Bioinformatics & Phylogenetics

The Nexus file format and PAUP command block

→ example using a small dataset

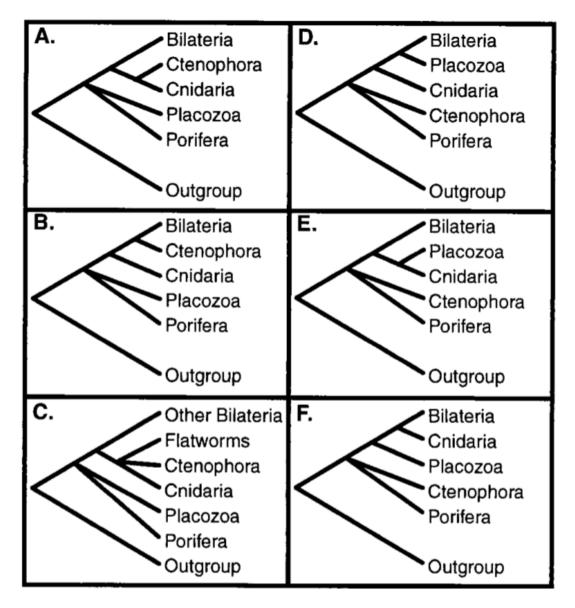


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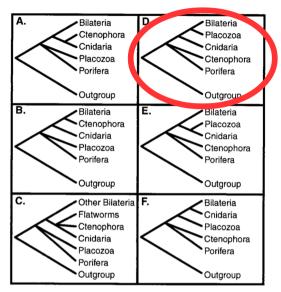
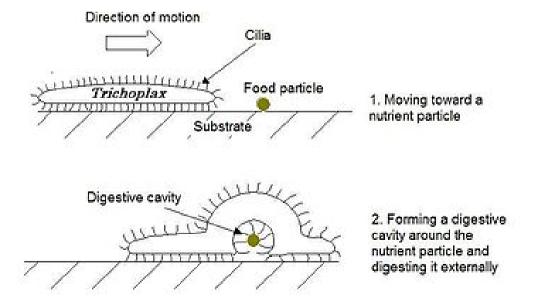
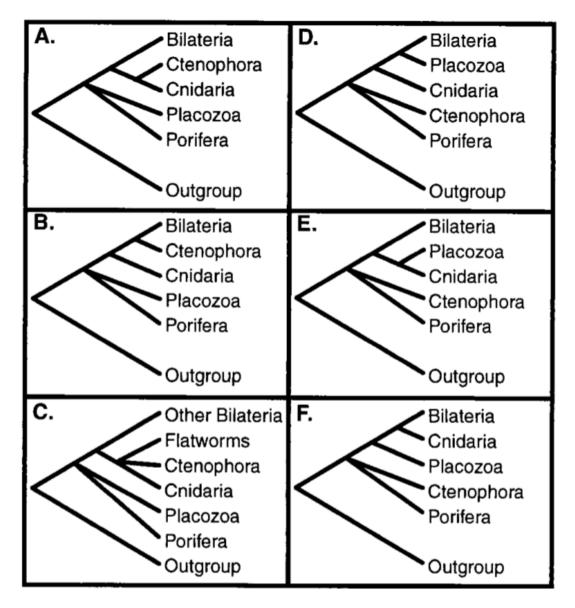


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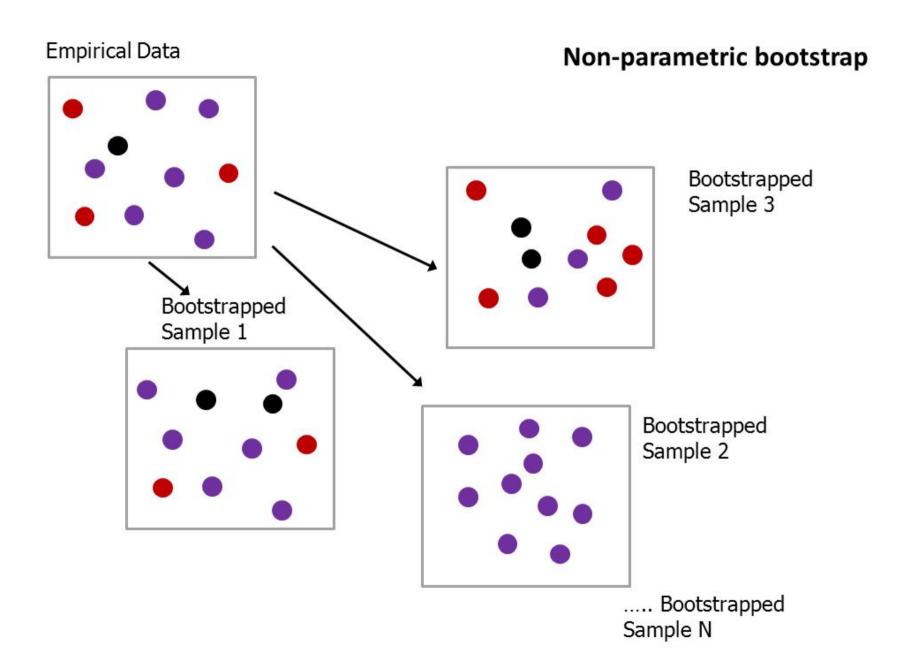
We have a best tree but how confident are we in the results?

