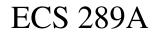


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- ECS289A, 4 credits
- CRN 60478
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- No text required, recommended reading is online
- Grading:
 - 50% project
 - 30% final exam
 - 20% presentation



- Projects will ideally combine biological knowledge and computational methods
- Presentations can be of papers or software
- Some projects and reading lists will be out next week
- Need volunteers to give first presentation (next week) on BioPerl and Genomic Databases (GenBank, SGD)

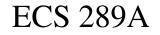
What This Course is About

• Computational Models of Gene Regulation

– Computational

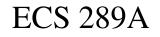
– Models

- Gene Regulation

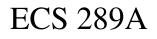


Computational Biology

- Computational Scientists working on Molecular Biology Problems
- Different Scientific Cultures: CS vs Biology vs Statistics



- No unique definition: bioinformatics, computational biology, etc.
- Sub-areas in Comp Biology:
 - Genomics
 - Functional Genomics
 - Proteomics
 - Phylogenetics
 - Etc.

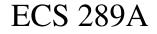


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This Course

Intro to Computational Functional Genomics

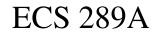


Biological Preliminaries

- Life is survival of information
- Properties of life:
 - Information exchange (communication)
 - Procreation (passing on information)
 - Evolution (change)
- A machine that's set in motion and never stops

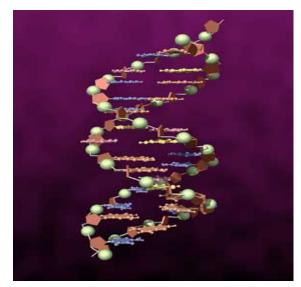
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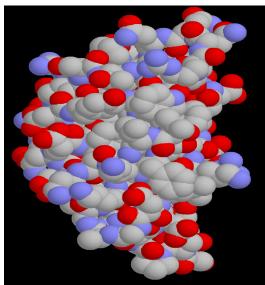
- Top-down Organization of life
 - Social groups etc.
 - Organisms
 - Species, etc.
 - Organs, Tissues
 - Cells: units of life



Preliminaries

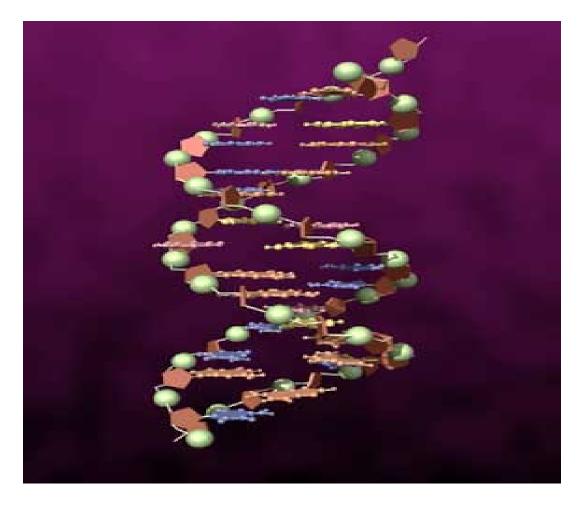
- Inheritable information: Chromosomes (DNA)
- Day-to-day footwork: Proteins
- Both are complex polymer molecules

