

**BMI/CS 776**  
**Lecture 26**  
**Parametric Inference**

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# Polytope algebra

- Natural to define addition and multiplication of polytopes: *polytope algebra*  $(\mathcal{P}_d, \oplus, \odot)$

$$\begin{aligned} P \oplus Q &:= \text{conv}(P \cup Q) \\ &= \{ \lambda p + (1 - \lambda)q \in \mathbb{R}^d : p \in P, q \in Q, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

**(convex hull of union)**

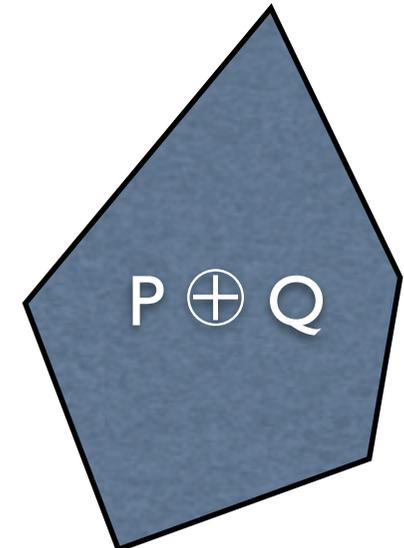
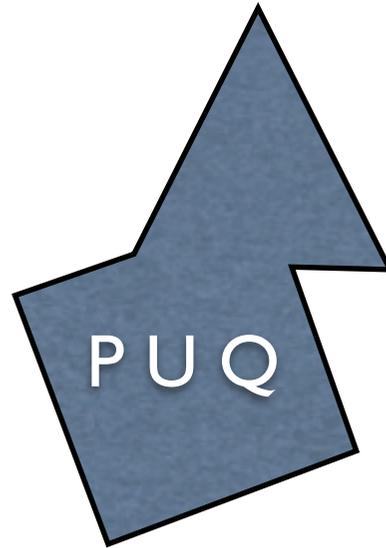
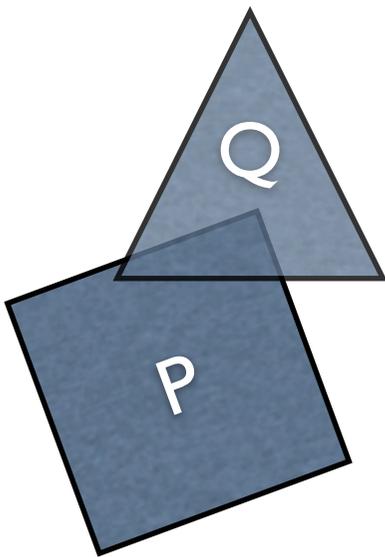
$$\begin{aligned} P \odot Q &:= P + Q \\ &= \{ p + q \in \mathbb{R}^d : p \in P, q \in Q \}. \end{aligned}$$

**(Minkowski sum)**

# Polytope addition

$$\begin{aligned} P \oplus Q &:= \text{conv}(P \cup Q) \\ &= \{ \lambda p + (1 - \lambda)q \in \mathbb{R}^d : p \in P, q \in Q, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

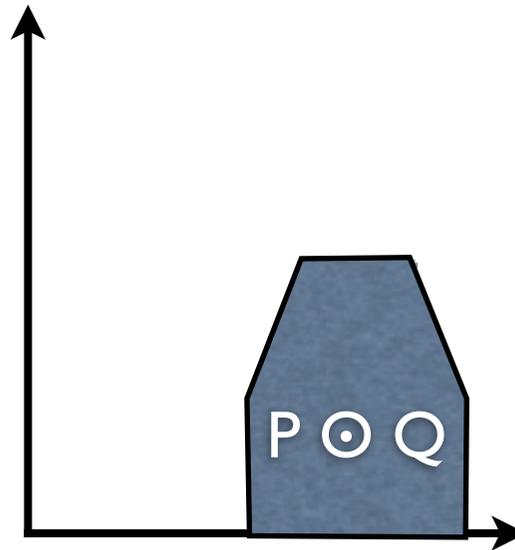
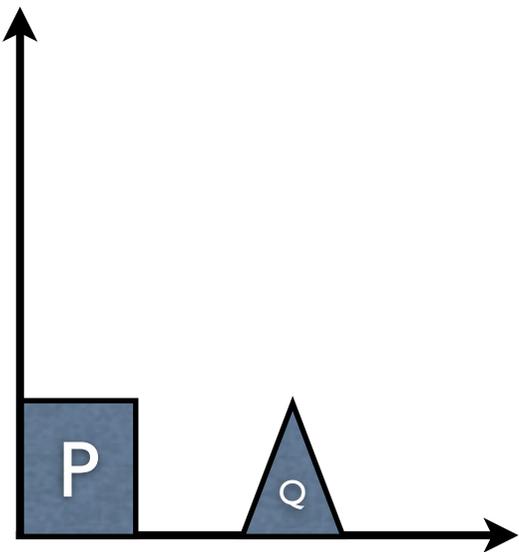
(convex hull of union)



