

# **Week 10: Coalescents, Consensus trees, etc.**

Genome 570

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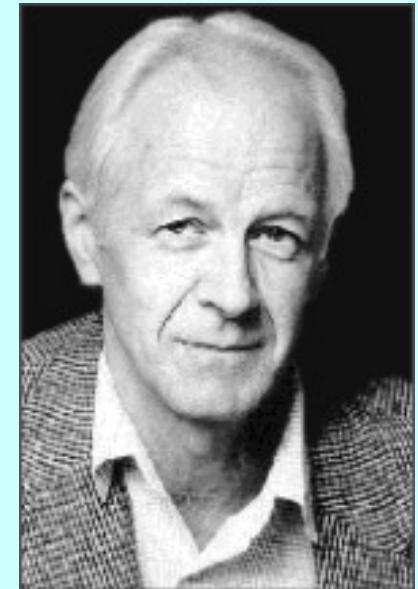
# Cann, Stoneking, and Wilson



Becky Cann



Mark Stoneking



the late Allan Wilson

Cann, R. L., M. Stoneking, and A. C. Wilson. 1987. Mitochondrial DNA and human evolution. *Nature* **325**:a 31-36.

# Mitochondrial Eve

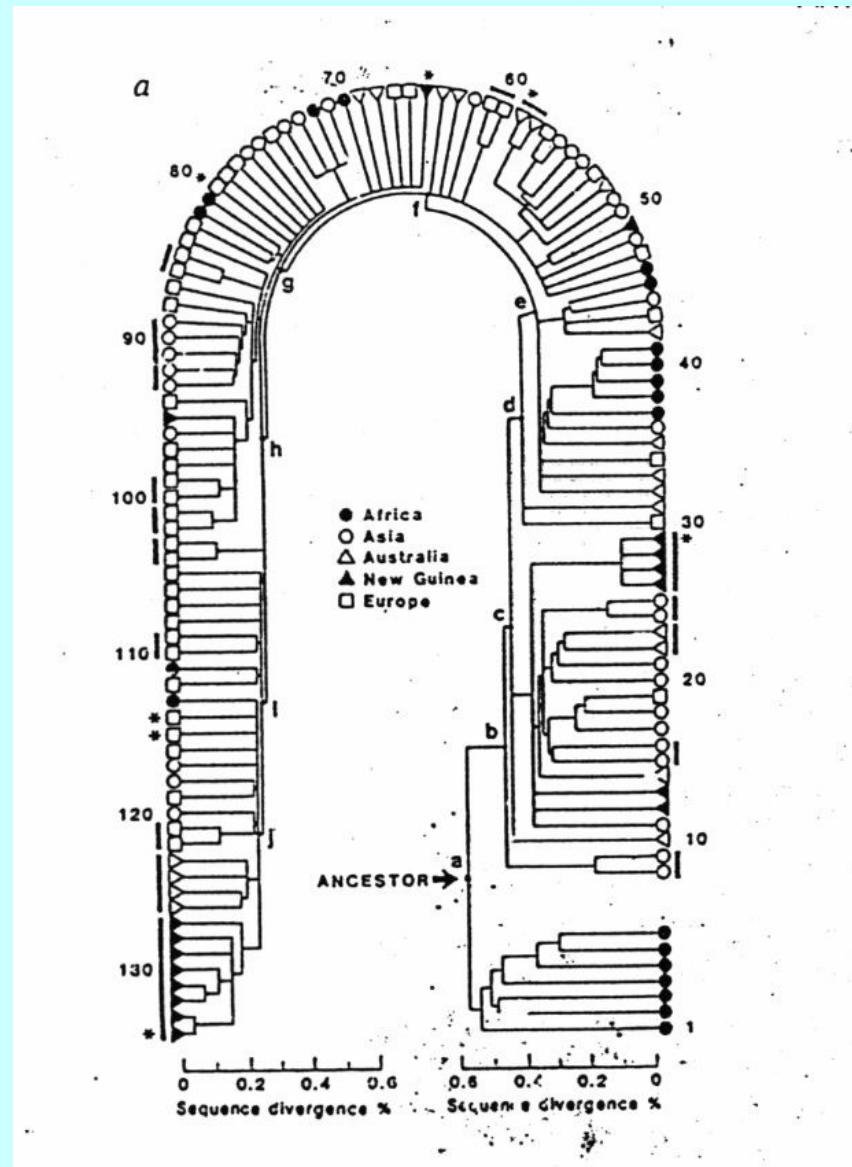
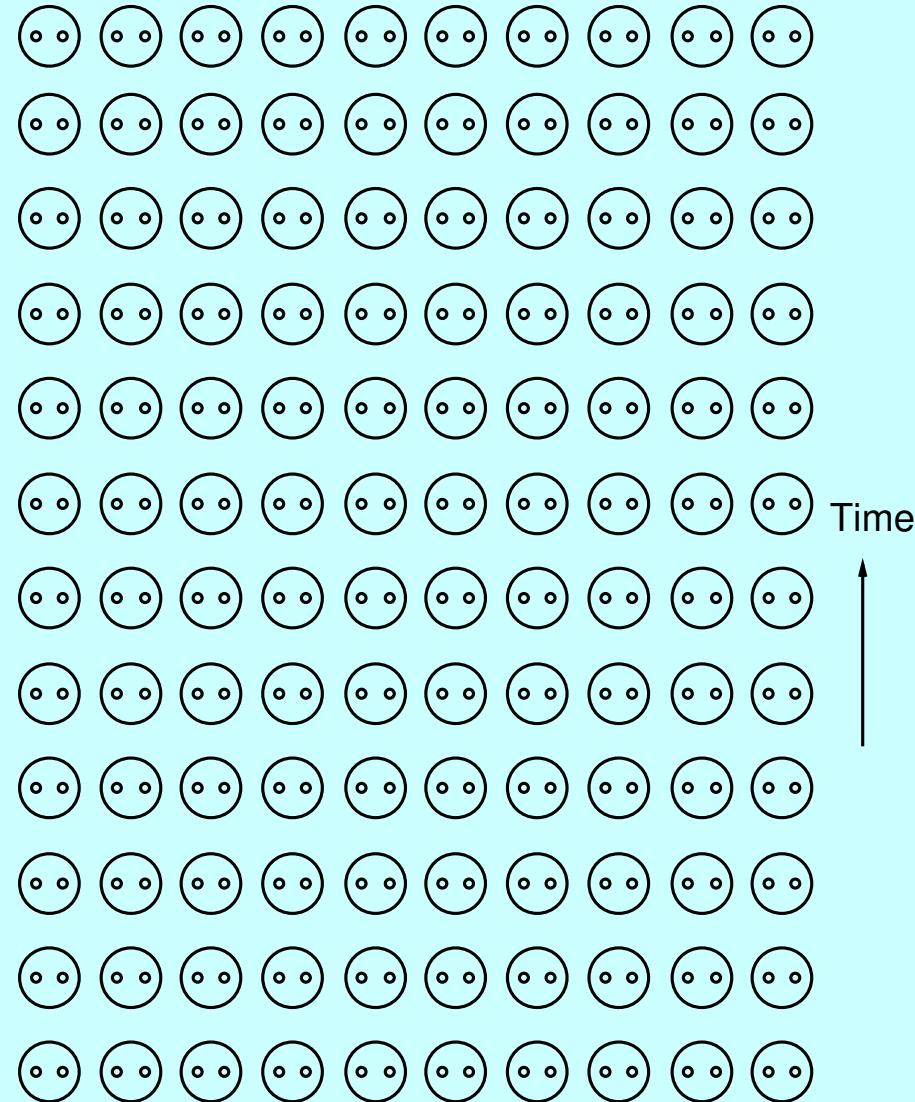


Fig. 3 a, Genealogical tree for 134 types of human mtDNA (133 restriction sites used. The tree accounts for the site differences observed).

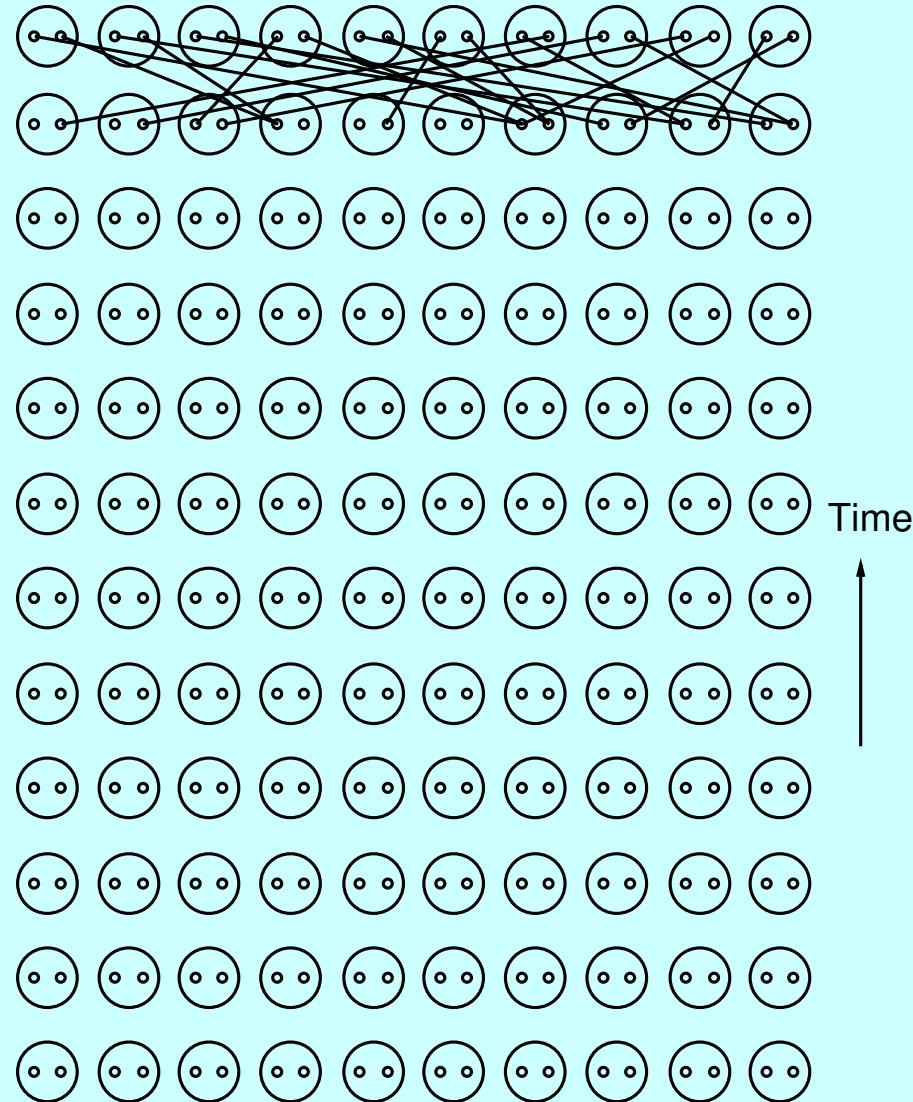
# Gene copies in a population of 10 individuals

