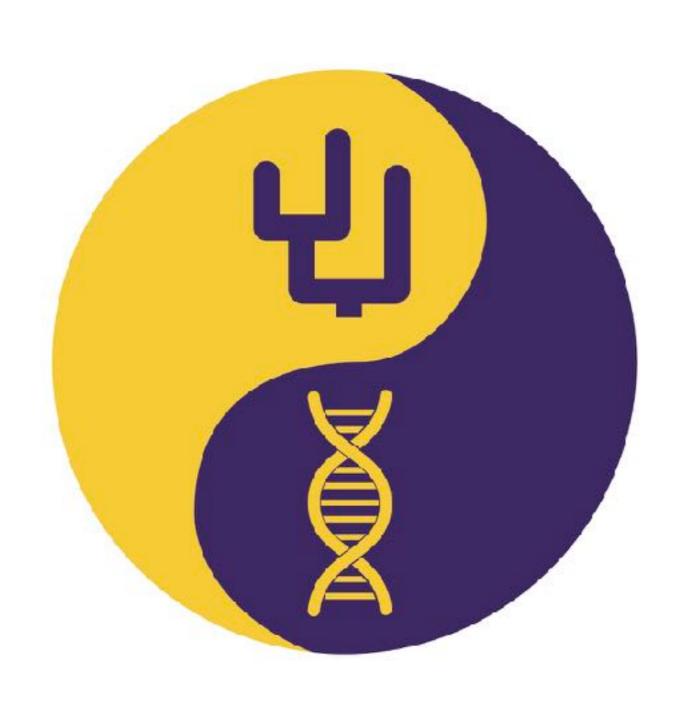
Computational Phylogenetics (BIOL 7800)



Class Details

Meeting Time: 10:30-11:50 T/Th

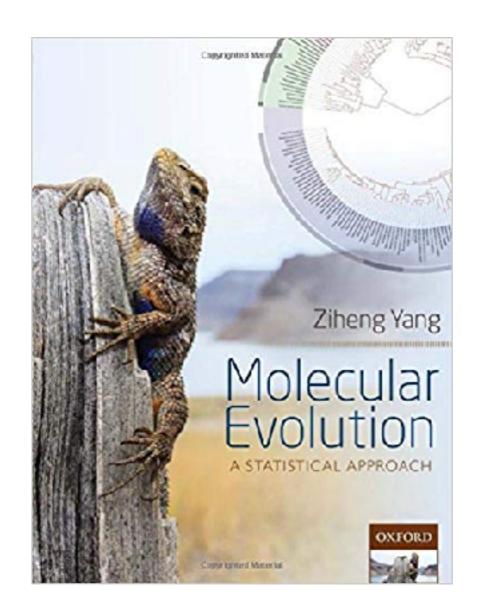
Location: PFT 1244 (For now, but if this doesn't work we can move to my lab, LSB 248)

Open Office Hours

Students in previous classes have suggested that having dedicated time to work together where I'm around is helpful, because they can ask questions as they arise.

I'm happy to do this, but figured we could find a time that works for everyone.

Required Textbook



Molecular Evolution: A Statistical Approach

Supplemental readings will be posted to Moodle

Grading Structure

Grades will be based on completion of regular assignments (75%), which will culminate in an end-of-semester project (25%). Assignments should be posted to a GitHub repository.

A Bit About You

What do you work on?

Have you run phylogenetic analyses before?

Have you done any programming?



GitHub

https://github.com

Will be used to post code from class and submit assignments. The most commonly used platform for collaborative scientific coding.

We will discuss the use of GitHub next week.

Your first assignment will be to sign up for a GitHub account.



