CS481/CS583: Bioinformatics Algorithms

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GENOME REARRANGEMENTS

Turnip vs Cabbage: Look and Taste Different

- Although cabbages and turnips share a recent common ancestor, they look and taste different

Turnip vs Cabbage: Almost Identical mtDNA gene sequences

- In 1980s Jeffrey Palmer studied evolution of plant organelles by comparing mitochondrial genomes of the cabbage and turnip
- 99% similarity between genes
- These surprisingly identical gene sequences differed in gene order
- This study helped pave the way to analyzing genome rearrangements in molecular evolution

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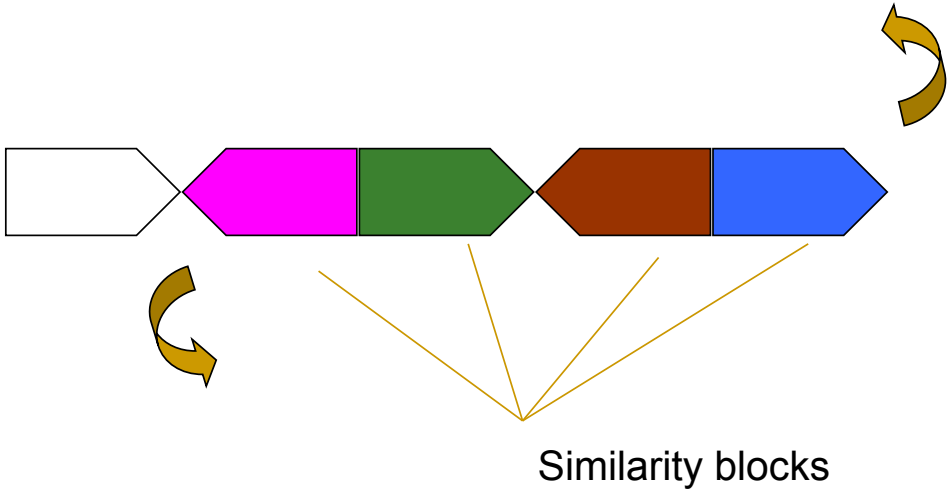

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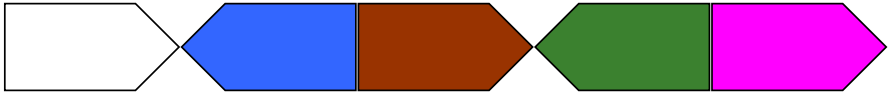

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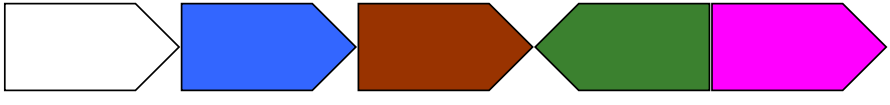