A random-mating population



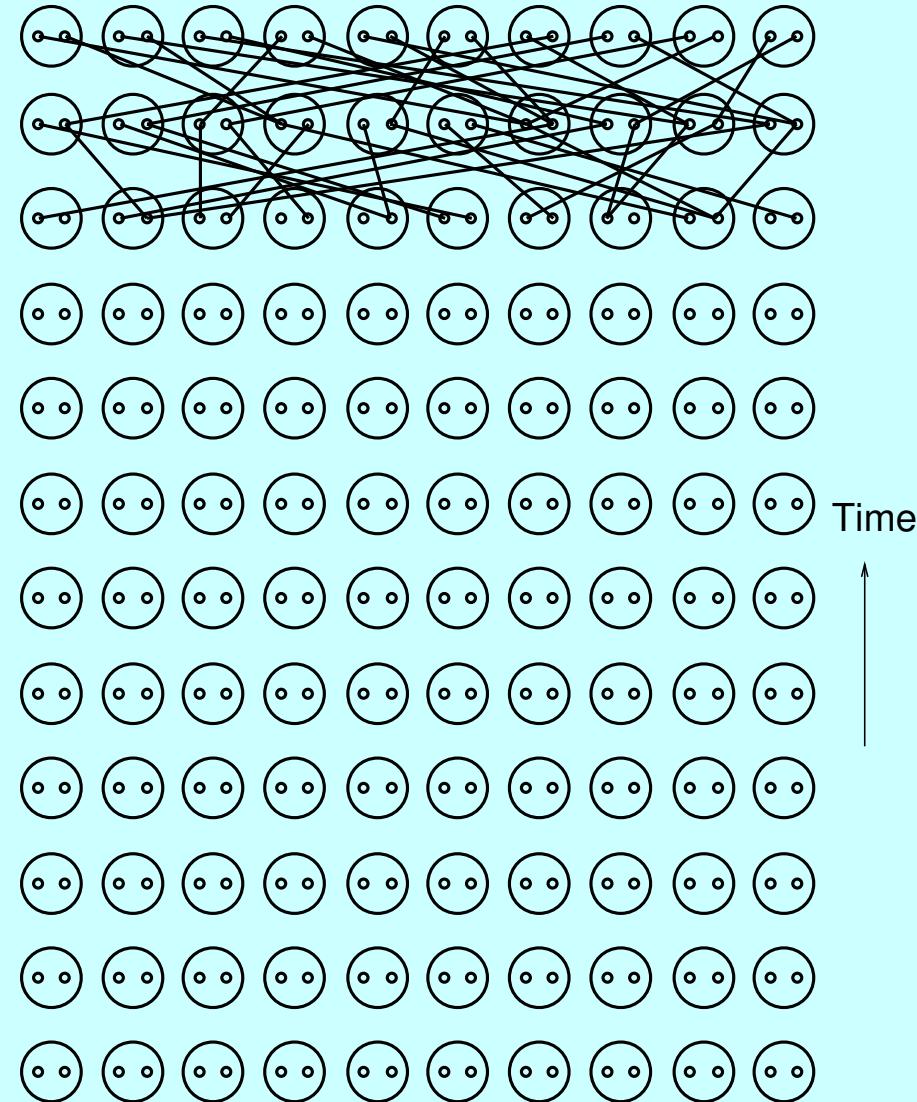
# Going back one generation

A random-mating population



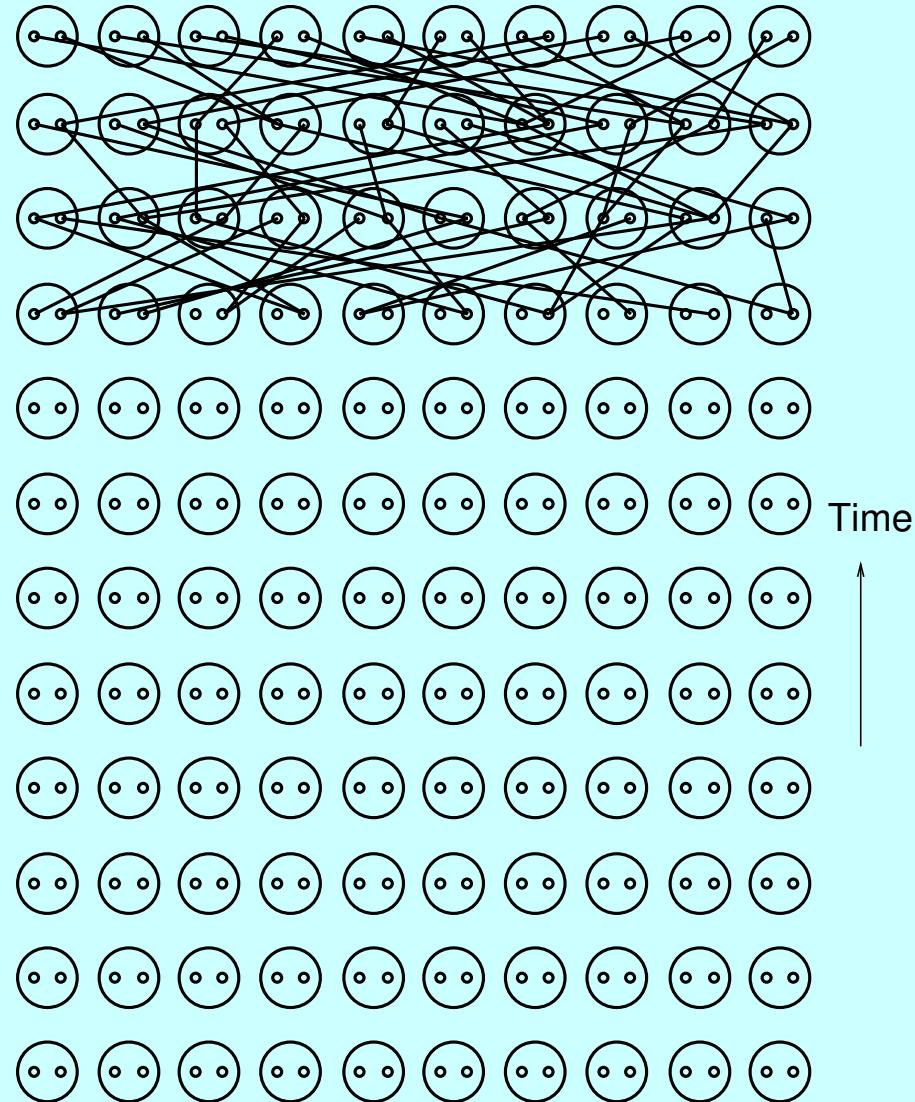
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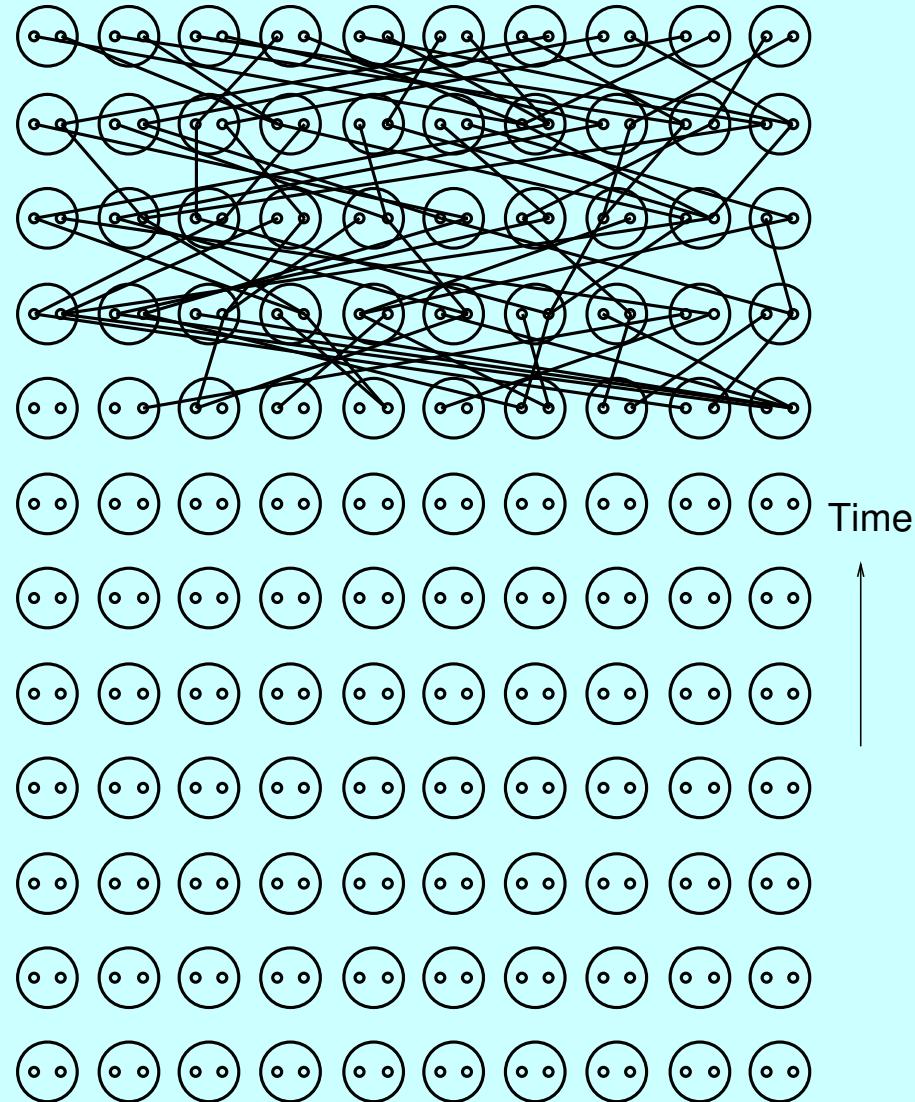
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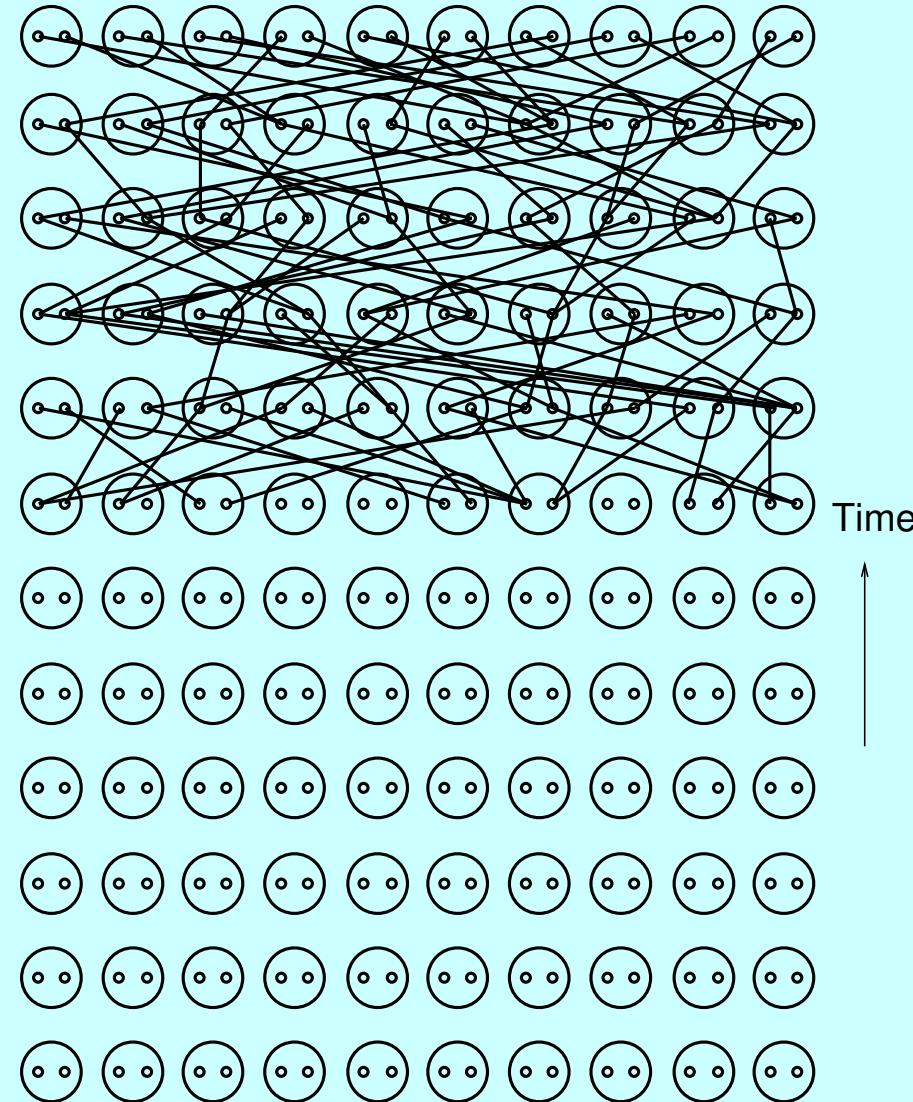
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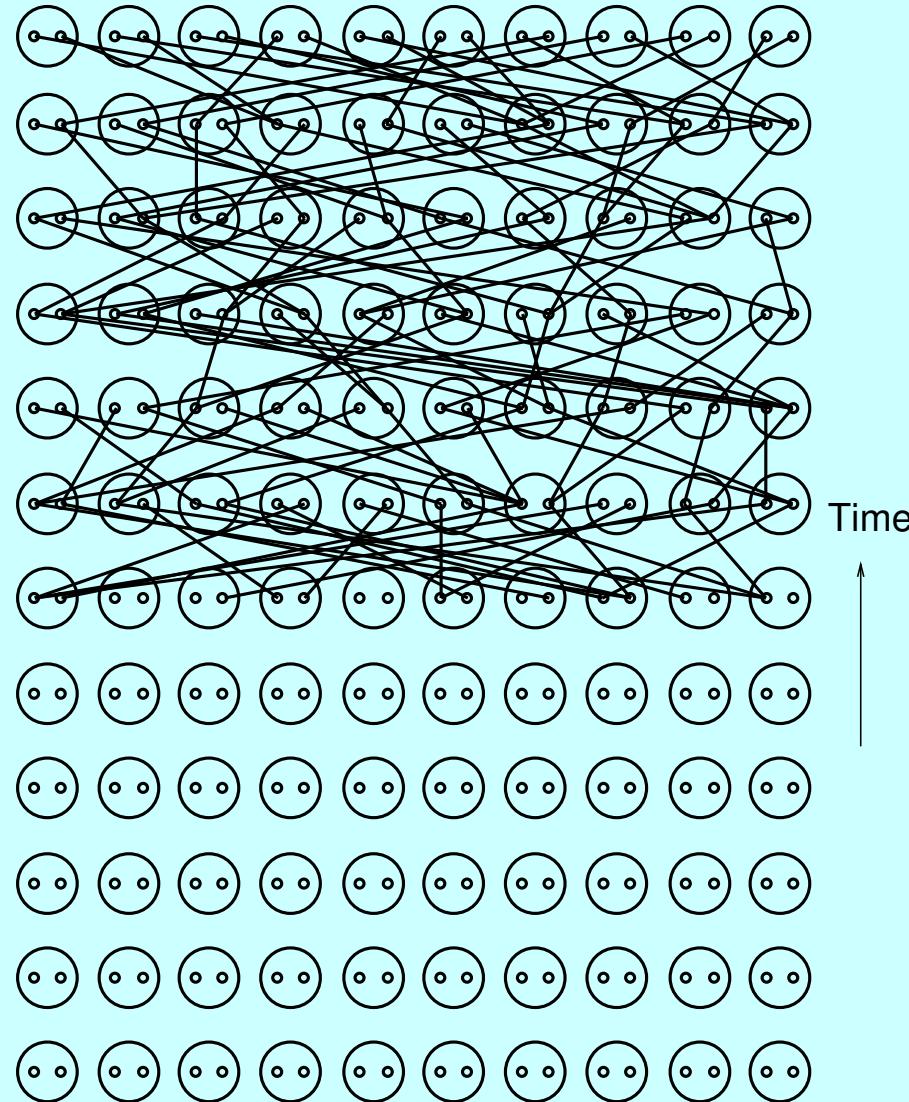
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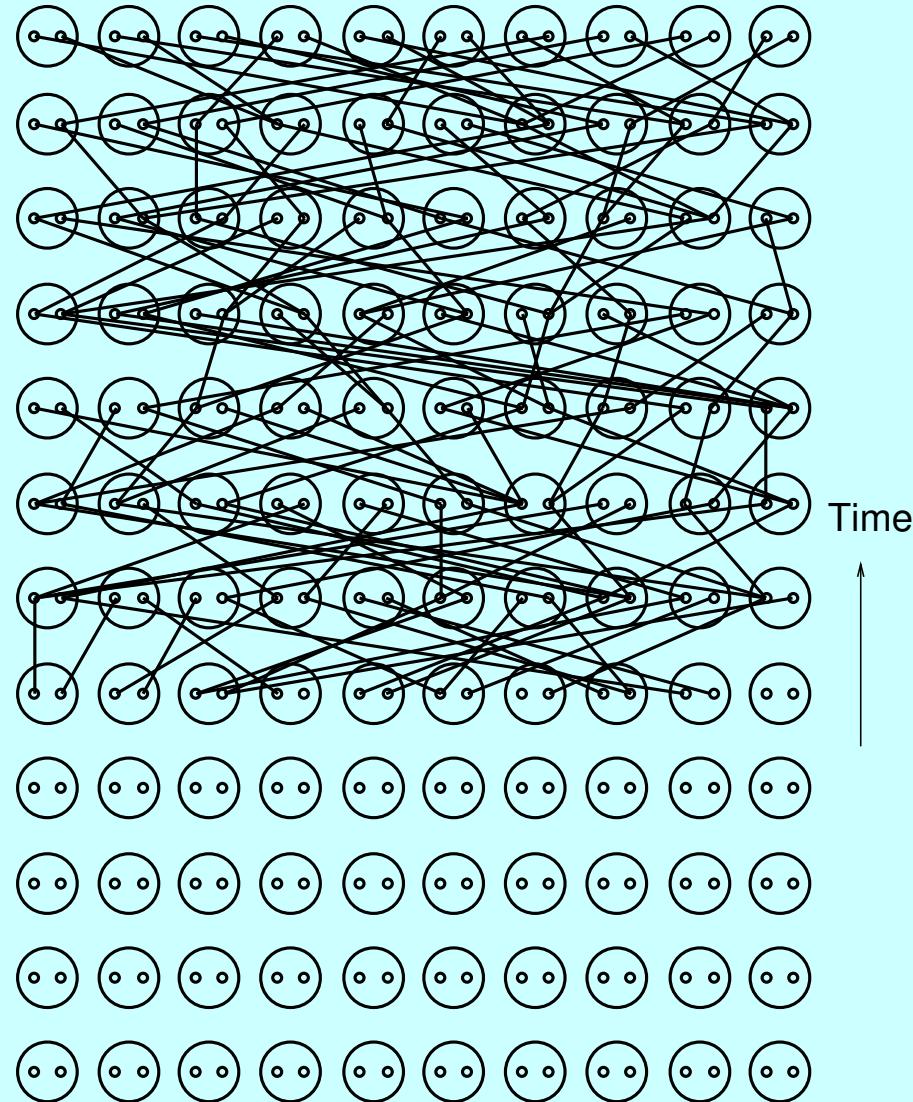
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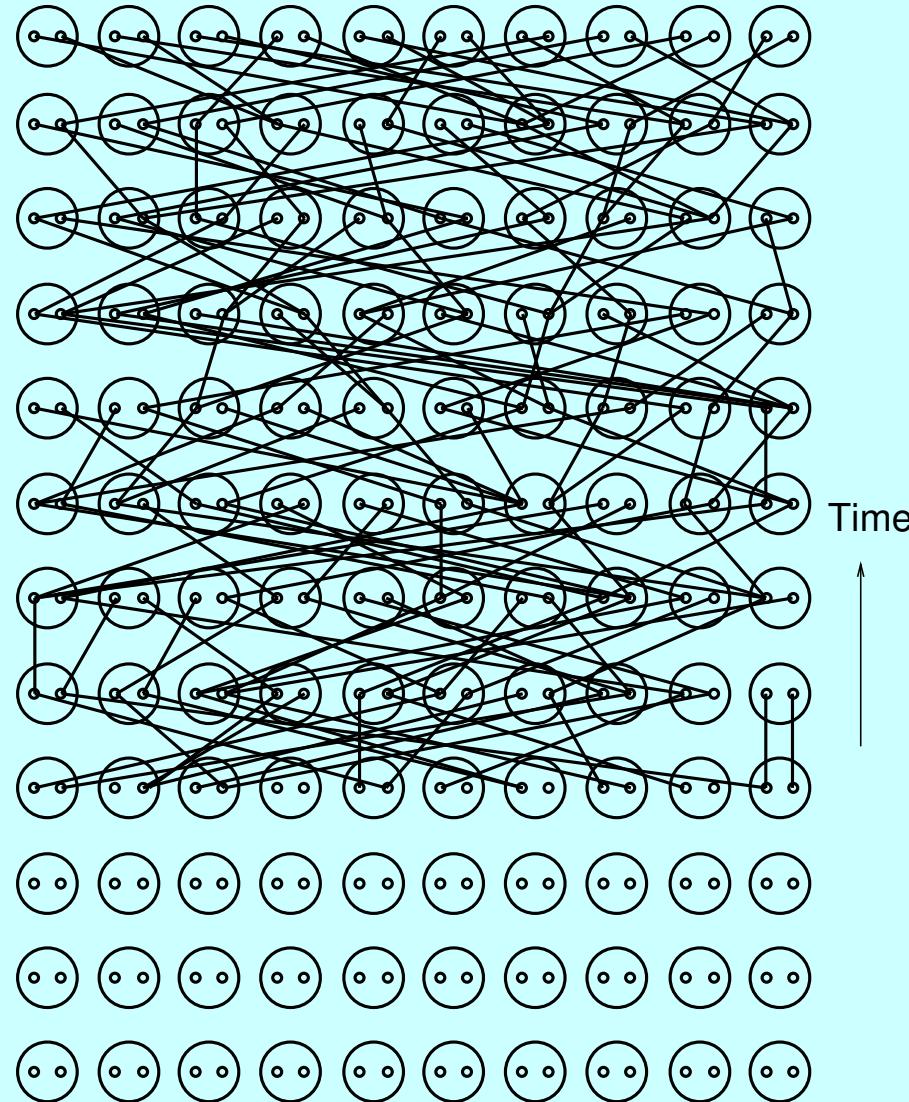
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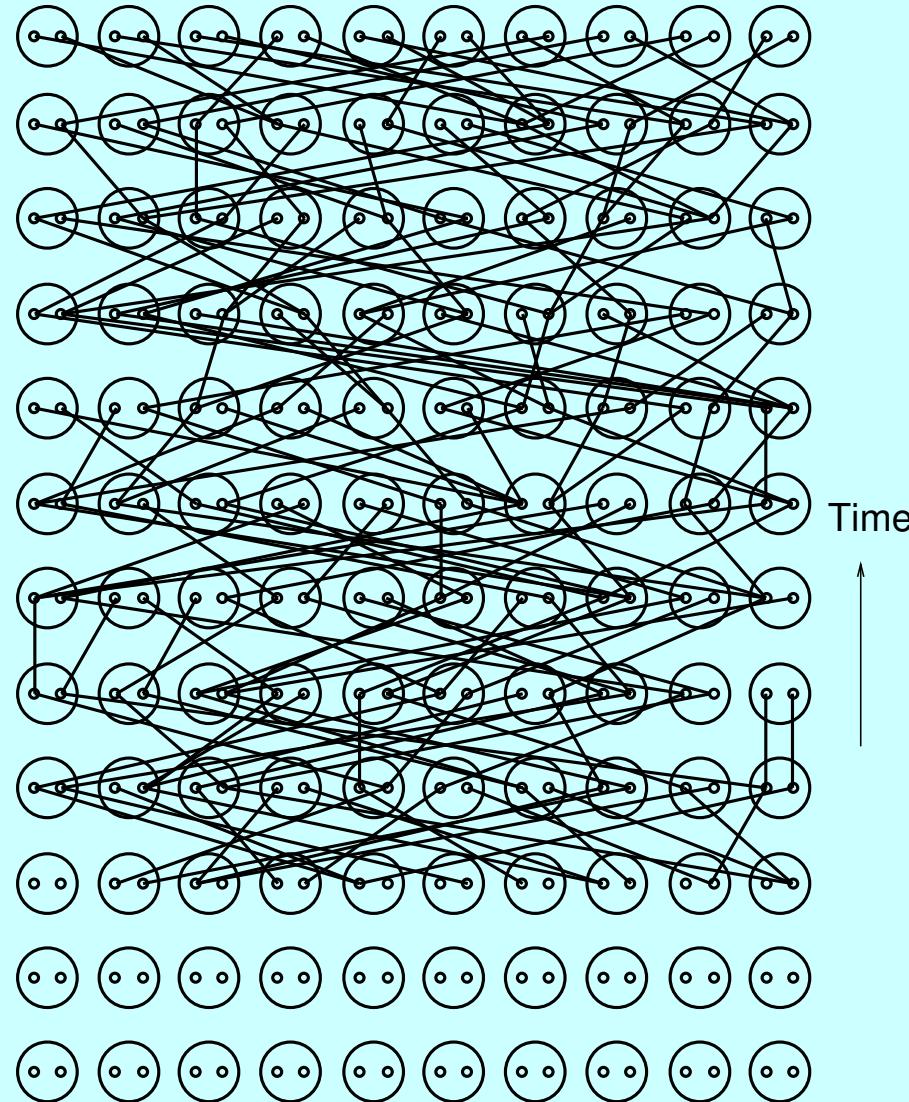
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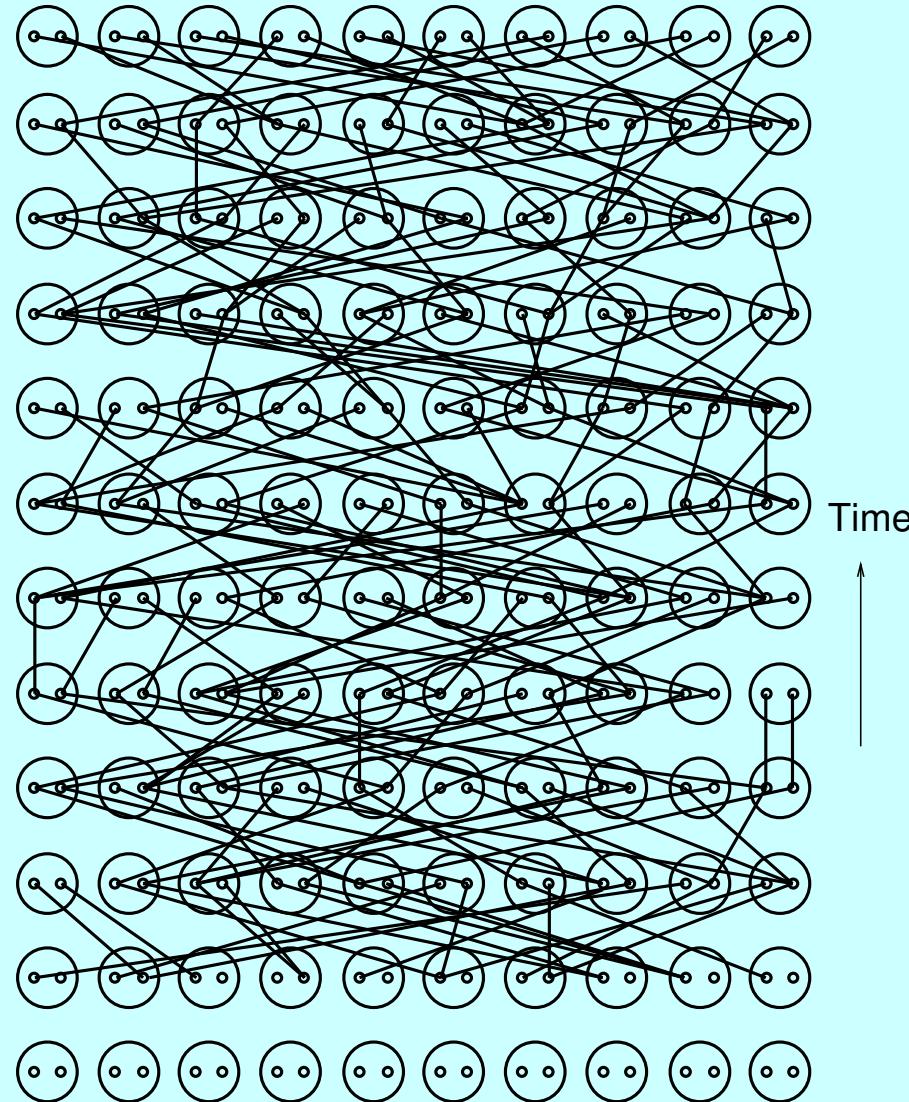
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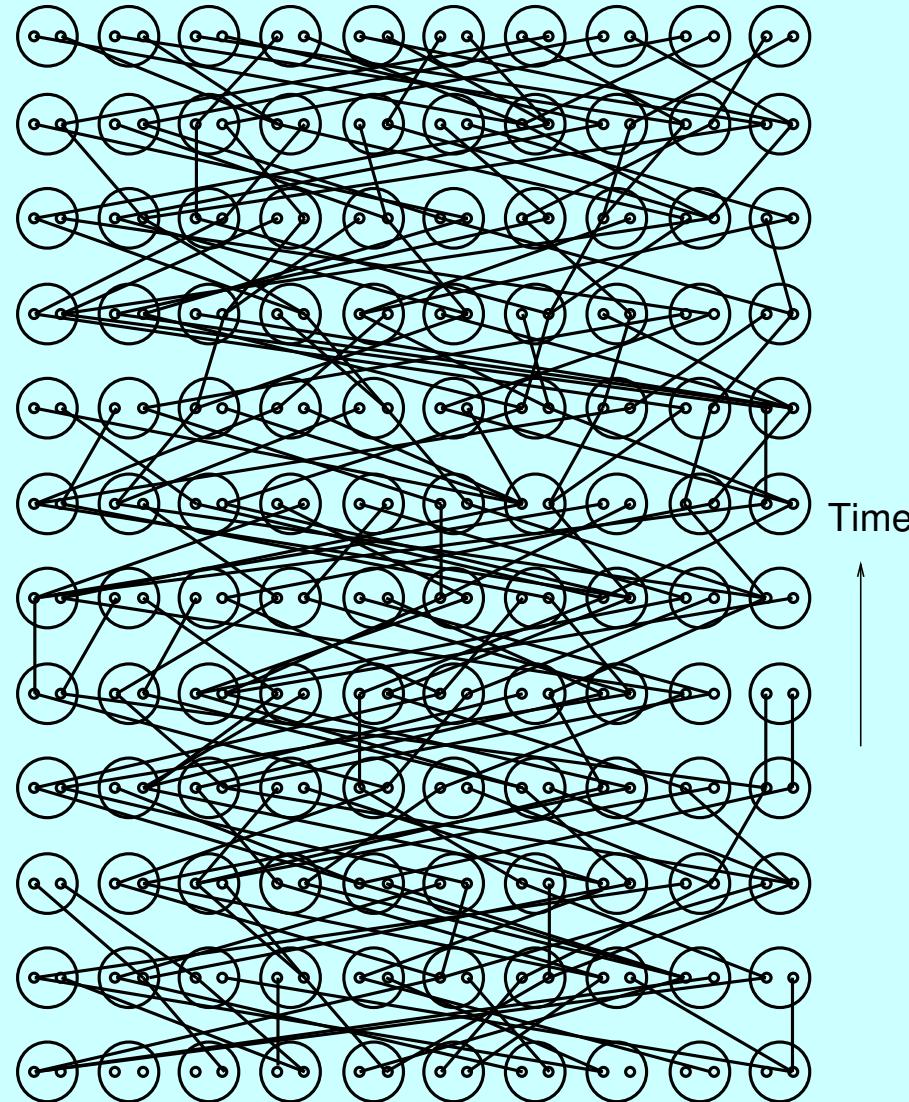
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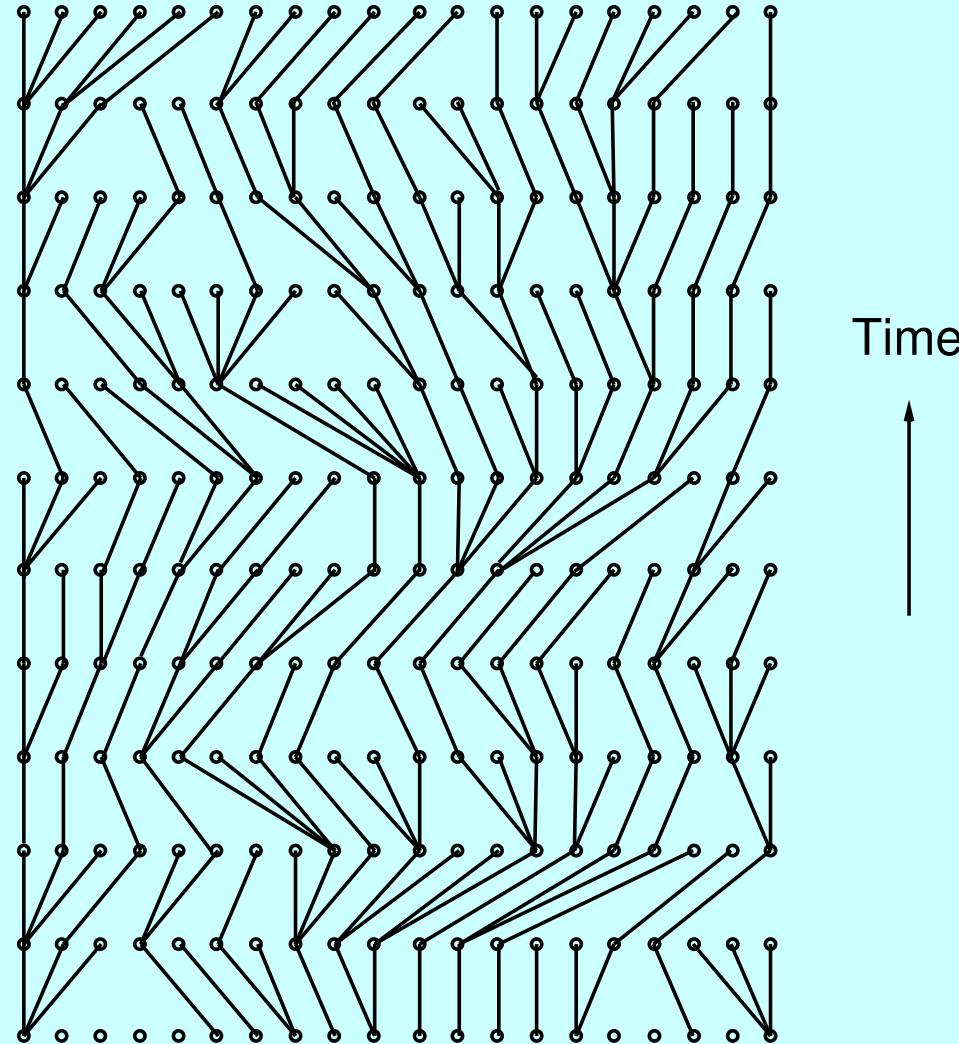
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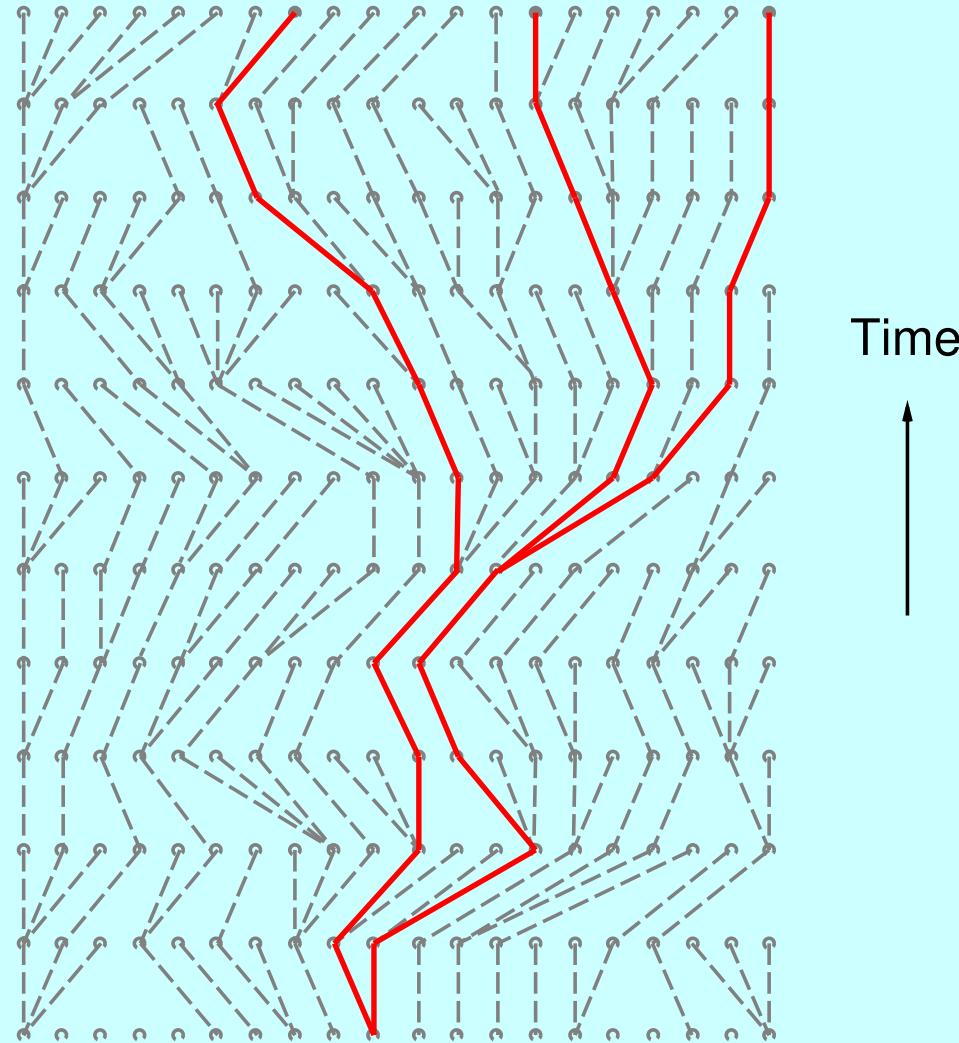
# The genealogy of gene copies is a tree

