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Abstract: The Supersymmetry Genetic code (SSyGC) table is based on five physicochemical symmetries: 1) double mirror symmetry on the principle of the horizontal and vertical mirror symmetry axis between all bases (purines [A, G] and pyrimidines [U, C]), and 2) of bases in form of codons 3) direct – complement like codon/anticodon symmetry in the sixteen alternating boxes of the genetic code columns, 4) A+T rich and C+G rich alternate codons in the same row between both columns of the genetic code, 5) the same position between divided and undivided codon boxes in relation to horizontal mirror symmetry axes. The SSyGC table has a unique physicochemical purine – pyrimidine symmetry net which is as the core symmetry common for all, more than thirty different nuclear and mitochondrial genetic codes. This net is present in the SSyGC table of all RNA and DNA living species. None of these symmetries is present in the Standard Genetic Code (SGC) table which is constructed on the alphabetic horizontal and vertical U-C-A-G order of bases. Here we show that the free energy value of each codon incorporated as fundamentally mapping the “energy code” in the SSyGC table is compatible with mirror symmetry. On the other hand, in the SGC table the same free energy values of codons are dispersed and a mirror symmetry between them is not recognizable. At the same time the mirror symmetry of the SSyGC table and the DNA quadruplets together with our classification of codons/trinucleotides are perfectly imbedded in the mirror symmetry energy mapping of codons/trinucleotides and point out in favor of maintaining the integrity of the genetic code and DNA genome. We also argue that physicochemical symmetries of the SSyGC table in the manner of the purine – pyrimidine symmetry net, the quadruplet symmetry of DNA molecule and the free energy of codons have remained unchanged during all of evolution. The unchangeable and universal symmetry properties of the genetic code, DNA molecule and energy code are decreasing disorder between codons/trinucleotides and shed a new light on evolution. Diversity in all living species on Earth is broad, but the symmetries of the Supersymmetry Genetic Code as the code of life and the DNA quadruplets related to the “energy code” are unique, unchangeable and have the power of natural laws.

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1. Introduction

In the recently reported review about energy mapping of the genetic code, authors Horst H. Klump, Jens Völker and Kenneth J. Breslauer (Klump et al. 2020) concluded that “-the genetic code driven by differential codon stabilities, evolved the influence and regulation of a series of interlocking thermodynamics cycles”. Comparing the “energy code” with the Standard Genetic Code (SGC) table, he proceeded “that the genetic code table shows stabilizing free energy values for the trimeric duplexes formed by antiparallel complementary codons”. These stability parameters were calculated using spectroscopically and calorimetrically – derived free energy values (Breslauer et al., 1986) with the conclusion that “under the influence of the laws of thermodynamics, this “energy code” evolved

into a nearly singular code across all living species". The authors compared this "energy code" with the SGC table, which is an artificial construct of representing the empirical codon – amino acid assignments, based horizontally and vertically on the U-C-A-G ordering of nucleotides. This way of representation does not include natural symmetry of complementary codons on the principle of Watson-Crick purine - pyrimidine pairing and complete mirror symmetry between bases and codons.

Namely, all codons in the SGC table are dispersed with respect to the physicochemical complementary properties. Klump et al. (2020) calculated empirically that 61 possible codons and three stop signals of genetic code have 32 pairs of trimeric complementary duplex (direct ↔ reverse complement) and concluded that "the code has a twofold symmetry that is not apparent from the conventional code table but becomes apparent when the codon – anticodon energies are listed for each triplet."

Our scientific challenge was to interpolate the free energy values in our SSyGC table and in all 10 A+T rich and 10 C+G rich quadruplets of DNA molecule (Rosandić et al. 2013; Rosandić and Paar 2022, 2023) characterized by a purine – pyrimidine symmetry as well as the mirror symmetry, and to show how symmetries in the genetic code and DNA quadruplets directly influenced on the relationship between codons/trinucleotides and their free energy.

2. Material and methods

2.1. Characteristic of the SSyGC table

The Standard Genetic Code (SGC) table included in all Biology and Genetics textbooks and all other known genetic code table structured horizontally and vertically on the alphabetically U-C-A-G base manner suffer from an inability to show the complete physicochemical symmetry between codons. (Figure 1a). Our novel SSyGC table follows on the stereochemical theory which postulate that the structure of the code is determined by a physicochemical affinity between amino acids and codons or anticodons (Koonin, 2017). The SSyGC table (Figure 1b) encompasses five symmetries: 1) double mirror symmetry between all purines and pyrimidines on the basis of vertical and horizontal mirror symmetry axis created purine - pyrimidine symmetry net, as well as the center points mirror symmetry (Figure 1c) for the first base of all codons in the SSyGC table, 2) purine – pyrimidine symmetry on the basis of Watson – Crick pairing in the alternately boxes of genetic code, 3) direct – complement symmetry on the basis of Watson – Crick pairing between codons in the alternately boxes of genetic code, 4) A+T rich and C+G rich symmetry between alternating codons in the same row of both columns of code (Figure 1b), and 5) symmetry between the position of amino acids (Rosandić and Paar 2022, 2023). Constructed from two columns with eight boxes which are made up of four codons each, the SSyGC table is more physiological. Namely, with the horizontal transformation through a purine – purine, as well as a pyrimidine – pyrimidine exchange of bases in codons, A+T rich and C+G rich codons alter between the two columns in the same row through the entire genetic code (Figure 1 b). Opposite of that, with vertical alteration in direct and complement pairs of boxes, we obtained Watson – Crick pairing between bases and codons in the entire genetic code (Figure 1 b).

