CBB752 Quiz 1 Prep.

Databases

- Table joining in relational databases
- o Definitions of a key, a primary key, and a foreign key
- The tradeoff between normalization and speed/efficiency

Genomics

- o How are genomic sequencing data read out to make relevant biological outcomes?
- List 3 metrics to measure the quality of sequencing technologies
- Definitions of read coverage and deep sequencing
- List 3 or more types of omics data used in functional genomics analyses
- What is the main advantage of Third Generation Sequencing technologies over NGS?

Proteomics

- Definition of the field of Proteomics
- o Basic understanding of Mass Spectrometry, basic idea behind mass spectrum
- How can you use Immunoprecipitation to detect multiple proteins using a spectrometer that can identify one peptide?
- o Limitations of MS and alternate approaches to quantify proteins
- Listing 3 types of protein-protein interactions
- Listing 3 methods of identifying protein structures

Alignment / Dynamic Programming

- o The concept of optimal substructure in Dynamic Programming
- Smith-Waterman and Needleman-Wunsch
 - How to apply algorithms on sequences: matrix calculation and alignment traceback
 - How similar are the algorithms? What is(are) the main difference(s) between them?

• Multiple Sequence Alignment

- o What is a multiple alignment?
- How to convert multiple alignment on inspection into a simple profile?
- o How to convert it into a motif?
- Sorting the following algorithms in increasing order of execution time (speed): BWA,
 Blast, FASTA, Smith-Waterman, PSI-Blast, HMMs
- o Similarity matrices and their relationship to profiles

Fast Alignment

- Hashing, hashtable, and how do they speed up alignments?
- Time Complexity of alignment algorithms we discussed in class
- Why are FastA and BLAST preferred to dynamic programming approaches to searching sequence databases?

• SV/SNVs

- Approx. number of SNPs, indels, and SVs in a typical individual in 1000 Genomes
- Ratio of rare variants in a typical human genome
- Calling of SNVs from a read stack
- A sense of how the read mapping changes for a split-read or paired-end calculation
- o Genome remodeling: duplication and retrotransposition

HMMs

- The goal and output of Viterbi algorithm
- o Difference between transition and emission probabilities in a HMM

Chip-Seq and RNA-Seq

- Definition of Chip-Seq
- How does one do an aggregation plot for a ChIPseq factor around the TSS?
- Describe roughly how peak calling is accomplished.
- Describe allelic expression or eQTL, how does that work, and what are the differences that one is looking for?
- When doing a simple gene expression clustering, how does one do a simple gene expression clustering, and interpret the resulting clusters in terms of modules?
- Describe in simple terms how to convert a set of reads to gene expression measurements

Unsupervised Mining

- What is the difference between supervised, unsupervised, and semi-supervised learning?
- What is the fundamental difference between PCA or SVD?
- o In particular, if one has a matrix of gene expression or a matrix of ChIPseq signal profiles over the genome, describe the results of doing SVD on this matrix in terms of the various icon vectors.