PRD 30: Genotype-Phenotype Mapping and Evolutionary Landscapes

Pure Thought AI Challenge 30

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Abstract

This document presents a comprehensive Product Requirement Document (PRD) for implementing a pure-thought computational challenge. The problem can be tackled using only symbolic mathematics, exact arithmetic, and fresh code—no experimental data or materials databases required until final verification. All results must be accompanied by machine-checkable certificates.

Contents

Domain: Biology Evolutionary Theory
Timeline: 6-9 months
Difficulty: High
Prerequisites: Graph theory, statistical mechanics, information theory, RNA folding algorithms, optimization

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0.1 1. Problem Statement

0.1.1 Scientific Context

The **genotype-phenotype (GP) map** is the fundamental relationship connecting an organism's genetic sequence (genotype) to its observable traits (phenotype). Understanding this mapping is central to evolutionary biology, as it determines which mutations are accessible, which phenotypes are robust to genetic variation, and how populations navigate fitness landscapes. The GP map is highly nonlinear and many-to-one: vastly many genotypes can encode the same phenotype through **neutral mutations** that don't alter function. This redundancy creates **neutral networks**—connected sets of genotypes with identical phenotypes—that permeate sequence space and facilitate evolutionary exploration.

RNA secondary structure provides a tractable model GP map where genotype (nucleotide sequence) and phenotype (MFE secondary structure via base pairing) can both be precisely defined and computationally predicted. The **Nussinov algorithm** (1978) and **Zuker algorithm** (1981) use dynamic programming to find minimum free energy (MFE) structures in $O(L^3)$ time for sequences of length L. Pioneering work by Schuster, Fontana, and Wagner (1994-2008) revealed that RNA neutral networks exhibit **percolation**: above a critical sequence length (30 nucleotides), a giant connected component emerges, allowing populations to traverse sequence space while maintaining function.

Fitness landscapes map genotypes to reproductive success, forming high-dimensional "mountains" and "valleys" that guide evolution. Wright's metaphor (1932) of populations climbing adaptive peaks via mutation and selection remains central, but the geometry is complex: epistasis (nonlinear gene interactions) creates rugged landscapes with multiple local optima. Kauffman's NK model (1987) explores tunably rugged landscapes, showing that moderate epistasis (K 2-3) balances evolvability and fitness. Weinreich's empirical work on antibiotic resistance (2006) demonstrated that accessibility of high-fitness genotypes depends critically on the order of mutations—some evolutionary paths are blocked by fitness valleys.

0.1.2 Core Question

Given the RNA sequence-to-structure map as a model GP system:

- Enumerate neutral networks for specific secondary structures, characterize their topology (diameter, connectivity, percolation)
- Construct fitness landscapes on sequence space, analyze ruggedness via local optima count, correlation length
- Simulate evolutionary dynamics (Wright-Fisher, Moran models) on fitness landscapes, measure fixation times and path accessibility
- Quantify robustness (fraction of neutral neighbors) and evolvability (phenotypic diversity accessible by mutation)

- Generate certificates: neutral network statistics, fitness landscape metrics, evolutionary trajectories

0.1.3 Why This Matters

- **Drug Resistance**: Understanding GP maps reveals how pathogens evolve resistance via neutral mutations that maintain function while exploring sequence space
- **Protein Engineering**: Rational design requires knowing which mutations are neutral (stability-preserving) vs deleterious
- **Evolutionary Theory**: Neutral networks explain how populations maintain phenotypes while accumulating genetic diversity (neutral evolution, Kimura 1968)
- **Synthetic Biology**: Designing robust genetic circuits requires GP maps with large neutral networks buffering against mutations
- **Origin of Life**: RNA world hypothesis posits that early replicators were RNA molecules; their GP map determined which functions could evolve

0.1.4 Pure Thought Advantages

- **Exact Enumeration**: For short sequences (L 20), can enumerate all $4^L genotypesandcomputeexactneutr$
- **Deterministic Folding**: RNA secondary structure prediction is deterministic; no experimental noise or protein misfolding complications
- **Certificate-Based**: All neutral network statistics (size, diameter, connectivity) are graph-theoretic quantities with exact computation
- **Simulation-Based Evolution**: Wright-Fisher and Moran models have exact probability distributions; no need for real populations
- **Fitness Landscape Topology**: Metrics like ruggedness, epistasis, and correlation length are computable from structure alone

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0.2 2. Mathematical Formulation

0.2.1 Sequence Space and Genotype Graphs

Sequence space for RNA of length L over alphabet = A, U, G, C is $^L withcardinality 4^L. The$**Hamming gr**
Hamming distance: d*H(s, t) = |i : si t_i|*
***Hamming ball**: Br(s) = t : dH(s, t) r, with |Br(s)| = k=0^r (Lchoosek)3^k*

0.2.2 RNA Secondary Structure Prediction

***Secondary structure**: Set of base pairs (i,j) with i < j-3 (no sharp turns), no pseudoknots, no crossing pairs. Represented as dot-bracket notation: "(" for opening pair, ")" for closing, "." for unpaired.*

***Nussinov algorithm**: Maximize number of base pairs. Recurrence:*
S(i, j) = max S(i+1, j-1) + (i,j), max $_{i<k<j} S(i,k) + S(k+1,j), S(i+1,j), S(i,j-1)$
where (i,j) = 1 if bases i,j can pair (A-U, G-C, G-U), else 0.

Zuker algorithm: Minimize free energy G. Uses nearest-neighbor thermodynamic parameters:

G = loops Gloop

where G_{loop} $depends on loop type(hairpin, bulge, interior, multiloop) and base composition.$

0.2.3 Neutral Networks

A neutral network N() for phenotype is:

N() = s $^{L} : (s) =$

where : ^{L}ß$P is the GP map(P = set of phenotypes, i.e., secondary structures).$

Neutrality (s): Fraction of 1-mutant neighbors with same phenotype:

(s) = \|t B1(s) : (t) = (s)\| / \|B1(s)\|

Average neutrality: $\langle\rangle$ ***= (1/\|N()\|)*** $_{sN()}(s)$

Percolation: N() percolates if it contains a giant connected component spanning $O(4^{L}) genotypes. Critical threshold for RNA : L_c 30 nucleotides.$

0.2.4 Fitness Landscapes

A fitness landscape is F: ^{L}ß$assigning fitness f(s) to each sequence.$

Fitness graph: Hamming graph with vertex weights f(s).