U			C			A			G			
U	Phe	UUU	111	Ser	UCU	111	Tyr	UAU	101	Cys	UGU	101
		UUC	111		UCC	111		UAC	101		UGC	101
	Leu	UUA	110		UCA	110	STOP	UAA	100	STOP	UGA	100
		UUG	110		UCG	110	STOP	UAG	100	Trp	UGG	100
C	Leu	CUU	111	Pro	CCU	111	His	CAU	101	Arg	CGU	101
		CUC	111		CCG	111		CAC	101		CGC	101
		CUA	110		CCA	110	Gln	CAA	100		CGA	100
		CUG	110		CCG	110		CAG	100		CGG	100
A	Ile	AUU	011	Thr	ACU	011	Asp	AAU	001	Ser	AGU	001
		AUC	011		ACC	011		AAC	001		AGC	001
		AUA	010		ACA	010	Lys	AAA	000		AGA	000
		AUG	010		ACG	010		AAG	000		AGG	000
G	Val	GUU	011	Ala	GCU	011	Asp	GAU	001	Gly	GGU	001
		GUC	011		GCC	011		GAC	001		GGC	001
		GUA	010		GCA	010	Glu	GAA	000		GGA	000
		GUG	010		GCG	010		GAG	000		GGG	000

Figure 1. a. The Standard Genetic Code table is structured horizontally and vertically on the alphabetically U-C-A-G base manner and suffer from an inability to show the complete physicochemical symmetry between codons. There is only partial mirror symmetry between purines and pyrimidines in the first and second column as well as in the third and fourth column. A+U rich (black) and C+G rich (red) codons are not in an alternate ranging regularly in each row. There is not direct and complement altering ranging of the codon boxes.

		Codons	Pu-py	Pu-py	Codons		
START		AUG	010	010	GCA		
Met	Dir.	AUA	010	010	GCG	Dir.	Ala
-----		AUC	011	011	GCU		
Ile		AUG	011	011	GCC		
Tyr	Compl.	UAC	101	101	CGU	Compl.	Arg
-----		UAU	101	101	CGC		
Stop		UAG	100	100	CGA		
Stop		UAA	100	100	CGG		
Glu	Dir.	GAG	000	000	AGA	Dir.	Arg ----- Ser
-----		GAA	000	000	AGG		
Asp		GAC	001	001	AGU		
		GAU	001	001	AGC		
Leu	Compl.	CUC	111	111	UCU	Compl.	Ser
		CUU	111	111	UCC		
		CUG	110	110	UCA		
		CUA	110	110	UCG		
			-----		mirror symmetry axis		
Leu	Compl.	UUA	110	110	CCG	Compl.	Pro
-----		UUG	110	110	CCA		
Phe		UUU	111	111	CCC		
		UUC	111	111	CCU		
Asn	Dir	AAU	001	001	GGC	Dir.	Gly
-----		AAC	001	001	GGU		
Lys		AAA	000	000	GGG		
		AAG	000	000	GGA		
Gln	Compl.	CAA	100	100	UGG	Compl.	Trp ----- STOP ----- Cys
-----		CAG	100	100	UGA		
His		CAU	101	101	UGC		
		CAC	101	101	UGU		
Val	Dir.	GUU	011	011	ACC	Dir.	Thr
		GUC	011	011	ACU		
		GUA	010	010	ACG		
		GUG	010	010	ACA		
			mirror symmetry axis				

			pu/py symmetry net				

Figure 1. b. The Supersymmetry genetic code table with double mirror symmetry and horizontal and vertical mirror symmetry axis. There are in the same row an A+U rich and C+G rich alternate codons between two columns. Both columns have the same distribution of purine/pyrimidine profile, and simultaneously the same profile distribution pairs of codon rows within each box. There is a purine –

pyrimidine symmetry between the bases and codons, and direct – complement symmetry of codons between direct and complement codon boxes. In such a way for the first time the sextets for Serine, Arginine, and Leucine, each with six codons, are positioned in continuity. It is interesting that the AUG start signal is at the beginning of the Supersymmetry genetic code table. There is important that the purine – pyrimidine symmetry net is in central position of code as the “golden rule”, common for all RNA and DNA species and unchangeable during evolution. 0 pu, purine; 1 py, pyrimidine; black A+U rich codons; red C+G rich codons.

First column Second column

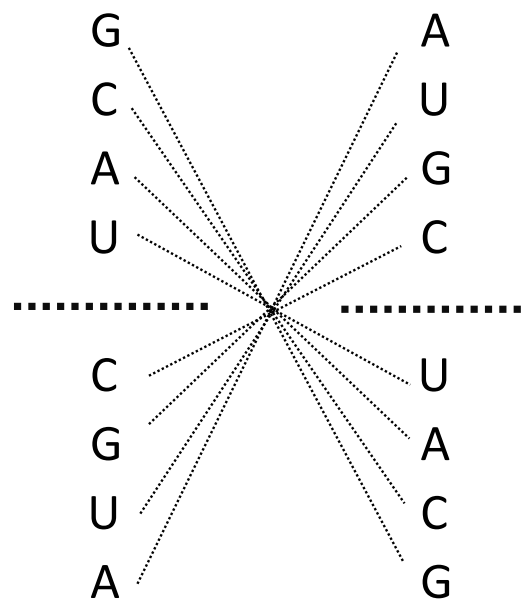


Figure 1. c. The center points mirror symmetry for the first base in the SSyGC table. First base in each box from the left and right column of the SSyGC table. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th base in the left column correspond to 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st base, respectively, all connecting lines passing through the center point.

