#### Genetic code

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#### What is a gene

- A locus of DNA which is made up of nucleotides
- Molecular unit of heredity
- Types of gene:
  - Structural gene
  - Gene for functional RNA
  - Regulative locus

# Where a gene is in the DNA



Chromosome  $(10^7 - 10^{10} \text{ bp})$ 

DNA

Gene (10<sup>3</sup> - 10<sup>6</sup> bp)

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gene

### What is a genetic code

- A nucleotide sequence of a gene's DNA
- Exactly : amino acid sequence of a protein

### Charakteristics of genetic code

- Triplet code- amino acid is determined by the triplet of nucleotide sequence
  - Nucleotide nitrogenous base, five-carbon sugar, phosphate group
  - Codon- Sets of three nucleotides 64 combinations
- Codons in DNA succeed one by one without gaps or overlapping

# Characteristics of a genetic code

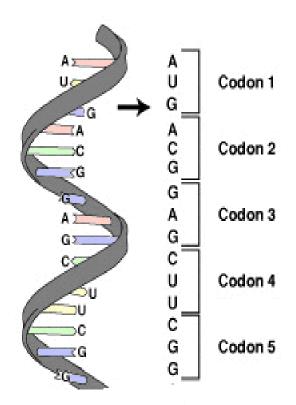
 Universal code – the rules of coding are the same in all organisms

 Degenerate code- the genetic code has redundancy but no ambiguity (codons GCU, GCC, GCA and GCG specify Alanine acid)

#### Characteristics of a codon

- Codons UAA, UAG- stop codons
- Codon AUG- start (initiation)\_codon
- Codons in DNA follow in successionwithout gaps
- Codons are important for translation
- The following codon determines the human genome

### Notation system of codons



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