

Microbial communities through the lens of data integration, knowledge aggregation and metabolic networks analysis

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Abbreviations

LoG Laplacian-of-Gaussian MSE Mean Square error

PSNR Peak Signal-to-Noise ratio

Symbols

42 "The Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything" according to [1]

c Speed of light

E Energy m Mass

 π The number pi

Introduction

The first contains a general introduction to the work. The goals are defined and the modus operandi is explained.

- 1.1 Here's a section
- 1.2 Here s another section

Microbial diversity: the who

A chapter is a logical unit. It normally starts with an introduction, which you are reading now. The last topic of the chapter holds the conclusion.

2.1 A First Topic

First comes the introduction to this topic.

- 2.1.1 An item
- 2.2 A Second Topic
- 2.2.1 Another item

2.3 Conclusion

The final section of the chapter gives an overview of the important results of this chapter. This implies that the introductory chapter and the concluding chapter don't need a conclusion.

Metabolic networks

3.1 The First Topic of this Chapter

3.1.1 Item 1

The relationship between genotype and phenotype is fundamental to biology. Many levels of control are introduced when moving from one to the other. Systems biology aims at deciphering "the strategy" both at the cell and at higher levels of organization, in case of multicell species, that enables organisms to produce orderly adaptive behavior in the face of widely varying genetic and environmental conditions ([3]); the term "strategy" is used as per [2]. Systems biology approaches aim at interpreting how a system's properties emerge; from the cell to the community level.

- 3.1.2 Item 2
- 3.2 The Second Topic
- 3.3 Conclusion

Conclusion

The final chapter contains the overall conclusion. It also contains suggestions for future work and industrial applications.

Appendices

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