In addition, with our novel configuration of the two-columns of the genetic code table, we also found mirror symmetry between all purines and pyrimidines as well as between the second and third base of all codons. At the same time, the mirror pairing of the first base of codons in all boxes alternate over both purines ($A \leftrightarrow G$), and both pyrimidines ($U \leftrightarrow C$). We found also that the first base of all codons in the SSyGC table has the center point mirror symmetry (Figure 1 c).


The novel result is that the SSyGC table deduces codons on the binary code with A, G purines as “0” and U, C pyrimidines as “1” and has the unique physicochemical purine – pyrimidine symmetry net with double vertical and horizontal mirror symmetry (Figure 1 b). The purine – pyrimidine symmetry net is common for all RNA and DNA living species. It is also common for all more than thirty nuclear and mitochondrial genetic codes. It is important to point out that the purine – pyrimidine symmetry net has remained unchanged during all of evolution (Rosandić and Paar 2022, 2023).

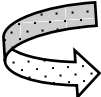
2.2. Characteristic of DNA quadruplet symmetries

An important characteristic of the SSyGC table is a direct transformation of genetic code in the DNA molecule by linearizing codons from a direct pair of codon boxes for the top strand alternately with codons from a complement pair of boxes for the bottom strand of DNA. In this case the alignment of the 192 bases (61 codons and 3 stop signals) contains 10 A+T rich quadruplets and 10 C+G rich quadruplets (Figure 2) (Rosandić et al., 2013; Rosandić and Paar, 2022, 2023). Each quadruplet contains four types of trinucleotides: direct, reverse complement, complement and

reverse. We relate Chargaff's second parity rule to the interstrand mirror symmetry in 10 A+T rich and 10 C+G rich symbolic purine - pyrimidine symmetry quadruplets of trinucleotides mapped to the double-stranded genome. The symmetries of the Q-box corresponding to quadruplets can be obtained due to a combination of Watson-Crick base pairing and Chargaff's second parity rule. We show that alternatively, assuming the natural symmetry law for DNA creation and conservation that each trinucleotide (or mono/oligonucleotide) in one strand of DNA must also simultaneously appear in the opposite strand, regardless of localization, automatically leads to direct-reverse mirror symmetry between both strands of the Q-box. In conjunction with Watson-Crick base pairing also automatically generates 5'3'↔3'5' bidirectional strand construction of the DNA molecule and automatically Chargaff's second parity rule (Rosandić et al., 2016, 2019, 2022). The quadruplet symmetries are characterised by the same symmetries as the SSyGC table: purine – pyrimidine symmetry and direct – complement symmetry based on trinucleotides between both strands on the principle of the Watson – Crick pairing, and mirror symmetry within each Q-box, and between Q-box_{D-RC} and Q-box_{C-R}. (Figure 3). Empirically it is known that the relative frequencies of all four trinucleotides within each Qbox are almost equal, although they do differ among both Qboxes. However, the sum of relative frequencies from both strand of each member of quadruplets is precisely the same (Rosandić et al. 2016, 2022).

A+U rich group (I)					C+G rich group (II)				
D	RC(D)	C(D)	R(D)		D	RC(D)	C(D)	R(D)	
AUG	CAU	UAC	GUA	Ia	GCA	UGC	CGU	ACG	IIa
3.7	3.7	3.2	3.2		4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	
010	101	101	010		010	101	101	010	
UGA	UCA	ACU	AGU		CAG	CUG	GUC	GAC	
3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1		4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	
100	110	011	001		100	110	011	001	
UAG	CUA	AUC	GAU		CGA	UCG	GCU	AGC	
3.2	3.2	3.6	3.6		4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	
100	110	011	001		100	110	011	001	
UAA	UUA	AUU	AAU	Ib	CGG	CCG	GCC	GGC	IIb
3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3		5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	
100	110	011	001		100	110	011	001	
AAC	GUU	UUG	CAA		GGU	ACC	CCA	UGG	
3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9		4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	
001	011	110	100		001	011	110	100	
AAG	CUU	UUC	GAA		GGA	UCC	CCU	AGG	
3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8		4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	
000	111	111	000		000	111	111	000	
AUA	UAU	UAU*	AUA*	Ic	GCG	CGC	CGC	GCG	IIc
2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8		5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	
010	101	101	010		010	101	101	010	
ACA	UGU	UGU*	ACA*		GUG	CAC	CAC	GUG	
3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2		4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	
010	101	101	010		010	101	101	010	
AGA	UCU	UCU*	AGA*		GAG	CUC	CUC	GAG	
3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	
000	111	111	000		000	111	111	000	
AAA	UUU	UUU*	AAA*		GGG	CCC	CCC	GGG	
3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5		5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	
000	111	111	000		000	111	111	000	