https://github.com/CompPhyloLSU

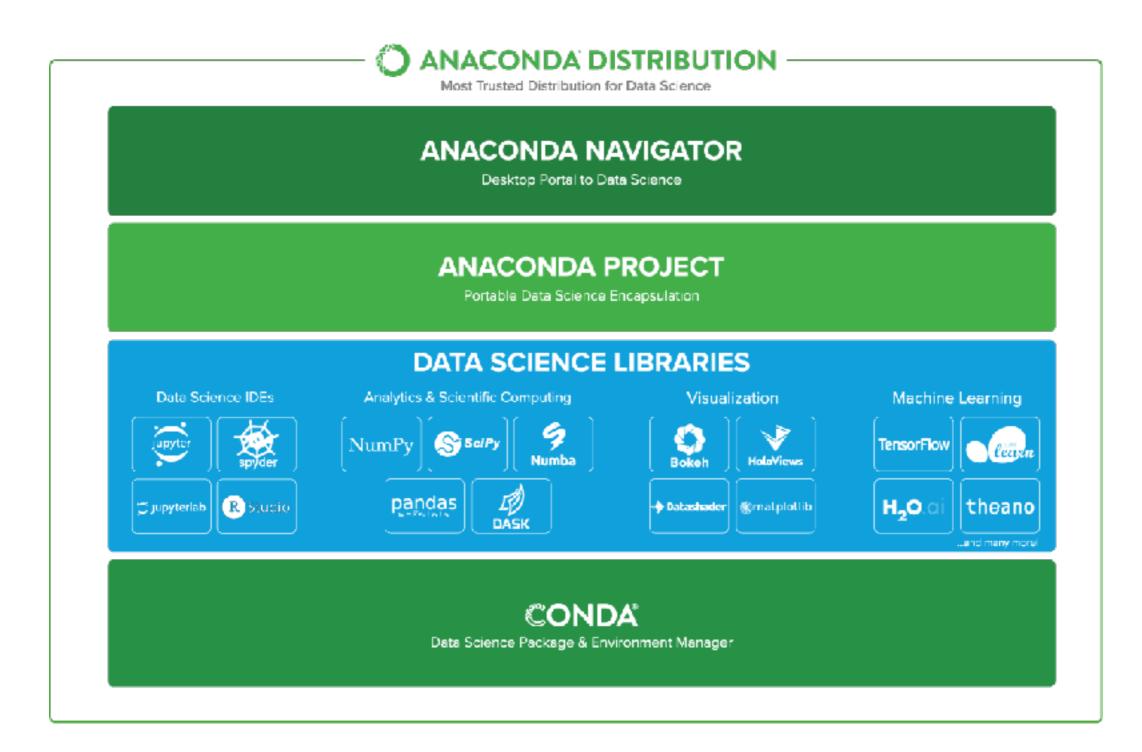
Computer Setup

Most assignments will use RevBayes code. Some of it will be executed through Jupyter notebooks. The easiest way to install and run Jupyter is using Anaconda.

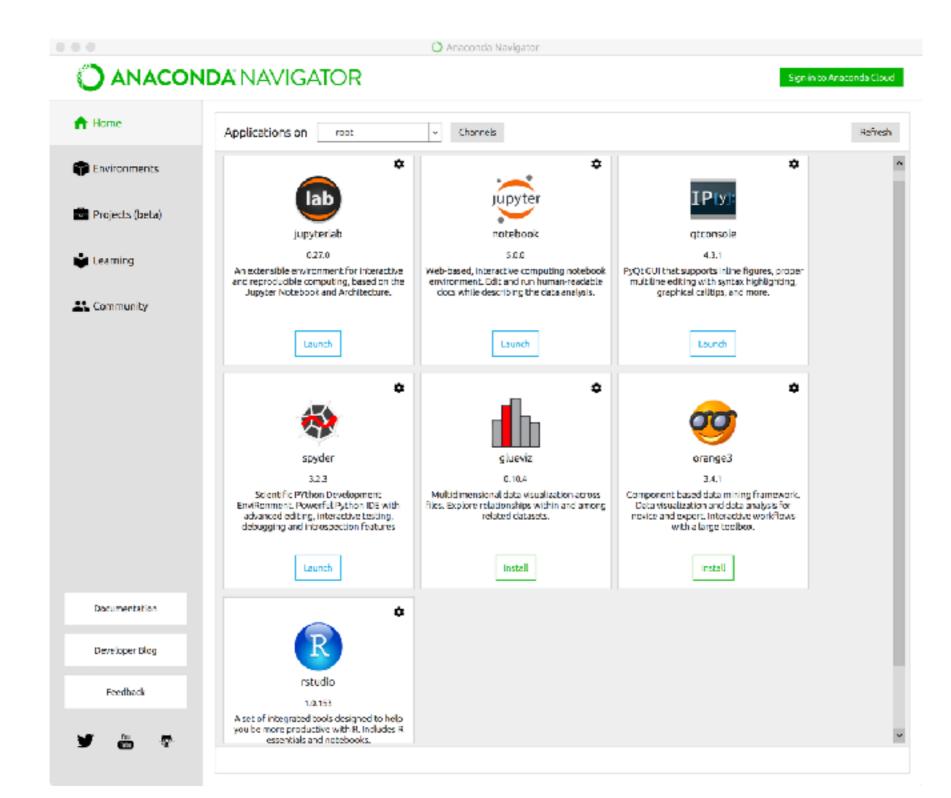
Ideally, all students will have access to a Mac or Linux laptop. We may occasionally use Terminal commands, which are not available on Windows. Let me know if you have a Windows-only computer.



https://www.anaconda.com/download/







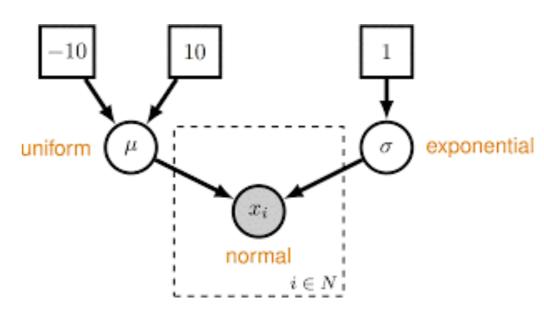


RevBayes

New software for Bayesian inference, primarily in phylogenetics.

