
CS481: Bioinformatics Algorithms

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GENOME REARRANGEMENTS

Turnip vs Cabbage: Look and Taste Different

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

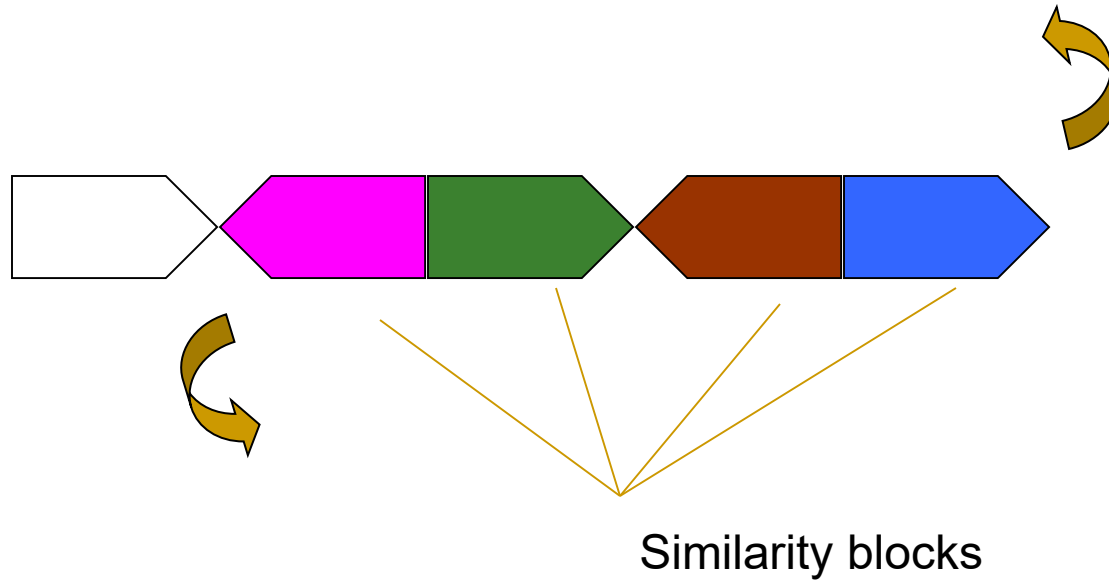


Turnip vs Cabbage: Almost Identical mtDNA gene sequences

- 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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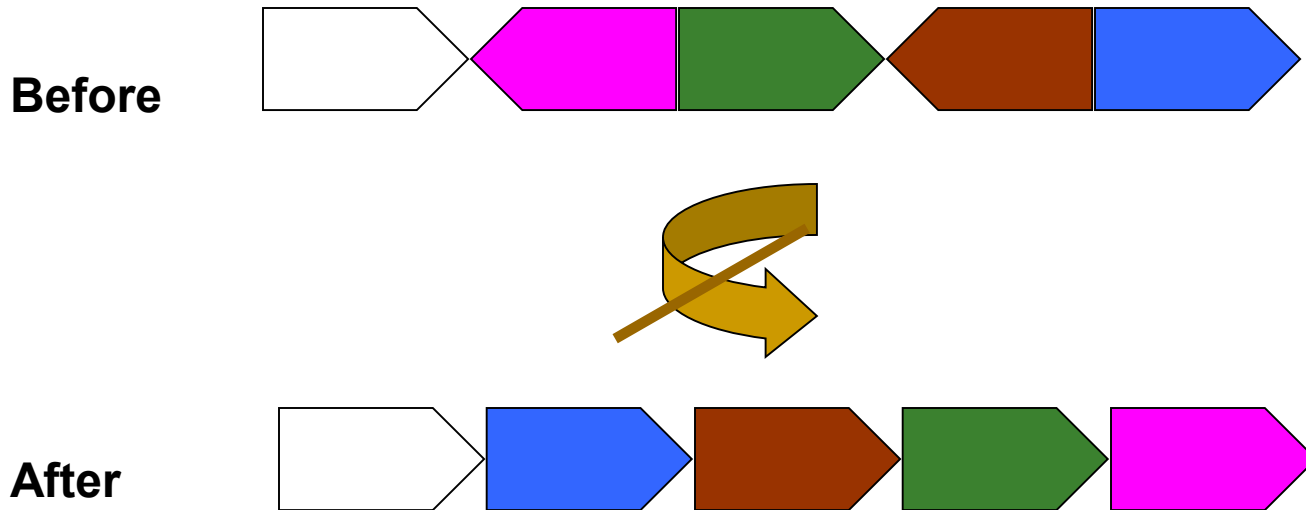
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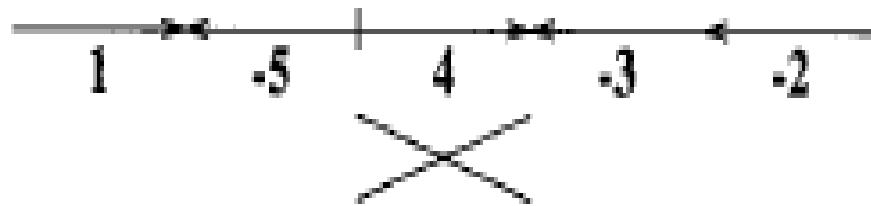
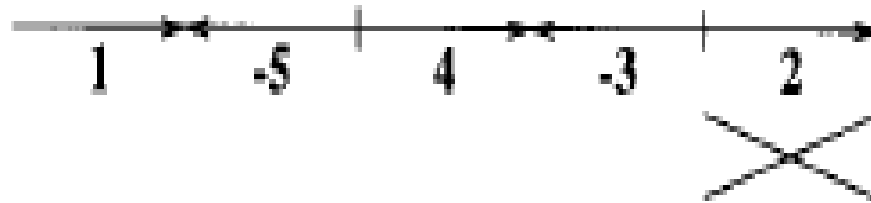
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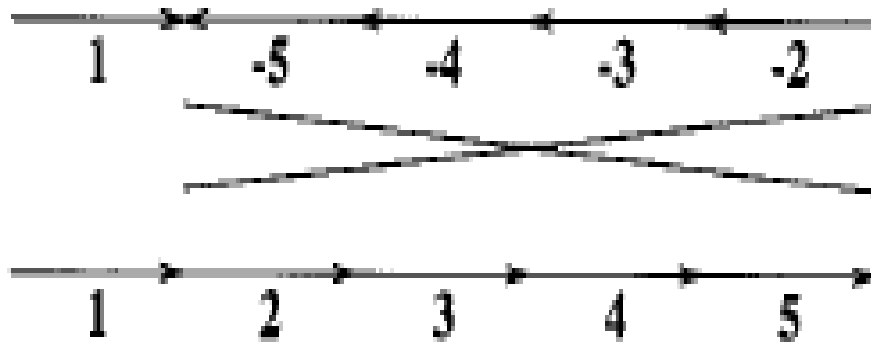
Evolution is manifested as the divergence in gene order

