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This book is an excellent introductory text describing the use of bioinformatics to analyze genomic and post-genomic data. It has been translated from the original popular French edition, which was based on a course taught at the well-respected Ecole Polytechnique in Palaiseau. This edition has been fully revised and updated by the authors. After a brief introduction to gene structure and sequence determination, it describes the techniques used to identify genes, their protein-coding sequences and regulatory regions. The book discusses the methodology of comparative genomics, using informati

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