

**APPENDIX 2 - BIOINFORMATICS (PARTS I AND II)**

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**An Introduction to Bioinformatics -- Part I**

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**What is a Gene?**

**An ordered sequence of nucleotides**

**What are the 4 Nucleotides in DNA?**

**A - Adenine  
T - Thymine  
C - Cytosine  
G - Guanine**

### What are the Characteristics of a Gene?

- An ordered sequence of nucleotides
- A unique position/location in the genome
- Polarity (5' to 3')
- Exons and Introns

### What are the Anatomical Features of Genes?

- Discrete beginning and discrete end
- Two strands of DNA
- Double helical
- Strand one (5' to 3')
- Strand two (3' to 5')
- Sense strand (5' to 3')
  - specifies the trait
- Nonsense strand (3' to 5')
  - template for transcription

Sense Strand

|                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| 5' - ACGTCAGTCGATGCATGCTAGCTAGC - 3' |
| 3' - TGCAGTCAGCTACGTACGATCGATCG - 5' |

Nonsense Strand

## Genes Have a Unique Position in the Genome!

**Task:** Where is your gene located in the genome?

**Tools:** The Arabidopsis Information Resources (TAIR)  
(<http://www.arabidopsis.org>)

### Procedure:

1. Select Seqviewer
2. Enter gene number (ex. AT1G18260)
3. Submit

### Results/Question:

1. What chromosome is your gene in?
2. What other genes/markers are next to your gene?
3. What is the exact position of your gene in the genome?

01 AT2G22800  
02 AT2G23290  
03 AT2G37120  
04 AT3G09735  
05 AT3G12840  
06 AT3G50060  
07 AT3G53370  
08 AT4G37260  
09 AT4G37790  
10 AT5G03220  
11 AT5G03500  
12 AT5G19490  
13 AT5G67300

## Genes Have a Unique Order of Nucleotides!

**Task:** What is the order of nucleotides for your gene?

**Tools:** The Arabidopsis Information Resources (TAIR)  
(<http://www.arabidopsis.org>)

**Procedure:** (Continue from previous slide)

1. Click on Location

### Results/Question:

1. What are your neighbor genes?
2. What is the orientation of your gene?
3. How big is your gene?

## Genes Have Exons and Introns!

**Task:** How many exons and introns does your gene have?

**Tools:** The Arabidopsis Information Resources (TAIR)  
(<http://www.arabidopsis.org>)

**Procedure:** (Continue from previous slide)

1. Click on gene information on the right

**Results/Question:**

1. How many exons/introns in your gene?
2. What are exons?
3. What are introns?

## Gene Encodes a Protein

**Task:** Determine the protein encoded by gene?

**Tools:** The Arabidopsis Information Resources (TAIR)  
(<http://www.arabidopsis.org>)

**Results/Question:**

1. How large is your protein?
2. What are the anatomy of a protein?

N-terminal



C-terminal

**What is the identity of your gene?**

**Task: What does your gene code for?**

**Tools: NCBI BLAST Tools**  
(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST>)

**What is BLAST?**

**Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST)**

**What does BLAST do?**

**A family of programs that allows you to input a query sequence and compare it to DNA or protein sequences in db.**

## What are the steps to performing BLAST search?

- Paste sequence of interest into BLAST input box
- Select BLAST program
- Select db
- Select Optional Parameters

NCBI **translating BLAST**  
Nucleotide Protein Translations Retrieve results for an RID

Search

Choose a translation TRANSLATED query - PROTEIN database [blastx]

Set subsequence From:  To:

Choose database nr

Genetic codes Standard (1)

