

A FEW GREEDY ALGORITHMS FOR COMPUTING UNIFORM TRANSLOCATION DISTANCE

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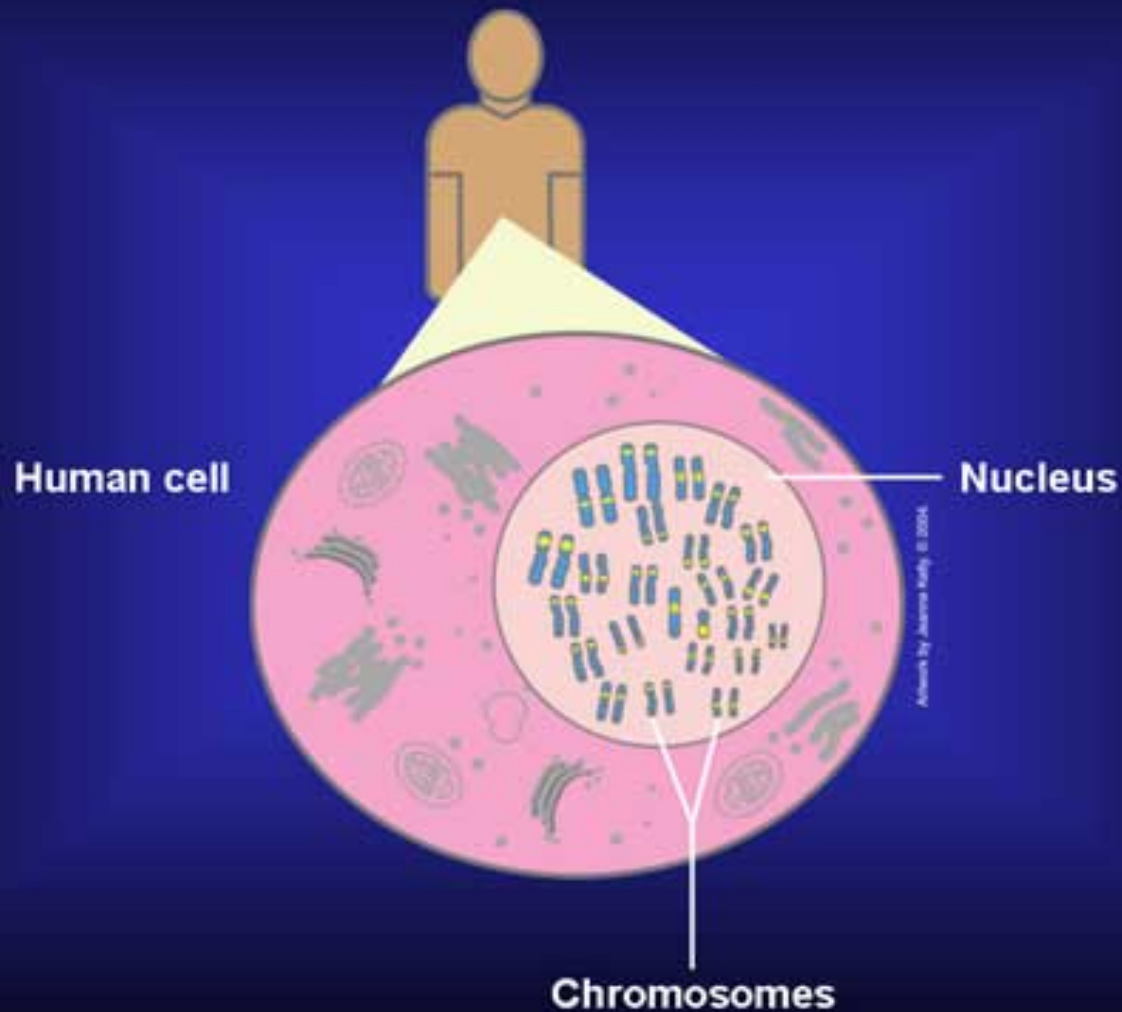
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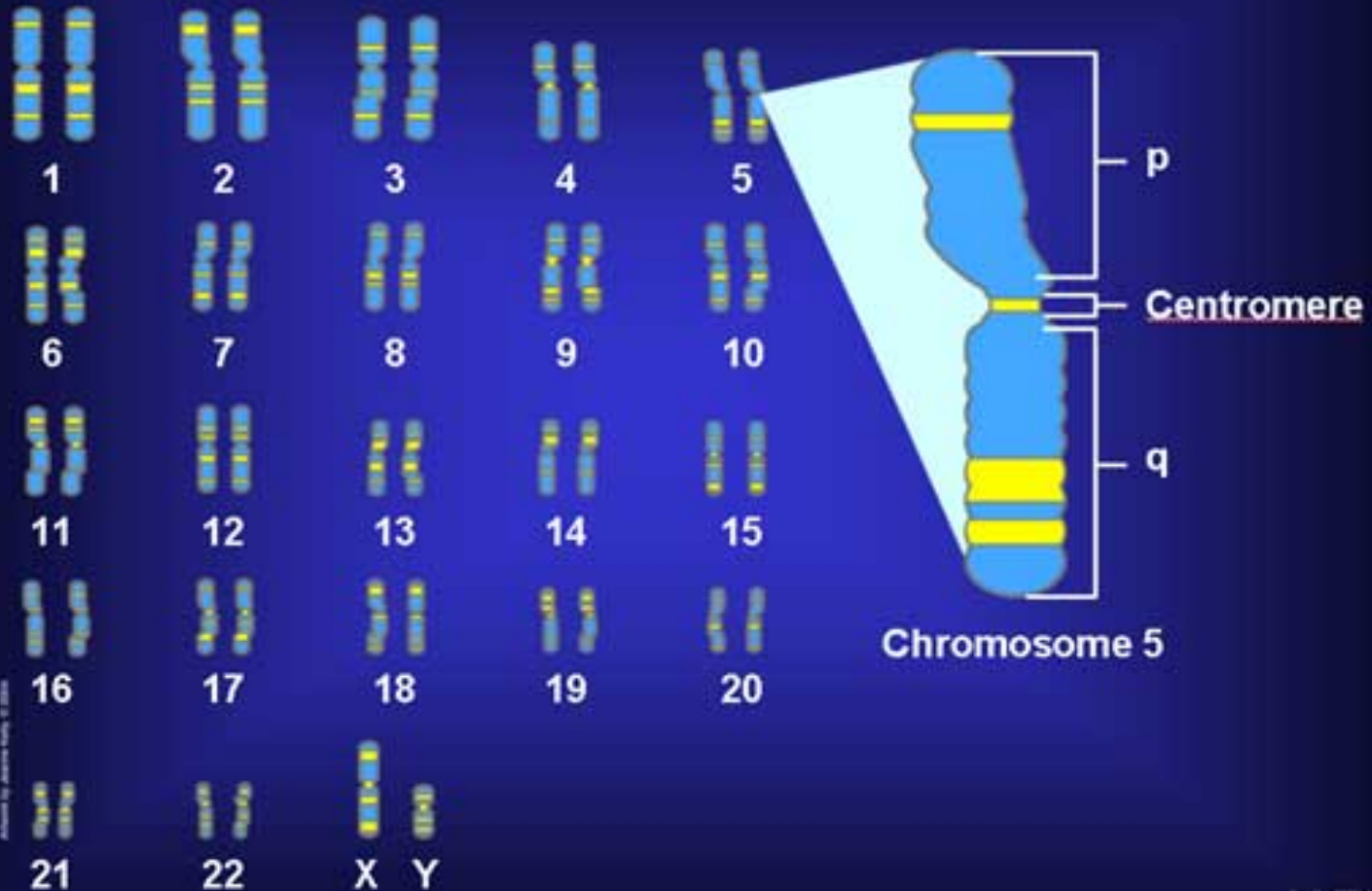