mirror symmetry axis


mirror symmetry axis



mirror symmetry axis

Figure 2. Our quadruplet classification of 61 codons and 3 stop signals (with U-uracil) for genetic code, or trinucleotides (with T-thymine instead of uracil) for RNA and DNA genomes with incorporated the free energy of codons (reading unidirectionally from 5' to 3'). Each quadruplet is unique and consists of codons or trinucleotides denoted as direct D, and reverse complement from direct RC(D), complement from direct C(D), and reverse from direct R(D). The ten A+U rich (group I) and ten C+G rich (group II) quadruplets are organized in three subgroups. Ia subgroup consisting of nonsymmetrical codons/trinucleotides containing four different nucleotides, Ib subgroup consisting of nonsymmetrical codons/trinucleotides containing two different nucleotides, Ic subgroup consisting of symmetrical codons/trinucleotides which contain duplicated codons/trinucleotides labeled with an

asterisk (D=RC, C=R). First four A+U rich quadruplets we are generate with start/stop signals: AUG, UGA, UAG and UAA. The C+G rich trinucleotides correspond to purine-purine and pyrimidine-pyrimidine transformation of A+U rich codons/trinucleotides. Three symmetries are present in our codon/trinucleotide classification: 1) purine-pyrimidine symmetries in each quadruplet, 2) purine - pyrimidine symmetries within and between A+U rich and C+G rich quadruplets in the same row of the classification; 3) mirror symmetry between direct – reverse and complement – reverse complement in the same quadruplet. For clarity, the white and grey rows are alternating, to emphasize pairs of A+T rich and C+G rich codons. 0, purine; 1, pyrimidine; mirror symmetry. To point out the symmetries this classification is modified with respect to refs. (Rosandić and Paar, 2021). Namely, it is irrelevant which codon/trinucleotide in the quadruplet is direct, because the other three accordingly adapted.

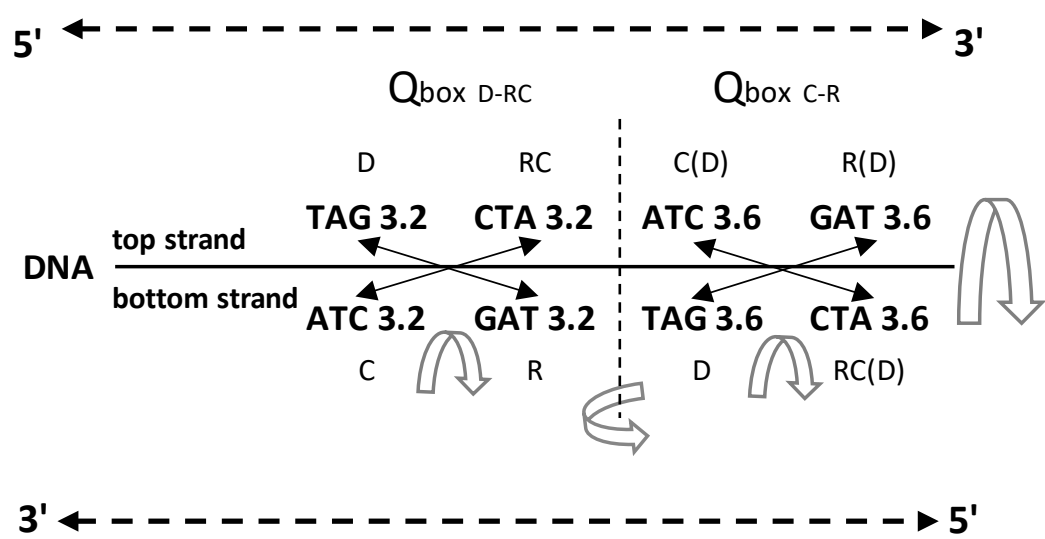


Figure 3. An example of symmetries in one A+T rich quadruplet from the DNA molecule with the incorporated free energy of trinucleotides. The free energy value follows quadruplet symmetries in bidirectional form (top strand 5'3', bottom strand 3'5'). There are three quadruplet symmetries: purine – pyrimidine symmetry, direct – complement symmetry, both on the principle of Watson – Crick pairing between DNA strands, and important mirror symmetry between both DNA strands in Qbox_{D-RC} as well as Qbox_{C-R}, and between both boxes (Rosandić et al., 2016). Their mirror symmetry with complementary base pairing leads directly to Chargaff's second parity rule (see the text). The free energy of trinucleotides follows mirror symmetry. The same symmetries exist in the SSyGC table. D, direct; RC, reverse complement; C, complement; R, Reverse; C(D), complement from direct of four trinucleotides; R(D), reverse from direct; RC(D), reverse complement from direct; mirror symmetry. The inputted measured free energy values are from Clump et al., 2020, and Breslauer et al., 1986).

We show that the purine – pyrimidine symmetry net enables an automatic transformation of the SSyGC table into two-fold DNA strand sequences with Watson – Crick pairing (A↔U, C↔G) which appears by linearizing codons from direct boxes for the top strand and complement boxes for the bottom strand. This is an analogous form to the 5'3' codon and the 3'5' anticodon (Rosandić and Paar, 2023).

The SSyGC table also has a symmetrical arrangement of codons and amino acids. For the first time we can see that our SSyGC table contains three codon sextets for Serine, Arginine and Leucine, each with its codons positioned vertically and in continuity. At the same time, the position of the start signal AUG is symbolically at the top of first column of the SSyGC table. The codons of the three stop


signals (UAA, UAG, UGA) have a mutual diagonal mirror symmetry position (Rosandić and Paar 2022, 2023).

In conclusion we can say that the SSyGC table has five symmetries: purine – pyrimidine symmetry, double mirror symmetry, A+T rich and C+G rich symmetry, direct – complement symmetry and symmetry between amino acids with the same position between divided and undivided codon boxes in relation to horizontal mirror symmetry axes. The SGC table has none of these symmetries.

