

BIO213- Introduction to Quantitative Biology



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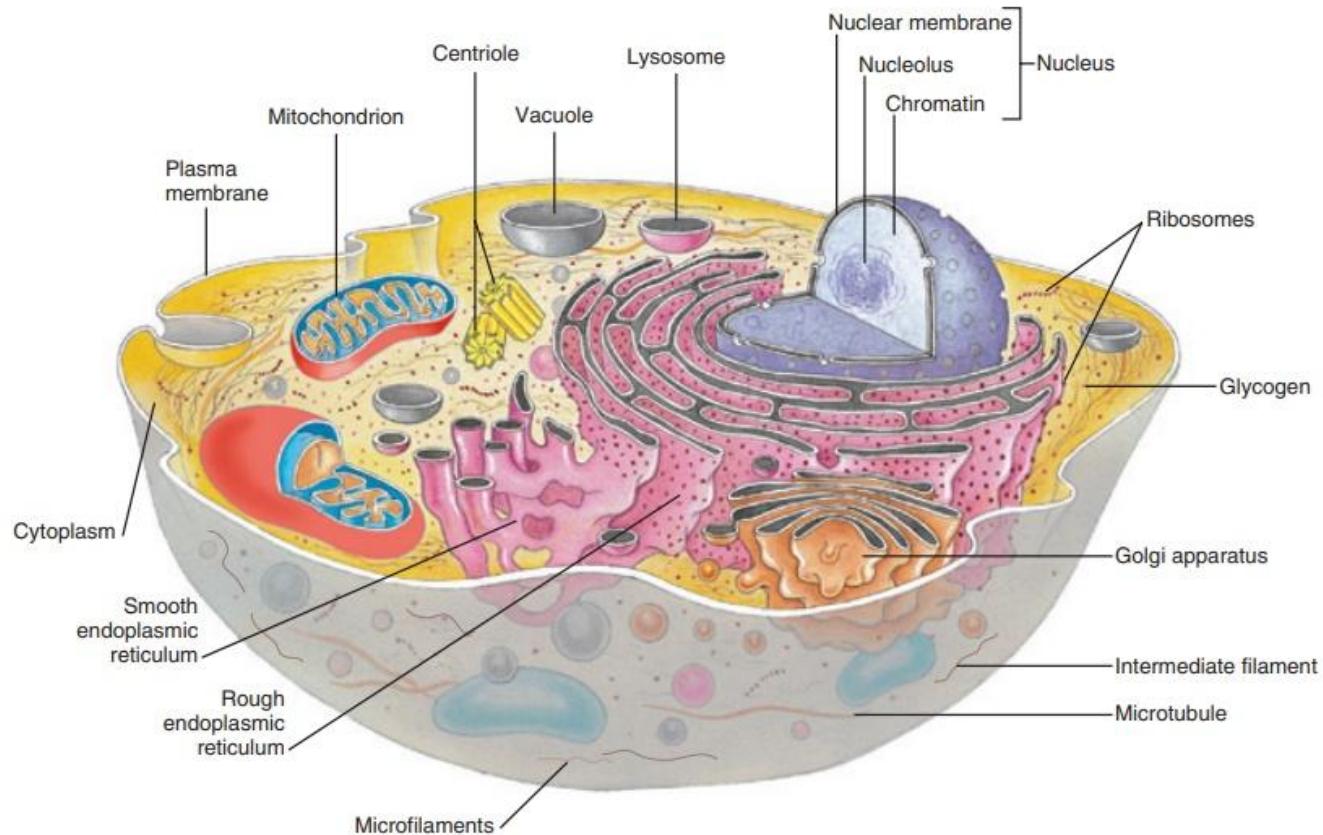
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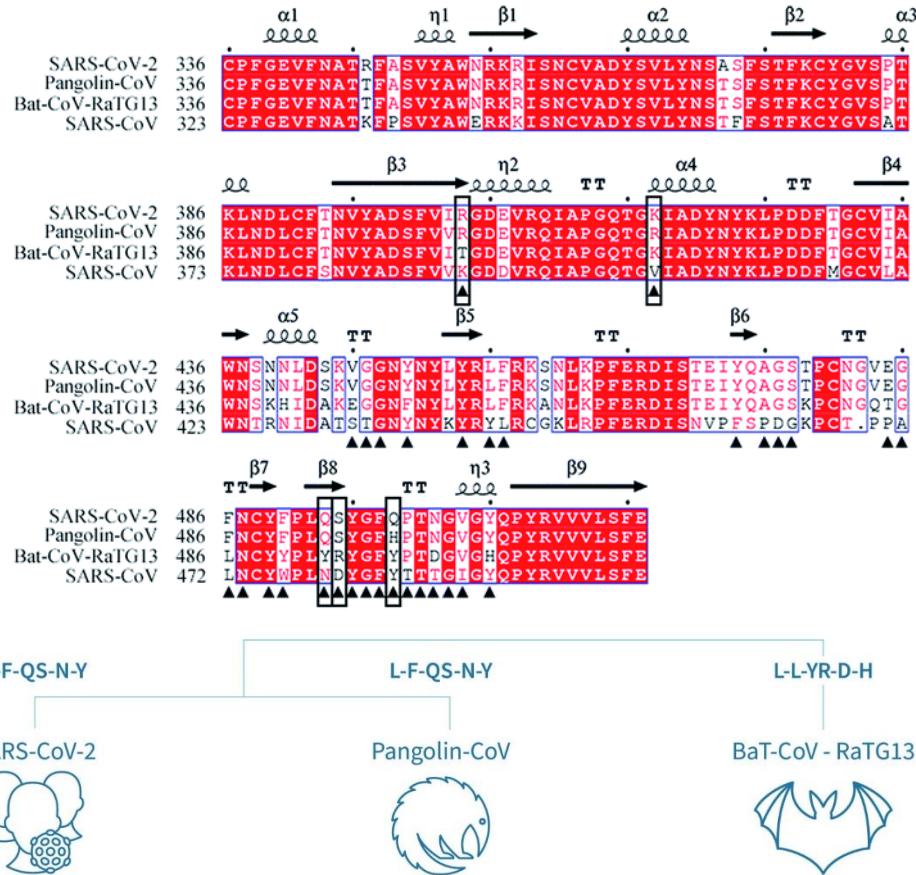
Course objectives

- This course will discuss some fundamental aspects of cellular and molecular biology as studied by quantitative approaches.
- In addition, you will be introduced to algorithms used for biomedical applications.
- Some simple mathematical/statistical and computational tools will be taken up to carry out quantitative analysis of biological systems.

