

Grammatical Approaches to Problems in RNA Bioinformatics

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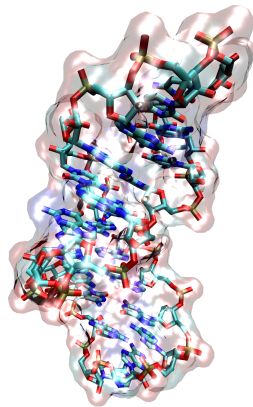
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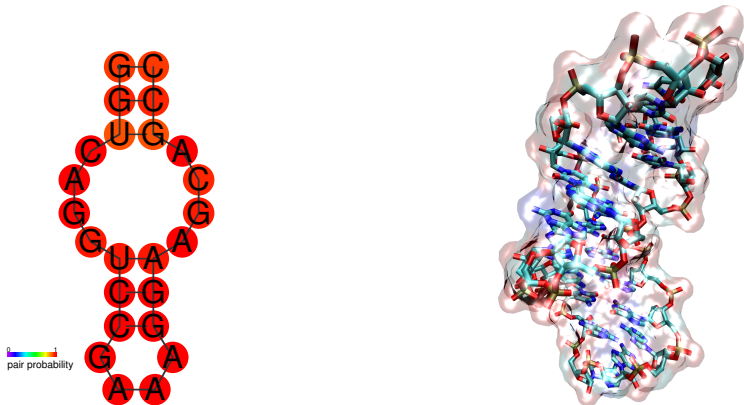
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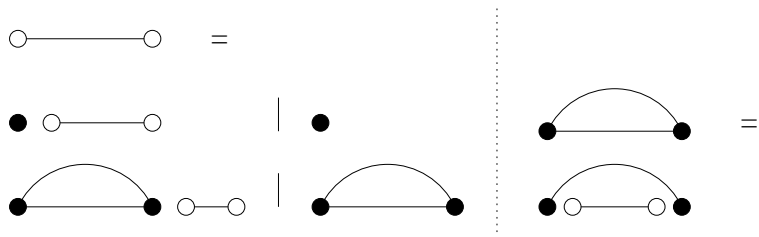
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Canonical RNA Folding

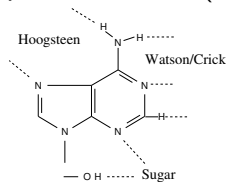


Struct → **nuc** *Struct*
 | **nuc**
 | *Pair* *Struct*
 | *Pair*

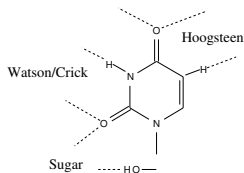
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The Leontis-Westhof Notation

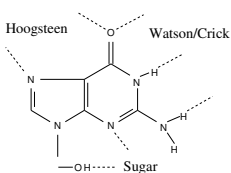
purine: adenine (A)



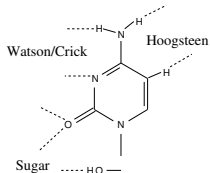
pyrimidine: uracil (U)



purine: guanine (G)



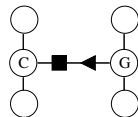
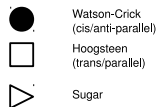
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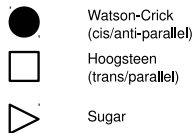
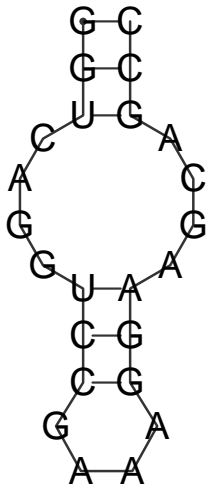
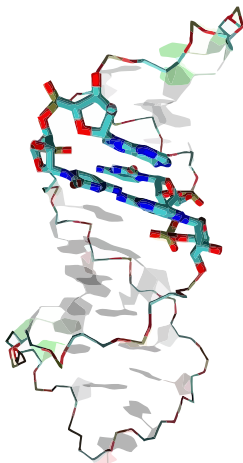
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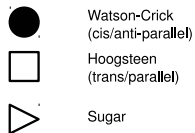
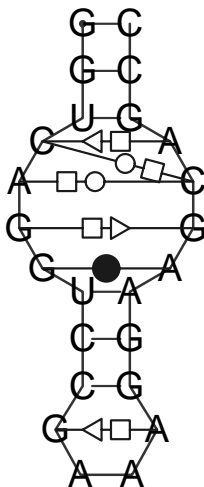
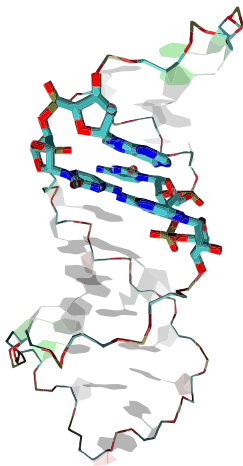


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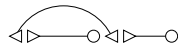


