





Why Do Restriction Enzymes Prefer 4 and 6 Base DNA Sequences?

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The fundamental problem of communication is that of reproducing at one point either exactly or approximately a message selected at another point. Frequently the messages have *meaning*; that is they refer to or are correlated according to some system with certain physical or conceptual entities. These semantic aspects of communication are irrelevant to the engineering problem. The significant aspect is that the actual message is one *selected from a set* of possible messages. The system must be designed to operate for each possible selection, not just the one which will actually be chosen since this is unknown at the time of design.

If the number of messages in the set is finite then this number or any monotonic function of this number can be regarded as a measure of the information produced when one message is chosen from the set, all choices being equally likely. As was pointed out by Hartley the most natural choice is the logarithmic function. Although this definition must be generalized considerably when we consider the influence of the statistics of the message and when we have a continuous range of messages, we will in all cases use an essentially logarithmic measure.

The logarithmic measure is more convenient for various reasons:

- It is practically more useful. Parameters of engineering importance such as time, bandwidth, number of relays, etc., tend to vary linearly with the logarithm of the number of possibilities. For example, adding one relay to a group doubles the number of possible states of the relays. It adds 1 to the base 2 logarithm of this number. Doubling the time roughly squares the number of possible messages, or doubles the logarithm, etc.
- 2. It is nearer to our intuitive feeling as to the proper measure. This is closely related to (1) since we intuitively measures entities by linear comparison with common standards. One feels, for example, that two punched cards should have twice the capacity of one for information storage, and two identical channels twice the capacity of one for transmitting information.
- It is mathematically more suitable. Many of the limiting operations are simple in terms of the logarithm but would require clumsy restatement in terms of the number of possibilities.

The choice of a logarithmic base corresponds to the choice of a unit for measuring information. If the base 2 is used the resulting units may be called binary digits, or more briefly *bits*, a word suggested by J. W. Tukey. A device with two stable positions, such as a relay or a flip-flop circuit, can store one bit of information. N such devices can store N bits, since the total number of possible states is 2^N and $\log_2 2^N = N$. If the base 10 is used the units may be called decimal digits. Since

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A general communications system is shown schematically in Fig. 1. It consists essentially of five elements.

1) An Information Source: The source selects one message from a set of possible messages to be transmitted to the receiving terminal. The message may be of various types; for example, a sequence of letters or numbers, as in telegraphy or teletype, or a continuous function of time f(t), as in radio or telephony.

2) The Transmitter: This operates on the message in some way and produces a signal suitable for transmission to the receiving point over the channel. In telephony, this operation consists of merely changing sound pressure into a proportional electrical current. In telegraphy, we have a encoding operation which produces a sequence of dots, dashes, and spaces corresponding to the letters of the message. To take a more complex example, in the case of multiplex PCM telephony the different speech functions must be sampled, compressed, quantized and encoded, and finally interleaved properly to construct the signal.

3) The Channel: This is merely the medium used to transmit the signal from the transmitting to the receiving point. It may be a pair of wires, a coaxial cable, a band of radio frequencies, etc. During transmission, or at the receiving terminal, the signal may be perturbed by noise or distortion. Noise and distortion may be differentiated on the basis that distortion is a fixed operation applied to the signal, while noise involves statistical and unpredictable

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Fig. 1. General communications system

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4) The Receiver: This operates on the received signal and attempts to reproduce, from it, the original message. Ordinarily it will perform approximately the mathematical inverse of the operations of the transmitter, although they may differ somewhat with best design in order to combat noise.

5) The Destination: This is the person or thing for whom the message is intended.

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Tom's Model of Muscle Mechanism






70% efficiency appears widely in biology:

• DNA - protein binding





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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDIyAOBa_yU

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Circular distribution!

1 Dimension



States

1 dimension is too simple!

Bowls in 2 Dimensions



Spheres in 3 Dimensions



N Dimensional Sphere



Spheres tighten in high dimensions



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Restriction Enzyme Coding Space Dimensionality

Examp Restric	le Sequence tion	Compresse Bases, $\lambda=I$	R/2 Bits $R/2$ R	Dimension $D = 2R$	Number N
Enzym	e		(pins)		
MspJI	CNNR(9/13)	1.50	3.00	6.00	1
\Rightarrow RIal	VCW	1.71	3.42	6.83	1
Sgel	$CNNGNNNNNNNN\downarrow$	2.00	4.00	8.00	5
AspBH	II YSCNS(8/12)	2.50	5.00	10.00	1
SgrTI	CCDS(10/14)	2.71	5.42	10.83	2
CviJI	RG↓CŶŹ	3.00	6.00	12.00	9
LpnPI	CCDG(10/14)	3.21	6.42	12.83	1
M.Ngc	MXV GCCHŘ Í	3.71	7.42	14.83	1
Taql	T↓CGA	4.00	8.00	16.00	1034
Bsp12	36I GDGCH↓C	4.42	8.83	17.66	15
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PspXI	VC↓TCGAGB	6.42	12.83	25.66	1
RsrII	CG↓GWCCG	6.50	13.00	26.00	37
SgrAl	CR↓CCGGYG	7.00	14.00	28.00	73
KpnBl	CAAANNNNNRTCA	7.50	15.00	30.00	2
Sfil	GGCCNNNN↓NGGCC	8.00	16.00	32.00	34

3802 restriction enzymes from Rich Roberts' Restriction Enzyme Database, REBASE

Restriction Enzyme Dimensionalities

Number of Restriction Enzymes





 $\pi r^2/(2\times r)^2=79\%$ of the plane filled



 $\pi/\sqrt{12}=91\%$ of the plane filled



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Higher Dimensional Sphere Packing?



What happens in higher dimensions?

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