Species Tree Inference

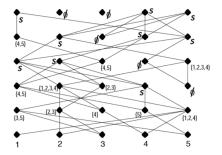
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Outline

Coalescent Theory

Multispecies Coalescent

Phylodemographic Inference



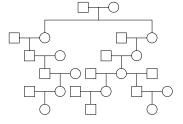


J.B.S. Haldane is Bruce Howard Rannala's 17th cousin five times removed!

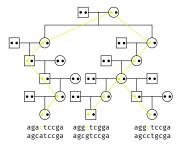
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Sewall Green Wright is Bruce Howard Rannala's 9th cousin twice removed!

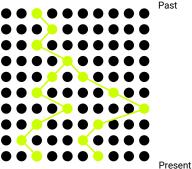




Gene Tree Within a Pedigree



Population Coalescent (n = 2)



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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 $N \to \infty$ 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

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

Expectation of Coalescence Time (n = 2)

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

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

On the transformed continuous timescale the expected time to coalescence is

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

Recall: an exponentially distributed random variable \boldsymbol{x} with rate λ has probability density function

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

with mean (expectation)

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

and variance

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

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

$$Var(\tau) = 1.$$

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

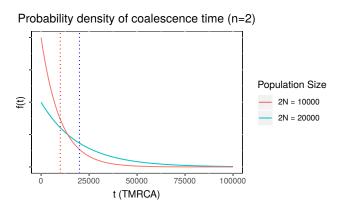
$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}(t) &=& \mathbb{E}[(2N)\tau] \\ &=& (2N)\mathbb{E}(\tau) \\ &=& 2N, \end{split}$$

and

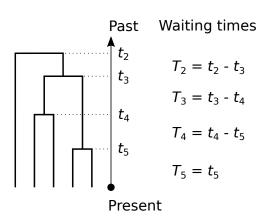
$$Var(t) = Var[(2N)\tau]$$

$$= (2N)^{2}Var(\tau)$$

$$= 4N^{2}$$



Population Coalescent ($n \ge 2$)



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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

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

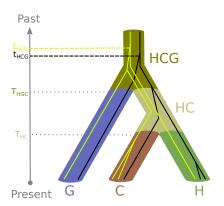
The mean and variance are therefore

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

Gene Trees Within Species Trees

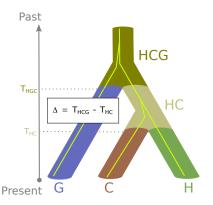


Gene Trees Within Species Trees



Gene Tree Probabilities Within Species Trees

3 species: 1 sequence each



Probability H and C coalesce in HC

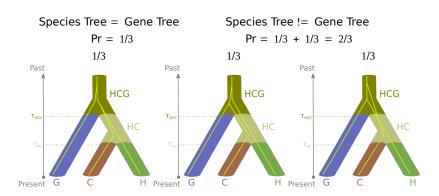
$$\int_{0}^{\Delta} \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{2N_{HC}}}}{2N_{HC}} dx = 1 - e^{-\frac{\Delta}{2N_{HC}}}.$$

Probability H and C do not coalesce in HC

$$e^{-\frac{\Delta}{2N_{HC}}}$$
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$$\Pr(G = S) = 1 - \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta}{2N_{HC}}\right) + \frac{1}{3}\exp\left(\frac{-\Delta}{2N_{HC}}\right)$$
$$= 1 - \frac{2}{3}\exp\left(\frac{-\Delta}{2N_{HC}}\right)$$
$$\Pr(G \neq S) = \frac{2}{3}\exp\left(\frac{-\Delta}{2N_{HC}}\right)$$

Estimator of Ancestral N (Chen and Li, 2001)

Procedure: estimate gene trees from sequence data and check match with a known species tree. The expected proportion of matches is

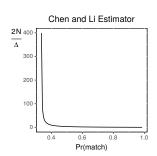
$$P = 1 - \frac{2}{3} \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta}{2N}\right)$$