Introduction to biology

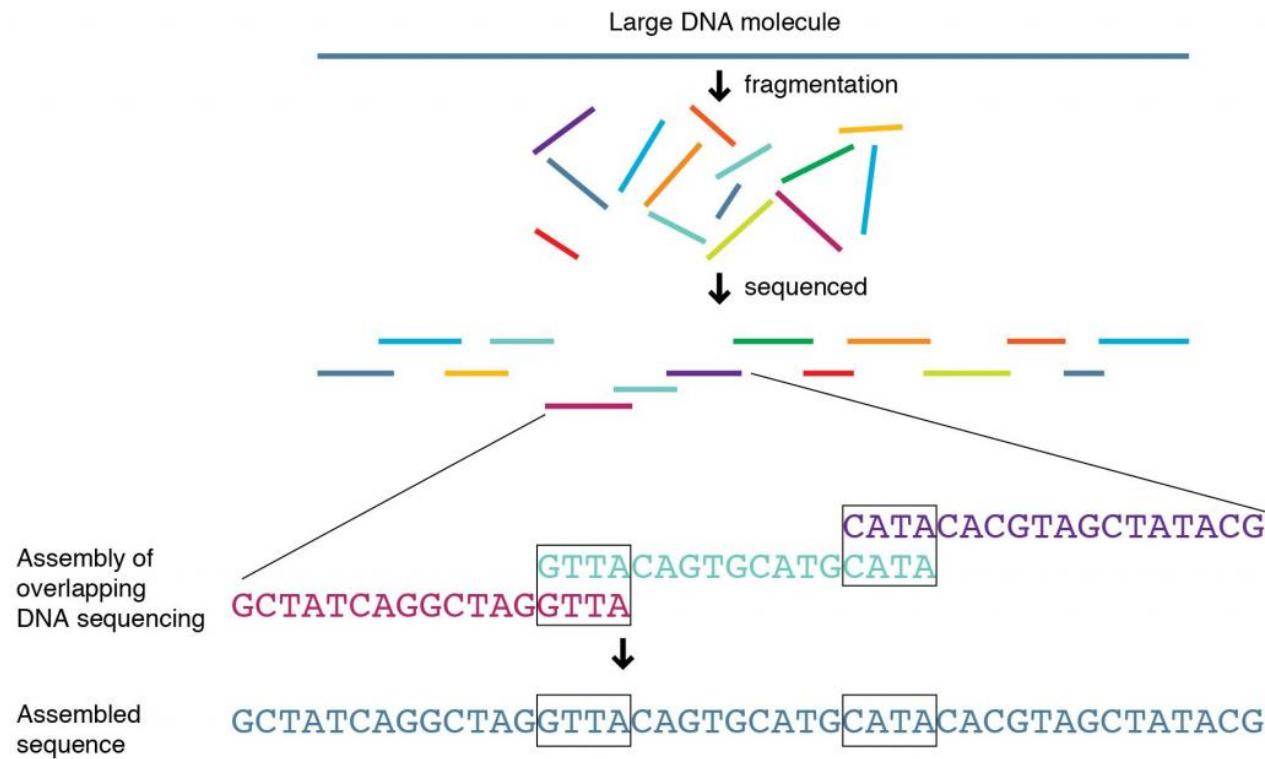


Sequence analysis

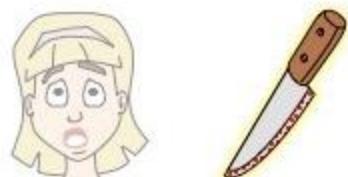


Evolution
and
phylogenetic analysis

Genome sequencing and Fragment assembly



DNA fingerprinting



Victim

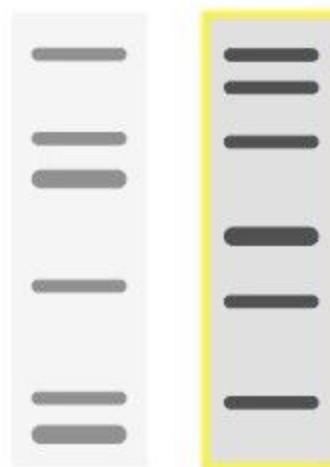
Crime Scene



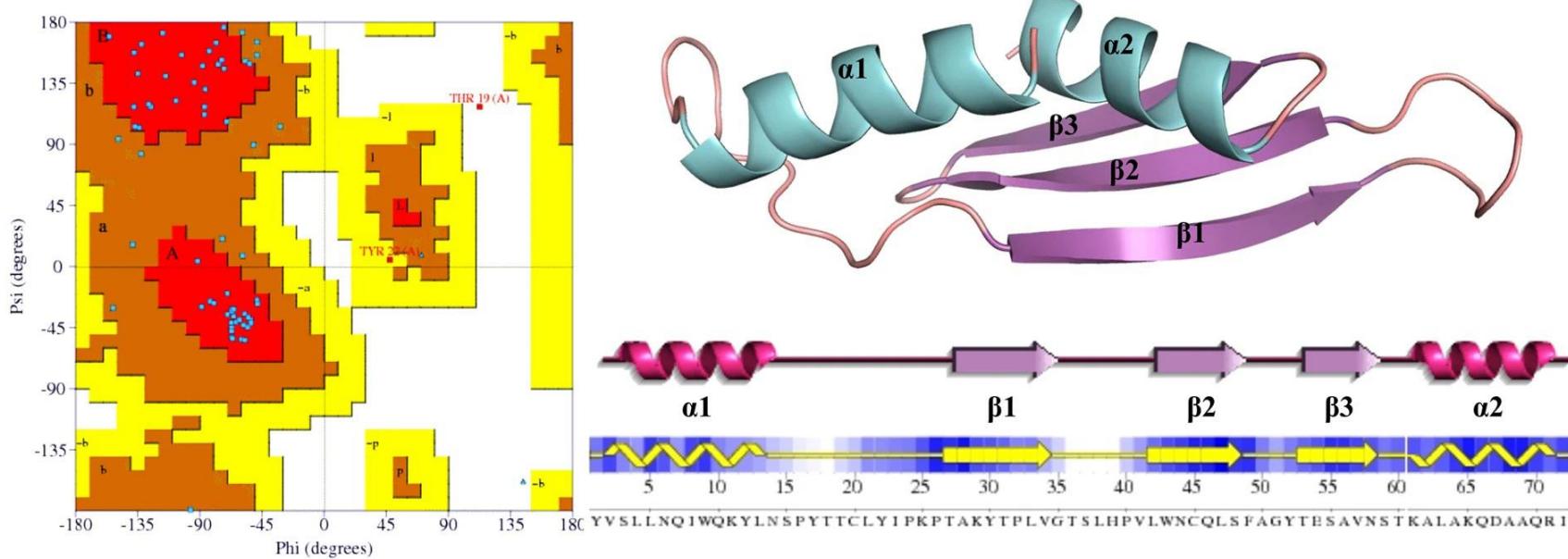
Suspect 1



Suspect 3



Protein structure prediction



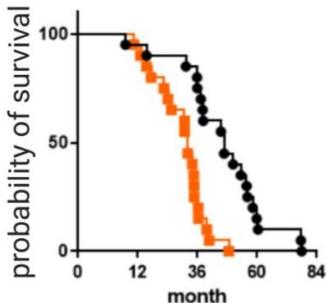
Disease diagnostics

Disease Forecasting

diagnostic



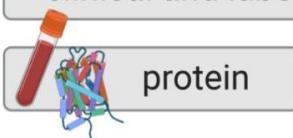
prognostic



predictive



clinical and laboratory features

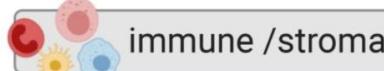