Local optimum: s with f(s) f(t) for all t $B_1(s).$

Ruggedness: Measured by:

- ***Number of local optima*** $N_peaks(more peaks = more rugged)$
- ***Autocorrelation r(d) = Cov(f(s), f(t)) / Var(f) for*** $d_H(s,t) = d(rapid decay = rugged)$
- ***Epistasis: Nonlinear interactions. For two loci:***

$_{ij} = f(11) - f(10) - f(01) + f(00)$

where 0/1 denote alleles. 0 indicates epistasis.

0.2.5 NK Model (Kauffman)

N loci, each affecting fitness via K other loci (epistasis parameter).

Fitness: f(s) = (1/N) i fi(si, sj, ..., s$_j$***)***

where f_i $are random fitness contributions from locus i and K interacting loci.$

- ***K=0: Smooth, single peak (additive fitness)***
- ***K=N-1: Maximally rugged (random landscape)***
- ***K 2-3: Intermediate ruggedness, characteristic of biological systems***

0.2.6 Certificate Specification

A genotype-phenotype mapping certificate must contain:

- ***Neutral network statistics: Size \|N()\|, diameter diam(N), average degree, giant component fraction***
- ***Robustness metrics: Average neutrality*** $\langle\rangle$***, robustness distribution P()***

- ***Evolvability metrics: Number of distinct phenotypes at distance d=1,2,3 from N()***
- ***Fitness landscape topology: Number of local optima, autocorrelation function r(d), epistasis coefficients***
- ***Evolutionary trajectories: Fixation times, path accessibility, fitness gain per generation***
- ***Validation: Cross-check with Vienna RNA package, published neutral network data***

0.3 3. Implementation Approach

This is a 6-phase project spanning 6-9 months, progressing from RNA folding to evolutionary dynamics.

0.3.1 Phase 1: RNA Secondary Structure Prediction (Months 1-2)

Objective: Implement Nussinov and Zuker algorithms, validate against Vienna RNA package.

```python
import numpy as np
from typing import Dict, List, Tuple, Set
from dataclasses import dataclass
import networkx as nx

# Base pairing rules
BASE_PAIRS = {('A', 'U'), ('U', 'A'), ('G', 'C'), ('C', 'G'), ('G',
    'U'), ('U', 'G')}

def nussinov_fold(sequence: str) -> Tuple[str, int]:
    """
    Nussinov algorithm: maximize number of base pairs.

    Args:
        sequence: RNA sequence (A, U, G, C)

    Returns: (structure_dotbracket, max_pairs)
    """
    L = len(sequence)

    # DP table: S[i][j] = max base pairs in subsequence [i,j]
    S = np.zeros((L, L), dtype=int)

    # Fill table (increasing subsequence length)
    for length in range(4, L+1):  # Minimum hairpin loop: 3 unpaired
        bases
        for i in range(L - length + 1):
            j = i + length - 1

            # Case 1: i unpaired
            S[i][j] = max(S[i][j], S[i+1][j] if i+1 <= j else 0)

            # Case 2: j unpaired
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            S[i][j] = max(S[i][j], S[i][j-1] if i <= j-1 else 0)

            # Case 3: i,j paired
            if (sequence[i], sequence[j]) in BASE_PAIRS:
                S[i][j] = max(S[i][j], 1 + (S[i+1][j-1] if i+1 <= j-1
                    else 0))

            # Case 4: i,j not paired, bifurcation
            for k in range(i+1, j):
                S[i][j] = max(S[i][j], S[i][k] + S[k+1][j])

    # Traceback to get structure
    structure = ['.'] * L
    traceback_nussinov(S, sequence, 0, L-1, structure)

    return ''.join(structure), int(S[0][L-1])

def traceback_nussinov(S: np.ndarray, seq: str, i: int, j: int,
    structure: list):
    """Traceback to reconstruct base pairing."""
    if i >= j:
        return

    # Check which case gave optimal
    if i+1 <= j and S[i][j] == S[i+1][j]:
        # Case 1: i unpaired
        traceback_nussinov(S, seq, i+1, j, structure)
    elif i <= j-1 and S[i][j] == S[i][j-1]:
        # Case 2: j unpaired
        traceback_nussinov(S, seq, i, j-1, structure)
    elif (seq[i], seq[j]) in BASE_PAIRS and S[i][j] == 1 + (S[i+1][j-1]
        if i+1 <= j-1 else 0):
        # Case 3: i,j paired
        structure[i] = '('
        structure[j] = ')'
        if i+1 <= j-1:
            traceback_nussinov(S, seq, i+1, j-1, structure)
    else:
        # Case 4: bifurcation
        for k in range(i+1, j):
            if S[i][j] == S[i][k] + S[k+1][j]:
                traceback_nussinov(S, seq, i, k, structure)
                traceback_nussinov(S, seq, k+1, j, structure)
                break

def structure_to_pairing_list(structure: str) -> List[Tuple[int, int]]:
    """
    Convert dot-bracket notation to list of base pairs.

    Returns: List of (i, j) pairs with i < j.
    """
    stack = []
    pairs = []

    for i, char in enumerate(structure):
        if char == '(':
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            stack.append(i)
        elif char == ')':
            j = stack.pop()
            pairs.append((j, i))

    return pairs

def hamming_distance(seq1: str, seq2: str) -> int:
    """Compute Hamming distance between two sequences."""
    return sum(c1 != c2 for c1, c2 in zip(seq1, seq2))

def generate_random_sequence(length: int, alphabet: str = "AUGC") ->
    str:
    """Generate random RNA sequence."""
    return ''.join(np.random.choice(list(alphabet)) for _ in
        range(length))

def generate_point_mutants(sequence: str, alphabet: str = "AUGC") ->
    List[str]:
    """
    Generate all 1-point mutants of sequence.

    Returns: List of 3L mutants (3 alternative bases per position).
    """
    mutants = []
    for i in range(len(sequence)):
        for base in alphabet:
            if base != sequence[i]:
                mutant = sequence[:i] + base + sequence[i+1:]
                mutants.append(mutant)
    return mutants

# Example usage
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Test sequence
    seq = "GGGGAAAACCCC"  # Should form stem-loop

    structure, num_pairs = nussinov_fold(seq)

    print(f"Sequence:  {seq}")
    print(f"Structure: {structure}")
    print(f"Base pairs: {num_pairs}")
    print(f"Pairing list: {structure_to_pairing_list(structure)}")

    # Verify Hamming neighbors
    mutants = generate_point_mutants(seq)
    print(f"\nNumber of 1-point mutants: {len(mutants)}")
    print(f"Example mutants: {mutants[:5]}")
```

0.3.2 Phase 2: Neutral Network Discovery (Months 2-4)

Objective: Enumerate neutral networks for target structures, characterize topology.

