

# DNA Sequence Variation

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Sequence01 AATATGGCAC CTCCCAACCC TCTAGCATAT ACCACTTACA  
Sequence02 .....T.. .C.....TG C.....C.. ....  
Sequence03 ..C..... . .... .. ....  
Sequence04 .....T.. .C.....TG C..... G.....  
Sequence05 ..... . .... .. ....  
Sequence06 .....A..... . ....T. C..... G....C...  
Sequence07 ..C....T.. .C.....TG C..... G.....  
Sequence08 .....A.T.. TC.....TG C..... G.....  
Sequence09 ..... . .... .. C.....  
Sequence10 ..G...A..... . ....T. C.....C.. .T...C..G  
Segregating: ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^

15 segregating sites

## Measures of variation among DNA sequences

Gene diversity per sequence (a.k.a. heterozygosity) The probability that two random sequences differ.

Number,  $S$ , of segregating sites A “segregating site” is one that is polymorphic in the data.

Mean pairwise difference,  $\Pi$ , per sequence The average number nucleotide site differences between pairs of sequences.

Mean pairwise difference,  $\pi$ , per nucleotide Equals  $\pi = \Pi/L$ , where  $L$  is sequence length.

Mismatch distribution A histogram whose  $i$ th entry is the number of pairs of sequences that differ by  $i$  sites.

Site frequency spectrum A histogram whose  $i$ th entry is the number of polymorphic sites at which the mutant allele is present in  $i$  copies within the sample.

The number,  $\binom{k}{2}$ , of ways to choose 2 items from  $k$

There are  $k$  ways to choose the first item. Having chosen the first, there are  $k - 1$  ways to choose the second, so there are  $k(k - 1)$  pairs. But this counts pair  $AB$  separately from  $BA$ . We are interested in unordered pairs, so

$$\binom{k}{2} = k(k - 1)/2$$

## A a set of made-up DNA sequences

	00000	00001
	12345	67890
S1	AAACT	GTCAT
S2	.....	A.....
S3	.....	A...C
S4	..G..	A.....
S5	..G..	A.....

Calculate the mean pairwise difference, the number of segregating sites, the mismatch distribution and the site frequency spectrum.

## Mean pairwise difference (MPD)

	00000	00001	Pair	Diff	Pair	Diff
	12345	67890	(1,2)	1	(2,5)	1
S1	AAACT	GTCAT	(1,3)	2	(3,4)	2
S2	.....	A....	(1,4)	2	(3,5)	2
S3	.....	A...C	(1,5)	2	(4,5)	0
S4	..G..	A....	(2,3)	1	Sum diffs: 14	
S5	..G..	A....	(2,4)	1	MPD/seq : 14/10	

Column	Differences
03	$2 \times 3$
06	$1 \times 4$
10	$1 \times 4$
Sum	14

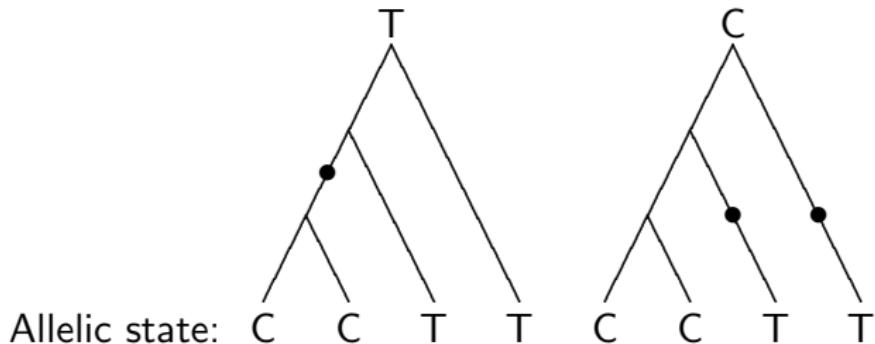
Number of pairs:  $(5 \times 4)/2 = 10$   
MPD per sequence:  $\Pi = 14/10$   
MPD per site:  $\pi = 14/(10 \times 10)$

## Mismatch distribution

		Pair	Diff	Pair	Diff
	00000 00001	(1,2)	1	(2,5)	1
	12345 67890	(1,3)	2	(3,4)	2
S1	AAACT GTCAT	(1,4)	2	(3,5)	2
S2	..... A....	(1,5)	2	(4,5)	0
S3	..... A...C	(2,3)	1		
S4	..G.. A....	(2,4)	1		
S5	..G.. A....				

Mismatch distribution			
Differences	0	1	2
Count	1	4	5

## Calling ancestral and derived alleles



- ▶ Two hypotheses about which allele is ancestral.
- ▶ “C” requires 2 mutations; “T” requires 1.
- ▶ Because mutations are rare, “T” is more likely.
- ▶ When the in-group is polymorphic, the ancestral allele is usually the one present in the out-group.

## Unfolded site frequency spectrum

		1: fixed.
	123456	2: T derived; singleton.
Human1	AATAGC	3: T derived; singleton.
Human2	..AC..	4: C derived; tripleton.
Human3	.TACT.	5: G derived; doubleton.
Human4	..ACT.	6: fixed.
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Chimp	AAAATC	Singletons      2
		Doubletons    1
		Tripletions   1