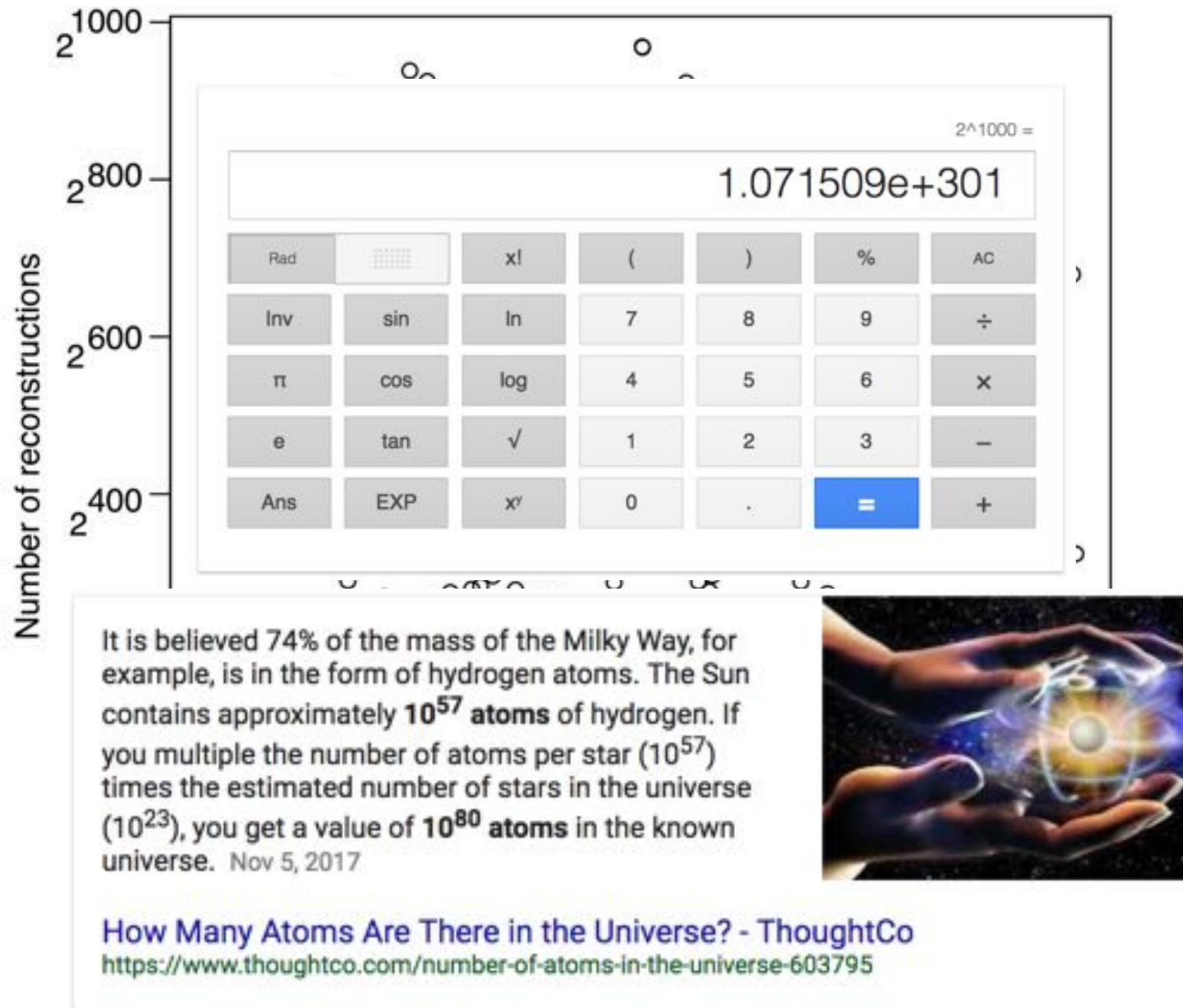
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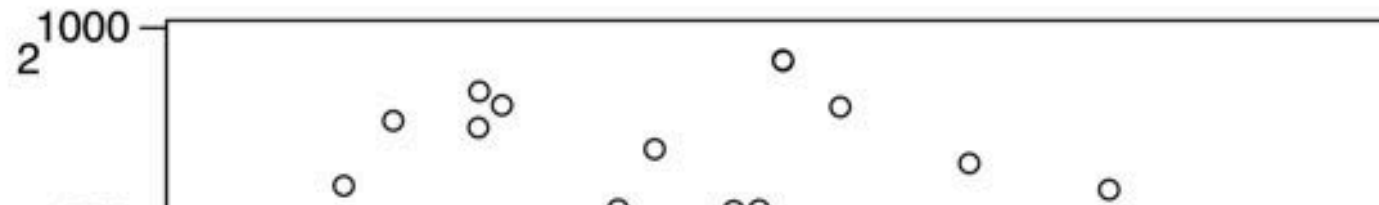