Now: **BLAST!** or

## What are the different BLAST Programs?

Fastest

**blastp - protein query vs protein db**

**blastn - DNA query vs DNA db**

**blastx - translated DNA query vs protein db**

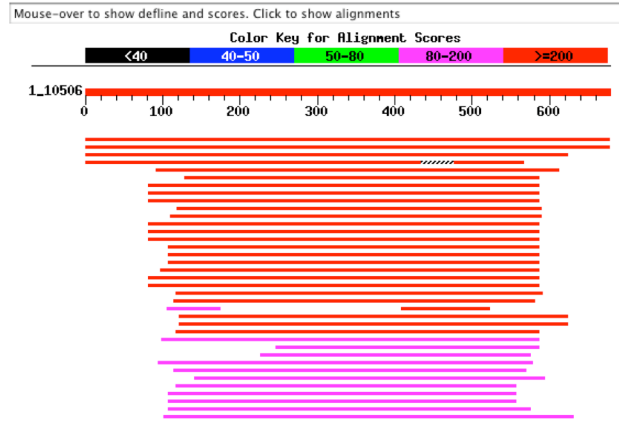
**tblastx - protein query vs translated DNA db**

Slowest

**tblastn - translated DNA query vs translated DNA db**

## Anatomy of a BLAST Result -- Part I

### Distribution of 339 Blast Hits on the Query Sequence



## Anatomy of a BLAST Result -- Part II

| Sequences producing significant alignments:                                   | Score  | E-Value |
|---|--------|---------|
|   | (bits) | Value   |
| <a href="#">gi 14532716 gb AAK64159.1</a> unknown protein [Arabidopsis tha... | 1206   | 0.0     |
| <a href="#">gi 18394588 ref NP_564049.1</a> suppressor of lin-12-like prot... | 1209   | 0.0     |
| <a href="#">gi 15219499 ref NP_177498.1</a> suppressor of lin-12-like prot... | 877    | 0.0     |
| <a href="#">gi 11120786 gb AAG30966.1</a> hypothetical protein, 3' partial... | 426    | e-118   |
| <a href="#">gi 41151276 ref XP_046437.5</a> chromosome 20 open reading fra... | 291    | 3e-77   |
| <a href="#">gi 13559241 emb CAB65792.2</a> dJ842G6.2 (novel protein imilar... | 282    | 2e-74   |
| <a href="#">gi 19923669 ref NP_005056.3</a> sel-1 suppressor of lin-12-lik... | 268    | 4e-70   |
| <a href="#">gi 6851089 gb AAF29413.1</a> SEL1L [Homo sapiens] >gi 17646138... | 268    | 4e-70   |
| <a href="#">gi 9967440 dbj BAB12403.1</a> SEL1L [Mesocricetus auratus]        | 264    | 4e-69   |
| <a href="#">gi 31203035 ref XP_310466.1</a> ENSANGP00000019196 [Anopheles ... | 263    | 1e-68   |
| <a href="#">gi 21355295 ref NP_651179.1</a> CG10221-PA [Drosophila melanog... | 263    | 1e-68   |
| <a href="#">gi 20857527 ref XP_127076.1</a> Sell (suppressor of lin-12) 1 ... | 261    | 4e-68   |
| <a href="#">gi 4159995 gb AAD05210.1</a> SEL1L [Mus musculus] >gi 20073079... | 259    | 1e-67   |
| <a href="#">gi 29336095 ref NP_808794.1</a> Sell (suppressor of lin-12) 1 ... | 259    | 2e-67   |
| <a href="#">gi 29612522 gb AAH49959.1</a> Sellh protein [Mus musculus]        | 258    | 4e-67   |
| <a href="#">gi 17563256 ref NP_506144.1</a> Suppressor/Enhancer of Lin-12 ... | 247    | 9e-64   |
| <a href="#">gi 1255199 gb AAC47112.1</a> sel-1 gene product                   | 247    | 9e-64   |

## Anatomy of a BLAST Result -- Part III

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>gi|14532716|gb|AAK64159.1| unknown protein [Arabidopsis thaliana]
Length = 678

Score = 1206 bits (3120), Expect = 0.0
Identities = 614/678 (90%), Positives = 614/678 (90%)

Query: 1 MRILSYGIVILSLLVFSFIEFGVHARPVVLVXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 60
MRILSYGIVILSLLVFSFIEFGVHARPVVLV V
Sbjct: 1 MRILSYGIVILSLLVFSFIEFGVHARPVVLVLSNDDLNSGGDDNGVGESSDFDFEGESE 60

