

Can we improve analyses by transforming DNA ?

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What ?

- **DNA** is like a **sentence** that contains instructions
- Machines start **reading** that sentence at a **random location**
- **Sometimes** the machine makes mistakes
- **Where** does what we **read come from** in the sentence ?

...BOATSELECTDISCOOATTRIBUTECHORUS...

OAT



What ?

- Can we **transform the DNA** to avoid mistakes ?

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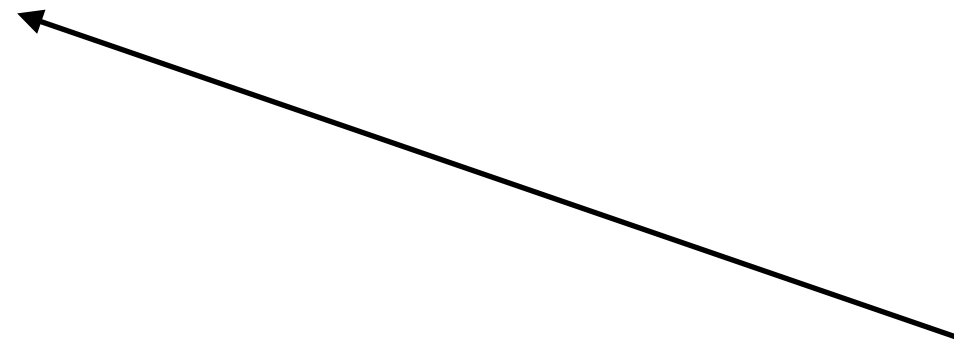
The diagram illustrates a mutation event. A single point 'OAT' is positioned below the text '...BOATSELECTDISCOATTRIBUTECHORUS...'. Two arrows originate from 'OAT': one points vertically upwards to the underlined 'AT' in 'ATTRIBUTECHORUS', and the other points diagonally upwards and to the left to the underlined 'BOAT' in 'BOATSELECTDISCO'.

What ?

- Can we **transform the DNA** to avoid mistakes ?

...**BOAT**SELECTDISCO**LETTUCE**CHORUS...

OAT



Why ?

- Finding out **where** a read comes from **is fundamental**
- A **mistake** can lead to **wrong conclusions**
- **Mistakes** are bad !

How ?

1. **Define** what a **transformation** is
2. Figure out **which ones are likely to be good**
3. **Generate** reads for which **we know the truth**
4. **Check if** transforming is **better**

Does it work ?

- We have found **several transformation** that **do better**
- In some cases, the **number of mistakes** is **1000 times lower**
- This is still the case when testing on **different organisms**

What next ?

- Explore a **larger set** of transformations. Either:
 - Find new ways to **guess which transformations are good**
 - “**Learn**” transformations directly with M.L. & A.I.

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