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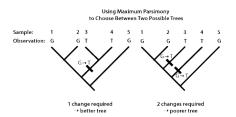
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Maximum Parsimony, recap.

For sequence data: multiple alignment as 'data matrix'. How many substitutions in alignment column?

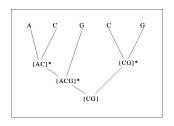
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1 ... G ...
2 ... G ...
3 ... T ...
4 ... T ...
5 ... G ...
```



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The 'small parsimony problem', recap.



Sets R_k of possible nucleotides at inner nodes of a tree for a given column in the alignment.

Recursion:

$$R_k = \begin{cases} R_i \cap R_j & \text{if } R_i \cap R_j \neq \emptyset \\ R_i \cup R_j & \text{if } R_i \cap R_j = \emptyset \end{cases} (1)$$



The 'small parsimony problem', recap.

Generalisation: weighted parsimony

- 'cost' S(a, b) for mutation $a \rightarrow b$ or $b \rightarrow a$.
- Wanted: tree that minimizes sum of costs of necessary mutations.

Calculate for each node k and nucleotide a minimal costs

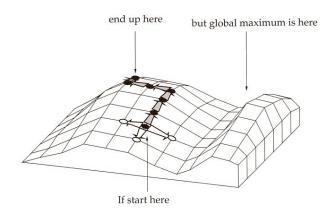
$$S_k(a)$$

for subtree T_k below k, if a is at k

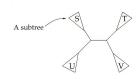
Recursion for inner node *k* with children *i* and *j*:

$$S_k(a) = \min_b [S_i(b) + S(a,b)] + \min_b [S_j(b) + S(a,b)]$$





Hill climbing. Height in landscape represents quality of solution.



is rearranged by dissolving the connections to an interior branch



and reforming them in one of the two possible alternative ways:





Nearest-neighbour interchanges



Neighbouring trees with 'subtree pruning and regrafting'



The 'big parsimony problem'

- All three possibilities allow to transform every possible tree topology into every other topology.
- Important: Start hill climbing with good initial tree T₀
- Possible construction using *greedy* algorithm, e.g. sequential addition.
 - Start with 3 leaves, add subsequent leaves in a (locally) optimal way.



The 'big parsimony problem'

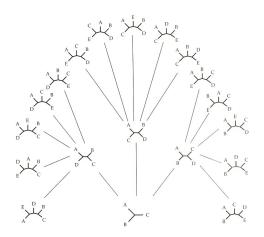


Figure: 'Greedy' to find (sub-)optimal topology: sort 'species' A, B, C, D, E. start with topology for A, B, C, place next species optimally into existing topology *etc*.

The 'big parsimony problem'

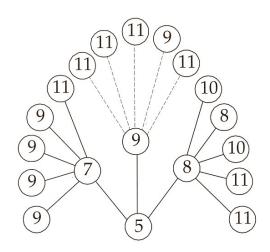






Figure: Joe Felsenstein



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Evolutionary Trees from DNA Sequences: A Maximum Likelihood Approach

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Summary. The application of maximum likelihood techniques to the estimation of evolutionary trees from nucleic acid sequence data is discussed. A computationally feasible method for finding such maximum likelihood estimates is developed, and a computer program is available. This method has advantages over the traditional parsimony algorithms, which can give misleading results if rates of evolution differ in different lineages. It also allows the testing of hypotheses about the constancy of evolutionary rates by likelihood ratio tests, and gives rough indication of the error of the estimate of the es

produced by parsimony methods (Edwards 1963; Edwards and Cavalli-Sforza 1964; Camin and Sokal 1965). These methods implicitly assume that change is improbable a priori (Felsenstein 1973, 1979). If the amount of change is small over the evolutionary times being considered, parsimony methods will be well-justified statistical methods.

Most data involve moderate to large amounts of change, and it is in such cases that parsimony methods can fail. When amounts of evolutionary change in different lineages are sufficiently unequal, it can be shown (Felsenstein 1978b) that parsimony methods make an

Figure: Felsenstein, 1981



Example (Likelihood)

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S_1 agcttcc S_2 agcttg S_3 agtatc
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 Question: What is the *probability* that the observed nucleotides in an alignment column evolved from an (unknown) ancester along a tree T?

Use probabilistic model for substitutions $a \rightarrow b$



What is likelihood?

Situation in random experiment:

Observable data *D* and non-observable *hypothesis H* 'behind data' both depend on chance.

- Known: data D (result of random experiments)
- Wanted: 'best' hypothesis H 'behind' data D



Example (Dice fair or unfair?)

Different dice (e.g. fair and unfair) available, one die randomly drawn and rolled.