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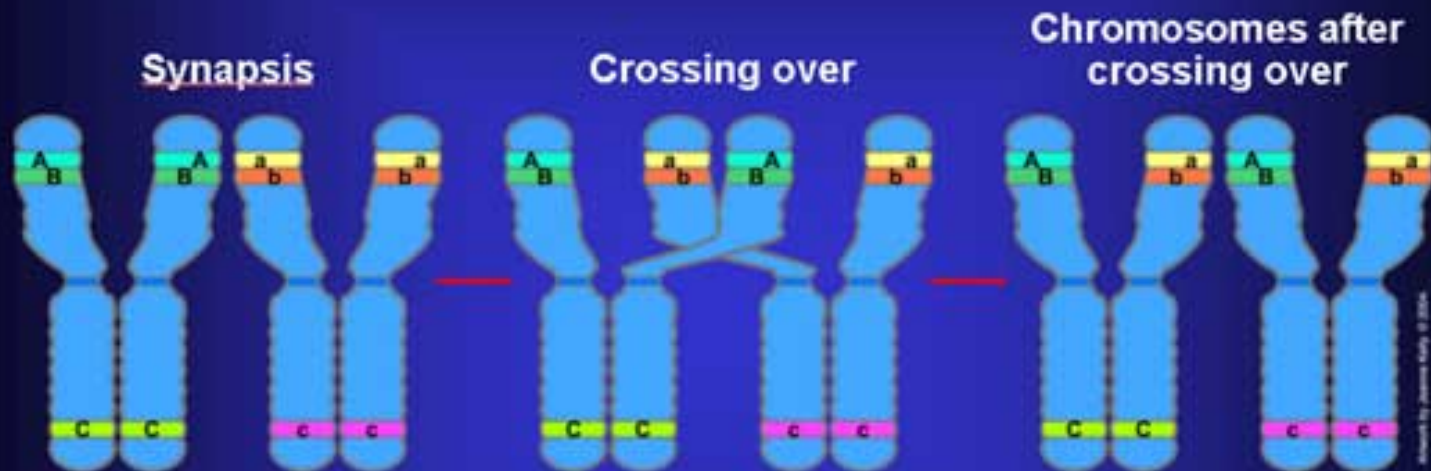
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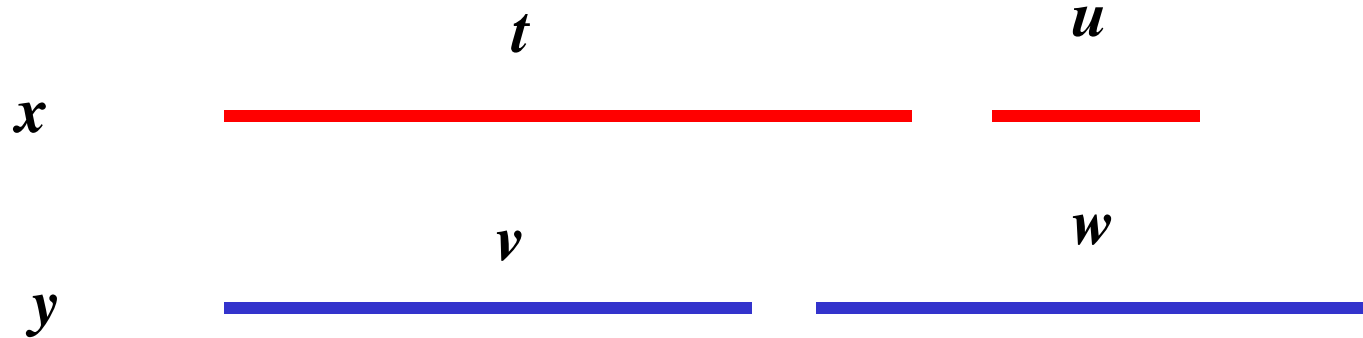
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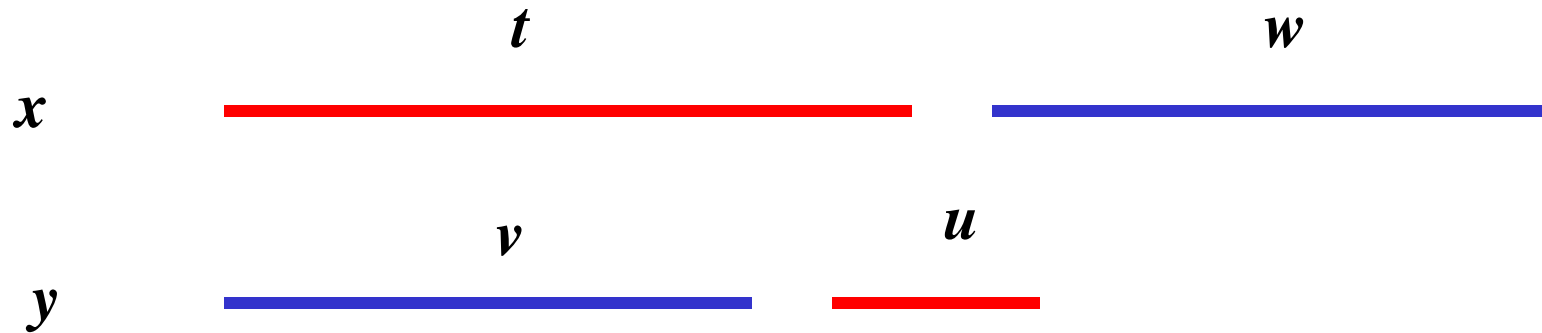