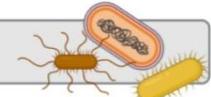


DNA



metabolome

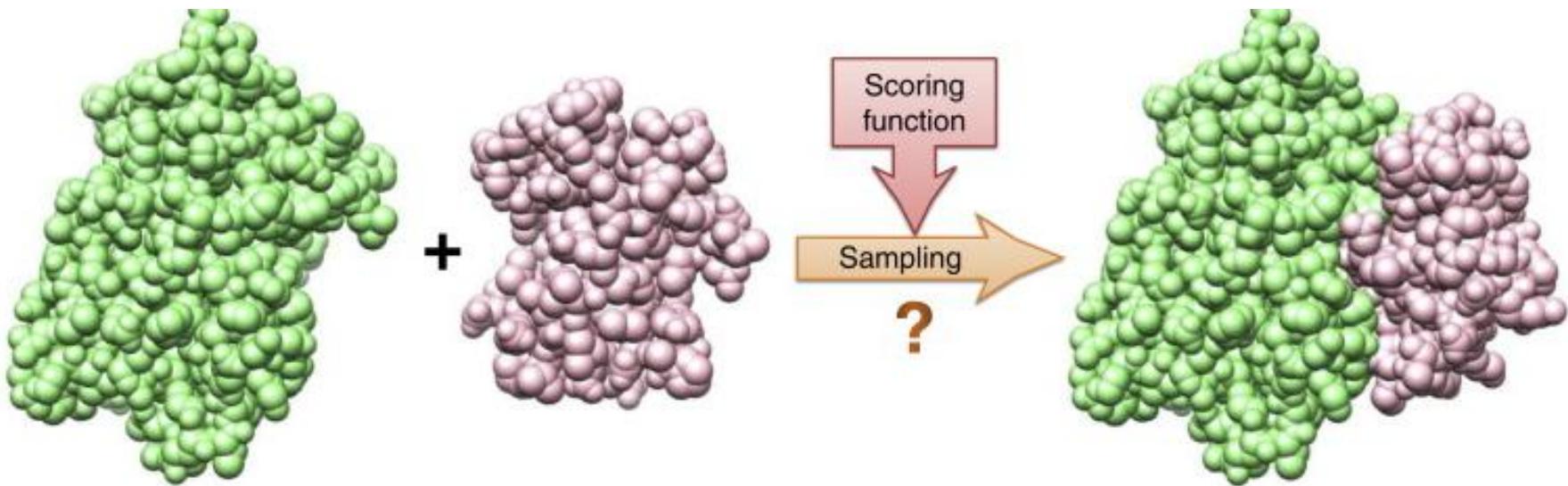
microbiome



protein



Interaction between biomolecules



Course structure

- Introduction to biology
- Sequence analysis
- Structural and functional annotation
- Genome sequencing
- DNA fingerprinting
- Evolution and phylogenetic analysis
- Motifs and pattern recognition
- Disease diagnostics
- Disease forecasting
- Interaction between biomolecules
- Implementation using case studies

Reference books

- *Introduction to Computational Molecular Biology* (J. Setubal and J. Meidanis)
- *Introduction to Bioinformatics Algorithms* (Neil C. Jones and Pavel A. Pevzner)