# Polytope multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} P \odot Q &:= P + Q \\ &= \{p + q \in \mathbb{R}^d : p \in P, q \in Q\}. \end{aligned}$$

(Minkowski sum)



# Properties of polytope algebra

- Addition and multiplication both commutative
- Distributive property also holds

**Proposition**      *If  $P, Q, R$  are polytopes in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  then*

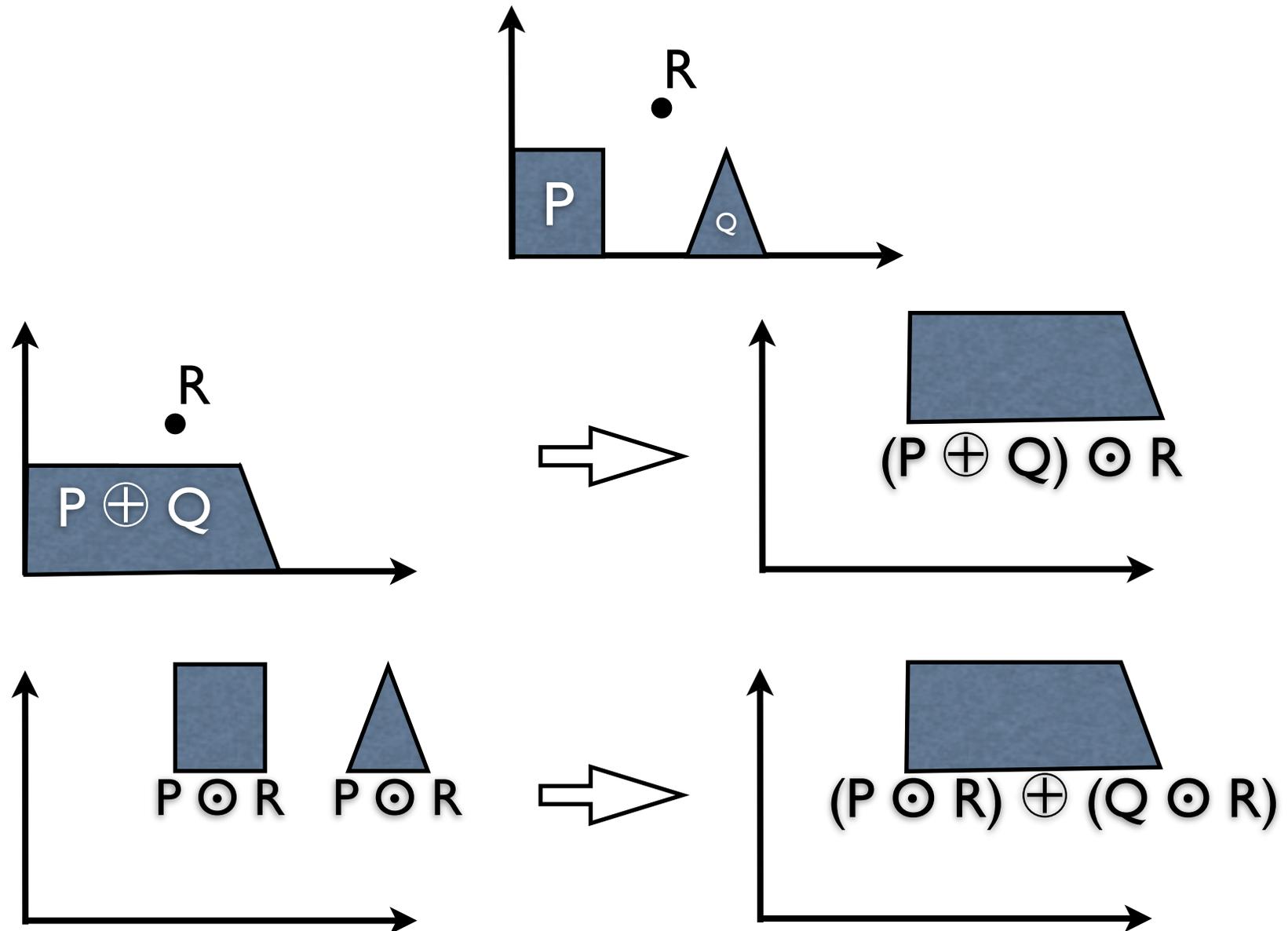
$$(P \oplus Q) \odot R = (P \odot R) \oplus (Q \odot R). \quad (I)$$

