

# Package ‘xegaPermGene’

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**Description** An implementation of representation-dependent gene level operations for genetic algorithms with genes representing permutations: Initialization of genes, mutation, and crossover. The crossover operation provided is position-based crossover (Syswerda, G., Chap. 21 in Davis, L. (1991, ISBN:0-442-00173-8). For mutation, several variants are included: Order-based mutation (Syswerda, G., Chap. 21 in Davis, L. (1991, ISBN:0-442-00173-8), randomized Lin-Kernighan heuristics (Croes, G. A. (1958) <[doi:10.1287/opre.6.6.791](https://doi.org/10.1287/opre.6.6.791)> and Lin, S. and Kernighan. B. W. (1973) <[doi:10.1287/opre.21.2.498](https://doi.org/10.1287/opre.21.2.498)>), and randomized greedy operators. A random mix operator for mutation selects a mutation variant randomly.

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|-------|---------------------------|
| Decay | <i>Exponential decay.</i> |
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### Description

Exponential decay.

### Usage

Decay(t, lambda = 0.05)

### Arguments

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| t      | Number of objects.          |
| lambda | Exponential decay constant. |

### Value

Vector with t elements with values of exponential decay.

### See Also

Other Utility: [without\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
Decay(5, 0.4)
Decay(10, 0.4)
```

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| lFxegePermGene | <i>Generate local functions and objects.</i> |
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## Description

lFxegePermGene is a list of functions which contains a definition of all local objects required for the use of genetic operators with the We refer to this object as local configuration.

## Usage

```
lFxegePermGene
```

## Format

An object of class `list` of length 21.

## Details

We use the local function list (the local configuration) for

1. replacing all constants with constant functions.  
Rationale: We need one formal argument (the local function list lF) and we can dispatch multiple functions. E.g. lF\$verbose()
2. for dynamically binding a local function with a definition from a proper function factory. E.g. the selection methods lF\$SelectGene and SelectMate.
3. for gene representation specific special functions: lF\$InitGene, lF\$DecodeGene, lF\$EvalGene lF\$ReplicateGene, ...

## See Also

Other Configuration: [xegePermCrossoverFactory\(\)](#), [xegePermMutationFactory\(\)](#)

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without                      *Returns elements of vector x without elements in y.*

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### Description

Returns elements of vector x without elements in y.

### Usage

```
without(x, y)
```

### Arguments

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| x | Vector. |
| y | Vector. |

### Value

Vector.

### See Also

Other Utility: [Decay\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
a<-sample(1:15,15, replace=FALSE)
b<-c(1, 3, 5)
without(a, b)
```

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xegaPermCross2Gene            *Position-based crossover of 2 genes.*

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### Description

xegaPermCross2Gene determines a random subschedule of random length.

It copies the random subschedule into a new gene. The rest of the positions of the new scheme is filled with the elements of the other gene to complete the permutation. This is done for each gene.

### Usage

```
xegaPermCross2Gene(gg1, gg2, lF)
```

**Arguments**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| gg1 | Permutation.                                  |
| gg2 | Permutation.                                  |
| lF  | Local configuration of the genetic algorithm. |

**Value**

List of 2 permutations.

**References**

Syswerda, G. (1991): Schedule Optimization Using Genetic Algorithms. In: Davis, L. (Ed.): Handbook of Genetic Algorithms, Chapter 21, p. 343. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York. (ISBN:0-442-00173-8)

**See Also**

Other Crossover: [xegaPermCrossGene\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(lFxegaPermGene)
gene2<-xegaPermInitGene(lFxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, lFxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene2, lFxegaPermGene)
newgenes<-xegaPermCross2Gene(gene1, gene2)
xegaPermDecodeGene(newgenes[[1]], lFxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(newgenes[[2]], lFxegaPermGene)
```

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xegaPermCrossGene      *Position-based crossover of 2 genes.*

---

**Description**

xegaPermCrossGene determines a random subschedule of random length.

It copies the random subschedule into a new gene. The rest of the positions of the new scheme is filled with the elements of the other gene to complete the permutation.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermCrossGene(gg1, gg2, lF)
```

**Arguments**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| gg1 | Permutation.                                  |
| gg2 | Permutation.                                  |
| lF  | Local configuration of the genetic algorithm. |

**Value**

A list of 2 permutations.

