

# Practical Bioinformatics

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dictionary = {"A": "T", "T": "A", "G": "C", "C": "G"}  
dictionary["G"]  
dictionary["N"] = "N"  
dictionary.has_key("C")
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geneticCode = {"TTT": "F", "TTC": "F", "TTA": "L", "TTG": "L",  
              "CTT": "L", "CTC": "L", "CTA": "L", "CTG": "L",  
              "ATT": "I", "ATC": "I", "ATA": "I", "ATG": "M",  
              "GTT": "V", "GTC": "V", "GTA": "V", "GTG": "V",  
  
              "TCT": "S", "TCC": "S", "TCA": "S", "TCG": "S",  
              "CCT": "P", "CCC": "P", "CCA": "P", "CCG": "P",  
              "ACT": "T", "ACC": "T", "ACA": "T", "ACG": "T",  
              "GCT": "A", "GCC": "A", "GCA": "A", "GCG": "A",  
  
              "TAT": "Y", "TAC": "Y", "TAA": " *", "TAG": " *",  
              "CAT": "H", "CAC": "H", "CAA": "Q", "CAG": "Q",  
              "AAT": "N", "AAC": "N", "AAA": "K", "AAG": "K",  
              "GAT": "D", "GAC": "D", "GAA": "E", "GAG": "E",  
  
              "TGT": "C", "TGC": "C", "TGA": " *", "TGG": "W",  
              "CGT": "R", "CGC": "R", "CGA": "R", "CGG": "R",  
              "AGT": "S", "AGC": "S", "AGA": "R", "AGG": "R",  
              "GGT": "G", "GGC": "G", "GGA": "G", "GGG": "G" }
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# Exercise: Transforming sequences

- 1 Write a function to return the antisense strand of a DNA sequence in 3'→5' orientation.
- 2 Write a function to return the complement of a DNA sequence in 5'→3' orientation.
- 3 Write a function to translate a DNA sequence

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- To find genes with a common ancestor
- To infer conserved molecular mechanism and biological function
- To find short functional motifs
- To find repetitive elements within a sequence
- To predict cross-hybridizing sequences (e.g., in RNAi or CRISPR design)
- To find genomic origin of imperfectly sequenced or spliced fragments (e.g., in deep sequencing experiments)
- To predict nucleotide secondary structure

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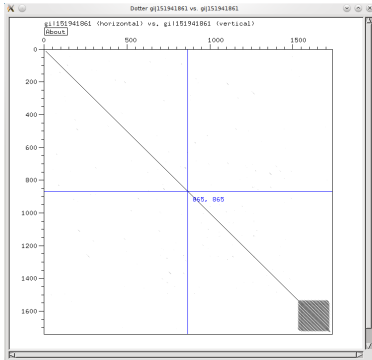
**Onologs** homologs arising from whole genome duplication.

# Types of alignments

**Global Alignment** Each letter of each sequence is aligned to a letter or a gap (e.g., Needleman-Wunsch)

**Local Alignment** An optimal pair of subsequences is taken from the two sequences and globally aligned (e.g., Smith-Waterman)

# Dotplots



- 1 Unbiased view of all ungapped alignments of two sequences
- 2 Noise can be filtered by applying a smoothing window to the diagonals.

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- 2 Given two sequences and a scoring matrix, find the offset that yields the best scoring ungapped alignment.

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- 2 Write a new scoring function with separate penalties for opening a zero length gap (e.g.,  $G = -11$ ) and extending an open gap by one base (e.g.,  $E = -1$ ).

$$S_{gapped}(x, y) = S(x, y) + \sum_i^{gaps} (G + E * len(i))$$