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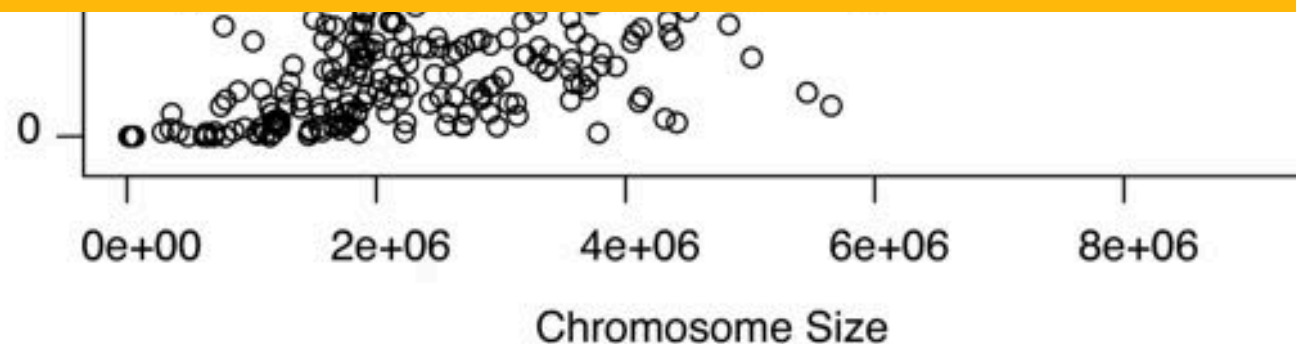