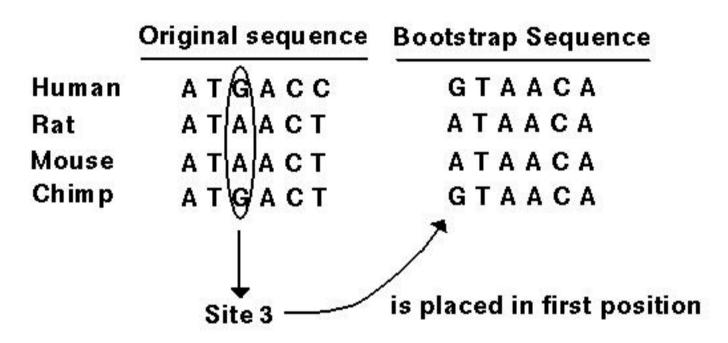
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Data in hand are probably somewhat like the underlying universe of possible data sets

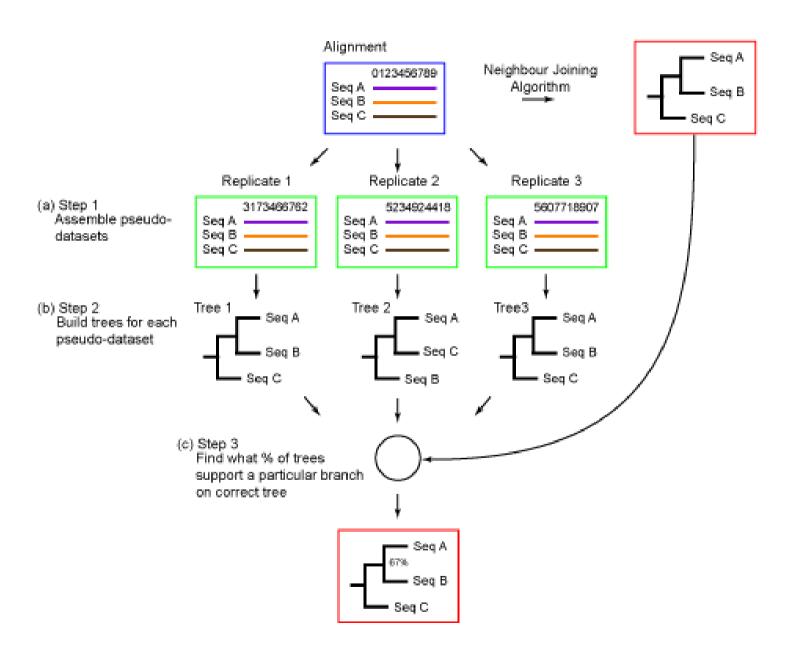
We can simulate other possible data sets by drawing randomly from the data already collected

This seems to get information from nothing, lifting yourself off the ground by your bootstraps...





(Then the next five randomly chosen sites: 2, 1, 1, 5, 4, are placed in the next five positions.)



How about maximum likelihood?

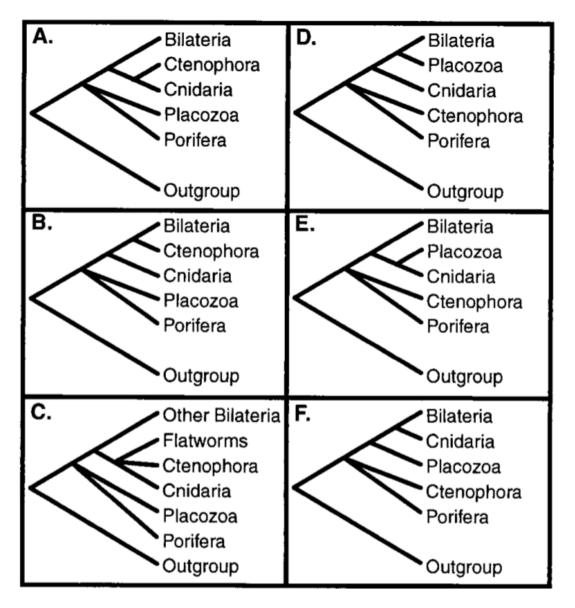


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Pick a more complex model only when the gain in likelihood is higher than expected if the simpler model were true.

