Data Science in Bioinformatics

Day 1

For all tasks please use text files for your answers and briefly comment your scripts within the code

1) Basics

For refreshing your skills in the use of a terminal, create the following folder structure, without using any graphical UI. Which commands did you use?

2) Concepts and Sequences

In bioinformatics it is all about biological <u>sequences</u>. Get an overview on the different types of concepts that are relevant for different biological processes and how they are connected:

- DNA sequence
- Protein sequence
- Genotype
- Protein biosynthesis

<u>DNA</u> for example is a polymer composed of four different nucleobases (cytosine: C, guanine: G, adenine: A, thymine: T), encoding all genes that are necessary to produce different <u>proteins</u>. Please write a script that is capable of reading a random DNA sequence from the terminal command line:

- a. Read in from Terminal and output the sequence
- b. Transfer all the single letters in upper case
- c. Make sure the sequence only contains allowed letters (ACTG)
- d. Input a second DNA sequence and check if it's included in the first sequence

3) File Handling

For analyzing large amounts of data, sequence data is stored in specific file formats. The most basic format is <u>FASTA</u>, a simple text file only containing plain text. Take a look at the provided file with an editor (VS Code, nano, vi) and name all the features you can spot.

Write a script that is capable of reading the given file into a default python file structure. When running the script, it should provide a dialog presenting the available sequence names and outputting the sequence when inputting one of the given names.