Genealogy of gene copies, after reordering the copies

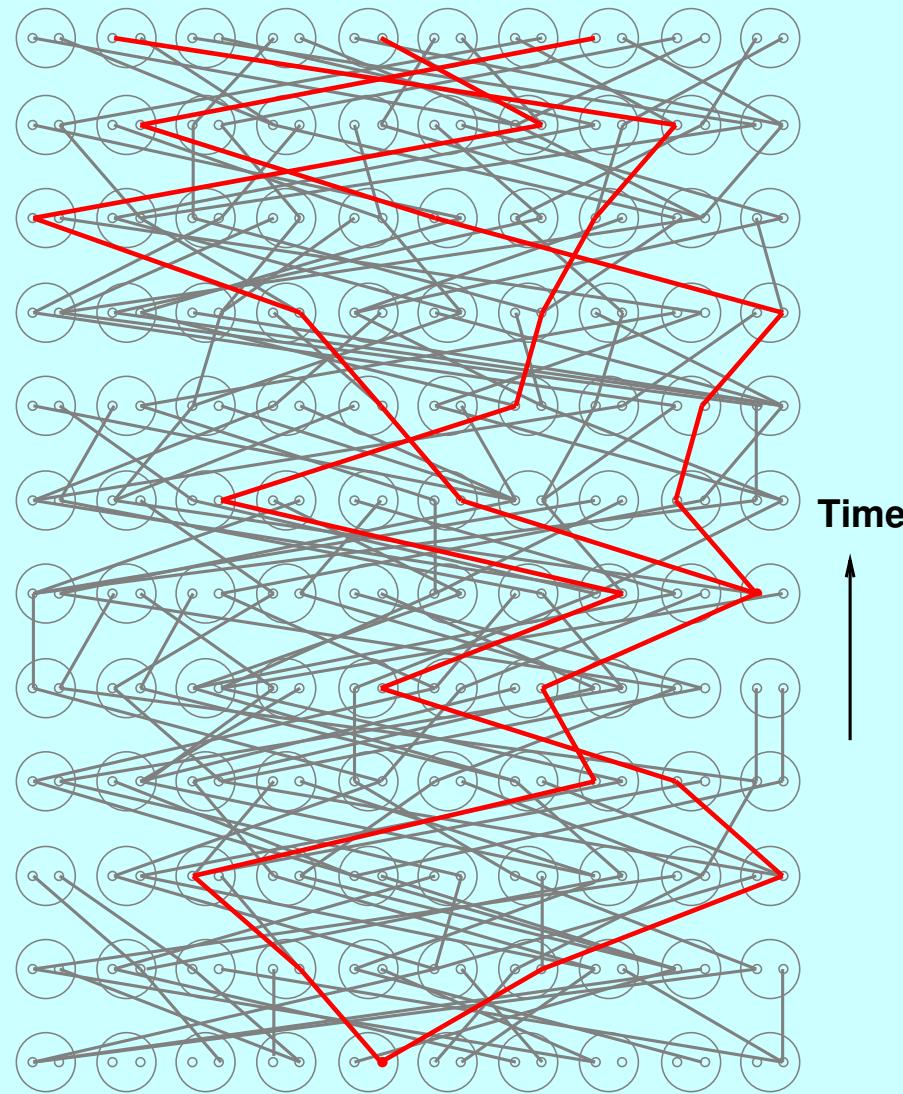


# Ancestry of a sample of 3 copies

Genealogy of a small sample of genes from the population



**Here is that tree of 3 copies in the pedigree**



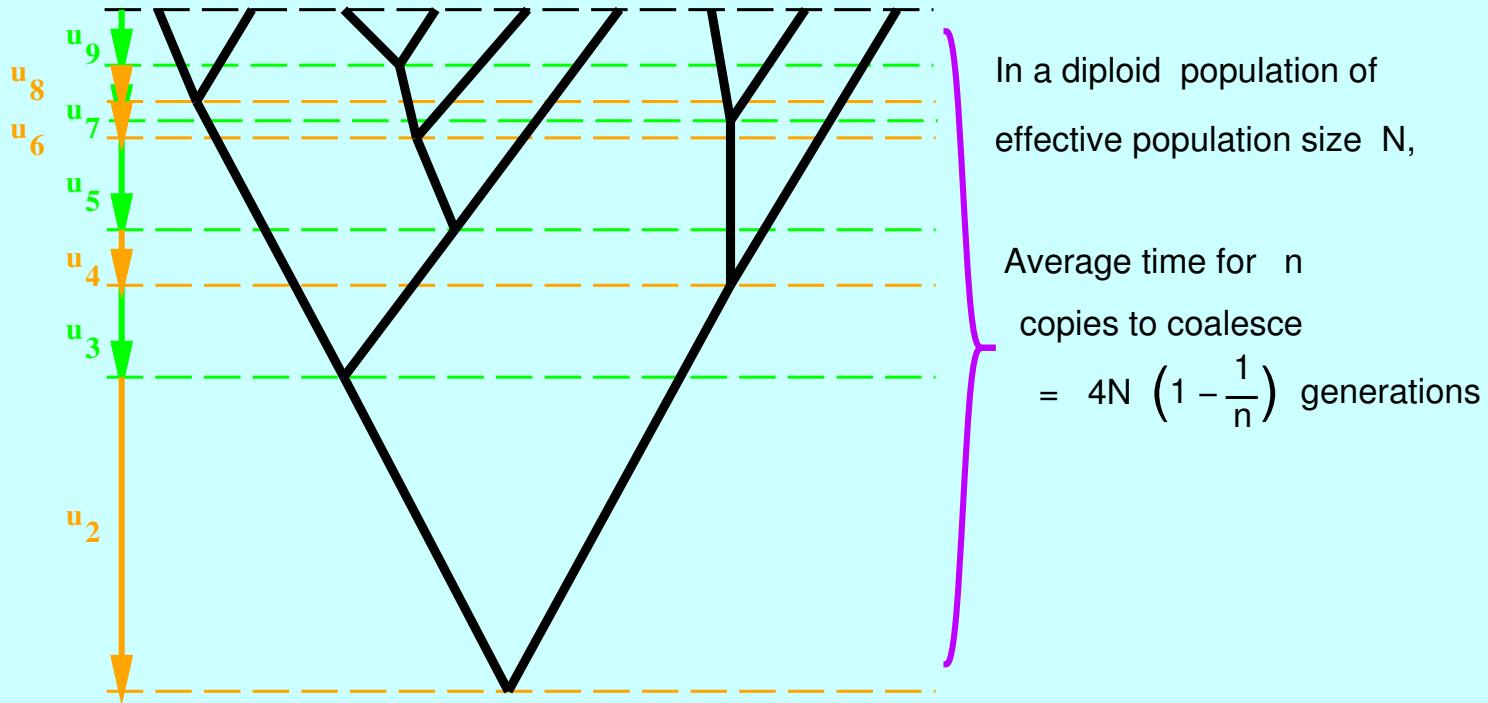
# Kingman's coalescent

Random collision of lineages as go back in time (sans recombination)

Collision is faster the smaller the effective population size

Average time for  
k copies to coalesce to  
 $k-1 = \frac{4N}{k(k-1)}$

Average time for  
two copies to coalesce  
=  $2N$  generations



What's misleading about this diagram: the lineages that coalesce are random pairs, not necessarily ones that are next to each other in a linear order.

## The Wright-Fisher model

This is the canonical model of genetic drift in populations. It was invented in 1930 and 1932 by Sewall Wright and R. A. Fisher.

In this model the next generation is produced by doing this:

- Choose two individuals *with replacement* (including the possibility that they are the same individual) to be parents,
- Each produces one gamete, these become a diploid individual,
- Repeat these steps until N diploid individuals have been produced.

The effect of this is to have each locus in an individual in the next generation consist of two genes sampled from the parents' generation at random, with replacement.

## The coalescent – a derivation

The probability that  $k$  lineages becomes  $k - 1$  one generation earlier turns out to be (as each lineage “chooses” its ancestor independently):

$$k(k - 1)/2 \times \text{Prob} (\text{First two have same parent, rest are different})$$

(since there are  $\binom{k}{2} = k(k - 1)/2$  different pairs of copies)

We add up terms, all the same, for the  $k(k - 1)/2$  pairs that could coalesce; the sum is:

$$\begin{aligned} & k(k - 1)/2 \times 1 \times \frac{1}{2N} \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N}\right) \\ & \quad \times \left(1 - \frac{2}{2N}\right) \times \cdots \times \left(1 - \frac{k-2}{2N}\right) \end{aligned}$$

so that the total probability that a pair coalesces is

$$= k(k - 1)/4N + O(1/N^2)$$

## Can probabilities of two or more lineages coalescing

Note that the total probability that some combination of lineages coalesces is

$$1 - \text{Prob} (\text{Probability all genes have separate ancestors})$$

$$= 1 - \left[ 1 \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{2N}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{2N}\right) \right]$$

$$= 1 - \left[ 1 - \frac{1+2+3+\dots+(k-1)}{2N} + O(1/N^2) \right]$$

and since

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1) = n(n-1)/2$$

the quantity

$$= 1 - [1 - k(k-1)/4N + O(1/N^2)] \simeq k(k-1)/4N + O(1/N^2)$$

## Can calculate how many coalescences are of pairs

This shows, since the terms of order  $1/N$  are the same, that the events involving 3 or more lineages simultaneously coalescing are in the terms of order  $1/N^2$  and thus become unimportant if  $N$  is large.

Here are the probabilities of 0, 1, or more coalescences with 10 lineages in populations of different sizes:

N	0	1	> 1
100	0.79560747	0.18744678	0.01694575
1000	0.97771632	0.02209806	0.00018562
10000	0.99775217	0.00224595	0.00000187

Note that increasing the population size by a factor of 10 reduces the coalescent rate for pairs by about 10-fold, but reduces the rate for triples (or more) by about 100-fold.

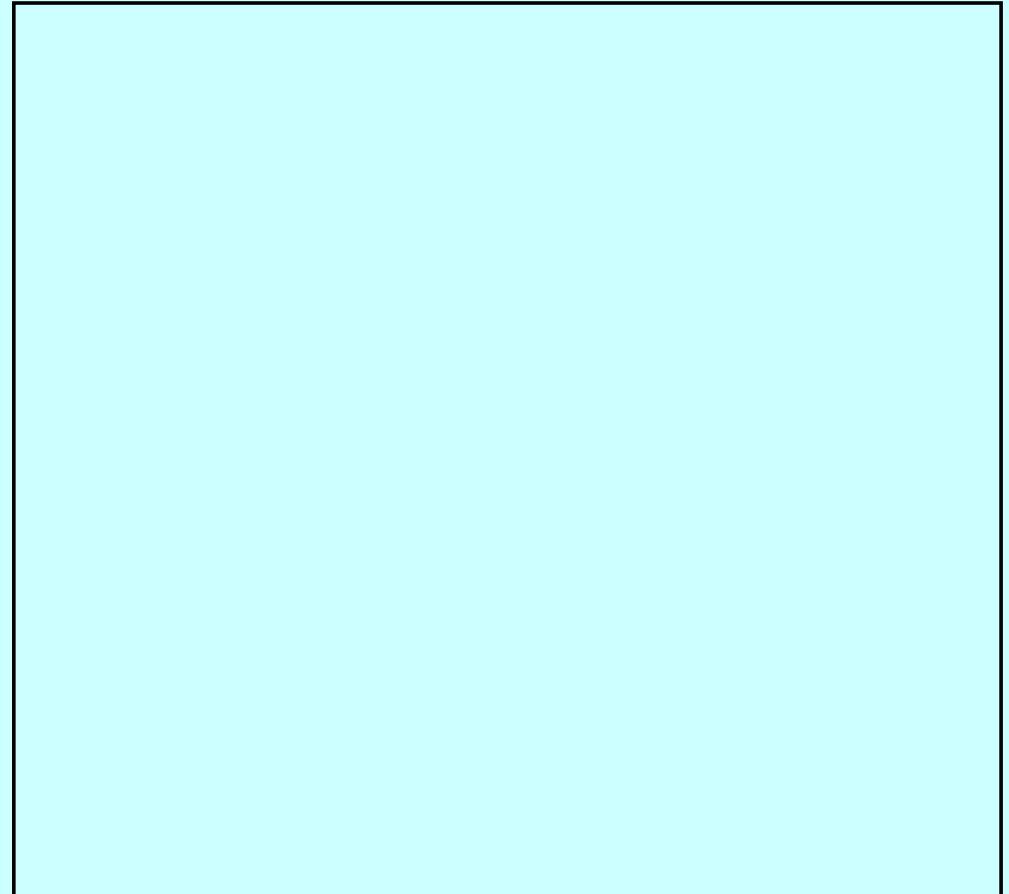
## The coalescent

To simulate a random genealogy, do the following:

1. Start with  $k$  lineages
2. Draw an exponential time interval with mean  $4N/(k(k - 1))$  generations.
3. Combine two randomly chosen lineages.
4. Decrease  $k$  by 1.
5. If  $k = 1$ , then stop
6. Otherwise go back to step 2.