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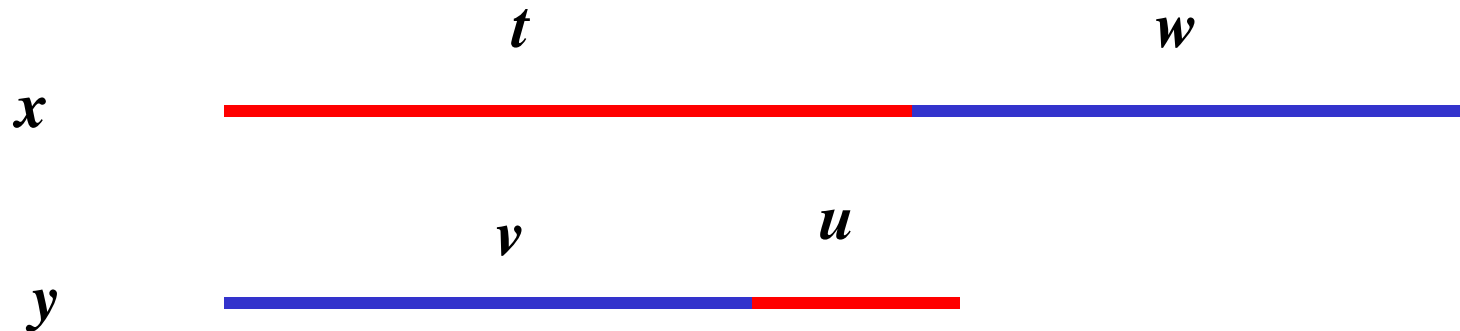
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$$(x, y) \vdash_{(i,j)} (z_1, z_2) \quad \text{iff } x = tu, y = vw, z_1 = tw, z_2 = vu, \text{ and } |t| = i, |v| = j.$$