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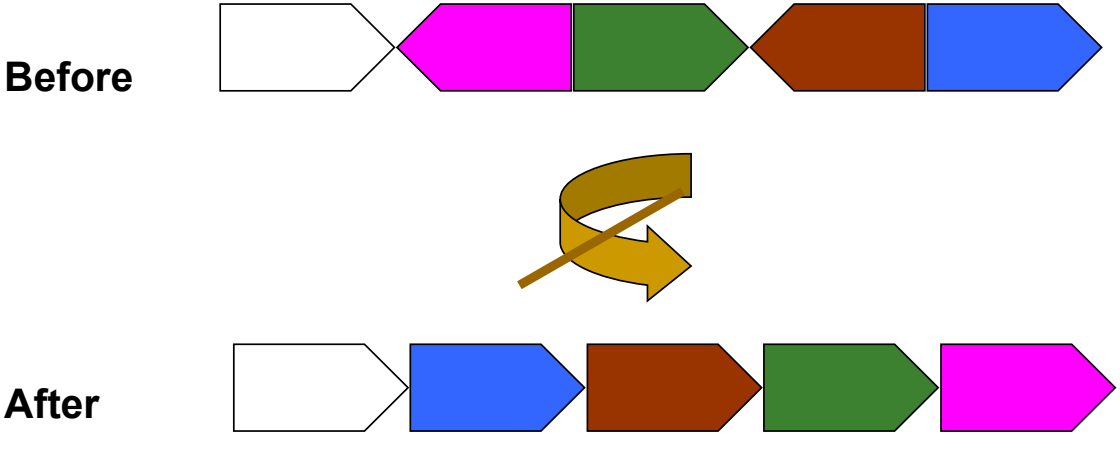
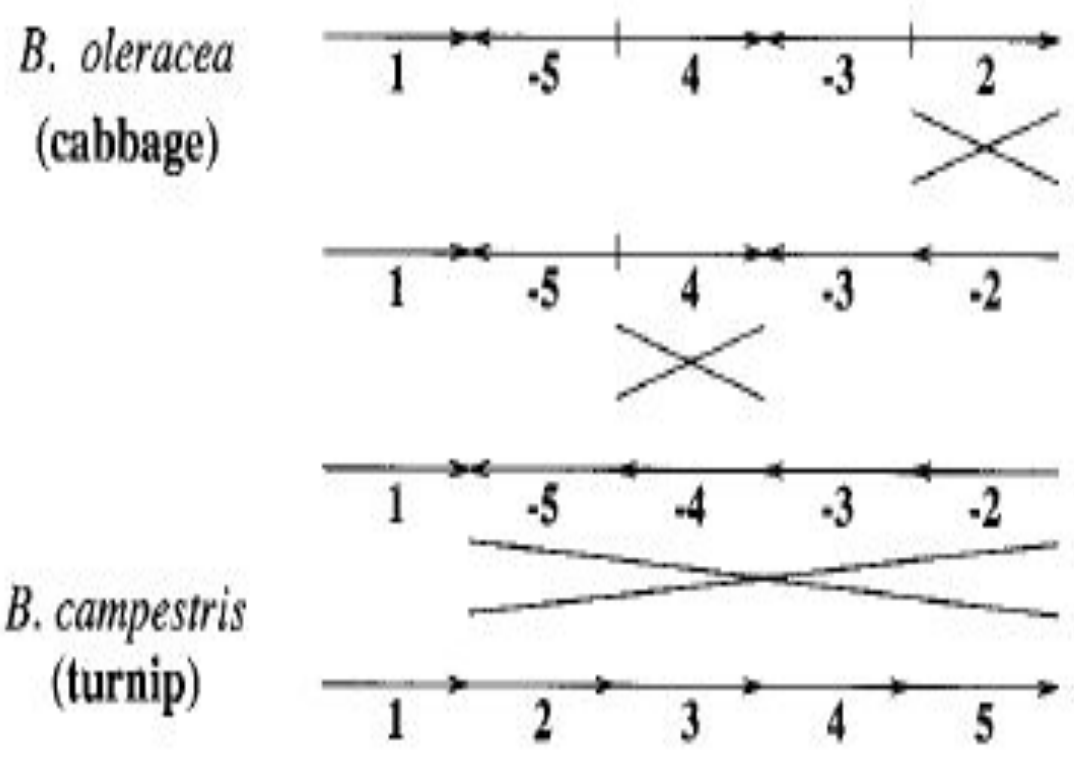
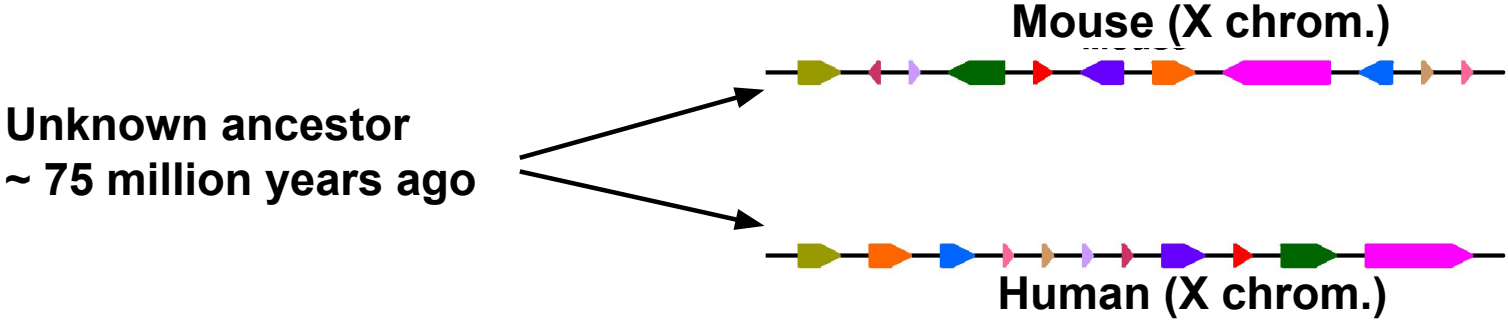


