

Core Course XIV (CC) – Biostatistics and Bioinformatics

Unit I: Biology in the computer age

Computational Approaches to Biological questions. Basics of computers – servers, workstations, operating systems, Unix, Linux. World Wide Web. Search engines, finding scientific articles - Pubmed – public biological databases.

Unit II: Genomics

Sequence analysis – Sequencing genomes – sequence assembly – pairwise sequence comparison - genome on the web – annotating and analysing genome sequences. Genbank – sequence queries against biological databases – BLAST and FASTA– multifunctional tools for sequence analysis. Multiple sequence alignments, Phylogenetic alignment – profiles and motifs.

Unit III: Proteomics

Protein Data Bank, Swiss-prot - biochemical pathway databases -Predicting Protein structure and function from sequence – Determination of structure – feature detection – secondary structure prediction – predicting 3 D structure - protein modeling.

Unit IV: Biostatistics I

Introduction – Population and sample – Variables – Collection and presentation of data – Descriptive statistics - Measures of Central tendency – mean (arithmetic, harmonic & geometric) median and mode – Measures of dispersion – range, mean deviation, variance & standard deviation, Skewness and Kurtosis.

Unit V: Biostatistics II

Inferential statistics – Probability and distributions – Poisson, Binomial and Normal distribution – Chi-square test – Hypothesis test - Student's t-test – Correlation and Regression – ANOVA.

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