$\vdash_{(i,j)}$ is said to be *uniform* iff $i=j$, so that we shall simply write \vdash_i

$$[U]CO(A) = \bigcup_{\{x,y \in A\}} \{z | (x,y) \vdash_{(i,j)} (z,w) \text{ or } (x,y) \vdash_{(i,j)} (w,z) \}$$

The Problem: Translocation distance

Given two genomes G and G' what is the **minimal number** of translocation mutations that transforms G into G' ?

1. How the translocation is defined: **uniform** or arbitrary.
2. How the chromosomes in the two genomes are:
they are formed by different segments (markers) or **not**.
3. How large is the target genome: **singleton** or arbitrary

Uniform translocation distance

Uniform translocation and unique markers

(J. Kececioglu, R. Ravi, 1995)

Assumptions:

1. All chromosomes (words) in both genomes are of the same length k .
2. Each marker (symbol) appears at most once in a chromosome and in only one.
3. If G has n chromosomes, then G' must have n chromosomes as well.

Important note: If a symbol appears on the position i in a word in G , then it will appear on the same position in a word of G' .

Theorem 1. The uniform translocation distance between G and G' can be computed in time and memory $O(kn)$.

Ingredients: Greedy strategy

Cayley (1849): The minimal number of transpositions for sorting π is $n - \Psi(\pi)$.

Uniform translocation distance

1. We label the words in G' in some way from 1 to n .
2. Associate with each set G, G' a matrix as follows:
 - each column in the matrix represents a word
 - each symbol from a word is represented by the unique word of G' in which it occurs.

Example: $G = \{a_2a_7a_9a_4, a_5a_1a_{12}a_8, a_{10}a_3a_6a_{11}\}$
 $G' = \{a_{10}a_1a_9a_8, a_5a_7a_6a_4, a_2a_3a_{12}a_{11}\}$

$$M_G = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_{G'} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem: Select two columns and a natural $l \leq n-1$ and interchange the elements of the first l rows.

Uniform translocation distance

Let (i, j, l) : the columns i and j interchange each other the entries of the first l rows. A solution is a sequence