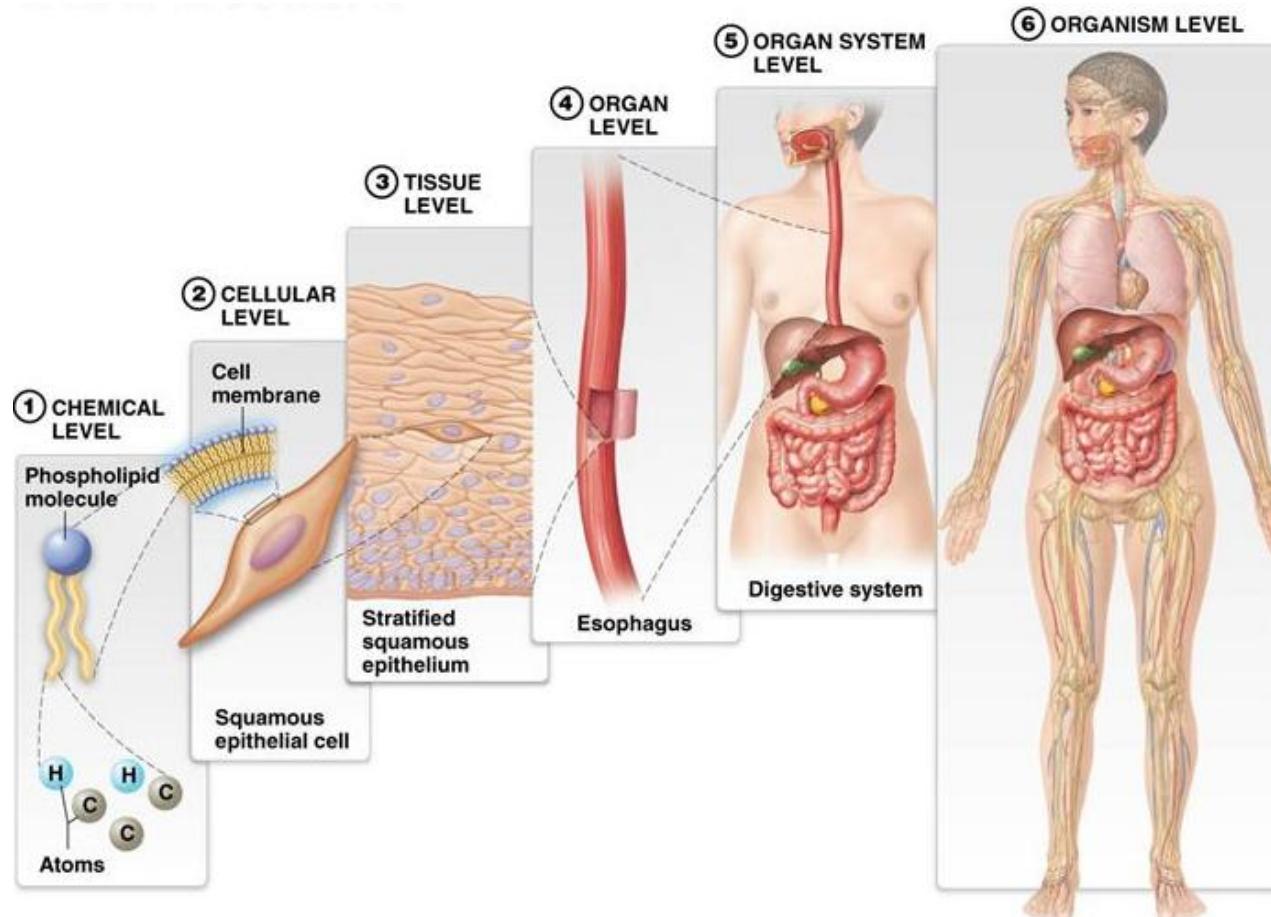
Evaluation scheme

Type of Evaluation	% Contribution in Grade
Mid-semester Exam	20
Quiz	30
Assignments	20
End-semester Exam	30

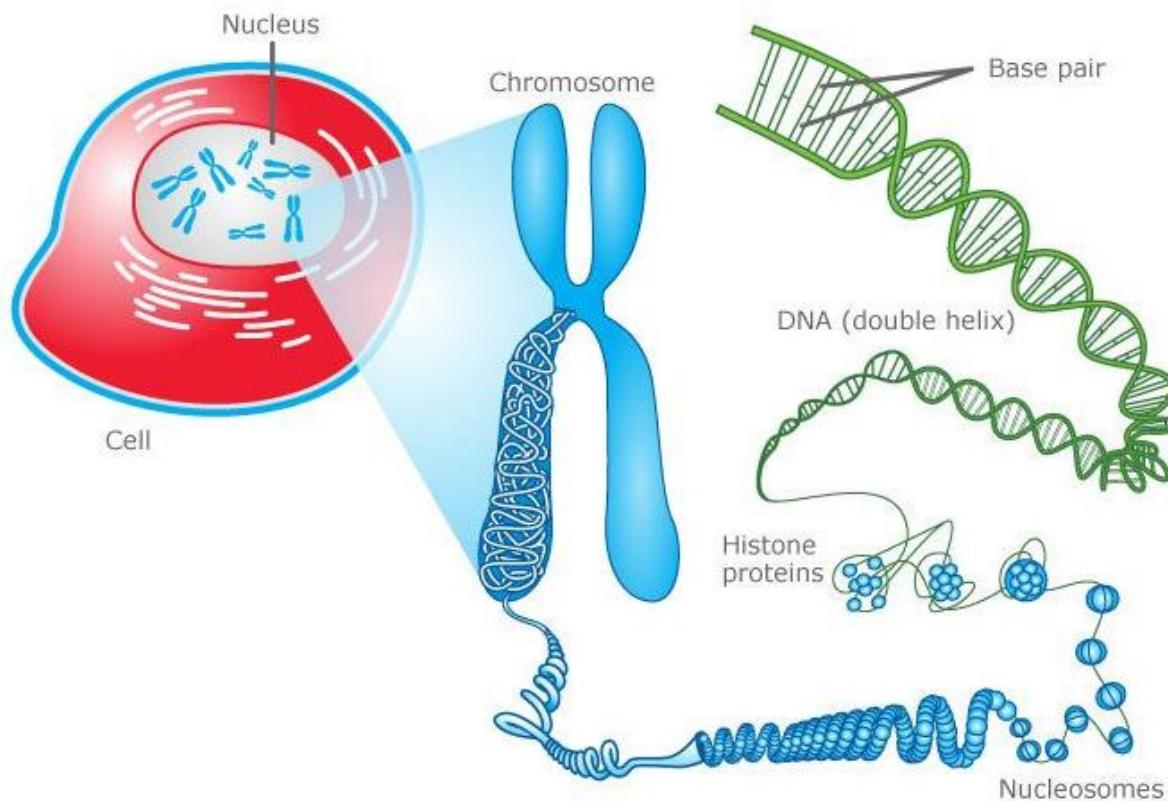
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Introduction to Biology