2.3. Free energy values incorporated in the SSyGC table and in DNA quadruplets

We incorporated the free energy values of each codon in the SSyGC table adapted for the human mitochondrial genetic code. In this case, only the assignment of the amino acid for two codons is changed: AUA for Methionine instead of Isoleucine, and UGA of Tryptophane instead for the stop signal as is the case in the nuclear human genetic code. It is very important to emphasize that the purine - pyrimidine symmetry net is completely identical in mitochondrial human genetic code to the SSyGC table (compare Figure 1b and 4a).

Box No.	Direct compl.	Amino acid	Codons	Pu-py	Energy kcal/mol	Energy diff	Amino acid	Codons	Pu-py	Energy kcal/mol	Energy diff.
1	d	Start/Met	AUG	010	3.7	0.1	Ala	GCA	010	4.6	0.1
		Met	AUA	010	2.8		Ala	GCG	010	5.8	0.1
		Ile	AUC	011	3.6		Ala	GCU	011	4.5	
		Ile	AUU	011	3.3		Ala	GCC	011	5.7	
2	c	Tyr	UAC	101	3.2	0.0	Arg	CGU	101	4.4	0.1
		Tyr	UAU	101	2.8		Arg	CGC	101	5.8	0.2
		Stop	UAG	100	3.2		Arg	CGA	100	4.5	
		Stop	UAA	100	3.0		Arg	CGG	100	5.6	
3	d	Glu	GAG	000	4.0	0.0	Arg	AGA	000	3.2	0.1
		Glu	GAA	000	3.8		Arg	AGG	000	4.3	0.2
		Asp	GAC	001	4.0		Ser	AGU	001	3.1	
		Asp	GAU	001	3.6		Ser	AGC	001	4.5	
4	c	Leu	CUC	111	4.0	0.1	Ser	UCU	111	3.2	0.2
		Leu	CUU	111	3.7		Ser	UCC	111	4.4	0.1
		Leu	CUG	110	4.1		Ser	UCA	110	3.4	
		Leu	CUA	110	3.2		Ser	UCG	110	4.5	
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5	d	Leu	UUA	110	3.0	0.5	Pro	CCG	110	5.6	0.1
		Leu	UUG	110	3.9		Pro	CCA	110	4.4	0.1
		Phe	UUU	111	3.5		Pro	CCC	111	5.5	
		Phe	UUC	111	3.8		Pro	CCU	111	4.3	
6	c	Asn	AAU	001	3.3	0.2	Gly	GGC	001	5.7	0.2
		Asn	AAC	001	3.7		Gly	GGU	001	4.3	0.1
		Lys	AAA	000	3.5		Gly	GGG	000	5.5	
		Lys	AAG	000	3.7		Gly	GGA	000	4.4	
7	d	Gln	CAA	100	3.9	0.2	Trp	UGG	100	4.4	0.2
		Gln	CAG	100	4.1		Trp	UGA	100	3.4	0.2
		His	CAU	101	3.7		Cys	UGC	101	4.6	
		His	CAC	101	4.1		Cys	UGU	101	3.2	
8	c	Val	GUU	011	3.7	0.5	Thr	ACC	011	4.3	0.1
		Val	GUC	011	4.0		Thr	ACU	011	3.1	0.1
		Val	GUA	010	3.2		Thr	ACG	010	4.4	
		Val	GUG	010	4.1		Thr	ACA	010	3.2	



Mirror symmetry axis

Mirror symmetry axis

Figure 4. a. The energy code incorporated in the SSyGC table which is adjusted for the mitochondrial human genetic code. Placing the axis of horizontal mirror symmetry in the central position of the SSyGC table we observed an excellent agreement of the free energy of codons between both halves of code and complete symmetry for **differences** between the free energy of codons in each box which has at the third position C and G (strong) or A and U (weak) nucleotides. Therefore, in the SSyGC table appear symmetries between differences of codon free energy in the boxes 1 and 5, 2 and 6, 3 and 7, 4 and 8, with a slight deviation in the second column. Namely, each box contains four codons with the same first and second bases, and the decisive free energy difference depends only on the third base in each codon. Within each box in the SSyGC table the codons with G and C third strong base have larger values of free energy than codons with A and U weak third base (see text). pu – purine; py – pyrimidine; red – codons with C and G third base; blue – codons with A and U third base; S sum;

mirror symmetry axis. (The inputted measured free energy values are from Clump et al., 2020, and Breslauer et al., 1986).