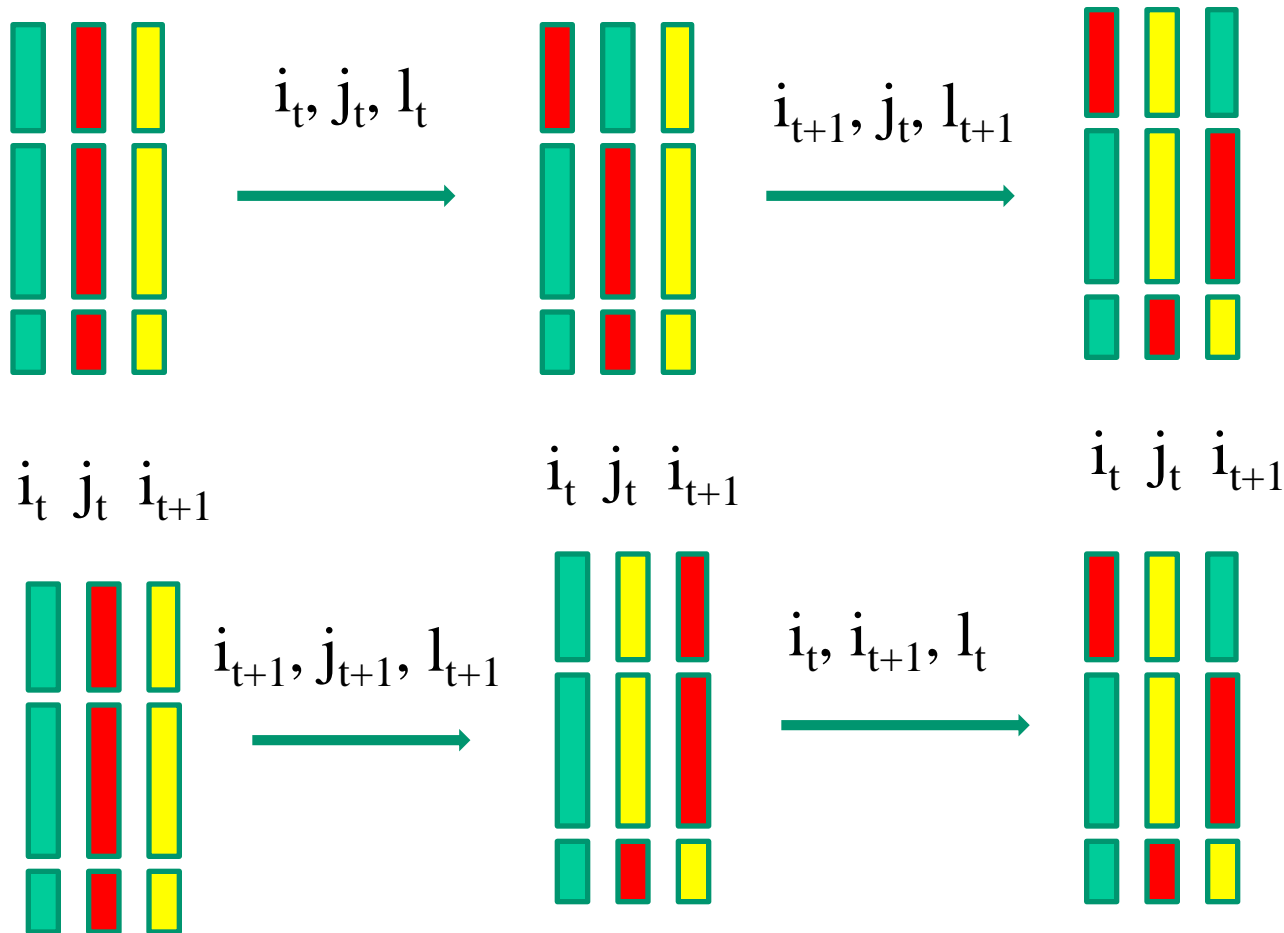
$$(i_1, j_1, l_1), (i_2, j_2, l_2), \dots (i_p, j_p, l_p)$$

Find the minimal p .

A solution $(i_1, j_1, l_1), (i_2, j_2, l_2), \dots (i_p, j_p, l_p)$ is “bottom-up if there are no $1 \leq s < q \leq p$ such that $l_q > l_s$.

Uniform translocation distance

Lemma: Any instance of the problem has a solution which is bottom-up.



Uniform translocation distance

A bottom-up sequence is *locally optimal* if the number of transformations applied to the current row in order to transform it into the identical permutation is minimal.

Lemma 2 *A bottom-up locally optimal is totally optimal.*

Proof. Let us consider a part of a bottom-up sequence when one starts to “sort the row $i + 1$. Let π be the current state of the row $i + 1$ and λ_i the state of the row. After sorting the row $i + 1$ the state of the row i is

$$\lambda_i \circ \pi^{-1}.$$

Uniform translocation distance

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$PQ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \neq QP.$$

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Uniform translocation distance

Given a permutation π , what is the minimal number m of transpositions $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_m$ such that

$$\pi \circ \tau_1 \circ \tau_2 \circ \dots \circ \tau_m = \varepsilon_n$$

Lemma 3 (Cayley) *The minimal number of transpositions for sorting π is $n - \Psi(\pi)$.*

procedure Sort_Crossover_uniform(A,k,n);

Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ the rows of A

$d := 0$; $\pi := \varepsilon_n$;

for $i := k$ **downto** 1 **do**

$\pi := \lambda_i \circ \pi^{-1}$;

$d := d + n - \Psi(\pi)$;

endfor;

end.

Translocation distance: Our solution

Assumptions:

1. **All** chromosomes (words) in both genomes are of the **same** length k .
2. **Each** marker (symbol) appears **may appear more than once** in any chromosome and in **different chromosomes**.
3. If G has n chromosomes, then G' **may** have as many chromosomes as we want.

A few more definitions:

A translocation **sequence**: $S = s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$, $s_i = (x_i, y_i) \vdash_{(k(i), p(i))} (u_i, v_i)$

$P_i(S, x) = \text{card}\{j \leq i / x = x_j \text{ or } x = y_j\} + \text{card}\{j \leq i / x_j = y_j = x\},$

$F_i(S, x) = \text{card}\{j \leq i / u_j = x_j \text{ or } v_j = y_j\} + \text{card}\{j \leq i / u_j = v_j = x\}, \text{ if } x \notin A,$
 $\infty, \text{ otherwise}$

A translocation sequence S is **contiguous** iff:

