

# Neighbour-Joining Unit Tests

Hint: Many test values are taken from project Algorithms for Bioinformatics of Alexander Mattheis or the lectures.

Example from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neighbor\\_joining](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neighbor_joining)

## Test 1

### Input

<i>D</i>	a	b	c	d	e
a	0	5	9	9	8
b		0	10	10	9
c			0	8	7
d				0	3
e					0

### Iteration 1

**Step 1:** Calculate neighbor-joining matrix  $D^*$  from  $N \times N$  distance matrix  $D$

$$D_{i,j}^* = (N - 2) \cdot D_{i,j} - D_{i,I} - D_{I,j}$$

where  $D_{i,I} = \sum_{k=1}^N D_{i,k}$  is the total-distance (sum of distances from cluster  $i$  to all other clusters)

**Step 1.1:** Compute total distances

<i>D</i>	a	b	c	d	e	$\Sigma$
a	0	5	9	9	8	31
b	5	0	10	10	9	34
c	9	10	0	8	7	34
d	9	10	8	0	3	30
e	8	9	7	3	0	27
$\Sigma$	31	34	34	30	27	

**Step 1.2:** Calculate neighbor-joining matrix

$D^*$	a	b	c	d	e
a		-50	-38	-34	-34
b			-38	-34	-34
c				-40	-40
d					-48
e					

first row:

$$D_{a,b}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 5 - D_{a,B} - D_{A,b} = 3 \cdot 5 - 34 - 31 = -50$$

$$D_{a,c}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 9 - D_{a,C} - D_{A,c} = 3 \cdot 9 - 34 - 31 = -38$$

$$D_{a,d}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 9 - D_{a,D} - D_{A,d} = 3 \cdot 9 - 30 - 31 = -34$$

$$D_{a,e}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 8 - D_{a,E} - D_{A,e} = 3 \cdot 8 - 27 - 31 = -34$$

second row:

$$D_{b,c}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 10 - D_{b,c} - D_{B,c} = 30 - 34 - 34 = -38$$

$$D_{b,d}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 10 - D_{b,d} - D_{B,d} = 30 - 30 - 34 = -34$$

$$D_{b,e}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 9 - D_{b,e} - D_{B,e} = 27 - 27 - 34 = -34$$

third row:

$$D_{c,d}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 8 - D_{c,d} - D_{C,d} = 24 - 30 - 34 = -40$$

$$D_{c,e}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 7 - D_{c,e} - D_{C,e} = 21 - 27 - 34 = -40$$

fourth row:

$$D_{d,e}^* = (5 - 2) \cdot 3 - D_{d,e} - D_{D,e} = 9 - 27 - 30 = -48$$

**Step 2:** Find minimum element in  $D^*$  and create new cluster  $ij$

$D^*$	a	b	c	d	e
a		-50	-38	-34	-34
b			-38	-34	-34
c				-40	-40
d					-48
e					

$$D_{min} = D_{a,b} = -50 \quad \text{and} \quad ab = a \cup b$$

$D$	ab	c	d	e
ab				
c				
d				
e				

**Step 3:** Recompute distances

**Step 3.1:** Pair-members and new cluster (distance in tree)

$$d(i, ij) = \frac{1}{2}(D_{i,j} - \Delta_{i,j}) = \frac{1}{2}\left(D_{i,j} - \frac{D_{i,j} - D_{I,j}}{N - 2}\right)$$

$$d(j, ij) = \frac{1}{2}(D_{i,j} + \Delta_{i,j}) = D_{i,j} - d(i, ij)$$

where  $\Delta_{i,j} = \frac{D_{i,j} - D_{I,j}}{N - 2}$  is the ratio between the total difference and the remaining number of iterations

Hint: with these formulae you get better results than in UPGMA, because neighbor-joining does not assume the same evolution rate for both i.e. the branch lengths of merged taxa are different

$$d(a, ab) = \frac{1}{2}\left(D_{a,b} - \frac{D_{a,b} - D_{A,b}}{5 - 2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(5 - \frac{34 - 31}{3}\right) = 2$$

$$d(b, ab) = \frac{1}{2}(D_{a,b} + \Delta_{a,b}) = \frac{1}{2}(5 + 1) = 3 = D_{a,b} - d(a, ab) = 5 - 2$$

**Step 3.2:** Remaining clusters and new node

$$D_{ij,k} = \frac{(D_{i,k} + D_{j,k} - D_{i,j})}{2}$$

<i>D</i>	ab	c	d	e
ab	0	7	7	6
c		0	8	7
d			0	3
e				0

$$D_{ab,c} = \frac{1}{2}(D_{a,c} + D_{b,c} - D_{a,b}) = \frac{1}{2}(9 + 10 - 5) = 7$$

$$D_{ab,d} = \frac{1}{2}(D_{a,d} + D_{b,d} - D_{a,b}) = \frac{1}{2}(9 + 10 - 5) = 7$$

$$D_{ab,e} = \frac{1}{2}(D_{a,e} + D_{b,e} - D_{a,b}) = \frac{1}{2}(8 + 9 - 5) = 6$$

