CSC 314, Bioinformatics Lab #2B: DNA and Complementary Base Pairing

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DNA is a double stranded molecule composed of complementary base pairs. If the sequence of one strand is known, the *complementary sequence* (*complement*) can be determined based on the following rules: adenine (A) binds with thymine (T) and vice-versa; and cytosine (C) binds with guanine (G) and vice-versa.

If a sequence is read from its 5' to 3' end, its *reverse* is the same sequence read from its 3' to 5' end (and viceversa). A sequence and its complement are also *anti-parallel* (they go in opposite directions)

The *reverse-complement* of a DNA sequence is the reverse of its complement (or, equivalently, the complement of its reverse).

1. Find the specified sequences based on the sequence below. <u>Note that your answers must include labels for the 5' and 3' ends</u>. This is the **original** sequence:

5'-GTTACC-3'

- a) Find the reverse of the *original* sequence
- b) Find the complement of the *original* sequence
- c) Find the reverse-complement of the *original* sequence
- d) If the original sequence (5'-GTTACC-3') was an RNA sequence instead of a DNA sequence, what would its sequence be?
- 2. Complete the Lab 2B Python Jupyter Notebook that prompts the user to enter a sequence, formats the sequence for invalid characters, outputs the sequence and is length, and finds the complement, reverse-complement, and GC content of the specified sequence.
- 3. Respond to the questions posted on Piazza, related to the Implications of Cheap Genomic Sequencing.