*Proof* Consider points  $p \in P, q \in Q$  and  $r \in R$ . For  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$  note that

$$(\lambda p + (1 - \lambda)q) + r = \lambda(p + r) + (1 - \lambda)(q + r).$$

The left hand side represents an arbitrary point in the left hand side of (I), and the right hand side represents a point in the right hand side of (I)  $\square$

# Distributive property



# Newton polytope

- Every polynomial has a corresponding polytope called the *Newton polytope*

Polynomial in  $d$  variables,  
 $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_d$ :

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \cdot \theta_1^{v_{i1}} \theta_2^{v_{i2}} \dots \theta_d^{v_{id}}$$

exponent vector of  $i$ th  
monomial:  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$v_i = (v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \dots, v_{id}) \in \mathbb{N}^d, \forall i$$

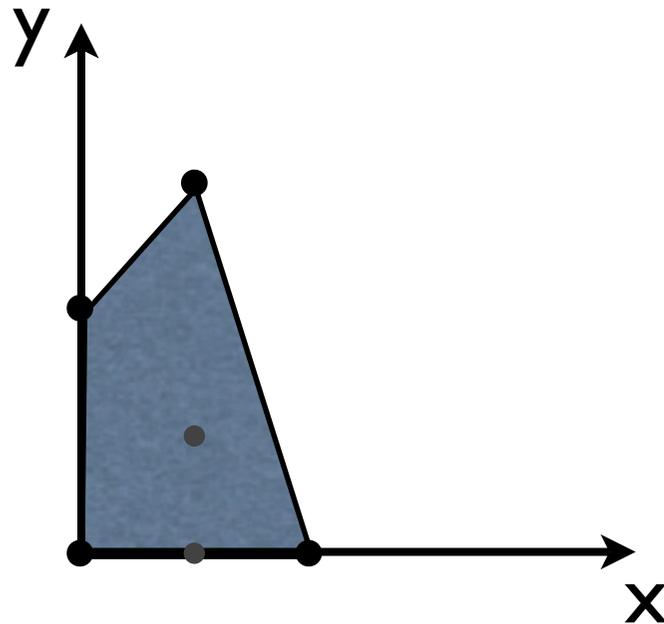
- The newton polytope is the convex hull of the exponent vectors of the monomials

$$\text{NP}(f) := \text{conv}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d.$$

# Example Newton polytope

$$f = 1 + 3x + 9xy + 2x^2 + 5y^2 + xy^3$$

exponent vectors:  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2)$ ,  $(1, 3)$



# Newton polytope algebra

**Theorem 2.25** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}[\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d]$ . Then*

$$\text{NP}(f \cdot g) = \text{NP}(f) \odot \text{NP}(g) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{NP}(f + g) \subseteq \text{NP}(f) \oplus \text{NP}(g).$$

*If all coefficients of  $f$  and  $g$  are positive then  $\text{NP}(f + g) = \text{NP}(f) \oplus \text{NP}(g)$ .*

(for proof, see book “Algebraic Statistics for  
Computational Biology”)