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from collections import deque

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```python
def find_neutral_network_exhaustive(target_structure: str,
    sequence_length: int) -> Set[str]:
    """
    Exhaustively enumerate neutral network for target structure.

    WARNING: Only feasible for L     12 (4^12 = 16M sequences).

    Args:
        target_structure: Dot-bracket structure
        sequence_length: Length L

    Returns: Set of sequences folding to target_structure.
    """
    neutral_set = set()
    alphabet = "AUGC"

    # Generate all 4^L sequences
    def generate_all_sequences(length):
        if length == 0:
            yield ""
        else:
            for base in alphabet:
                for suffix in generate_all_sequences(length - 1):
                    yield base + suffix

    for seq in generate_all_sequences(sequence_length):
        structure, _ = nussinov_fold(seq)
        if structure == target_structure:
            neutral_set.add(seq)

    return neutral_set

def find_neutral_network_sampling(target_structure: str,
    sequence_length: int,
                                  num_samples: int = 100000) -> Set[str]:
    """
    Sample neutral network via random search + local exploration.

    Args:
        target_structure: Dot-bracket structure
        sequence_length: Length L
        num_samples: Number of random sequences to test

    Returns: Sampled subset of neutral network.
    """
    neutral_set = set()

    # Phase 1: Random sampling
    for _ in range(num_samples):
        seq = generate_random_sequence(sequence_length)
        structure, _ = nussinov_fold(seq)

        if structure == target_structure:
            neutral_set.add(seq)

    # Phase 2: Expand via BFS on Hamming graph
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    initial_size = len(neutral_set)
    queue = deque(neutral_set)
    visited = neutral_set.copy()

    while queue:
        seq = queue.popleft()

        for mutant in generate_point_mutants(seq):
            if mutant not in visited:
                visited.add(mutant)
                structure, _ = nussinov_fold(mutant)

                if structure == target_structure:
                    neutral_set.add(mutant)
                    queue.append(mutant)

    print(f"Random sampling found {initial_size} sequences")
    print(f"BFS expansion found additional {len(neutral_set) -
        initial_size} sequences")

    return neutral_set

def neutral_network_statistics(neutral_network: Set[str]) -> Dict:
    """
    Compute topological statistics of neutral network.

    Args:
        neutral_network: Set of sequences (all fold to same structure)

    Returns: Dictionary with graph properties.
    """
    # Build neutral network graph (edges = Hamming distance 1)
    G = nx.Graph()

    # Add nodes
    for seq in neutral_network:
        G.add_node(seq)

    # Add edges (only between sequences in network)
    seq_list = list(neutral_network)
    for i, seq1 in enumerate(seq_list):
        for seq2 in seq_list[i+1:]:
            if hamming_distance(seq1, seq2) == 1:
                G.add_edge(seq1, seq2)

    # Compute statistics
    if len(G.nodes) == 0:
        return {'size': 0, 'connected': False}

    stats = {
        'size': len(G.nodes),
        'edges': len(G.edges),
        'average_degree': 2 * len(G.edges) / len(G.nodes) if
            len(G.nodes) > 0 else 0,
        'connected': nx.is_connected(G),
        'diameter': nx.diameter(G) if nx.is_connected(G) else None,
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        'average_path_length': nx.average_shortest_path_length(G) if
            nx.is_connected(G) else None,
        'clustering_coefficient': nx.average_clustering(G)
    }

    # Giant component (if not connected)
    if not nx.is_connected(G):
        components = list(nx.connected_components(G))
        giant = max(components, key=len)
        stats['giant_component_size'] = len(giant)
        stats['giant_component_fraction'] = len(giant) / len(G.nodes)

    return stats

def compute_robustness(sequence: str, target_structure: str) -> float:
    """
    Compute robustness   (s): fraction of 1-mutant neighbors with same
        phenotype.

    Args:
        sequence: Genotype
        target_structure: Expected phenotype

    Returns:        [0, 1]
    """
    mutants = generate_point_mutants(sequence)
    neutral_count = 0

    for mutant in mutants:
        structure, _ = nussinov_fold(mutant)
        if structure == target_structure:
            neutral_count += 1

    return neutral_count / len(mutants)

# Example: Hairpin structure
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Simple hairpin
    target = "((...))"  # 7 nucleotides
    L = 7

    # Exhaustive enumeration (4^7 = 16,384 sequences feasible)
    neutral_net = find_neutral_network_exhaustive(target, L)

    print(f"Target structure: {target}")
    print(f"Neutral network size: {len(neutral_net)}")

    # Statistics
    stats = neutral_network_statistics(neutral_net)
    print(f"\nNeutral Network Statistics:")
    for key, value in stats.items():
        print(f"  {key}: {value}")

    # Robustness for sample sequences
    sample_seqs = list(neutral_net)[:5]
    print(f"\nRobustness for sample sequences:")
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    for seq in sample_seqs:
        rho = compute_robustness(seq, target)
        print(f"  {seq}:    = {rho:.3f}")
```

0.3.3 Phase 3: Fitness Landscape Construction (Months 4-5)

Objective: Build fitness landscapes on sequence space, analyze ruggedness.

```
def fitness_thermodynamic_stability(sequence: str) -> float:
    """
    Fitness = - G  (lower free energy = higher fitness).

    Uses simple approximation: fitness = number of base pairs.
    """
    structure, num_pairs = nussinov_fold(sequence)
    return float(num_pairs)

def construct_fitness_landscape(sequences: List[str], fitness_func:
    callable) -> nx.Graph:
    """
    Build fitness landscape: graph with sequences as nodes, fitnesses
       as attributes.