Transforming Cabbage into Turnip

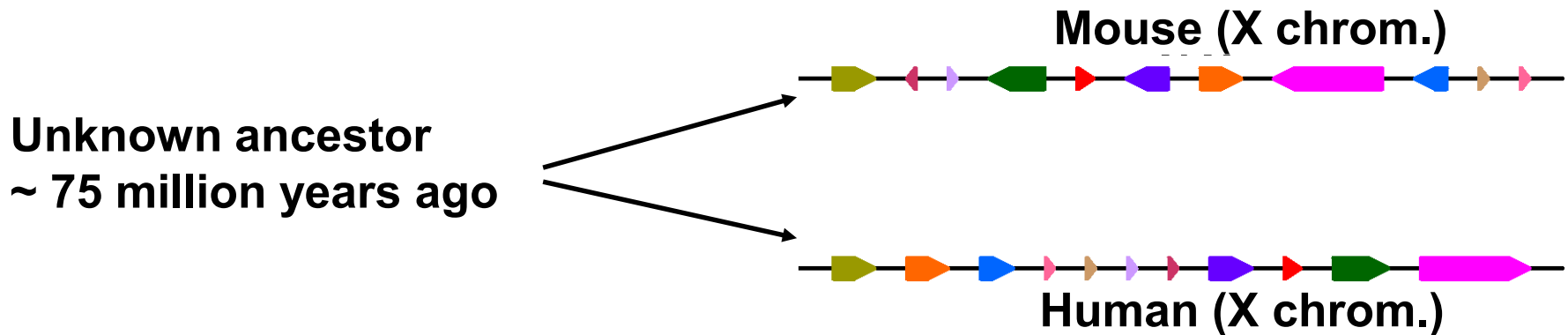
B. oleracea
(cabbage)



