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RNA Structure

- The polynucleotide structure of RNA is similar to DNA **except** that RNA contains the sugar **ribose** rather than **deoxyribose** and **uracil** rather than **thymine**
- RNA is generally **single-stranded** (but sometimes form **base pairing** and even **supercoiling**)

Differ from DNA

- Smaller
- Ribose
- Uracil
- Single strands

(Usually)

رغم انه RNA single
الا انه بعض الاحيان
double يكون عامل
helix A form
DNA,supercoiling

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- Building units nucliotid
- Bonds phosphodiester
- Backbone phosphate suger
- Genetic code
- Ends 5 prime end
3 prime end

Formation of phosphodiester bond

Base Base Base

5'P-----Pentose-----P-----Pentose-----P-----Pentose-----3'

Nucleotides

5'-----3'

Single strand sinole strand DNA

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RNA Structure

- Some **RNA molecules** act as **catalysts** of reactions; thus, RNA, as well as protein, can have **Enzymatic Activity**.
- **Ribozymes**, usually precursors of rRNA, remove internal segments of themselves, **splicing** the ends together.
- RNAs also act as **ribonucleases**, cleaving other RNA molecules (e.g., RNase P cleaves tRNA precursors).

بعض انواع ال RNA ممكن تشغل ك enzyme

يقطع ويعدل نفسه بنفسه

RNA Types

- **3 major types** of RNA major; linked to protein synthesis
ribosomal (rRNA), **transfer (tRNA)**, and **messenger (mRNA)**
- **Other Types** of RNA (**Noncoding** RNA) non coding;non linked to protein

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A- Transfer RNA (tRNA)

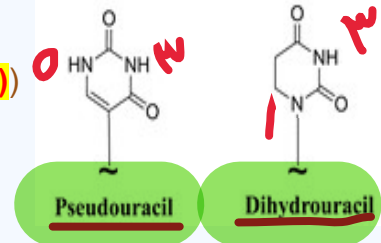
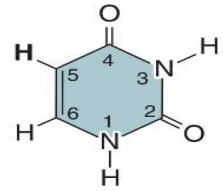
carrier amino acid يشتغل كـ

- **Smallest** of the three major of RNA (about **80 nucleotides**)
- About **15%** of the total RNA
- **At least one type** of tRNA for each of 20 standard aa
- Contains **unusual** bases يعني ممكن الاقي فيه اشياء uncommon

Dihydrouracil (D), **pseudouracil (ψ)**, and **thymine (T)**

pseudouracil
على N 3,5 ال

uracil
العادي يكون ال
N 1,3 ع



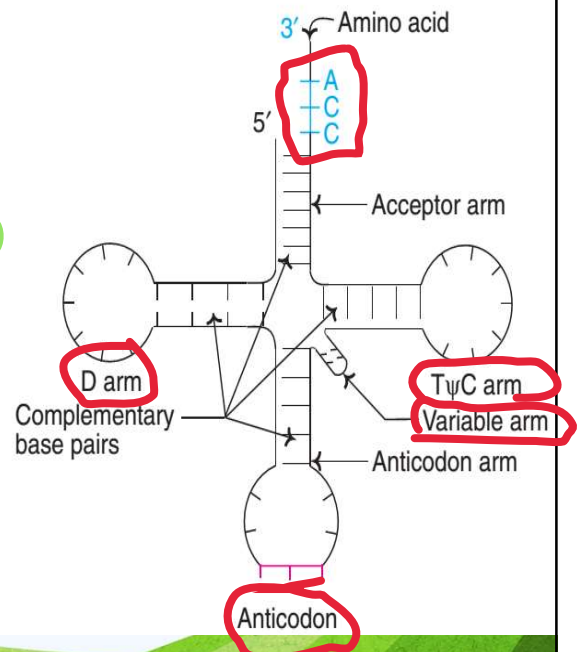
- Have extensive intrachain base-pairing → **2^{ry}** structure
- Characteristic **tertiary (supercoiling)** structure (**clover leaf** appearance)
- AA **carrier** in ptn synthesis (**Adaptor**)