**Iteration 2**

<i>D</i>	ab	c	d	e
ab	0	7	7	6
c		0	8	7
d			0	3
e				0

**Step 1:** Calculate neighbor-joining matrix  $D^*$  from  $N \times N$  distance matrix  $D$

**Step 1.1:** Compute total distances

<i>D</i>	ab	c	d	e	$\Sigma$
ab	0	7	7	6	20
c	7	0	8	7	22
d	7	8	0	3	18
e	6	7	3	0	16
$\Sigma$	20	22	18	16	

**Step 1.2:** Calculate neighbor-joining matrix

$D^*$	ab	c	d	e
ab		-28	-24	-24
c			-24	-24
d				-28
e				

first row:

$$D_{ab,c}^* = (4 - 2) \cdot 7 - D_{ab,c} - D_{AB,c} = 14 - 20 - 22 = -28$$

$$D_{ab,d}^* = (4 - 2) \cdot 7 - D_{ab,d} - D_{AB,d} = 14 - 20 - 18 = -24$$

$$D_{ab,e}^* = (4 - 2) \cdot 6 - D_{ab,e} - D_{AB,e} = 12 - 20 - 16 = -24$$

second row:

$$D_{c,d}^* = (4 - 2) \cdot 8 - D_{c,D} - D_{C,d} = 16 - 18 - 22 = -24$$

$$D_{c,e}^* = (4 - 2) \cdot 7 - D_{c,E} - D_{C,e} = 14 - 16 - 22 = -24$$

third row:

$$D_{d,e}^* = (4 - 2) \cdot 3 - D_{d,E} - D_{D,e} = 6 - 16 - 18 = -28$$

**Step 2:** Find minimum element in  $D^*$  and create new cluster  $ij$

$D^*$	ab	c	d	e
ab		-28	-24	-24
c			-24	-24
d				-28
e				

$$D_{min} = D_{ab,c} = -28 \quad \text{and} \quad abc = ab \cup c$$

$D$	abc	d	e
abc			
d			
e			

**Step 3:** Recompute distances

**Step 3.1:** Pair-members and new cluster (distance in tree)

$$d(ab, abc) = \frac{1}{2} \left( D_{ab,c} - \frac{D_{ab,c} - D_{AB,c}}{4 - 2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 7 - \frac{22 - 20}{2} \right) = 3$$

$$d(c, abc) = \frac{1}{2} (D_{ab,c} + \Delta_{ab,c}) = \frac{1}{2} (7 + 1) = 4 = D_{ab,c} - d(ab, abc) = 7 - 3$$

**Step 3.2:** Remaining clusters and new node

$D$	abc	d	e
abc	0	4	3
d		0	3
e			0

$$D_{abc,d} = \frac{1}{2} (D_{ab,d} + D_{c,d} - D_{ab,c}) = \frac{1}{2} (7 + 8 - 7) = 4$$

$$D_{abc,e} = \frac{1}{2} (D_{ab,e} + D_{c,e} - D_{ab,c}) = \frac{1}{2} (6 + 7 - 7) = 3$$

### Iteration 3

$D$	abc	d	e
abc	0	4	3
d		0	3
e			0

**Step 1:** Calculate neighbor-joining matrix  $D^*$  from  $N \times N$  distance matrix  $D$

**Step 1.1:** Compute total distances

$D$	abc	d	e	$\Sigma$
abc	0	4	3	7
d	4	0	3	7
e	3	3	0	6
$\Sigma$	7	7	6	

**Step 1.2:** Calculate neighbor-joining matrix

$D^*$	abc	d	e
abc		-10	-10
d			-10
e			

first row:

$$D_{abc,d}^* = (3 - 2) \cdot 4 - D_{abc,D} - D_{ABC,d} = 4 - 7 - 7 = -10$$

$$D_{abc,e}^* = (3 - 2) \cdot 3 - D_{abc,E} - D_{ABC,e} = 3 - 6 - 7 = -10$$

second row:

$$D_{d,e}^* = (3 - 2) \cdot 3 - D_{d,E} - D_{D,e} = 3 - 6 - 7 = -10$$

**Step 2:** Find minimum element in  $D^*$  and create new cluster  $ij$

$D^*$	abc	d	e
abc		-10	-10
d			-10
e			

$$D_{min} = D_{abc,d} = -10 \quad \text{and} \quad abc = abcd \cup d$$

$D$	abcd	e
abcd		
e		

**Step 3:** Recompute distances

**Step 3.1:** Pair-members and new cluster (distance in tree)

$$d(abc, abcd) = \frac{1}{2} \left( D_{abc,d} - \frac{D_{abc,D} - D_{ABC,d}}{3 - 2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 4 - \frac{7 - 7}{1} \right) = 2$$

$$d(d, abcd) = \frac{1}{2} (D_{abc,d} + \Delta_{abc,d}) = \frac{1}{2} (4 + 0) = 2 = D_{abc,d} - d(abc, abcd) = 4 - 2$$

**Step 3.2:** Remaining clusters and new node

$D^*$	abcd	e
abcd	0	1
e		0

$$D_{abcd,e} = \frac{1}{2}(D_{abc,e} + D_{d,e} - D_{abc,d}) = \frac{1}{2}(3 + 3 - 4) = 1$$

**Final matrix**

$D^*$	abcde
abcde	0

**Final-Output**

( ( (a:2.0,b:3.0):3,c:4):2,d:2):0,e:1);