    Args:
        sequences: List of genotypes
        fitness_func: Function mapping sequence     fitness

    Returns: NetworkX graph.
    """
    G = nx.Graph()

    # Add nodes with fitness
    for seq in sequences:
        fitness = fitness_func(seq)
        G.add_node(seq, fitness=fitness)

    # Add edges (Hamming distance 1)
    for i, seq1 in enumerate(sequences):
        for seq2 in sequences[i+1:]:
            if hamming_distance(seq1, seq2) == 1:
                G.add_edge(seq1, seq2)

    return G

def count_local_optima(landscape: nx.Graph) -> int:
    """
    Count local fitness peaks: nodes with fitness     all neighbors.

    Returns: Number of local optima.
    """
    peaks = 0

    for node in landscape.nodes:
        fitness = landscape.nodes[node]['fitness']

        is_peak = True
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        for neighbor in landscape.neighbors(node):
            if landscape.nodes[neighbor]['fitness'] > fitness:
                is_peak = False
                break

        if is_peak:
            peaks += 1

    return peaks

def fitness_autocorrelation(landscape: nx.Graph, max_distance: int = 5)
    -> Dict[int, float]:
    """
    Compute fitness autocorrelation r(d) = Cov(f(s), f(t)) / Var(f) for
       d_H(s,t) = d.

    Args:
        landscape: Fitness landscape graph
        max_distance: Maximum Hamming distance to compute

    Returns: Dictionary {distance: autocorrelation}
    """
    fitnesses = [landscape.nodes[n]['fitness'] for n in landscape.nodes]
    mean_fitness = np.mean(fitnesses)
    var_fitness = np.var(fitnesses)

    if var_fitness == 0:
        return {d: 1.0 for d in range(max_distance + 1)}

    autocorr = {}

    for d in range(1, max_distance + 1):
        pairs = []

        for s in landscape.nodes:
            for t in landscape.nodes:
                if hamming_distance(s, t) == d:
                    pairs.append((landscape.nodes[s]['fitness'],
                       landscape.nodes[t]['fitness']))

        if len(pairs) == 0:
            autocorr[d] = None
        else:
            cov = np.mean([(f_s - mean_fitness) * (f_t - mean_fitness)
               for f_s, f_t in pairs])
            autocorr[d] = cov / var_fitness

    return autocorr

def epistasis_coefficient(landscape: nx.Graph, pos1: int, pos2: int,
                          background_seq: str) -> float:
    """
    Compute epistasis between two positions.

       = f(11) - f(10) - f(01) + f(00)

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    Args:
        landscape: Fitness landscape
        pos1, pos2: Position indices
        background_seq: Background sequence

    Returns: Epistasis coefficient   .
    """
    alphabet = "AUGC"
    base1, base2 = background_seq[pos1], background_seq[pos2]

    # Alternative bases
    alt_base1 = [b for b in alphabet if b != base1][0]
    alt_base2 = [b for b in alphabet if b != base2][0]

    # Four genotypes: 00, 01, 10, 11
    seq_00 = background_seq
    seq_01 = background_seq[:pos2] + alt_base2 + background_seq[pos2+1:]
    seq_10 = background_seq[:pos1] + alt_base1 + background_seq[pos1+1:]
    seq_11 = seq_10[:pos2] + alt_base2 + seq_10[pos2+1:]

    # Fitnesses
    f_00 = landscape.nodes[seq_00]['fitness'] if seq_00 in landscape
        else 0
    f_01 = landscape.nodes[seq_01]['fitness'] if seq_01 in landscape
        else 0
    f_10 = landscape.nodes[seq_10]['fitness'] if seq_10 in landscape
        else 0
    f_11 = landscape.nodes[seq_11]['fitness'] if seq_11 in landscape
        else 0

    # Epistasis
    epsilon = f_11 - f_10 - f_01 + f_00

    return epsilon

# Example: Fitness landscape analysis
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Generate sample sequences (length 8)
    L = 8
    sample_size = 1000
    sequences = [generate_random_sequence(L) for _ in
        range(sample_size)]

    # Build fitness landscape
    landscape = construct_fitness_landscape(sequences,
        fitness_thermodynamic_stability)

    print(f"Fitness Landscape:")
    print(f"  Nodes: {len(landscape.nodes)}")
    print(f"  Edges: {len(landscape.edges)}")

    # Ruggedness analysis
    num_peaks = count_local_optima(landscape)
    print(f"  Local optima: {num_peaks}
        ({100*num_peaks/len(landscape.nodes):.1f}%)")

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    # Autocorrelation
    autocorr = fitness_autocorrelation(landscape, max_distance=3)
    print(f"\nFitness autocorrelation:")
    for d, r in autocorr.items():
        if r is not None:
            print(f"  r({d}) = {r:.4f}")

    # Epistasis (sample pair)
    sample_seq = list(landscape.nodes)[0]
    eps = epistasis_coefficient(landscape, 0, 3, sample_seq)
    print(f"\nEpistasis between positions 0 and 3:    = {eps:.4f}")
```

0.3.4 Phase 4: Evolutionary Dynamics Simulation (Months 5-6)

Objective: Simulate evolution on fitness landscapes, measure fixation times.

```
def wright_fisher_evolution(landscape: nx.Graph, population_size: int,
                            mutation_rate: float, generations: int,
                            initial_genotype: str = None) -> List[Dict]:
    """
    Wright-Fisher model: discrete generations, multinomial sampling.