B. campestris
(turnip)

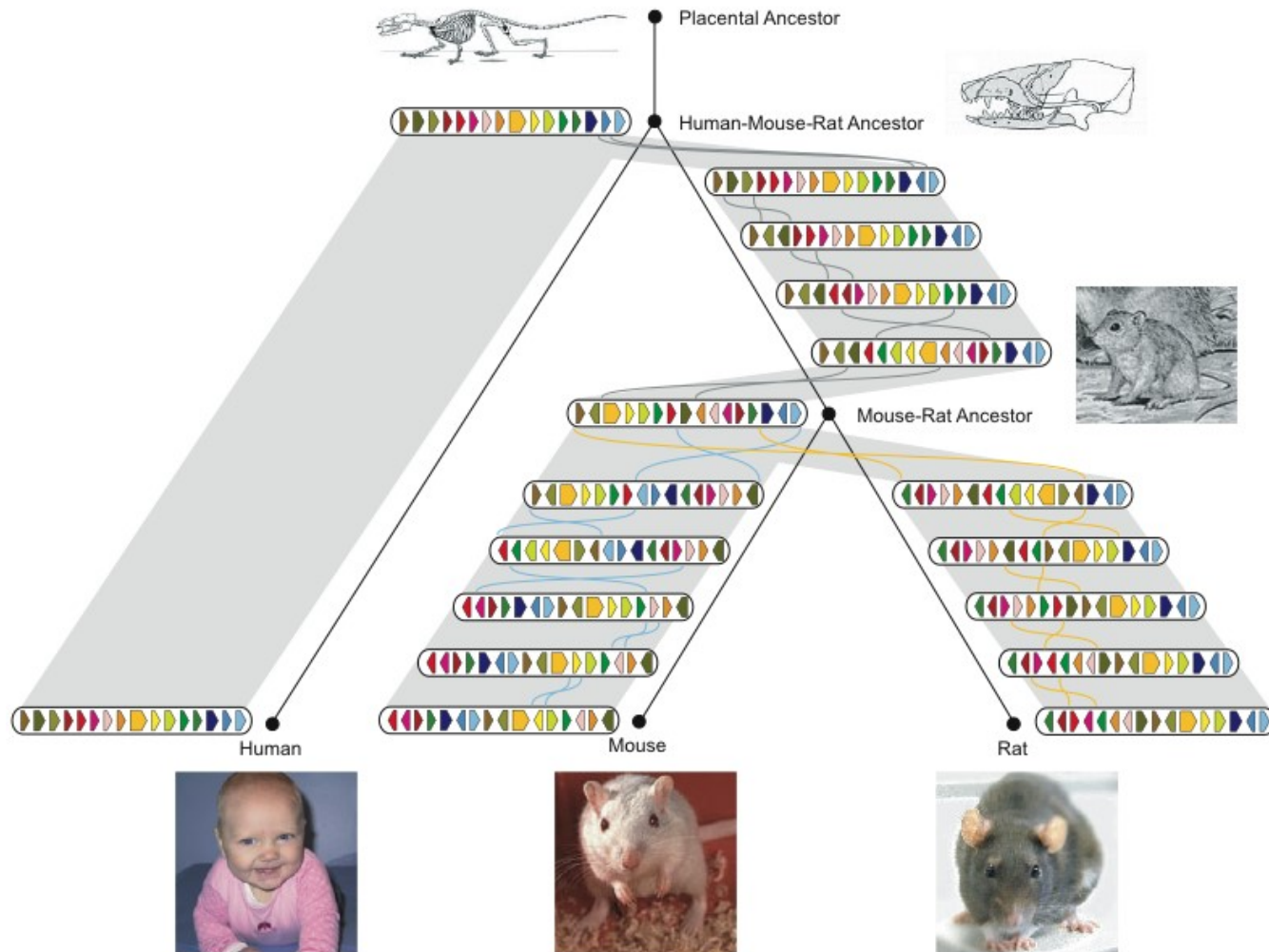


Genome rearrangements



- What are the similarity blocks and how to find them?
- What is the architecture of the ancestral genome?
- What is the evolutionary scenario for transforming one genome into the other?

History of Chromosome X



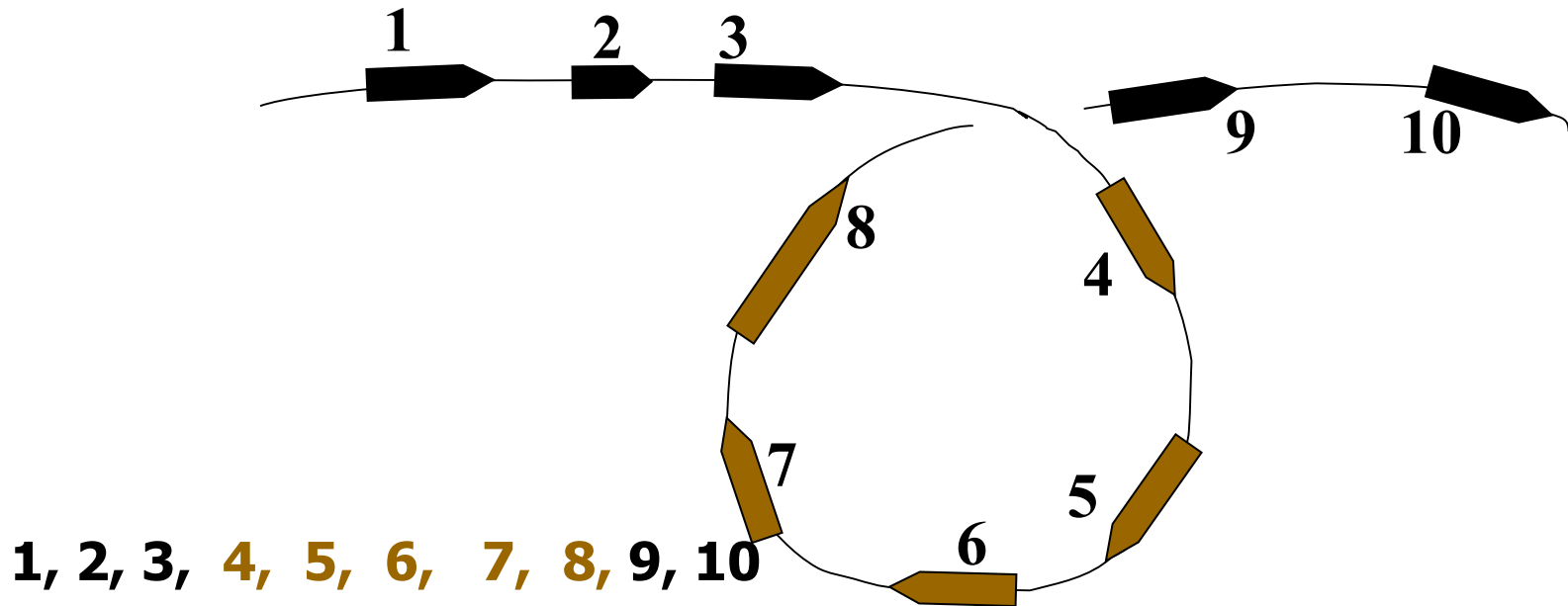
Genome sequence of the Brown Norway rat yields insights into mammalian evolution

