

Class 09: Structural Bioinformatics

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The PDB database

The main database for structural biology is called the PDB. Let's have a look at what it contains:

Download a CSV file from the PDB site (accessible from “Analyze” > “PDB Statistics” > “by Experimental Method and Molecular Type”.

```
library(readr)
stats <- read_csv("Data Export Summary.csv")
stats
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 9
`Molecular Type` `X-ray`    EM    NMR Integrative `Multiple methods` Neutron
<chr>           <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl>        <dbl>           <dbl>    <dbl>
1 Protein (only) 176204  20299 12708        342          218     83
2 Protein/Oligosacch~ 10279   3385   34         8            11      1
3 Protein/NA       9007    5897   287        24            7      0
4 Nucleic acid (only) 3066    200    1553        2           15      3
5 Other             173     13     33         3            0      0
6 Oligosaccharide (o~ 11      0      6          0            1      0
# i 2 more variables: Other <dbl>, Total <dbl>
```

Q1: What percentage of structures in the PDB are solved by X-Ray and Electron Microscopy. Give your answers to 2 significant figures.

```
n.total <- sum(stats$Total)

n.xray <- sum(stats$`X-ray`)
percent.xray <- n.xray / n.total *100
percent.xray
```

```
[1] 81.48087
```

There are 81.48 percent Xray structures in the PDB

```
n.EM <- sum(stats$EM)
percent.EM <- n.EM / n.total *100
percent.EM
```

```
[1] 12.21516
```

There are 12.22 percent Xray structures in the PDB

Q2: What proportion of structures in the PDB are protein?

```
round(stats$Total[1]/n.total *100,2)
```

```
[1] 86.05
```

Exploring PDB structures

Q3: Type HIV in the PDB website search box on the home page and determine how many HIV-1 protease structures are in the current PDB?

Over 100 HIV-protease structures in the current PDB.

Q4: Water molecules normally have 3 atoms. Why do we see just one atom per water molecule in this structure?

Because Hydrogens are not visible as they are relatively small in most structures due to limited resolution.

Q5: There is a critical “conserved” water molecule in the binding site. Can you identify this water molecule? What residue number does this water molecule have?

We can identify this water molecule as it is the one that bridges 2 Asp25 residues. The residue number that this water molecule has is HOH 308.

Package for structural bioinformatics

```
library(bio3d)
hiv <- read.pdb("1hsg")
```

Note: Accessing on-line PDB file

```
hiv
```

```
Call: read.pdb(file = "1hsg")
```

```
Total Models#: 1
```

```
Total Atoms#: 1686, XYZs#: 5058 Chains#: 2 (values: A B)
```

```
Protein Atoms#: 1514 (residues/Calpha atoms#: 198)
```

```
Nucleic acid Atoms#: 0 (residues/phosphate atoms#: 0)
```

```
Non-protein/nucleic Atoms#: 172 (residues: 128)
```

```
Non-protein/nucleic resid values: [ HOH (127), MK1 (1) ]
```

```
Protein sequence:
```

```
PQITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKMIGGIGGFVKVRQYD  
QILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNFPQITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKE  
ALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKMIGGIGGFVKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTP  
VNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNF
```

```
+ attr: atom, xyz, seqres, helix, sheet,  
calpha, remark, call
```

Q7: How many amino acid residues are there in this pdb object?

There are 198 amino acid residues in this PDB object.

Q8: Name one of the two non-protein residues?

MK1 (ligand) is one of the two non-protein residues, and the other one is HOH (water).

Q9: How many protein chains are in this structure?

There are 2 protein chains in this structure.

Let's first use the Mol* viewer to explore this structure.

