

## **Molecular Biology**

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## What is Molecular Biology?

- "Molecular Biology" is the study of biology at the molecular level.
- The interactions between the nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) and synthesis of proteins, and how these processes (replication, transcription, translation) are regulated
- The techniques used for these studies are referred to as "Techniques of Molecular Biology".



## **Understanding Molecular Biology-Why it is important?**

• You may know of someone who has been ill with a disease or disorder such as meningitis, malaria, diabetes, a type of cancer, cystic fibrosis, or Alzheimer's disease.

• All these diseases and disorders are caused by problems at a cell or molecular level.

Understanding the molecular basis of these diseases will lead to find more effective treatment



## Outline





## Things you need to understand as Molecular Biologist



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## Safety





# After the Experiment:



Searching the scientific literature

 The most fundamental skill in bioinformatics is the ability to carry out an efficient and comprehensive search of the scientific literature to find out what is known about a specific subject.

# Some academic research tools..



# Different types of scientific paper



- Primary research article: It's a peer-reviewed report of new research on a specific question (or questions)
- **Review articles** are also peer-reviewed, and don't present **new information**, but summarizes multiple primary research articles, to give a sense of the consensus, debates, and unanswered questions within a field.
- (It is better to start with it for reading new topic)



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### **Review Article**

### Spinodal Decomposition in Confined Geometry

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### Abstract

When binary mixtures (AB) are quenched from the one-phase region into the unstable part of their miscibility gap, phase separation starts by spontaneous amplification of concentration fluctuations ("spinodal decomposition"). This growth of A-rich and B-rich domains and their morphology is distinctly modified when one considers mixtures confined in thin film geometry between planar parallel walls, or confined in cylindrical geometry in pores. The boundary effects created by this confinement on the mixture can imply formation of a layered structure parallel to the walls ("surface directed spinodial decomposition") and can also involve an intricate interplay with wetting phenomena. In porous media the randomness of the pore structure presents an additional complication.

This review presents a tutorial introduction to these phenomena, comparing them also to spinodal decomposition and coarsening in the bulk. Emphasis is on theoretical concepts and on numerical simulations, but pertinent experiments are also briefly mentioned, and a discussion of open problems is given.

### 1. Introduction and Overview

In the industrial processing of materials it is very common that by a change of external control parameters (emperature T, pressure, p. e.c.) one can bring a binary (AB) mixture (or a multi-component mixture, respectively) from a state in the one-phase region, where the system is homogeneously miscible not only on macroscopic length scales but even down to molecular scales, to a state inside a miscibility gap in the (thermal equilibrium) phase diagram of the system. Then thermal equilibrium requires the consider the kinetic pathways how the considered system develops from its initial, now unstable, state, which is homogeneous apart from statistical fluctuations, to this macroscopically inhomogeneous concentration distribution.

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