
Greedy Algorithms And Genome Rearrangements

Outline

- Transforming Cabbage into Turnip
- Genome Rearrangements

Turnip vs Cabbage: Look and Taste Different

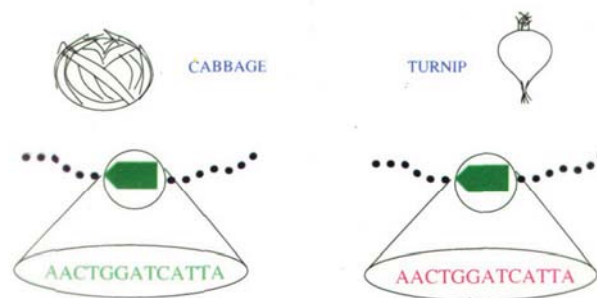
- Although cabbages and turnips share a recent common ancestor, they look and taste different



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Turnip vs Cabbage: Comparing Gene Sequences Yields No Evolutionary Information

GENE SEQUENCE COMPARISON



AACTGGATCATT A
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Comparing gene sequences yields
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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

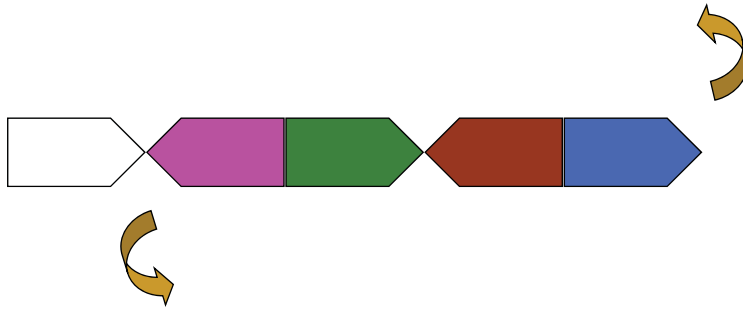
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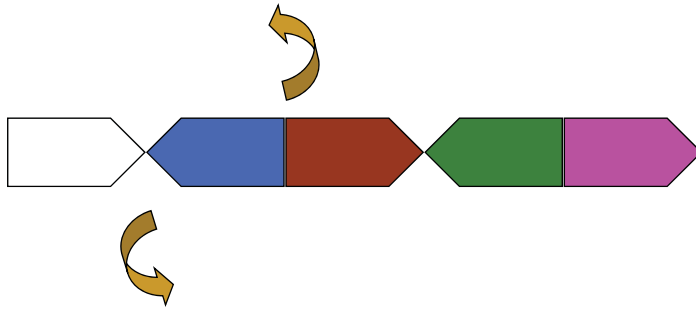
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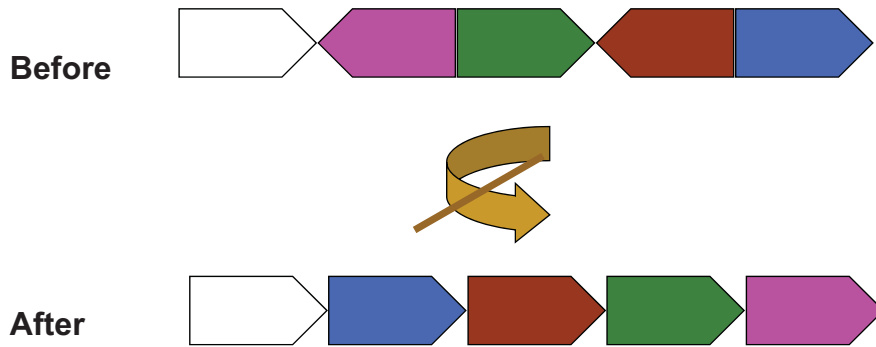
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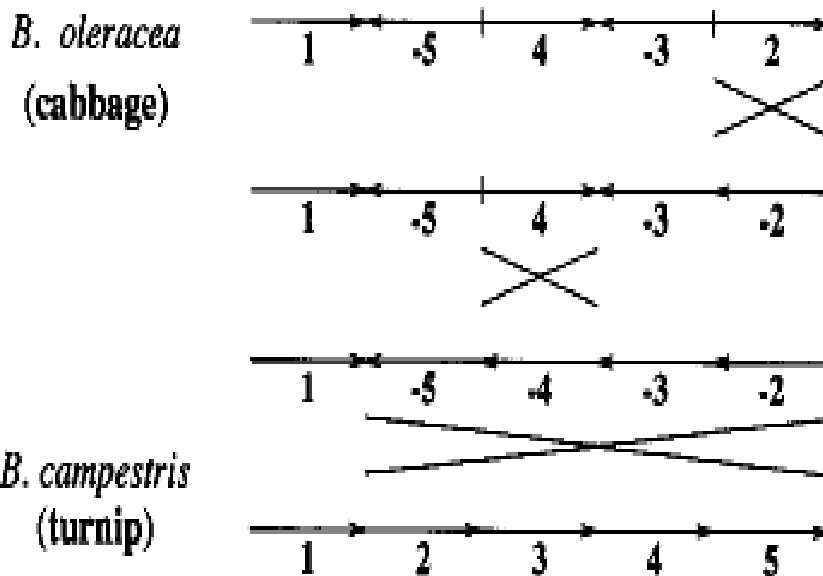
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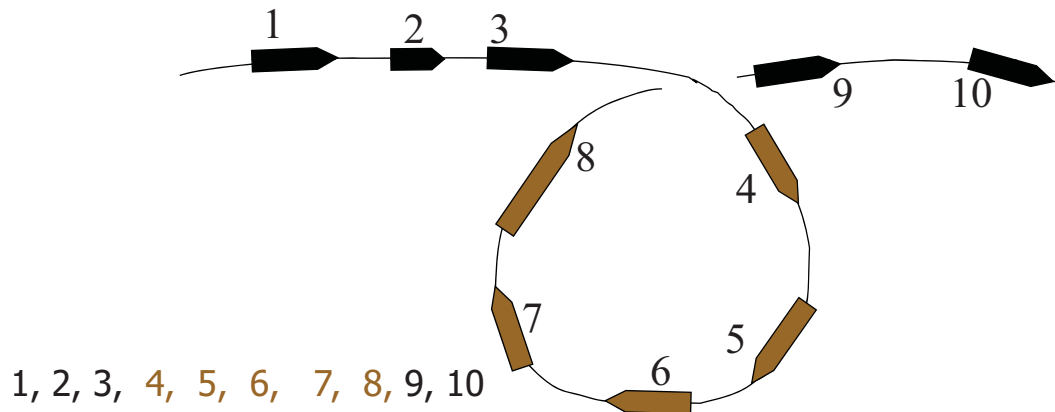