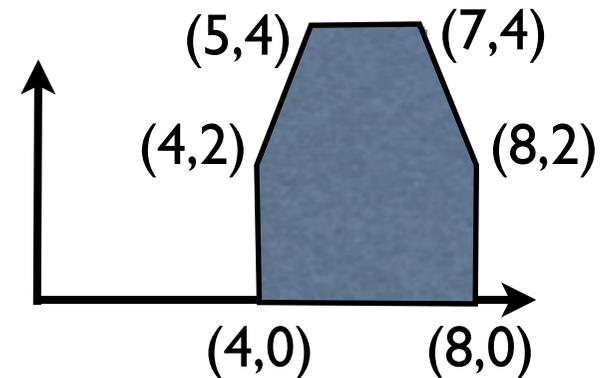
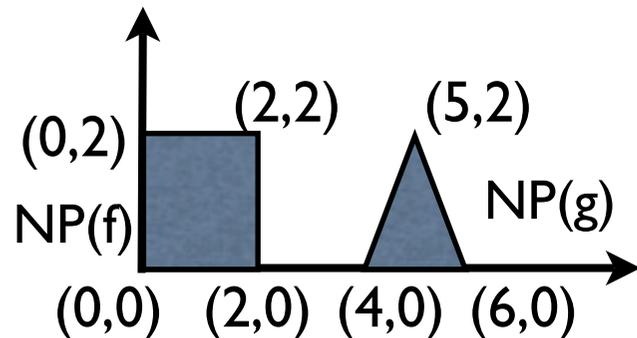
# Example Newton polytope algebra

$$f \cdot g = 9x^4 + 6x^6 + 2x^8 + 15x^4y^2 + 3x^5y^2 + 16x^6y^2 + x^7y^2 + 5x^5y^4 + 4x^8y^2 + 2x^7y^4$$

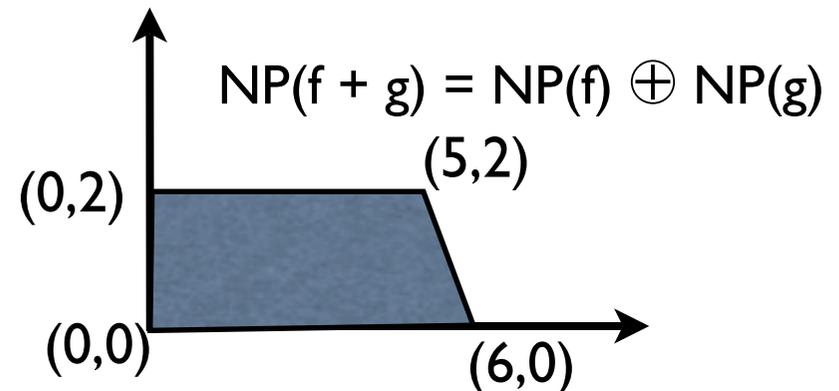
$$\text{NP}(f \cdot g) = \text{NP}(f) \odot \text{NP}(g)$$

$$f = 3 + x^2 + 2x^2y^2 + 5y^2$$

$$g = 3x^4 + x^5y^2 + 2x^6$$



$$f + g = 3 + x^2 + 2x^2y^2 + 5y^2 + 3x^4 + x^5y^2 + 2x^6$$



# Probabilistic models and newton polytopes

- HMM example

$$\text{Prob}(\tau) = \sum_{\sigma} p_{\sigma, \tau}$$

$$p_{\sigma, \tau} = \frac{1}{l} \theta'_{\sigma_1, \tau_1} \theta_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \theta'_{\sigma_2, \tau_2} \theta_{\sigma_2, \sigma_3} \cdots \theta'_{\sigma_n, \tau_n}$$

The probability of each parse is of the form  $x_1^{v_1} x_2^{v_2} \cdots x_d^{v_d}$

We wish to find the MAP parse:  $\bar{\sigma} = \text{argmax}_{\sigma} \{p_{\sigma, \tau}\}$

equivalently

$$\bar{\sigma} = \text{argmax}_{\sigma} \log p_{\sigma, \tau}$$

# Recursive decomposition

- Inference function can be decomposed
- Allow for efficient computation

$$\text{Prob}(\tau) = \sum_{\sigma} p_{\sigma, \tau}$$

$$p_{\tau} = \sum_{\sigma_n=1}^l \theta'_{\sigma_n, \tau_n} \left( \sum_{\sigma_{n-1}=1}^l \theta_{\sigma_{n-1}, \sigma_n} \theta'_{\sigma_{n-1}, \tau_{n-1}} \left( \cdots \left( \sum_{\sigma_1=1}^l \theta_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \theta'_{\sigma_1, \tau_1} \right) \cdots \right) \right)$$