Evolution is manifested as the divergence in gene order

Transforming Cabbage into Turnip

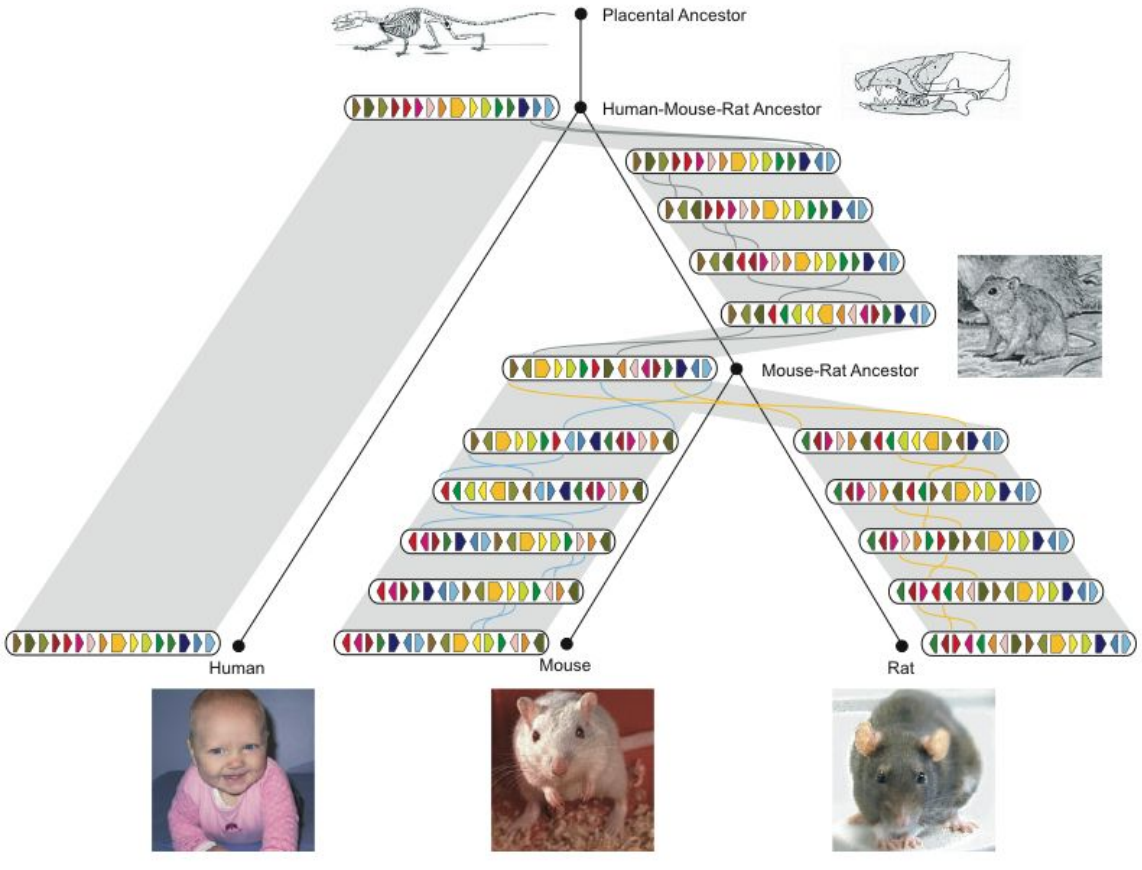


Genome rearrangements



- What are the similarity blocks and how to find them?
- What is the architecture of the ancestral genome?
- What is the evolutionary scenario for transforming one genome into the other?

History of Chromosome X



Rat Consortium, *Nature*, 2004

Genome sequence of the Brown Norway rat yields insights into mammalian evolution

Rat Genome Sequencing Project Consortium*

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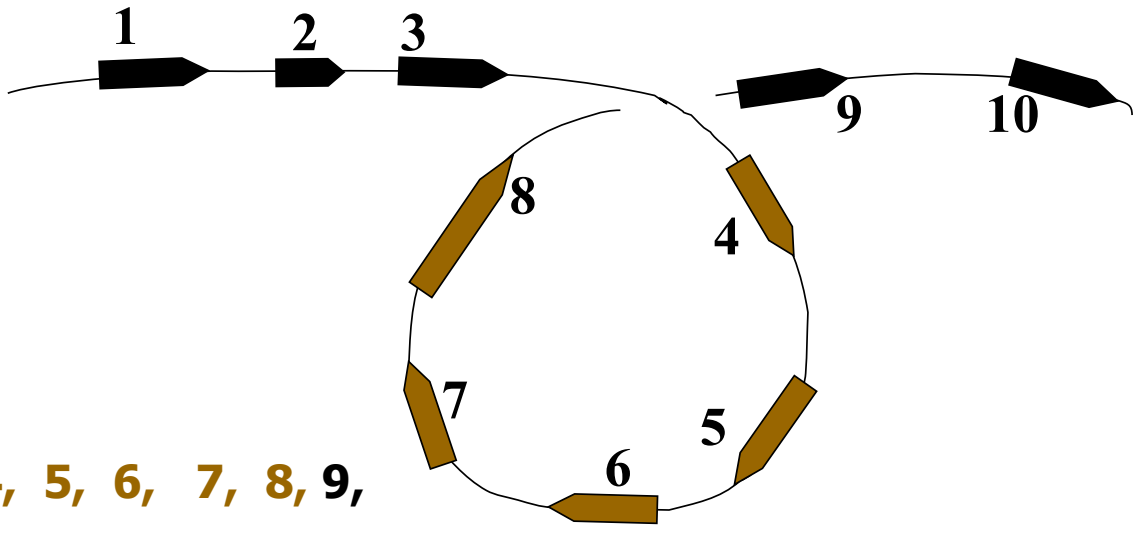
Reversals