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Extended RNA Folding



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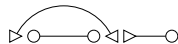
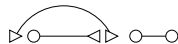
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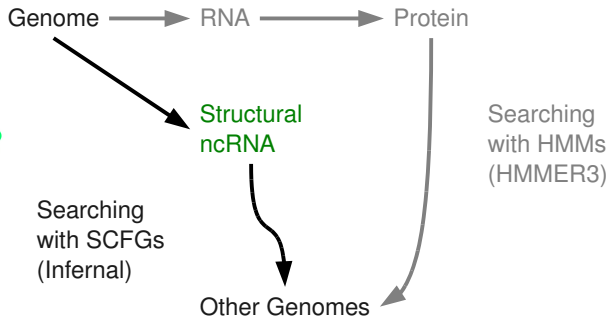
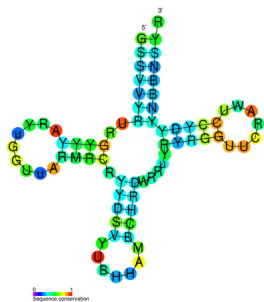
Training Data

- canonical base pairs only:
 - melting experiments short sequences, reliable, free energy measurements
 - RNAstrand curated, larger number of long sequences
 - Rfam partially curated, many predicted consensus secondary structures
- extended base pair information:
 - PDB small set of sequences, detailed base pair information

Results

program	count	mcc	f-measure	sensitivity	ppv
RNAwolf, ≤ 150	250	0.62	0.62	0.67	0.59
RNAwolf, > 150	250	0.45	0.44	0.57	0.37
RNAwolf, ext. pairs	300	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
RNAwolf, non-cWW	300	0.46	0.46	0.48	0.45
RNAfold v1.8.5	500	0.67	0.67	0.71	0.65
BL*	500	0.71	0.71	0.74	0.70

Non-coding RNA Search

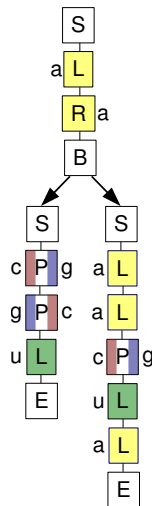
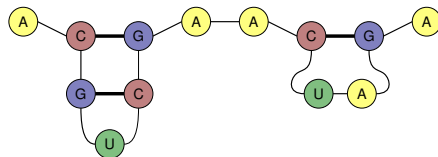


(Infernal) RNA Family Models

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human   acgucg aacuaga
cow     accugg aacuaga
dog     acuugg aag uca
cat     acgucgaaacuaga
structure *<<*>>.*<<*>>*

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Syntactic vs. Semantic Ambiguity in RNA Folding

Syntactic different parses on the same sequence produce different objects (wanted)

gcaagc	((..))	(....)	.(..).
	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1

Semantic different parses on the same sequence produce the same object (unwanted)

gcaagc	((..))	(....)	((..))	((..)) etc
	0.15	0.2	0.15	0.05

Semantics of Family Models

sequence alignment recap:

ACAGGGG---CAC	ACA---GGGGCAC	ACA [GGGG] CAC
ACA----TTTCAC	ACATTT----CAC	ACA [TTT] CAC

three meaningful semantics can be defined for family models:

Consensus **<<*>>

Alignment **<<*--*>>	**<<*--*>>	**<<*>>
__((...))	.._(...)_	..((...))

Trace *-*<<*>>	**<-<*>>
..__(..)_	...(..)_
allowed	banned

Structural **<<*--*>>	consensus implicit only
((...))	

Non-ambiguous Trace Semantics for Family Models

remember: ACA [GGGG] CAC
 ACA [TTT] CAC

$$A \rightarrow \bar{\cdot} A \mid M$$

$$M \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid * A \mid \underline{*} M \mid$$

$$\quad \langle A \rangle A \mid \dot{\leq} A \geq M \mid$$

$$\quad \underline{\leq} M \dot{\geq} A \mid \underline{\leq} M \underline{\geq} M$$

- proved unambiguous using the ACLA ambiguity checker
- by virtue of construction, the above grammar generates unambiguous model grammars

Results: Counting Alignments and Traces

Model length (size)	RF00163 45 (31)	RF01380 19 (12)
$ x = 12$		
structures	8,958	2,048
traces	35×10^9	141,120,525
alignments	715×10^{12}	35,330,137,025
$ x = 31$		
structures	n.a.	n.a.
traces	2×10^{21}	30,405,943,383,200
alignments	2×10^{27}	208,217,738,981,165,823

RF00163 consensus:

<<<<<<*****<<<<*****>>>>***<<<<>>>>*>>>>>>

RF01380 consensus:

<<<<<<<*****>>>>*>>>>>

Grammars in RNA Bioinformatics

- well-established, formal language
- high-level view (no indices!)
- efficient implementations (same asymptotics, similar constants)
- separation of concerns (search space, evaluation, implementation)

Future Developments

- multi-tape problems
- heterogeneous and partially ordered index spaces
- Products of Grammars
- training with L_1 regularization (for all grammars)
- fine- and coarse-grained parallelism

