Constructing Evolutionary/Phylogenetic Trees

- 2 broad categories:
 - Distance-based methods
 - Ultrametric
 - Additive:
 - UPGMA
 - Transformed Distance
 - Neighbor-Joining
 - Character-based
 - Maximum Parsimony
 - Maximum Likelihood
 - Bayesian Methods

Ultrametric

- An ultrametric tree:
 - decreasing internal node labels
 - distance between two nodes is label of least common ancestor.
- An ultrametric distance matrix:
 - Symmetric matrix such that for every i, j, k, there is tie for maximum of D(i,j), D(j,k), D(i,k)



Ultrametric: Assumptions

- Molecular Clock Hypothesis, Zuckerkandl & Pauling, 1962: Accepted point mutations in amino acid sequence of a protein occurs at a constant rate.
 - Varies from protein to protein
 - Varies from one part of a protein to another

Ultrametric: Distances Computed



Additive-Distance Trees

Additive distance trees are edge-weighted trees, with distance between leaf nodes are exactly equal to length of path between nodes.





Unrooted Trees on 4 Taxa



Four-Point Condition

- For every four taxa, there exists a relabeling s.t. 1. $d_{AB} + d_{CD} < d_{AC} + d_{BD}$, and 2. $d_{AB} + d_{CD} < d_{AD} + d_{BC}$, and 3. $d_{AC} + d_{BD} = d_{AD} + d_{BC}$
- A tree is additive if and only if the four-point condition is true for every set of four points.



Unweighted pair-group method with arithmetic means (UPGMA)

	A	В	С
В	d_{AB}		
С	d _{AC}	d _{BC}	
D	d _{AD}	d_{BD}	d _{CD}



$$d_{(AB)C} = (d_{AC} + d_{BC}) / 2$$



Transformed Distance Method

- UPGMA makes errors when rate constancy among lineages does not hold.
- Remedy: introduce an outgroup & make corrections

$$D_{ij}' = \frac{D_{ij} - D_{io} - D_{jo}}{2} + \left(\begin{array}{c} \sum_{k=1}^{n} D_{ko} \\ n \end{array} \right)$$

Now apply UPGMA

Saitou & Nei: Neighbor-Joining Method

- Start with a star topology.
- Find the pair to separate such that the total length of the tree is minimized. The pair is then replaced by its arithmetic mean, and the process is repeated.

$$S_{12} = \frac{D_{12}}{2} + \frac{1}{2(n-2)} \sum_{k=3}^{n} (D_{1k} + D_{2k}) + \frac{1}{(n-2)} \sum_{3 \le i \le j \le n} D_{ij}$$

Neighbor-Joining



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Character-based Methods

- Input: characters, morphological features, sequences, etc.
- Output: phylogenetic tree that provides the history of what features changed. [Perfect Phylogeny Problem]
- one leaf/object, 1 edge per character, path ⇔changed traits



Example

• Perfect phylogeny does not always exist.



Maximum Parsimony

 Minimize the total number of mutations implied by the evolutionary history

Examples of Character Data

	1	2	3	4	5	Characters/Sites									
A	1	1	0	0	0	Sequences	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
В	0	0	1	0	1	1	A	A	G	A	G	Т	Т	С	A
С	1	1	0	0	1	2	A	G	С	С	G	Т	Т	С	Т
D	0	0	1	1	0	3	A	G	A	Т	A	Т	С	С	A
E	0	1	0	0	1	4	A	G	A	G	A	Т	С	С	Т

Maximum Parsimony Method: Example

	Characters/Sites										
Sequence s	1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8									
1	A	A	G	A	G	Т	Т	С	A		
2	A	G	С	С	G	Т	Т	С	Т		
3	A	G	A	Т	A	Т	С	С	A		
4	A	G	A	G	A	Т	С	С	Т		

Unrooted Trees on 4 Taxa





FIGURE 5.14 Three possible unrooted trees (I, II, and III) for four DNA sequences (1, 2, 3, and 4) that have been used to choose the most parsimonious tree. The possible phylogenetic relationships among the four sequences are shown in Newick format. The terminal nodes are marked by the sequence number and the nucleotide type at homologous positions in the extant species. Each dot on a branch means a substitution is inferred on that branch. Note that the nucleotides at the two internal nodes of each tree represent one possible reconstruction from among several alternatives. For example, the nucleotides at both the internal nodes of tree III(d) (bottom right) can be A instead of T. In this case, the two substitutions will be positioned on the branches leading to species 2 and 4. Alternatively, other combinations of nucleotides can be placed at the internal nodes. However, these alternatives will require three substitutions or more. The minimum number of substitutions required for site 9 is two.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	A	A	G	A	G	Т	Т	С	A
2	A	G	С	С	G	Т	Т	С	Т
3	A	G	Α	Т	A	Т	С	С	A
4	A	G	Α	G	A	Т	С	С	Τ

Inferring nucleotides on internal nodes



FIGURE 5.15 Nucleotides in six extant species (1-6) and inferred possible nucleotides in five ancestral species (7-11) according to the method of Fitch (1971). Unions are indicated by parentheses. Two different trees (a and b) are depicted. Note that the inference of an ancestral nucleotide at an internal node is dependent on the tree. Modified from Fitch (1971).

Searching for the Maximum Parsimony Tree: Exhaustive Search



FIGURE 5.16 Exhaustive stepwise construction of all 15 possible trees for five OTUs. In step 1, we form the only possible unrooted tree for the first three OTUs (A, B, and C). In step 2, we add OTU D to each of the three branches of the tree in step 1, thereby generating three unrooted trees for four OTUs. In step 3, we add OTU E to each of the five branches of the three trees in step 2, thereby generating 15 unrooted trees. Additions of OTUs are shown as heavier lines. Modifed from Swofford et al. (1996).



Searching for the Maximum Parsimony Tree: Branch-&-Bound

Probabilistic Models of Evolution

- Assuming a model of substitution,
 - $Pr{S_i(t+\Delta) = Y | S_i(t) = X},$
- Using this formula it is possible to compute the likelihood that data D is generated by a given phylogenetic tree T under a model of substitution. Now find the tree with the maximum likelihood.



Time elapsed? Δ
Prob of change along edge? Pr{S_i(t+Δ) = Y |S_i(t) = X}
Prob of data? Product of prob for all edges



Computing Maximum Likelihood Tree