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Background

RNA consists of the four base pairs Adenine (A), Guanine (G), Cytosine (C) and Uracil (U). These base pairs of RNA pair in a complementary fashion: Adenine to Uracil (A – U) and Cytosine to Guanine (C – G).

Unlike DNA for which we are concerned with optimally aligning two strands, for RNA we are concerned with how the strand folds with itself.

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