Sept 2. Structure and Organization of Genomes

Today: Genetic and Physical Mapping

Assignments:	Gibson & Muse, pp.4-10
	Brown, pp. 126-160
	Olson et al., Science 245: 1434

New homework:Due, before class, on Sept 9 (please submit answers on-line)

Sept 9. Forward and Reverse Genetics

Assignments: Gibson & Muse, pp.212-234 Brown, pp. 198-206 Hutchison *et al.*, Science 286: 2165

Genetic and Physical Mapping

The ultimate goal of mapping is to identify the gene(s) responsible for a given phenotype or the mutation responsible for a specific variant.

The initial steps in mapping are to:

- 1. establish the proximity of genes or traits to one another
- 2. assign the genes to a particular chromosome

What is the difference between a genetic and a physical map?

Genetic maps depict relative positions of loci based on the degree of recombination. This approach studies the inheritance/assortment of traits by genetic analysis.

Physical maps show the actual (physical) distance between loci (in nucleotides). This approach applies techniques of molecular biology.











































Olson, Hood, Cantor, Botstein (1989) Science 245: 1434 A common language for physical mapping the human genome

- 1. What is an STS?
- 2. How many people read the assigned (2-page) article?
- 3. Why does an STS need to be a unique sequence?
- 4. How will STS technology "solve the problem of merging data from many sources"? (And what kind of data are they taking about?)
- 5. How does one find an STS in the genome?
- 6. Technically, how are STSs recovered and assayed?
- 7. What are some of the problems in developing contig maps?
- 8. How will STSs assist in the assembly of contig maps?
- 9. What are some of the disadvantages of restriction maps?
- 10. What are the advantages of using STSs as genomic landmarks?
- 11. How many STSs are needed to be useful?



