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### **Mutations, Duplications/Coalescents & Recombinations**



### "The minimal number of recombinations for a set of sequences"





## The 1983 Kreitman Data & the infinite site assumption

(M. Kreitman 1983 Nature from Hartl & Clark 1999)

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#### Infinite Site Assumption (Otha & Kimura, 1971)

#### Each position is at most hit by one mutation

### **Recoded Kreitman data**

- i. (0,1) ancestor state known.
- ii. Multiple copies represented by 1 sequences
- iii. Non-informative sites could be removed

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# Compatibility





i. 3 & 4 can be placed on same tree without extra cost.

ii. 3 & 6 cannot.

Definition: Two columns are incompatible, if they are more expensive jointly, than separately on the cheapest tree.

Compatibility can be determined without reference to a specific tree!!



(k positions can have at most (k+1) types without recombination)
ex. Data set:



If you equate  $R_M$  with expected number of recombinations, this could be used as an estimator. Unfortunately,  $R_M$  is a gross underestimate of the real number of recombinations.





Define R:  $R_{j,k}$  is optimal solution to restricted interval., then:  $R_{j,k} = \max\{R_{j,i} + B_{i,k} : i = j, j + 1, .., k - 1\}$ 

- 11 sequences of alcohol dehydrogenase gene in *Drosophila melanogaster*. Can be reduced to 9 sequences (3 of 11 are identical).
- 3200 bp long, 43 segregating sites.

Methods	# of rec events obtained
Hudson & Kaplan (1985)	5
Myers & Griffiths (2002)	6
Song & Hein (2002). Set theory based approach.	7
Song & Hein (2003). Current program using rooted trees.	7

We have checked that it is possible to construct an ancestral recombination graph using only **7** recombination events.

## **Recombination Parsimony**

Hein, 1990,93 & Song & Hein, 2002+



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### Metrics on Trees based on subtree transfers.



Pretending the **easy** problem (unrooted) is the **real** problem (age ordered), causes violation of the triangle inequality:



# **Tree Combinatorics and Neighborhoods**

Observe that the size of the unit-neighbourhood of a tree does not grow nearly as fast as the number of trees



 $\delta(T) :=$  number of trees one SPR operation away from a given tree T.

Allen & Steel (2001)

Song (2003+)



## The Good News: Quality of the estimated local tree



#### The Bad News: Actual, potentially detectable and detected recombinations





## **Branch and Bound Algorithm**



- 1. The number of ancestral sequences in the ACs.
- 2. Number of ancestral sequences in the ACs for neighbor pairs
- AC compatible with the minimal ARG. 3.
- AC compatible with close-to-minimal ARG. 4.

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