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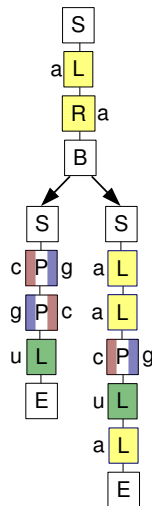
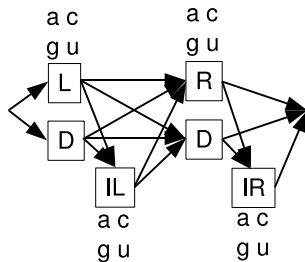
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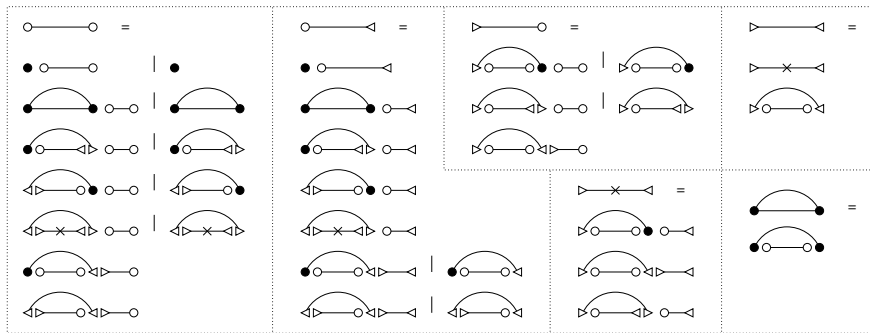
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Extended RNA Folding: Complete Grammar



- $O(\alpha \times 3 \times n^3 + \beta \times 400 \times n^2)$ runtime
- $O(\{3^2 \times 2\} \times 10 \times n^2)$ space
- 6 non-terminals and additional helper tables
- interior loop closing pairs assumed independent

Parameter Training

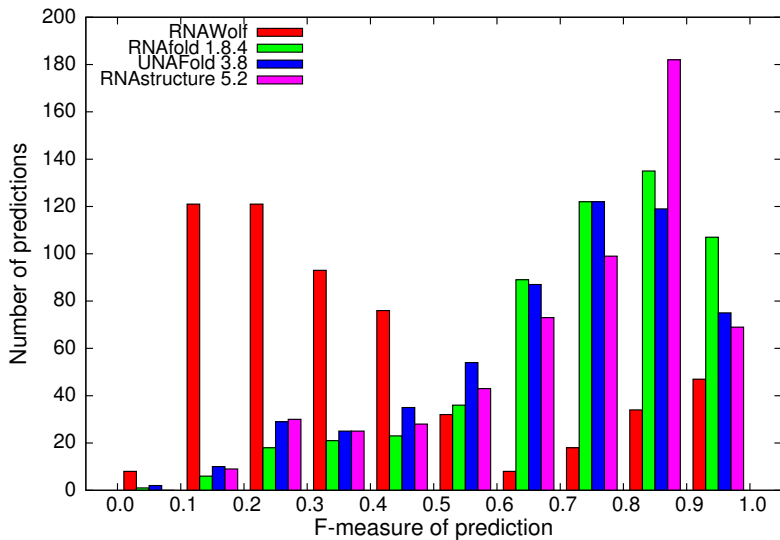
- melting energy: y , melting structural features: A
- structural constraints (known - predicted): D
energy difference: d
- generate constraints iteratively (cf. Andronescu et al, 2007)
- destabilizing features (hairpins, bulges, interior loops): S

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ D & -I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{cur}} \\ d_{\text{init}} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} y \\ d \end{pmatrix} \right\|_2 + \lambda \|x\|_1$$