First codon column	Second codon column
Box 1 AUG – AUC = 3.7 – 3.6 = 0.1 AUU – AUA = 3.3 – 2.8 = 0.5	Box 1 GCA – GCU = 4.6 – 4.5 = 0.1 GCG – GCC = 5.8 – 5.7 = 0.1
Box 8 GUU – GUA = 3.7 – 3.2 = 0.5 GUG – GUC = 4.1 – 4.0 = 0.1	Box 8 ACG – ACC = 4.4 – 4.3 = 0.1 ACA – ACU = 3.2 – 3.1 = 0.1
Box 2 UAC – UAG = 3.2 – 3.2 = 0.0 UAA – UAU = 3.0 – 2.8 = 0.2	Box 2 CGA – CGU = 4.5 – 4.4 = 0.1 CGC – CGG = 5.8 – 5.6 = 0.2
Box 7 CAA – CAU = 3.9 – 3.7 = 0.2 CAG – CAC = 4.1 – 4.1 = 0.0	Box 7 UGC – UGG = 4.6 – 4.4 = 0.2 UGA – UGU = 3.4 – 3.2 = 0.2
Box 3 GAG – GAC = 4.0 – 4.0 = 0.0 GAA – GAU = 3.8 – 3.6 = 0.2	Box 3 AGA – AGU = 3.2 – 3.1 = 0.1 AGC – AGG = 4.5 – 4.3 = 0.2
Box 6 AAA – AAU = 3.5 – 3.3 = 0.2 AAC – AAG = 3.7 – 3.7 = 0.0	Box 6 GGC – GGG = 5.7 – 5.5 = 0.2 GGA – GGU = 4.4 – 4.3 = 0.1
Box 4 CUG – CUC = 4.1 – 4.0 = 0.1 CUU – CUA = 3.7 – 3.2 = 0.5	Box 4 UCA – UCU = 3.4 – 3.2 = 0.2 UCG – UCC = 4.5 – 4.4 = 0.1
Box 5 UUU – UUA = 3.5 – 3.0 = 0.5 UUG – UUC = 3.9 – 3.8 = 0.1	Box 5 CCG – CCC = 5.6 – 5.5 = 0.1 CCA – CCU = 4.4 – 4.3 = 0.1

Figure 4. b. Differences of free energy codons between the A+U rich weak codons and the C+G rich strong codons from alternately boxes in both columns of the SSyGC table. There appears horizontal mirror symmetry between differences of codon free energy in the horizontal pairs of boxes 1 and 8. 2 and 7, 3 and 6, 4 and 5 with only a slight deviation in the second (right) column.

	Left column	Right column	<div>Mirror symmetry axis</div> 
Above mirror symmetry axis	0.2	0.5	
	1.4	0.6	
Below mirror symmetry axis	1.4	0.6	
	0.2	0.5	

Figure 4. c. Sum of differences between free energies within each codon with A or U weak third base and codon with C or G strong third base in the same box. Only the third base of codons in each box is different and makes the difference in the free energy between their codons. Energy differences are defined as in Figure 4a. Sums of energy differences show the symmetry with respect to the horizontal mirror symmetry axis of the SSyGC table (see Figure 4a).


	Left column	Right column	Summary	<div>Mirror symmetry axis</div> 
Above mirror symmetry axis	56	71.5	127.5	
Below mirror symmetry axis	59.2	70.3	129.5	

Figure 4. d. Sum of free energy of all codons in kcal/mol with respect to the horizontal mirror symmetry axis of the SSyGC table is almost identical above and below mirror symmetry axis (127.5 +129.5 = 257). The difference of 2 between summary values is probable a technical mistake.

We also incorporated the free energy values of each codon in the SSyGC table by creating DNA quadruplets (direct – reverse complement – complement – reverse) (Figure 4). We incorporated the free energy values of codons/trinucleotides directly in quadruplets as in the example in Figure 3. We also compared free energy between direct and reverse – complement trinucleotides and complement and reverse of A + T rich and C + G rich DNA quadruplets of our classification of trinucleotides/codons on the principle of strand symmetry (Chargaff’s second parity rule) (Figure 5).

Q-box _{D-RC} in the first column				Q-box _{D-RC} in the second column			
D	RC	C	R	D	RC	C	R
5' -----> 3'		3' <----- 5'		5' -----> 3'		3' <----- 5'	
AUG 3.7	CAU 3.7	UAC 3.7	GUA 3.7	GCA 4.6	UGC 4.6	CGU 4.6	ACG 4.6
AUA 2.8	UAU 2.8	UAU 2.8	AUA 2.8	GCG 5.8	CGC 5.8	CGC 5.8	GCG 5.8
AUC 3.6	GAU 3.6	UAG 3.6	CUA 3.6	GCU 4.5	AGC 4.5	CGA 4.5	UCG 4.5
AUU 3.3	AAU 3.3	UAA 3,3	UUA 3.3	GCC 5.7	GGC 5.7	CGG 5.7	CCG 5.7
GAG 4.0	CUC 4.0	CUC 4.0	GAG 4.0	AGA 3.2	UCU 3.2	UCU 3.2	AGA 3.2
GAA 3.8	UUC 3.8	CUU 3.8	AAG 3.8	AGG 4.3	CCU 4.3	UCC 4.3	GGA 4.3
GAC 4.0	GUC 4.0	CUG 4.0	CAG 4.0	AGU 3.1	ACU 3.1	UCA 3.1	UGA 3.1
GAU 3.6	AUC 3.6	CUA 3.6	UAC 3.6	AGC 4.5	GCU 4.5	UCG 4.5	CGA 4.5
UUA 3.0	UAA 3.0	AAU 3.0	AUU 3,0	CCG 5.6	CGG 5.6	GGC 5.6	GCC 5.6
UUG 3.9	CAA 3.9	AAC 3.9	GUU 3.9	CCA 4.4	UGG 4.4	GGU 4.4	ACC 4.4
UUU 3.5	AAA 3.5	AAA 3.5	UUU 3.5	CCC 5.6	GGG 5.6	GGG 5.6	CCC 5.6
UUC 3.8	GAA 3.8	AAG 3.8	CUU 3.8	CCU 4.3	AGG 4.3	GGA 4.3	UCC 4.3
CAA 3.9	UUG 3.9	GUU 3.9	AAC 3.9	UGG 4.4	CCA 4.4	ACC 4.4	GGU 4.4
CAG 4.1	CUG 4.1	GUC 4.1	GAC 4.1	UGA 3.4	UCA 3.4	ACU 3.4	AGU 3.4
CAU 3.7	AUG 3.7	GUA 3.7	UAC 3.7	UGC 4.6	GCA 4.6	ACG 4.6	CGU 4.6
CAC 4.1	GUG 4.1	GUG 4.1	CAC 4.1	UGU 3.2	ACA 3.2	ACA 3.2	UGU 3.2