- Observed data D: numbers seen on die
- Hypothesis H: a certain die was drawn (e.g. fair die)

Question: which hypothesis *H* should be accepted based on observed data *D*?



Consider

i.e. conditional probability of D under hypothesis H.



Distinguish:

• For fixed Hypothesis *H*,

defines a *probability measure* on the set of all possible outcomes of random experiment (all possible *D*).

E.g. if results D_1, \ldots, D_k are possible, one has

$$\sum_{i} P(D_i|H) = 1$$

for each hypothesis H



But: for fixed observed data D,

does *not* define a probability measure on the set of all hypotheses. (*e.g.* sum of conditional probabilities in general *not* equal 1)

For observed D, *likelihood* of hypothesis H defined as P(D|H).

Maximum likelihood (ML) principle: accept hypothesis that maximizes likelihood P(D|H), given observed data D.



Example (fair and unfair dice)

For unfair dice:

$$P(1) = \cdots = P(5) = 1/10$$
 (1)

$$P(6) = 1/2 \tag{2}$$

For fair dice:

$$P(1) = \cdots = P(6) = 1/6$$

Experiment: draw one die randomly, roll it 3 times.



Example (fair and unfair dice)

Result (observed data D): 4,6,6

Two hypotheses considered: H_1 : die fair, H_2 : die unfair

Then *likelihood* of H_1 is

$$P(D|H_1) = (1/6)^3 \approx 0.0046...$$

likelihood of H2 is

$$P(D|H_2) = 1/10 \cdot (1/2)^2 = 0.025$$

Thus, H_2 has higher likelihood.



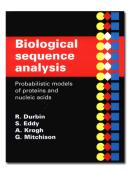


Figure: In the following: Figures and notation from R. Durbin et al.



Application of ML to phylogeny reconstruction:

Consider tree T (including branch lengths) as *hypothesis* H, set of aligned sequences x^1, \ldots, x^n as observed data D.

Goal: find tree T with maximal likelihood

$$P(x^1,\ldots,x^n|T)$$

Question: how to calculate this (conditional) probability?



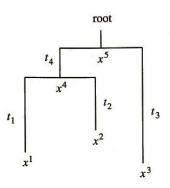


Figure: Tree T with branch lengths t_1, \ldots, t_4 for observed sequences x^1, x^2, x^3 at leaves and unknown sequences x^4, x^5 at internal (ancestral) nodes



Calculate $P(x^1, ..., x^n | T)$ for given:

- Multiple sequence alignment (ignore insertions/deletions)
- Probabilistic model that defines for residues a and b and branch length t:
 - ► Conditional probability P(b|a,t) of observing b if there was a at the same position for time difference t
 - Background probability q_a

t interpreted as time or, more realistically, as time × mutation rate



Calculate for tree *T* and given probabilistic model:

- Probability of nucleotides in single columns of multiple alignment
- Probability of (aligned) sequences, given *T* as *product* of probabilities of alignment columns.



Simplest case: two sequences x^1, x^2 , only one position u considered.

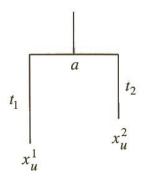


Figure: Tree T with branch lengths t_1 , t_2 for observed nucleotides x_u^1 , x_u^2 at leaves and nucleotide a at root

In general, for events A and B:

$$P(A, B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$$

Therefore, probability to observe x_u^1, x_u^2 and a at leaves and root, respectively:

$$P(x_u^1, x_u^2, a|T) = q_a P(x_u^1|a, t_1) P(x_u^2|a, t_2)$$



If nucleotide at root position unknown, one has to sum over *all possible* nucleotides at the root. Therefore:

$$P(x_u^1, x_u^2 | T) = \sum_{a} q_a P(x_u^1 | a, t_1) P(x_u^2 | a, t_2)$$

for one single column *u*.

Probability of *entire* alignment as product of probabilities of all columns:

$$P(x^{1}, x^{2}|T) = \prod_{u} \sum_{a} q_{a} P(x_{u}^{1}|a, t_{1}) P(x_{u}^{2}|a, t_{2})$$



General case for n sequences: calculate probability for observed nucleotides in column u:

$$P(x_u^1,\ldots,x_u^n|T)$$

To this end: calculate sum over all combinations of internal nodes

$$X_u^{n+1},\ldots,X_u^{2n-1}$$



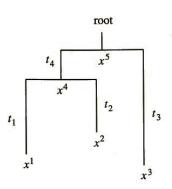


Figure: For *given* nucleotides $x_u^{n+1}, \ldots, x_u^{2n-1}$ at internal nodes: $P(x_u^1, \ldots, x_u^n)$ calculated as produkt of probabilities $P(x_u^i | x_u^j, t_i)$ For unknown internal nodes: take sum over all combinations of internal nodes.