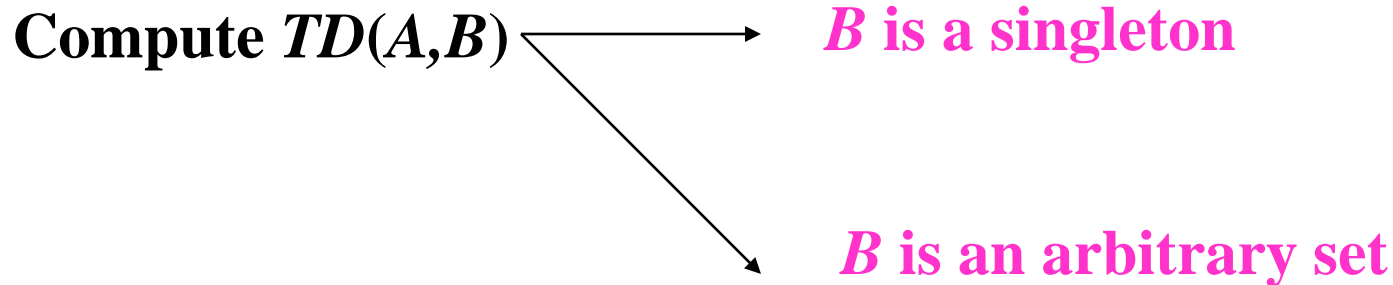
(i) $x_1, y_1 \in A,$

(ii) $F_{i-1}(S, x_i) > P_{i-1}(S, x_i), \text{ and } F_{i-1}(S, y_i) > P_{i-1}(S, y_i),$

Translocation distance: Our solution

A CTS S is B -producing if $F_n(S, z) > P_n(S, z)$ for all $z \in B$.

$TD(A, B) = \min\{|S| \mid S \text{ is a } B\text{-producing CTS}\}.$



Translocation distance: Our solution

Example: $A = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ with

$x_1 = abcbad$, $x_2 = bbabd$, $x_3 = accbabd$, $x_4 = aaab$,
and

$z_1 = bbcbad$, $z_2 = ababd$, $z_3 = ababad$, $z_4 = bbcbd$, $z_5 = abbababd$
 $z_6 = aabad$, $z_7 = abababd$, $z_8 = bbd$, $z_9 = bbbd$, $z_{10} = bbabad$,
 $z_{11} = bbbabad$, $z_{12} = bbababd$, $z_{13} = bababd$, $z_{14} = accbd$, z_{15}
 $=bbccbabd$

$z_{16} = aababd$, $z_{17} = abcccbabd$ $z_{18} = abad$

A B -producing CTS, $B = \{z_4, z_6, z_8, z_{11}, z_{15}, z_{16}, z_{18}\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, x_2) \ast_{(2,2)} (z_2, z_1), (z_1, z_2) \ast_{(4,4)} (z_4, z_3), \\ (z_2, x_2) \ast_{(4,2)} (z_7, z_8), (z_3, z_7) \ast_{(2,1)} (z_5, z_6), (x_2, x_3) \ast_{(3,3)} (z_{12}, z_{14}), \\ (z_8, z_{12}) \ast_{(2,5)} (z_9, z_{10}), (x_2, x_3) \ast_{(3,3)} (z_{12}, z_{14}), (x_2, x_3) \ast_{(3,3)} (z_{12}, z_{14}), \\ (z_{12}, z_{10}) \ast_{(2,1)} (z_{11}, z_{13}), (z_{12}, x_3) \ast_{(2,1)} (z_{15}, z_{16}), (x_1, x_3) \ast_{(3,1)} (z_{17}, z_{18}). \end{aligned}$$

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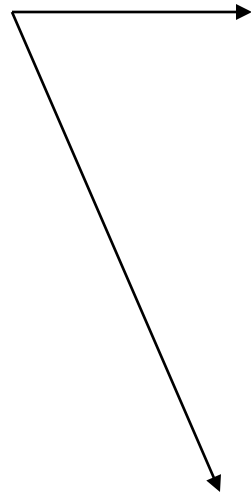
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$$TD(A, B) \leq 12$$

Translocation distance: Our solution

Compute $TD(A,B)$



B is a singleton:

Let z be a string of length k and A be a set of cardinality n . There is an exact algorithm that computes $TD(A,z)$ in $O(kn)$ time and $O(kn)$ space.

B is an arbitrary set: There is a 2-approximation algorithm for computing the translocation distance from two sets of strings.

Translocation distance: Our solution

Let $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ and z be an arbitrary string of length k

$$\text{MaxSubLen}(A, z, p) = \max\{q \mid \exists 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ such that } x_i[p, p+q-1] = z[p, p+q-1]\}.$$

Let $z \in TO_*(A)$; define iteratively the set $H(A, z)$ of intervals of natural numbers as follows:

1. $H(A, z) = \{[1, \text{MaxSubLen}(A, z, 1)]\}$;
2. Take the interval $[i, j]$ having the largest j ; if $j = k$, then stop, otherwise put into $H(A, z)$ the new interval $[j+1, j+\text{MaxSubLen}(A, z, j+1)]$.

