

Project 1c : DNA Sequencer

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1 DNA Background

You will read in a real DNA sequence that is meant to create a pump for a cell membrane. DNA provides a blueprint to create proteins which in turn create all the necessary parts for us to stay alive. This process involves a few steps :

1. DNA starts with one strand and that strand's compliment, forming a two strand double helix.
2. When ready, the DNA will split apart and messenger RNA, or mRNA, will create a copy.
3. The mRNA will then travel into a ribosome, The ribosome will read in the mRNA and create amino acids by reading a section at a time.
4. A chain of amino acids will then form the proteins necessary.
5. Watch [this video](#) and [this one](#).

2 Part I

1. Create a DNAStrand class.
 - (a) Create a method, ***readDNA***, that reads in the dna sequence file by looping through each line. Store the sequence in an ArrayList.
 - (b) Create another method, ***createCompliment***, which uses the read-in sequence and takes in no parameters, iterates through it, and creates its compliment by checking each letter. Store the compliment in an ArrayList. Remember that the compliment to "a" is "t" and "c" is "g". **The output should keep all strings as LOWERCASE.** HINT: Use the string methods.
 - (c) Create ***getCompliment*** and ***getDnaSequence*** methods that return the corresponding ArrayList. So ***getCompliment*** should return the ArrayList created in createCompliment.
 - (d) Create a ***mutateDna*** method that will loop through the DNA sequence and change it in any way that you want. You can get creative on how this changes the DNA.
 - (e) Create a ***printPeptide*** method that loops through an ArrayList of amino acids and prints the sequence inside of it.

3 Part II

1. Create Mrna class.
 - (a) Create a ***createCopy*** method that reads in a DNA arraylist and stores the translated copy in an ArrayList. Remember that mRNA doesn't use "T", but instead the translation of "a" is "u". **The output should keep all strings as LOWERCASE.**
 - (b) Create a ***getMessengerDnaCopy*** that returns the arraylist with the copy of the DNA.
2. Create a Ribosome class.
 - (a) Create a ***createProtein*** method that returns an ArrayList of amino acids. This should take in an ArrayList as a parameter.

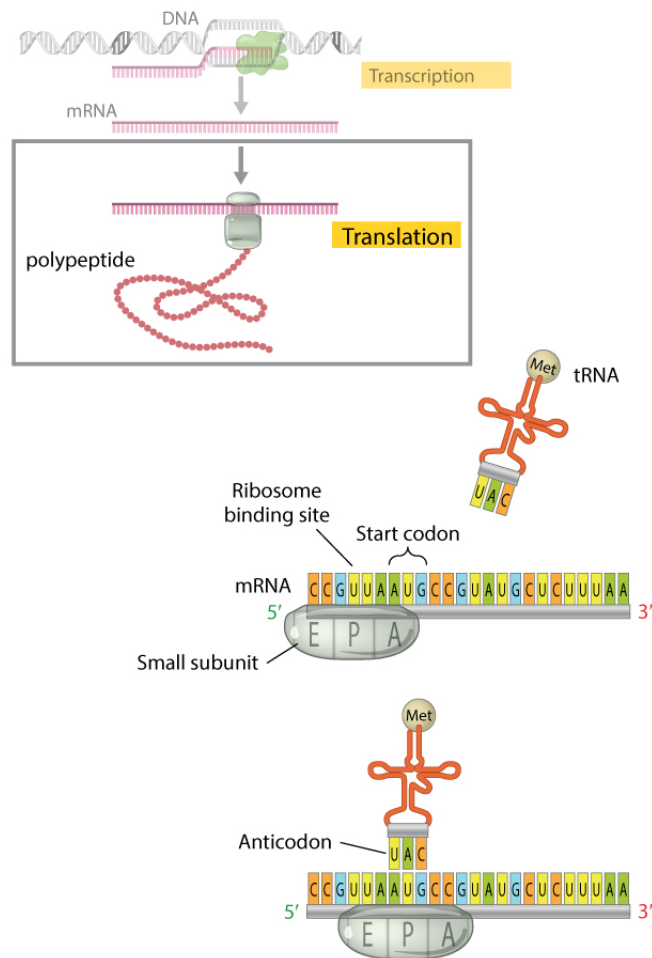


Figure 1: Protein Creation

4 Possible Extension

1. Create a Medicine class.
 - (a) Create a *cancerCure* method that checks if a sequence is the same as the original sequence from the txt file and then returns a fixed ArrayList with the correct sequence.
2. Get creative!

		Second nucleotide					
		U	C	A	G		
First nucleotide	U	UUU Phe UUC UUA Leu UUG	UCU UCC Ser UCA UCG	UAU Tyr UAC UAA STOP UAG STOP	UGU Cys UGC UGA STOP UGG Trp	U	Third nucleotide
	C	CUU CUC Leu CUA CUG	CCU CCC Pro CCA CCG	CAU His CAC CAA Gln CAG	CGU CGC Arg CGA CGG	U	
	A	AUU Ile AUC AUA AUG Met	ACU ACC Thr ACA ACG	AAU Asn AAC AAA Lys AAG	AGU Ser AGC AGA Arg AGG	U	
	G	GUU Val GUC GUA GUG	GCU Ala GCC GCA GCG	GAU Asp GAC GAA Glu GAG	GGU GGC Gly GGA GGG	U	

Figure 2: Proteing List For Ribosome