Homework 1 CSCI 451

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- Yes you can visit a gene bank and check a number of protein sequences.
 - The MET is the first amino acid.
- 2. There are usually 2 copies of nuclear DNA in a eukariotic cell. There are between 100 and 1000 copies of mitochondrial DNA in a eukariotic cell, about 500 per human cell.
- 3. Genes are currently supposed to be somewhat randomly distributed throughout the genome, however, there are theories that some groups are clumped together rather than completey randomly distributed.
- 4. It is mentioned that there is a codon bias for D. *melanogaster* where the more commonly expressed genes use the more readily available codons in the cell. This does not appear to be true for most organisms.
- 5. ATG is the start translation sequence, so ACTTGTC is the 5' UTR. TAG is the end sequence used here, meaning the 3' UTR is GTCATG.

Figure 1: Z Algorithm Output