Note that we allow intervals of the form $[i, i]$ for some i to be in $H(A, z)$; moreover, for each $1 \leq i \leq k$ there are $1 \leq p \leq q \leq k$ (possibly the same) such that $i \in [p, q] \in H(A, z)$.

Lemma 4 *Let S be a z -producing CTS in $CO_*(A)$. Then,*

$$lg(S) \geq \text{card}(H(A, z)) - 1.$$

Translocation distance: Our solution

$$s_i = (x_i, y_i) \vdash_{p_i} (u_i, v_i)$$

$$A' = \{x[MaxSubLen(A, z, 1) + 1, k] | x \in A\},$$

$$z' = z[MaxSubLen(A, z, 1) + 1, k].$$

For simplicity denote $r = MaxSubLen(A, z, 1)$. Clearly, $H(A', z') = \{[i-r, j-r] | [i, j] \in H(A, z) \setminus \{[1, r]\}\}$, hence $card(H(A', z')) = card(H(A, z)) - 1$. Starting from S we construct a *CTS* in $CO_*(A')$, producing z' $S' = s'_1, s'_2, \dots, s'_m$ in the way indicated by the following procedure:

Translocation distance: Our solution

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Procedure Construct_CTS(S,r);  
begin  
   $m := 0$ ;  
  for  $i := 1$  to  $q$  begin  
    if  $(p_i > r)$  then  
       $m := m + 1$ ;  $s'_m = (x_i[r+1, k], y_i[r+1, k]) \vdash_{p_i-r} (u_i[r+1, k], v_i[r+1, k])$ ;  
    endif;  
  endfor;  
end.
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Claim 1: S' is a CTS.

Claim 2: S' is z' -producing.

Translocation distance: Our solution

$p_{i_1}, p_{i_2}, \dots, p_{i_m}$ are all integers from $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_q\}$ bigger than r

$$F_{j-1}(S', x_{i_j}[r+1, k]) = \sum_{x[r+1, k] = x_{i_j}[r+1, k]} F_{i_j-1}(S, x) - \text{card}(X) - \text{card}(Y),$$

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where

$$X = \{t \leq i_j - 1 \mid p_t \leq r, u_t[r+1, k] = v_t[r+1, k] = x_{i_j}[r+1, k]\},$$

$$Y = \{t \leq i_j - 1 \mid p_t \leq r, u_t[r+1, k] = x_{i_j}[r+1, k] \text{ or } v_t[r+1, k] = x_{i_j}[r+1, k]\}.$$

Translocation distance: Our solution

Theorem 2 *Let z be a string of length k and A be a set of cardinality n . There is an exact algorithm that computes $CD(A, z)$ in $O(kn)$ time and $O(kn)$ space.*

Translocation distance: Our solution

Arbitrary Target Sets

Let A be a finite set of strings and $z \in CO_*(A)$; denote by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MaxPrefLen}(A, z) &= \begin{cases} |z|, & \text{iff } z \in A, \\ \max(\{q | q < |z|, \text{ there exists } x \in A, |x| > q, \\ & \text{so that } x[1, q] = z[1, q]\} \cup \{0\}), \end{cases} \\ \text{MaxSufLen}(A, z) &= \max(\{q | \text{ there exists } x \in A, |x| \geq |z|, \\ & \text{so that } x[|x| - q + 1, |x|] = z[|z| - q + 1, |z|]\} \\ & \cup \{0\}), \\ \text{ArbMaxSubLen}(A, z, p) &= \max(\{q | \text{ there exists } x \in A \text{ and } |x| \geq p + q \\ & \text{such that } x[p, p + q - 1] = z[p, p + q - 1]\} \\ & \cup \{0\}). \end{aligned}$$

Translocation distance: Our solution

We define iteratively the set $ArbH(A, z)$ of intervals of natural numbers as follows, provided that all parameters defined above are nonzero:

1. $ArbH(A, z) = \{[1, MaxPrefLen(A, z)]\};$
2. Take the interval $[i, j]$ having the largest j ; if $j = |z|$, then stop. If $j < |z| - MaxSufLen(A, z)$, then put the new interval $[j + 1, j + ArbMaxSubLen(A, z, j + 1)]$ into $ArbH(A, z)$; otherwise put $[j + 1, |z|]$ into $ArbH(A, z)$.