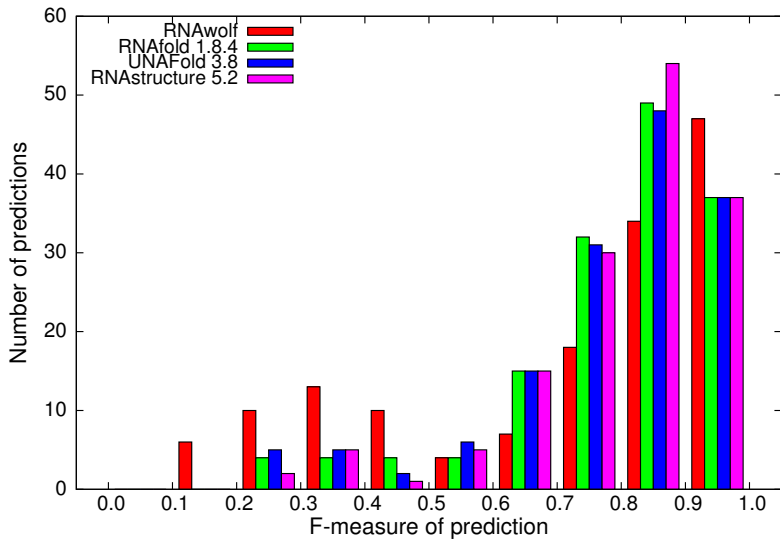
with linear constraints

$$-5 < x_j < 5, \quad 0 < x_m, \quad m \in S, \quad 0 < d_k$$

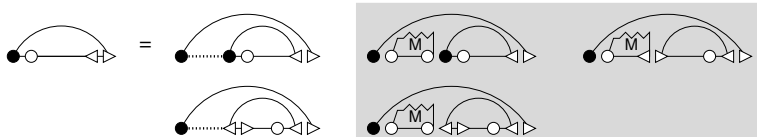
Results: complete set



Results: PDB only



Multibranching Loops



Base Pair Probabilities in the PDB

		cWW				tSH	tHS	tsS
G-C	C-G	U-A	A-U	G-U	U-G	G-A	A-G	G-A
73 342	68 083	23 606	23 419	10 168	9 644	7 742	6 798	5 121
0.249	0.231	0.080	0.079	0.035	0.033	0.026	0.023	0.017
tWH	csS	tSs	tHW	cSs	csS	cSH	cSs	Rest
U-A	C-A	A-G	A-U	C-A	A-C	G-U	A-C	
4 474	3 638	2 863	2 851	2 564	2 109	2 072	1 917	44 302
0.015	0.012	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.150

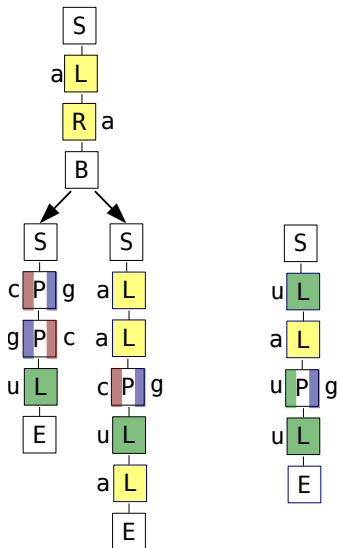
Base Pair Types

pair type	base pairs	base triplets	base quadruplets	base quintets (?)
number	261 842	15 288	761	3 (?)
fraction	0.942	0.055	0.003	–

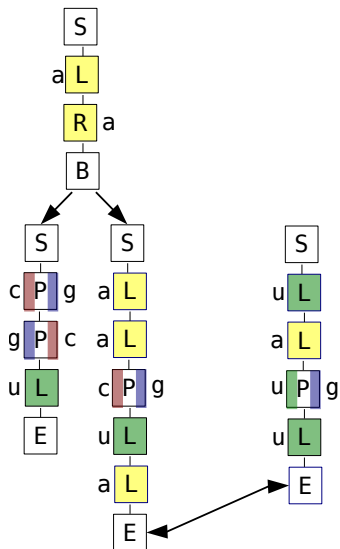
The *Link Score*

- take all sequences [acgt]*:
 $\epsilon \quad \dots \quad \text{acagtgctagtcagtcgatcgatcgatcgatc}$
- take two CMs: M_1 and M_2 :
 - $M_1(\epsilon) \rightarrow \text{score} = -5$
 - $M_2(\epsilon) \rightarrow \text{score} = -5$
 - $M_1(\text{acagt} \dots) \rightarrow \text{score} = 15$
 - $M_2(\text{acagt} \dots) \rightarrow \underline{\text{score} = 10}$
 - *Link Score*: 10
- for each sequence, take the smaller of the two scores
- for all scores, take the largest: the *Link Score*