Structural organization of human body



The genome is our Genetic Blueprint

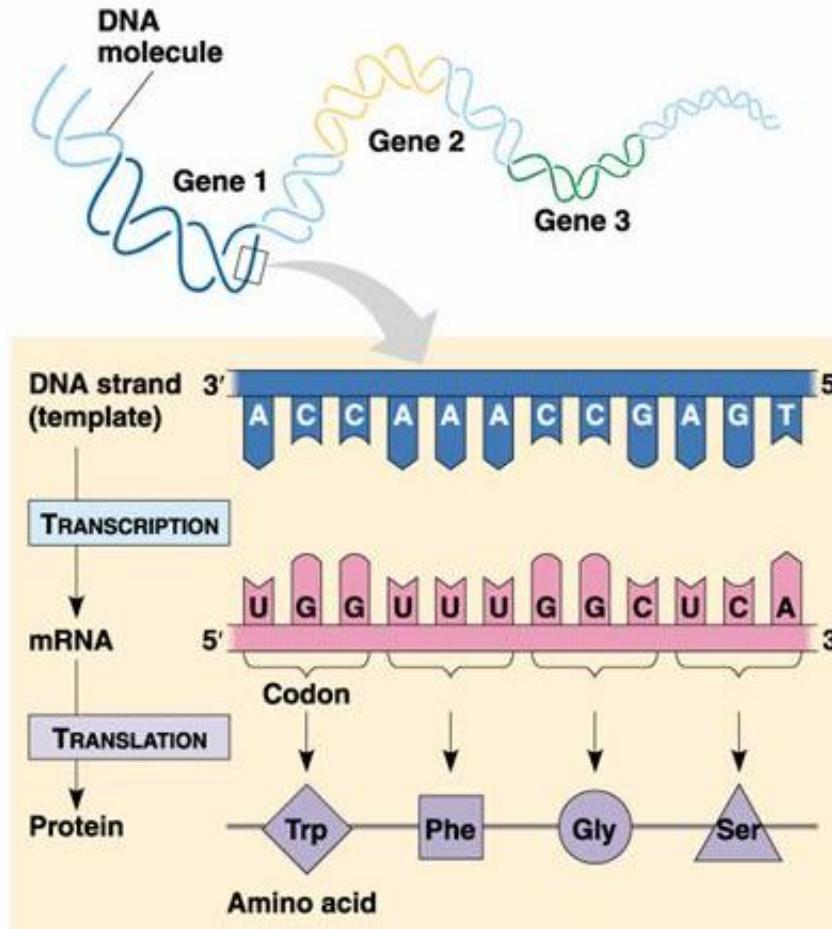


Nearly every human cell contains 23 pairs of chromosomes

- 1 - 22 and XY or XX
- XY = Male
- XX = Female

Length of chr 1-22, X, Y together is ~3.2 billion bases (about 2 meters diploid)

Major molecules: DNA, RNA, Proteins

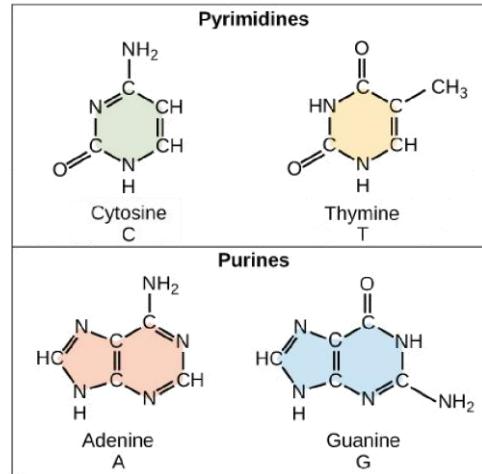


Central Dogma

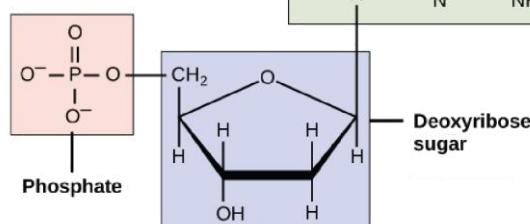
DNA → RNA → Protein

- Every cell contains the same DNA
- Cells differ in the DNA (gene) which is active at any one time
- Genes - DNA sequences that encode proteins or RNA