Figure 5. Q-boxes of codons (D direct, RC reverse complement, C complement, R reverse) arranged as in the SSyGC table in the form of DNA quadruplets with mirror symmetry (see also Figure 2 and 3). The corresponding value of free energy is given with each codon. It is necessary to read bases/codons of the Q-box bidirectionally (5'3' top strand, 3'5' bottom strand). Full agreement of the identical free energy values for all four members in each Q-box is present. (The inputted measured free energy values are from Clump et al., 2020, and Breslauer et al., 1986).

The free energy values for all 61 codons/trinucleotides and 3 stop signals are downloaded from Ref. (Klump et al, 2020). The value of the free energy of codons is expressed in kcal per mol. The authors used spectroscopic and calorimetric techniques to characterize the free energy of each codons/trinucleotide.

Measured values of free energy E_c (kcal/mol) are taken from Breslauer et al., 1986) and Klump et al. (2020). In Ref. Klump et al. (2020) it was shown that the free energy of each codon is equal to the free energy of its reverse complement. These values were further inserted into the Standard Genetic Code (SGC) table, where they were randomly scattered. Here we first display the free energy values in the energy versus codon table (Table 1). In most cases, to each energy corresponds only one codon pair i.e., the twofold codon degeneracy. For example, to the energy 2.8 kcal/mol correspond the codon ATA and its reverse complement TAT, i.e., the twofold codon degeneracy. Additionally, there are four cases of fourfold codon degeneracy; for example, the energy 4.0 corresponds to four codons, CTC, GTC and their reverse complements, GAG, GAC, respectively. There are two cases of sixfold degeneracy; for example, the energy 3.7 corresponds to three codons, CTT, ATG, GTT and their reverse complements, AAG, CAT, AAC, respectively. The highest, eightfold degeneracy appears for the energy 3.2, corresponding to eight codons: CTA, GTA, TCT, ACA, and their reverse complement TAG, TAC, AGA, TGT, respectively

Table 1. Degeneracies of free energies vs. codons for human mitochondrial DNA. Codons are ordered in pairs according to the strand symmetry (Chargaff's second parity rule).

E_c	Codons
2.8	ATA TAT
3.0	TTA TAA
3.1	ACT AGT
3.2	CTA TAG GTA TAC TCT AGA ACA TGT
3.3	ATT AAT
3.4	TCA TGA
3.5	TTT AAA
3.6	ATC GAT
3.7	CTT AAG ATG CAT GTT AAC
3.8	TTC GAA
3.9	TTG CAA
4.0	CTC GAG GTC GAC
4.1	CTG CAG GTG CAC
4.3	CCT AGG ACC GGT
4.4	TCC GGA
4.5	GCT AGC TCG CGA
4.6	GCA TGC
5.5	CCC GGG
5.6	CCG CGG
5.7	GCC GGC
5.8	GCG CGC

3. Results

We compared not only free energy values between codons and symmetries in the SSyGC table but also the **difference** in the free energy values between C+G rich strong codons and A+T rich weak codons, and their relationship between symmetries of the SSyGC table (Figure 4).

- In the first column summary of the free energy of all codons of the SSyGC table (A+U rich 24 codons, C+G rich 8 codons) is 115.2 kcal/mol (56 above and 59.2 below axis of mirror symmetry).
- In the second column summary of the free energy of all codons of the SSyGC table (A+U rich 8 codons, C+G rich 24 codons) is 141.8 kcal/mol (71.5 above and 70.3 below axis of mirror symmetry).
- The free energy of all codons of the SSyGC table is 257 kcal/mol.
- In the whole genetic code, the free energy of all 32 weak A+U rich codons is 108,6 kcal/mol, and of all strong 32 C+G rich codons 148.4 kcal/mol (27% higher).
- All 16 symmetrical codons in the direct – complement pair of boxes have completely identical free energy of codons (e. g. AUA 2.8 kcal/mol - UAU 2.8 kcal/mol; CCC 5.5 kcal/mol - GGG 5.5 kcal/mol) (Figure 4a).
- The free energy difference between codons in each box which has the third base A and U or C and G in the upper and lower half of genetic code are completely identical, which coincide with the horizontal mirror symmetry axis of the SSyGC table (See Figure 4b, 4c).

- Sum of the free energy of all codons in kcal/mol with respect to the horizontal mirror symmetry axis of the SSyGC table is almost identical above and below mirror symmetry axis (127.5 :129.5) (Figure4d). The minimal difference of 2 is probable a technical mistake.

We show that the value of the free energy depends on the strong G and C bases with 3 H-bonds and the weak A and U bases with 2 H-bonds of codons. Namely, the free energy of strong C+G rich codons is 27% higher than the weak A+U rich codons. At the same time, the value of the free energy depends on the third base of all four codons in each box, because the first two bases are identical and there are no differences in the free energy between them (Figure 4a).