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- ***Finding possible assemblies is easy!***
- ***However, there is an astronomical genomical number of possible paths!***
- ***Hopeless to figure out the whole genome/chromosome, figure out the parts that you can***



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Contig N50

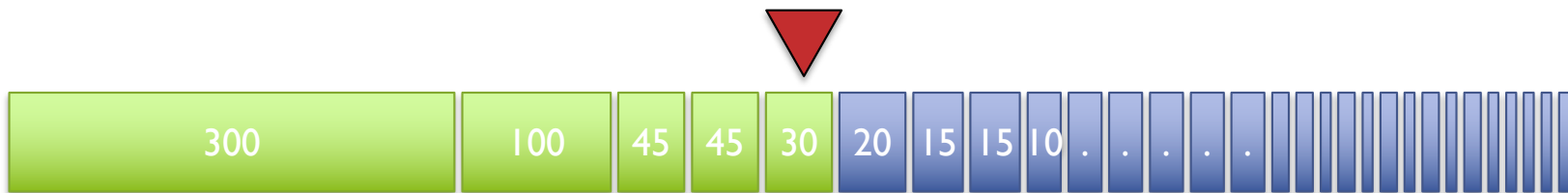
Def: 50% of the genome is in contigs as large as the N50 value

Example: 1 Mbp genome

50%

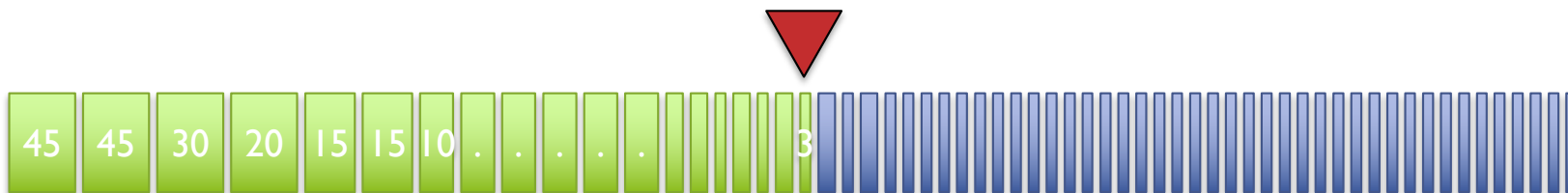


A



N50 size = 30 kbp

B



N50 size = 3 kbp

Contig N50

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50%

Better N50s improves the analysis in every dimension

- Better resolution of genes and flanking regulatory regions
- Better resolution of transposons and other complex sequences
- Better resolution of chromosome organization
- Better sequence for all downstream analysis

Just be careful of N50 inflation!

- *A very very very bad assembler in 1 line of bash:*
- *cat *.reads.fa > genome.fa*

N50 size = 3 kbp

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GATT

TACA

TTAC

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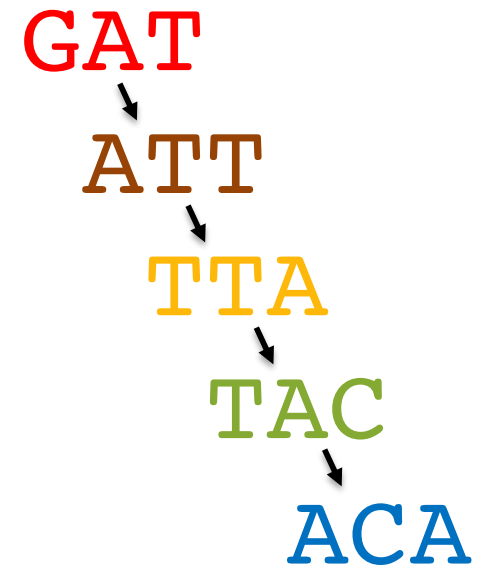
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ACGT

