Advanced Algorithms in Bioinformatics (P4) Sequence and Structure Analysis

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Exercise 1.

Nussinov SCFG

- a) Formulate the inside and outside algorithm for the Nussinov SCFG.
- b) Show how to use your inside and outside variables to calculate the probability that positions i and j are base-paired, summed over all structures.

Exercise 2.

Covariance models

- a) Build a covariance model for the alignment of RNAs. Visualize it as a tree, like presented in the lecture.
- b) Analyze the runtime and memory consumption of the CYK for CM database search.

Exercise 3.

Context free RNA grammars

Consider the hairpin loop CFG from the lecture:

- 1. Write derivations for $s_1 = CAGGAAACUG$ and $s_2 = GCUGCAAAGC$.
- 2. Consider the complete language generated by the CFG from the lecture. Write a regular grammar that generates exactly the same language. Does this seem like a good idea?

Exercise 4.

CNF

Convert the production rule $W \to aWbWWc$ (a,b,c terminal symbols) into Chomsky normal form. If the probability of of the original production is p, show the probabilities for the productions in normal form.