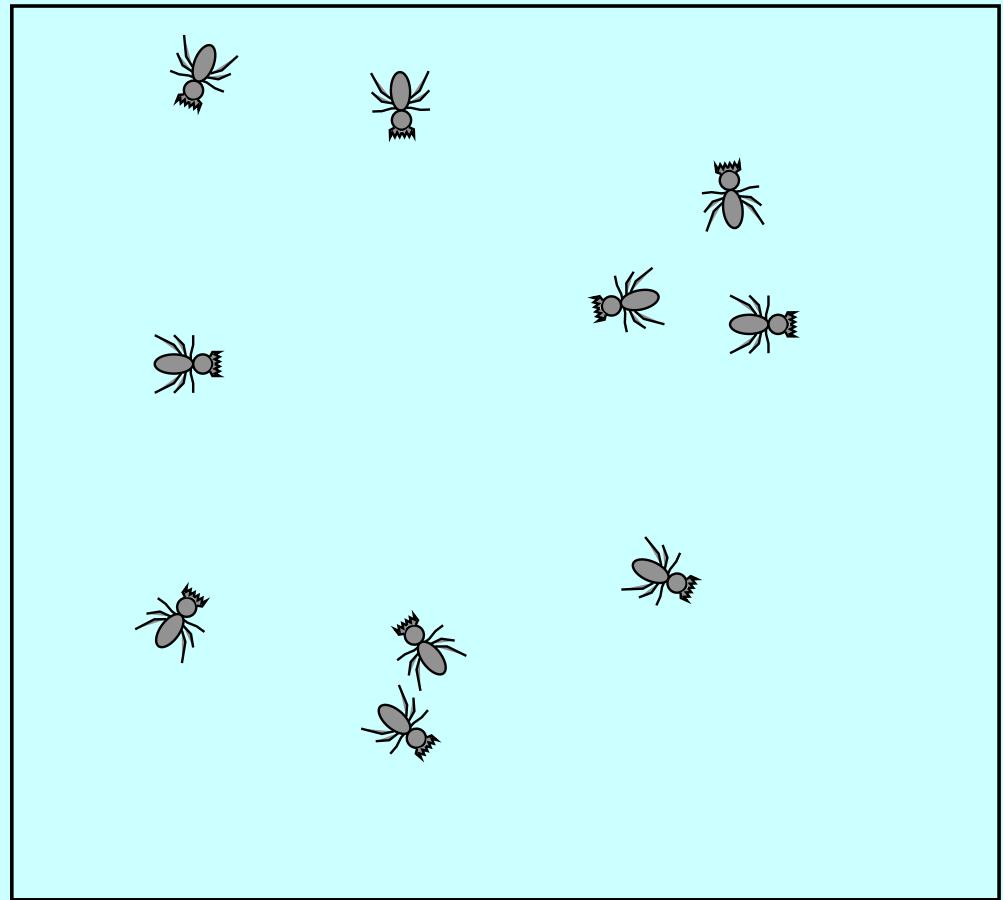
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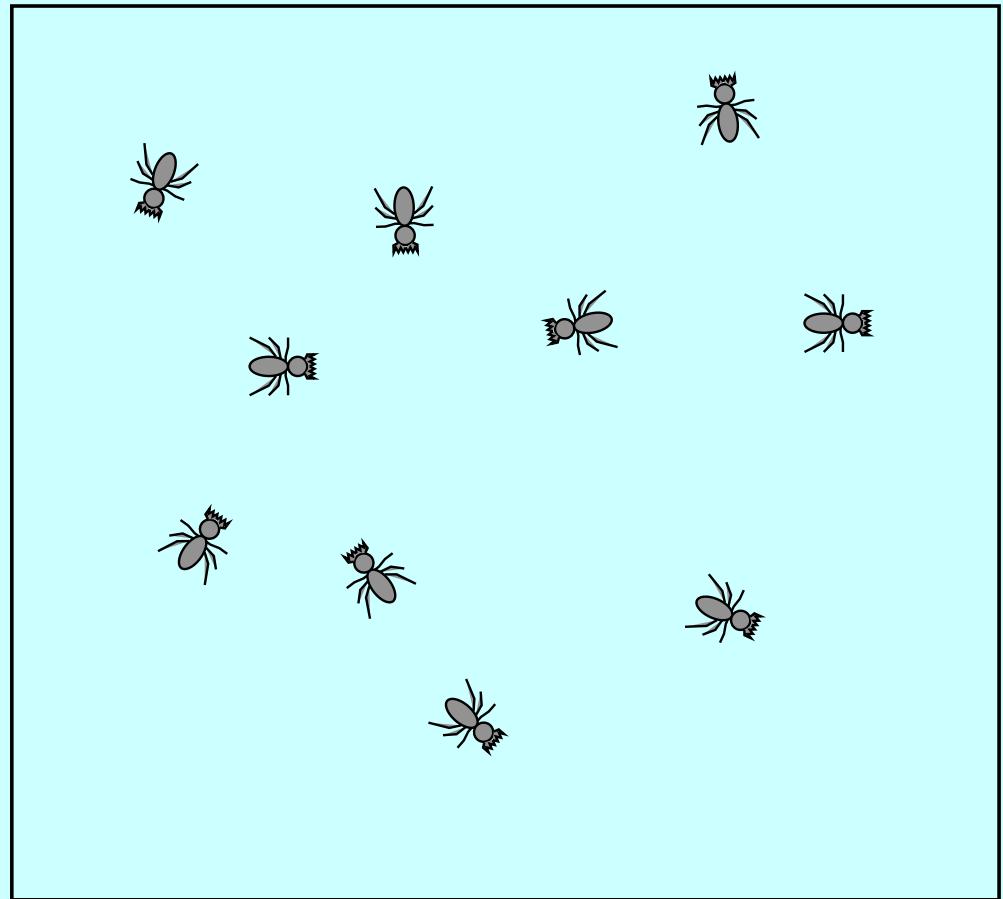
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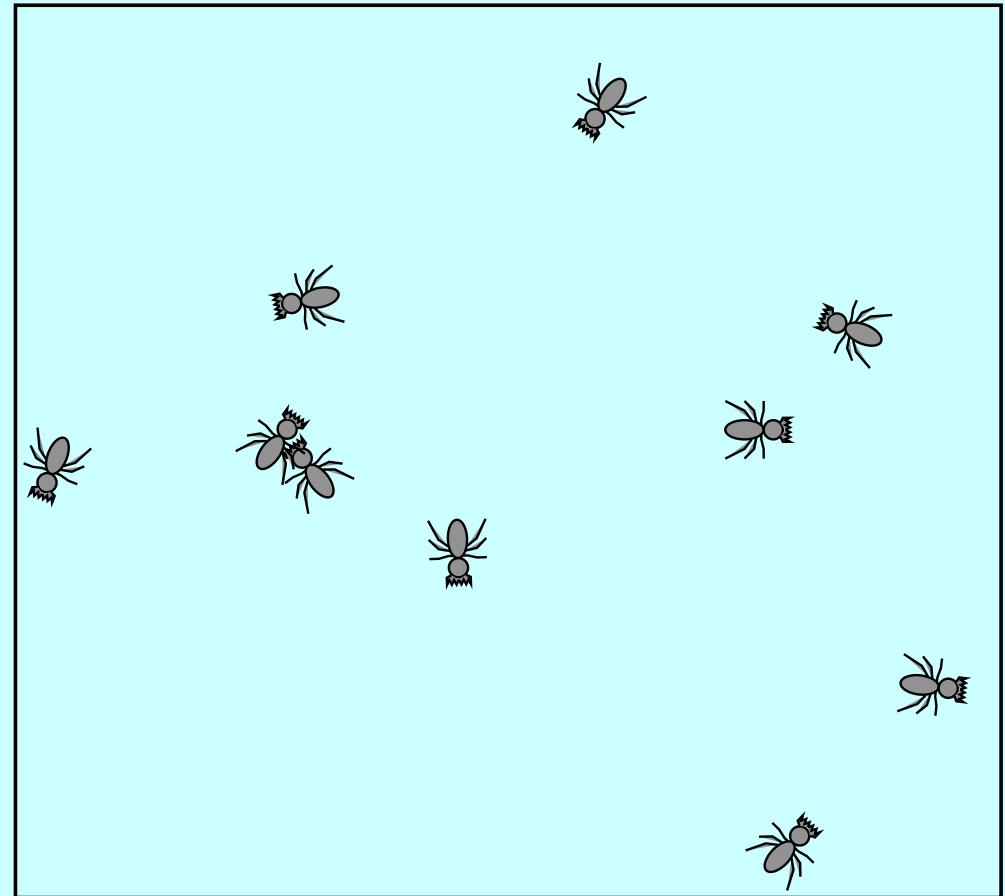
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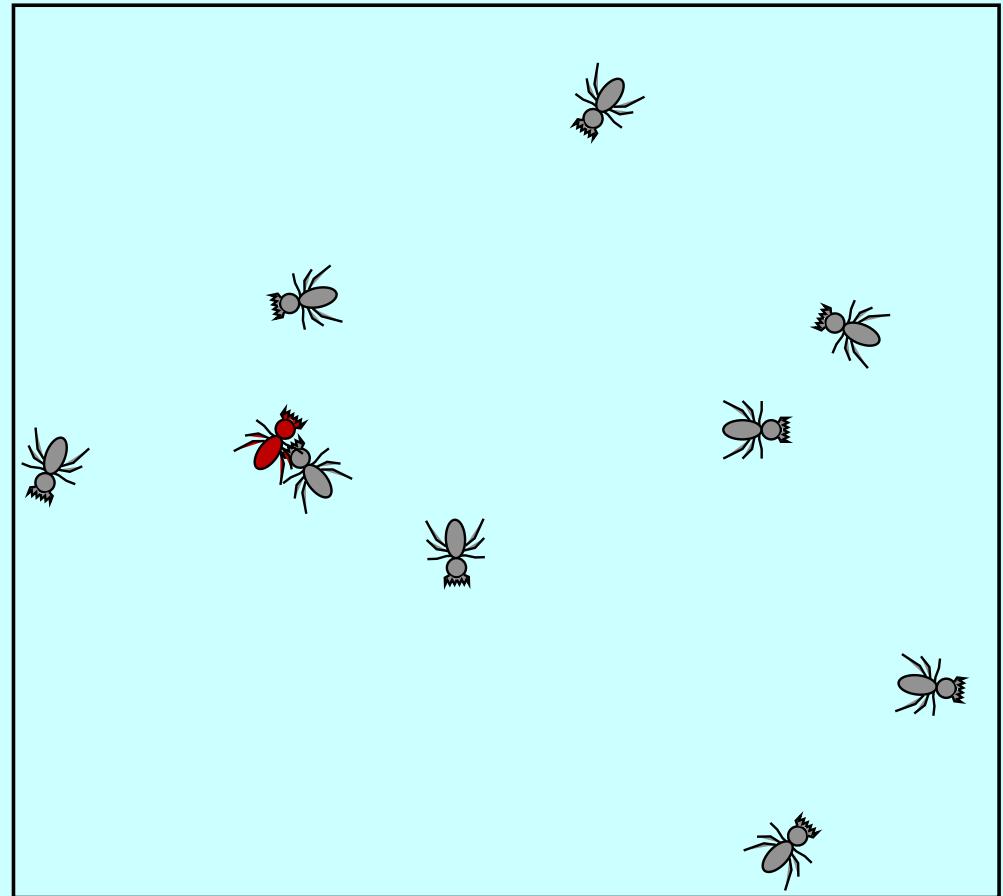
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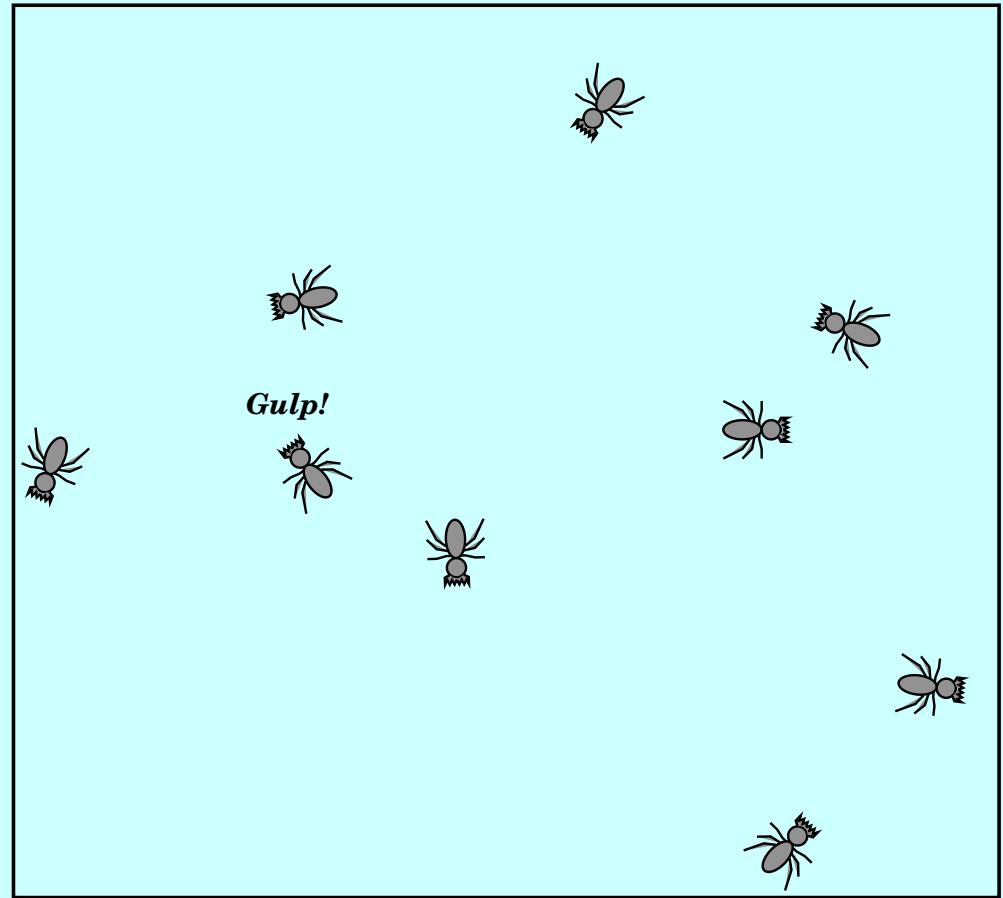
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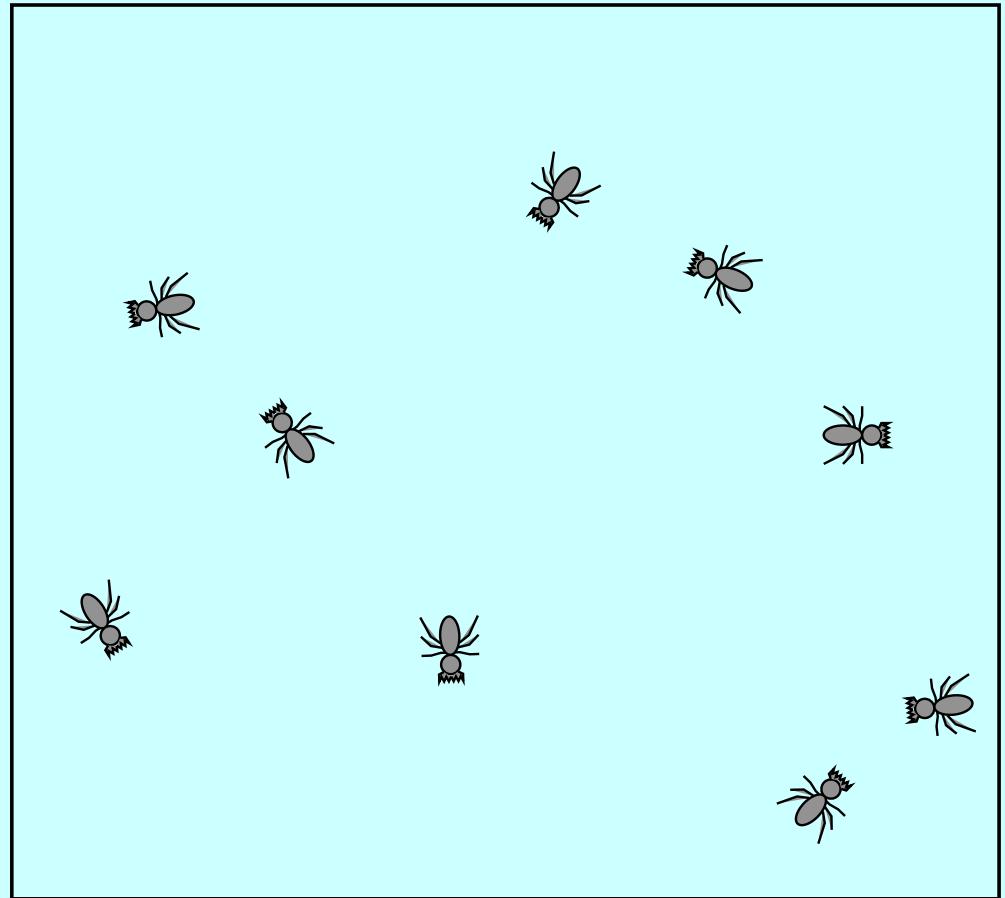
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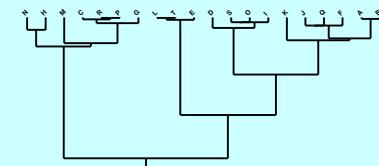
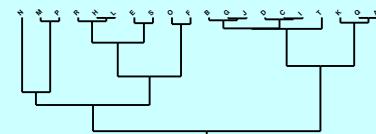
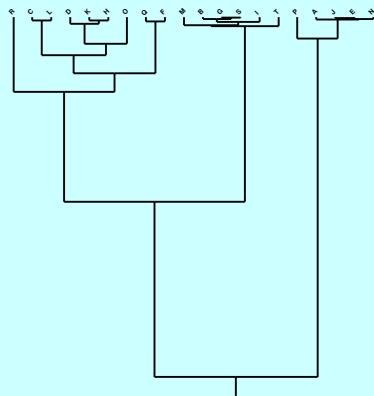
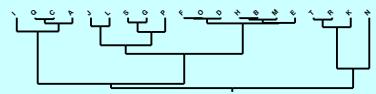
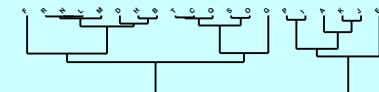
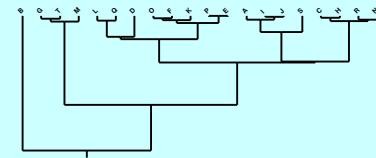
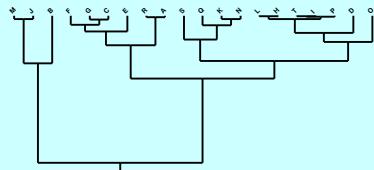
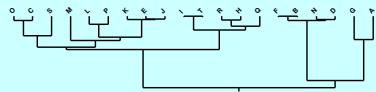


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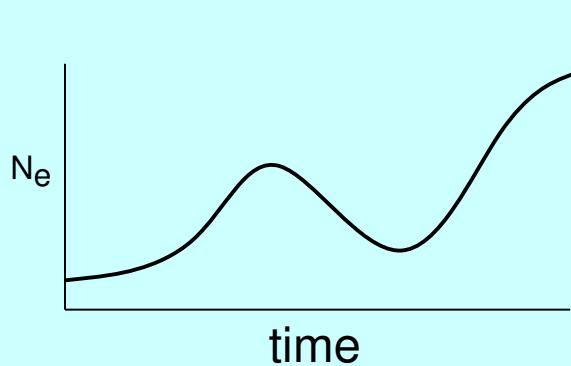


# Random coalescent trees with 16 lineages

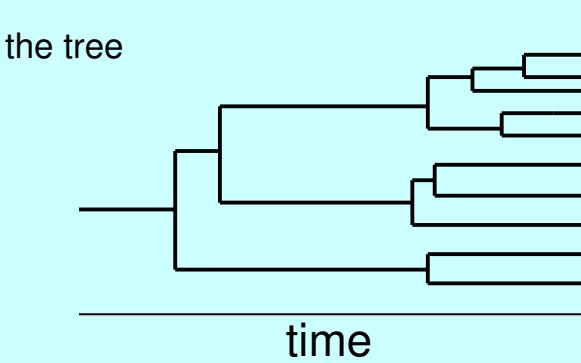


# Coalescence is faster in small populations

Change of population size and coalescents



the changes in population size will produce waves of coalescence

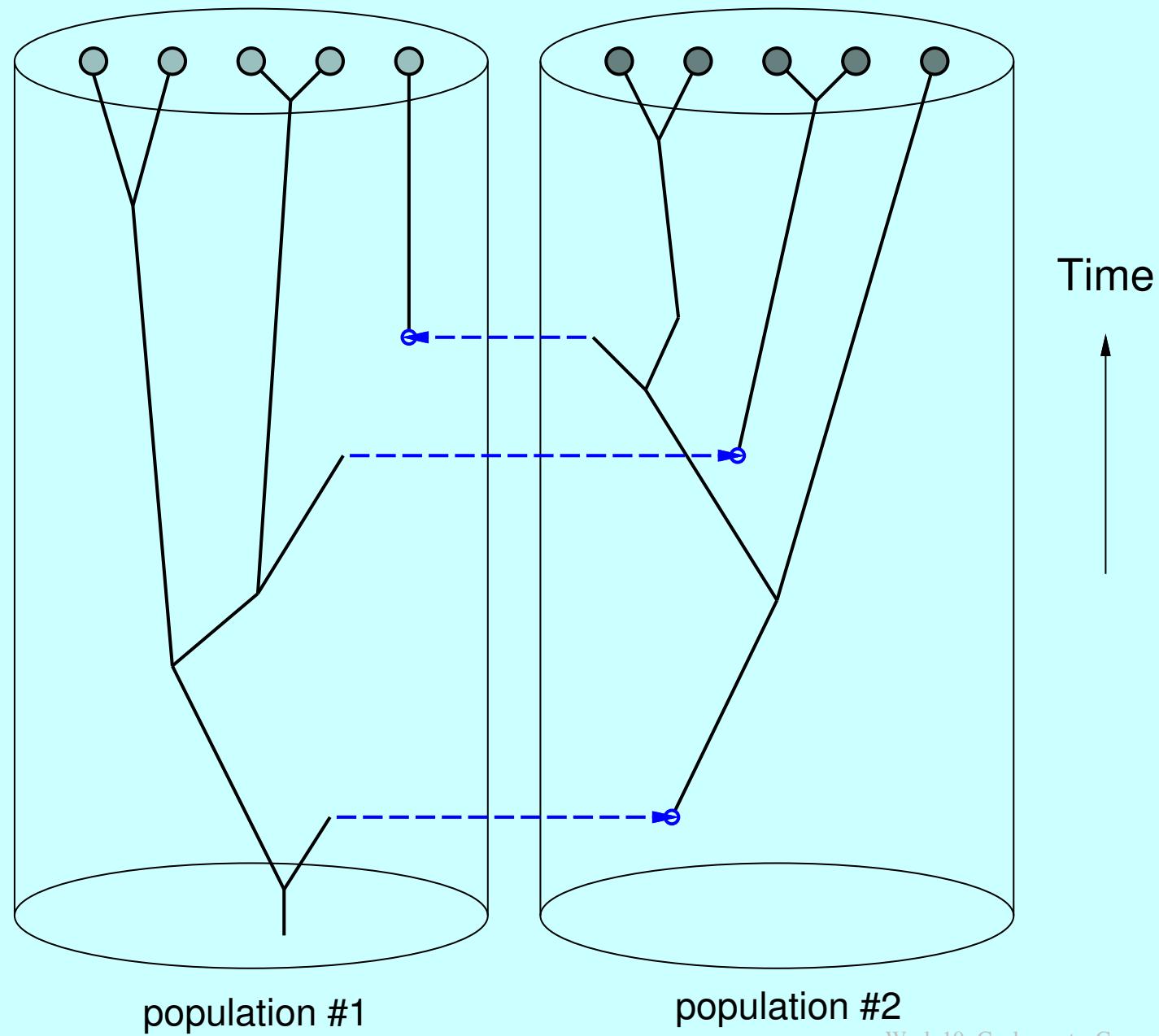


Coalescence events

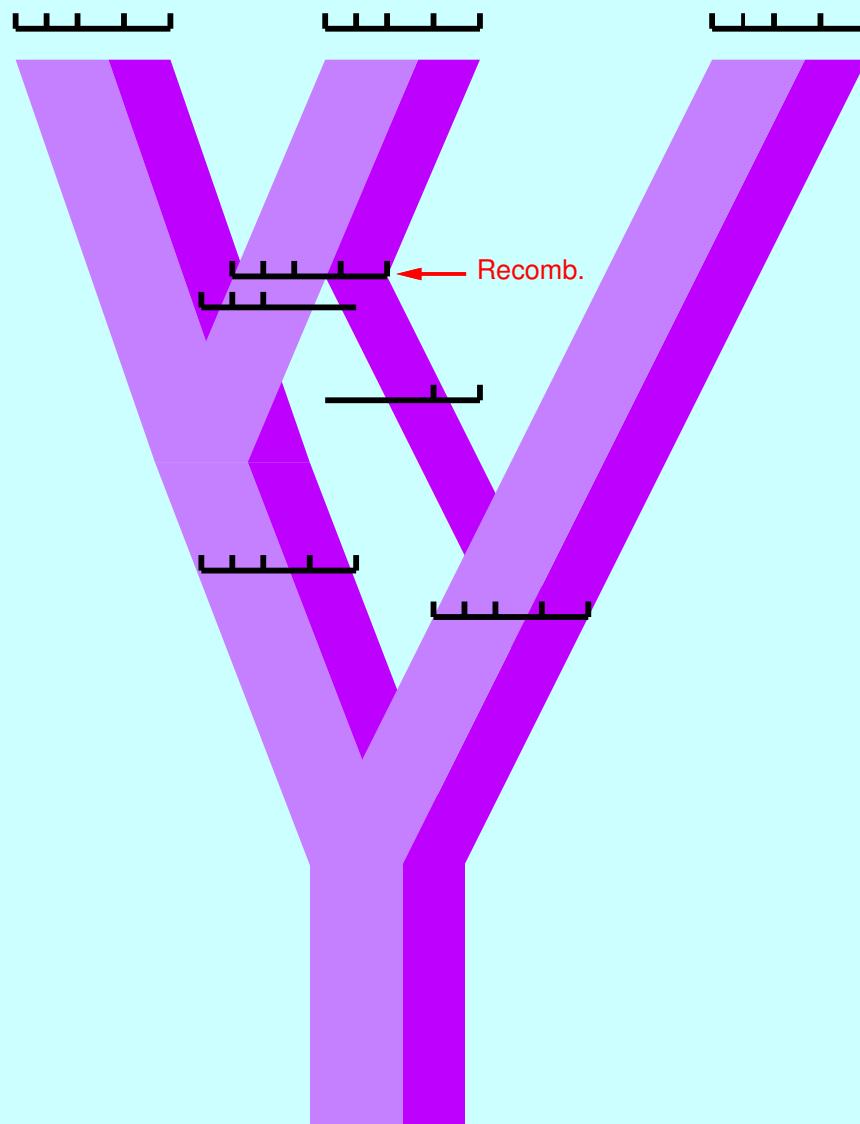


The parameters of the growth curve for  $N_e$  can be inferred by likelihood methods as they affect the prior probabilities of those trees that fit the data.