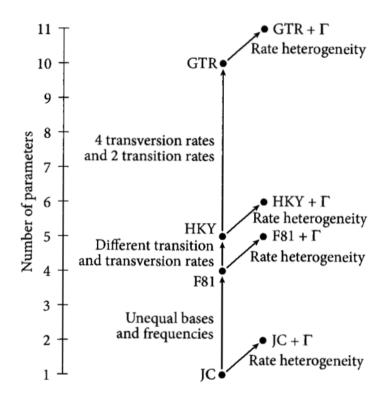
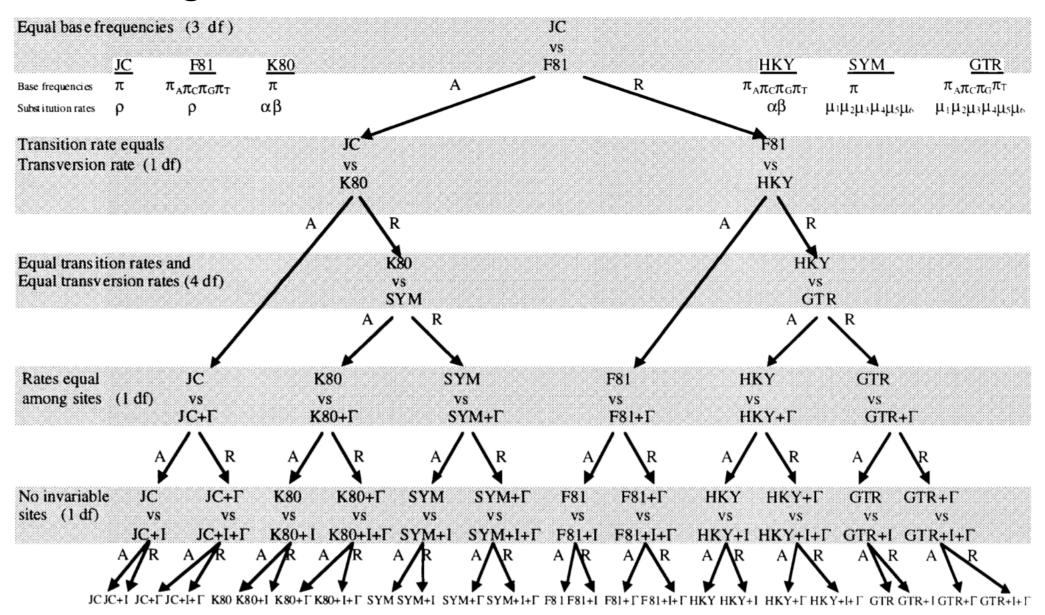


FIGURE 8.10 Depiction of the relationship between some commonly used models of evolution. Any two models that are connected by arrows that proceed in the same direction are nested: the simpler model (closer to the bottom of the chart) contains a subset of the free parameters of the more complex model. The axis on the left shows the number of free rate parameters in the model. The figure assumes that site-to-site rate heterogeneity is modeled using a discrete approximation to a gamma (Γ) distribution, which adds one free parameter to the model.



Likelihood Ratio:

Chi-square can be used as approximation for likelihood ratio test

$$\wedge = \frac{\max [L_0 \ (Null \ Model \mid Data)]}{\max [L_1 \ (Alternative \ Model \mid Data)]}$$

Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

Suppose data generated by some unknown process **f**. Two candidate models represent **f**: **g1** and **g2**.

If we knew **f**, then we could find the information lost from using **g1**; similarly, the information lost from using **g2** to represent **f** could be found. We would then choose the candidate model that minimized the information loss.

We do not know **f**. We can estimate how much more (or less) information is lost by g1 than by g2; ie, which model fits the data better (Akaike 1974)

$$\mathrm{AIC} = 2k - 2\ln(\hat{L})$$

k is the number of estimated parameters; ln(L) the log likelihood

Smaller AIC indicates better fit of the model to the data

MrModeltest:

Execute your data file in PAUP*.

Execute the file MrModelblock in PAUP*. A file called mrmodel.scores will appear in the current directory.

This file is the input for mrmodeltest2.

mrmodeltest2 < mrmodel.scores > out