Rat Genome Sequencing Project Consortium*

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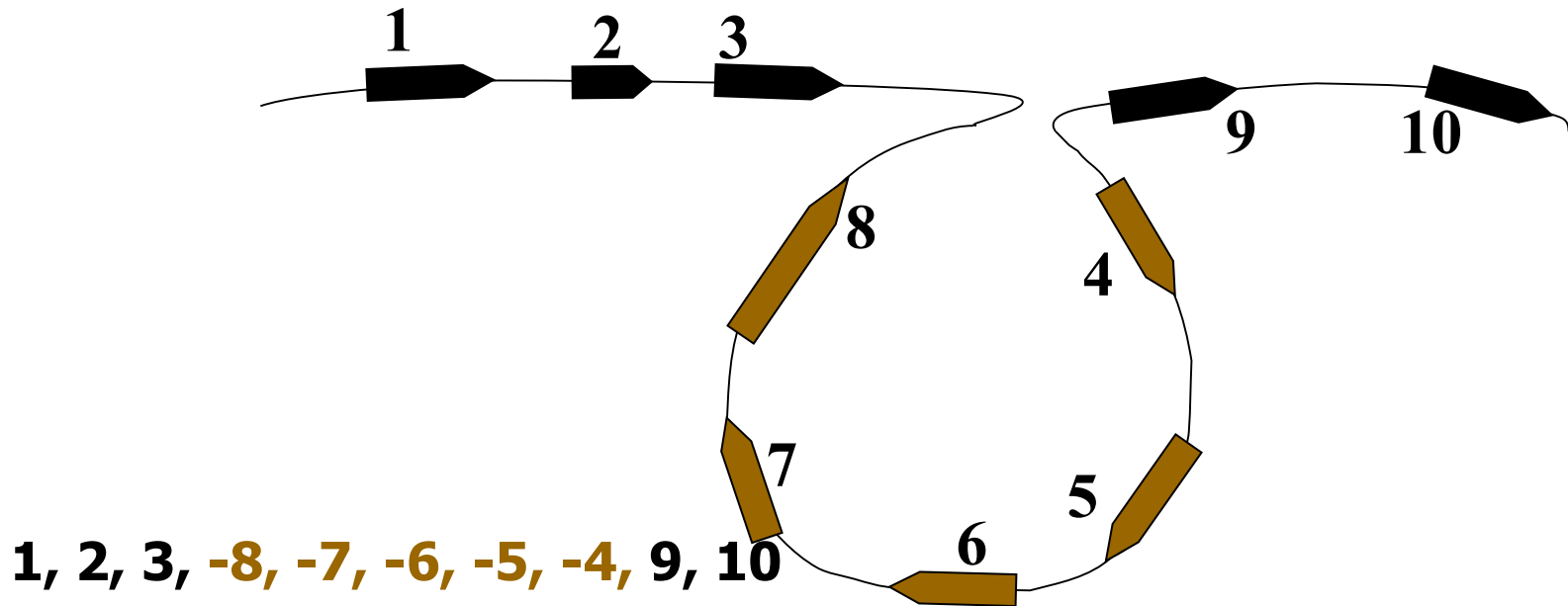
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Reversals



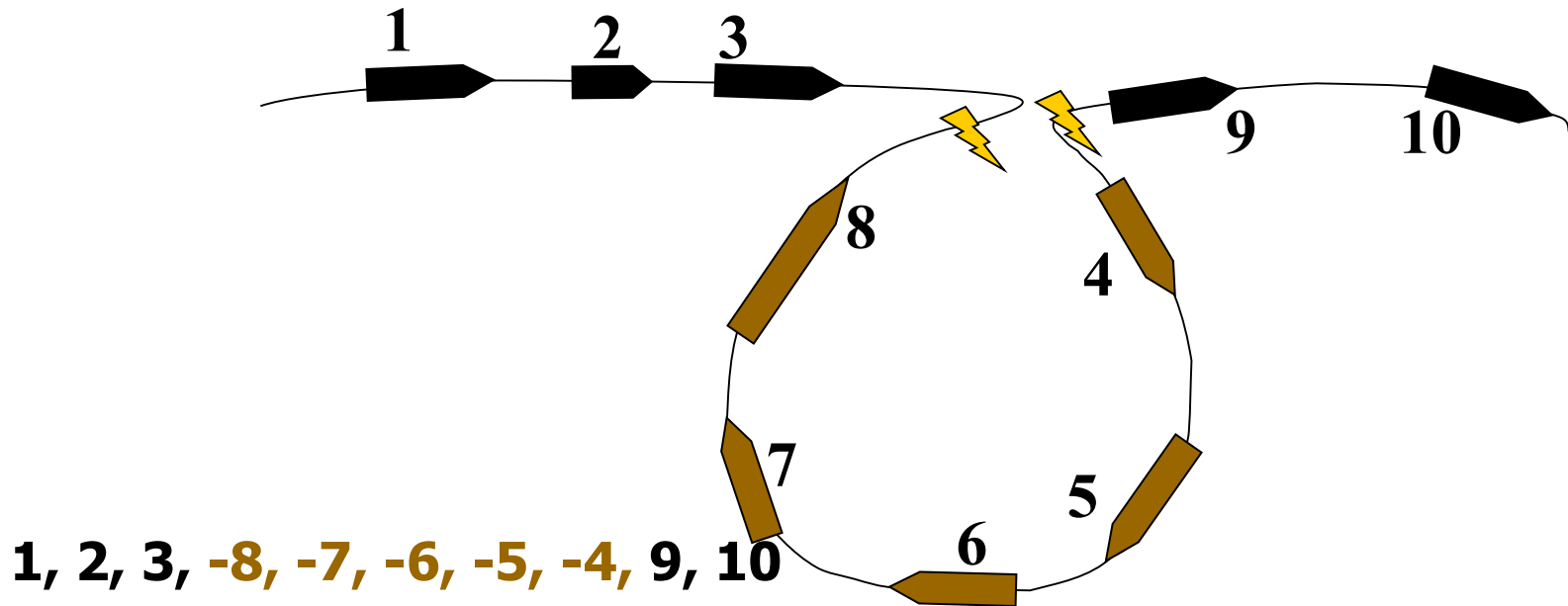
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Reversals