Uses graphical models.

Has its own R-like language to specify models and run analyses.





RevBayes

https://revbayes.github.io

Download the codebase by following the instructions here:

https://revbayes.github.io/software

Sorry, this is probably the least fun thing we'll do all semester.

Terminal

Last Login: Thu Jan 3 20:21:57 on ttys000

Jeremys-MacBook-Pro:~ jembrown\$

On Mac:

Applications -> Utilities -> Terminal

On Ubuntu Linux:

Applications -> Terminal

Introduction to Paths

- The Unix root (/)
 - The very base of the filesystem
- Absolute paths
 - All absolute paths begin at the root start with /
- Relative paths
 - don't start with /
 - Working directories
 - Shortcuts for current and parent directories
- Hidden files and folders
 - Names begin with .
 - Usually used for configuration files

Running RevBayes

<PATH_TO_REVBAYES>/revbayes/projects/cmake/rb

<PATH_TO_REVBAYES>/revbayes/projects/cmake/rb-jupyter

Running RevBayes in Jupyter

To run RevBayes through Jupyter, we will need to install a kernel. This is a recently developed feature and requires a little extra work. Instructions are here:

https://github.com/revbayes/revbayes_kernel

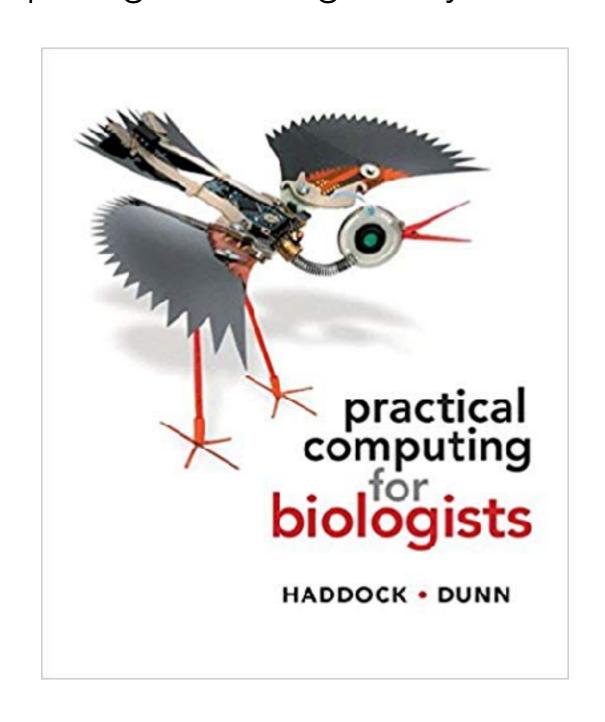
Before you run these commands, you'll need to change directories (cd) into the revbayes_kernel folder.

After installation, you'll also need to add this line to your .bash_profile file in your home directory.

export REVBAYES_JUPYTER_EXECUTABLE=<revbayes_path>/revbayes/projects/cmake/rb-jupyter

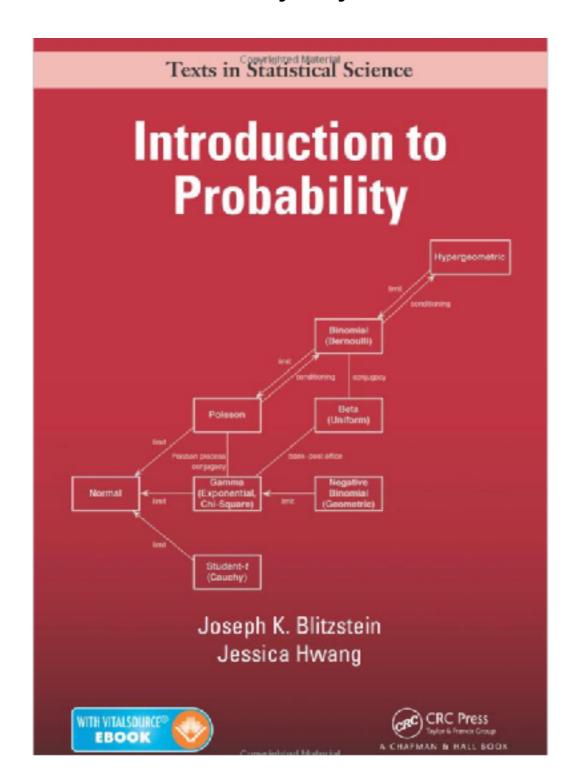
Additional Resources

Practical Computing for Biologists by Haddock and Dunn



Additional Resources

Introduction to Probability by Blitzstein and Hwang



Additional Resources

Udacity Course on the Command Line

https://www.udacity.com/course/linux-command-line-basics--ud595

Software Carpentry - Introduction to the Shell

http://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/