**References**

Syswerda, G. (1991): Schedule Optimization Using Genetic Algorithms. In: Davis, L. (Ed.): Handbook of Genetic Algorithms, Chapter 21, p. 343. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York. (ISBN:0-442-00173-8)

**See Also**

Other Crossover: [xegaPermCross2Gene\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
gene2<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene2, 1FxegaPermGene)
newgenes<-xegaPermCrossGene(gene1, gene2)
xegaPermDecodeGene(newgenes[[1]], 1FxegaPermGene)
```

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xegaPermCrossoverFactory

*Configure the crossover function of a genetic algorithm.*

---

**Description**

xegaPermCrossoverFactory implements the selection of one of the crossover functions in this package by specifying a text string. The selection fails ungracefully (produces a runtime error) if the label does not match. The functions are specified locally.

Current support:

1. Crossover functions with two kids:
  - (a) "Cross2Gene" returns xegaPermCross2Gene.
2. Crossover functions with one kid:
  - (a) "CrossGene" returns xegaPermCrossGene.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermCrossoverFactory(method = "Cross2Gene")
```

**Arguments**

method            A string specifying the crossover function.

**Value**

A crossover function for genes.

**See Also**

Other Configuration: [lFxegaPermGene](#), [xegaPermMutationFactory\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
XGene<-xegaPermCrossoverFactory("Cross2Gene")
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(lFxegaPermGene)
gene2<-xegaPermInitGene(lFxegaPermGene)
XGene(gene1, gene2, lFxegaPermGene)
```

---

xegaPermDecodeGene      *Decode a permutation.*

---

**Description**

xegaPermDecodeGene decodes a permutation gene.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene, lF)
```

**Arguments**

- gene                      Permutation.
- lF                         Local configuration of the genetic algorithm.

**Details**

xegaPermDecodeGene is the identity function.

**Value**

A permutation gene.

**Examples**

```
g<-xegaPermInitGene(lFxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(g)
```

---

xegaPermGene

*Package xegaPermGene.*


---

## Description

Genetic operations for permutation genes.

## Details

Permutation genes are a representation of a tour of a Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP).

For permutation genes, the xegaPermGene package provides

- Gene initialization.
- Decoding of parameters.
- Mutation functions as well as a function factory for configuration.
- Crossover functions as well as a function factory for configuration.

## Permutation Gene Representation

A permutation gene is a named list with at least the following elements:

- `$gene1`: The gene must be a permutation vector.
- `$fit`: The fitness value of the gene (for `EvalGeneDet` and `EvalGeneU`) or the mean fitness (for stochastic functions evaluated with `EvalGeneStoch`).
- `$evaluated`: Boolean. Has the gene been evaluated?
- `$evalFail`: Boolean. Has the evaluation of the gene failed?

## Abstract Interface of a Problem Environment for the TSP

A problem environment `penv` for the TSP must provide:

- `$name()`: Returns the name of the problem environment.
- `$geneLength()`: The number of integers of a permutation. Used in `InitGene`.
- `$dist()`: The distance matrix of the TSP.
- `$cities()`: A list of city names or `1:numberOfCities`.
- `$f(permutation, gene, lF)`: Returns the fitness of the permutation (the length of a tour).
- `$solution()`: The minimal tour length (if known).
- `$path()`: An optimal TSP tour.
- `$show(permutation)`: Prints the tour with the distances and the cumulative distances between the cities.
- TSP Heuristics:
  - `$greedy(startposition, k)`: Computes a greedy tour of length `k`.
  - `$kBestgreedy(k)`: Computes the best greedy tour of length `k`.



- `$rnd2Opt(permutation, maxTries)`: Generate a new permutation by a random 2-change. `maxTries` is the maximal number of trials to find a better permutation. `$rnd2Opt` either returns a better permutation or, if no better permutation can be found in `maxTries` attempts, the original permutation.
- `$LinKernighan(permutation, maxTries)`: Returns a permutation generated by a random sequence of 2-changes with improving performance. The optimality criterion of the `k` Lin-Kernighan heuristics is replaced by the necessity of finding a sequence of random 2-changes with strictly increasing performance.

### Abstract Interface of Mutation Functions

Each mutation function has the following function signature:

```
newGene<-Mutate(gene, lF)
```

All local parameters of the mutation function configured are expected in the local configuration `lF`.

### Local Constants of Mutation Functions

The local constants of a mutation function determine the behavior of the function.

|  | Constant                            | Default | Used in  |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|--|
|  | <code>lF\$BitMutationRate1()</code> | 0.005   | <code>xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased</code>  |
|  | <code>lF\$Lambda()</code>           | 0.05    | <code>xegaPermMutateGenekInversion</code><br><code>xegaPermMutateGenekGreedy</code><br><code>xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy</code> |
|  | <code>lF\$max2Opt()</code>          | 100     | <code>xegaPermMutateGene2Opt</code><br><code>xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK</code>   |

### Abstract Interface of Crossover Functions

The signatures of the abstract interface to the 2 families of crossover functions are:

```
ListOfTwoGenes<-Crossover2(gene1, gene2, lF)
```

```
newGene<-Crossover(gene1, gene2, lF)
```