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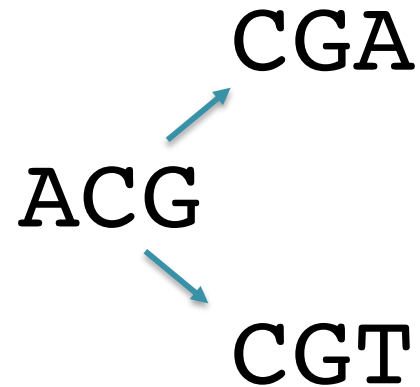
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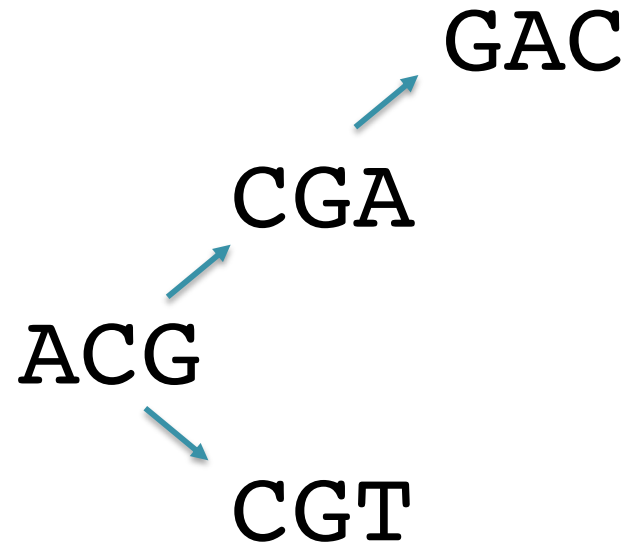
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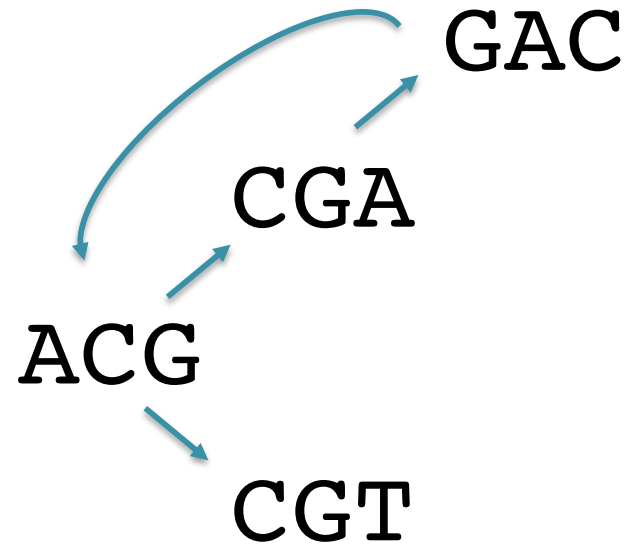