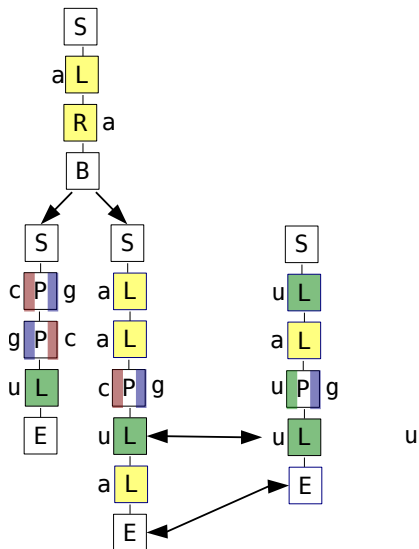
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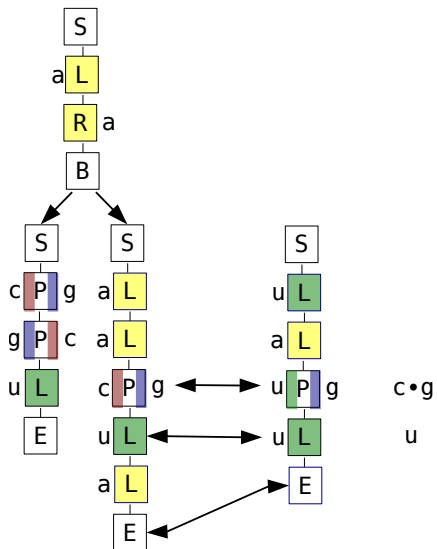
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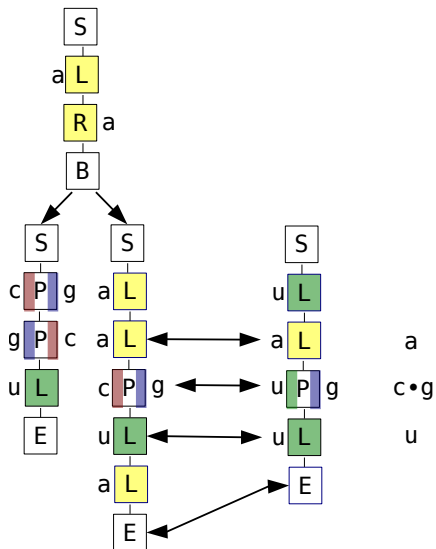
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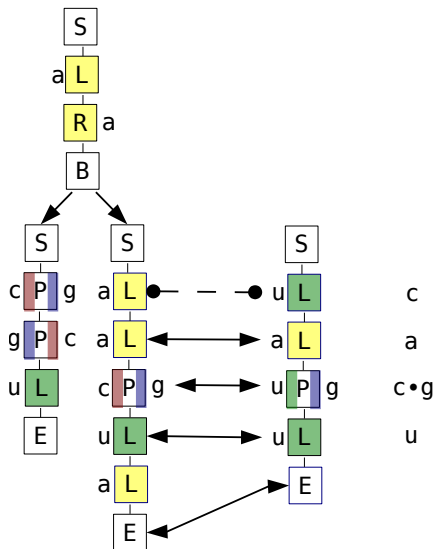
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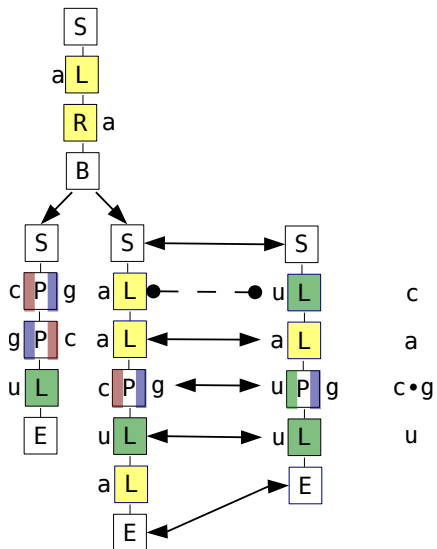
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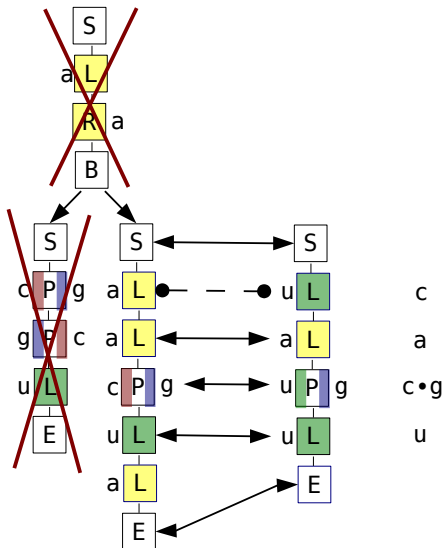
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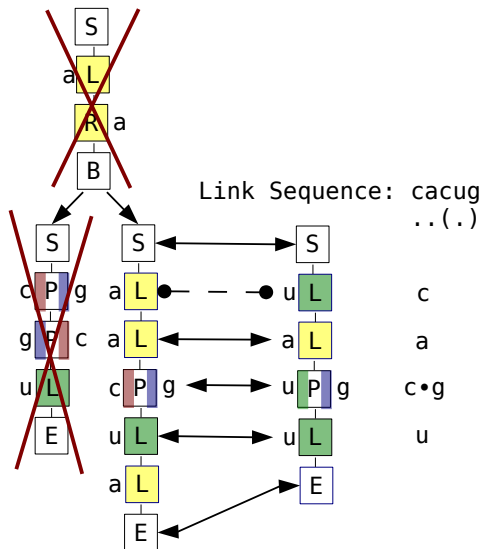