### The Architecture of the xegaX-Packages

The `xegaX`-packages are a family of R-packages which implement eXtended Evolutionary and Genetic Algorithms (`xega`). The architecture has 3 layers, namely the user interface layer, the population layer, and the gene layer:

- The user interface layer (package `xega`) provides a function call interface and configuration support for several algorithms: genetic algorithms (`sga`), permutation-based genetic algorithms (`sgPerm`), derivation-free algorithms as e.g. differential evolution (`sgde`), grammar-based genetic programming (`sgp`) and grammatical evolution (`sge`).
- The population layer (package `xegaPopulation`) contains population-related functionality as well as support for population statistics dependent adaptive mechanisms and parallelization.
- The gene layer is split into a representation-independent and a representation-dependent part:

1. The representation-independent part (package `xegaSelectGene`) is responsible for variants of selection operators, evaluation strategies for genes, as well as profiling and timing capabilities.
2. The representation-dependent part consists of the following packages:
  - `xegaGaGene` for binary coded genetic algorithms.
  - `xegaPermGene` for permutation-based genetic algorithms.
  - `xegaDfGene` for derivation-free algorithms as e.g. differential evolution.
  - `xegaGpGene` for grammar-based genetic algorithms.
  - `xegaGeGene` for grammatical evolution algorithms.

The packages `xegaDerivationTrees` and `xegaBNF` support the last two packages: `xegaBNF` essentially provides a grammar compiler and `xegaDerivationTrees` is an abstract data type for derivation trees.

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## URL

`<https://github.com/ageyerschulz/xegaPermGene>`

## Installation

From CRAN by `install.packages('xegaPermGene')`

## Author(s)

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/ageyerschulz/xegaPermGene>

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xegaPermInitGene      *Initialize a gene with a permutation of integers*

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**Description**

xegaPermInitGene generates a random permutation with a given length n.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermInitGene(1F)
```

**Arguments**

1F                      Local configuration of the genetic algorithm.

**Details**

In the permutation representation of package xegaPerm, a *gene* is a list with

1. \$evaluated: Boolean: TRUE if the fitness is known.
2. \$fit: The fitness of the genotype of \$gene1.
3. \$gene1: The permutation (the genotype).

**Value**

A permutation gene.

**Examples**

```
xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
```

---

xegaPermMutateGene2Opt      *Mutate a gene (by a random 2-Opt move).*

---

**Description**

xegaPermMutateGene2Opt mutates a permutation.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermMutateGene2Opt(gene, 1F)
```

**Arguments**

gene            A Permutation.  
 1F              Local configuration of the genetic algorithm.

**Details**

This operator is an implementation of the 2-Opt move due to Croes (1958).  
 Two edges are exchanged, if the exchange improves the result.

**Value**

A Permutation.

**References**

Croes, G. A. (1958): A Method for Solving Traveling-Salesman Problems. *Operations Research*, 6(6), pp. 791-812. <doi:10.1287/opre.6.6.791>

**See Also**

Other Mutation: [xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased](#)  
[xegaPermMutateGeneKInversion\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneKOptLK\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateMix\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
gene<-xegaPermMutateGene2Opt(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene, 1FxegaPermGene)
```

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`xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy`

*Mutate a gene (by inserting the best greedy path at a random start position with a random length of k).*

---

**Description**

`xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy` mutates a permutation by inserting the best greedy path of length `k` at a random position start.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy(gene, 1F)
```

**Arguments**

gene            A Permutation.  
 1F              Local configuration of the genetic algorithm.

**Details**

The path length  $k$  is exponentially decaying with exponential decay constant  $1F\$lambda()$ .

**Value**

A Permutation

**See Also**

Other Mutation: [xegaPermMutateGene2Opt\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneKInversion\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneKOptLK\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateMix\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
gene<-xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene, 1FxegaPermGene)
```

---

xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy

*Mutate a gene (by inserting a greedy path at a random start position with a random length of  $k$ ).*

---

**Description**

xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy mutates a permutation by inserting a greedy path of length  $k$  at a random position start.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy(gene, 1F)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| gene | A Permutation.                                |
| 1F   | Local configuration of the genetic algorithm. |

**Details**

The path length  $k$  is exponentially decaying with exponential decay constant  $lambda$ .

**Value**

A Permutation.

**See Also**

Other Mutation: [xegaPermMutateGene2Opt\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGenekInversion\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateMix\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
gene<-xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene, 1FxegaPermGene)
```

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`xegaPermMutateGenekInversion`

*Mutate a gene (k random inversions).*

---

**Description**

`xegaPermMutateGenekInversion` performs k random inversions. The number of inversions is exponentially decaying with exponential decay constant lambda.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermMutateGenekInversion(gene, 1F)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <code>gene</code> | A Permutation.                                |
| <code>1F</code>   | Local configuration of the genetic algorithm. |

**Details**

The only difference to the order-based mutation operator (Syswerda, 1991) is the exponential decay in the number of inversions.