Translocation distance: Our solution

Theorem 3 1. *Let A be a finite set of strings and B be a finite subset of $TO_*(A)$. Then $\frac{\sum_{z \in B} (\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z)) - 1)}{2} \leq TD(A, B) \leq \sum_{z \in B} (\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z)) - 1)$.*

2. *There exist A and $B \subseteq TO_*(A)$ such that $TD(A, B) = \frac{\sum_{z \in B} (\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z)) - 1)}{2}$.*

3. *There exist A and $B \subseteq TO_*(A)$ such that $TD(A, B) = \sum_{z \in B} (\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z)) - 1)$.*

Translocation distance: Our solution

Proof. 1. We shall prove the first assertion by induction on the length of the longest string in B , say k . The non-trivial relation is

$$\frac{\sum_{z \in B} (\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z)) - 1)}{2} \leq TD(A, B). \quad (*)$$

If $k = 1$, the relation $(*)$ is satisfied. Assume that the relation $(*)$ holds for any two finite sets X and Y , $Y \subseteq TO_*(X)$, all strings in Y being shorter than k . Assume that $B \setminus A = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m\}$ and let $S = s_1, s_2, \dots, s_q$, $s_i = (x_i, y_i) \vdash_{p_i} (u_i, v_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq q$, be a $B \setminus A$ -producing CTS in $TO_*(A)$. Note that at least one string in $B \setminus A$ should exist, otherwise the relation $(*)$ being trivially fulfilled.

Translocation distance: Our solution

Consider m new symbols a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m and construct the sets:

$A' = \{x[1, r]a_ix[r+2, |x|] \mid x \in A, 1 \leq i \leq m\}$, $B' = \{z_i[1, r]a_iz_i[r+2, |z_i|] \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$, where $r = \min\{p_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq q\}$. One can construct a B' -producing *CTS* in $TO_*(A')$ of the same length of S , say S' by applying a procedure *Convert* illustrated by the next example

Translocation distance: Our solution

$B = \{abacdb, aabccb, bbaadc\}$, $A = \{abbccb, aaaadb, bbbcdc\}$.

The *CTS* S is

$(abbccb, aaaadb) \vdash_2 (abaadb, aabccb)$, $(abbccb, abaadb) \vdash_3 (abbadb, abacccb)$,
 $(bbbcdb, abacccb) \vdash_2 (bbacccb, abbcdb)$, $(bbacccb, aaaadb) \vdash_3 (bbaadb, aaacccb)$,
 $(bbaadb, bbbcdc) \vdash_5 (bbaadc, bbbcdb)$, $(abaadb, aaacccb) \vdash_2 (abacccb, aaaadb)$,
 $(abacccb, aaaadb) \vdash_4 (abacdb, aaaacb)$.

The procedure *Convert* runs for $r = 2$ transforming this sequence into the sequence S' :

$(aba_2ccb, aaa_3adb) \vdash_2 (aba_3adb, aaa_2ccb)$, $(aba_1ccb, aba_3adb) \vdash_3$
 (aba_1adb, aba_3ccb) , $(bba_1cdc, aba_3ccb) \vdash_2 (bba_3ccb, aba_1cdc)$,
 $(bba_3ccb, aaa_1adb) \vdash_3 (bba_3adb, aaa_1ccb)$, $(bba_3adb, bba_1cdc) \vdash_5$
 (bba_3adc, bba_1cdb) , $(aba_1adb, aaa_1ccb) \vdash_2 (aba_1ccb, aaa_1adb)$,
 $(aba_1ccb, aaa_1adb) \vdash_4 (aba_1cdb, aaa_1acb)$.

Translocation distance: Our solution

Now S' is transformed into S'' for r previously defined. S'' is a B'' -producing CTS in $CO_*(A'')$, where

$$A'' = \{a_i x[r+2, |x|] \mid x \in A, 1 \leq i \leq m\}, \quad B'' = \{a_i z_i[r+2, |z_i|] \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

For each $1 \leq i \leq m$ $\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A'', a_i z_i[r+2, |z_i|]))$ is either $\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z_i))$ or $\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z_i)) - 1$.

Translocation distance: Our solution

$$\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A'', a_i z_i[r+2, |z_i|])) = \text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z_i)) - 1$$

there exist at least one step in S' where the strings exchange prefixes of length at most r . It follows that $lg(S'') \leq lg(S') - \lceil t/2 \rceil$, where $t = \text{card}(\{i | \text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A'', a_i z_i[r+2, |z_i|])) = \text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A, z_i)) - 1\})$. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} lg(S) &= lg(S') \geq lg(S'') + \lceil t/2 \rceil \geq \\ &\quad \frac{\sum_1^m (\text{card}(\text{ArbH}(A'', a_i z_i[r+2, |z_i|])) - 1)}{2} + \\ &\quad \lceil t/2 \rceil \geq \frac{\sum_1^m (\text{Arbcard}(H(A, z_i)) - 1)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Translocation distance: Our solution

Theorem 4 *There is a 2-approximation algorithm for computing the translocation distance from two sets of strings.*

Translocation distance: Open problems

1. Is it possible to do it better?

2. Non-uniform translocation?

(i) Non-uniform translocation and **unique markers:**

2-approximation algorithm

(ii) This definition of translocation distance:

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Thank You

READY FOR DISCUSSIONS