Algebraic Theory

- Modeling of genomes, rearrangement operations using **permutation group theory**
- Leads to a novel notion of distance
- Very similar to DCJ
- Differs from DCJ in linear fissions, linear fusions, circularizations, and linearizations

Permutation group theory

- Permutations are bijective functions α : E \rightarrow E
- Representation: $\alpha = (1 \ 2 \ 5) \ (4 \ 7)$
- Cycles: (5 2 8 9 3)
- Orbits
- *k*-cycles: cycles involving *k* elements
- Fixed elements: $\alpha(x) = x$
- Support: set of elements not fixed

Permutation group theory

- Product is composition: $\alpha\beta(x) = \alpha(\beta(x))$
- Identity: 1
- Disjointness
- Unique cycle decomposition
- Conjugation
- 2-cycle decomposition
- Norm: ||α||

Norm properties

- $||\alpha|| = 0$ if and only if $\alpha = 1$
- $||\alpha^{-1}|| = ||\alpha||$
- $||\alpha\beta|| \le ||\alpha|| + ||\beta||$
- $||\alpha\beta|| = ||\beta\alpha||$
- $||\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}|| = ||\alpha||$
- $||\alpha|| = |E| |orb(\alpha)|$
- Constructiveness

Divisibility

- Notation: $\alpha \mid \beta$
- $\alpha \mid \beta$ when $||\beta \alpha^{-1}|| = ||\beta|| ||\alpha||$
- $\alpha \mid \beta$ when:
 - orb(α) refines orb(β)
 - Edges of α go in the same direction as β
 - Edges of α do not cross in β

Modeling genomes

- Genes: 1, 2, 3, ...
- $k_t = +k, k_h = -k$
- $E = \{k_h, k_t \text{ for all genes } k\}$
- Γ = (-1 +1) (-2 +2) (-3 +3) ... (-n +n)

Chromosomal method

- Genes: 1, 2, 3, ...
- $k_t = +k, k_h = -k$
- $E = \{k_h, k_t \text{ for all genes } k\}$
- Γ = (-1 +1) (-2 +2) (-3 +3) ... (-n +n)
- Γ² = 1
- π_{chr} is a genome when $\Gamma \pi_{chr} \Gamma = \pi_{chr}^{-1}$

Adjacency method

- Genes: 1, 2, 3, ...
- $k_t = +k, k_h = -k$
- $E = \{k_h, k_t \text{ for all genes } k\}$
- Γ = (-1 +1) (-2 +2) (-3 +3) ... (-n +n)
- Γ² = 1
- π_{adj} is a genome when $\pi_{adj}^2 = \mathbf{1}$

Relationship between methods

- $\pi_{adj} \Gamma = \pi_{chr}$
- $\pi_{chr} \Gamma = \pi_{adj}$

Rearrangement operations

- ρ is a rearrangement operation on genome π when $\rho\pi$ is a genome
- Weigth of ρ is $||\rho||/2$