1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

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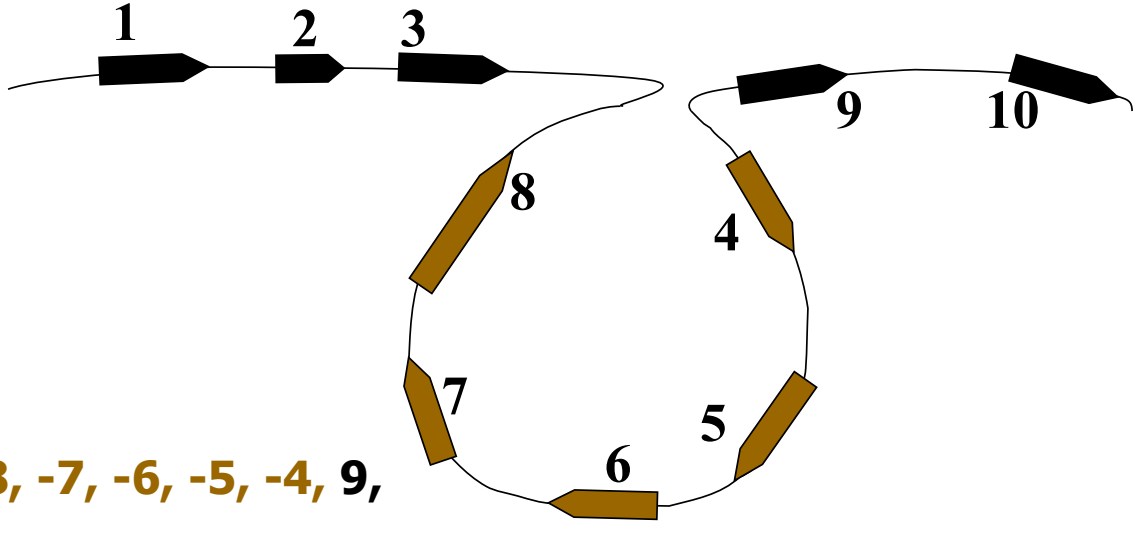
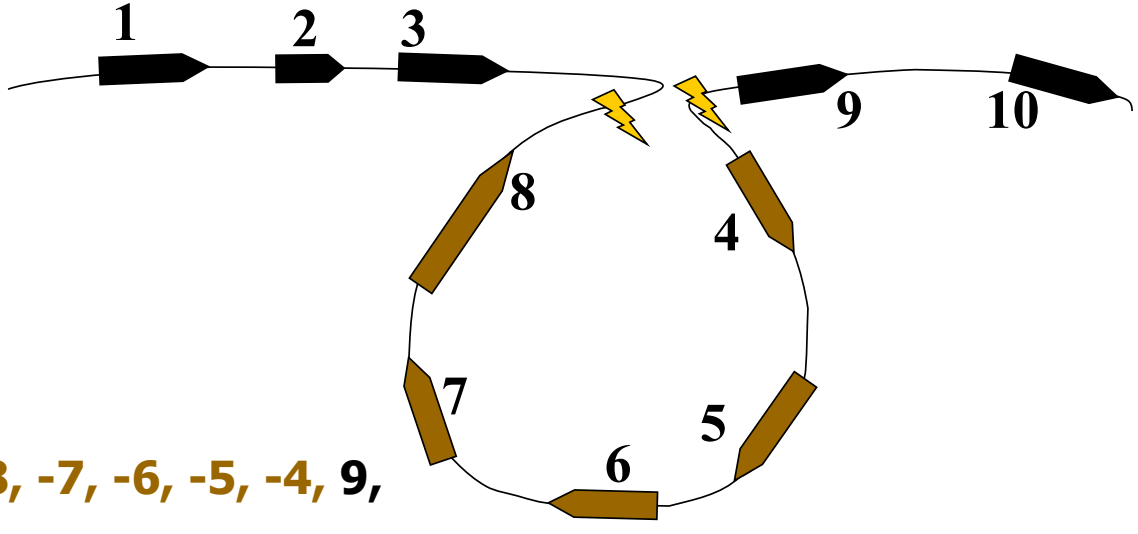


1, 2, 3, -8, -7, -6, -5, -4, 9, 10

- **Blocks represent conserved genes.**
- **In the course of evolution or in a clinical context, blocks 1,…,10 could be misread as 1, 2, 3, -8, -7, -6, -5, -4, 9, 10.**

Reversals and Breakpoints



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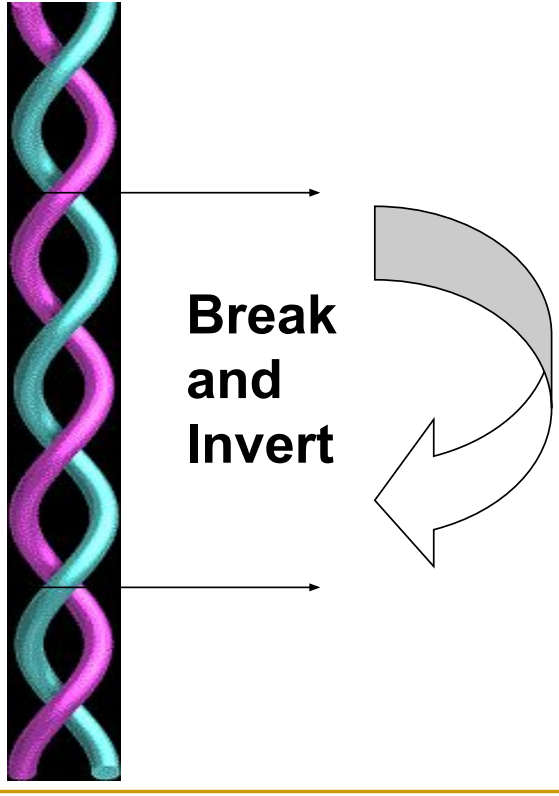
The reversion introduced two *breakpoints* (disruptions in order).