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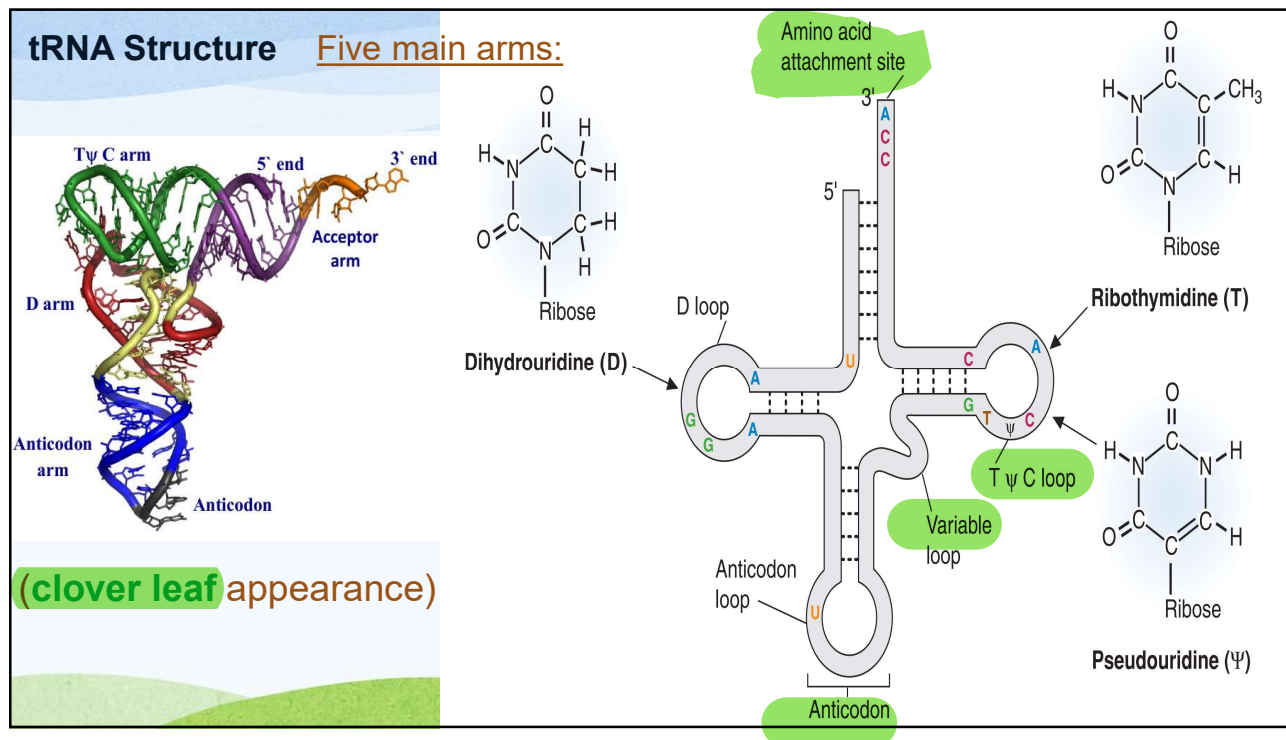
tRNA structure

Five main arms:

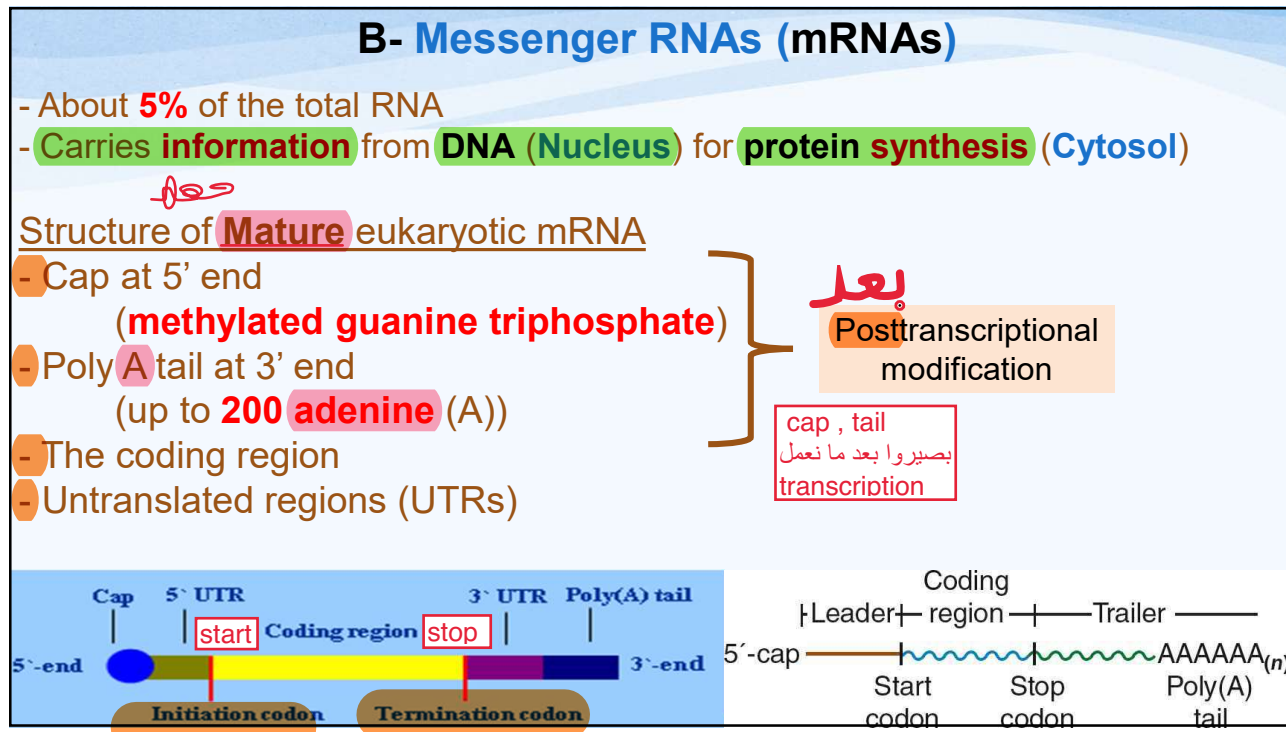
- 1- **Acceptor arm**: terminates at its **3'** end by a **CCA** sequence and it **carries** the **amino acids**
- 2- **D- arm**: contains **dihydrouracil**.
- 3- **Anticodon arm**: contains **three specific bases (anticodon)**. It plays a key role in translation by **pairing** with the **complementary codon of mRNA**
- 4- **Extra arm** ايضا يسمى variable arm
- 5- **TψC arm**: contains (**thymine - pseudouridine - cytosine**).



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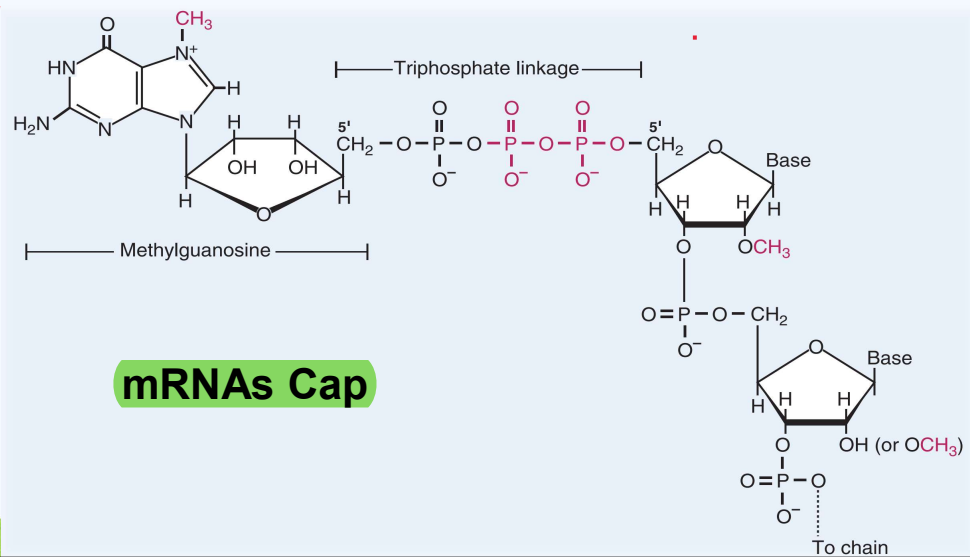


