

Species Tree Inference

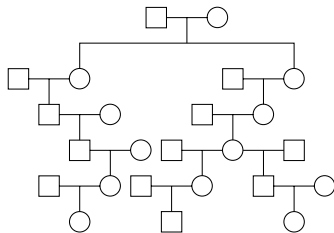
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Outline

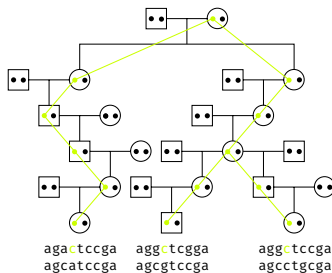
Coalescent Theory

Multispecies Coalescent

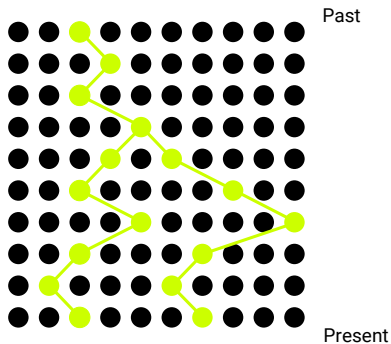
Pedigree



Gene Tree Within a Pedigree

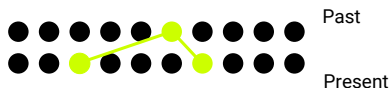


Population Coalescent ($n = 2$)

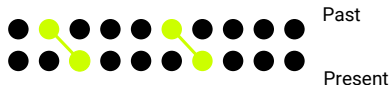


Population Coalescent ($n = 2$)

Probability of common parent ($P_1 = \frac{1}{2N}$):



Probability of distinct parents ($P_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2N}$):



Population Coalescent ($n = 2$)

Probability no coalescence by generation t

$$P_2^{(t)} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N}\right)^t$$

Transform to “diffusion” timescale

$$t = (2N)\tau$$

Unit of time is now $2N$ generations. One generation on this timescale is

$$d\tau = \frac{1}{2N}$$

so as $N \rightarrow \infty$ time appears continuous.

Population Coalescent ($n = 2$)

Probability of no coalescence (on the transformed timescale) is

$$P_2^{(\tau)} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N}\right)^{\tau(2N)}$$

and for large population size this converges to

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N}\right)^{\tau(2N)} = e^{-\tau}$$

Expectation of Coalescence Time ($n = 2$)

On the original discrete generation timescale the expected time for 2 sequences to coalesce is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(t) &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} t P_2^{(t)} \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N}\right)^{t-1} \frac{1}{2N} = 2N.\end{aligned}$$

On the transformed continuous timescale the expected time to coalescence is

$$\mathbb{E}(\tau) = \int P_2^{(\tau)} d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} \tau e^{-\tau} d\tau = 1.$$

Distribution of TMRCA ($n = 2$)

Recall: an exponentially distributed random variable x with rate λ has probability density function

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x},$$

with mean (expectation)

$$\mathbb{E}(x) = 1/\lambda,$$

and variance

$$\text{Var}(x) = 1/(\lambda^2).$$

Distribution of TMRCA ($n = 2$)

The probability density function of the coalescence time for two sequences on the transformed timescale ($2N$ generations) is

$$f(\tau) = e^{-\tau},$$

which is an exponential distribution with $\lambda = 1$. The mean and variance are

$$\mathbb{E}(\tau) = 1,$$

and

$$\text{Var}(\tau) = 1.$$

Distribution of TMRCA ($n = 2$)

The mean and variance of the coalescence time for two sequences on the original timescale (generations) are

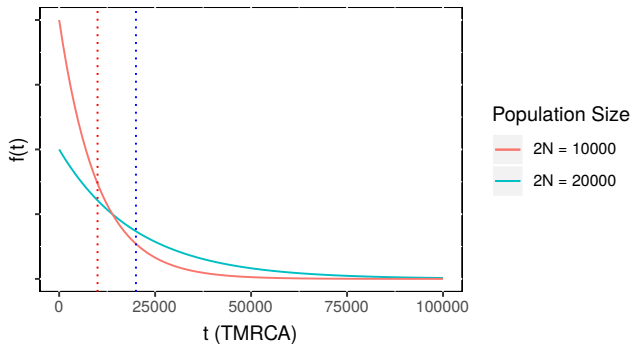
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(t) &= \mathbb{E}[(2N)\tau] \\ &= (2N)\mathbb{E}(\tau) \\ &= 2N,\end{aligned}$$

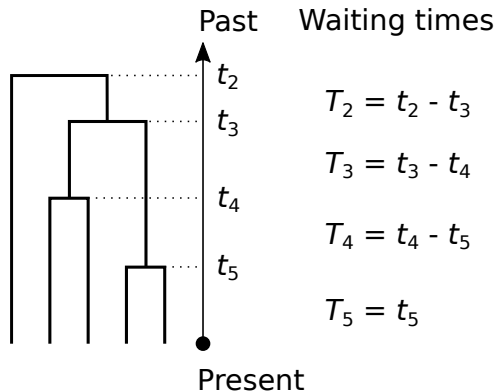
and

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(t) &= \text{Var}[(2N)\tau] \\ &= (2N)^2\text{Var}(\tau) \\ &= 4N^2.\end{aligned}$$

Distribution of TMRCA ($n = 2$)

Probability density of coalescence time ($n=2$)



Population Coalescent ($n \geq 2$)

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Waiting time for i lineages to coalesce to $i - 1$ lineages

$$f(\tau_i) = \frac{i(i-1)}{2} e^{-\frac{i(i-1)}{2}\tau_i}$$

This is an exponential distribution with rate parameter

$$\frac{i(i-1)}{2}$$

The mean and variance are therefore

$$\mathbb{E}(\tau_i) = \frac{2}{i(i-1)}, \quad \text{Var}(\tau_i) = \frac{4}{i^2(i-1)^2}.$$

Gene Trees Within Species Trees