Reversals: Example



5’ ATGCCTGTACTA 3’

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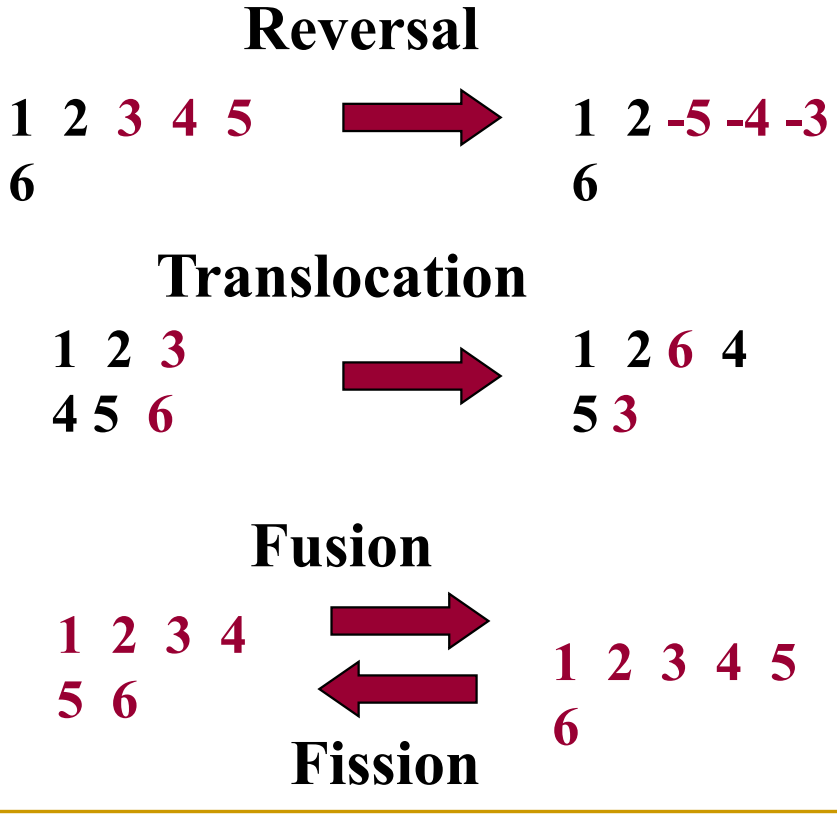
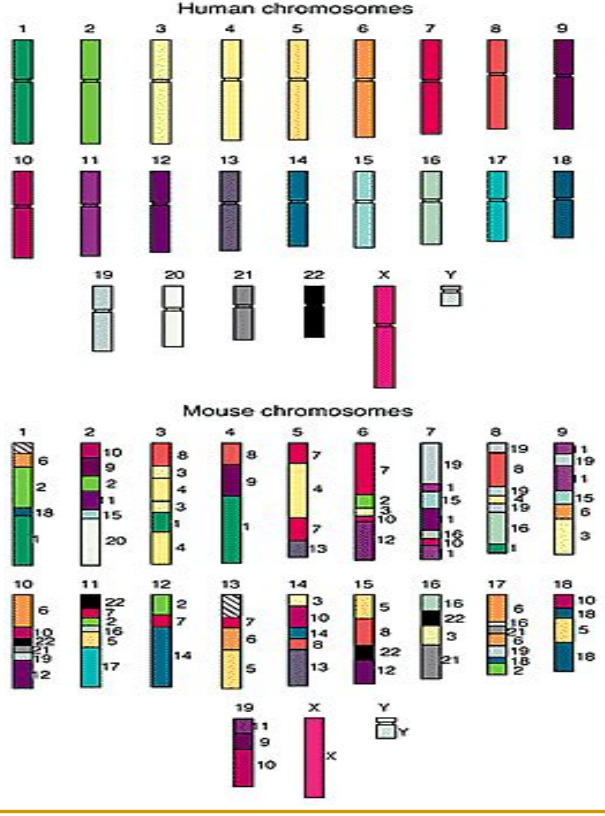
Types of Rearrangements

