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A Graph Theoretical Approach in Similarity/Dissimilarity Study of Proteins

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ABSTRACT: Similarity/Dissimilarity between protein sequences is determined graph theoretically in this paper. The proteins are converted to protein graphs. The Similarity/Dissimilarity between protein graphs is measured using the maximal common sub-graphs (MCS) and union of the graphs (UG). The edges - size of the protein graph measures the percentage of similarity between them. Results obtained by these two measures are compared with the blast sequence site results and this proves the efficiency of these methods.

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INTRODUCTION

Protein, the biopolymer is an essential and a highly complex substance present in every living organism. Protein study is a wide area of research. In this, similarity/dissimilarity study occupies an important place as it allows to observe the nature of a new protein whose primary and secondary structure is known. Mathematical methods are effective in summarizing and predicting biological characteristics with lower cost. Among various kinds of mathematical methods, graph theory is an essential one, which owns advantages in various protein structure identification problems including predicting protein structure. In this paper, the similarity study of protein gets converted into a graph problem. Some similarity study of proteins we see in the following part of the paper.

In [1] Amine *et al.* summaries the similarity measure based on the union of graphs and common maximal sub graph in detail. Bunke et al [2] proposes a novel measure based on distance on maximal common sub graph with algorithm. Graph edit distance for similarity and pseudo sub graph isomorphism elaborated with algorithm by Huahai in [3]. In [4], graph indexing using frequent sub tree for undirected labeled graph is narrated in detail. Bunke *et al.* [5] briefs the error correcting and error occurring graph matching and proves maximum common sub graph computation in equivalent to graph edit distance. In [6], the distance measure on semantics set for semantic similarity is described in detail.

Algorithm for graph comparison based on maximal common sub graph to verify chemical structures is described in [7] by Edmund et al. Algorithm based on maximal common edge sub graph, maximum common induced sub graph and maximum cliques were also discussed in detail. In [8], John et al briefs maximum common edge sub graph detection algorithm to

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determine degree and composition of similarity which can be directly applied to any graph. This can be applied to search and predict biological activity.

In [9], Minot *et al.* similarity is measured using maximum common induced subgraph along with triangulation and 2- triangulation techniques. Distance metric based on maximum common sub graph is explained in [10] by Dwallis *et al.* In [11] Meng *et al.* narrates measures based on path, information, features. The semantic similarity measure is also explained along with advantages and disadvantage of the measure.

The text similarity measurement comparison is discussed in [12]. The degree of similarity is measured using string, corpus, knowledge and hybrid. Knowledge based measure is a pathbased measure which is also known as edge counting measure. In [13], the adaption of six existing domain independent measure to biomedical domain is performed. The measures include path-based measure, information, content measure, context vector measure.

In [14] Luh yen et al counts similarity/dissimilarity based on weight of graph. The dissimilarity between every pair of nodes also determined. In [15] Slimani briefs semantic similarity methods based on feature, hybrid, structure, information content and helps to choose the best method that fits the requirement. The paper is framed as below.

The protein graphs constructed and studied in [16] are used in this paper. The Similarity/Dissimilarity is calculated using maximal common sub-graphs and union of graphs. Following this the results and the conclusion are discussed. The results obtained by the above methods are compared with blast sequence site results.

PROTEIN DATA

Similarity/dissimilarity of proteins is studied using maximum common sub graph and union of the graphs. The formulas applied are discussed below.

PDBID	Protein data	Graph of proteins	
1JXT	Crambin mixed sequence form at 160 K. Protein/water substates.		
1JXX	Crambin mixed sequence form at 200 K. Protein/water substates.		

1JXY	Crambin mixed sequence form at 220 K. Protein/water substates.	
1JXW	Crambin mixed sequence form at 220 K. Protein/water substates.	
1JXU	Crambin mixed sequence form at 240 K. Protein/water substates.	
1CCN	Direct NOE refinement of crambin from 2D NMR data using a slow- cooling annealing protocol.	

Method using Maximum common sub graph

 $SIM_{CMS}\left(G_{1},\,G_{2}\right)=\,\frac{\left|\mathsf{CMS}\left(\mathsf{G1},\mathsf{G2}\right)\right|}{\mathsf{MAX}\left\{\left|\mathsf{G1}\right|,\left|\mathsf{G2}\right|\right\}}$

|CMS(G1, G2)| = The number of edges in CMS (G_1, G_2)

MAX{|G1|, |G2|} =The number of edges which is maximum among G_1 and G_2 .

For the proteins 1JXT & 1JXX similarity / dissimilarity calculation based on MCS

|CMS(G1, G2)| = The number of edges in CMS $(G_1, G_2) = 8$

MAX{|G1|, |G2|} =The number of edges which is maximum among G_1 and $G_2 = 9$

 $|\mathsf{CMS}(\mathsf{G1},\mathsf{G2})|=8$

 $MAX\{|G1|, |G2|\}=9$

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Method using Union of Graphs

Simug (G1, G2) = $\frac{|CMS(G1,G2)|}{|G1|+|G2|-|CMS(G1,G2)|}$

|CMS(G1, G2)| =The number of edges in CMS (G₁, G₂)

 $|G_1|$ = The number of edges in G_1

 $|G_2|$ = The number of edges in G_2

For the proteins 1JXT &1JXX similarity / dissimilarity calculation based on union of graphs



1JXT & 1JXX-UOG

|CMS(G1, G2)| =The number of edges in CMS $(G_1, G_2) = 8$

 $|G_1|$ = The number of edges in G_1 =8

 $|G_2|$ = The number of edges in G_2 =9

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$$SIM_{UG}(G_1, G_2) = \frac{|CMS(G_1, G_2)|}{|G_1| + |G_2| - |CMS(G_1, G_2)|} = \frac{8}{8+9-8} = \frac{8}{9} = 0.88$$

Result

Based on the sim_{CMS} and sim_{UG} the similarity percentage between each pair of protein is calculated and is compared with blast sequence results. The details are shown below.

PDBID	1JXT	1JXX	1JXY	1JXW	1CCN	1JXU
		100	100	100	95-98	95-98
1JXT	1	<u>0.88</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.88</u>	<u>0.88</u>
		0.88	1	1	0.88	0.88
1JXX			100	100	95-98	95-98
		1	<u>0.88</u>	<u>0.88</u>	<u>0.88</u>	<u>0.88</u>
			0.88	0.88	0.8	0.8
1JXY				100	95-98	95-98
			1	<u>1</u>	<u>0.88</u>	<u>0.88</u>
				1	0.88	0.88
					95-98	95-98
1JXW				1	<u>0.88</u>	<u>0.88</u>
					0.88	0.88
						100
1CCN					1	<u>1</u>
						1

Similarity/Dissimilarity percentage of proteins

Values in **Bold letters** represent the result obtained by from blast sequence site and the values below are result by our methods. i.e, Underlined result is obtained by Method-1(CMS) and the values below are by Method-2(UG).

CONCLUSION

In this part the similarity is measured based on the common maximal sub-graphs and the union of graphs. The number of edges in protein graphs is taken as parameter. This is a novel and simple method to measure similarity. The results obtained by these two methods are exactly equal to the results of blast sequence site. These two methods prove their efficiency in measuring similarity by consuming very less time for calculation.

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