





Genome Rearrangements - Continued



Minimum Strategy	
current stack	next stack
 4215367	5 →  3512467

Maximum Strategy	
current stack	next stack
 4215367	4 →  5124367

A Greedy Algorithm for Sorting by Reversals

- When sorting the permutation, $\Pi = 1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 5$, one notices that the first three elements are already in order.
- So it does not make sense to break them apart.
- The length of the already sorted prefix of Π is denoted as $prefix(\Pi) = 3$
- This inspires the following simple *greedy* algorithm

while $prefix(\Pi) < len(\Pi)$:
 perform a reversal $\rho(prefix(\Pi) + 1, k)$ such that $prefix(\Pi)$ increases by at least 1.

- Such a reversal must always exist
- Finding, k , is as simple as finding the index of the minimum value of the remaining unsorted part

Greedy Reversal Sort: Example

Step1 : $\Pi_1 = 1, 2, 3, \underline{6}, 4, 5$ $\rho(4, 5)$

Step2 : $\Pi_2 = 1, 2, 3, \underline{4}, \underline{6}, 5$ $\rho(5, 6)$

Done : $\Pi_3 = 1, 2, 3, 4, \underline{5}, \underline{6}$

- The number of steps to sort any permutation of length n is at most $(n - 1)$

Greedy Reversal Sort as code

```
def GreedyReversalSort(pi):
    t = 0
    for i in xrange(len(pi)-1):
        j = pi.index(min(pi[i:]))
        if (j != i):
            pi = pi[:i] + [v for v in reversed(pi[i:j+1])] + pi[j+1:]
            print "rho(%2d,%2d) = %s" % (i+1,j+1,pi)
            t += 1
    return t

print GreedyReversalSort([3,4,2,1,5,6,7,10,9,8])
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rho(1, 4) = [1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 9, 8]

rho(3, 4) = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 9, 8]

rho(8,10) = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]

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Analyzing GreedyReversalSort()

- GreedyReversalSort requires at most $n - 1$ steps
- For example, on $\Pi = 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, t = 5$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_1 &: 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \\ \rho(1, 2) &: 1, 6, 2, 3, 4, 5 \\ \rho(2, 3) &: 1, 2, 6, 3, 4, 5 \\ \rho(3, 4) &: 1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 5 \\ \rho(4, 5) &: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5 \\ \rho(5, 6) &: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\end{aligned}$$

- But there is a solution with far fewer flips

Greed Gone Wrong

- The same sequence sorted with two reversals

$$\Pi : 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

$$\rho(1, 6) : 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 6$$

$$\rho(1, 5) : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

- Note, this solution makes no progress (no elements of the permutation are placed in their correct order) after its first move
- Yet it beats a greedy approach handily.
- So SimpleReversalSort(π) is correct (as a sorting routine), but non-optimal
- For many problems there is no known optimal algorithm, in such cases *approximation algorithms* are often used.

Approximation Algorithms

- Today's algorithms find approximate solutions rather than optimal solutions
- The *approximation ratio* of an algorithm, \mathcal{A} on input Π is:

$$r = \frac{\mathcal{A}(\Pi)}{OPT(\Pi)}$$

- where:
 - $\mathcal{A}(\Pi)$ is the number of steps using the given algorithm
 - $OPT(\Pi)$ is the number of steps required using, a possibly unknown, optimal algorithm

Performance Guarantees

- On an occasional input our approximation algorithm may give an optimal result, however we want to consider the value of r for the worst case input
- When our objective is to minimize something (like reversals in our case)

$$r = \max_{i=0}^{len(\Pi)!} \frac{\mathcal{A}(\Pi_i)}{OPT(\Pi_i)} \geq 1.0$$

- Or when our objective is to maximize something (like money)

$$r = \max_{i=0}^{len(\Pi)!} \frac{\mathcal{A}(\Pi_i)}{OPT(\Pi_i)} \leq 1.0$$

- Sounds cool in theory, but there are lots of open ends here
 - if we don't know $OPT(\Pi_i)$ how are we supposed to know how many steps it requires?
 - do we really need to test for all $len(\Pi)!$ possible inputs?

How do we get Approximation Ratios?

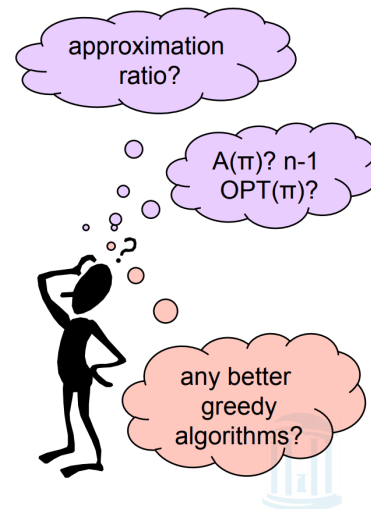
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                + pi[j+1:]  
    return pi
```

A(π)

Step 0: 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

OPT(π)?

Step 0: 6 1 2 3 4 5
Step 1: 5 4 3 2 1 6
Step 2: 1 2 3 4 5 6



New Idea: Adjacencies

- Recall breakpoints from last lecture. Adjacencies are the opposite.
- Assume a permutation:

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

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

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

- For example:

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

- (3,4) and (7,8) and (6,5) are adjcencies.