- **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.**

Reversals and Breakpoints

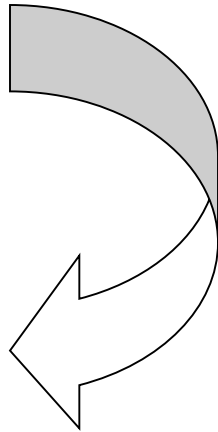


The reversion introduced two *breakpoints* (disruptions in order).

Reversals: Example



Break
and
Invert



5' ATG **CCTGTA** CTA 3'

3' TAC **GGACAT** GAT 5'




5' ATG **TACAGG** CTA 3'

3' TAC **ATGTCC** GAT 5'


Types of Rearrangements

Reversal

1 2 3 4 5 6  1 2 -5 -4 -3 6



Translocation

1 2 3 1 2 6
4 5 6 4 5 3



Fusion

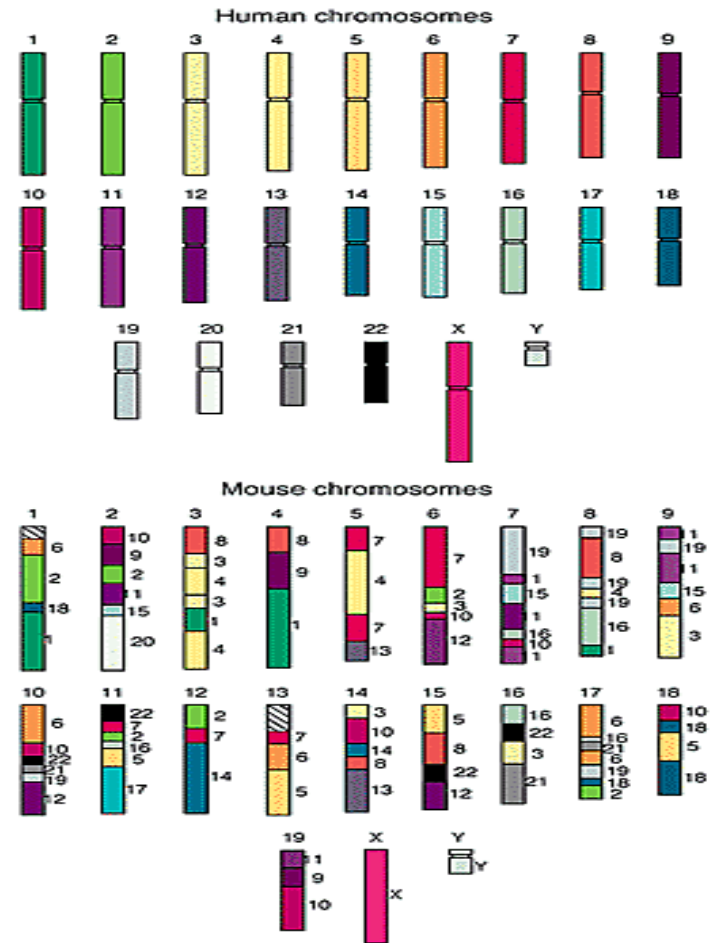
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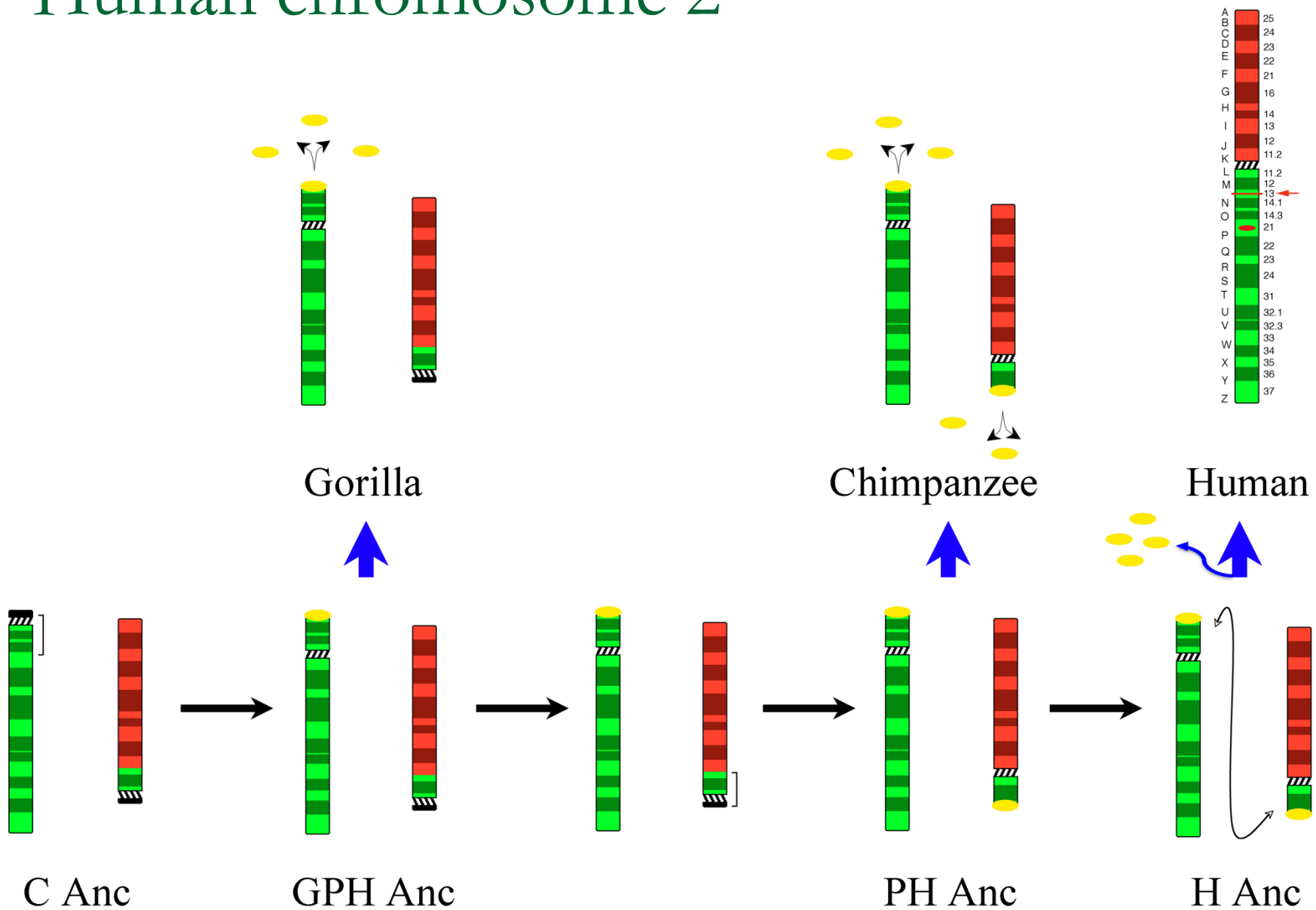
Fission