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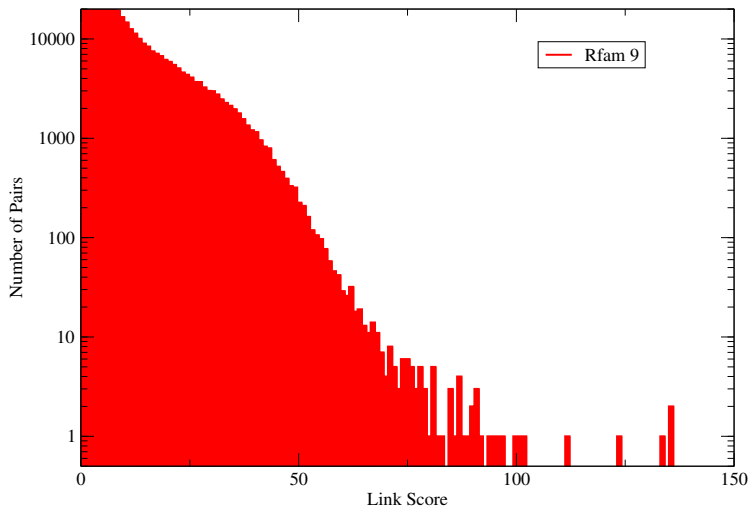
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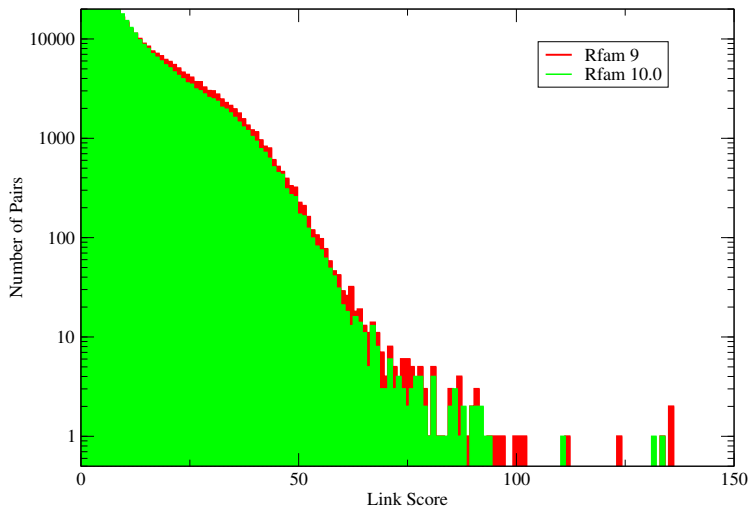
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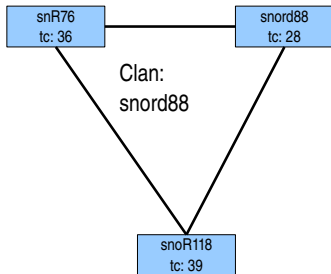
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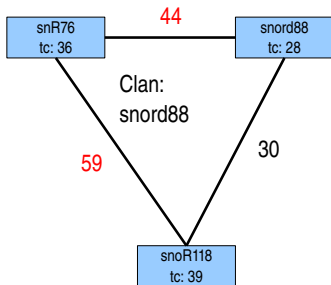
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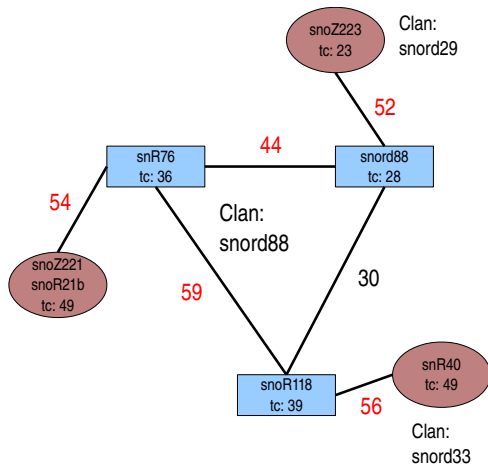
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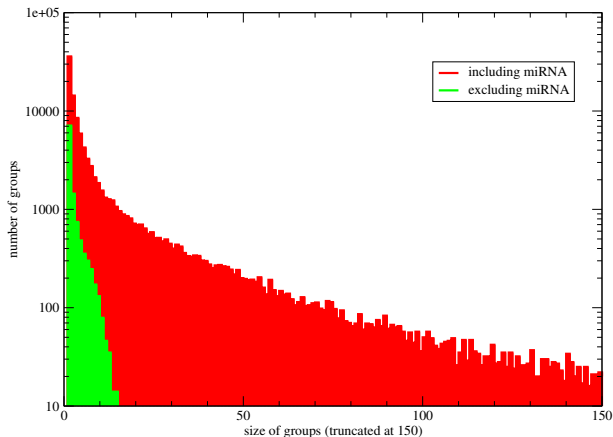


