Algorithms in Comparative Genomics

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Exercise 1 (Algorithm for breakpoint distance)

(5 pts)

Devise a linear time algorithm for computing the breakpoint distance $d_{BP}(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{B})$, where \mathbb{A} and \mathbb{B} are a pair of canonical genomes and can contain multiple linear or circular chromosomes.

Exercise 2 (Number of String representations)

(4 pts)

- 1. Write down all string representations for the following singular genomes.
 - $\mathbb{A} = \{ [1\bar{2}3] [45] \}$
 - $\mathbb{B} = \{ [\bar{1}\,\bar{3}\,2] \ (4\,5) \}$
 - $\mathbb{C} = \{ [\bar{2} \, 3 \, 1] (4) \}$
- 2. Develop a general formula for the number of string representations of singular genomes

Exercise 3 (Breakpoint distance)

(3 pts)

Give the breakpoint distance for all parings of the below genomes.

$$A = \{ [1 2 3] [4 5] \}$$

$$B = \{ [1 \bar{2} 3 4 5] \}$$

$$C = \{ [1 3 2] (4 5) \}$$

Exercise 4 (Sorting Permutations)

(5 pts & Cookies for the entire class)

Problem 1 Given a linear chromosome [s] with s a signed permutation on \mathbb{N} , find the minimum number of operations needed to transform [s] into the sorted chromosome $[1\,2\,3\,...]$ using the following operations:

- GNI: Exchange two elements, i.e. $...a...b... \rightarrow ...b...a...$,
- IGI: Exchange two elements and invert their signs, i.e. ...a...b... \rightarrow ... \bar{b} ... \bar{a} ...,
- SGN: Change the sign of a single element, i.e. $...a... \rightarrow ...\bar{a}...$

Note that the three operations can be used in any order and multiplicity.