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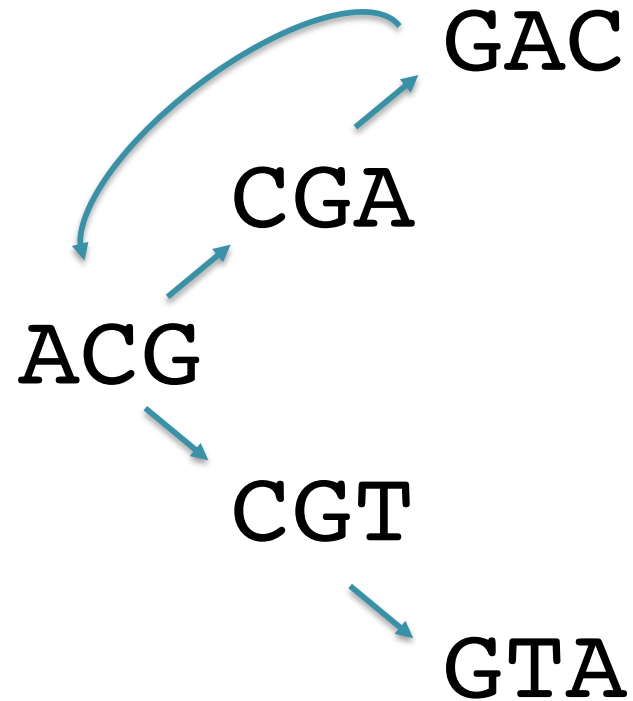
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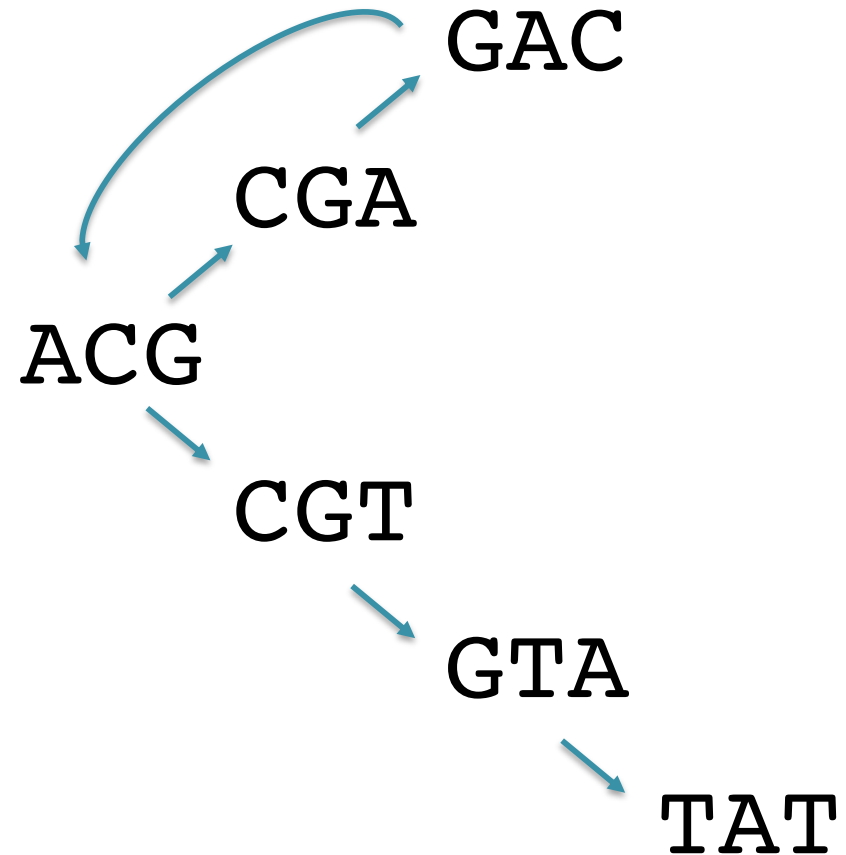
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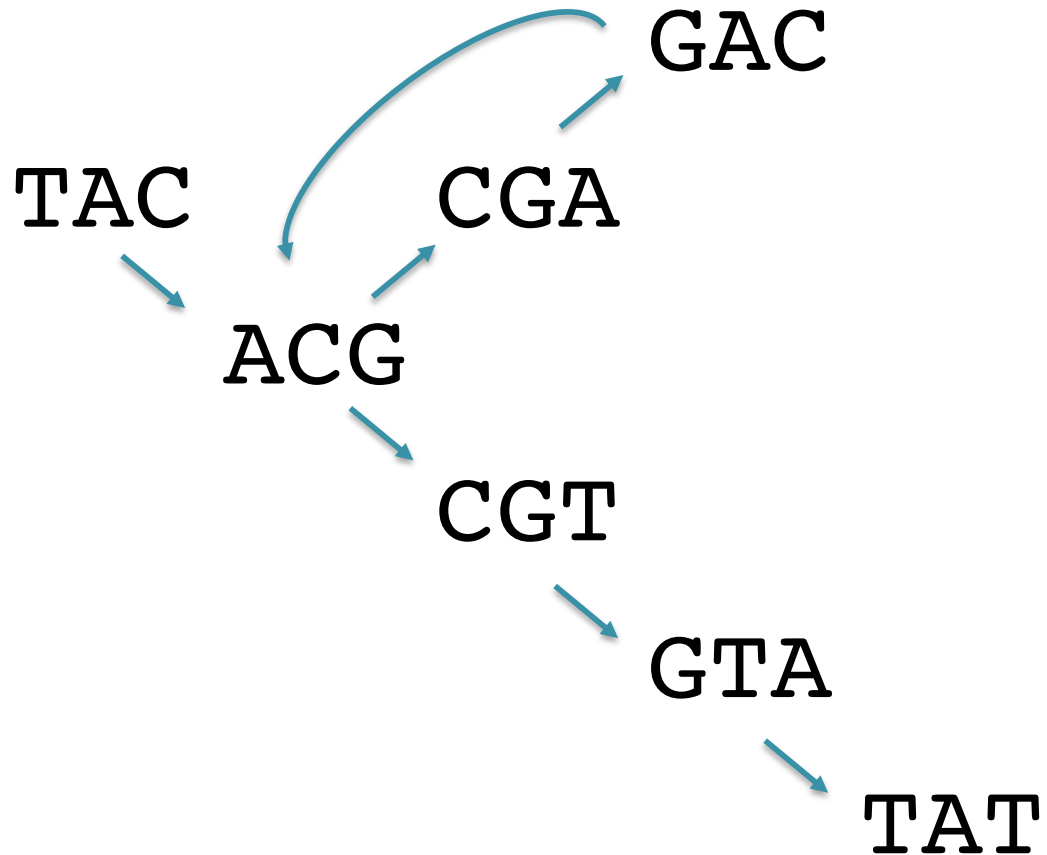