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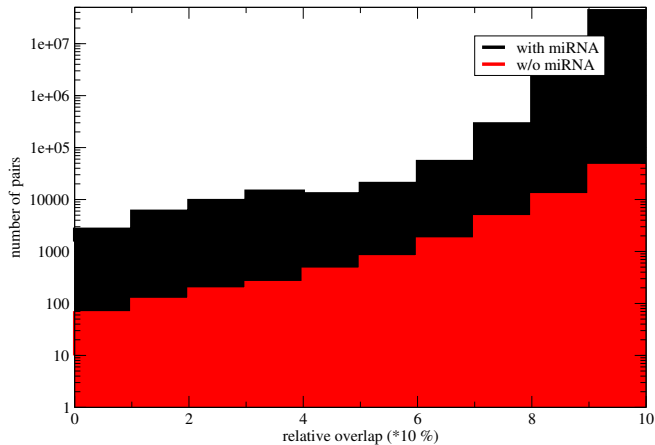
Size of overlapping groups with and without miRNA models



(with Jan Gorodkin and coworkers, RTH, Copenhagen)

Real World Data

relative overlap between pairs of CMs



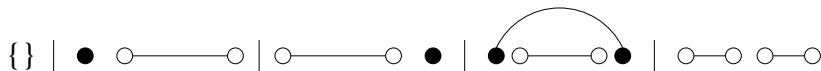
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$$\text{MaxiMin } (k_1, k_2) =$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l}
 (0, 0) \\
 \text{maxmin}\{\text{MaxiMin}(k'_1, k'_2) + (e_{k_1, a, b}, e_{k_2, a, b}) + (t_{k_1 \rightarrow k'_1}, t_{k_2 \rightarrow k'_2}) \\
 \quad | \quad k'_1 \in c_{k_1}, k'_2 \in c_{k_2}, a \in \mathcal{A}, b \in \mathcal{A}\} \\
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 \text{maxmin}\{\text{MaxiMin}(k_1, k'_2) + (0, t_{k_2 \rightarrow k'_2}) \\
 \quad | \quad k'_2 \in c_{k_2}\} \\
 \text{maxmin}\{\text{MaxiMin}(k'_1, k_2) + (t_{k_1 \rightarrow k'_1}, 0) \\
 \quad | \quad k'_1 \in c_{k_1}\} \\
 \text{maxmin}\{\{\text{MaxiMin}(k'_{1,1}, k'_{2,1}) + \text{MaxiMin}(k'_{1,2}, k'_{2,2}) \\
 \quad | \quad \{k'_{1,1}, k'_{1,2}\} = c_{k_1}, \{k'_{2,1}, k'_{2,2}\} = c_{k_2}\} \cup \\
 \quad \{\text{MaxiMin}(k'_{1,2}, k'_{2,1}) + \text{MaxiMin}(k'_{1,1}, E) + \text{MaxiMin}(E, k'_{2,2})\} \\
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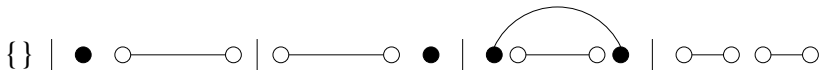
$$\begin{array}{l}
 k_1 = E \wedge k_2 = E \\
 k_1 = P \wedge k_2 = P \\
 k_1 \in \{L, IL\} \wedge k_2 \in \{L, IL\} \\
 k_1 \in \{R, IR\} \wedge k_2 \in \{R, IR\} \\
 k_1 = E \wedge k_2 \in \{D, S\} \\
 k_1 \in \{D, S\} \wedge k_2 = E \\
 k_1 = B \wedge k_2 = B \\
 k_1 = B \wedge k_2 \neq B \\
 (k_1, k_2) \in \{(S, S), (D, D)\} \\
 \text{otherwise}
 \end{array}$$

A Simple Grammar: Nussinov78



- $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ -- terminate on empty input
 $S \rightarrow a S$ -- read a single character to the left
 $S \rightarrow S b$ -- read a single character to the right
 $S \rightarrow a S b$ -- read two bracketing characters
 $S \rightarrow S S$ -- split the input

A Simple Grammar: Nussinov78



```
(s, (
  nil    <<< empty          |||
  left   <<< base % s       |||
  right  <<<                s % base |||
  pair   <<< base % s % base |||
  split  <<<      s' % s'    ... h
) where s' = nonEmpty s )
```


Algebra

```
data Signature = Signature
```

```
{  nil    :: e → S  
  , left  :: A → S → S  
  , right :: S → A → S  
  , pair  :: A → S → A → S  
  , split :: S → S → S  
  , h     :: Stream S → S }
```

```
pairmax = Signature
```

```
{  nil    = λ _      → 0  
  , left  = λ _ x    → x  
  , right = λ x _    → x  
  , pair  = λ l x r  → if isPair l r then x + 1 else x  
  , split = λ x y    → x + y  
  , h     = λ xs     → maximumS xs }
```

Algebra

```

data Signature = Signature
{  nil    :: e → S
,  left   :: A → S → S
,  right  :: S → A → S
,  pair   :: A → S → A → S
,  split  :: S → S → S
,  h      :: Stream S → S }

pretty = Signature
{  nil    = λ _      → ""
,  left   = λ _ x    → "." ++ x
,  right  = λ  x _   → x ++ "."
,  pair   = λ l x r  → "(" ++ x ++ ")"
,  split  = λ  x y   → x ++ y
,  h      = λ xs     → xs }

```

Algebra Products & Backtracking

```
pairmax <** pretty
```

- algebra products provide convenient capability extensions
- `pairmax` yields the optimal score
- `prettyprint` prints a parse
- `pairmx <** prettyprint` prints the parses for the optimal score
- `class ** pairmax` allows for classified dynamic programming