    Args:
        landscape: Fitness landscape graph
        population_size: N (number of individuals)
        mutation_rate:    (probability of mutation per individual per
           generation)
        generations: Number of generations to simulate
        initial_genotype: Starting genotype (random if None)

    Returns: List of population states per generation.
    """
    # Initialize population
    if initial_genotype is None:
        initial_genotype = np.random.choice(list(landscape.nodes))

    population = [initial_genotype] * population_size

    trajectory = []

    for gen in range(generations):
        # Record current state
        genotype_counts = {}
        for g in population:
            genotype_counts[g] = genotype_counts.get(g, 0) + 1

        fitnesses_pop = [landscape.nodes[g]['fitness'] for g in
           population]
        avg_fitness = np.mean(fitnesses_pop)

        trajectory.append({
            'generation': gen,
            'genotype_counts': genotype_counts.copy(),
            'average_fitness': avg_fitness,
            'diversity': len(genotype_counts)
        })
```

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39
40          # Mutation
41          new_population = []
42          for genotype in population:
43              if np.random.rand() < mutation_rate:
44                  # Mutate to random Hamming neighbor
45                  neighbors = list(landscape.neighbors(genotype))
46                  if neighbors:
47                      mutant = np.random.choice(neighbors)
48                      new_population.append(mutant)
49                  else:
50                      new_population.append(genotype)  # No neighbors
                            (isolated)
51              else:
52                  new_population.append(genotype)
53
54          # Selection (fitness-proportional sampling)
55          fitnesses = np.array([landscape.nodes[g]['fitness'] for g in
                new_population])
56
57          # Ensure positive fitnesses
58          fitnesses = fitnesses - np.min(fitnesses) + 1.0
59
60          # Normalize to probabilities
61          probabilities = fitnesses / np.sum(fitnesses)
62
63          # Multinomial sampling for next generation
64          population = list(np.random.choice(new_population,
                size=population_size, p=probabilities))
65
66      return trajectory
67
68  def moran_process(landscape: nx.Graph, population_size: int,
69                    mutation_rate: float, timesteps: int,
70                    initial_genotype: str = None) -> List[Dict]:
71      """
72      Moran process: continuous time, one birth-death event per timestep.
73
74      Args:
75          landscape: Fitness landscape
76          population_size: N
77          mutation_rate:
78          timesteps: Number of birth-death events
79          initial_genotype: Starting genotype
80
81      Returns: Trajectory of population states.
82      """
83      # Initialize
84      if initial_genotype is None:
85          initial_genotype = np.random.choice(list(landscape.nodes))
86
87      population = [initial_genotype] * population_size
88
89      trajectory = []
90
91      for t in range(timesteps):
```

```
        # Record state (sample every 100 steps to reduce output size)
        if t % 100 == 0:
            genotype_counts = {}
            for g in population:
                genotype_counts[g] = genotype_counts.get(g, 0) + 1

            trajectory.append({
                'timestep': t,
                'genotype_counts': genotype_counts.copy(),
                'diversity': len(genotype_counts)
            })

        # Birth: select individual proportional to fitness
        fitnesses = np.array([landscape.nodes[g]['fitness'] for g in
            population])
        fitnesses = fitnesses - np.min(fitnesses) + 1.0
        probabilities = fitnesses / np.sum(fitnesses)

        parent_idx = np.random.choice(range(population_size),
            p=probabilities)
        offspring_genotype = population[parent_idx]

        # Mutation
        if np.random.rand() < mutation_rate:
            neighbors = list(landscape.neighbors(offspring_genotype))
            if neighbors:
                offspring_genotype = np.random.choice(neighbors)

        # Death: replace random individual
        death_idx = np.random.randint(0, population_size)
        population[death_idx] = offspring_genotype

    return trajectory

# Example: Evolutionary simulation
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Build small landscape
    L = 8
    sequences = [generate_random_sequence(L) for _ in range(500)]
    landscape = construct_fitness_landscape(sequences,
        fitness_thermodynamic_stability)

    # Wright-Fisher evolution
    print("Wright-Fisher Evolution:")
    wf_trajectory = wright_fisher_evolution(
        landscape,
        population_size=100,
        mutation_rate=0.01,
        generations=500
    )

    print(f"  Initial fitness:
        {wf_trajectory[0]['average_fitness']:.2f}")
    print(f"  Final fitness:
        {wf_trajectory[-1]['average_fitness']:.2f}")
    print(f"  Fitness gain: {wf_trajectory[-1]['average_fitness'] -
```

```
        wf_trajectory[0]['average_fitness']:.2f}")

    # Diversity over time
    diversities = [state['diversity'] for state in wf_trajectory]
    print(f"  Average diversity: {np.mean(diversities):.1f} genotypes")
```

0.3.5 Phase 5: Robustness and Evolvability Analysis (Months 6-7)

Objective: Quantify robustness and evolvability, analyze tradeoffs.

```
def evolvability_phenotypic_diversity(sequence: str, distance: int = 1)
    -> int:
    """
    Evolvability: number of distinct phenotypes accessible at Hamming
        distance d.

    Args:
        sequence: Starting genotype
        distance: Mutational distance

    Returns: Number of unique structures accessible.
    """
    # Generate sequences at distance d
    def sequences_at_distance(seq, d):
        if d == 0:
            return {seq}
        if d == 1:
            return set(generate_point_mutants(seq))

        # For d > 1, recursively generate
        seqs = {seq}
        for _ in range(d):
            new_seqs = set()
            for s in seqs:
                new_seqs.update(generate_point_mutants(s))
            seqs = new_seqs

        return seqs

    neighbors = sequences_at_distance(sequence, distance)

    # Count unique phenotypes
    phenotypes = set()
    for neighbor in neighbors:
        structure, _ = nussinov_fold(neighbor)
        phenotypes.add(structure)

    return len(phenotypes)

def robustness_evolvability_tradeoff(sequences: List[str],
    neutral_structure: str) -> Dict:
    """
    Analyze robustness-evolvability relationship.

    Args:
        sequences: List of genotypes (all folding to neutral_structure)
```

```
        neutral_structure: Common phenotype

    Returns: Dictionary with robustness and evolvability per sequence.
    """
    results = []

    for seq in sequences:
        rho = compute_robustness(seq, neutral_structure)
        evol = evolvability_phenotypic_diversity(seq, distance=1)

        results.append({
            'sequence': seq,
            'robustness': rho,
            'evolvability': evol
        })

    return results

# Example: Robustness-evolvability analysis
if __name__ == "__main__":
    target_structure = "((...))"
    L = 7

    # Find neutral network
    neutral_net = find_neutral_network_exhaustive(target_structure, L)
    sample_seqs = list(neutral_net)[:20]  # Sample 20 sequences

    # Analyze tradeoff
    results = robustness_evolvability_tradeoff(sample_seqs,
        target_structure)

    print("Robustness-Evolvability Tradeoff:")
    for r in results:
        print(f"  {r['sequence']}:   ={r['robustness']:.3f},
            E={r['evolvability']}")

    # Correlation
    rhos = [r['robustness'] for r in results]
    evols = [r['evolvability'] for r in results]
    corr = np.corrcoef(rhos, evols)[0, 1]
    print(f"\nCorrelation (  , E): {corr:.3f}")
```

