## Reference-agnostic Representation and Visualization of Pan-genomes (Supplementary Materials)

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## An Example of PGV's Consensus Algorithm

In the example in Figure S1(b) we assume that PGV arbitrarily starts from C2, and initializes the consensus ordering 2  $O = \{C2\}$ . Then, PGV collects the frequencies for the neighbors of C2: C6 occurs four times, C3 occurs three times, 3 C1 occurs two times, and C5 occurs one time. C6 with majority vote is added to O, resulting in  $O = \{C6 \rightarrow C2\}$ . 4 In Step 2, PGV collects the frequencies for the neighbors of C6. In the top two, only C5 is not in O, and thus we 5 extend  $O = \{C5 \rightarrow C6 \rightarrow C2\}$ . Similarly, in Step 4 and 5, C4 and C3 are appended to the consensus. In Step 6, C3 6 cannot be extended because both its top two neighbors are already in O. Thus PGV starts a new path by arbitrarily 7 picking C1, thus now  $O = \{C1, C3 \rightarrow C4 \rightarrow C5 \rightarrow C6 \rightarrow C2\}$ . The top two neighbors of  $C_1$  are H and  $C_2$ . Since  $C_2$ 8 is in O, only H is appended to  $C_1$ . PGV cannot extend H because H is a boundary. In Step 8, a new path is created 9 which is extended in Step 9 to the other chromosome boundary. The preliminary set of consensus ordering is thus 10  $O = \{p_1 = C3 \rightarrow C4 \rightarrow C5 \rightarrow C6 \rightarrow C2, p_2 = C1 \rightarrow H, p_3 = C7 \rightarrow T\}$ . At this point, PGV aligns  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  to 11 the individual genome orderings to decide their orientations. For instance, the alignment score of  $H \rightarrow C1$  is higher 12 than the alignment score of  $C1 \rightarrow H$ , so  $p_2$  is reversed. Paths  $p_1$  and  $p_3$  are left as is. Then, PGV checks whether  $p_1$ , 13  $p_2$  and  $p_3$  have a good agreement with the input genomes. For instance, the alignment score of  $p_1$  against the five 14 input genomes is 4, 3, 5, 3, and 3, respectively. The total score for  $p_1$  is 18, which is lower than 80% of the highest 15 possible score, which is 0.8\*5\*5=20. Based on this, PGV considers  $p_1$  not to be a good ordering and it breaks it, 16 as follows. The highest scoring sub-path of  $p_1$  is  $C3 \rightarrow C4 \rightarrow C5 \rightarrow C6$  on the majority of the input genomes, so 17 PGV splits  $p_1$  into  $p_4 = C3 \rightarrow C4 \rightarrow C5 \rightarrow C6$  and  $p_5 = C2$ , thus now  $O = \{p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$ . PGV again checks the 18 alignments of  $p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5$  in O. If any of them is not sufficiently high (i.e., at least 80% of the maximum score), 19 it will be broken again. Once this iterative process is concluded, each path in O is aligned against the genomes 20 and the starting position of its best alignment is recorded. The position with most votes (majority) determines the 21 coordinate of each path. For instance, the best alignment of  $p_4$  on the input genomes are at position 4,3,4,6 and 5, 22

- respectively. Thus,  $p_4$  is given coordinate 4. Similarly, PGV assigns  $p_2$  position 1,  $p_3$  position 8 and  $p_5$  position
- <sup>2</sup> 3. Based on these coordinate, PGV orders the paths as  $p_2 \rightarrow p_5 \rightarrow p_4 \rightarrow p_3$  which provides the final consensus
- <sup>3</sup> ordering  $H \to C_1 \to C_2 \to C_3 \to C_4 \to C_5 \to C_6 \to C7 \to T$ .



**Figure S1.** A detailed example of PGV's processing steps. (a) the input to PGV is a set of n = 5 genomes; PGV first carries out a multiple sequence alignment, then classifies each alignment block into core blocks (C), dispensable block (D) and unique block (U); each genome is then converted in an ordered sequence of C-, D-, and U-blocks, each with its corresponding identifier; (b) in the second phase, PGV computes the consensus ordering of the common blocks; red C-nodes are the active nodes; green C-nodes are the neighbors selected to be added to the linear ordering



**Figure S2.** Rice pan-genome analysis using PGV. The x-axis represents the coordinates of the consensus ordering of core blocks computed by PGV. Genomes coordinates for the core blocks are used on the y-axis (staggered to avoid overlapping lines).