- `(<**) , (**)` need to be defined for each grammar
- use TemplateHaskell for automation

```

(<**) f s = STwoWay l_s s_l s_s n_n h where
  STwoWay lsf slf ssf nnf hf = f
  STwoWay lss sls sss nns hs = s
  l_s = go lsf lss
  s_l = go slf sls
  s_s = go ssf sss
  n_n e = (nnf e, return $ S.singleton $ nns e)
  h xs = do
    hfs ← hf $ S.map fst xs
    let phfs = S.concatMapM snd
          ◦ S.filter ((hfs==) ◦ fst) $ xs
    hs phfs
  go funL funR (x,ys) c = (funL x c, ys >=
    return ◦ S.map (λy → funR y c))

```

mkStream on Outer Elements



i **k l** **j**



i **k l** **j**

```
mkStream (ls !!: s'@(Table tbl)) Outer !ij@(i..j)
  = S.map (\s → let (Subword (_:..l)) = getIdx s
                    in ElmT s (tbl!(l..j)) (l..j)
              )
  $ mkStream ls (Inner Check) (i..j)
```

mkStream on Inner Elements



i **k l** **j**



i **k** **l** **j**

```
mkStream (ls :: s'@(Table tbl)) (Inner _) ij@(i..j)
  = S.flatten mk step $ mkStream ls (Inner NoCheck) ij where
    mk s = let (_,k) = getIdx s
            in return (s :: k :: k)
    step (s :: k :: l)
      | l > j      = S.Done
      | otherwise = S.Yield (ElmT s (tbl!(k..l)) (k..l))
                          (s :: k :: l+1)
```

mkStream on Z



i $k \ l$ j

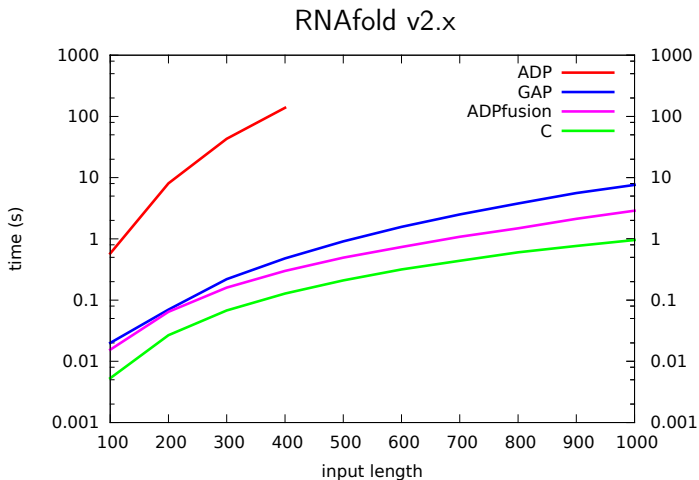


i k l j

```
mkStream Z (Inner NoCheck) (i:.j)
  = S.singleton $ ElmZ (i:.i)
```

```
mkStream Z (Inner Check) (i:.j)
  = S.unfoldr step i where
      step !k
        | k ≤ j      = P.Just $ (ElmZ (i:.i), j+1)
        | otherwise = P.Nothing
```

The Obligatory Benchmark Slide



Multi-Dimensional Grammars

	G	L	O	B	A	L
L	-1	0	-5	-7	-9	-8
O	-3	-2	2	0	-2	-4
C	-5	-4	0	1	-1	-3
A	-7	-6	-2	-1	3	-2
L	-9	-5	-4	-3	-2	5
	G	L	O	B	A	L
	--	L	O	C	A	L

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{ij} = \text{opt} \{ & X_{i-1,j-1} \\
 & + \delta(x_i, y_j), X_{i-1,j} \\
 & + \beta(x_i), X_{i,j-1} \\
 & + \beta(y_j), \epsilon_{i=j=0} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

```

( x, step_step <<< x % (T :: c      :: c      ) |||
  step_loop   <<< x % (T :: c      :: None)  |||
  loop_step   <<< x % (T :: None   :: c      ) |||
  nil_nil     <<<      (T::Empty::Empty) ... h )
  
```

- multi-dim grammars use the same framework
- non-terminals, algebras, production rules are the same
- *terminal* symbols are now multi-dimensional

Das Kleine 1×1 der Grammatiken

Too lazy to write a complex DP algorithm? What you want to write has some structure? try this:

```
[qqGrammar|
Grammar: Step
NT: W
T: c
W → step ≪≪ W c
W → loop ≪≪ W
//
Grammar: Done
NT: W
T: empty
W → nil ≪≪ empty
//
```

```
Grammar: Loop
NT: W
W → loop ≪≪ W
//
Product: TwoWay
Step × Step + Done *
2 - Loop * 2
//
|]
```

Das Kleine 1×1 der Grammatiken

- algebraic framework that formalizes how to multiply dynamic programming algorithms
- currently for linear grammars
- context-free grammars require some additional thoughts

- directly embedded in Haskell via QuasiQuoting/TemplateHaskell
- small, extensible DSL
- user-extensible parser and interpreter
- generates fast ADPfusion code
- scales to “all useful” dimensions

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How to Multiply Dynamic Programming Algorithms

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