

Steps:

1. ask user for DNA sequence [tip: use function *input()*]
2. Test if the DNA sequence is RNA [tip: use conditional expression to test for the presence of “U”]
3. Test if the DNA sequence contains non-DNA characters [tip: you could use a loop through all letters in DNA]
4. Compute and print nucleotide percentages [tip: you could use a loop through all four nucleotides and then use *count()* function]
5. Generate a dictionary of dinucleotides [tip use a loop]
6. Move along the sequence one nucleotide at a time to extract all overlapping 2-base subsequences and count dinucleotides [tip: to extract 2bp-subsequences use the notation “DNA[pos_i:pos_i+1]”]
7. Define dictionary with restriction enzymes [tip: see class slides #17]
8. Search sequence with *find* to locate restriction sites [tip: use find and the position argument]

Algorithm 1 Assignment 2 pseudocode

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1: DNA  $\leftarrow$  userinput
2: if "U" in DNA then
3:   Print Warning
4:   Replace "U" by "T"
5: end if
6: for each letter in DNA do
7:   if letter not in DNA then
8:     Print Errormessage
9:     Exit
10:  end if
11: end for
12: for each nucleotide in "A","C","G","T" do
13:   NuclPercent  $\leftarrow$  Count nucleotide in DNA/length DNA
14:   Print NuclPercent
15: end for
16: for each nucl1 in "A","C","G","T" do
17:   for each nucl2 in "A","C","G","T" do
18:     DiNuc[nucl1 + nucl2]  $\leftarrow$  0
19:   end for
20: end for
21: for each position in 1 to length(DNA)-1 do
22:   DiNuc[position : position + 2]  $\leftarrow$  DiNuc[position : position + 2] + 1
23: end for
24: for each DiNuc.key in key(DiNuc) do
25:   Print DiNuc[DiNuc.key]/(length(DNA)-1)
26: end for
27: REdic  $\leftarrow$  {"EcoRI" : "GAATTC", "BamHI" : "GGATCC", "HindIII" :
  "AAGCTT", "NotI" : "GCGGCCGC"}
28: for each Enz in key(REdic) do
29:   EnzPos  $\leftarrow$  0
30:   if REdic[Enz] in DNA then
31:     while not(End.of.Seq) do
32:       CutPos  $\leftarrow$  Find REdic[Enz] in DNA after EnzPos
33:       Print CutPos
34:       if CutPos < 0 then
35:         End.of.Seq = True
36:       end if
37:     end while
38:   end if
39: end for
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