

# Drzewa filogenetyczne

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# How sequences evolve?

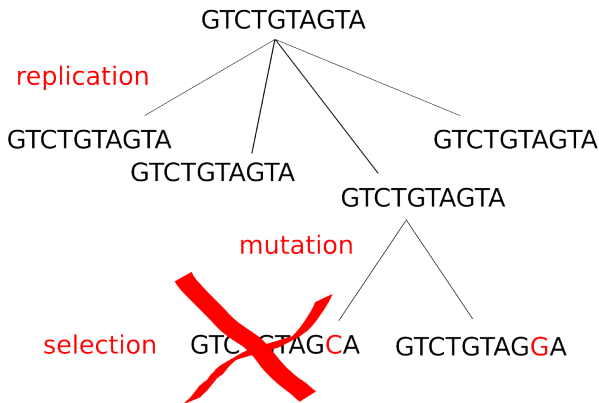


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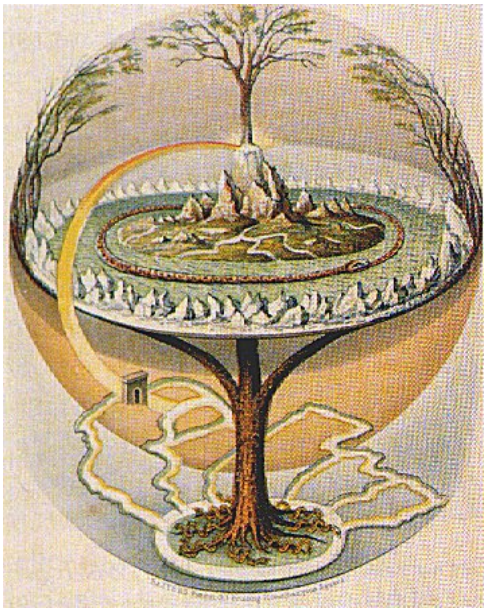


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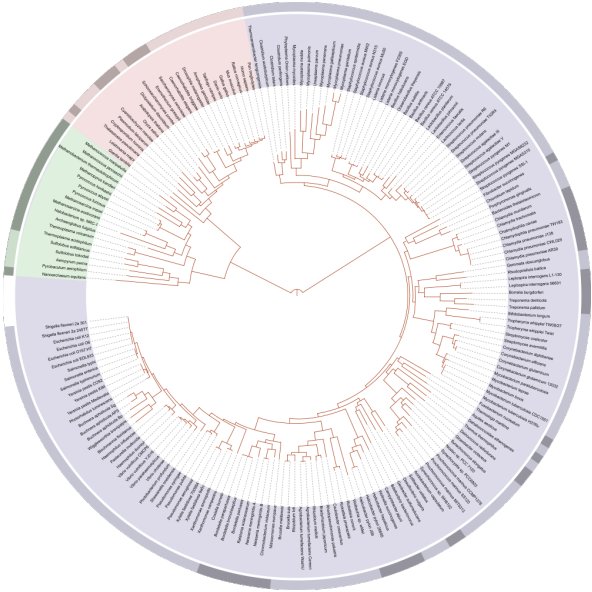


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# evolutionary distance vs. similarity

- We are interested in measuring evolutionary distances by looking at molecular sequences
- We expect *distances* to *grow* with **decreasing similarity**
- The sequence alignment problem allows us to find the optimal alignment, however the score of the alignment is a measure of *similarity*, rather than distance
- problem of *maximizing similarity* is similar to *minimizing distance*
- However:
  - We expect  $d(x, x) = 0$  while for most  $a, b$  ,  
 $sim(a, a) \neq sim(b, b)$
  - Distances have triangle inequality, and similarities not