Solving for $2N/\Delta$ gives the estimator:

$$\frac{2N}{\Delta} = \frac{1}{-\log(3/2) - \log(1-P)}.$$

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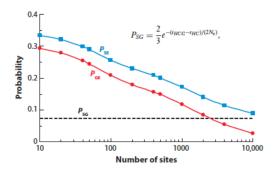
Population Size Versus Match Probability



Example: Let $\Delta_{HC} = 4 \times 10^6$ years (2×10^5 generations if q = 20) and $N_{HC} = 10^5$.

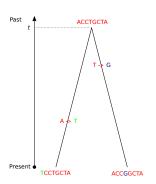
$$P = 1 - \frac{2}{3} \exp\left(-\frac{200000}{2 \times 100000}\right)$$
$$= 1 - \frac{2}{3} \exp(-1)$$
$$= 1 - \frac{2}{3} \times 0.368 = 0.755$$

Estimator of Ancestral N (Chen and Li, 2001)



What is θ ?

two sequences



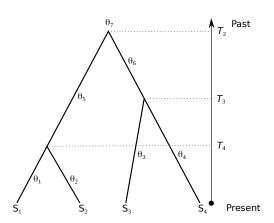
Number of segregating sites under infinite-sites model (Watterson, 1981)

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}(S) &=& \mathbb{E}(2\mu t) \\ &=& 2\mu \mathbb{E}(t) \\ &=& 2\mu(2N) \\ &=& 4N\mu \end{split}$$

We define

$$\theta = 4N\mu$$

Parameters of Phylodemographic Model



Let $\Theta=\{\theta,\tau\}$. For s species, θ contains at most 2s-3 and at least s-1 parameters. τ contains s-1 parameters. The posterior distribution of demographic parameters given sequence data D is

$$f(\Theta|D) = \int \frac{f(D|G)f(G|\Theta)f(\Theta)}{f(D)}dG$$

where f(D|G) is the "Felsenstein Likelihood" and $f(G|\Theta)$ is the "Multispecies Coalescent" prior on gene trees.

Assumptions Unlinked genes

$$f(G|\Theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{L} f(G_i|\Theta)$$

Independent sites

$$f(D|G_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(D_i|G_i)$$

No gene flow between populations.

Markov chain Monte Carlo

1. Simulate a proposed value for a paraneter

$$\theta^* \approx g(\theta^*|\theta)$$

2. Accept proposed value with probability

$$\alpha = \min \left(\frac{f(D|\theta^*)f(\theta^*)g(\theta|\theta^*)}{f(D|\theta)f(\theta)g(\theta^*|\theta)}, 1 \right).$$

Metropolis et al. (1953) + Hastings (1970)

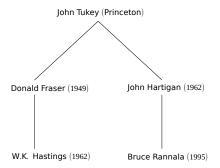
Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm Edward Teller (father of the H-bomb)



Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm Keith Hastings (statistician)



Bayesian Phylodemographic Inference Metropolis-Hastings Algorithm



MCMC Proposal Moves

- ► Propose changes to coalescent times in gene trees that respect constraints of species tree
- Propose changes to gene trees by subtree pruning and re-grafting (respect species tree constraints)
- Propose changes to effective population size parameters
- ► Propose new speciation times in the species tree and transforming gene trees to respect constraints
- ▶ Jointly propose proportional changes to all effective population sizes, divergence, and coalescence times

Making Sense of BPP Parameters

$$\theta = 4N\mu$$

units are expected DNA substitutions.

To obtain N we specify a mutation rate and generation time

$$N = \frac{\theta}{4 \times \mu \times g}$$

Example: if $\theta_H=0.00057$, g=20 years/generation and $\mu=10^{-9}$ mutations/year

$$N_H = \frac{0.00057}{4 \times 10^{-9} \times 20} = 7125$$