Query: 61 XXXXXLDPGSWRSIFEPDDSTVQAASPQYYSGLKKILSAASEGNFRLMEEAVDEIEAASS 120
LDPGSWRSIFEPDDSTVQAASPQYYSGLKKILSAASEGNFRLMEEAVDEIEAASS
Sbjct: 61 KSEELDPGSWRSIFEPDDSTVQAASPQYYSGLKKILSAASEGNFRLMEEAVDEIEAASS 120

Query: 121 AGDPHAQSIMGFVYIGIMMREKSKSKSLHNNFAAAGNMQSKMALAFTYLRQDMHDKAV 180
AGDPHAQSIMGFVYIGIMMREKSKSKSLHNNFAAAGNMQSKMALAFTYLRQDMHDKAV
Sbjct: 121 AGDPHAQSIMGFVYIGIMMREKSKSKSLHNNFAAAGNMQSKMALAFTYLRQDMHDKAV 180

Query: 181 QLYAELAETA AVNSFLISKDSPVVEPTRIHSGTEENKALRKSARGEEDDFQILEYQAQKG 240
QLYAELAETA AVNSFLISKDSPVVEPTRIHSGTEENKALRKSARGEEDDFQILEYQAQKG
Sbjct: 181 QLYAELAETA AVNSFLISKDSPVVEPTRIHSGTEENKALRKSARGEEDDFQILEYQAQKG 240

Query: 241 NANAMYKIGLFYFGLRGLRRDHTKALHWFLKAVDKGEPRSMELLGEIYARGAGVERNYT 300
NANAMYK GLFYFGLRGLRRDHTKALHWFLKAVDKGEPRSMELLGEIYARGAGVERNYT
Sbjct: 241 NANAMYKGLFYFGLRGLRRDHTKALHWFLKAVDKGEPRSMELLGEIYARGAGVERNYT 300
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## PubMed - Endless Resources

The screenshot displays the PubMed website interface. At the top, there are logos for NCBI, PubMed, and the National Library of Medicine (NLM). Below the logos is a search bar with the text "Search PubMed" and a "for" field. To the right of the search bar are "Go" and "Clear" buttons. Below the search bar are several navigation links: "Limits", "Preview/Index", "History", "Clipboard", and "Details". On the left side, there is a sidebar with links for "About Entrez", "Text Version", "Entrez PubMed Overview", "Help | FAQ", "Tutorial", "New/Noteworthy", "E-Utilities", "PubMed Services", "Journals Database", "MeSH Database", and "Single Citation". In the center, there is a list of search tips:

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- Enter [author names](#) as smith jc. Initials are optional.
- Enter [journal titles](#) in full or as MEDLINE abbreviations. Use the [Journals Database](#) to find journal titles.

Below the list, there is a yellow highlighted box containing the following text:

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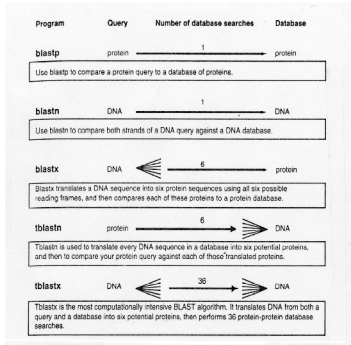
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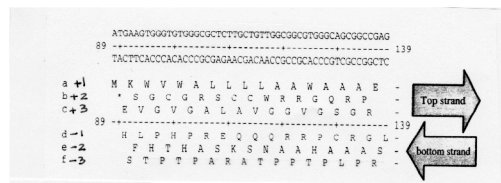
**Review of BLAST Search**

1. **What is the purpose of running BLAST Search?**
2. **What are the steps to performing BLAST search?**
3. **What does the e-value from a blast result tell you?**
4. **How many BLAST programs can you perform?**
5. **What BLAST program(s) takes the least computational time?**
6. **What BLAST program(s) takes the most computational time? Why?**

## What are the Five BLAST Search Programs?



•How many proteins can a short DNA sequence potentially encode?



## Question:

You have DNA Sequence. You want to know which protein in the main protein database is most similar to some protein encoded by your DNA.

Which BLAST program should you use?

Suppose you have a protein sequence.  
Which BLAST program should you use?