# Bifurcating vs. multifurcating trees

Reminding  
sequence  
evolution

Counting trees

finding trees

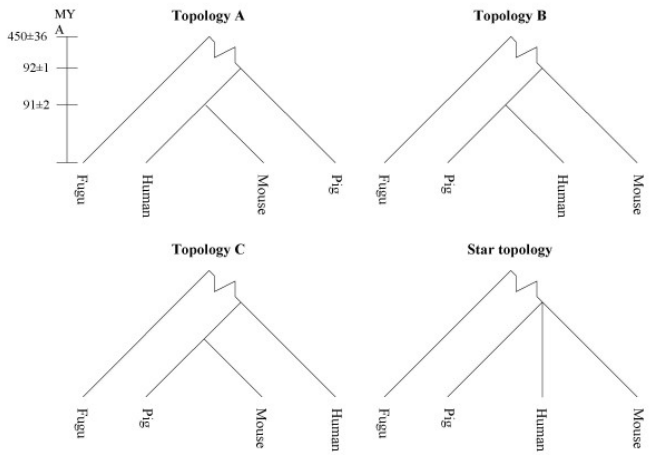
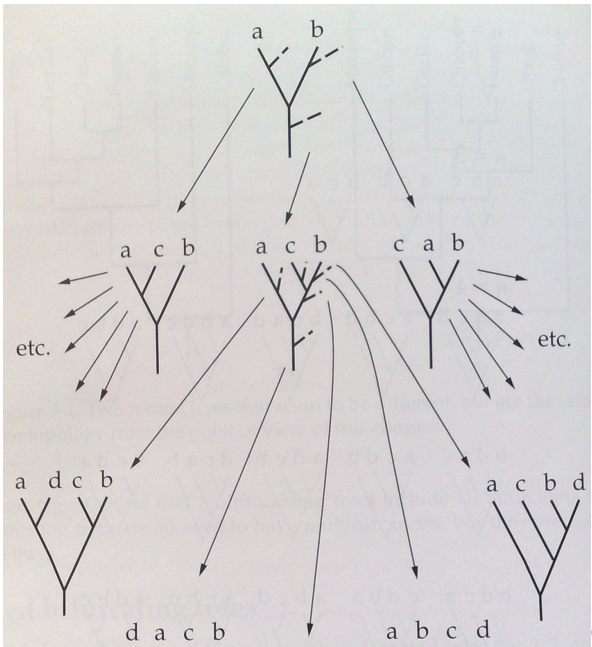


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# How many binary trees are there



# Rooted vs. unrooted trees

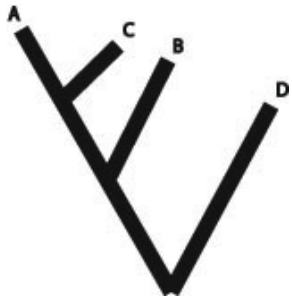
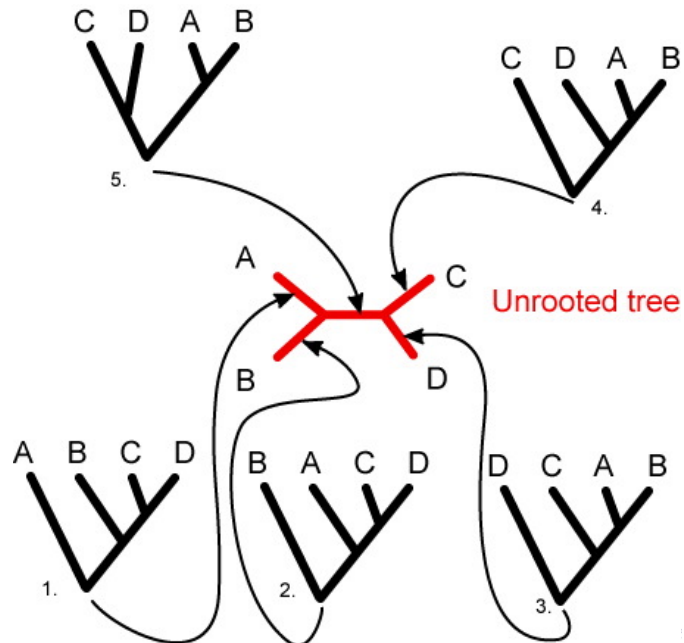


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# Rooting an unrooted tree



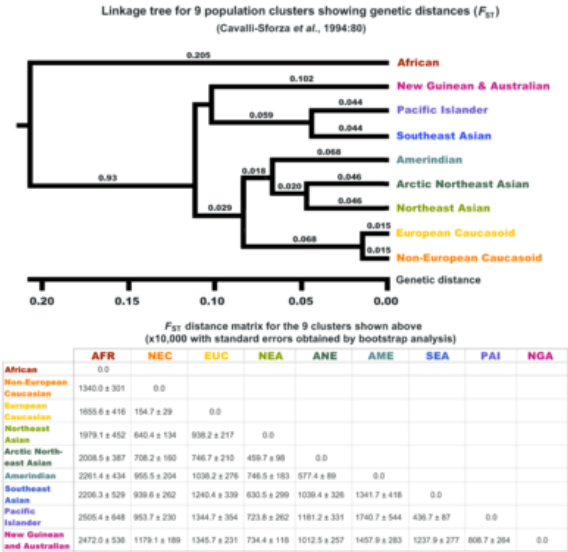


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# Finding an optimal tree

- Given a tree with branch lengths  $T$ , we can easily generate distance matrix  $d_{ij}$
- Can we solve the reverse problem, and how does it relate to the original problem?
- Formally, for a given distance matrix  $D$ , we want to find a labelled tree  $T$ , optimizing the least squares criterion:

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} (D_{ij} - d_{ij})^2$$

- In general, it is equivalent to solving the Steiner tree problem – one of the the original NP-complete problems
- Can we find any approximate or specialized solutions?