Evolution is manifested as the divergence in gene order

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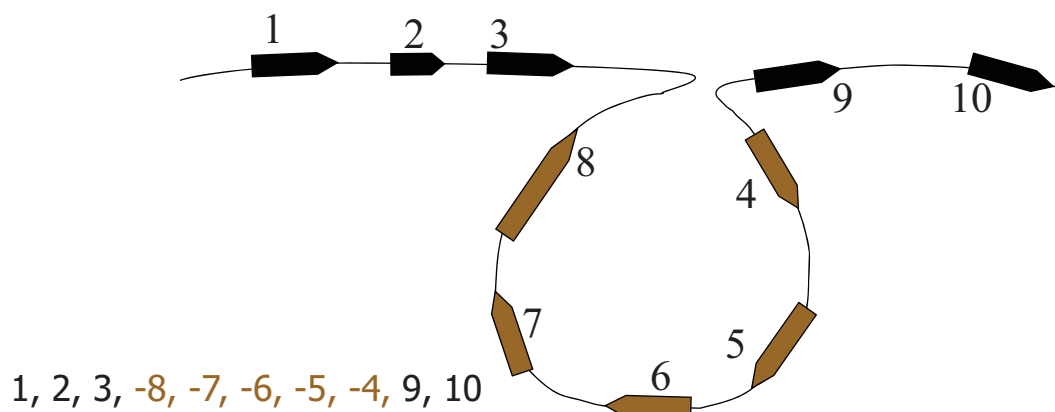