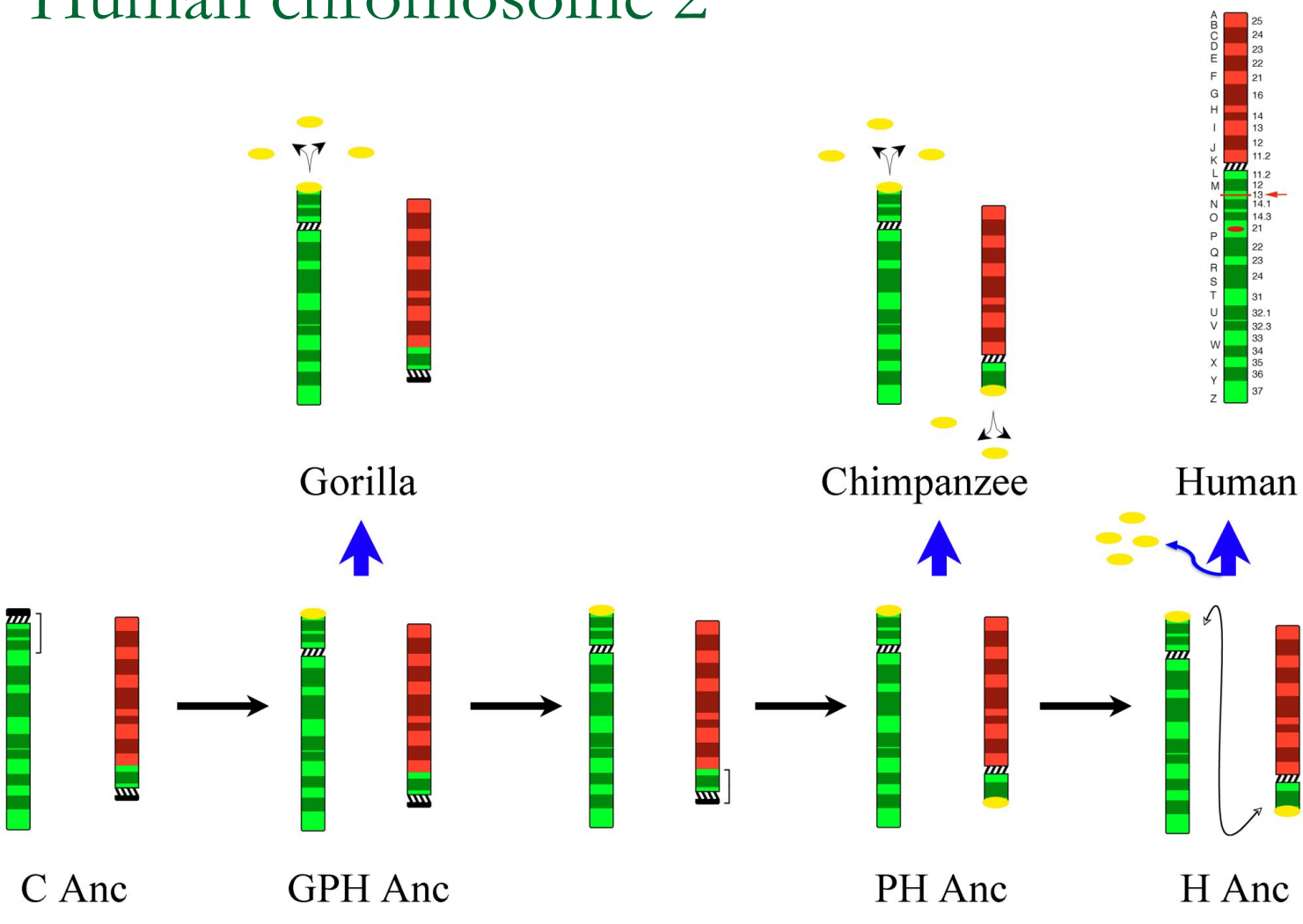


Comparative Genomic Architectures: Mouse vs Human Genome

- Humans and mice have similar genomes, but their genes are ordered differently
- ~245 rearrangements
  - Reversals
  - Fusions
  - Fissions
  - Translocation



Human chromosome 2



Reversals: Example

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Reversals and Gene Orders

- Gene order is represented by a permutation π:

$$\pi = \pi_1 \text{ ------ } \pi_{i-1}\ \pi_i\ \pi_{i+1} \text{ ------ } \pi_{j-1}\ \pi_j\ \pi_{j+1} \text{ ----- } \pi_n$$

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- Reversal ρ (*i, j*) reverses (flips) the elements from *i* to *j* in π

Reversal Distance Problem

- Goal: Given two permutations, find the shortest series of reversals that transforms one into another
- Input: Permutations $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$
- Output: A series of reversals $\rho_1,\ldots\rho_t$ transforming $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ into $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$, such that t is minimum
- $\boldsymbol{t}$ - reversal distance between π and σ
- $\boldsymbol{d}(\pi, \sigma)$ - smallest possible value of t, given π and σ

Sorting By Reversals Problem

- Goal: Given a permutation, find a shortest series of reversals that transforms it into the identity permutation (*1 2 … n*)
- Input: Permutation π
- Output: A series of reversals $\rho_1, \ldots \rho_t$ transforming π into the identity permutation such that *t* is minimum

Sorting By Reversals: Example

- $t = d(\pi)$ - reversal distance of π
- Example :

π = 3 4 2 1 5 6 7 10 9 8

4 3 2 1 5 6 7 10 9 8

4 3 2 1 5 6 7 8 9 10

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

So $d(\pi) = 3$

Sorting by reversals: 5 steps

Step 0: π	2	-4	-3	5	-8	-7	-6	1
Step 1:	2	3	4	5	-8	-7	-6	1
Step 2:	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1
Step 3:	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	-1
Step 4:	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
Step 5: γ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Sorting by reversals: 4 steps

Step 0: π	2	-4	-3	5	-8	-7	-6	1
Step 1:	2	3	4	5	-8	-7	-6	1
Step 2:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-8	-7	-6	1
Step 3:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	6	7	8
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Pancake Flipping Problem

- The chef is sloppy; he prepares an unordered stack of pancakes of different sizes
- The waiter wants to rearrange them (so that the smallest winds up on top, and so on, down to the largest at the bottom)
- He does it by flipping over several from the top, repeating this as many times as necessary