1. The indices of a random subschedule are extracted.
2. The subschedule is extracted, permuted, and reinserted.

**Value**

A Permutation.

**References**

Syswerda, G. (1991): Schedule Optimization Using Genetic Algorithms. In: Davis, L. (Ed.): Handbook of Genetic Algorithms, Chapter 21, pp. 332-349. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York.

**See Also**

Other Mutation: [xegaPermMutateGene2Opt\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateMix\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
gene<-xegaPermMutateGenekInversion(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene, 1FxegaPermGene)
```

---

xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK

*Mutate a gene (by a random Lin-Kernighan k-OPT move).*

---

**Description**

xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK mutates a permutation.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK(gene, 1F)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| gene | A Permutation.                                |
| 1F   | Local configuration of the genetic algorithm. |

**Details**

This operator implements a random k-Opt move version of the Lin-Kernighan heuristic.

A sequence of random 2-Opt moves, all of which improve the result is executed.

**Value**

A Permutation.

**References**

Lin, S. and Kernighan. B. W. (1973): An Effective Heuristic Algorithm for the Traveling-Salesman Problem. *Operations Research*, 21(2), pp. 791-812. <doi:10.1287/opre.21.2.498>

**See Also**

Other Mutation: [xegaPermMutateGene2Opt\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGenekInversion\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateMix\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
gene<-xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene, 1FxegaPermGene)
```

---

`xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased`

*Mutate a gene (generalized order based mutation).*

---

**Description**

`xegaPermMutateGene` mutates a permutation. The per-position mutation rate is given by `1F$BitMutationRate1()`.

**Usage**

```
xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased(gene, 1F)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <code>gene</code> | A Permutation.                                |
| <code>1F</code>   | Local configuration of the genetic algorithm. |

**Details**

This operator implements a generalized order based mutation operator (Syswerda, 1991).

1. The indices of a random subschedule are extracted.
2. The subschedule is extracted, permuted, and reinserted.

**Value**

A Permutation.

**References**

Syswerda, G. (1991): Schedule Optimization Using Genetic Algorithms. In: Davis, L. (Ed.): Handbook of Genetic Algorithms, Chapter 21, pp. 332-349. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York. (ISBN:0-442-00173-8)

**See Also**

Other Mutation: [xegaPermMutateGene2Opt\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGenekInversion\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateMix\(\)](#)



## Examples

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
gene<-xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene, 1FxegaPermGene)
```

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|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| xegaPermMutateMix | <i>Mutation by a random mutation function.</i> |
|-------------------|--|

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## Description

A mutation function is randomly selected from the following list: `xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased`, `xegaPermMutateGenekInversion`, `xegaPermMutateGene2Opt`, `xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK`, `xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy`, `xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy`.

## Usage

```
xegaPermMutateMix(gene, 1F)
```

## Arguments

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| gene | A permutation.       |
| 1F   | Local configuration. |

## Value

A permutation.

## See Also

Other Mutation: [xegaPermMutateGene2Opt\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGenekInversion\(\)](#), [xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
gene1<-xegaPermInitGene(1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
gene<-xegaPermMutateMix(gene1, 1FxegaPermGene)
xegaPermDecodeGene(gene, 1FxegaPermGene)
```

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xegaPermMutationFactory

*Configure the mutation function of a genetic algorithm.*

---

## Description

xegaPermMutationFactory implements the selection of one of the gene mutation functions in this package by specifying a text string. The selection fails ungracefully (produces a runtime error) if the label does not match. The functions are specified locally.

Current Support:

1. "MutateGene" returns xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased.
2. "MutateGeneOrderBased" returns xegaPermMutateGeneOrderBased.
3. "MutateGenekInversion" returns xegaPermMutateGenekInversion.
4. "MutateGene2Opt" returns xegaPermMutateGene2Opt.
5. "MutateGenekOptLK" returns xegaPermMutateGenekOptLK.
6. "MutateGeneGreedy" returns xegaPermMutateGeneGreedy.
7. "MutateGeneBestGreedy" returns xegaPermMutateGeneBestGreedy.
8. "MutateGeneMix" returns xegaPermMutateMix.

## Usage

```
xegaPermMutationFactory(method = "MutateGene")
```

## Arguments

method            The name of the mutation method.

## Value

A permutation based mutation function.

## See Also

Other Configuration: [1FxegaPermGene](#), [xegaPermCrossoverFactory\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
xegaPermMutationFactory(method="MutateGene")
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