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The **cap** consists of **methylated guanine triphosphate** attached to the hydroxyl group on the ribose at the 5' end of the mRNA.

this cap protect strand RNA from exonuclease

N.B. The 2'-hydroxyl groups of the **first** and **second** ribose moieties of the mRNA also may be **methylated**



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B- Messenger RNAs (mRNAs)

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-coding for one protein
-one initiation/termination codon
-site in eukaryote

-coding for more one protein
-more one initiation/termination codon
-site in prokaryote

Monocistronic mRNA & Polycistronic mRNA



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C- Ribosomal RNA (rRNA)

- **Associated** with several proteins →
- Serve as the site for protein **synthesis**

ribosomes - About **80%** of the total RNA

rRNA more stable
بفضل فترة طويلة وما يتكسر بسرعة
مRNA زى ال

- Structure of ribosomes

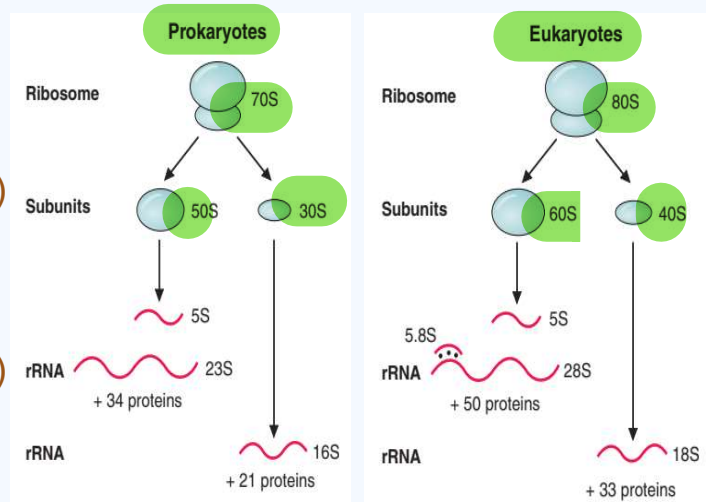
- In prokaryotic cells

The fully **active 70S** ribosomes
(**50S** subunit and the **30S** subunit)

- In Eukaryotic cells

The fully **active 80S** ribosomes
(**60S** subunit and the **40S** subunit)

The **Svedberg unit (S)** offers a measure of a particle's size based on its **sedimentation rate**.



بدنا نعرف انه ال
sedimentation velocity

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وحدة قياس اجزاء الرايبوسوم- S

Other Forms of RNA (**Noncoding** RNA)

non coding
حكينا انه ما بشتروا بال
protein synthesis

Include:

- The **oligonucleotides** that serve as **primers** for DNA replication
- **Small nuclear RNAs (snRNAs)** as a part of **Small nuclear ribonucleoproteins (snRNPs or snurps)** that are involved in the **splicing** and **processing** of RNA precursors small nuclear RNA/protein
- **Micro RNAs (miRNAs)**: important role in **regulation of gene expression**

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Comparison between DNA and RNA

	DNA	RNA
Nitrogenous Bases:		
a- Purines	Adenine & Guanine	Adenine & Guanine
b- Pyrimidines	Cytosine Thymine No uracil	Cytosine Thymine as minor base in tRNA Uracil
Sugar:	2-Deoxyribose	Ribose
Shape of strand:	Double helix	Single strand
Types:	Circular or linear (A, B & Z forms)	mRNAs tRNAs rRNAs
Site:	Nucleus and Mitochondria	Mainly in cytosol, less commonly in nucleus and mitochondria
Functions:	Genetic information and synthesis of RNAs	Protein synthesis

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