0.3.6 Phase 6: Certificate Generation and Export (Months 7-9)

Objective: Generate machine-checkable certificates for all analyses.

```
from dataclasses import dataclass, asdict
import json
from datetime import datetime

@dataclass
class GenotypePhentotypeCertificate:
    """Certificate for GP mapping analysis."""

    # Target structure
    target_structure: str
```

```
    sequence_length: int

    # Neutral network properties
    neutral_network_size: int
    neutral_network_diameter: int
    average_degree: float
    connected: bool
    giant_component_fraction: float

    # Robustness
    average_robustness: float
    robustness_std: float

    # Evolvability
    average_evolvability: float

    # Fitness landscape
    num_sequences_landscape: int
    num_local_optima: int
    ruggedness_metric: float  # fraction of local optima
    autocorrelation_d1: float

    # Evolutionary dynamics
    initial_fitness: float
    final_fitness: float
    fixation_time: int  # generations to reach fitness plateau

    # Metadata
    timestamp: str
    computation_time: float

def generate_gp_certificate(neutral_network: Set[str],
    target_structure: str,
                            landscape: nx.Graph, wf_trajectory:
                               List[Dict]) ->
                               GenotypePhentotypeCertificate:
    """Generate comprehensive GP mapping certificate."""

    # Neutral network stats
    nn_stats = neutral_network_statistics(neutral_network)

    # Robustness
    sample_seqs = list(neutral_network)[:min(100, len(neutral_network))]
    robustnesses = [compute_robustness(seq, target_structure) for seq
       in sample_seqs]

    # Evolvability
    evolvabilities = [evolvability_phenotypic_diversity(seq,
       distance=1) for seq in sample_seqs]

    # Landscape stats
    num_peaks = count_local_optima(landscape)
    autocorr = fitness_autocorrelation(landscape, max_distance=1)

    # Evolutionary stats
    initial_fit = wf_trajectory[0]['average_fitness']
```

```
    final_fit = wf_trajectory[-1]['average_fitness']

    # Fixation time (generation when fitness stops increasing)
    fixation_gen = len(wf_trajectory)
    for i in range(10, len(wf_trajectory)):
        if abs(wf_trajectory[i]['average_fitness'] - final_fit) < 0.1:
            fixation_gen = i
            break

    cert = GenotypePhentotypeCertificate(
        target_structure=target_structure,
        sequence_length=len(sample_seqs[0]) if sample_seqs else 0,
        neutral_network_size=nn_stats['size'],
        neutral_network_diameter=nn_stats.get('diameter', 0) or 0,
        average_degree=nn_stats['average_degree'],
        connected=nn_stats['connected'],
        giant_component_fraction=nn_stats.get('giant_component_fraction',
            1.0),
        average_robustness=np.mean(robustnesses),
        robustness_std=np.std(robustnesses),
        average_evolvability=np.mean(evolvabilities),
        num_sequences_landscape=len(landscape.nodes),
        num_local_optima=num_peaks,
        ruggedness_metric=num_peaks / len(landscape.nodes),
        autocorrelation_d1=autocorr.get(1, 0.0) or 0.0,
        initial_fitness=initial_fit,
        final_fitness=final_fit,
        fixation_time=fixation_gen,
        timestamp=datetime.now().isoformat(),
        computation_time=0.0
    )

    return cert

def export_certificate_json(cert: GenotypePhentotypeCertificate,
    filepath: str):
    """Export certificate to JSON."""
    with open(filepath, 'w') as f:
        json.dump(asdict(cert), f, indent=2)

    print(f"Certificate exported to {filepath}")

# Example: Full pipeline
if __name__ == "__main__":
    target = "((...))"
    L = 7

    # Find neutral network
    print("Finding neutral network...")
    neutral_net = find_neutral_network_exhaustive(target, L)

    # Build landscape
    print("Building fitness landscape...")
    sequences = list(neutral_net)[:200]  # Subsample
    landscape = construct_fitness_landscape(sequences,
        fitness_thermodynamic_stability)
```

```
    # Simulate evolution
    print("Simulating evolution...")
    wf_traj = wright_fisher_evolution(landscape, population_size=50,
                                      mutation_rate=0.01,
                                          generations=200)

    # Generate certificate
    print("Generating certificate...")
    certificate = generate_gp_certificate(neutral_net, target,
        landscape, wf_traj)

    # Export
    export_certificate_json(certificate, "gp_mapping_certificate.json")

    print("\nCertificate Summary:")
    print(f"  Neutral network size: {certificate.neutral_network_size}")
    print(f"  Average robustness: {certificate.average_robustness:.3f}")
    print(f"  Evolvability: {certificate.average_evolvability:.1f}
        phenotypes")
    print(f"  Fitness gain: {certificate.final_fitness -
        certificate.initial_fitness:.2f}")
```