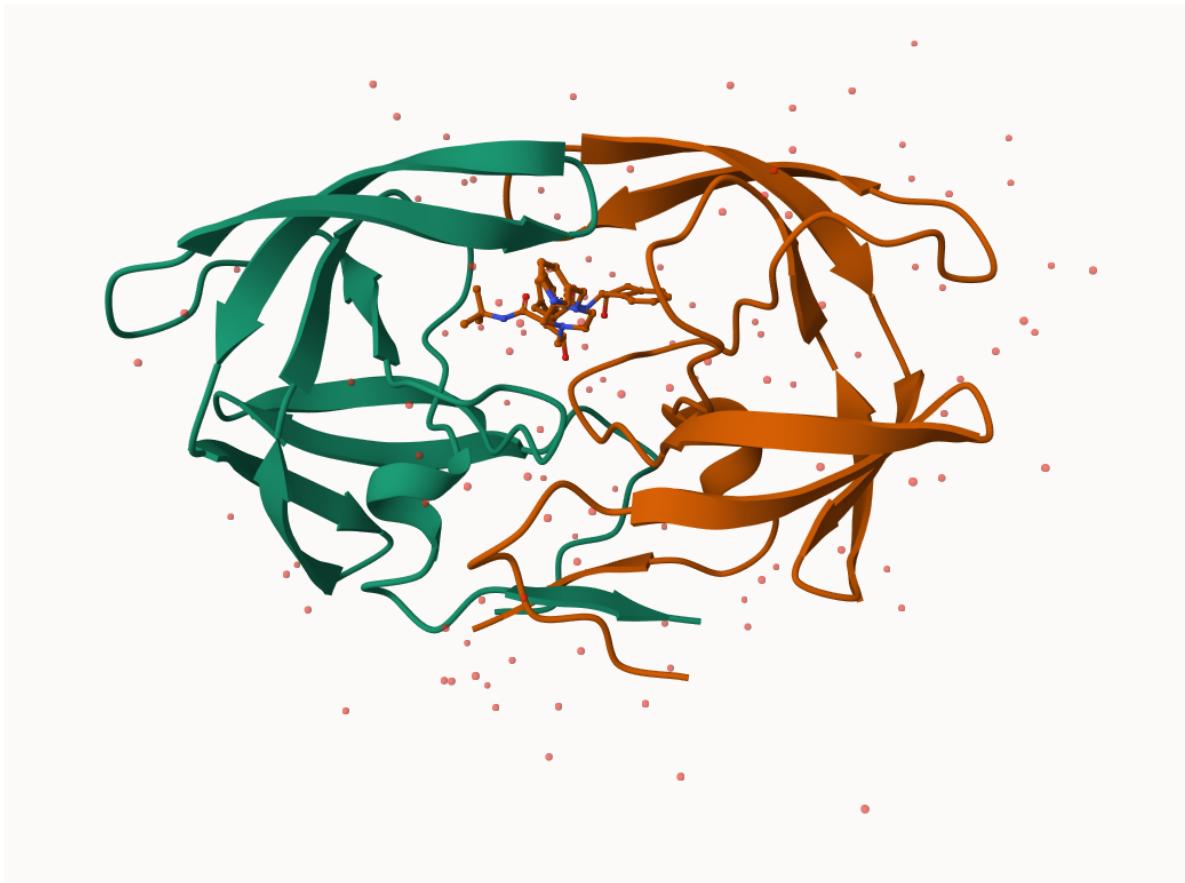
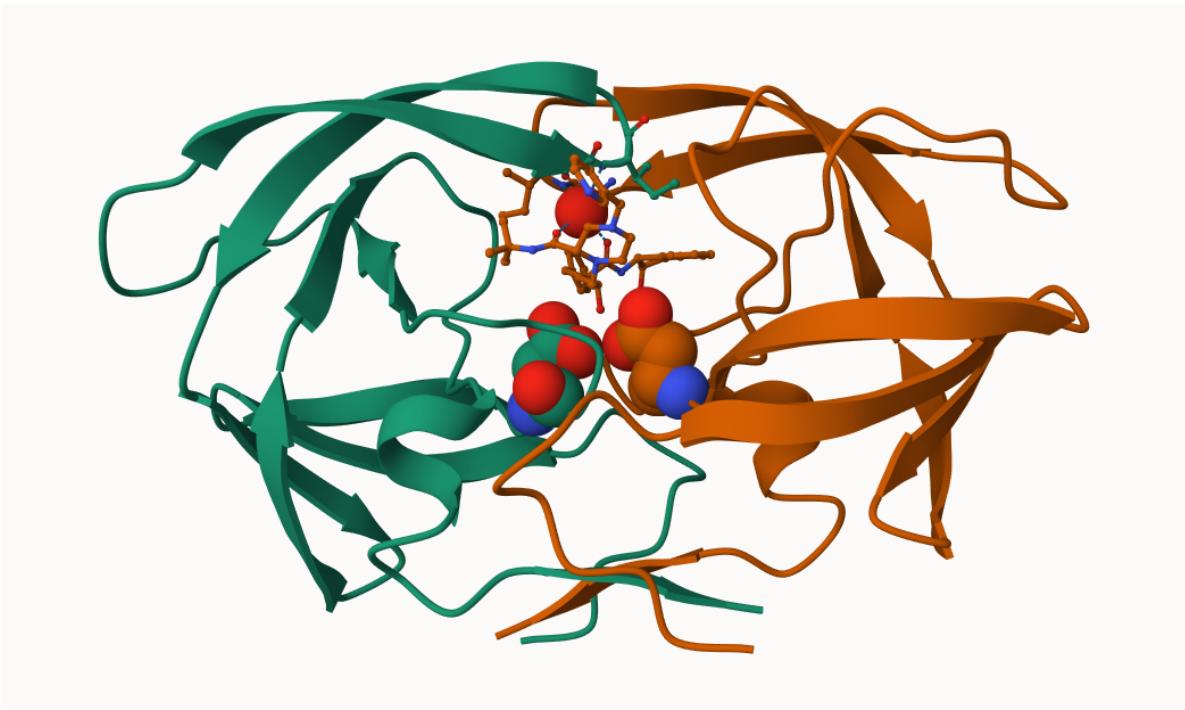