The SSyGC table has the double mirror symmetry on the principle of vertical and horizontal mirror symmetry axis between purine - pyrimidine codons. Vertical mirror symmetry axis separates the SSyGC table in two columns with the purine – pyrimidine mirror symmetry. However, the mirror symmetry of the codons free energy between columns don't exist. Namely, A+U rich codons with lower free energy are dominant in the left column (A+U rich 6, C+G rich 2), and C+G rich codons with higher free energy is dominant in the right column (C+G rich 6, A+U rich 2). Opposite of that, the horizontal mirror symmetry axis separates the SSyGC table in two halves which have the identical number of A+T rich and C+G rich codons. At this way, the sum of free energy between codons of both halves is almost identical and the mirror symmetry is created.

The fascinating identical summary between difference of the free energy codons in the upper and lower part of both columns as result of a horizontal mirror symmetry speaks in favor of energy balance and maintaining the integrity of the genetic code. The mirror symmetry of the free energy in the SSyGC table is seen due to the third base in the codons, whose role in the creation of symmetry in the Standard Genetic Code was previously not considered (Crick, 1968). We cannot see this correlation directly in the Standard Genetic Code table. It has only a partial vertical mirror symmetry between purines and pyrimidines in first and second as well third and fourth column of genetic code and has not a horizontal mirror symmetry.

Breslauer et al (1986) and Klump et al (2020) discovered equality of the free energy of the trimeric duplexes formed by antiparallel complementary codons (synonym is direct – complement codons) independently and abroad of the Standard Genetic Code table structure. Our SSyGC table directly shows the mirror symmetry of the sum free energy values of codons as well as sum between difference of A+T rich and between C+G rich codons in the upper and lower part of code.

It should be stressed that the free energy values of trinucleotides in each quadruplet of DNA are also in agreement with strand symmetry according Chargaff's second parity rule (strand symmetry) (Figure 5). It is necessary to recognize that Chargaff's second parity rule automatically results from dominant quadruplet mirror symmetry (Figure 3). Each quadruplet contains an identical relative frequency of direct and revers complement of trinucleotides, as well as complement and reverse in both strands of the DNA genome (Rosandić et al. 2016, 2019, 2022) (Figure 3). However, Chargaff's second parity rule does not recognize in the same strand complement and reverse equality of frequencies in the shape of Qbox_{c-r} which leads to the formation of DNA quadruplets between both strands (Figure 3).

Comparing the free energy of codons/trinucleotides as DNA quadruplet partners of the Q-boxes (Qbox direct - reverse complement and Qbox complement - reverse) we obtain completely their identical free energy (Figure 3 and 5) (Tbl. 1). Namely, because of the Q-box mirror symmetry with DNA bidirectional reading (5'3' top strand, 3'5' bottom strand), there are the same free energy values between all four members of each Q-box of each of twenty quadruplets. Such equality of the free energy of trinucleotides between both strands of DNA molecule on the ground of quadruplets mirror symmetry rise to integrity of large chromosomes like, for example, the human chromosome 1 with about 249 million bp.

4. Discussion

We show that our SSyGC table is structured of 5 physicochemical symmetries and therefore is superior in relation to the SGC table, which has only alphabetic symmetry based on U-C -A- G ordering of bases. The SSyGC table is universal with its purine – pyrimidine symmetry net common

for all RNA and DNA species and has remained unchanged during all of evolution. In scientific literature it was estimated that there are 10^{84} alternative possibilities of different variations of codes (Koonin and Novozhilov, 2009). Many efforts were made to an attempt to discover physicochemical symmetries between bases, codons, and amino acids of the genetic code. Our unique SSyGC table discovers physicochemical symmetries between all these elements: purine – pyrimidine bases, direct and complement pairing of bases and codons, regularly exchange A+T rich and C+G rich codons, and the corresponding symmetrical arrangement of amino acids. This cycle is fascinatingly closed by double mirror symmetry in which free energy of codon is also embedded. Due to the requirements of this symmetry, the position of each codon is strictly defined in the SSGC table and cannot be replaced by another codon.

We have proved that the purine – pyrimidine symmetry net is common for all RNA and DNA living natural species, nuclear and mitochondrial genetic codes, and has remained unchanged during evolution (Rosandić and Paar, 2021, 2022, 2023). Some codons change only an owner (amino acid), because of a larger metabolic requirement for some amino acid during proteinogenesis. In this way any newly discovered genetic code table will have completely the same purine – pyrimidine symmetry net as the SSyGC table.

We show that completely identical symmetries created all 10 A+T rich and 10 C+G rich quadruplets from our classification of trinucleotides in both strands of DNA molecule (Figure 5) (Rosandić et al., 2016, 2019, 2022; Rosandić and Paar 2021, 2023)).

Commenting Darwin's evolution theory Horst H. Klump and coauthors (2020) concluded: "Evolution of the code was influenced by differential energetics, as thermodynamics is the most general and universal branch of science that operates over all time and length scales." We show that the dominant mirror symmetry with Watson-Crick pairing is the basic structure of the SSyGC table, DNA quadruplets and classification of trinucleotides/codons. The symmetries corresponding to the SSyGC table are accompanied by identical symmetries in the form of DNA quadruplets. Both are perfectly imbedded in the energy mapping of codons/trinucleotides and represent three mutual well defined and harmonized features during all of evolution. Diversity in all living species on Earth is broad, but the symmetries of the genetic code as the code of life and DNA quadruplets, both related to the energy code are unique and have remained unchanged during evolution and as consequence have the power of natural law.

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