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Biocomplexity is the multidisciplinary study of macroscale complex structures and collective behaviours that arise from microscale interactions of relatively simple biological agents, across multiple levels ranging from molecules and cells to organisms and ecosystems. The key concepts and features include emergence, self-organisation, feedbacks, nonlinearity, sensitivity to initial conditions, critical dynamics, resilience, as well as adaptation and evolution. Information theory, probability theory, and complex network theory provide rigorous frameworks to study these concepts quantitatively.

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