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



Human chromosome 2



Reversals: Example

$\pi = 1\ 2\ \underline{3\ 4\ 5}\ 6\ 7\ 8$

$\rho(3,5)$ ↓

1 2 5 4 3 6 7 8



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$\rho(5,6)$



1 2 5 4 **6 3** 7 8

Reversals and Gene Orders

- Gene order is represented by a permutation π :

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

$\rho(i,j)$

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

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

Reversal Distance Problem

- Goal: Given two permutations, find the shortest series of reversals that transforms one into another
 - Input: Permutations π and σ
 - Output: A series of reversals ρ_1, \dots, ρ_t transforming π into σ , such that t is minimum
 - t - reversal distance between π and σ
 - $d(\pi, \sigma)$ - smallest possible value of t , given π and σ
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Sorting By Reversals Problem

- Goal: Given a permutation, find a shortest series of reversals that transforms it into the identity permutation $(1\ 2\ \dots\ n)$
 - Input: Permutation π
 - Output: A series of reversals ρ_1, \dots, ρ_t transforming π into the identity permutation such that t is minimum
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Sorting By Reversals: Example

- $t = d(\pi)$ - reversal distance of π
- Example :

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccccc} \pi & = & \underline{3} & \underline{4} & 2 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 10 & 9 & 8 \\ & & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 7 & \underline{10} & \underline{9} & \underline{8} \\ & & \underline{4} & \underline{3} & \underline{2} & \underline{1} & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ & & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \end{array}$$

So $d(\pi) = 3$

Sorting by reversals: 5 steps

Step 0:	π	2	<u>-4</u>	<u>-3</u>	5	-8	-7	-6	1
Step 1:		2	3	4	5	<u>-8</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>-6</u>	1
Step 2:		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<u>1</u>
Step 3:		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	-1
Step 4:		<u>-8</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>-5</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>-1</u>
Step 5:	γ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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Step 3:		-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	6	7	8
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Pancake Flipping Problem

- The chef is sloppy; he prepares an unordered stack of pancakes of different sizes
- The waiter wants to rearrange them (so that the smallest winds up on top, and so on, down to the largest at the bottom)
- He does it by flipping over several from the top, repeating this as many times as necessary



Christos Papadimitriou and William H. Gates flip pancakes

Pancake Flipping Problem: Formulation

- Goal: Given a stack of n pancakes, what is the minimum number of flips to rearrange them into perfect stack?
 - Input: Permutation π
 - Output: A series of prefix reversals ρ_1, \dots, ρ_t transforming π into the identity permutation such that t is minimum
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Pancake Flipping Problem: Greedy Algorithm

