

Population Genetics

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No decendants: ($k = 0$)

$$\mathbb{P}_{\text{Poisson}}(X = 0) = e^{-1} \approx 0.37$$

At least one decendant:

$$1 - 0.37 \approx 0.63$$

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This means we can now find out how many generations back there was just one individual (the most recent common ancestor of our whole population).

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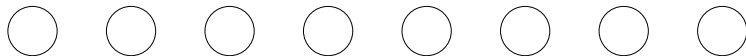
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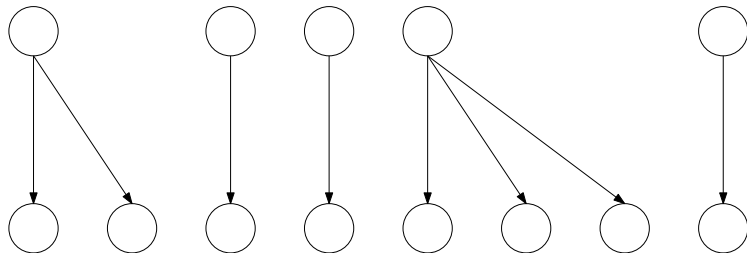
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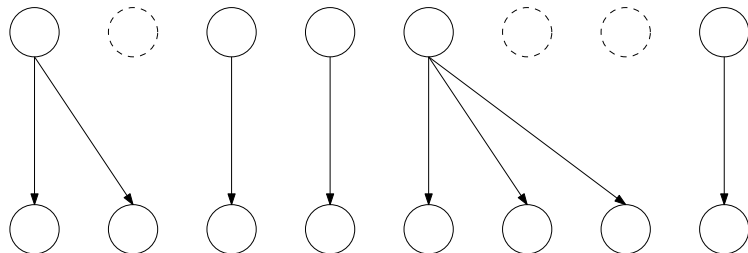
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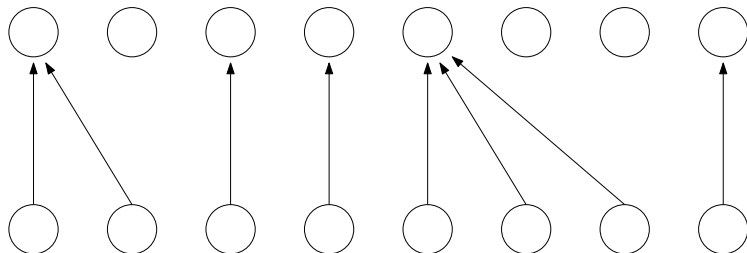
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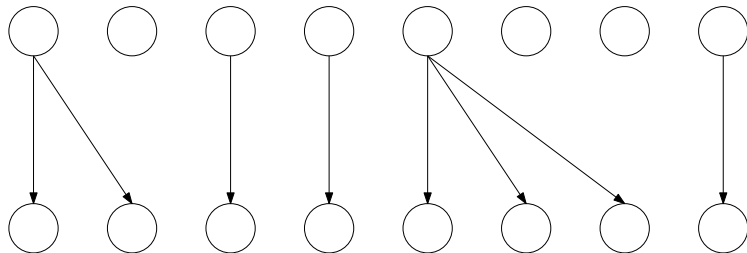
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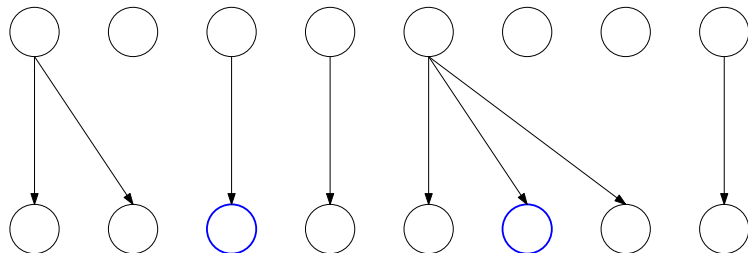
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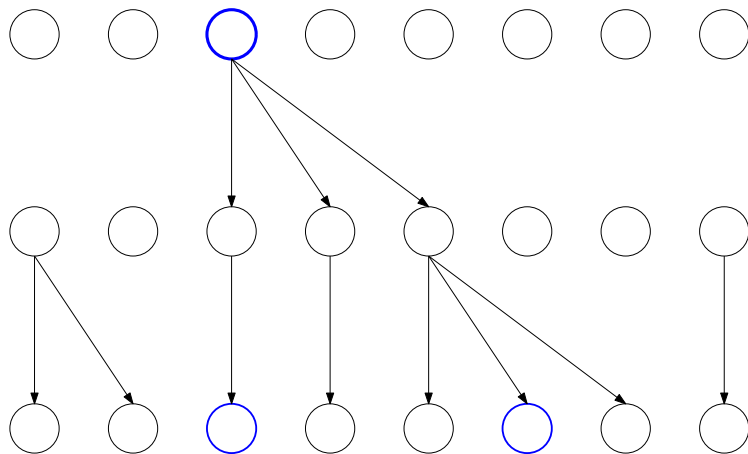
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Construct a tree based on estimated coalescent events.
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$$P(T_2 = 1) = \frac{1}{n}$$

since we need to "hit" the ancestor we've chosen for i .

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$$P(T_2 > 5) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{50}\right)^{5-1} \approx 0.92237 = 92.237\%$$