

Class 17: Structure Prediction (2)

Held: Thursday, 27 October 2011

Summary: We ground our understanding of structure prediction by implementing the standard Chou-Fasman algorithm.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.

Overview:

- Discussion: Picking independent projects.
- Programming project: 7.5: Chou-Fasman.

Independent Projects

- The last quarter or so of the semester is devoted to independent projects.
- What is an independent project?
 - A group of students (mixed Bio/Non-bio) design and explore a problem in bioinformatics,
- What do we mean by explore?
 - Identify and gather an appropriate set of data
 - Identify and use existing tools to explore those data
 - Build at least one program that will aid in your analysis
 - Write a paper that summarizes your results
- What kinds of projects might you do?
 - You could extend one of the algorithms we discussed in class
 - Implement your own version of BLAST
 - Produce a new data set for and improved implementation of Chou-Fasman
 - Implement the Kellis algorithm and use it on a different set of data
 - You could delve more deeply into data sets from one of our papers
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- Timetable
 - Thursday, 12 November: Turn in project proposals
 - Tuesday, 17 November: Turn in peer reviews of project proposals
 - Thursday, 19 November: Short (five minute) overviews of proposals for visitor
 - Tuesday, 24 November, In-class time for working on projects
 - Thursday, 26 November, *Thanksgiving*
 - Tuesday, 1 December, In-class time for working on projects
- Thursday, 3 December, Presentations (about fifteen minutes per group)

Programming Project for Chapter 7

- This programming project is also a homework assignment.
 - Finish implementing Chou-Fasman.
 - Analyze its efficacy on three proteins of your choice. (Should be proteins with a known structure.)
 - Find out how people make it better, and describe those improvements
 - 7.5: Chou-Fasman
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