Finishing Genomic Sequence

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What is Finishing?

- Interactive sequence inspection
- Directed sequencing
- Assembly verification

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Why finish sequence?

- gene/pseudo-gene difference can be a little as a single base
- assembly algorithms alone are not sufficient to correctly assemble sequence

Goals of Finishing

- Resolve sequence ambiguities and discrepancies, such that the error rate is less than one in 10,000 bases.
- Provide "double-stranded" coverage for every base:
 - minimum of two different clones
 - two strands
 - two different chemistries
 - or quality >phred30
- Achieve contiguity.
- Delineate vector/insert junctions.

Types of problems



Background

- Shotgun to 8X coverage
- Use double-stranded subcloning vectors
- Use dye terminator chemistries

Comparison of Sequencing Chemistries

Dye Primers

- Advantages Even peak heights, no base dropouts.
- Disadvantages Compressions, must use universal primers.

Dye Terminators

- Advantages Resolve compressions, work on poor templates, can use custom primers.
- Disadvantage Base dropouts (especially G).

Basic Finishing Strategy

Step One: Pre-Finishing

- CONSED Autofinish
- SWIFT software

CONSED Autofinish

David Gordon, University of Washington

- aims for a pre-set target number of errors per Megabase
- pre-set cost parameters guide number and type of reactions called
- automatic custom oligo selection

TKFinish

Gabor Marth, Washington University, St. Louis

- automatically selects "long" dye primer, dye terminator and reverse sequencing reactions
- cannot select custom oligos
- no way to modify reaction selection

np_edit and nd_edit Sanger Center, UK

- automatically applies edits to the assembly using information from the shotgun primary data
- tags edits for human assessment
- does not suggest finishing reactions

Basic Finishing Strategy Step Two: Determine Map Location



Basic Finishing Strategy Step Three: Examine Contig Ends

• BAC/vector cloning junctions must contain a restriction site

 Noting the vector junctions is a first step in ordering contigs Basic Finishing Strategy Step Four: Assembly Overview

• Printrepeats (J. Parsons)



Basic Finishing Strategy Step Five: Assembly Inspection

 check forward-reverse sequence pairs to order and orient contigs



Basic Finishing Strategy Step Six: First Pass Edit

- custom oligos or transposons are chosen to extend sequence into gaps
- initial attempt to correct sequence discrepancies (editing)
- directed sequencing reactions (alternate chemistries, etc) are chosen to resolve problem sequence

Aggressive Finishing Approaches

• multiple (2-5) sequencing reactions are chosen to resolve problems

 multiple custom oligos, templates for transposons or sequencing chemistries are attempted for areas requiring coverage

 new sequence data is intermittently assembled to reduce cycle time if reactions fail Basic Finishing Strategy Step Seven: Additional Editing

- data from previous passes is used to correct sequence ambiguities
- additional custom oligos are chosen for subclone "walking" and PCR
- alternate techniques are employed to attack problems that were not resolved by initial methods



Basic Finishing Strategy Step Eight: Final Edit

- clone is inspected for contiguity, sequence quality, coverage, and proper resolution of repetitive sequence
- the assembly's predicted "in silico" restriction fragment sizes must agree with clone fingerprint data

Finishers' Clone Submission Checklist

Finisher: Clone Name: Organism: Chromosome:

Vector type: Restriction site:

Neighbors/overlaps (note extent of overlap and whether data was stolen):

Is the entire clone finished (if not, delineate the boundaries):

Is overall error rate less than 1 in 10,000 bases?

Are there any extra contigs greater than 2kb?

Has the clone been screened for E coli contamination/transposons?

Have you edited single stranded/single chemistry regions at phred30 quality?

Have you eliminated single clone areas?

Are there any regions covered only by PCR?

Do any areas need annotation (unresolved repeats, low quality regions, etc)? If so, list the locations and reasons:

Does the mapsort agree with the restriction digest? List enzymes used, and corresponding mapsort/digest band sizes, including vector bands! Attach mapsort and digest data.

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Other remarks:		

Date assigned: Date completed: Estimated clone size: Actual Clone Size:

Quality Assurance of Finished Sequence

- clone reassembly (PHRAP)
- overlap discrepancy analysis
- cumulative PHRAP assembly scores

Finishing Problem Sequence

- I. Physical Gaps
 - little or no representation of an area of sequence
 - caused by cloning bias, too little shotgun, repeats, etc.

Physical Gap Resolution

- PCR
 - try different enzymes/buffers
 - add DMSO
 - vary oligo position and length
 - alter cycling conditions
- different template types
- subclone restriction fragments
- oligo screen for subclones that may bridge the gap

Finishing Problem Sequence

- II. Sequence Gaps
 - templates that span the gap are available, but sequencing reactions are inhibited

 caused by compressions, mono/polynucleotide runs, secondary structure, etc.

Sequence Gap Resolution

- compressions
 - sequence both strands
 - terminator sequencing chemistry
- mono/polynucleotide runs
 - dye primer chemistry
 - use subclones if possible (PCR may slip)
 - in-vitro transposons/shatter libraries
 - thermofidelase at high temperature
- secondary structure
 - dGTP chemistry
 - in-vitro transposons/shatter libraries (SILs)
 - TA subcloning



Compressions are the result of the extension product folding back upon itself, thereby altering migration of the fragment through the sequencing matrix. Base spacing is noticeably altered.



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Finishing Problem Sequence III. Repeats

- often cause both physical and sequence gaps
- require careful inspection and interpretation of sequence data
- forward-reverse subclone sequence pairs and long read lengths are very useful in sorting repeats

Direct Repeats

Can differ by as little as one base in several kilobases.

- try primer walking into unique sequence between repeats
- use double stranded templates for read pair information
- use restriction maps
- subclone restriction fragments, use in vitro transposons or SILs, etc.

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Inverted Repeats

Often cause gaps as sequence proceeds uni-directionally away from the loop.

- PCR with oligos chosen in unique areas away from the gap
- double-stranded templates
- TA subclone
- subclone restriction fragments, use transposons or SILs, etc

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To identify inverted repeat causing a gap: no clones to walk on because all reads go away from the gap.



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Tandem Repeats

Repeat copies may be strung together with little or no unique sequence between them. It is often difficult to determine the number of copies of the repeat.

- sequence in both directions on subclones of varying insert sizes
- in-vitro transposons
- non-cycling sequenase
- may need to characterize the repeat units and analyze the size of the repeat with restriction fragment information to estimate the number of repeat copies



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