## Annotation of your gene

1. What chromosome is your gene in?
2. How “big” is your gene?
3. How many exons and introns in your gene?
4. What orientation is your gene in the genome?
5. What is the specific position of your gene in the genome?
6. What gene is “upstream” of your gene?
7. What gene is “downstream” of your gene?
8. How far are the other genes (6 & 7) from your gene?
9. What is the “structure” of your gene?
10. What is the size of the protein in your gene encodes?
11. What protein does your gene encode
12. Is your gene structure predicted by a program?

## Webbook - A Virtual Lab Notebook

Webbook is a web lab notebook

**Purpose/goal:** To have access to experiments carried out by  
Lab members, etc... from anywhere  
Also serves as a repository for protocols, stocks/reagents

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<http://estdb.biology.ucla.edu/webbook>

## Using the Webbook

- 1. Username: email username**  
**Password: 9 digit student id**
- 2. Check message board for important news/updates**
- 3. An overview of the different sections**
  - Projects** - list of experiments
  - Stocks** - catalog of stocks/reagent in the lab
  - Protocols** - procedures carried out in the lab (pdf format)
  - Calendar** - calendar to plant your experiments
  - Browse** - search and look at other members experiments
  - Contact** - email for help
  - Logout** - will logout if idle for 30 min

## Webbook Login Page

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webBOOK Login

Username: ble Password: Login

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## Creating Projects / Experiments

1. Title of project
2. Questions/Purpose of project
3. Summary of project (ideas)

## Entering Gene Information

Genes

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Create gene

Fields marked with a red asterisk (\*) are **REQUIRED**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Gene Name:*          | <input type="text"/>  |
| Species:             | <input type="text"/>  |
| Sequence:            | <input type="text"/>  |
| Sequence Type:*      | -- Select --  |
| Amino Acid Sequence: | <input type="text"/>  |
| Chromosome:          | <input type="text"/>  |
| EST Data:            | <input type="text"/>  |
| Functional Category: | <input type="text"/>  |
| Promoter:            | <input type="text"/>  |
| Domains:             | <input type="text"/>  |
| Hits:                | <input type="text"/>  |
| Attach a file:       | Title: <input type="text"/><br>File: <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected<br>Description: <input type="text"/> |

## Entering Experiments Information Part 1

| Experiments   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are <b>REQUIRED</b> |                      |
| <b>Title:*</b>  | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Goal:*</b>   | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Background Info:*</b>                                  | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Approach:*</b>   | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Controls:*</b>   | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Discussion:</b>  | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Next:</b>  | <input type="text"/> |

## Entering Experiment Information Part II

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Materials</b>      | <b>Primer *</b><br><input type="text" value="AT2G22800-FW&lt;br/&gt;AT2G22800-RV&lt;br/&gt;AT2G23290-FW&lt;br/&gt;AT2G23290-RV&lt;br/&gt;AT2G37120-FW&lt;br/&gt;AT2G37120-RV&lt;br/&gt;AT3G09735-FW&lt;br/&gt;AT3G09735-RV"/>   |
| <b>Protocols:</b>     | <b>Protocols *</b><br><input type="text" value="*Sequencing Using SPPCR&lt;br/&gt;Alkali Lysis Plasmid Isolation&lt;br/&gt;Arabidopsis Tissue Harvest For GeneChip Experiment&lt;br/&gt;Bacteria Chromosome Mini-Prep&lt;br/&gt;Bacteriophage&lt;br/&gt;Chromatin Immunoprecipitation with Leaves from Arabidopsis"/>                   |
| <b>Attach a file:</b> | <b>Title:</b><br><input type="text"/><br><b>File:</b><br><input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected<br><b>Description:</b><br><input type="text"/><br><small>All files must have a file name extension. Images must end in .jpg, .png, or .gif. Additional files can be attached by later editing this record.</small> |

## Entering References Relating to your Gene

### References

#### Create reference record

Fields marked with a red asterisk (\*) are **REQUIRED**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Author(s):* | <input type="text"/>  |
| Title:*     | <input type="text"/>  |
| Journal:*   | <input type="text"/>  |
| Year*       | <input type="text"/>  |
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