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Computational Biology

The research involves developing computational techniques to discover how genes are regulated: e.g., what causes genes to make one of the many thousands of proteins required for life. The approach is to find DNA binding sites for proteins, known as transcription factors, that influence the expression of genes by comparing corresponding DNA sequences in multiple organisms.

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