## Migration can be taken into account



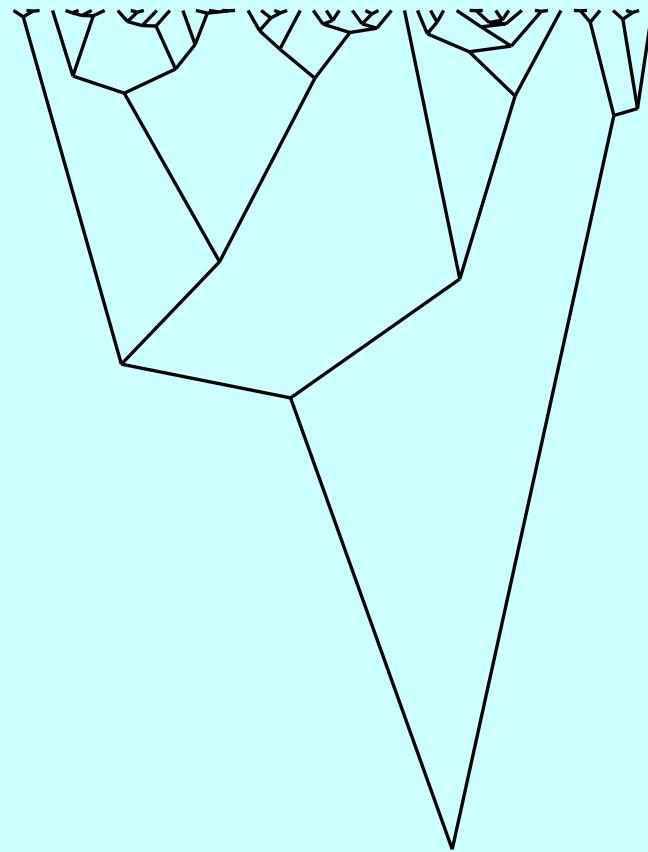
# Recombination creates loops



Different markers have slightly different coalescent trees

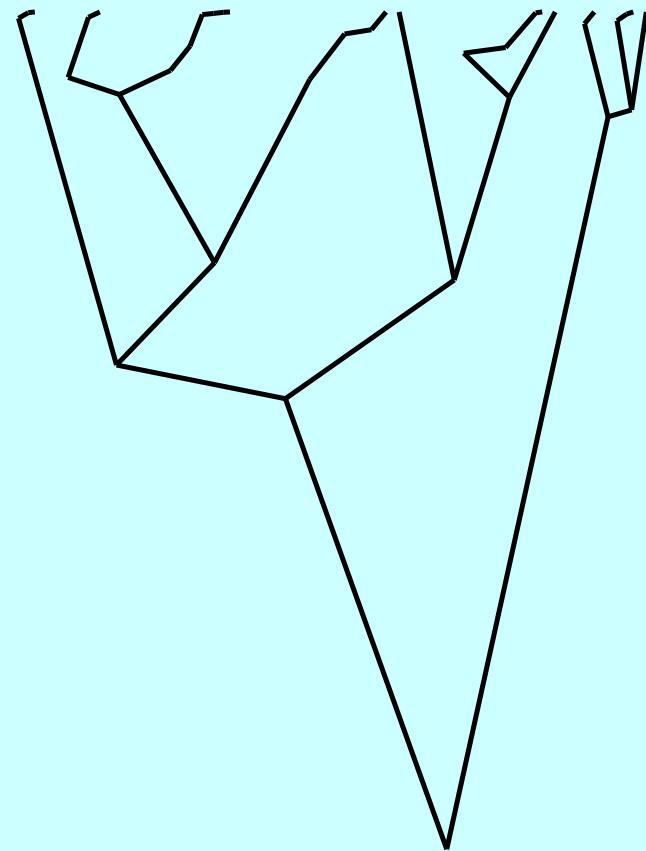
**If we have a sample of 50 copies**

**50-gene sample in a coalescent tree**



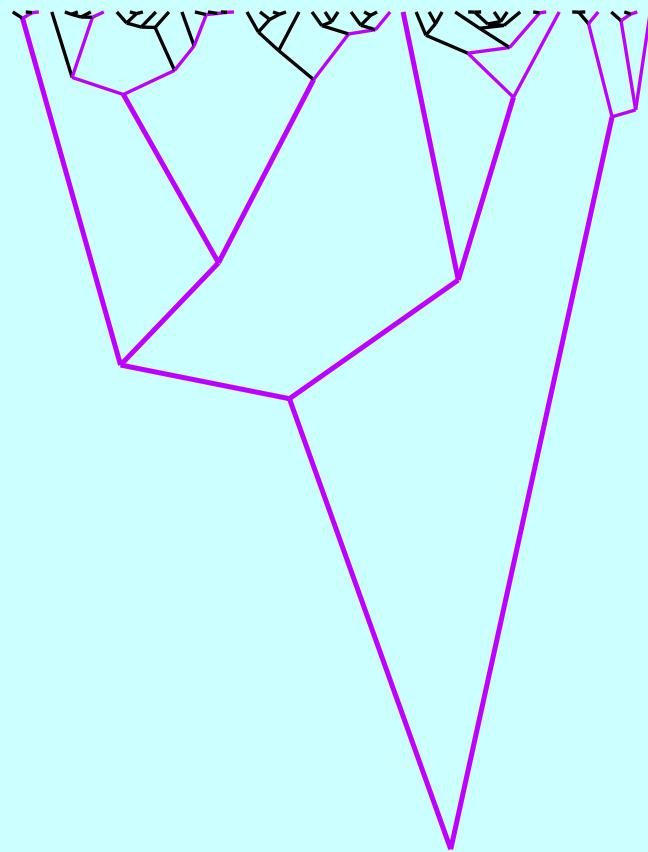
**The first 10 account for most of the branch length**

**10 genes sampled randomly out of a  
50-gene sample in a coalescent tree**



**... and when we add the other 40 they add less length**

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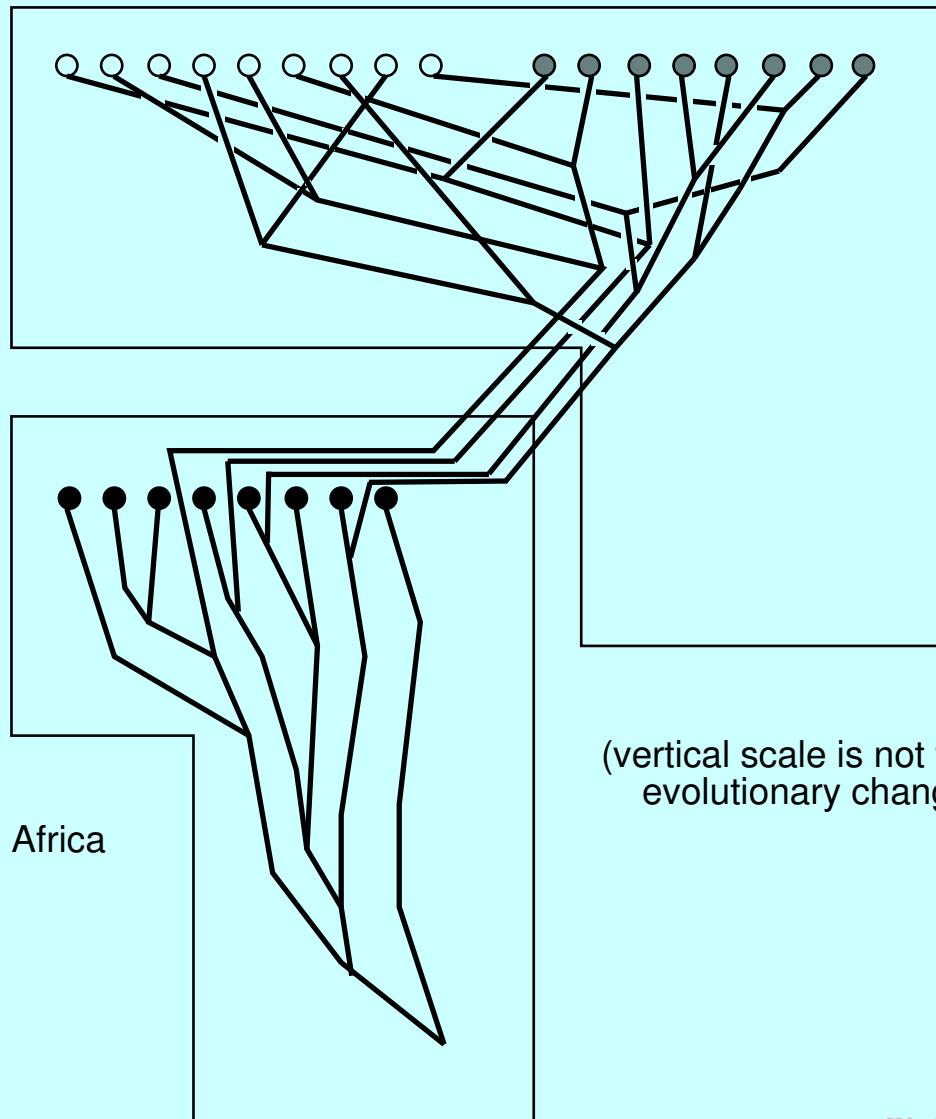
(purple lines are the 10-gene tree)

# We want to be able to analyze human evolution

"Out of Africa" hypothesis

Europe

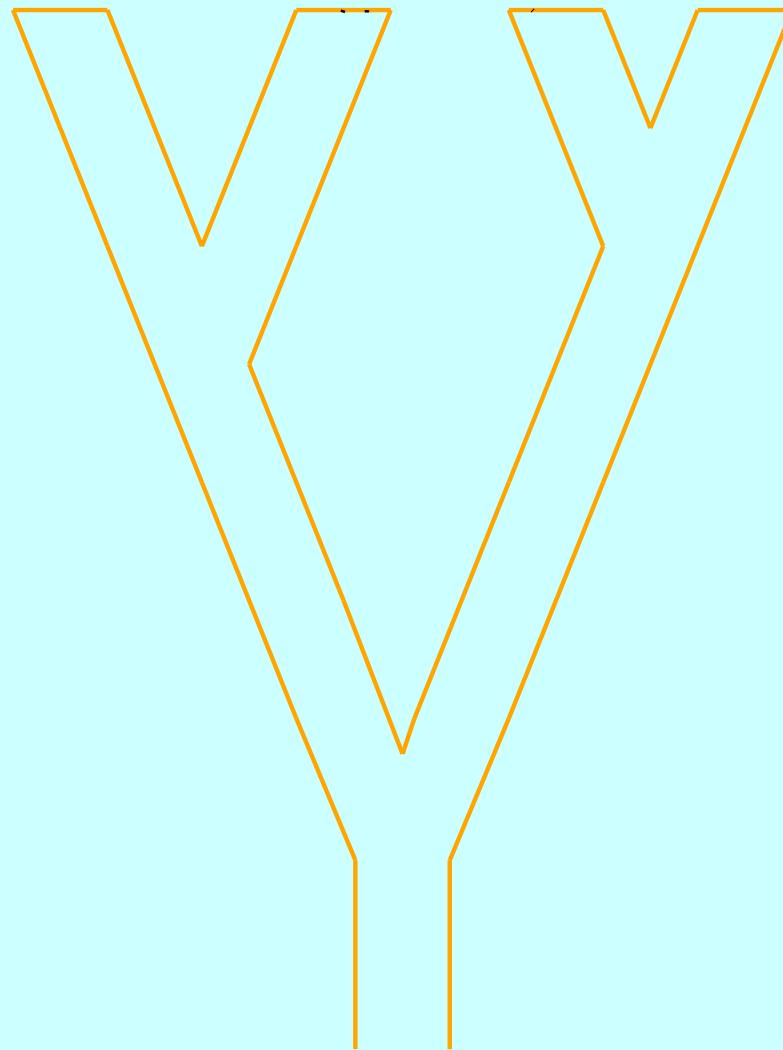
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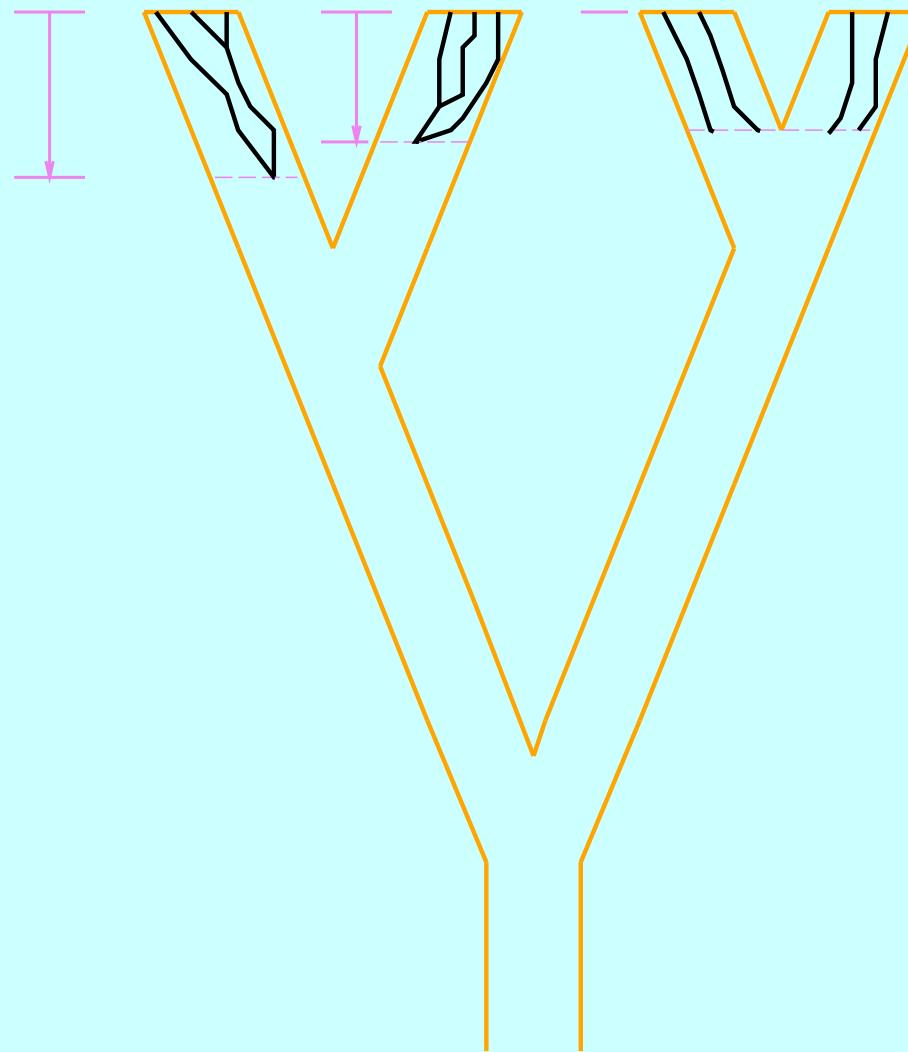
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## The species tree