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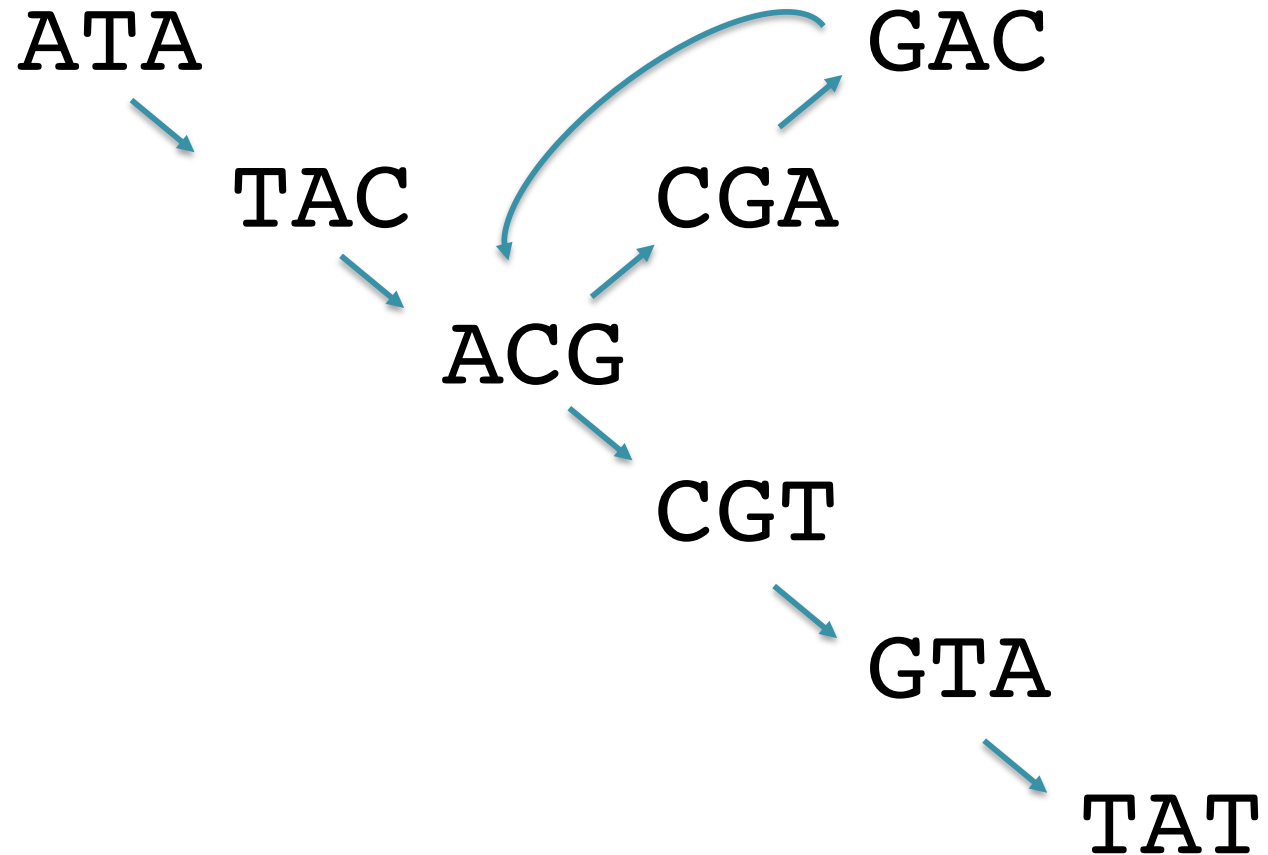
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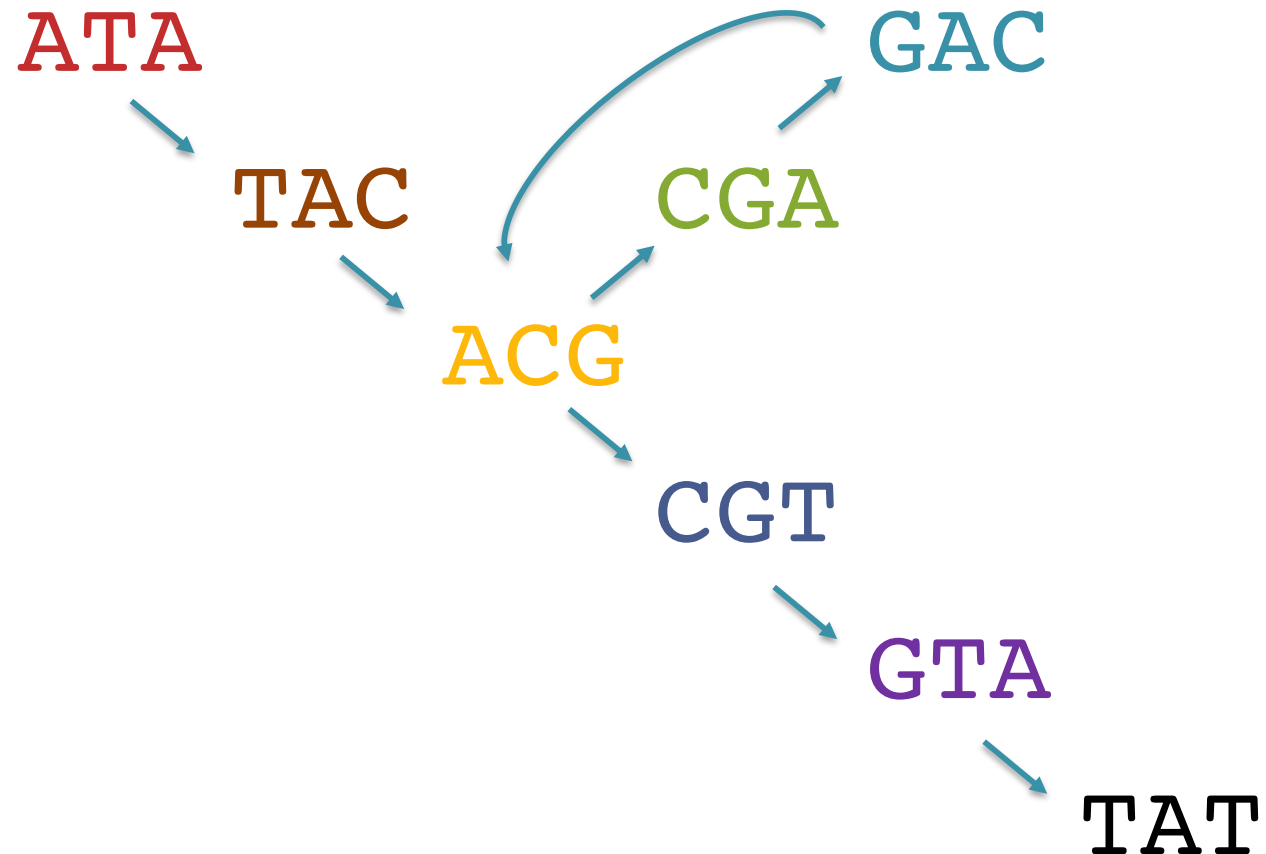
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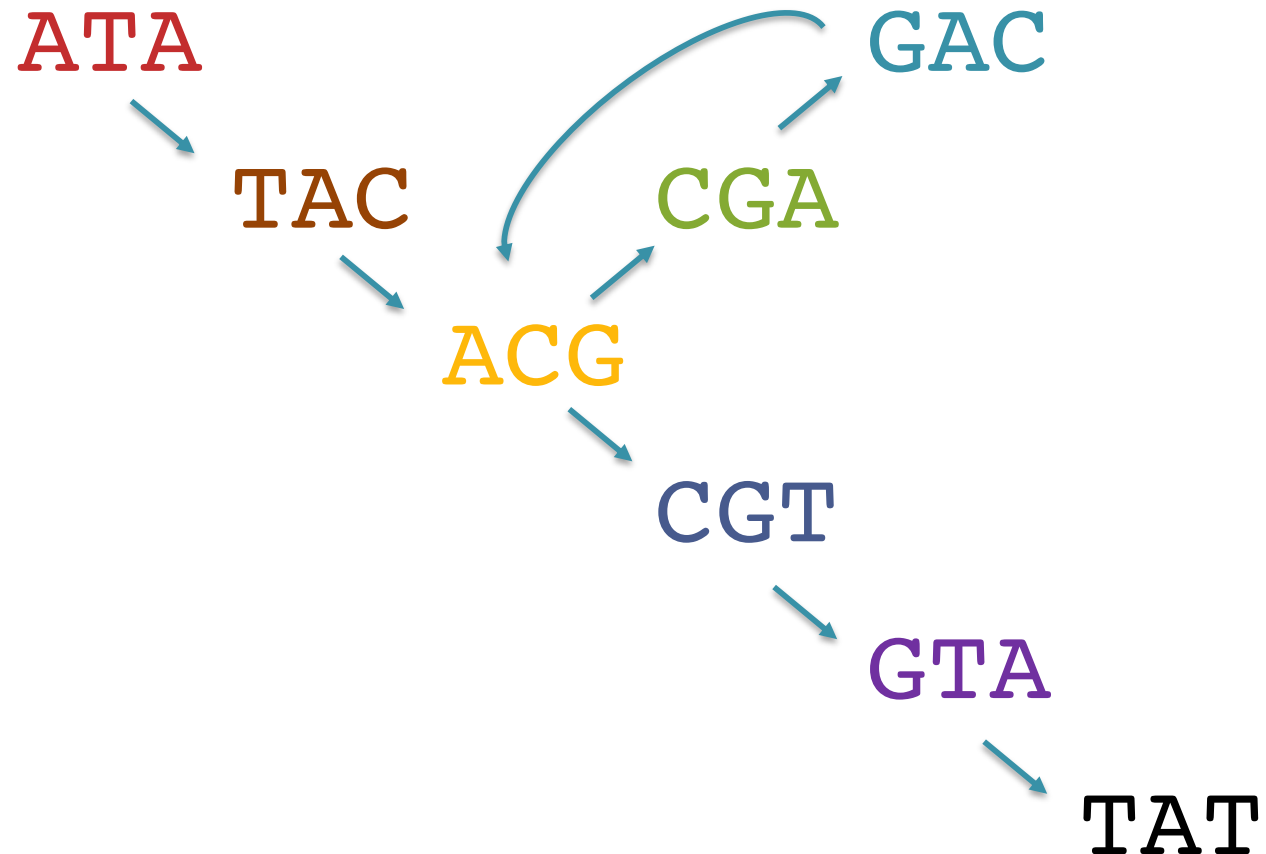


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Whats another possible genome?

ATACGACGTAT



Titus Brown

@ctitusbrown

Following



Wow, this could double as life philosophy, too!

Michael Schatz @mike_schatz

Replying to @ZaminIqbal @nomad421 and 4 others

Yep, very easy to find *a* path, very hard to find *the* path

11:40 AM - 22 Jan 2018

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Next Steps

1. Reflect on the magic and power of DNA ☺
2. Check out the course webpage
3. Register on Piazza & GradeScope
4. Work on Assignment I
 1. Set up Dropbox for yourself!
 2. Get comfortable on the command line