Probability for alignment column u, given tree T, t_1, \ldots, t_{2n-2} :

$$P(x_u^1, \ldots, x_u^n | T, t_1, \ldots, t_{2n-2}) =$$

$$\sum_{x_u^{n+1},\dots,x_u^{n2-1}} q_{x_u^{2n-1}} \prod_{i=n+1}^{2n-2} P(x_u^i|x_u^{\alpha(i)},t_i) \prod_i^n P(x_u^i|x_u^{\alpha(i)},t_i)$$

For full sequences: calculate product of probabilities of alignment columns u



Problem: for n leaves, sum over 4^{n-1} possibilities for nucleotides at internal nodes.

Solution: dynamic programming (similar as with parsimony)

Calculate recursively:

 $P(L_k|a)$ = probability to observe nucleotides at leaves in sub-tree under node k, if nucleotide a at node k.



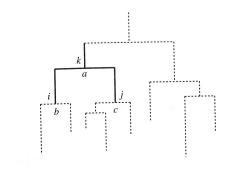


Figure: Recursion to calculate $P(L_k|a)$



Calculate $P(L_k|a)$ recursively for *internal* nodes k:

For daughter nodes i, j with nucleotides b, c and branch lengths t_i, t_j :

$$P(L_k|a) = \sum_{b,c} P(b|a,t_i)P(L_i|b)P(c|a,t_j)P(L_j|c)$$

For leave k:

$$P(L_k|a) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ falls } a = x_u^k \\ 0 \text{ sonst} \end{cases}$$

Likelihood for alignment column *u*:

$$\sum_{a} P(L_{2n-1}|a)q_a$$



Similar as in parsimony: position of root not relevant, if certain conditions are given.

For maximum likelihood: model for mutations reversibel, i.e.

$$P(b|a,t)q_a = P(a|b,t)q_b$$



Maximum Likelihood

Difference to weighted parsimony: calculate *sum* of probabilities for possible nucleotides at internal nodes instead of *minimum* cost.

Find best tree, similar as with maximum parsimony

- 'Hill-Climbing' in the 'landscape' of all possible trees.
- For given topology: find optimal branch lengths by standard optimization methods.



Ongoing projects in Göttingen

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Example (FSWM, P = 11010001)
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S<sub>1</sub> A T C A G G A C A T A C G C C A T S<sub>2</sub> C G G A C A T G C T C C A G C
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S_2 \ C \ G \ G \ A \ C \ A \ T \ G \ C \ T \ C \ C \ A \ G \ C
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Example (FSWM, P = 11010001)

S_1 \dots A C A T A C G C \dots
S_2 \dots A C A T G C T C \dots
1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1
```



Ongoing projects in Göttingen

Search for spaced-word matches w.r.t. given binary pattern P

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Example (FSWM, P = 11010001)
S_1 \quad ... \quad A \quad C \quad A \quad T \quad A \quad C \quad G \quad C \quad ...
S_2 \quad ... \quad A \quad C \quad A \quad T \quad G \quad C \quad T \quad C \quad ...
1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1
```

Consider nucleotides at don't-care positions to estimate distances



$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A C A G A

$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A C A G A

$$C A * A (S_1)$$

$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A C A G A

$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A C A G A

$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A C A G A

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$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A G A G A

$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A G A G A G A G A

$$A G * C (S_2)$$

 $G A * A (S_2)$

$$C A * A (S_2)$$

Example (Find spaced-word matches by *sorting*, P = 1101)

$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A C A G A

List \mathcal{L} of all spaced words in S_1 and S_2

Example (Find spaced-word matches by *sorting*, P = 1101)

$$S_1$$
 C A C A G A C S_2 C A G A C A G A

Sort \mathcal{L} in lexicographic order

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Identical spaced-words in *buckets* of \mathcal{L}

 (S_2)

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 $G A * A (S_2)$

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$$A \ C * G \ (S_2)$$
 $A \ G * C \ (S_1)$
 $A \ G * C \ (S_2)$
 $C \ A * A \ (S_1)$

$$C A * A (S_1)$$

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$$S_1 \ C \ A \ C \ A \ G \ A \ C \ S_2 \ C \ A \ G \ A \ C \ A \ G \ A \ G \ A$$

Remove *low-scoring* spaced-word matches

To filter out random background spaced-word matches:

- Use nucleotide substitution matrix (Chiaromonte *et al.*, 2002)
- Calculate score for each spaced-word match:
 Sum of substitution scores at don't-care positions
- Discard spaced-word matches with score below threshold



Remove *low-scoring* spaced-word matches

Example (Score of spaced-word match, P = 1100101)

$$S_1: G C T G T A T A C G T C$$

 $S_2: G T A C A C T T A T$



Remove *low-scoring* spaced-word matches

Example (Score of spaced-word match, P = 1100101)

$$S_1: G C T G T A T A C G T C$$

 $S_2: G T A C A C T T A T$



Example (Score of spaced-word match, P = 1100101)

$$S_1: G C T G T A T A C G T C$$

 $S_2: G T A C A C T T A T$



Example (Score of spaced-word match, P = 1100101)



Example (Score of spaced-word match, P = 1100101)

Nucleotides at don't-care positions



Example (Score of spaced-word match, P = 1100101)

Score =
$$-31 + 91 - 114 = -54$$



To remove background noise:

- Remove spaced words with score below T.