Figure 1: My first view of HIV-Pr

Q6: Generate and save a figure clearly showing the two distinct chains of HIV-protease along with the ligand. You might also consider showing the catalytic residues ASP 25 in each chain and the critical water (we recommend “Ball & Stick” for these side-chains). Add this figure to your Quarto document.



PDB objects in R

```
head(hiv$atom)
```

	type	eleno	elety	alt	resid	chain	resno	insert	x	y	z	o	b
1	ATOM	1	N	<NA>	PRO	A	1	<NA>	29.361	39.686	5.862	1	38.10
2	ATOM	2	CA	<NA>	PRO	A	1	<NA>	30.307	38.663	5.319	1	40.62
3	ATOM	3	C	<NA>	PRO	A	1	<NA>	29.760	38.071	4.022	1	42.64
4	ATOM	4	O	<NA>	PRO	A	1	<NA>	28.600	38.302	3.676	1	43.40
5	ATOM	5	CB	<NA>	PRO	A	1	<NA>	30.508	37.541	6.342	1	37.87
6	ATOM	6	CG	<NA>	PRO	A	1	<NA>	29.296	37.591	7.162	1	38.40

	segid	elesy	charge
1	<NA>	N	<NA>
2	<NA>	C	<NA>
3	<NA>	C	<NA>
4	<NA>	O	<NA>
5	<NA>	C	<NA>
6	<NA>	C	<NA>

Extract the sequence

```
pdbseq(hiv)
```

```
 1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20
"P" "Q" "I" "T" "L" "W" "Q" "R" "P" "L" "V" "T" "I" "K" "I" "G" "G" "Q" "L" "K"
21  22  23  24  25  26  27  28  29  30  31  32  33  34  35  36  37  38  39  40
"E" "A" "L" "L" "D" "T" "G" "A" "D" "D" "T" "V" "L" "E" "E" "M" "S" "L" "P" "G"
41  42  43  44  45  46  47  48  49  50  51  52  53  54  55  56  57  58  59  60
"R" "W" "K" "P" "K" "M" "I" "G" "G" "I" "G" "G" "F" "I" "K" "V" "R" "Q" "Y" "D"
61  62  63  64  65  66  67  68  69  70  71  72  73  74  75  76  77  78  79  80
"Q" "I" "L" "I" "E" "I" "C" "G" "H" "K" "A" "I" "G" "T" "V" "L" "V" "G" "P" "T"
81  82  83  84  85  86  87  88  89  90  91  92  93  94  95  96  97  98  99  1
"P" "V" "N" "I" "I" "G" "R" "N" "L" "L" "T" "Q" "I" "G" "C" "T" "L" "N" "F" "P"
 2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21
"Q" "I" "T" "L" "W" "Q" "R" "P" "L" "V" "T" "I" "K" "I" "G" "G" "Q" "L" "K" "E"
22  23  24  25  26  27  28  29  30  31  32  33  34  35  36  37  38  39  40  41
"A" "L" "L" "D" "T" "G" "A" "D" "D" "T" "V" "L" "E" "E" "M" "S" "L" "P" "G" "R"
42  43  44  45  46  47  48  49  50  51  52  53  54  55  56  57  58  59  60  61
"W" "K" "P" "K" "M" "I" "G" "G" "I" "G" "G" "F" "I" "K" "V" "R" "Q" "Y" "D" "Q"
62  63  64  65  66  67  68  69  70  71  72  73  74  75  76  77  78  79  80  81
"I" "L" "I" "E" "I" "C" "G" "H" "K" "A" "I" "G" "T" "V" "L" "V" "G" "P" "T" "P"
82  83  84  85  86  87  88  89  90  91  92  93  94  95  96  97  98  99
"V" "N" "I" "I" "G" "R" "N" "L" "L" "T" "Q" "I" "G" "C" "T" "L" "N" "F"
```

```
chainA_seq <- pdbseq(trim.pdb(hiv, chain= "A"))
```

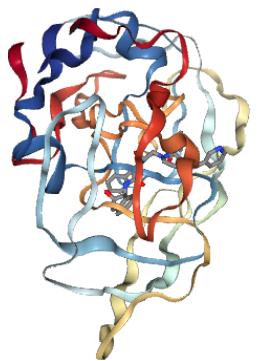
I can interactively view these PDB objects in R with the new **bio3dview** package. This is not yet on CRAN.