# Polytope propagation algorithm

- Sum-product algorithm (e.g., forward algorithm for HMMs) with:
  - Parameters replaced by unit vectors
  - Sum replaced convex hull of union
  - Product replaced by Minkowski sum
  - That is, we are running the algorithm with the polytope algebra instead of  $(+, \times)$
- Output is the Newton polytope of the inference function

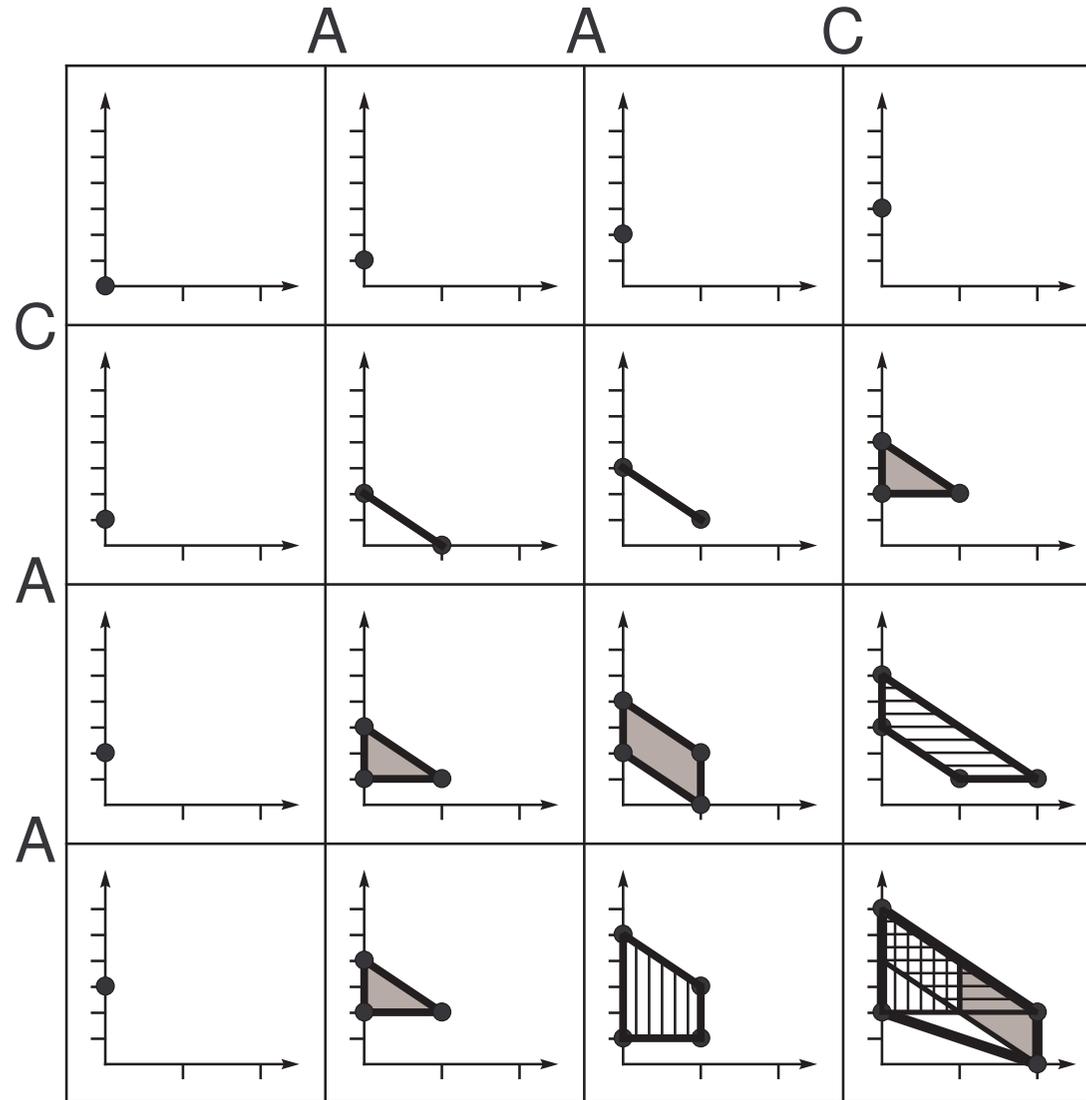
# Parametric alignment

- Use same recurrences as Needleman-Wunsch
- Entries are now polytopes not numbers
- Parameters are vectors

$$P[i, j] = \text{conv} \left( \begin{array}{l} P[i-1, j-1] \odot v(\sigma_i^1, \sigma_j^2) \quad \cup \\ P[i-1, j] \odot \{(0, 1)\} \quad \cup \\ P[i, j-1] \odot \{(0, 1)\} \end{array} \right)$$

