

# Package ‘SeqAlignR’

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**Title** Sequence Alignment and Visualization Tool

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**Description** Computes the optimal alignment of two character sequences.

Visualizes the result of the alignment in a matrix plot.

Needleman, Saul B.; Wunsch, Christian D. (1970) ``A general method applicable to the search for similarities in the amino acid sequence of two proteins" <[doi:10.1016/0022-2836\(70\)90057-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/0022-2836(70)90057-4)>.

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align\_sequences      *Sequence Alignment*

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### Description

Performs sequence alignment on two sequences by a user specified alignment method. As of now, only the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm is supported.

### Usage

```
align_sequences(seq1, seq2, d, mismatch, match, method = "needleman")
```

### Arguments

seq1	First sequence to align.
seq2	Second sequence to align.
d	Gap penalty, should be negative.
mismatch	Mismatch penalty, should be negative.
match	Match score, should be positive.
method	Name of alignment algorithm. Currently only supports "needleman".

### Value

Object of class alignment representing the alignment result. This object can be utilized with the `plot.alignment` function to visualize the alignment matrix and the `print.alignment` function to display alignments in the console.

### References

For more details on the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm, see the [wikipedia page](#).

### Examples

```
seq1 <- "GCATGCG"
seq2 <- "GATTACA"
# Run the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm
align_sequences(seq1, seq2, d = -1, mismatch = -1, match = 1)
```

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plot.alignment	<i>Plot Alignment Matrix</i>
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## Description

Produces a plot displaying the alignment matrix of seq1 and seq2.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alignment'  
plot(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x                    Object of class alignment (see [align\\_sequences](#)).  
...                  Additional parameters to be passed to the plot() function.

## Details

The first sequence (seq1) is represented by the columns and the second sequence (seq2) is represented by the rows. The first column and first row are left bank, meaning a gap. Each cell in the matrix displays the score. The subtitle states the match, mismatch and gap penalty d used in the algorithm. A mismatch is shown by the red arrows, a match by the blue arrows, and a gap by the green arrows. The alignment(s) with the highest score are highlighted with thick gray borders.

## Value

Plot of the alignment matrix.

## References

The implementation is inspired by the visualization ([code](#)) by Kamil Slowikowski ([ORCID](#)).

## Examples

```
seq1 <- "GCATGCG"  
seq2 <- "GATTACA"  
# Run the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm  
alignment1 <- align_sequences(seq1, seq2, d = -1, mismatch = -1, match = 1)  
# Plot the matrix  
plot(alignment1)
```

print.alignment      *Print Alignments*

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### Description

Prints the alignments between seq1 and seq2 with the highest score.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'alignment'  
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x                      Object of class alignment (see [align\\_sequences](#)).  
...                     Additional parameters to be passed to the `cat()` function, displaying the alignment.

### Details

The printed message includes the alignment score. This function may display multiple alignments, as alignments with the same score are possible.

### Value

Console print of alignments.

### Examples

```
seq1 <- "GCATGCG"  
seq2 <- "GATTACA"  
# Run the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm  
alignment1 <- align_sequences(seq1, seq2, d = -1, mismatch = -1, match = 1)  
# Print the alignments  
print(alignment1)
```

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SeqAlignR                      *Sequence Alignment Tool*

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### Description

Sequence alignment and visualization tool designed to enhance understanding of sequence alignment algorithms, such as the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm. Through detailed matrix plot visualizations with arrows illustrating the path of different alignments, users can gain insights into how these algorithms score and identify optimal alignments between two sequences.

**Getting started**

1. Install the SeqAlignR package from CRAN using:  
`install.packages("SeqAlignR")`
2. Load the SeqAlignR package into your R session:  
`library(SeqAlignR)`
3. Explore the documentation for [align\\_sequences](#) or see the example below:  
`?align_sequences`

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**References**

The graphics in the package were inspired by [this code](#) by Kamil Slowikowski ([ORCID](#)).

**Examples**

```
seq1 <- "GCATGCG"
seq2 <- "GATTACA"
# Run the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm
alignment1 <- align_sequences(seq1, seq2, d = -1, mismatch = -1, match = 1, method="needleman")
# Print the alignments
print(alignment1)
# Plot the matrix
plot(alignment1)
```

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