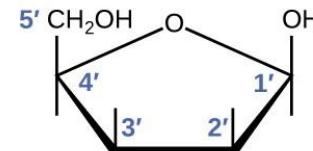
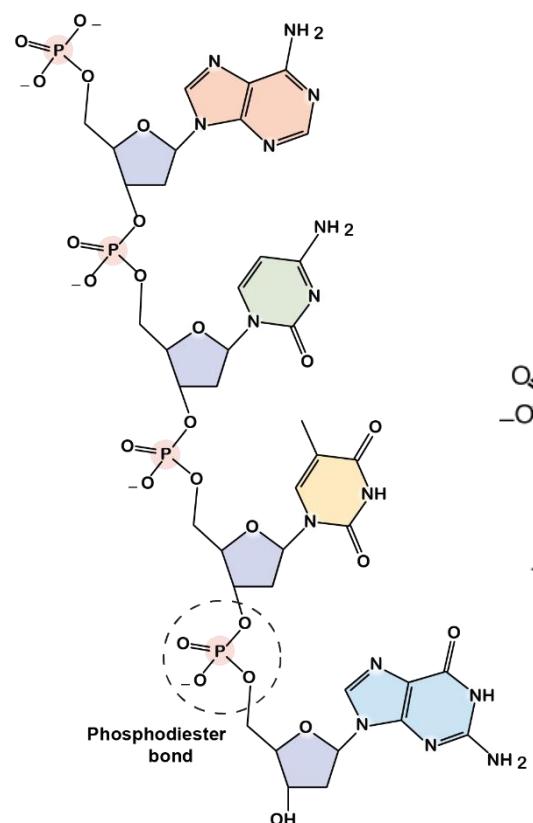
Nucleotides, the building blocks of DNA



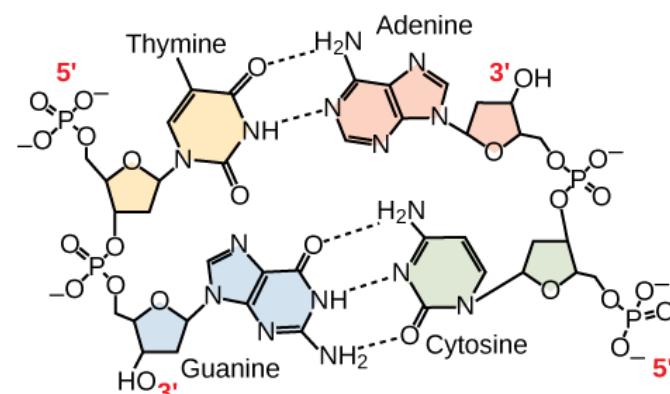
Nucleotide



Single strand of DNA



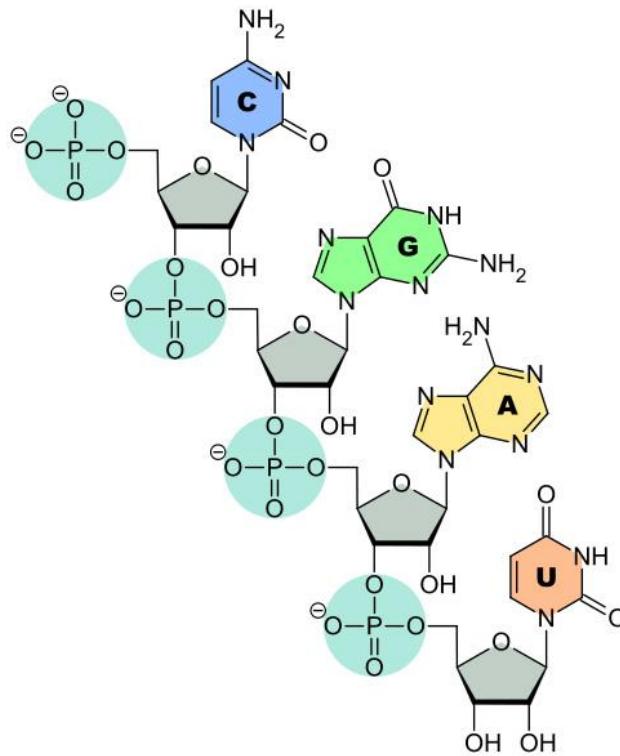
deoxyribose (in DNA)