(for simple mismatch, space scoring scheme)

# Parametric alignment



# Implementation

```
template<typename SemiRing>
void
alignGlobalLastRow(const string& seq1,
                  const string& seq2,
                  const typename SemiRing::Element match,
                  const typename SemiRing::Element mismatch,
                  const typename SemiRing::Element gap,
                  vector<typename SemiRing::Element>& row);
```

# Implementation

```
const Element one = SemiRing::multiplicativeIdentity;
// Initialize row
row.resize(seq2.size() + 1);
row[0] = one;
// Calculate first row
for (size_t j = 1; j <= seq2.size(); ++j)
    row[j] = gap * row[j - 1];
// Calculate remaining rows
Element up, diag;
for (size_t i = 1; i <= seq1.size(); ++i) {
    diag = row[0];
    row[0] *= gap;
    for (size_t j = 1; j <= seq2.size(); ++j) {
        up = row[j];
        if (seq1[i - 1] == seq2[j - 1]) {
            row[j] = match * diag + gap * (up + row[j - 1]);
        } else {
            row[j] = mismatch * diag + gap * (up + row[j - 1]);
        }
        diag = up;
    }
}
```

# Hemoglobin alignment

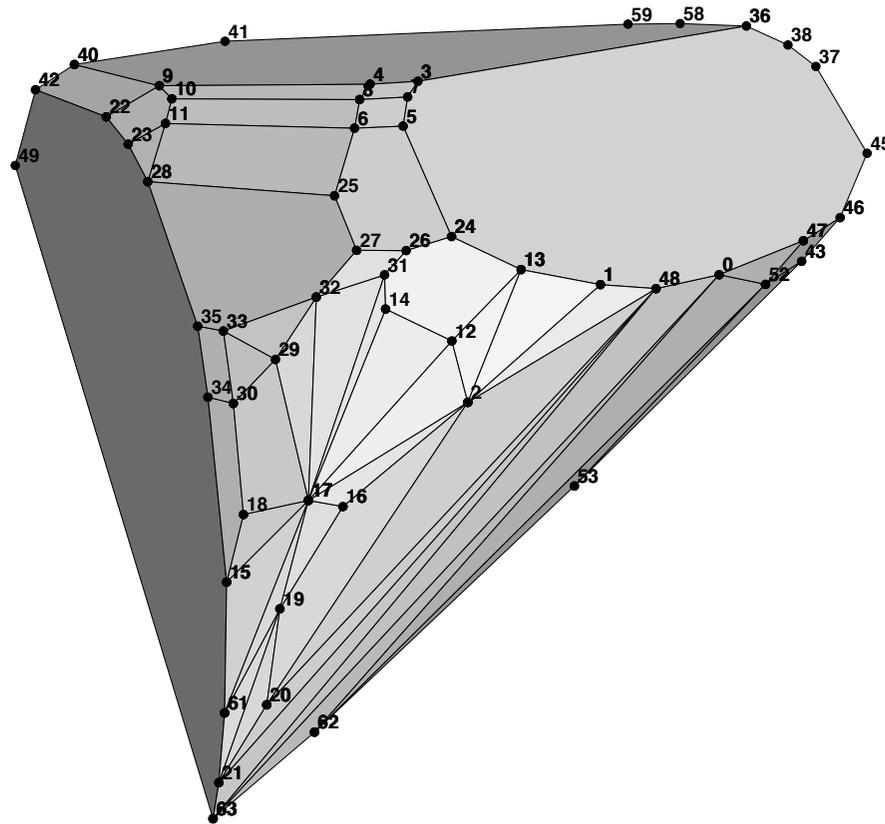
$\beta$  FASFGNLSSPTAILGNPMV  
 $\alpha$  FPHF-DLSH-----GSAQI.

$h_1$   $\beta$  UUUGCGUCCUUUGGGAACCUCUCCAGCCCCACUGCCAUCCUUGGCAACCCCAUGGUC  
 $\alpha$  UUUCCCCACUUC---GAUCUGUCACAC-----GGCUCCGCUCAAUC.

