Double stranded DNA

$$s = ACAATGAG$$

Complement:

Pair up $A \leftrightarrow T$ and $C \leftrightarrow G$.

Double stranded DNA:

$$5'$$
 - A C A A T G A G - $3'$ $|$ | | | | | | | | | | $3'$ - T G T T A C T C - $5'$

Complement of *s*:

TGTTACTC

Reverse complement of s: CTCATTGT

Complementary DNA/RNA

- RNA is single-stranded with four possible bases, represented by letters A, C, G, U.
- It binds with a single strand of DNA with the bases paired

RNA		DNA
A	\leftrightarrow	Τ
С	\leftrightarrow	G
G	\leftrightarrow	C
U	\leftrightarrow	A

 Compute the complement or reverse complement in the same fashion as before, but use T in DNA and U in RNA:

RNA reverse complement of DNA strand ACAATGAG: CUCAUUGU

DNA reverse complement of RNA strand ACAAUGAG: CTCATTGT

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