



How to start with genomics

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How to start with genomics?

Before that...

Why bother?

And actually what is genomics?





So what is... ?

Genomics?

Field of science focusing on the structure, function, evolution, mapping, and editing of genomes

A genome?

An organism's complete set of DNA.

DNA?

Chemical acid structured like twisted ladder. The steps of the ladder are complementary bases A-T, G-C

Genome. Some facts

Genome appears in each cell

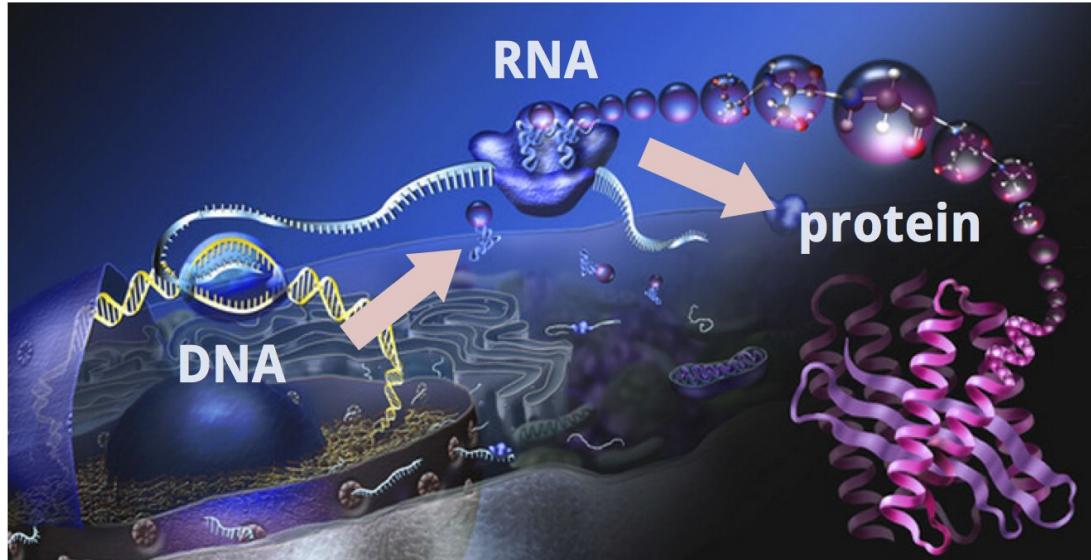
Genome is packaged in chromosomes

Genome is **VERY BIG** and very small at the same time (human cell's DNA length is 3 m, while cell's nucleus is 6 microns)

Genes are “fragments” of DNA



1958. Central Dogma



DNA gets transcribed into RNA.

RNA gets translated into proteins.

Proteins build body parts



Representing genome

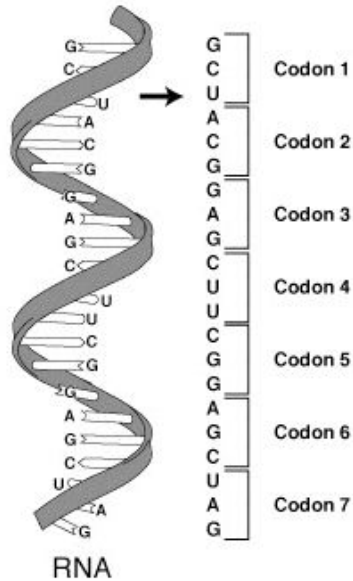
Genome => string (3 billion letters) build upon 4 letter alphabet {A, C, G, T}

Genes => substrings of genome

RNA => substring of genome, transformed, T->U

Genome is like “source-code” for humans?

Genetic code

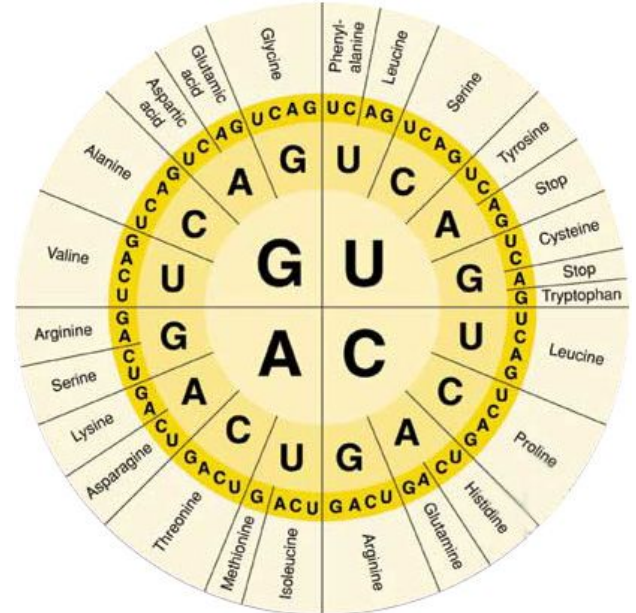


Ribonucleic acid

RNA gets translated into chain of amino acids using genetic code.