Christos Papadimitrou and William H. Gates flip pancakes

Pancake Flipping Problem: Formulation

- Goal: Given a stack of *n* pancakes, what is the minimum number of flips to rearrange them into perfect stack?
- Input: Permutation π
- Output: A series of prefix reversals $\rho_1, \ldots \rho_t$ transforming π into the identity permutation such that *t* is minimum

Pancake Flipping Problem: Greedy Algorithm

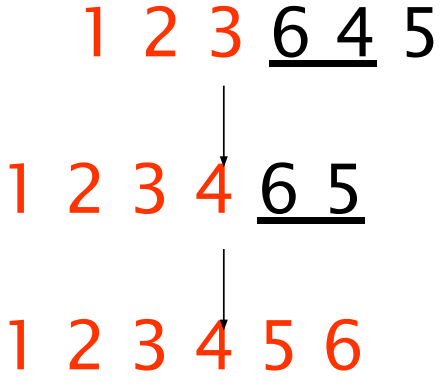
- Greedy approach: 2 prefix reversals at most to place a pancake in its right position, *2n – 2* steps total at most
- William Gates and Christos Papadimitriou showed in the mid-1970s that this problem can be solved by at most *5/3 (n + 1) prefix reversals*

Sorting By Reversals: A Greedy Algorithm

- If sorting permutation π = 1 2 3 6 4 5, the first three elements are already in order so it does not make any sense to break them.
- The length of the already sorted prefix of π is denoted *prefix*(π)
  - *prefix*(π) = 3
- This results in an idea for a greedy algorithm: increase *prefix*(π) at every step

Greedy Algorithm: An Example

- Doing so, π can be sorted



- Number of steps to sort permutation of length *n* is at most *(n – 1)*

Greedy Algorithm: Pseudocode

SimpleReversalSort(π)

1 **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n - 1$
2 $j \leftarrow$ position of element i in π (i.e., $\pi_j = i$)
3 **if** $j \neq i$
4 $\pi \leftarrow \pi * \rho(i, j)$
5 **output** π
6 **if** π is the identity permutation
7 **return**

Analyzing SimpleReversalSort

- SimpleReversalSort does not guarantee the smallest number of reversals and takes five steps on π = 6 1 2 3 4 5 :
  - Step 1: 1 6 2 3 4 5
  - Step 2: 1 2 6 3 4 5
  - Step 3: 1 2 3 6 4 5
  - Step 4: 1 2 3 4 6 5
  - Step 5: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Analyzing SimpleReversalSort (cont'd)

- But it can be sorted in two steps:

  π = 6 1 2 3 4 5

  - Step 1: 5 4 3 2 1 6
  - Step 2: 1 2 3 4 5 6
- So, SimpleReversalSort(π) is not optimal
- Optimal poly-time algorithms are unknown for NP-hard problems; approximation algorithms are used

Approximation Algorithms

- These algorithms find approximate solutions rather than optimal solutions
- The approximation ratio of an algorithm A on input π is:

$$A(\pi) / OPT(\pi)$$

where

$A(\pi)$ - solution produced by algorithm A
$OPT(\pi)$ - optimal solution of the problem

Approximation Ratio/Performance Guarantee

- Approximation ratio (performance guarantee) of algorithm A: max approximation ratio of all inputs of size *n*
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Adjacencies and Breakpoints

$$\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \pi_3 \ldots \pi_{n-1} \pi_n$$

- A pair of elements π_i and π_{i+1} are adjacent if

$$\pi_{i+1} = \pi_i \pm 1$$

- For example:

$$\pi = 1 \ \ 9 \ \ \underline{3 \ \ 4} \ \ \underline{7 \ \ 8} \ \ 2 \ \ \underline{6 \ \ 5}$$

- (3, 4) or (7, 8) and (6,5) are adjacent pairs

Breakpoints

There is a breakpoint between any adjacent element that are non-consecutive:

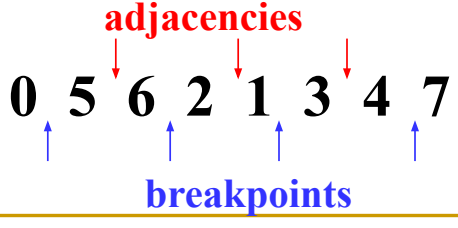
$$\pi = 1 \mid 9 \mid 3 \;\; 4 \mid 7 \;\; 8 \mid 2 \mid 6 \;\; 5$$

- Pairs (1,9), (9,3), (4,7), (8,2) and (2,6) form breakpoints of permutation π
- $b(\pi)$ - # breakpoints in permutation π

Adjacency & Breakpoints

- **An adjacency - a pair of adjacent elements that are consecutive**
- **A breakpoint - a pair of adjacent elements that are not consecutive**

$\pi = 5\ \ 6\ \ 2\ \ 1\ \ 3\ \ 4$ ⟶ Extend π with $\pi_0 = 0$ and $\pi_7 = 7$



Extending Permutations

- We put two elements $\pi_0 = 0$ and $\pi_{n+1} = n+1$ at the ends of π

  Example:

$\pi = 1 \mid 9 \mid 3 \;\; 4 \mid 7 \;\; 8 \mid 2 \mid 6 \;\; 5$

Extending with *0* and *10*

$\pi = 0 \; 1 \mid 9 \mid 3 \;\; 4 \mid 7 \;\; 8 \mid 2 \mid 6 \;\; 5 \mid 10$

Note: A new breakpoint was created after extending

Reversal Distance and Breakpoints

- Each reversal eliminates at most 2 breakpoints.