Adjacencies and Breakpoints

- *Breakpoints* occur between neighboring non-adjacent elements

$$\Pi = 1, | 9, | \underline{3}, \underline{4}, | \underline{7}, \underline{8}, | 2, | \underline{6}, \underline{5}$$

- There are 5 breakpoints in our permutation between pairs (1,9), (9,3), (4,7), (8,2) and (2,5)
- We define $b(\Pi)$ as the number of breakpoints in permutation Π



Extending Permutations

- One can place two elements, $\pi_0 = 0$ and $\pi_{n+1} = n + 1$ at the beginning and end of Π respectively

1, | 9, | 3, 4, | 7, 8, | 2, | 6, 5



$\Pi = 0$ 1, | 9, | 3, 4, | 7, 8, | 2, | 6, 5, | 10

- An additional breakpoint was created after extending
- An extended permutation of length n can have at most $(n + 1)$ breakpoints
- $(n - 1)$ between the original elements plus 2 for the extending elements

How Reversals Effect Breakpoints

- Breakpoints are the *targets* for sorting by reversals.
- Once they are removed, the permutation is sorted.
- Each "useful" reversal eliminates at least 1, and at most 2 breakpoints.
- Consider the following application of GreedyReversalSort(Extend(Π))

$\Pi = 2, 3, 1, 4, 6, 5$

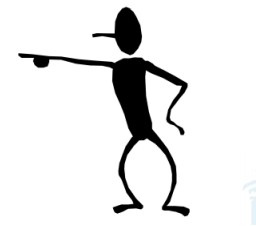
$0 \mid \underline{2, 3} \mid 1 \mid 4 \mid 6, 5 \mid 7 \quad b(\Pi) = 5$

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

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

$0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \underline{5, 6}, 7 \quad b(\Pi) = 0$

$$\text{required reversals} \geq \frac{b(\pi)}{2}$$



Sorting By Reversals: A second Greedy Algorithm

BreakpointReversalSort(π):

1. while $b(\pi) > 0$:
2. Among all possible reversals, choose reversal ρ minimizing $b(\pi)$
3. $\Pi \leftarrow \Pi \cdot \rho(i, j)$
4. output Π
5. return



The "greedy" concept here is to reduce as many breakpoints as possible at each step.

Does it always terminate?

What if no reversal reduces the number of breakpoints?

0 1 2 | 5 6 7 | 3 4 | 8 9

New Concept: *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 extension strips (with 0 and n+1)

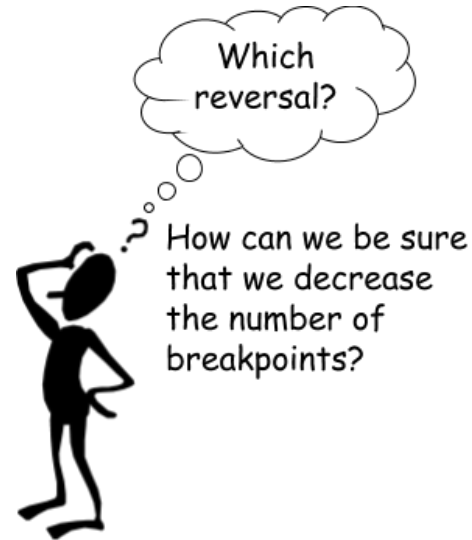
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Reducing the Number of Breakpoints

- Consider $\Pi = 1, 4, 6, 5, 7, 8, 3, 2$

$$\overrightarrow{0, 1}, \overleftarrow{4}, \overleftarrow{6, 5}, \overrightarrow{7, 8}, \overleftarrow{3, 2}, \overrightarrow{9} \quad b(p) = 5$$

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



Things to Consider

- Consider $\Pi = 1, 4, 6, 5, 7, 8, 3, 2$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} \overrightarrow{} & & \overleftarrow{} & & \overleftarrow{} & & \overrightarrow{} & & \overleftarrow{} & & \overrightarrow{} \\ 0, 1, | & 4, | & 6, 5, | & 7, 8, | & 3, 2, | & 9 & & & & & \\ \overleftarrow{} & & & & & & & & & & \end{array} \quad b(p) = 5$$

- Choose the decreasing strip with the smallest element k in Π
 - It'll always be the rightmost element of that strip
- Find $k - 1$ in the permutation
 - it'll always be flanked by a breakpoint
- Reverse the segment between k and $k - 1$

Things to Consider

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$$\overrightarrow{0, 1, 2, 3}, \overleftarrow{8, 7}, \overrightarrow{5, 6}, \overleftarrow{4}, \overrightarrow{9} \quad b(p) = 4$$

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Reversal Examples

- Consider $\Pi = 1, 4, 6, 5, 7, 8, 3, 2$

$$\overrightarrow{0, 1, 2, 3, 4}, | \overleftarrow{6, 5}, | \overrightarrow{7, 8, 9} \quad b(p) = 2$$

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$\overrightarrow{0, 1, 2, 3, 4}, \overleftarrow{6, 5}, \overrightarrow{7, 8, 9}$

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$$b(p) = 5$$

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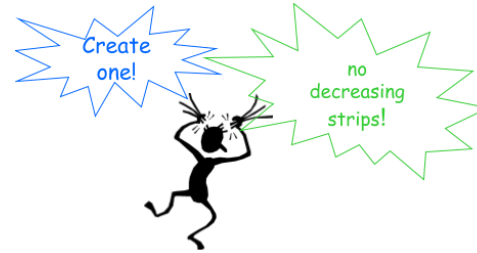
$$d(\Pi) = 3$$



Potential Gotcha

$$\overrightarrow{0, 1, 2}, \overrightarrow{5, 6, 7}, \overrightarrow{3, 4}, \overrightarrow{8, 9} \quad b(p) = 3$$

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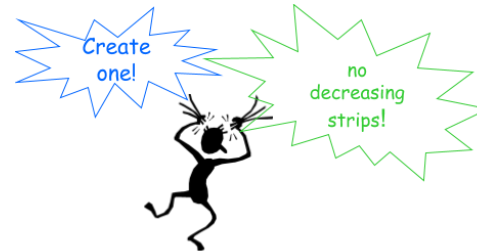
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Next Time

- Look at the Code
- How about performance?