RNA is divided into 3 letter long “codons” which identify particular amino acid.

There is also codon for START and STOP.



Programming human? Happy path



chromosomes

DNA

- * genes
- * non-coding DNA



transcription



RNA



translation



proteins



body parts



human



packages

source code

- * methods
- * comments



compilation



assembly
file



assembly

01100
10110
11110

object code

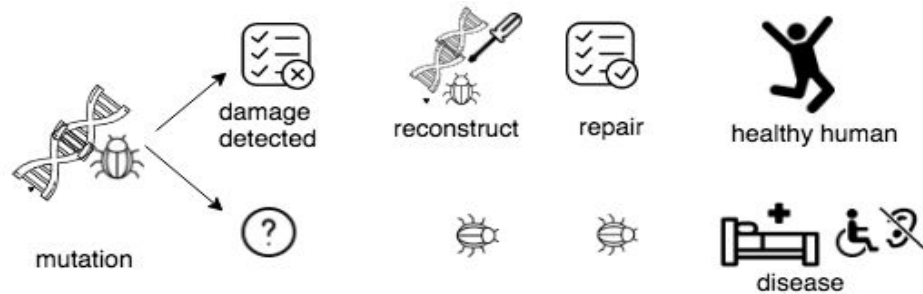


modules



application

Programming human? Quality checks



how to get to know your genome?