π = 2 3 1 4 6 5

0 2 3 1 4 6 5 7 $\quad b(\pi) = 5$

0 1 3 2 4 6 5 7 $\quad b(\pi) = 4$

0 1 2 3 4 6 5 7 $\quad b(\pi) = 2$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 $\quad b(\pi) = 0$

Reversal Distance and Breakpoints

- Each reversal eliminates at most 2 breakpoints.
- This implies:

  reversal distance ≥ #breakpoints / 2

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0 1 3 2 4 6 5 7 — $b(\pi) = 4$

0 1 2 3 4 6 5 7 — $b(\pi) = 2$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 — $b(\pi) = 0$

Sorting By Reversals: A Better Greedy Algorithm

BreakPointReversalSort(π)

1 **while** $b(\pi) > 0$

2 Among all possible reversals, choose reversal ρ minimizing $b(\pi \cdot \rho)$

3 $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cdot \rho(i, j)$

4 **output** π

5 **return**

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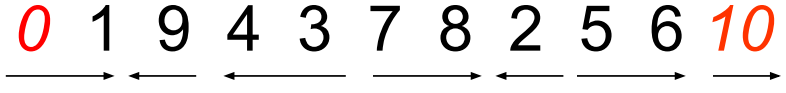
Problem: this algorithm may work forever

Strips

- Strip: an interval between two consecutive breakpoints in a permutation
  - Decreasing strip: *strip* of elements in decreasing order (e.g. 6 5 and 3 2).
  - Increasing strip: *strip* of elements in increasing order (e.g. 7 8)



  - A single-element strip can be declared either increasing or decreasing. We will choose to declare them as decreasing with exception of the strips with *0* and *n+1*

Reducing the Number of Breakpoints

Theorem 1:

If permutation π contains at least one decreasing strip, then there exists a reversal ρ which decreases the number of breakpoints (i.e. $b(\pi \bullet \rho) < b(\pi)$)

Things To Consider

- For π = 1 4 6 5 7 8 3 2

  0 1 | 4 | 6 5 | 7 8 | 3 2 | *9* $b(\pi) = 5$

  - Choose decreasing strip with the smallest element *k* in π (*k* = 2 in this case)

Things To Consider (cont'd)

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Things To Consider (cont'd)

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  - Find *k* – *1* in the permutation

Things To Consider (cont'd)

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  - Choose decreasing strip with the smallest element *k* in π (*k* = 2 in this case)
  - Find *k – 1* in the permutation
  - Reverse the segment between *k* and *k-1*:
  - *0* 1 | 4 | 6 5 | 7 8 | 3 2 | *9* $b(\pi) = 5$

  

  - *0* 1 2 3 | 8 7 | 5 6 | 4 | *9* $b(\pi) = 4$

Reducing the Number of Breakpoints Again

- If there is no decreasing strip, there may be no reversal ρ that reduces the number of breakpoints (i.e. $b(\pi \bullet \rho) \geq b(\pi)$ for any reversal ρ).
- By reversing an increasing strip (# of breakpoints stay unchanged), we will create a decreasing strip at the next step. Then the number of breakpoints will be reduced in the next step (theorem 1).

Things To Consider (cont'd)

- There are no decreasing strips in π, for:

$$\pi = 0\ 1\ 2 \mid 5\ 6\ 7 \mid 3\ 4 \mid 8 \qquad b(\pi) = 3$$

$$\pi \bullet \rho(6,7) = 0\ 1\ 2 \mid 5\ 6\ 7 \mid 4\ 3 \mid 8 \qquad b(\pi) = 3$$

- ✔ $\rho(6,7)$ does not change the # of breakpoints
- ✔ $\rho(6,7)$ creates a decreasing strip thus guaranteeing that the next step will decrease the # of breakpoints.

ImprovedBreakpointReversalSort

ImprovedBreakpointReversalSort(π)

1 **while** $b(\pi) > 0$
2 **if** π has a decreasing strip
3 Among all possible reversals, choose reversal ρ that minimizes $b(\pi \cdot \rho)$
4 **else**
5 Choose a reversal ρ that flips an increasing strip in π
6 $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cdot \rho$
7 **output** π
8 **return**

ImprovedBreakpointReversalSort: Performance Guarantee

- *ImprovedBreakPointReversalSort* is an approximation algorithm with a performance guarantee of at most 4
  - It eliminates at least one breakpoint in every two steps; at most $2b(\pi)$ steps
  - Approximation ratio: $2b(\pi) \ / \ d(\pi)$
  - Optimal algorithm eliminates at most 2 breakpoints in every step: $d(\pi) \geq b(\pi) / 2$
  - Performance guarantee:
    - $(\ 2b(\pi) \ / \ d(\pi) \ ) \geq [\ 2b(\pi) \ / \ (b(\pi) \ / \ 2) \ ] = \ 4$