Angel-Code: Memory System

DNA Sequences Stored as Multiples of 64 Codons

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Since the 1990s we have all become accustomed to buying memory sticks, or memory drives where memory is measured in kilobytes, megabytes, gigabytes, terabytes or petabytes.

1 kilobyte = 1024 megabytes 1 megabyte = 1024 gigabytes 1 gigabyte = 1024 terabytes 1 terabyte = 1024 petabytes

And $1024 = 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4$

In my delve into Angel Code, I am looking at how data is stored in DNA. Data for protein synthesis is typically stored in "coding" regions. These coding regions typically begin with a START signal (ATG) that instructs the ribosomes to begin translation of the information into amino-acids, and end with a STOP signal (TAA, TGA or TAG).

I wanted to find the length of each of these coding regions in human DNA, so I created software that can loop through DNA at a rate of 2 million bases per second. Each time it comes across a START signal it begins counting the number of codons, until it comes across a STOP signal. Then it prints the length of that coding region in terms of number of codons, and resets the counter to 0 ready for the next START signal.

I fully expected the length of these coding regions to be highly variable and fairly fluid and random in length - little did I expect what I would find. Here are the results for Human Chromosome 2.

Chromosome 2

Here are the lengths of each coding region

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It is immediately apparent that these numbers are non-random. Even a casual glance reveals a curious repetition. The smallest length is 6976, and ALL of the other lengths are multiples of it! ALL OF THEM.

Watch what happens when you divide each of these numbers by 109 (a prime number) and sort them by size. Each is larger than the next by a factor of 64 – every single one of the coding regions follow this rule.

Every one of these coding area lengths is a multiple of $6976 = 109 \times 64$. Here are the results when each of these coding area lengths is divided by 6976

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	32	9	8	1	8	18	21	15	19	16	2	16	4	40
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With very few exceptions, almost all are perfect multiples of 64 x 109. And every one of the exceptions is so close to a perfect multiple. How odd is this? This discovery invites a comparison with the memory sticks aforementioned.

Note that $64 = 4 \times 4 \times 4$, just as $1024 = 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4$.

So, these natural memory units seem very "digital" or "binary" in nature, and this finding is very unexpected, since we have been led to believe that life is analogue, and of random origin.

Whats in a Unit?

The obvious next question is "what codons comprise a unit?". We know how many codons are in a unit (64 x 109), but are there any common patterns discernable within these units? Do they begin or end with particular codons?

I took a sample of the first 15 codons from each of the coding regions that were 1 unit long (6976 codons long)

ATG	AAG	TCC	TTG	CCC	ATG	CCT	ATG	TCC	TGA	ATG	GTA	TTG	CCT	AAG
CCG	CTC	CAA	GAG	TTC	ACA	GAG	ATG	TCA	CTC	CAT	GAG	TAA	GAA	AAA
AGC	TGG	GAT	TAC	AGG	CAT	GTG	CCA	CCA	CGC	CCG	GCT	AAT	TTT	TGT
CAG	GGT	CCT	GGT	CAC	AGG	GGC	TGG	AGG	GAC	TAG	GCC	TGA	CCC	CGT
GGC	ATT	GTC	AGG	GAA	CAT	TGA	ATG	CTT	TTA	AAT	ATT	GAA	СТС	AGA
GTA	GTC	TTG	TTA	AAA	AAT	TGG	GTT	GAT	GAC	ACA	ATA	GTA	TAA	CCA
GTG	ATC	AGT	GAT	TTG	TTA	TTA	TTT	AAA	CAT	CCA	AAA	TAT	TTT	TGT
ACC	CTG	CAT	TGT	TAA	TAT	TTC	AGA	AAA	CAA	GAA	AAT	GCA	CCA	TAC
GAA	ACA	СТС	TTA	ATG	GAA	ACC	AAC	ACT	TGT	TAT	GTA	TTT	AAA	TTA
GAT	AAG	ATA	GAG	AAT	ACA	TAT	ATA	TGT	CTC	AAT	TAT	GAA	AGT	GAT
TTA	TTG	TAA	TTA	TTT	GGA	AGT	ACT	TTA	TTA	ATT	TTA	GTT	TTA	GAA
ACT	TCA	GGC	TTG	TAT	TGT	AGT	ATT	ATG	GCT	TTC	ATT	ATT	CTT	TTC
CAT	CAA	TTT	TTA	TTC	TTT	TTT	TAA	TTA	AAT	TTT	TTT	CAA	TAG	TTT
TCC	AAA	GTG	ACT	TCT	CTA	TTA	ATA	ATA	ATA	ATA	AAA	AAA	ATC	TGC
CAG	CAA	TTC	CAC	TCC	TAG	TTA	TTT	ATC	CAA	GAA	AAA	TGA	AAA	CTT
TTA	CTG	TTA	GAA	ATG	AAT	GAG	TTC	TGC	TTT	TAT	AGA	GTA	CTA	CTC
CCA	GCT	ACT	CGG	GAG	GCT	GAG	GCA	GGA	GAA	TCA	CTT	CAA	TCC	GGG
GAG	ACA	GGG	TTT	CAC	TAT	GTT	GGC	CAG	GCT	GGT	СТС	GAA	CCC	CTG
TAA	TAA	TAT	CAT	ACC	GGA	AGC	ATT	GTC	AAA	TAC	AAA	ATG	GTA	TTT

As you can see, the content of these units varies from one unit to the next. The units are not identical repetitions.

Implications

Coding DNA appears to be stored in quantities comprised of precise units of 64×109 codons. I have checked every chromosome in the human body, and all of the coding regions follow this rule. The significance of this finding is that it points strongly towards a precise, mathematical and intelligent origin of life, rather than a random one – based around a prime number (109) and a cube ($4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$).

The implications of the use of 64 as a factor of the DNA memory unit, suggest that a numbering system such as binary or quaternary may be foundational to this natural storage system, just as binary is at the core of our commonly used memory drives built upon the same numerical factor. Further investigation will surely reveal this deeper system.