0.4 4. Example Starting Prompt

Use this prompt to initialize a long-running AI system for genotype-phenotype mapping research:

```
You are an evolutionary biologist studying genotype-phenotype (GP)
    mappings using RNA
secondary structure as a model system. Your task is to enumerate
    neutral networks,
characterize fitness landscapes, simulate evolutionary dynamics, and
    quantify robustness
and evolvability.

CONTEXT:
The GP map relates genetic sequences (genotypes) to observable traits
    (phenotypes).
RNA secondary structure provides a tractable model: nucleotide sequence
    determines
minimum free energy (MFE) structure via base pairing. Neutral
    networks connected sets
of sequences folding to the same structure permeate sequence space,
    enabling evolution
to maintain function while exploring genetic diversity (Schuster et
    al., 1994).

Fitness landscapes map genotypes to reproductive success. Wright's
    metaphor of
populations climbing adaptive peaks remains central, but epistasis
    creates rugged
landscapes with multiple local optima. Kauffman's NK model shows that
    moderate
```

```
epistasis balances evolvability and fitness.

OBJECTIVE:
Phase 1 (Months 1-2): Implement Nussinov algorithm for RNA secondary structure
  prediction. Validate against simple hairpin and stem-loop structures. Verify
  base-pairing correctness.

Phase 2 (Months 2-4): Enumerate neutral networks for target structures (L=7-10).
  Characterize topology: size, diameter, connectivity, percolation. Compute robustness
     (fraction of neutral neighbors).

Phase 3 (Months 4-5): Construct fitness landscapes on sequence space. Use thermodynamic
  stability (number of base pairs) as fitness. Analyze ruggedness: count local optima,
  compute autocorrelation r(d), measure epistasis coefficients.

Phase 4 (Months 5-6): Simulate evolution via Wright-Fisher and Moran models. Track
  fitness trajectories, measure fixation times, analyze path accessibility. Compare
  to neutral drift (   >> 1/N) vs strong selection (   << 1/N) regimes.

Phase 5 (Months 6-7): Quantify robustness-evolvability tradeoff. Measure evolvability
  as number of distinct phenotypes at distance d=1,2,3. Test hypothesis: high
  robustness correlates with low evolvability (or not, due to neutral network spanning).

Phase 6 (Months 7-9): Generate machine-checkable certificates:
  - Neutral network statistics (size, diameter, clustering)
  - Robustness distributions P(  )
  - Fitness landscape metrics (local optima, autocorrelation)
  - Evolutionary trajectories (fixation times, fitness gains)
  - Export as JSON with full precision

PURE THOUGHT CONSTRAINTS:
- Use ONLY Nussinov algorithm (no Vienna RNA until final validation)
- Exhaustive enumeration for L     12 (4^12 = 16M sequences feasible)
- All neutral network statistics are exact graph-theoretic quantities
- Wright-Fisher and Moran models have exact probability distributions
- No experimental RNA sequences until final benchmarking

SUCCESS CRITERIA:
- Minimum Viable Result (2-4 months): RNA folding working, neutral networks for simple
  structures (L=7), basic fitness landscape analysis
- Strong Result (6-8 months): Neutral network percolation analyzed (L=10-12),
  evolutionary simulations operational, robustness-evolvability quantified
```

```
- Publication-Quality (9 months): Novel fitness landscape metrics,
    evolutionary
  accessibility analysis, comparison with published neutral network data

START:
Begin with Nussinov algorithm (Phase 1). Implement dynamic programming
    recurrence,
traceback for structure reconstruction. Test on "((...))" hairpin
    (L=7). Verify
base-pairing list matches expected. Generate all 4^7 = 16,384
    sequences, count how
many fold to target. Export neutral network size and example sequences.
```

0.5 5. Success Criteria

0.5.1 Minimum Viable Result (MVR) - 2-4 Months

Core Functionality:

- ***Nussinov algorithm: correctly predicts MFE structures for L 20***
- ***Neutral network enumeration: exhaustive for L 10, sampling for L > 10***
- ***Fitness landscape: constructed for 500-1000 sequences***
- ***Wright-Fisher evolution: 100 generations simulated***

Deliverables:

- $\texttt{rna}_{f}old.py : Nussinovimplementation, validationtests$
- $\texttt{neutral}_{n}etworks.py : Enumerationandstatistics$
- $\texttt{fitness}_{l}andscape.py : Landscapeconstruction, ruggednessmetrics$
- ***`certificates.json`: Neutral network sizes, robustness values***

Quality Metrics:

- ***RNA folding: matches Vienna RNA for 100 test sequences (100***
- ***Neutral network size: matches published data for standard structures (hairpin, cloverleaf)***
- ***Robustness: ⟨⟩ 0.6-0.8 for typical RNA structures (literature range)***

0.5.2 Strong Result - 6-8 Months

Extended Capabilities:

- ***Neutral network percolation: analyzed for L = 7-15, giant component identified***
- ***Fitness landscape ruggedness: autocorrelation r(d) computed, epistasis quantified***

- ***Evolutionary dynamics: Wright-Fisher and Moran models, fixation times measured***
- ***Robustness-evolvability: tradeoff quantified, correlation computed***

Deliverables:

- `percolationanalysis.py: Giant component vs L, critical threshold Lc`
- `ruggedness`$_{m}etrics.py : Localoptimacount, autocorrelation, epistasis$
- `evolution`$_{s}im.py : WFandMoranmodels, trajectoryanalysis$
- ***Research report: "Neutral Networks and Fitness Landscapes in RNA Evolution"***

Quality Metrics:

- ***Percolation threshold:*** $\boldsymbol{L_c}25 - 30nucleotides(matchesSchusteretal.1994)$

- ***Ruggedness: 5-20***
- ***Fixation time: N ln(N) for neutral mutations (Kimura theory)***
- ***Robustness-evolvability: weak negative correlation (-0.2 to -0.4, Wagner 2008)***

0.5.3 Publication-Quality Result - 9 Months

Novel Contributions:

- ***New metric for evolutionary accessibility: "path redundancy" (number of mutational paths to target phenotype)***
- ***Comprehensive database: 10,000+ neutral networks with statistics***
- ***Fitness landscape universality: test whether r(d) follows exponential decay across structure classes***
- ***Evolutionary constraint analysis: which structures are "evolutionary dead ends" (low evolvability)?***

Deliverables:

- `path`$_{r}edundancy.py : Novelaccessibilitymetricimplementation$
- ***Research paper: "Topological Universality of RNA Fitness Landscapes"***
- ***Interactive database: Web interface for querying neutral networks by structure***
- ***Validation: Comparison with experimental RNA evolution (Bartel lab data)***

Quality Metrics:

- ***Novel metric: path redundancy correlates with evolvability ($R^2 > 0.7$)***
- ***Database completeness: All structures up to L=12 with >10 sequences***

- *Universality test: Autocorrelation exponent $= 2.5 \pm 0.5$ across structure classes*
- *Experimental validation: Predicted evolvabilities match in vitro selection data (>80*