- Default value T = 0

To visualize distribution of spaced-word matches: plot number of spaced word matches against scores ('Spaced-word histogram')



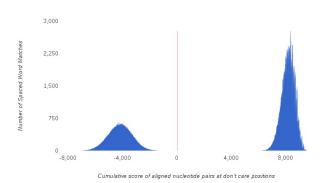


Figure: i.i.d sequences, 0.1 subst. per site, indel-free, 5 Mb



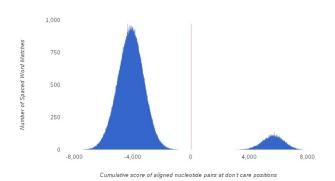


Figure: i.i.d sequences, 0.3 subst. per site, indel-free, 5 Mb



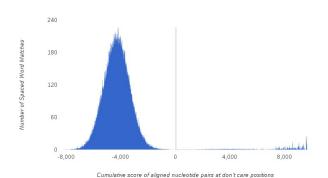


Figure: Sagittula stellata E37 vs Rhodobacterales bacterium HTCC2255.



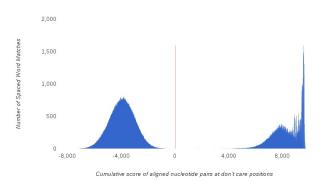


Figure: Octadecabacter arcticus 238 vs Octadecabacter antarticus 307.



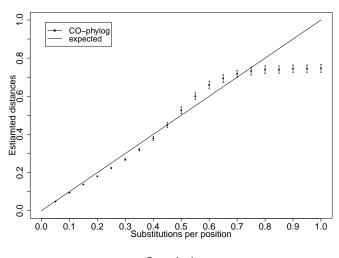
Accurate phylogeny reconstruction based on 'filtered spaced word matches' (*FSWM*)



Generate pairs of semi-artificial genome sequences:

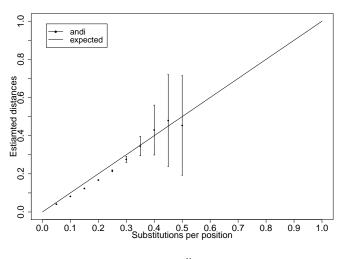
- E. coli K12 as 'ancestral' genome
- Generate substitutions and indels for pairs of 'descendent' genomes – between 0 and 1 substitutions per position
- Compare estimated distances to 'real' distances





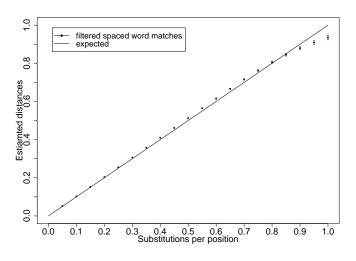


Co-phylog





andi





FSWM

Program evaluation (2): trees

Real-world benchmark data: 14 plant genomes (Brassicales)

Total size 4.8 Gb, up to 0.63 substitutions per site.

- No reasonable results with andi, distance too large
- Co-phylog did not finish



Program evaluation (2): trees

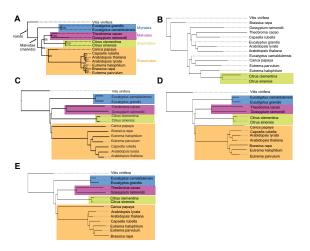


Figure: **A:** Reference tree (protein MSA, Likelihood), **B:** *andi*, **C-E:** FSWM with weight w = 12, 13, 14.

New projects

- Application to protein sequences
- Application to metagenomics
- Detecting horizontal gene transfer
- Application to database searching
- Heterogeneous substitution models
- Application to single reads