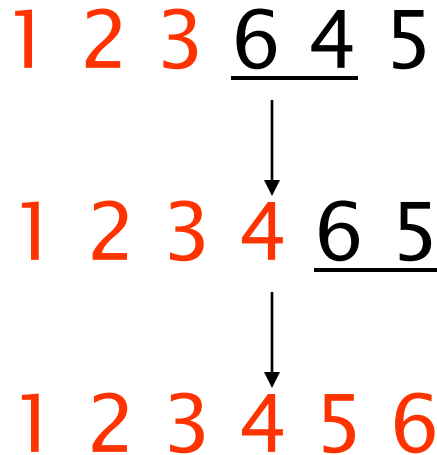
- Greedy approach: 2 prefix reversals at most to place a pancake in its right position, $2n - 2$ steps total at most
 - William Gates and Christos Papadimitriou showed in the mid-1970s that this problem can be solved by at most $\frac{5}{3}(n + 1)$ *prefix reversals*
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Sorting By Reversals: A Greedy Algorithm

- If sorting permutation $\pi = 1\ 2\ 3\ 6\ 4\ 5$, the first three elements are already in order so it does not make any sense to break them.
 - The length of the already sorted prefix of π is denoted $prefix(\pi)$
 - $prefix(\pi) = 3$
 - This results in an idea for a greedy algorithm: increase $prefix(\pi)$ at every step
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Greedy Algorithm: An Example

- Doing so, π can be sorted



- Number of steps to sort permutation of length n is at most $(n - 1)$

Greedy Algorithm: Pseudocode

SimpleReversalSort(π)

1 **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n - 1$

2 $j \leftarrow$ position of element i in π (i.e., $\pi_j = i$)

3 **if** $j \neq i$

4 $\pi \leftarrow \pi * \rho(i, j)$

5 **output** π

6 **if** π is the identity permutation

7 **return**

Analyzing SimpleReversalSort

- SimpleReversalSort does not guarantee the smallest number of reversals and takes five steps on $\pi = 6\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5$:
 - Step 1: 1 6 2 3 4 5
 - Step 2: 1 2 6 3 4 5
 - Step 3: 1 2 3 6 4 5
 - Step 4: 1 2 3 4 6 5
 - Step 5: 1 2 3 4 5 6
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Analyzing SimpleReversalSort (cont'd)

- But it can be sorted in two steps:

$$\pi = 6 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5$$

- Step 1: 5 4 3 2 1 6

- Step 2: 1 2 3 4 5 6

- So, SimpleReversalSort(π) is not optimal
- Optimal poly-time algorithms are unknown for NP-hard problems; approximation algorithms are used

Approximation Algorithms

- These algorithms find approximate solutions rather than optimal solutions
- The approximation ratio of an algorithm A on input π is:

$$A(\pi) / \text{OPT}(\pi)$$

where

$A(\pi)$ - solution produced by algorithm A
 $\text{OPT}(\pi)$ - optimal solution of the problem

Approximation Ratio/Performance Guarantee

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Adjacencies and Breakpoints

$$\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \pi_3 \dots \pi_{n-1} \pi_n$$

- A pair of elements π_i and π_{i+1} are **adjacent** if

$$\pi_{i+1} = \pi_i \pm 1$$

- For example:

$$\pi = 1 \ 9 \ \underline{3} \ \underline{4} \ \underline{7} \ \underline{8} \ 2 \ \underline{6} \ 5$$

- (3, 4) or (7, 8) and (6,5) are adjacent pairs

Breakpoints

There is a **breakpoint** between any adjacent element that are non-consecutive:

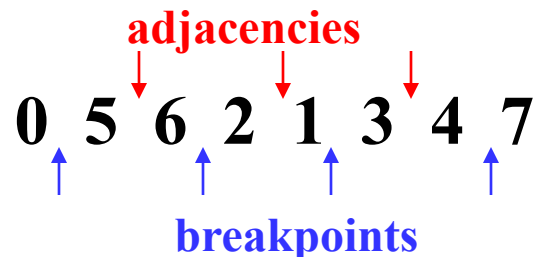
$$\pi = 1 \mid 9 \mid 3 \ 4 \mid 7 \ 8 \mid 2 \mid 6 \ 5$$

- Pairs $(1,9)$, $(9,3)$, $(4,7)$, $(8,2)$ and $(2,6)$ form breakpoints of permutation π
- $b(\pi)$ - # breakpoints in permutation π

Adjacency & Breakpoints

- An **adjacency** - a pair of adjacent elements that are **consecutive**
- A **breakpoint** - a pair of adjacent elements that are **not consecutive**

$\pi = 5 \ 6 \ 2 \ 1 \ 3 \ 4 \longrightarrow$ Extend π with $\pi_0 = 0$ and $\pi_7 = 7$



Extending Permutations

- We put two elements $\pi_0 = 0$ and $\pi_{n+1} = n+1$ at the ends of π

Example:

$$\pi = 1 \mid 9 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 2 \mid 6 \mid 5$$



Extending with 0 and 10

$$\pi = 0 \mid 1 \mid 9 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 2 \mid 6 \mid 5 \mid 10$$