0.6 6. Verification Protocol

0.6.1 Automated Checks (Run After Every Phase)

```python
def verify_gp_certificate(cert: GenotypePhentotypeCertificate) -> Dict[str, bool]:
    """
    Verify genotype-phenotype mapping certificate.

    Returns: Dictionary of Boolean checks.
    """
    checks = {}

    # 1. Neutral network size consistency
    checks['size_positive'] = cert.neutral_network_size > 0
    checks['size_reasonable'] = cert.neutral_network_size <= 4**cert.sequence_length

    # 2. Robustness bounds
    checks['robustness_valid'] = 0.0 <= cert.average_robustness <= 1.0

    # 3. Connectivity implies diameter
    if cert.connected:
        checks['diameter_valid'] = cert.neutral_network_diameter > 0
    else:
        checks['giant_component_exists'] = cert.giant_component_fraction > 0

    # 4. Fitness landscape metrics
    checks['optima_reasonable'] = 0 < cert.num_local_optima <= cert.num_sequences_landscape
    checks['ruggedness_valid'] = 0.0 <= cert.ruggedness_metric <= 1.0

    # 5. Evolutionary fitness gain
    checks['fitness_nondecreasing'] = cert.final_fitness >= cert.initial_fitness

    # 6. Fixation time reasonable
    checks['fixation_time_valid'] = 0 < cert.fixation_time <= 10000

    return checks

# Example usage
cert_example = GenotypePhentotypeCertificate(
```

```
    target_structure="((...))",
    sequence_length=7,
    neutral_network_size=543,
    neutral_network_diameter=5,
    average_degree=2.3,
    connected=True,
    giant_component_fraction=1.0,
    average_robustness=0.72,
    robustness_std=0.15,
    average_evolvability=8.4,
    num_sequences_landscape=1000,
    num_local_optima=87,
    ruggedness_metric=0.087,
    autocorrelation_d1=0.65,
    initial_fitness=3.2,
    final_fitness=5.8,
    fixation_time=120,
    timestamp=datetime.now().isoformat(),
    computation_time=45.3
)

verification = verify_gp_certificate(cert_example)
print("Certificate Verification:")
for check, passed in verification.items():
    status = "    PASS" if passed else "    FAIL"
    print(f"  {status}: {check}")
```

0.6.2 Cross-Validation Against Known Results

```
KNOWN_NEUTRAL_NETWORKS = {
    '((...))': {'size_range': (400, 600), 'avg_robustness': 0.7},
        # Simple hairpin L=7
    '((((....))))': {'size_range': (50, 150), 'avg_robustness':
        0.65},  # Stem L=12
}

def cross_validate_neutral_network(target: str, measured_size:
    int, measured_robustness: float):
    """Compare measured neutral network properties to
        literature."""
    if target in KNOWN_NEUTRAL_NETWORKS:
        expected = KNOWN_NEUTRAL_NETWORKS[target]
        size_min, size_max = expected['size_range']
        assert size_min <= measured_size <= size_max, f"Size
            {measured_size} out of range [{size_min}, {size_max}]"

        rho_expected = expected['avg_robustness']
        assert abs(measured_robustness - rho_expected) < 0.15,
            f"Robustness {measured_robustness} deviates from
            {rho_expected}"

        print(f"    Validation passed for {target}")
```

0.7 7. Resources and Milestones

0.7.1 Essential References

Foundational Papers:

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Neutral Networks:

- ***W. Fontana, P. Schuster, "Continuity in Evolution: On the Nature of Transitions", Science 280, 1451 (1998)***
- ***A. Wagner, "Robustness and Evolvability in Living Systems" (Princeton, 2005)***

Fitness Landscapes:

- ***S. Wright, "The Roles of Mutation, Inbreeding, Crossbreeding and Selection in Evolution", Proc. 6th Int. Congress Genetics 1, 356 (1932)***
- ***S. Kauffman, "The Origins of Order" (Oxford, 1993)***
- ***D. Weinreich et al., "Darwinian Evolution Can Follow Only Very Few Mutational Paths to Fitter Proteins", Science 312, 111 (2006)***

Reviews:

- ***A. Wagner, "The Origins of Evolutionary Innovations" (Oxford, 2011) [Start here]***

0.7.2 Software Tools

- ***Vienna RNA Package (v2.5+): For final validation (RNAfold, RNAsubopt)***
- ***NetworkX (v3.0+): Graph algorithms for neutral networks, fitness landscapes***
- ***NumPy (v1.24+): DP tables, matrix operations***
- ***Matplotlib (optional): Visualizing fitness landscapes, evolutionary trajectories***

0.7.3 Common Pitfalls

- ***Exponential Sequence Space: For L=20,*** $4^2010^12sequences^-infeasibletoenumerate; usesampling$
- ***Structure Degeneracy: Multiple sequences have same MFE; Nussinov finds one arbitrary structure***

- ***Hamming Graph Sparsity: Most sequences are not Hamming neighbors; neutral network graphs are sparse***
- ***Wright-Fisher Stochasticity: Small populations ($N < 100$) exhibit large fitness fluctuations***
- ***Epistasis Computation: Requires all 4 genotypes (00, 01, 10, 11) to be in landscape; missing genotypes bias***

0.7.4 Milestone Checklist

Month 2:
x Nussinov algorithm: folding 100 test sequences with 100

x Neutral network enumeration: exhaustive for L 10

x Robustness: computed for 50 sequences, ⟨⟩ 0.7

Month 4:

Neutral network percolation: analyzed for L = 7, 8, 9, 10

Giant component: identified, fraction >0.9 for L 9

Fitness landscape: constructed for 1000 sequences, local optima counted

Month 6:

Wright-Fisher evolution: 500 generations simulated, fitness trajectories plotted

Moran process: implemented, fixation times measured

Robustness-evolvability: correlation computed, scatter plot generated

Month 9:

Novel metric: path redundancy implemented, validated

Comprehensive database: 10,000+ neutral networks cataloged

Experimental validation: predicted evolvabilities match in vitro data (>80

Research paper draft: "Topological Universality of RNA Fitness Landscapes"

End of PRD 30: Genotype-Phenotype Mapping and Evolutionary Landscapes
Pure thought investigation of evolutionary biology through computational analysis of RNA sequence-structure maps, neutral networks, and fitness landscapes. All results verifiable via exact enumeration and graph algorithms.

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