To install this I can setup **pak** package and use it to install **bio3dview** from GitHub. In my console, I first run:

```
pak::pak("bioboot/bio3dview") install.packages("NGLVieweR")
```

```
library(bio3dview)

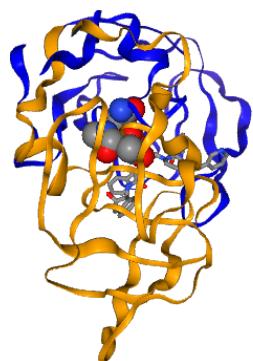
view.pdb(hiv)
```



Change some settings

```
sel <- atom.select(hiv, resno=25)

view.pdb(hiv, highlight= sel,
          highlight.style = "spacefill",
          colorScheme = "chain",
          col= c("blue", "orange"),
          backgroundColor= "pink")
```



Predict protein flexibility

We can run a bioinformatics calculation to predict protein dynamics - i.e. functional motions.

We will use the `nma()` function:

```
adk <- read.pdb("6s36")
```

Note: Accessing on-line PDB file
PDB has ALT records, taking A only, rm.alt=TRUE

```
adk
```

Call: `read.pdb(file = "6s36")`

Total Models#: 1

Total Atoms#: 1898, XYZs#: 5694 Chains#: 1 (values: A)

Protein Atoms#: 1654 (residues/Calpha atoms#: 214)

Nucleic acid Atoms#: 0 (residues/phosphate atoms#: 0)

Non-protein/nucleic Atoms#: 244 (residues: 244)

Non-protein/nucleic resid values: [CL (3), HOH (238), MG (2), NA (1)]

Protein sequence:

```
MRIILLGAPGAGKGTQAQFIMEKYGIPQISTGMLRAAVKSGSELGKQAKDIMDAGKLVT  
DELVIALVKERIAQEDCRNGFLLDGFPRТИQADAMKEAGINVDTVLEFDVPDELVDKI  
VGRRVHAPSGRVYHVKFNPPKVEGKDDVTGEELTTRKDDQEETVRKRLVEYHQMTAPLIG  
YYSKAEAGNTKYAKVDGTPVAEVRADLEKILG
```

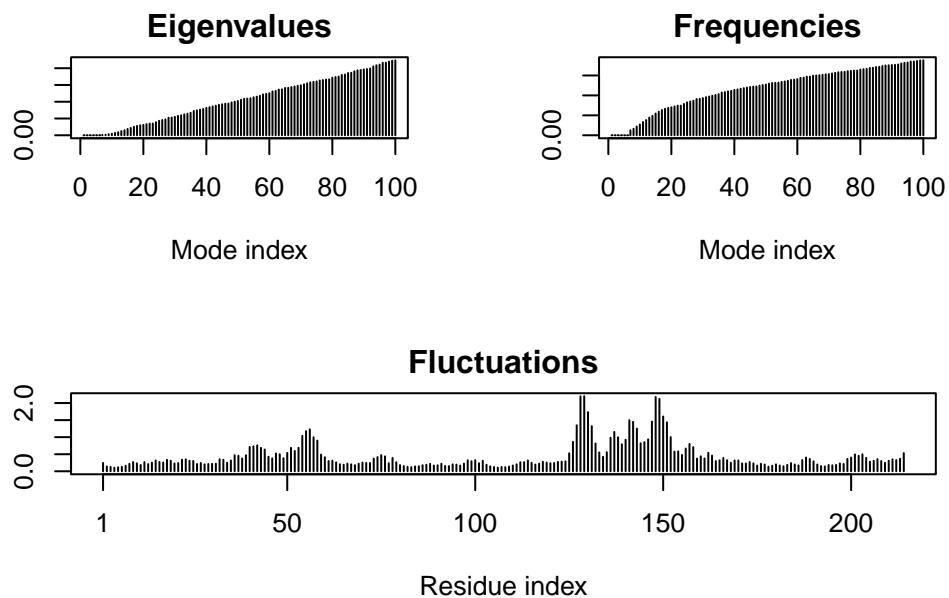
+ attr: atom, xyz, seqres, helix, sheet,
calpha, remark, call

```
m <- nma(adk)
```

Building Hessian... Done in 0.047 seconds.

Diagonalizing Hessian... Done in 0.428 seconds.

```
plot(m)
```



Generate a “trajectory” of predicted motion

```
mktrj(m, file= "ADK_nma.pdb")
```

```
view.nma(m)
```