Note: A new breakpoint was created after extending

Reversal Distance and Breakpoints

- Each reversal eliminates at most 2 breakpoints.

$$\pi = 2 \ 3 \ 1 \ 4 \ 6 \ 5$$

$$0 \mid \underline{2 \ 3} \mid 1 \mid 4 \mid 6 \ 5 \mid 7$$

$$b(\pi) = 5$$

$$0 \ 1 \mid \underline{3 \ 2} \mid 4 \mid 6 \ 5 \mid 7$$

$$b(\pi) = 4$$

$$0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \mid \underline{6 \ 5} \mid 7$$

$$b(\pi) = 2$$

$$0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7$$

$$b(\pi) = 0$$

Reversal Distance and Breakpoints

- Each reversal eliminates at most 2 breakpoints.
- This implies:

$$\text{reversal distance} \geq \# \text{breakpoints} / 2$$

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$$b(\pi) = 0$$

Sorting By Reversals: A Better Greedy Algorithm

BreakPointReversalSort(π)

- 1 **while** $b(\pi) > 0$
 - 2 Among all possible reversals,
choose reversal ρ minimizing $b(\pi \cdot \rho)$
 - 3 $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cdot \rho(i, j)$
 - 4 **output** π
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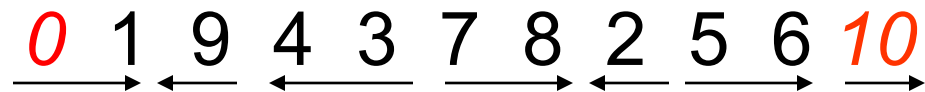
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Problem: this algorithm may work forever

Strips

- Strip: an interval between two consecutive breakpoints in a permutation
 - Decreasing strip: *strip* of elements in decreasing order (e.g. 6 5 and 3 2).
 - Increasing strip: *strip* of elements in increasing order (e.g. 7 8)



- A single-element strip can be declared either increasing or decreasing. We will choose to declare them as decreasing with exception of the strips with 0 and $n+1$

Reducing the Number of Breakpoints

Theorem 1:

If permutation π contains at least one decreasing strip, then there exists a reversal ρ which decreases the number of breakpoints (i.e. $b(\pi \cdot \rho) < b(\pi)$)

Things To Consider

- For $\pi = 1\ 4\ 6\ 5\ 7\ 8\ 3\ 2$

$0\ 1\ |4|\ 6\ 5\ |7\ 8|\ 3\ 2\ |9\quad b(\pi) = 5$

- Choose decreasing strip with the smallest element k in π ($k = 2$ in this case)
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Things To Consider (cont'd)

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- Choose decreasing strip with the smallest element k in π ($k = 2$ in this case)
- Find $k - 1$ in the permutation
- Reverse the segment between k and $k-1$:

□ $0\ 1\ |4|\ 6\ 5\ |7\ 8|\ 3\ 2|\ 9$ $b(\pi) = 5$



□ $0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ |8\ 7|\ 5\ 6|\ 4|\ 9$ $b(\pi) = 4$

Reducing the Number of Breakpoints Again

- If there is no decreasing strip, there may be no reversal ρ that reduces the number of breakpoints (i.e. $b(\pi \cdot \rho) \geq b(\pi)$ for any reversal ρ).
 - By reversing an increasing strip (# of breakpoints stay unchanged), we will create a decreasing strip at the next step. Then the number of breakpoints will be reduced in the next step (theorem 1).
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Things To Consider (cont'd)

- There are no decreasing strips in π , for:

$$\pi = \underline{0} \ \underline{1} \ \underline{2} \mid \underline{5} \ \underline{6} \ \underline{7} \mid \underline{3} \ \underline{4} \mid \underline{8} \quad b(\pi) = 3$$

$$\pi \cdot \rho(6,7) = \underline{0} \ \underline{1} \ \underline{2} \mid \underline{5} \ \underline{6} \ \underline{7} \mid \underline{4} \ \underline{3} \mid \underline{8} \quad b(\pi) = 3$$

- ✓ $\rho(6,7)$ does not change the # of breakpoints
- ✓ $\rho(6,7)$ creates a decreasing strip thus guaranteeing that the next step will decrease the # of breakpoints.

ImprovedBreakpointReversalSort

ImprovedBreakpointReversalSort(π)

```
1 while  $b(\pi) > 0$ 
2   if  $\pi$  has a decreasing strip
3     Among all possible reversals, choose reversal  $\rho$ 
           that minimizes  $b(\pi \cdot \rho)$ 
4   else
5     Choose a reversal  $\rho$  that flips an increasing strip in  $\pi$ 
6      $\pi \leftarrow \pi \cdot \rho$ 
7     output  $\pi$ 
8 return
```

ImprovedBreakpointReversalSort: Performance Guarantee

- *ImprovedBreakPointReversalSort* is an approximation algorithm with a performance guarantee of at most 4
 - It eliminates at least one breakpoint in every two steps; at most $2b(\pi)$ steps
 - Approximation ratio: $2b(\pi) / d(\pi)$
 - Optimal algorithm eliminates at most 2 breakpoints in every step: $d(\pi) \geq b(\pi) / 2$
 - Performance guarantee:
 - $(2b(\pi) / d(\pi)) \geq [2b(\pi) / (b(\pi) / 2)] = 4$