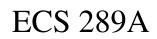






DNA

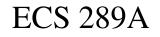


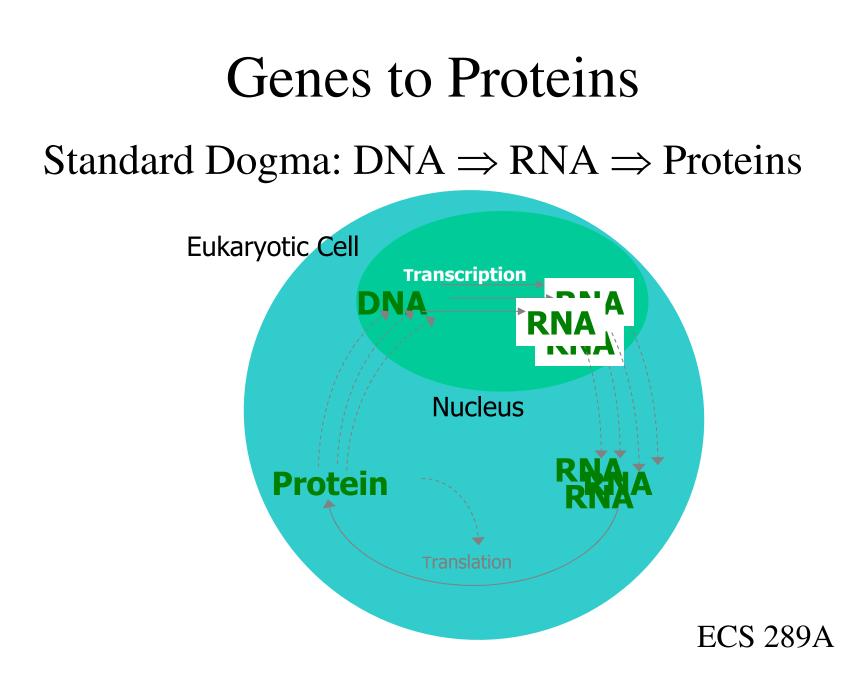


- DNA: String over the alphabet {A,C,G,T}
- A,T and C,G are complementary bases
- DNA codes for genes (proteins): genomics
- DNA codes for regulation: functional genomics

Genes and Proteins

- Nucleodtides, i.e. bases, A, C, G, and T
- Genes: units of inheritability
- Genes code for proteins!



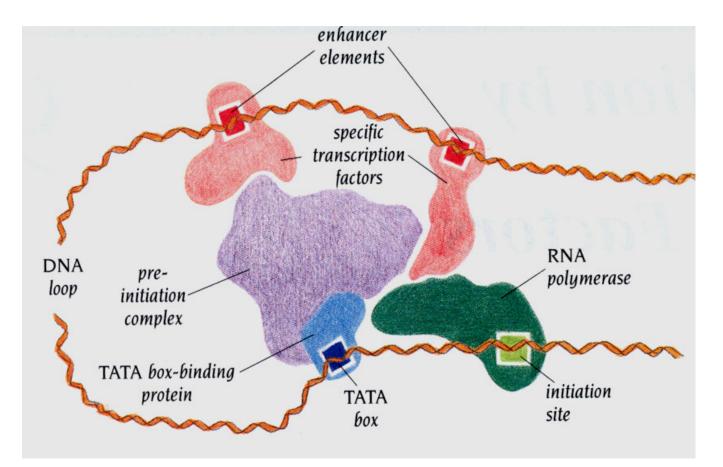


Transcription

- Protein Binding
- Initiation
- Elongation
- Copying
- Termination



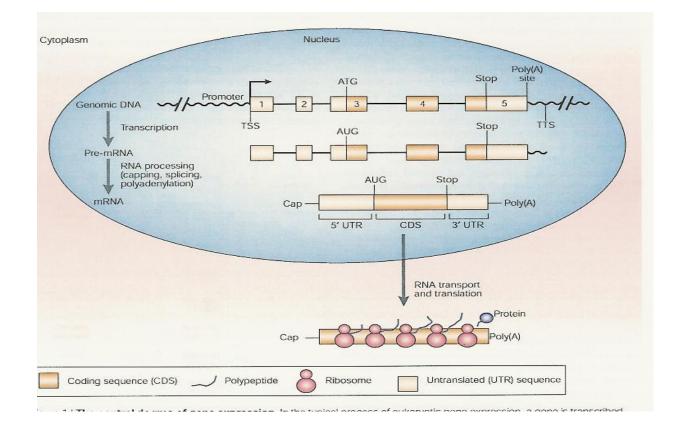
Regulating Gene Expression



Translation

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Standard Dogma



Gene Regulation Simplified