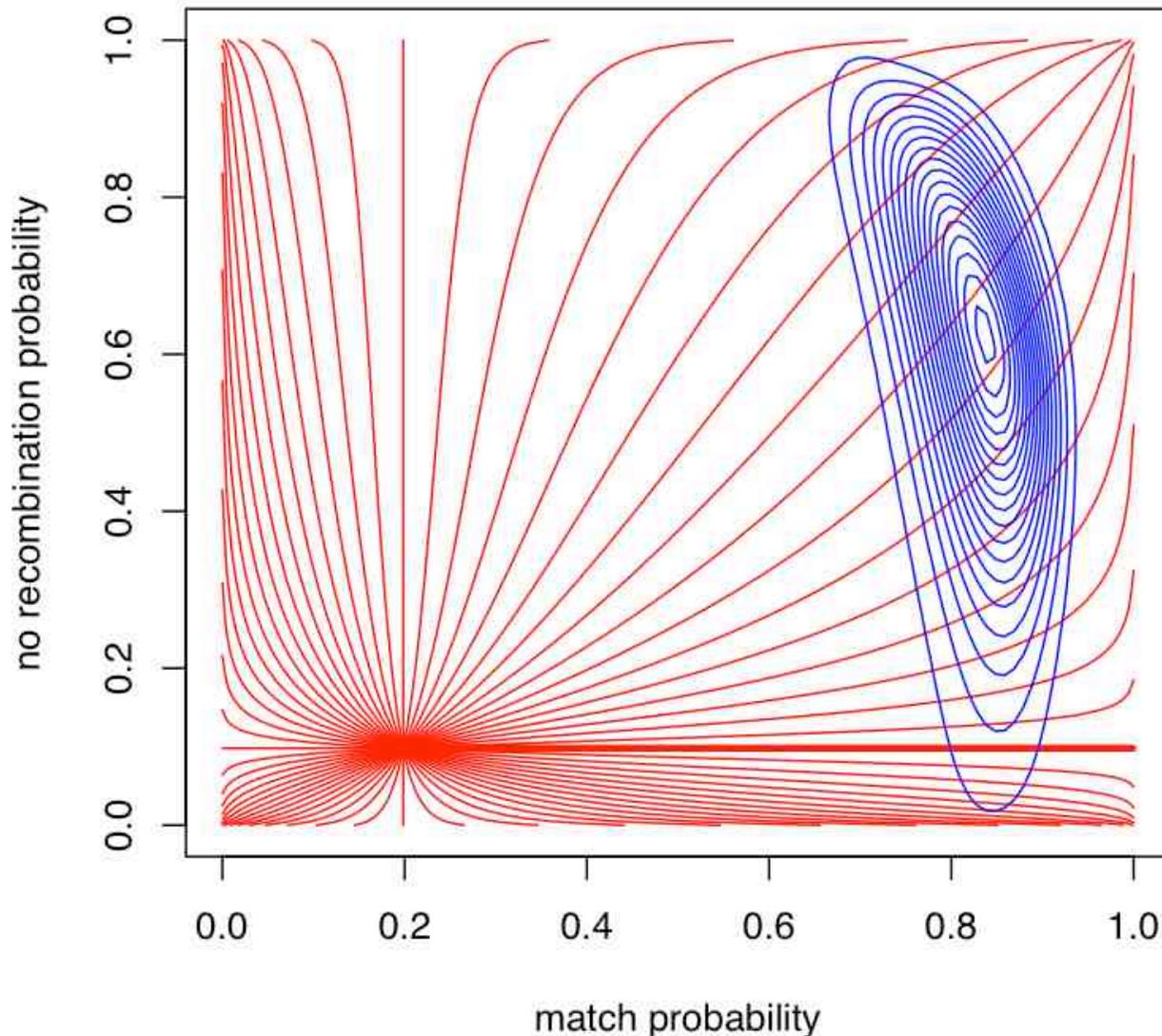
$h_2$   $\beta$  UUUGCGUCCUUUGGGAACCUCUCCAGCCCCACUGCCAUCCUUGGCAACCCCAUGGUC  
 $\alpha$  UUUCCCCACUUCG---AUCUGUCACAC-----GGCUCCGCUCAAUC,

Two possible alignments of mRNA

# Hemoglobin alignment polytope



# Normal cones and likelihood surfaces



Blue: Likelihood surface

Red: Subdivision of parameter space into regions with same MAP estimate