A One-Slide Introduction to Genomics

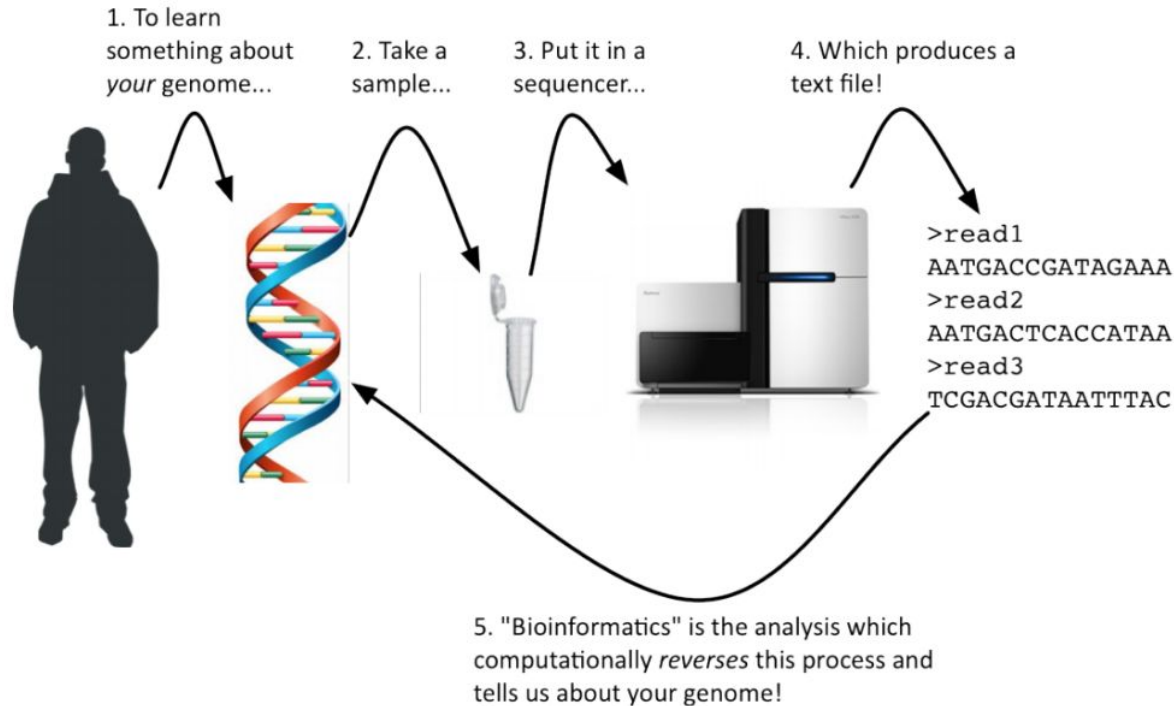
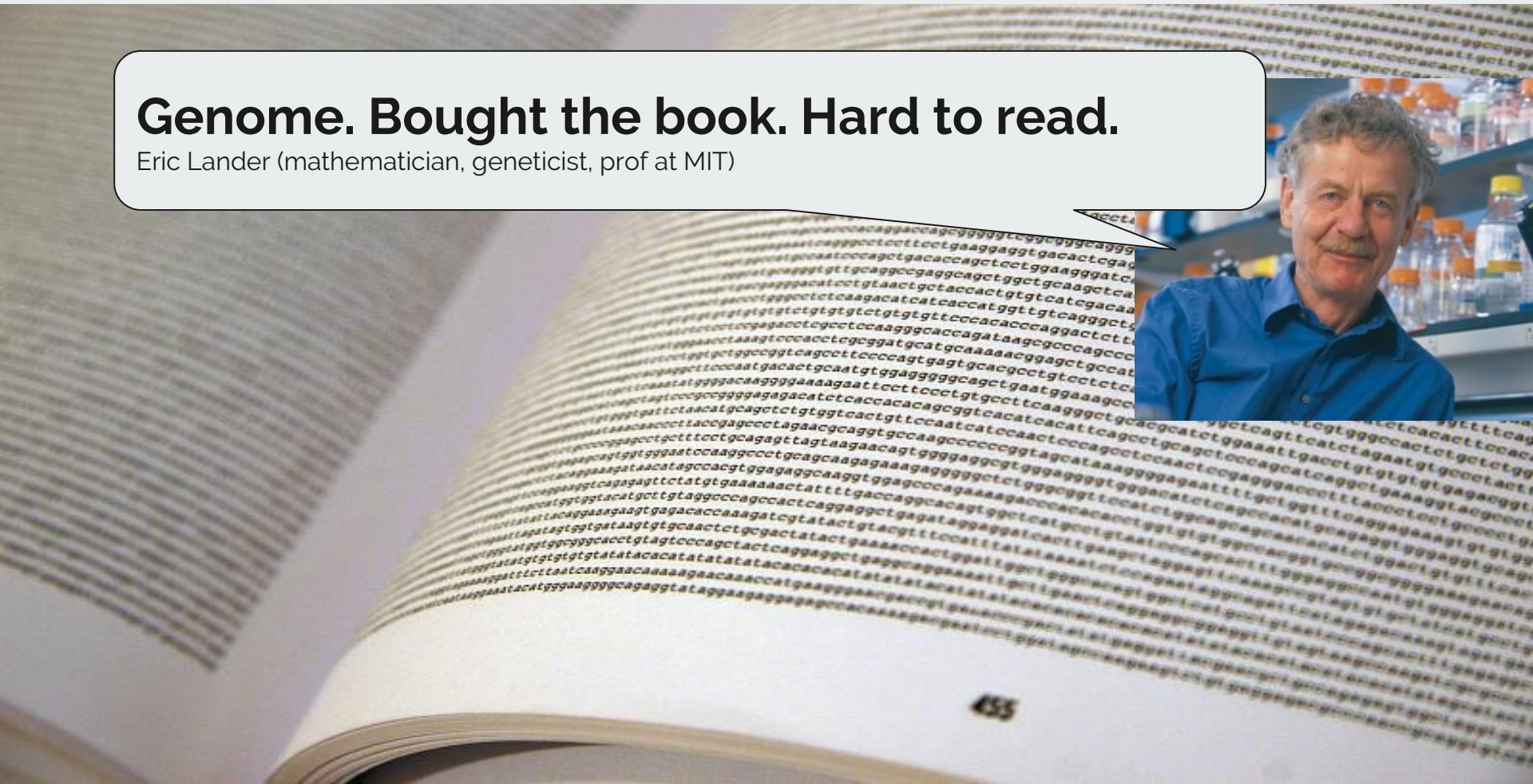
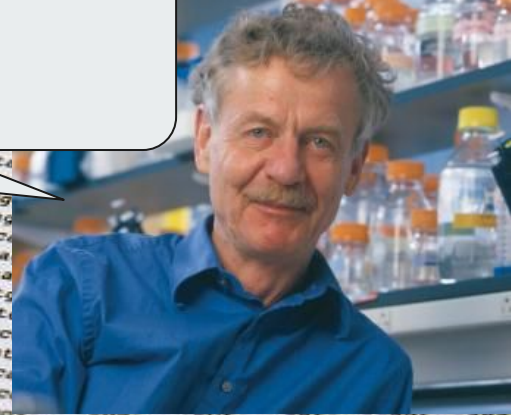


Figure: Źródło: <http://www.slideshare.net/TimothyDanford/tdanford-spark>

Genome. Bought the book. Hard to read.