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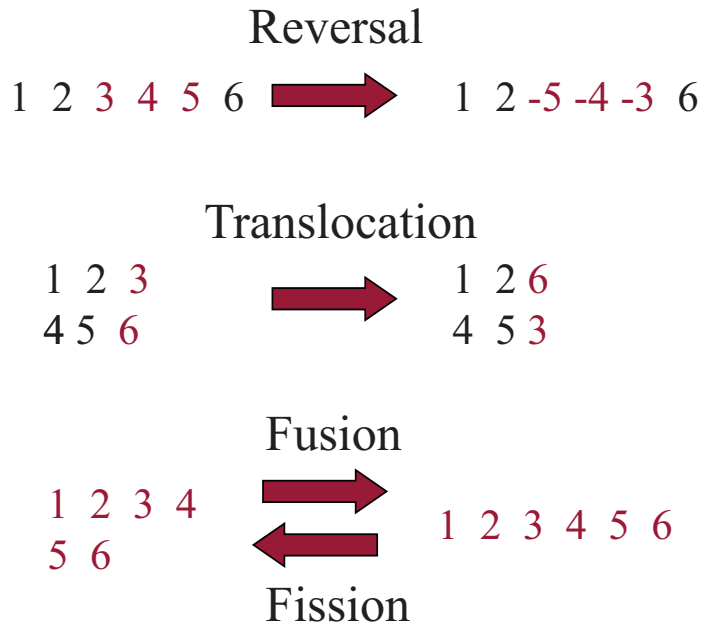
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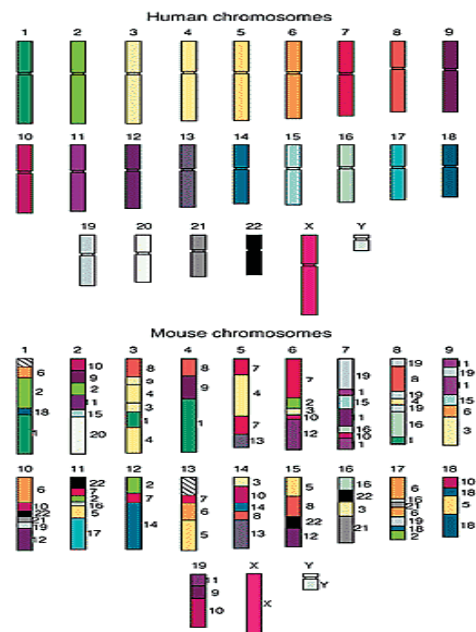
- Blocks represent conserved genes.
- In the course of evolution or in a clinical context, blocks 1,...,10 could be misread as 1, 2, 3, -8, -7, -6, -5, -4, 9, 10.

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



Waardenburg's Syndrome: Mouse Provides Insight into Human Genetic Disorder

- Waardenburg's syndrome is characterized by pigmentary dysphasia
- Gene implicated in the disease was linked to human chromosome 2 but it was not clear where exactly it is located on chromosome 2



Waardenburg's syndrome and splotch mice

- A breed of mice (with splotch gene) had similar symptoms caused by the same type of gene as in humans
- Scientists succeeded in identifying location of gene responsible for disorder in mice
- Finding the gene in mice gives clues to where the same gene is located in humans by analyzing the relative architecture of human and mouse genomes

Reversals: Example

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Reversals and Gene Orders

- Gene order is represented by a permutation π :

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

$$\rho(i,j)$$


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- Reversal $\rho(i, j)$ reverses (flips) the elements from i to j in π