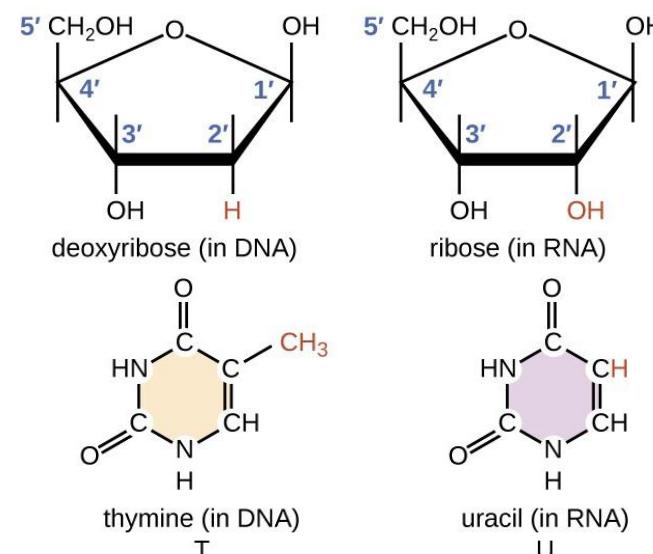
Double stranded DNA

Nucleotides, the building blocks of RNA

Structure of RNA



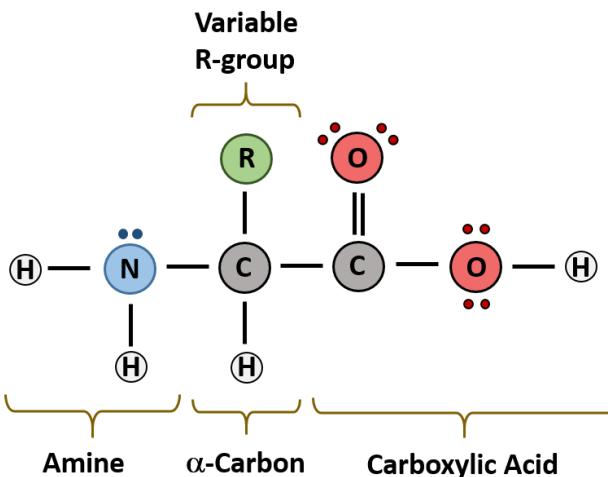
Differences between DNA and RNA



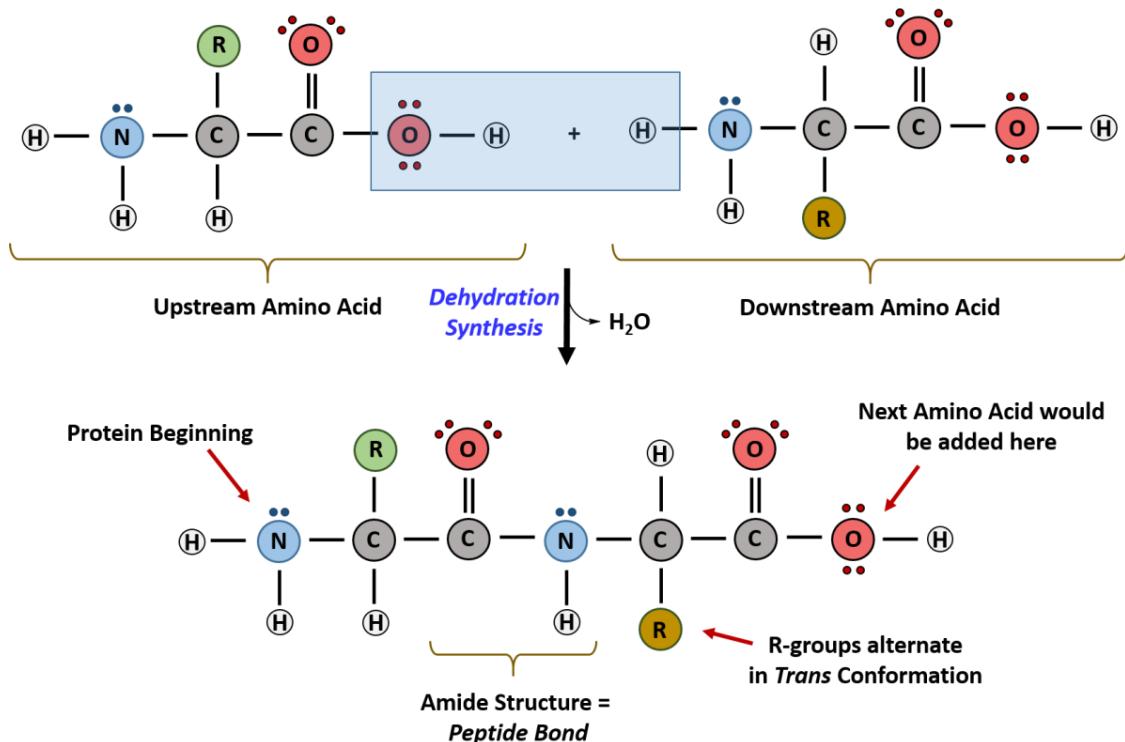
Major types of RNA:
messenger RNA (mRNA),
ribosomal RNA (rRNA), transfer RNA (tRNA),
regulatory RNAs (miRNA, siRNA)

Amino acids, the building blocks of protein

Basic structure of an amino acid

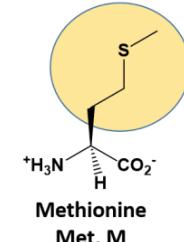
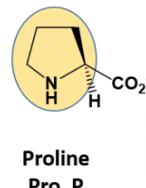
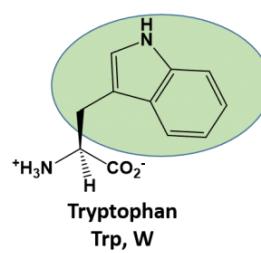
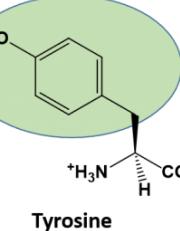
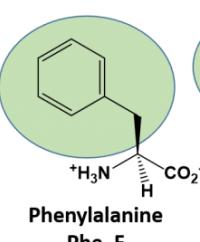
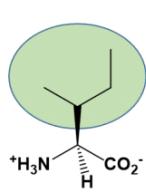
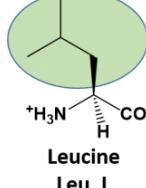
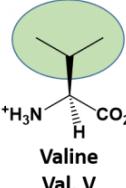
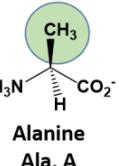
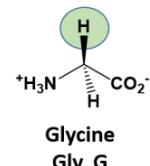


Formation of peptide bond

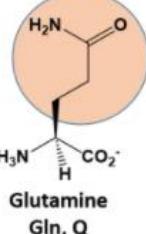
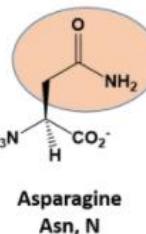
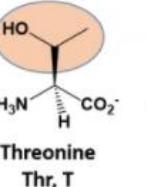
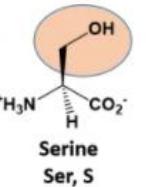
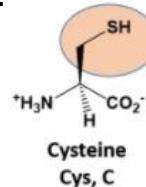


Different types of Amino acids

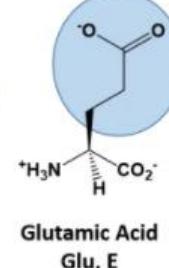
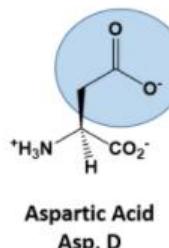
Nonpolar (Hydrophobic) Amino Acids