# ultrametric trees: “Evolutionary clock”

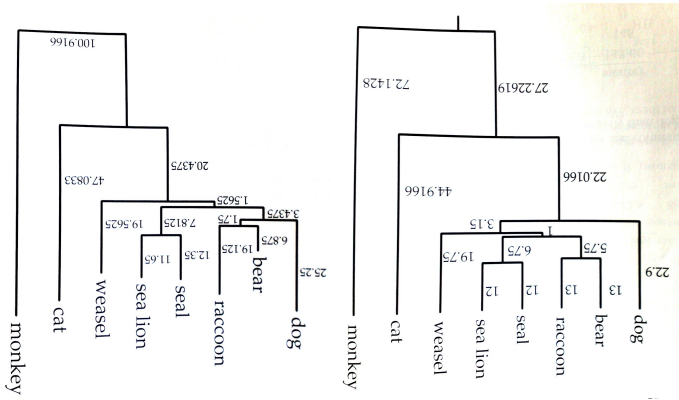


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## metric requirements

$$d(x, y) > 0 \quad \text{for } x \neq y$$

$$d(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{for } x = y$$

$$d(x, y) = d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y$$

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(y, z) \quad \forall x, y, z \quad (\text{triangle inequality})$$

ultrametric – any three nodes can be relabelled so, that

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) = d(y, z)$$

If you have a distance matrix induced from a tree, is it ultrametric?

1. Find the  $i$  and  $j$  that have the smallest distance,  $D_{ij}$ .
2. Create a new group,  $(ij)$ , which has  $n_{(ij)} = n_i + n_j$  members.
3. Connect  $i$  and  $j$  on the tree to a new node [which corresponds to the new group  $(ij)$ ]. Give the two branches connecting  $i$  to  $(ij)$  and  $j$  to  $(ij)$  each length  $D_{ij}/2$ .
4. Compute the distance between the new group and all the other groups (except for  $i$  and  $j$ ) by using:

$$D_{(ij),k} = \left( \frac{n_i}{n_i + n_j} \right) D_{ik} + \left( \frac{n_j}{n_i + n_j} \right) D_{jk}$$

5. Delete the columns and rows of the data matrix that correspond to groups  $i$  and  $j$ , and add a column and row for group  $(ij)$ .
6. If there is only one item in the data matrix, stop. Otherwise, return to step 1.

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# Greedy approach 1 – example

|   | A | B  | C  | D  |
|---|---|----|----|----|
| A | 0 | 17 | 21 | 27 |
| B |   | 0  | 12 | 18 |
| C |   |    | 0  | 14 |
| D |   |    |    | 0  |

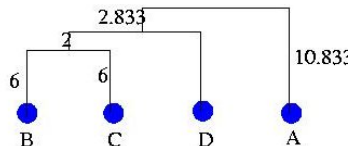


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# Greedy approach 2 – Neighbor-joining

1. For each tip, compute  $u_i = \sum_{j:j \neq i}^n D_{ij} / (n - 2)$ . Note that the denominator is (deliberately) not the number of items summed.
2. Choose the  $i$  and  $j$  for which  $D_{ij} - u_i - u_j$  is smallest.
3. Join items  $i$  and  $j$ . Compute the branch length from  $i$  to the new node ( $v_i$ ) and from  $j$  to the new node ( $v_j$ ) as

$$v_i = \frac{1}{2} D_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} (u_i - u_j)$$

$$v_j = \frac{1}{2} D_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} (u_j - u_i)$$

4. Compute the distance between the new node ( $ij$ ) and each of the remaining tips as

$$D_{(ij),k} = (D_{ik} + D_{jk} - D_{ij}) / 2$$

5. Delete tips  $i$  and  $j$  from the tables and replace them by the new node, ( $ij$ ), which is now treated as a tip.
6. If more than two nodes remain, go back to step 1. Otherwise, connect the two remaining nodes (say,  $\ell$  and  $m$ ) by a branch of length  $D_{\ell m}$ .



# Properties of Neighbor-Joining

- The same complexity as average linkage hierarchical clustering  $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$
- Guaranteed to return the correct answer if the distance matrix  $D$  originates from a tree
- Works also for non-ultrametric trees

- More information: *Inferring phylogenies* J. Felsenstein
- More advanced methods based on probabilistic approaches (Maximum likelihood, Bayesian approaches)
- Tree reconstruction might give different results for different genes, we will discuss this issue later
- Pairwise distances might lead to “unrealistic” phylogenies, We will discuss this problem next week.