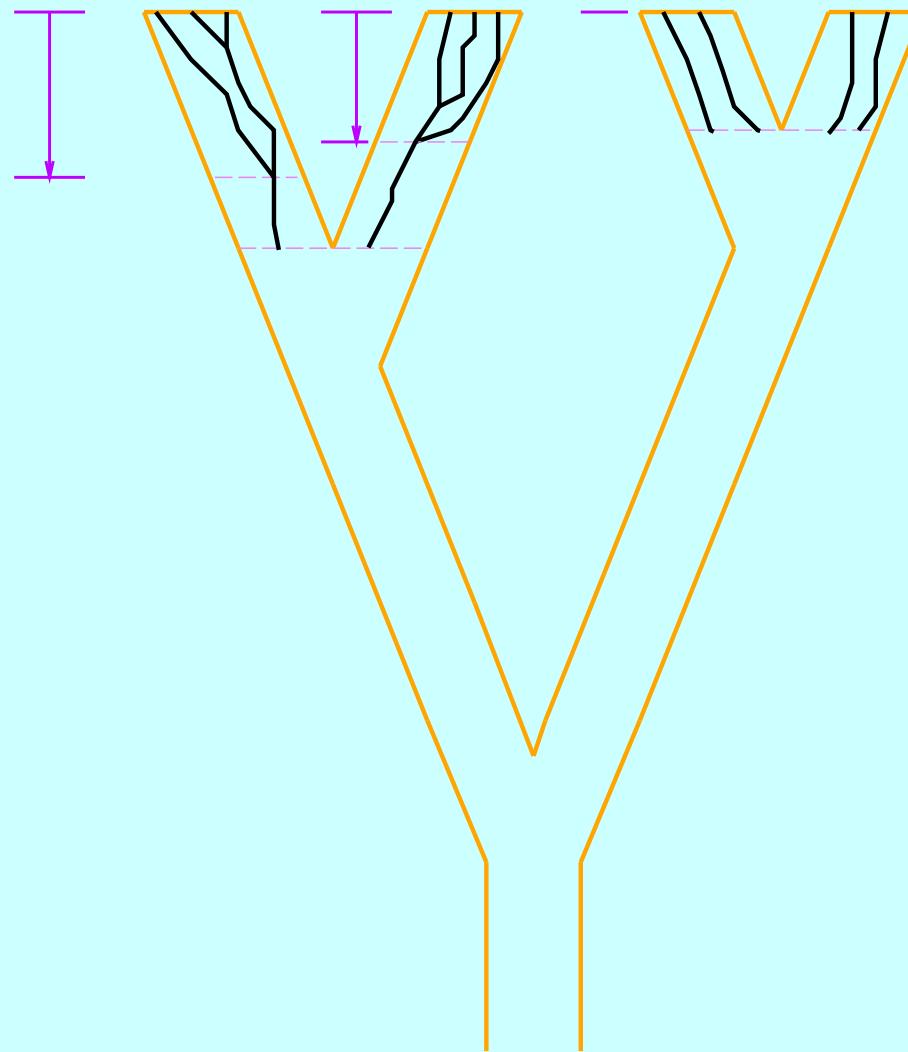
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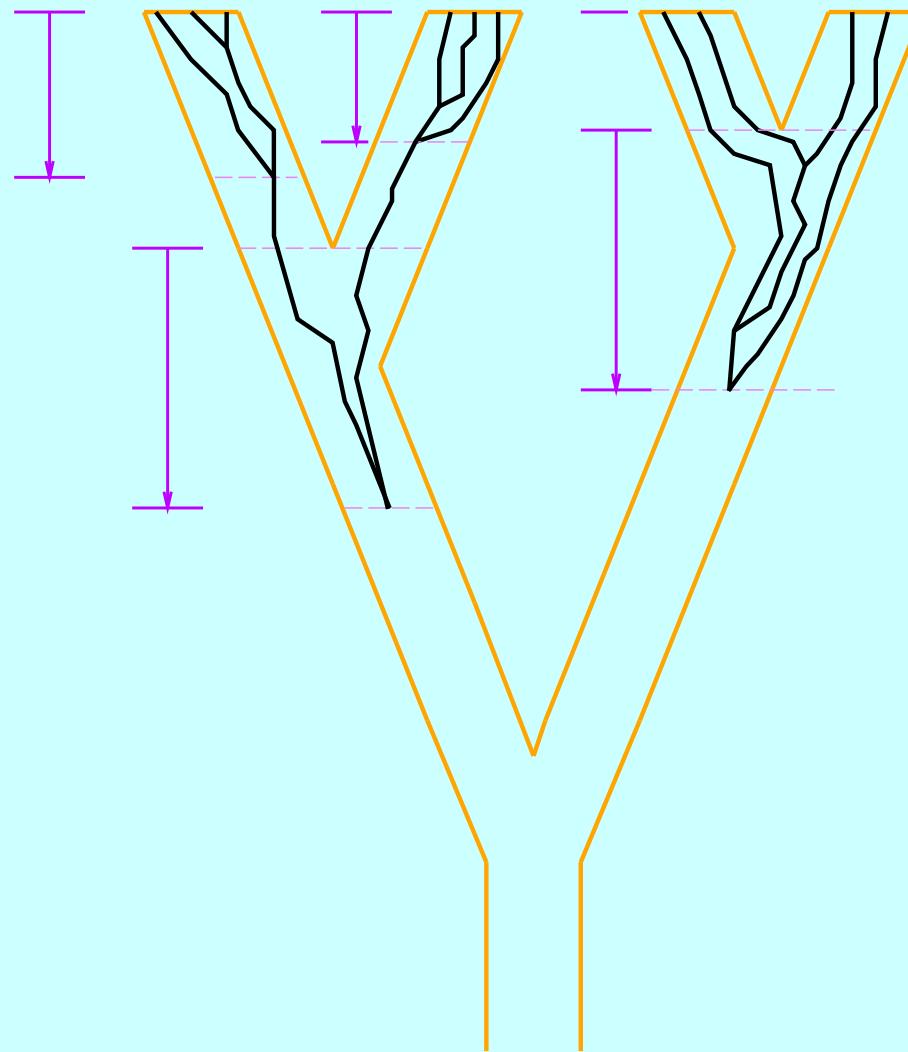
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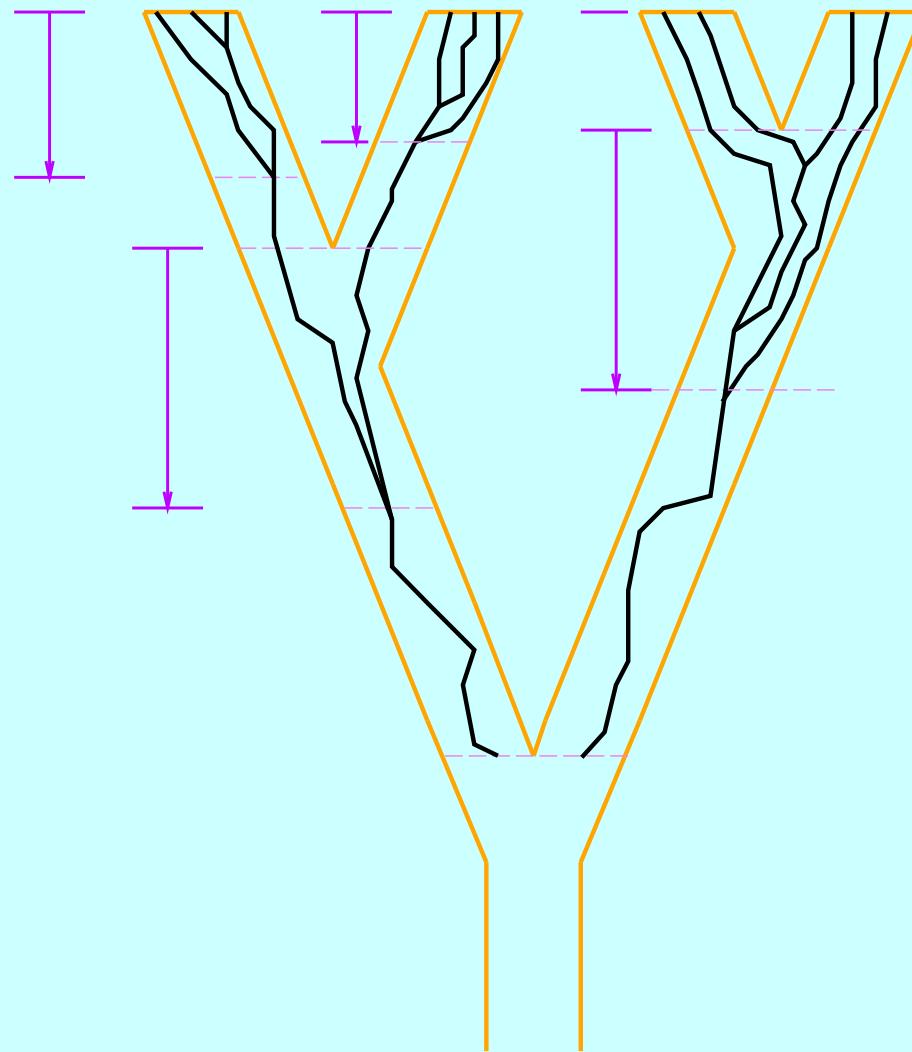
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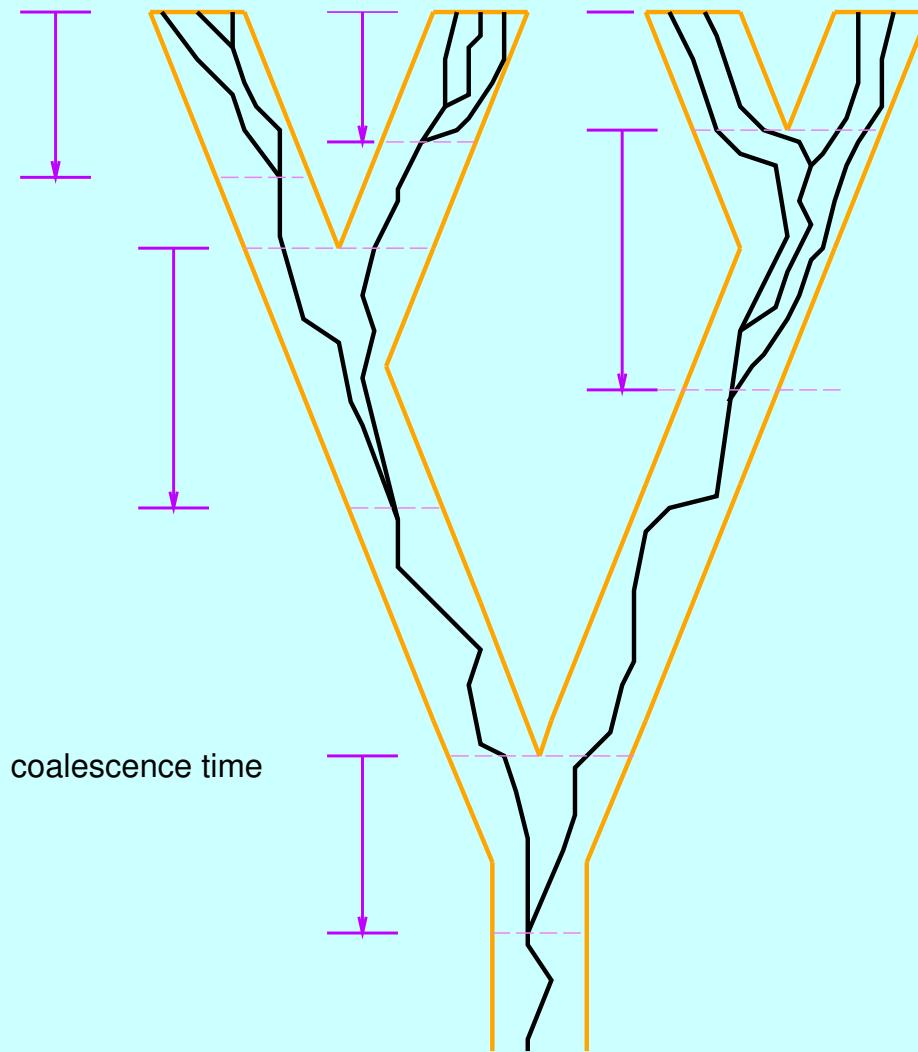
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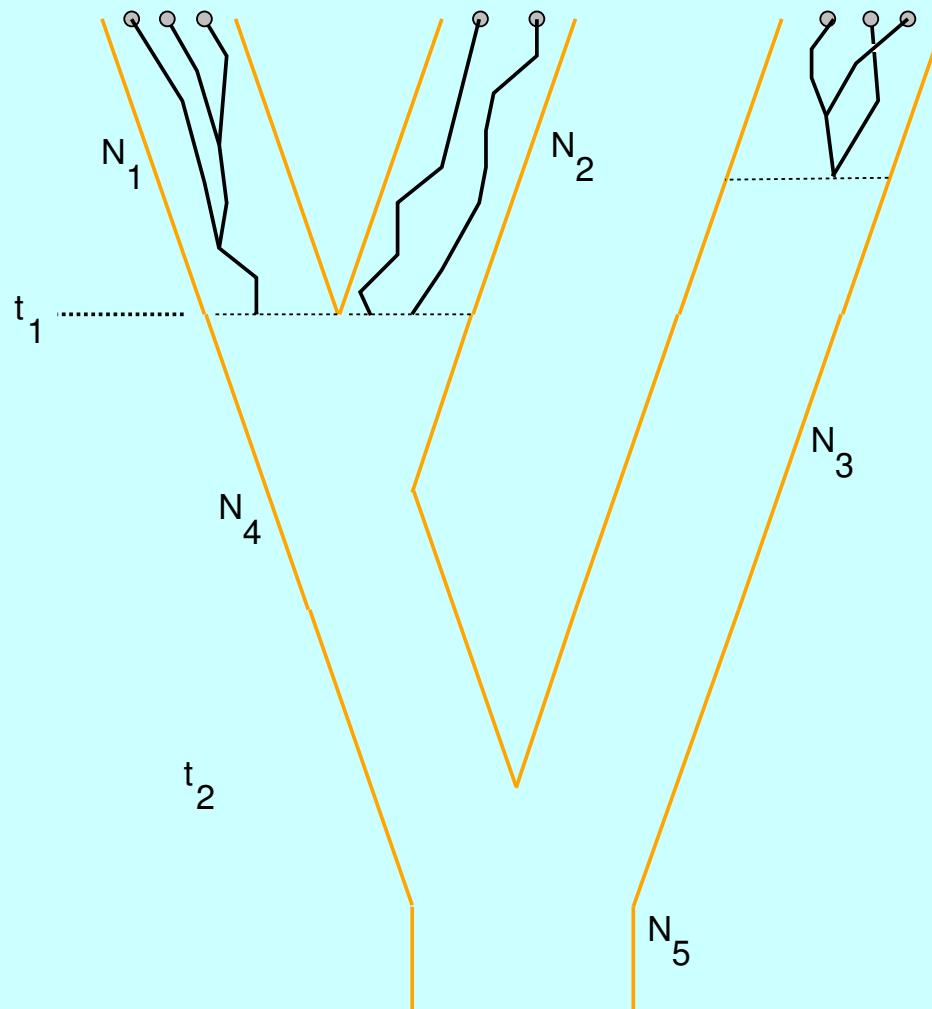
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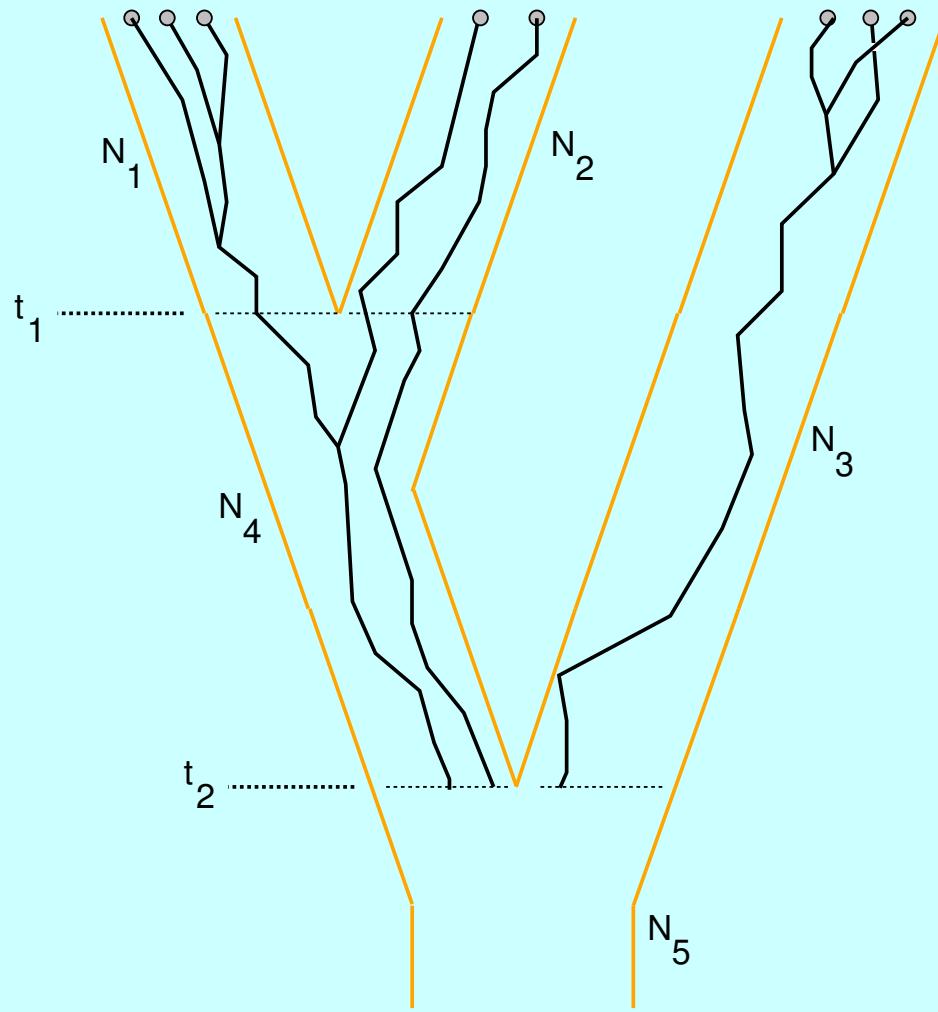
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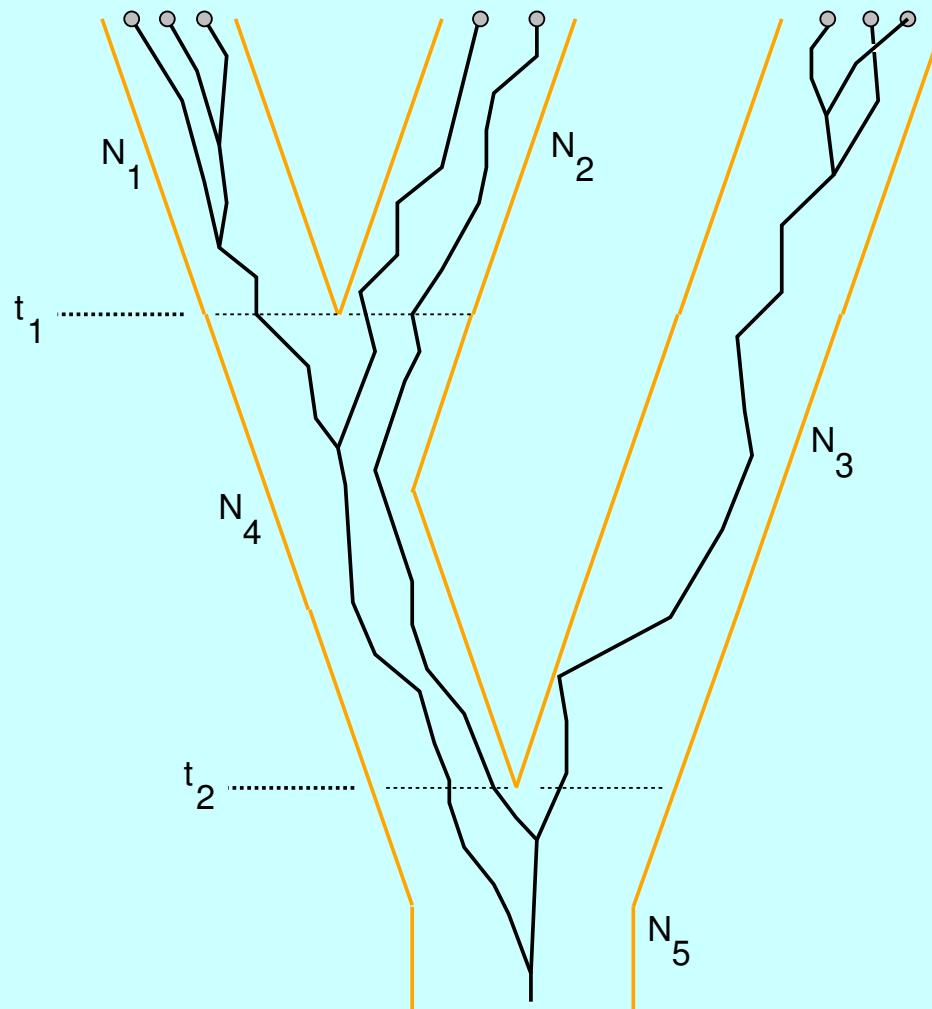
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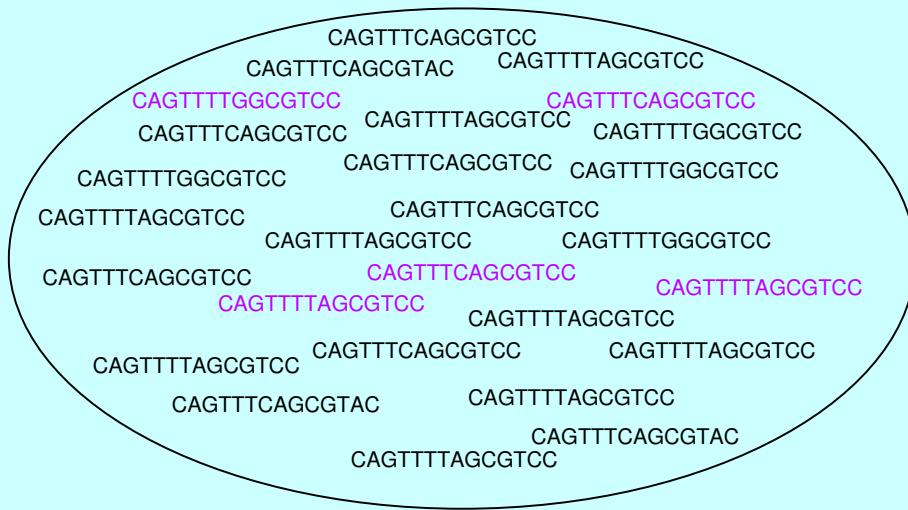


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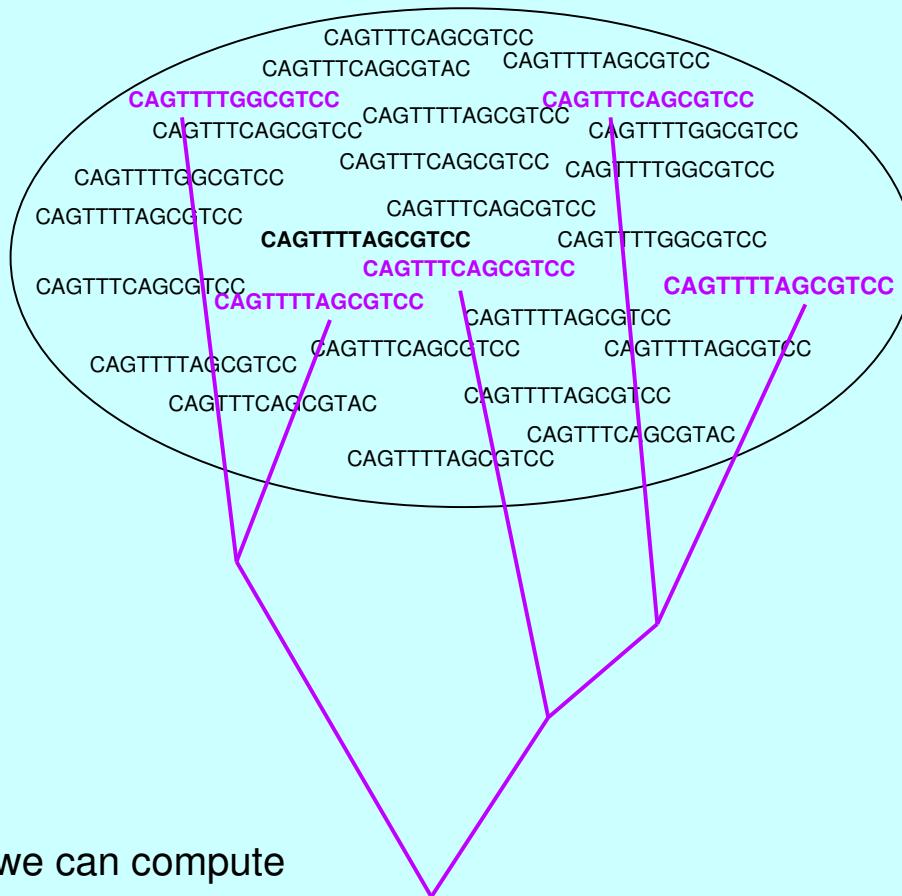


# How do we compute a likelihood for a population sample?



$$L = \text{Prob} (\text{CAGTTTCAGCGTCC}, \text{CAGTTTCAGCGTCC}, \dots) = ??$$

If we have a tree for the sample sequences, we can



so we can compute

$\text{Prob}(\text{CAGTTTCAGCGTCC}, \text{CAGTTTCAGCGTCC}, \dots | \text{Genealogy})$

but how to computer the overall likelihood from this?

## The basic equation for coalescent likelihoods

In the case of a single population with parameters

$N_e$  effective population size

$\mu$  mutation rate per site

and assuming  $G'$  stands for a coalescent genealogy and  $D$  for the sequences,

$$L = \text{Prob} (D | N_e, \mu)$$

$$= \sum_{G'} \underbrace{\text{Prob} (G' | N_e)}_{\text{Kingman's prior}} \underbrace{\text{Prob} (D | G', \mu)}_{\text{likelihood of tree}}$$

## Rescaling the branch lengths

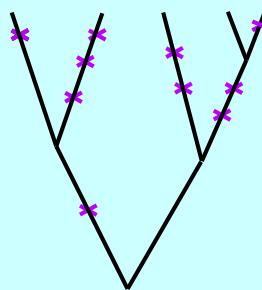
Rescaling branch lengths of  $G'$  so that branches are given in expected mutations per site,  $G = \mu G'$ , we get (if we let  $\Theta = 4N_e\mu$ )

$$L = \sum_G \text{Prob}(G | \Theta) \text{Prob}(D | G)$$

as the fundamental equation. For more complex population scenarios one simply replaces  $\Theta$  with a vector of parameters.

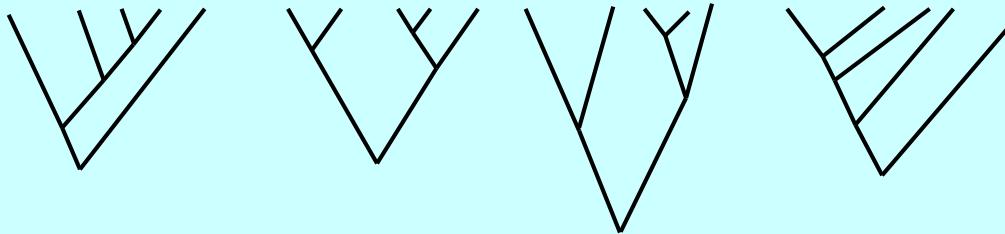
# The variability comes from two sources

## (1) Randomness of mutation



affected by the mutation rate  $\mu$   
can reduce variance of  
number of mutations per site per  
branch by examining more sites

## (2) Randomness of coalescence of lineages

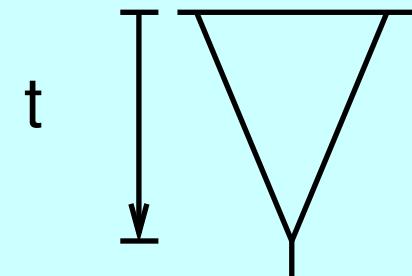
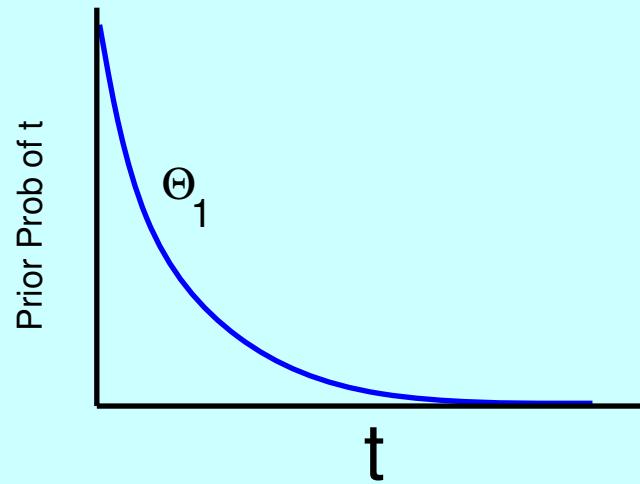


affected by effective population size  $N_e$   
coalescence times allow estimation of  $N_e$   
can reduce variability by looking at  
(i) more gene copies, or  
(ii) more loci