Eric Lander (mathematician, geneticist, prof at MIT)





Hard to read? Why?

- very long . 3 billion letters. When stored in file: 150 GB
- fragmented (genes are split by exons)
- many repetitive fragments
- mutation or sequencing error?
- meaningless or meaningful? (rubbish DNA or regulatory sequences)



Main problems targeted by genomics

- **DIAGNOSTICS**

- finding root cause of genetic disease
- cancer (and other diseases) prevention

- **THERAPY**

- deciding on the the best treatment for patient
- developing gene therapy - repairing DNA fragments
- predicting organism's response to drug

- **RESEARCH**

- discovering knowledge (genotype-phenotype relationship, exposom-phenotype relationship)



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IT challenges in genomics

- classic algorithms optimizations for data analysis (scaling and distributed computing)
- data science - discovering knowledge - genotype-phenotype relationship, gene-gene relationship, gene annotations

But first, researchers need a lot of genomes. The bigger the database, the better.

- embracing genomics Big Data

How to share safely your sensitive data?

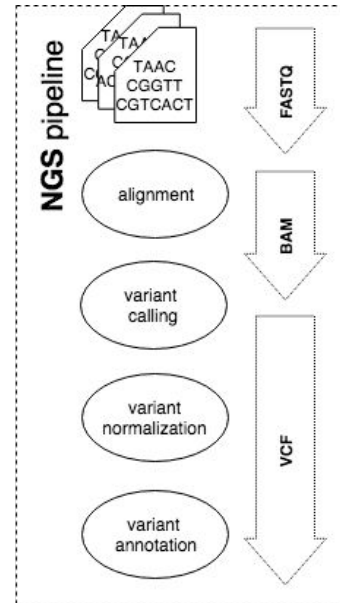
- genomics and blockchain

iGAP

NGS pipeline - data transformations, normalization and preprocessing

Data model - fit for random access and analytical access patterns

Machine Learning - tools to support molecular diagnosis and general research

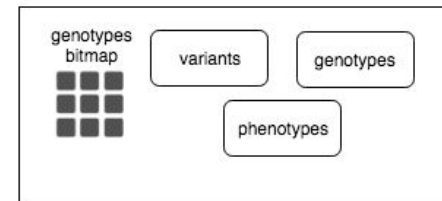


Machine Learning

Genotype
phenotype
research

Molecular
diagnosis

BIG Data





Scalable range joins

In bioinformatics we frequently perform joins as keys between datasets. Our datasets are billions of rows. They have to be efficient.

Adding custom strategy into SparkSQL to efficiently join interval ranges, based on Interval Tree algorithms

CNV detection

CNVs may have severe impact on human health

Current solutions provide results with many False Positives and that complicates analysis.

We are working on classifier detecting rare CNVs (Bayes, neural networks).



Some latest genomics highlights:

Editing your genes at home using CRISPR technology -> BioHackers, [2017]

<http://mysteriousuniverse.org/2017/11/biohackers-are-using-crispr-to-hack-their-own-dna/>

Luxterna, Gene Therapy for blindness approved by FDA: [2017]

<https://edition.cnn.com/2017/12/20/health/fda-gene-therapy-blindness-bn/index.html>

Google Deep Variant [2017]

<https://www.face2gene.com/> [2011 +]



How to start?

Quick biology recap (PL/EN)

 **KHAN**ACADEMY <https://pl.khanacademy.org/science/biology>

 **YouTube** https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLInNVsmIBUIQT_peuWctrmGMiLNgK-6fb

Comprehensive course:

 **coursera** <https://www.coursera.org/specializations/genomic-data-science>



How to start?

Some recommended readings:



“Algorithms For Next Generation Sequencing”, 2017, Wing-Kin Sung

“Genetyka Medyczna i Molekularna”, 2017, Jerzy Bal

Events:



NGSchool - Summer School this year in Lublin <http://ngschool.eu/>

BioHack - Hackathon in Lodz, <http://www.biohack.linuxpl.eu/>



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Reach out:

Biodatageeks weekly meetings: www.biodatageeks.org

RNA CLUB: <https://www.facebook.com/RNAClubWarsaw/>

MIMUW <http://bioputer.mimuw.edu.pl/>

MINI, PW: <http://mi2.mini.pw.edu.pl/>

PTBI : <https://www.ptbi.org.pl/website/home/>



Thank you!