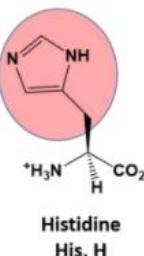
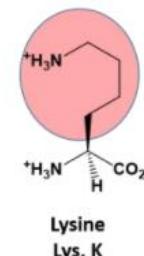
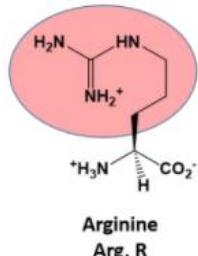
Polar (Hydrophilic) Amino Acids



Acidic Amino Acids

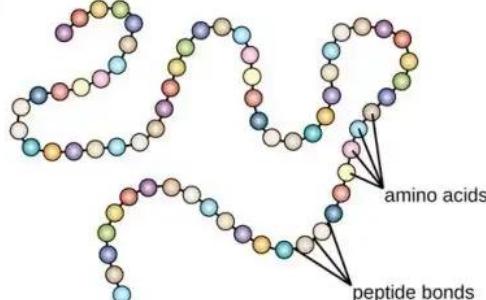


Basic Amino Acids

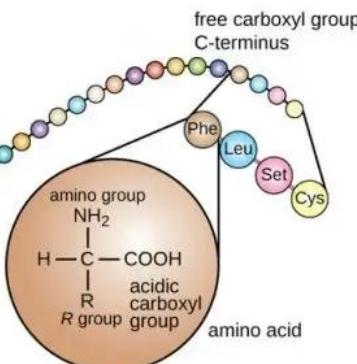


Structure of protein

free amino group,
N-terminus



The primary protein structure
is the chain of amino acids
that makes up the protein.

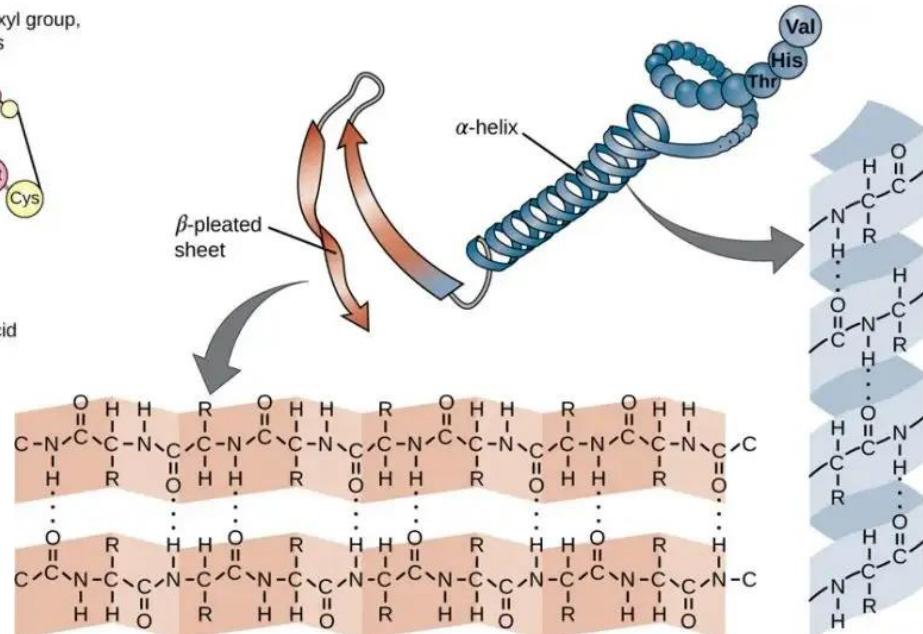


Primary structure of protein

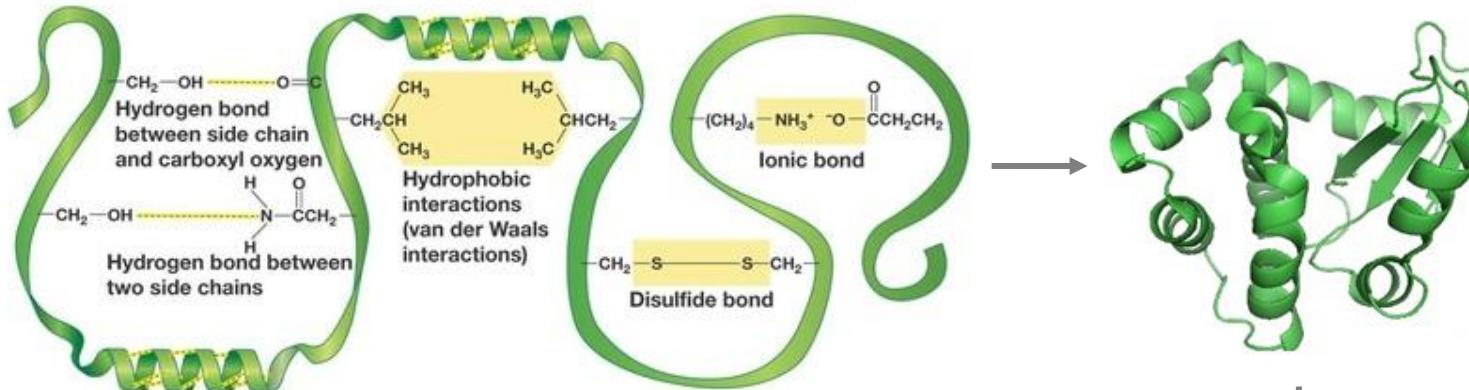
This level of structure is determined by the sequence
of amino acids that join to form a polypeptide.

Secondary structure of protein

Hydrogen bonding between amino acids cause the
polypeptide to form an alpha helix or a pleated sheet.



Structure of protein



Tertiary structure of protein

This level of structure is determined by the sequence of amino acids that join to form a polypeptide.

Quaternary structure of protein

This level of structure forms when two or more tertiary structures combine to form a single protein

