# Maximally distant genomes under the DCJ operation 

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- Even so, Christie (1996), Pevzner (1998), Labarre (2005) have also considered unsigned versions.

Chromosomes as SIGNED Permutations

- $12-4-3$ indicates the substring 34 was attached to 12 "backwards".

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- Fundamental Answer: It depends on your operation.
(Note: Because in this talk, we are using a multichromosal model, our signed permutations are more like "broken" permutations, or ordered set partitions)
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The example below shows how a DCJ operation can transform one genome into another.


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- Audience Poll: Which has a more recent common ancestor: humans and rabbits, humans and camels, or humans and pigs?
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## Adjacency/Breakpoint Graph

Any genome can be represented by a distinct arrangement of sets of internal vertices and external vertices.
A bipartite adjacency graph is constructed with vertices corresponding to the sets of internal and external vertices of the two genomes. Two vertices are connected with an edge for every head or tail that they share.


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(Bergeron, Mixtacki, Stoye 2008) The DCJ distance between two genomes, $A$ and $B$, defined on the same set of $N$ genes is given by

$$
d_{D C J}(A, B)=N-(C+I / 2),
$$

where $C$ is the number of cycles and $I$ is the number of odd paths in the adjacency graph of $A$ and $B$.

## Example

$$
d_{D C J}(12345,1-42 \quad 5-3)
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By considering an arbitrary starting genome, $A$, defined on $N$ signed genes and counting the number of distinct adjacency graphs that could be created from it containing only even paths we showed:

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The number of maximally distant genomes is given by

$$
G_{\max }(m, n)=(2 m-1)!!\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n+m-1}{k}\binom{n}{k} 2^{k} k!,
$$

where $2 m$ is the number of telomeres, and $n$ is the number of adjacencies in $A$.

## Show me the values!

| $m n$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 0 | N/A | 1 | 5 | 37 | 361 | 4361 |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 139 | 1473 | 19091 |
| 2 | 3 | 15 | 111 | 1083 | 13083 | 188103 |
| 3 | 15 | 105 | 975 | 11265 | 155535 | 2495865 |
| 4 | 105 | 945 | 10605 | 142485 | 2228625 | 39757305 |
| 5 | 945 | 10395 | 137025 | 2104515 | 36893745 | 726753195 |

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- Conjecture: $G(m, n) \neq G(s, t)$ otherwise.


## Generating Functions (for fixed $m$ )

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The exponential generating function for the sequence $\left\{g_{m}\right\}$ is given by

$$
f_{m}(x)=(2 m-1)!!\frac{e^{\frac{x}{1-2 x}}}{(1-2 x)^{m}},
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Number of unsigned genomes distance D from a single linear chromosome of length N

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| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 1 |  |  |
| 4 | 1 | 18 | 64 | 39 | 1 |  |
| 5 | 1 | 28 | 208 | 387 | 149 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 40 | 501 | 2096 | 2478 | 661 |

Column when $n=1$ is $A 028552$ in OEIS.

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- The total number of these unsigned genomes is not known. Is there a smart way to count them?


## Thank you to the organizers for allowing me to speak and all their hard work.



FIGURE 13.33. Gene order is conserved across wide evolutionary distances. The colored segments show blocks of genome that have maintained the same order between mouse and humans. Each color corresponds to a mouse chromosome, overlaid onto the human chromosomes. Note that gene content on the X chromosome is completely conserved (far right).