# Computing the likelihood: averaging over coalescents

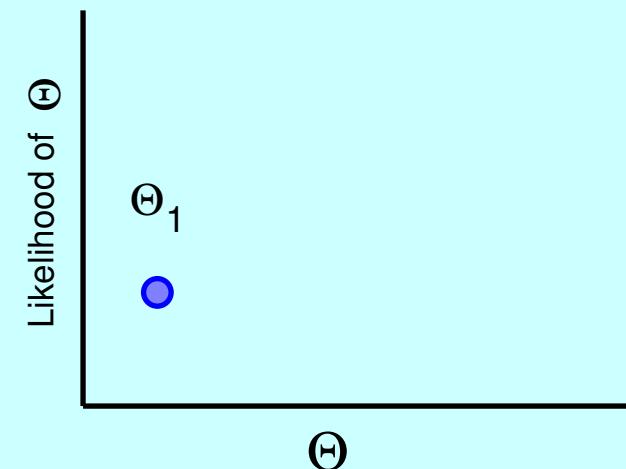
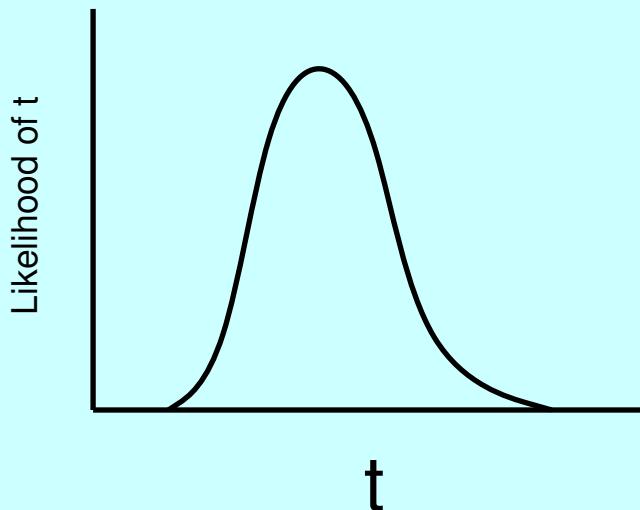
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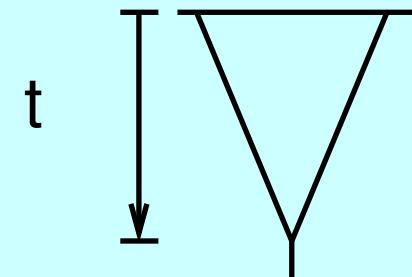
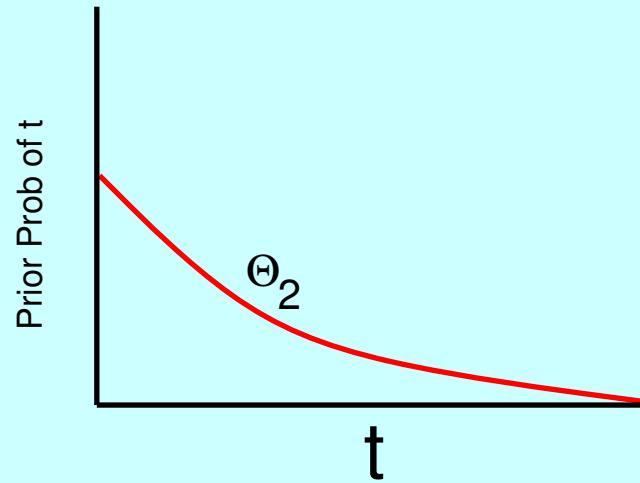
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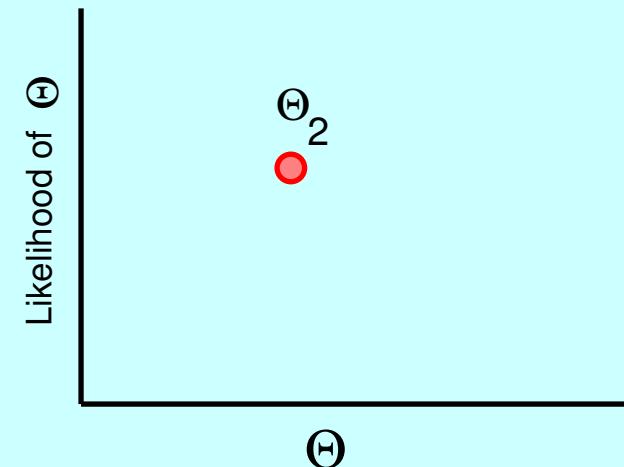
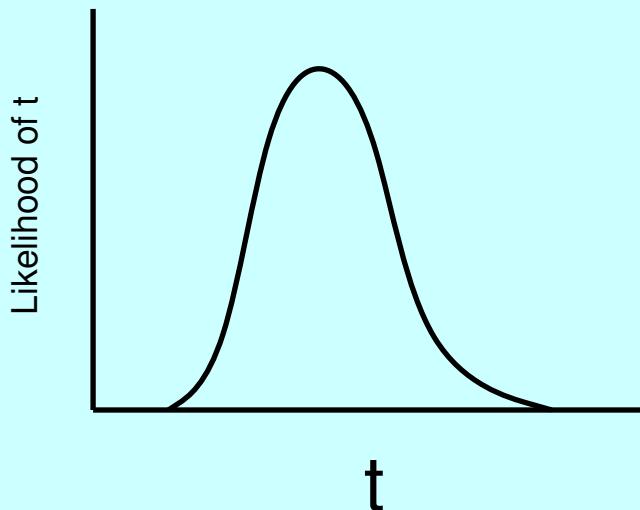
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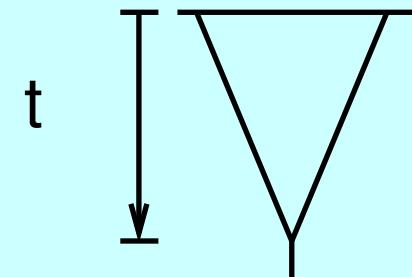
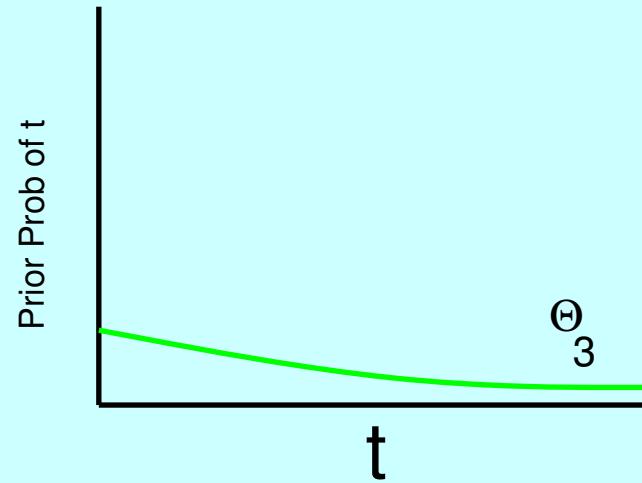
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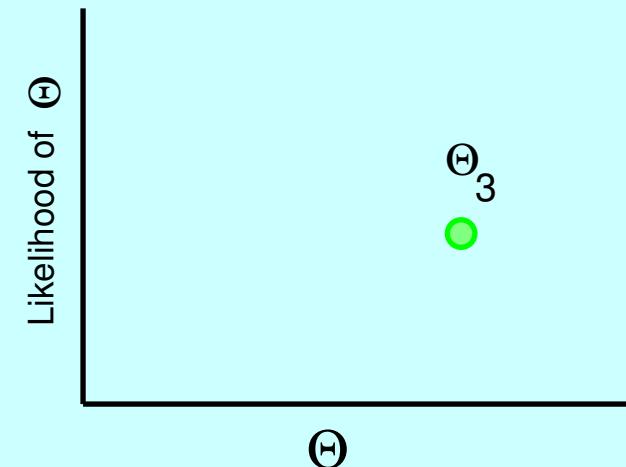
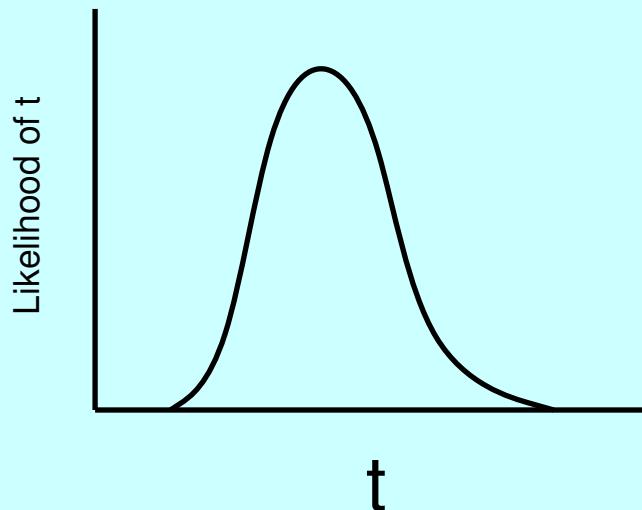
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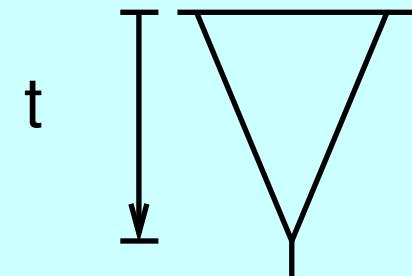
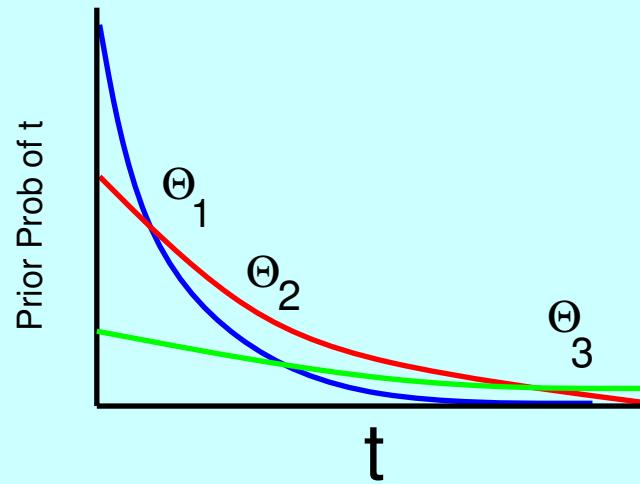
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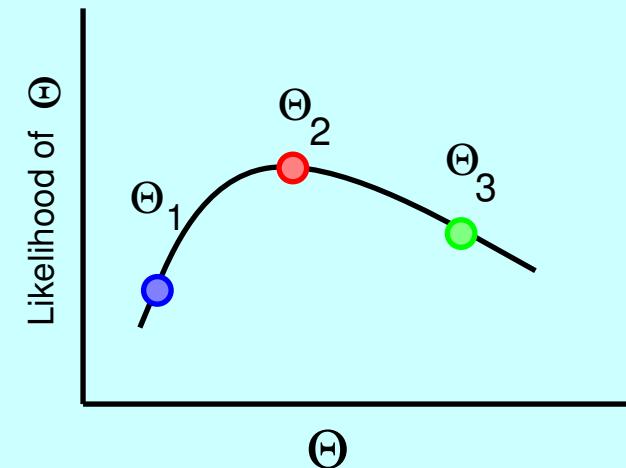
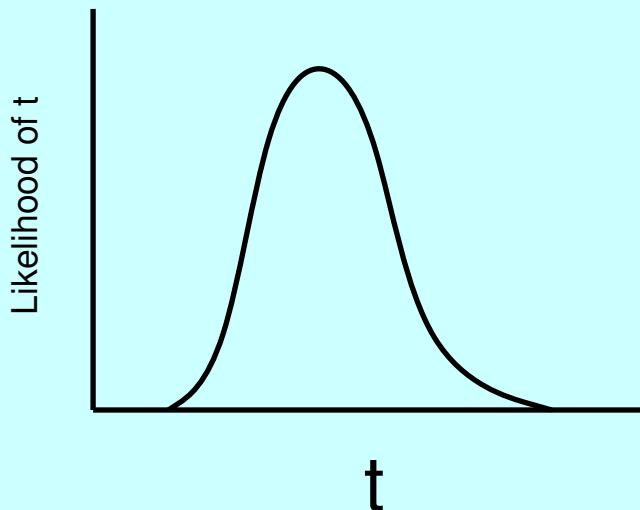
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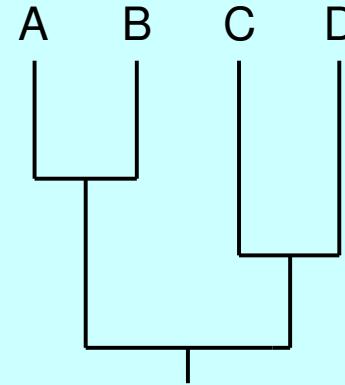
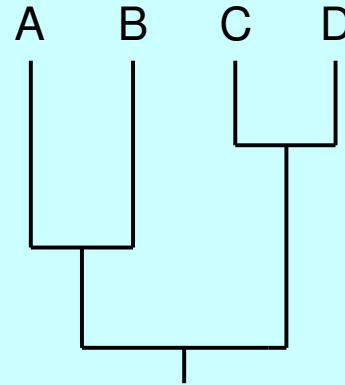


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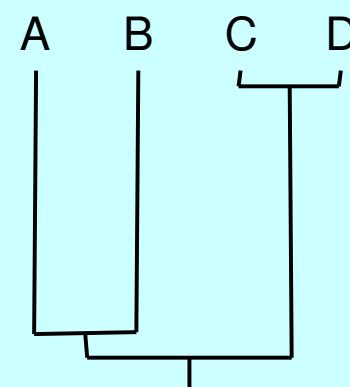
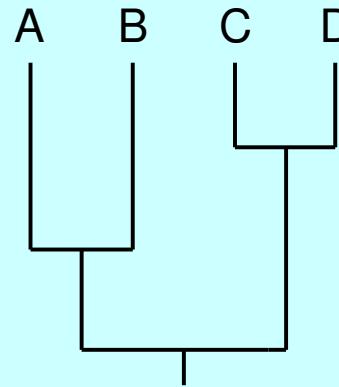
Labelled Histories (Edwards, 1970; Harding, 1971)

Trees that differ in the time-ordering of their nodes

These two are different:



These two are the same:



# Sampling approaches to coalescent likelihood



Bob Griffiths



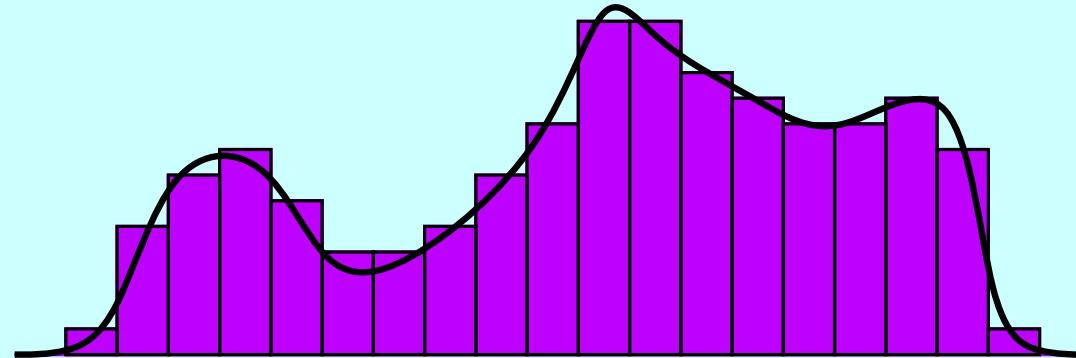
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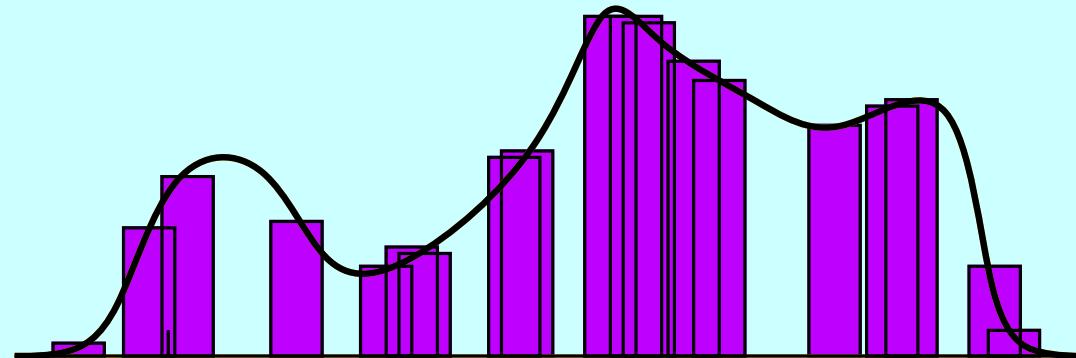
Mary Kuhner and Jon Yamato

## Monte Carlo integration

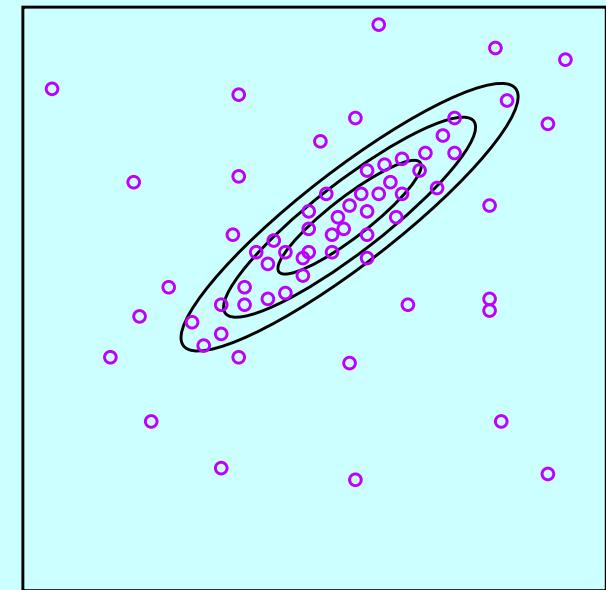
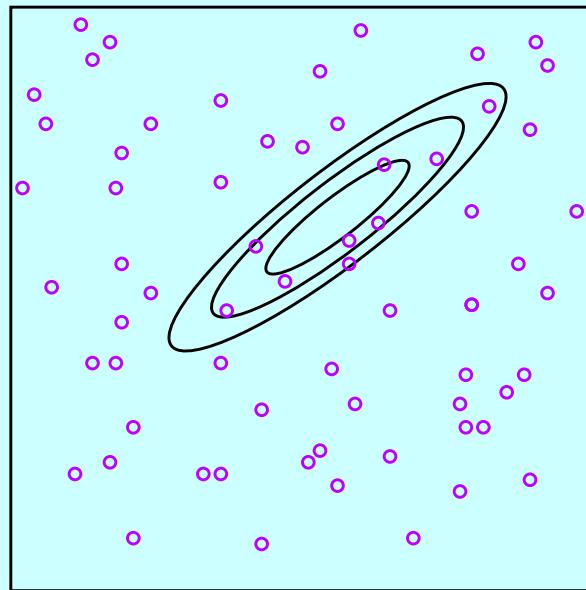
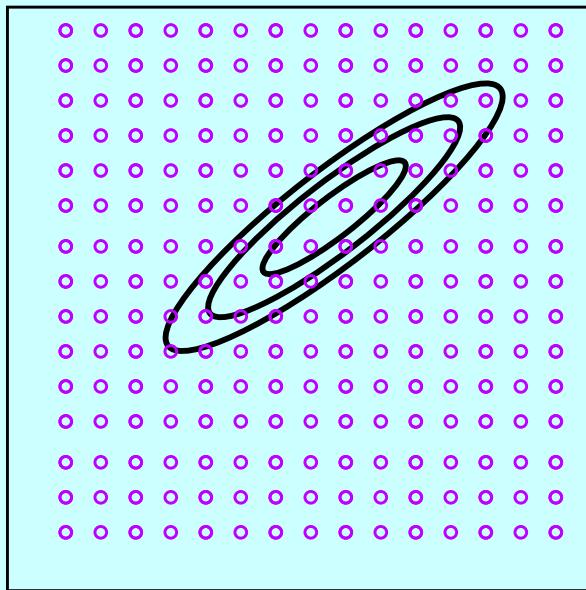
To get the area under a curve, we can either evaluate the function ( $f(x)$ ) at a series of grid points and add up heights  $\times$  widths:



or we can sample at random the same number of points, add up height  $\times$  width:



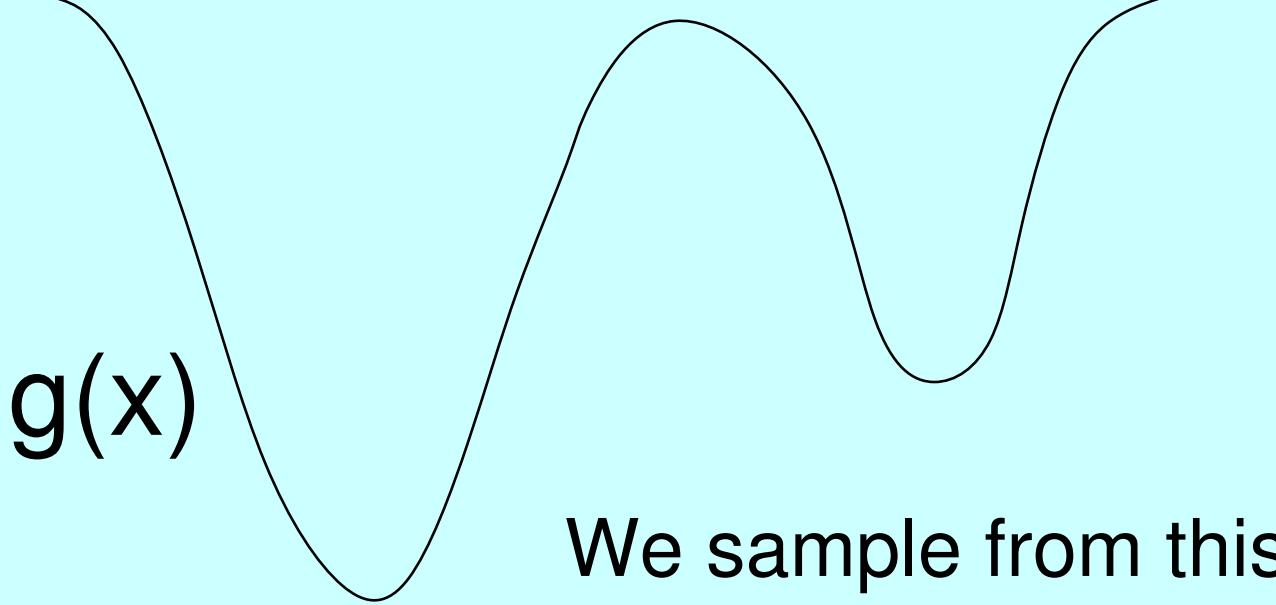
# Importance sampling



## Importance sampling

$f(x)$

The function we integrate



# The math of importance sampling

$$\begin{aligned}\int f(x) dx &= \int \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} g(x) dx \\ &= E_g \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right]\end{aligned}$$

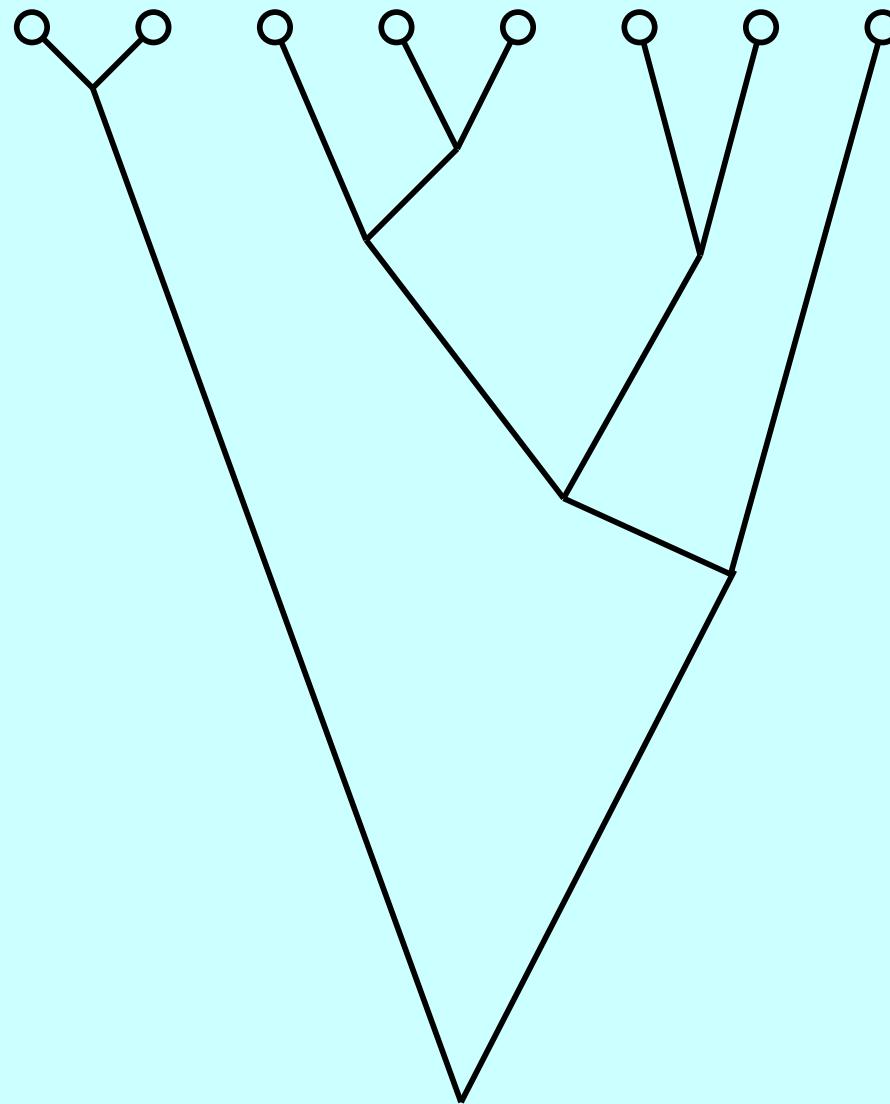
which is the expectation for points sampled from  $g(x)$  of the ratio  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ .

This is approximated by sampling a lot ( $n$ ) of points from  $g(x)$  and computing the average:

$$L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x_i)}{g(x_i)}$$

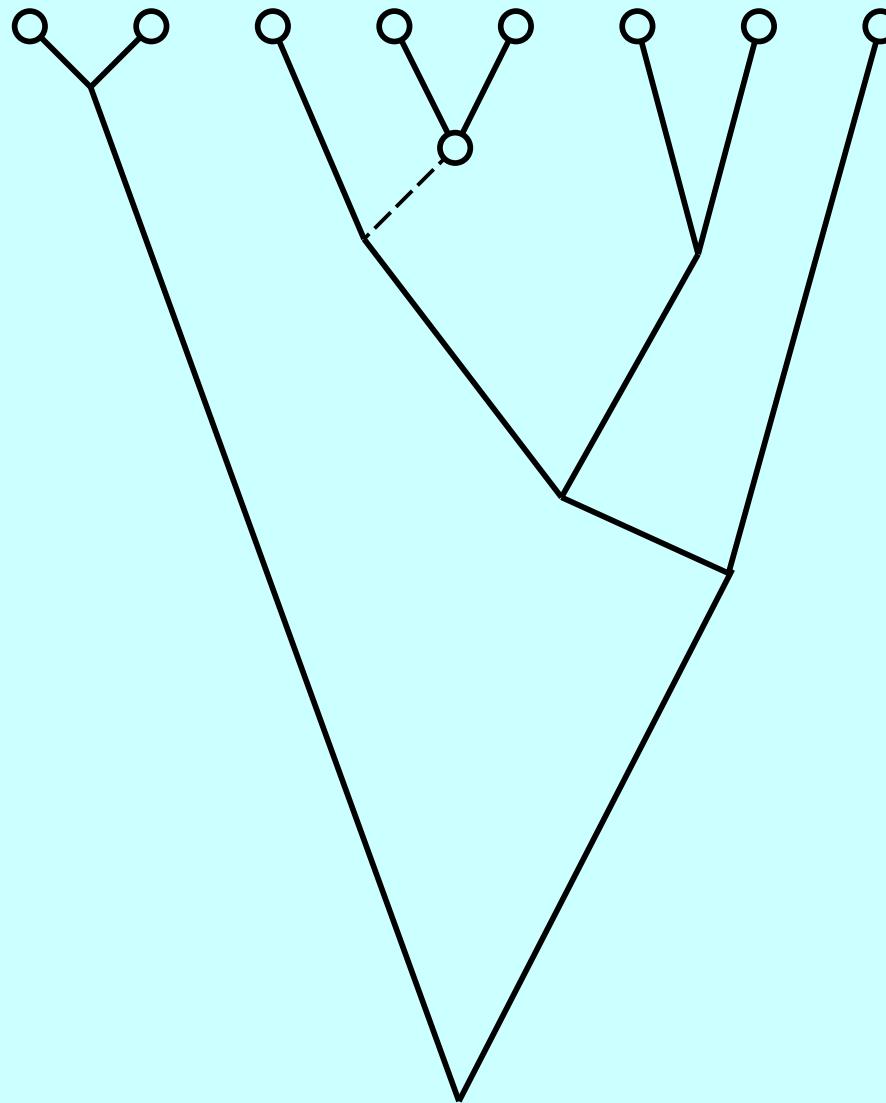
# Rearrangement to sample points in tree space

A conditional coalescent rearrangement strategy



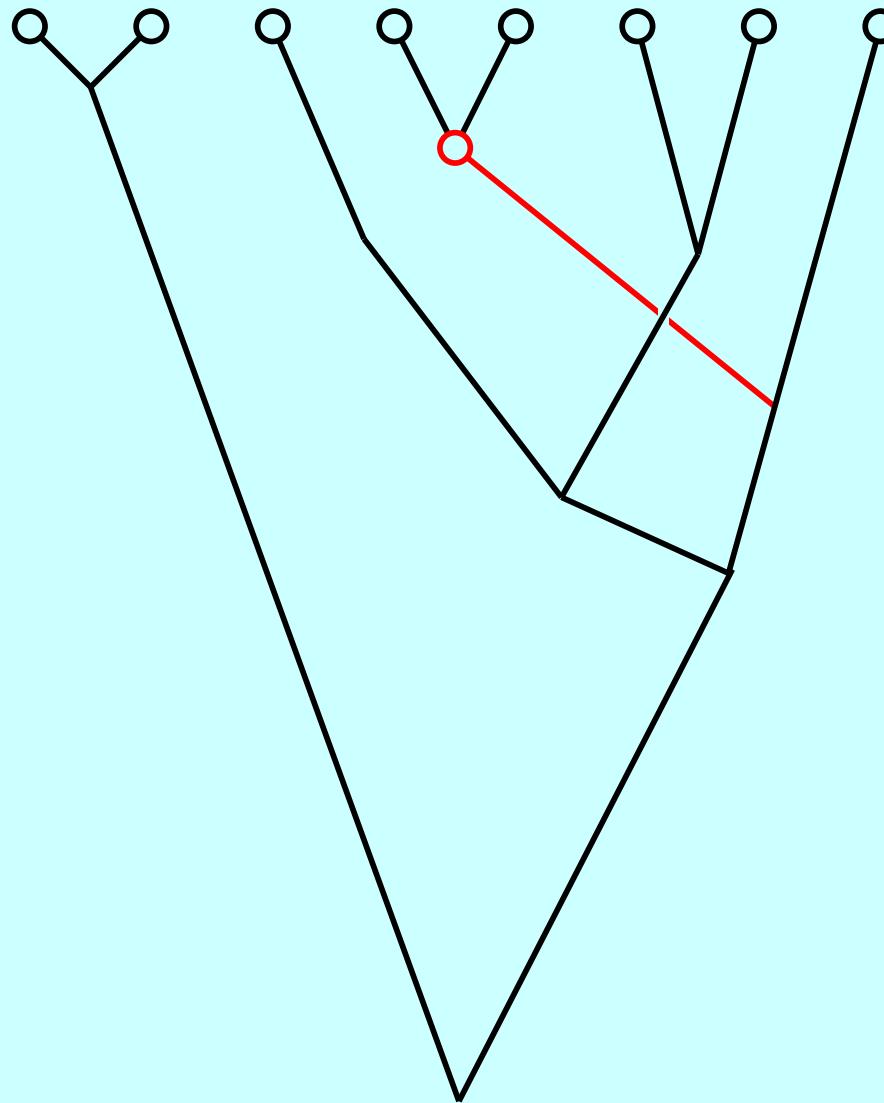
# Dissolving a branch and regrowing it backwards

First pick a random node (interior or tip) and remove its subtree



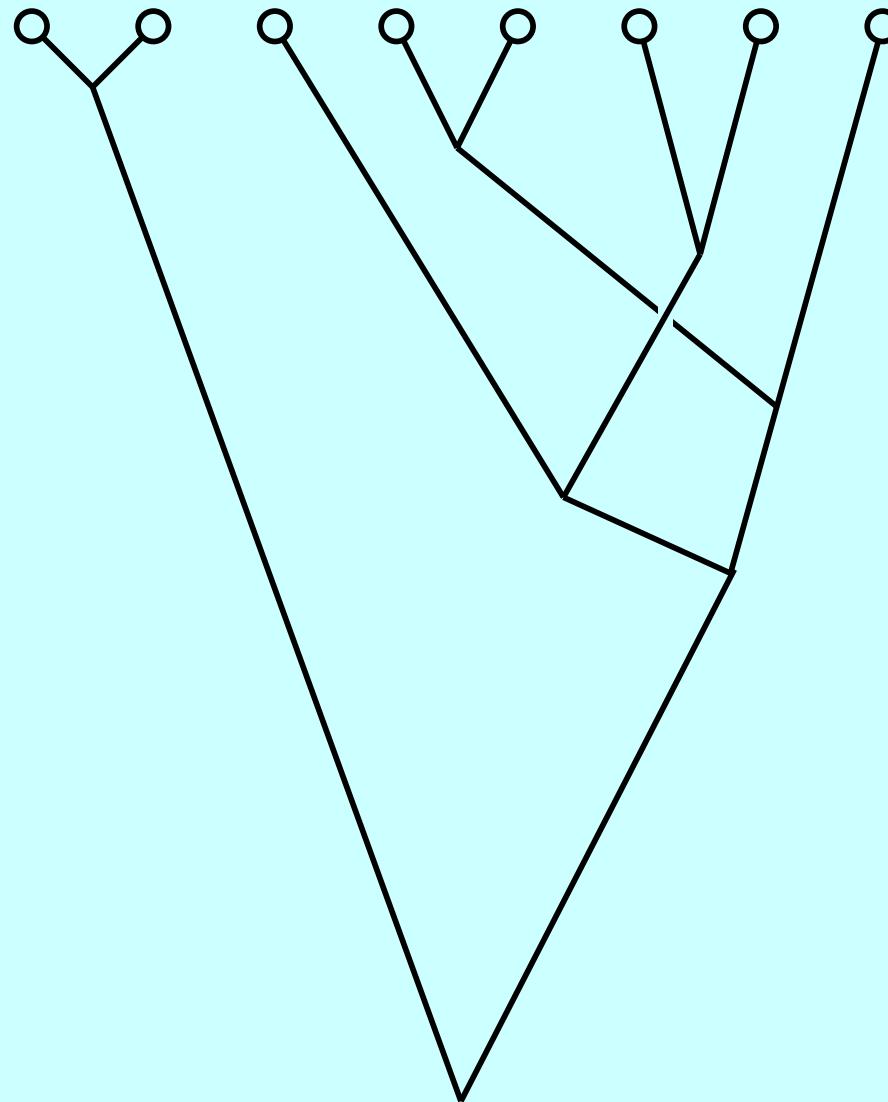
## We allow it coalesce with the other branches

Then allow this node to re-coalesce with the tree



**and this gives another coalescent**

The resulting tree proposed by this process



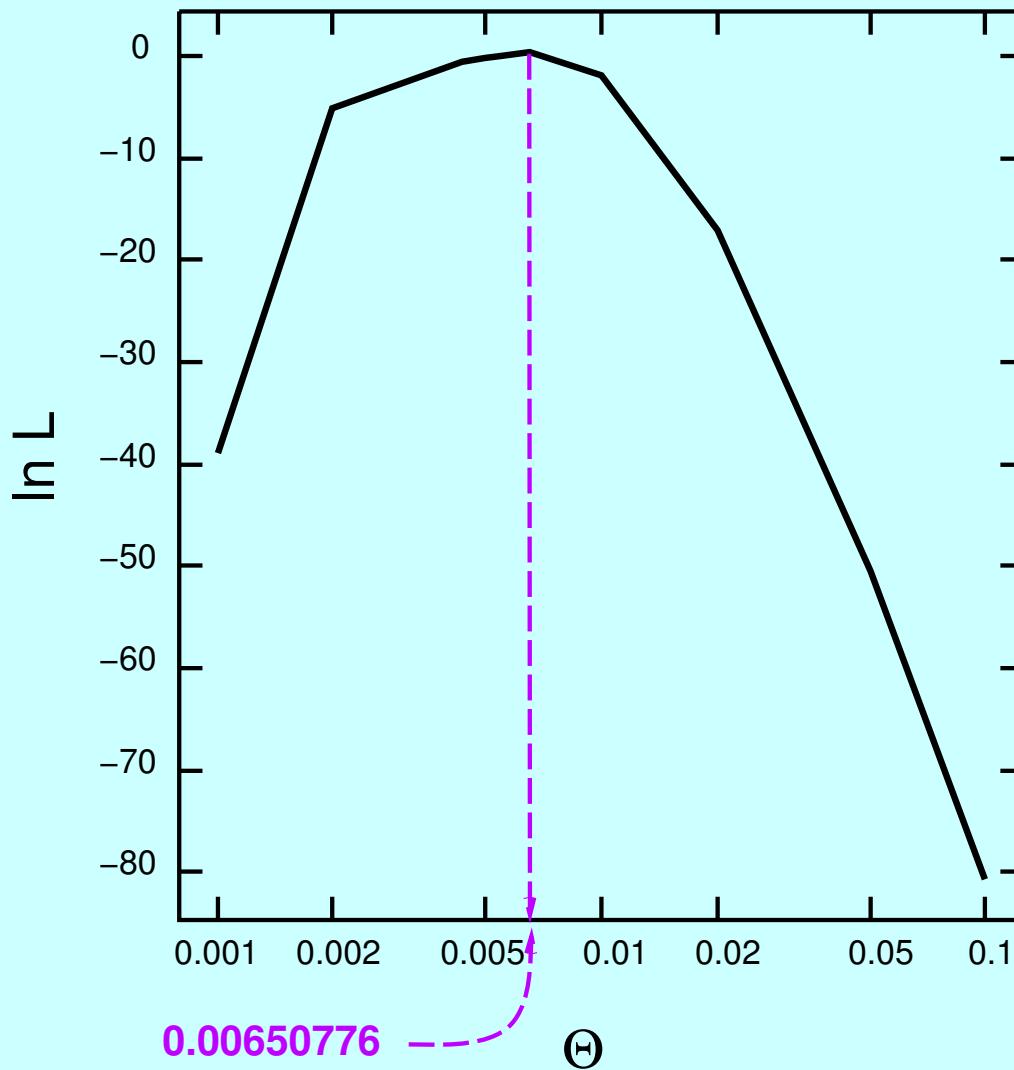
## The resulting likelihood ratio is

$$\frac{L(\Theta)}{L(\Theta_0)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\text{Prob}(G_i | \Theta)}{\text{Prob}(G_i | \Theta_0)}$$

("Wait a second – where in this expression is the data?") It's in the sampling that gives you the  $G_i$ : the data biases those samples in the correct way.

# An example of an MCMC likelihood curve

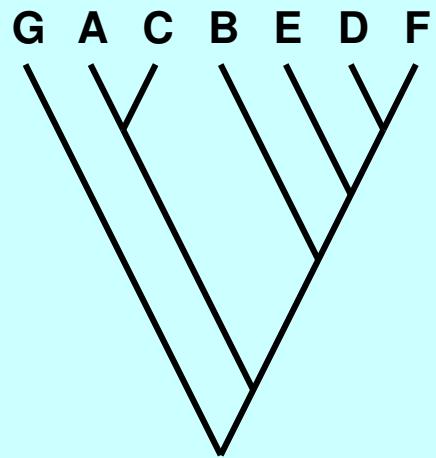
Results of analysing a data set with 50 sequences of 500 bases  
which was simulated with a true value of  $\Theta = 0.01$



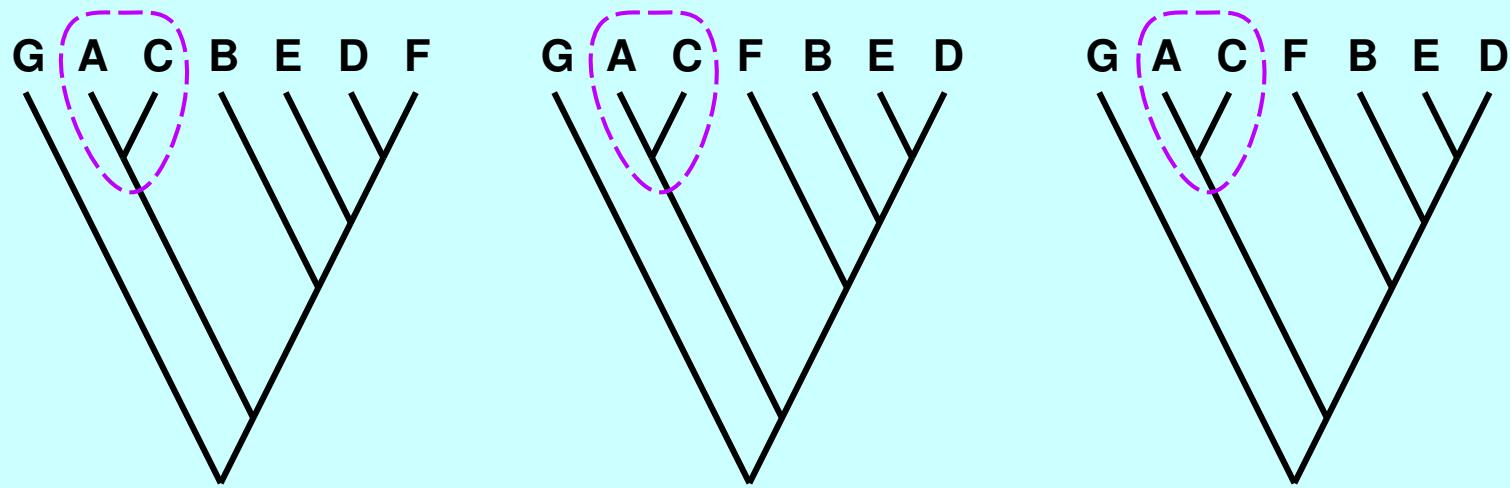
# Major MCMC likelihood or Bayesian programs

- **LAMARC** by Mary Kuhner and Jon Yamato and others. Likelihood inference with multiple populations, recombination, migration, population growth. No historical branching events or serial sampling, yet.
- **BEAST** by Andrew Rambaut, Alexei Drummond and others. Bayesian inference with multiple populations related by a tree. Support for serial sampling (no migration or recombination yet).
- **genetree** by Bob Griffiths and Melanie Bahlo. Likelihood inference of migration rates and changes in population size. No recombination or historical branching events.
- **migrate** by Peter Beerli. Likelihood inference with multiple populations and migration rates. No recombination or historical branching events yet.
- **IM** and **IMa** by Rasmus Nielsen and Jody Hey. Two or more populations allowing both historical splitting and migration after that. No recombination yet.

## Trees we will use for consensus trees

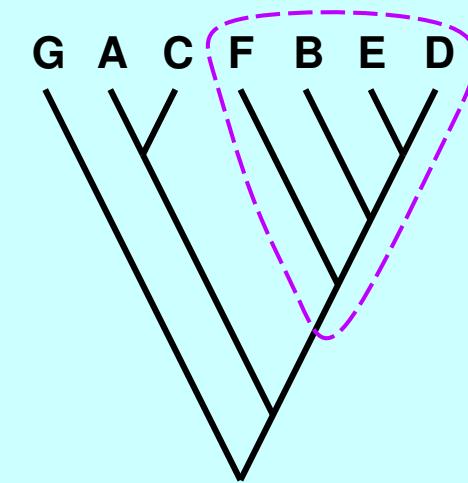
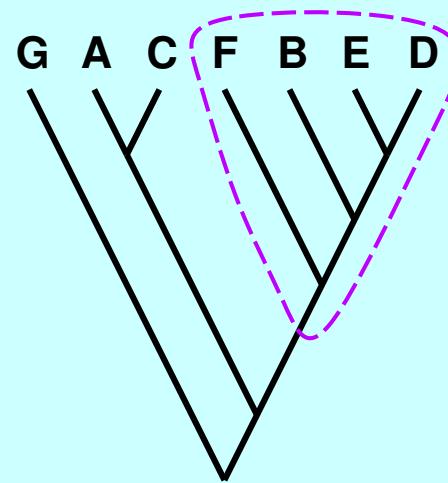
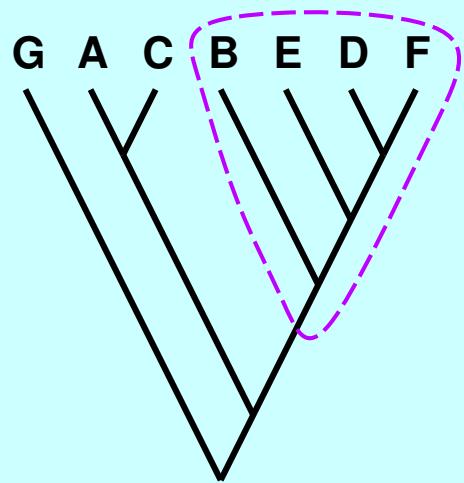


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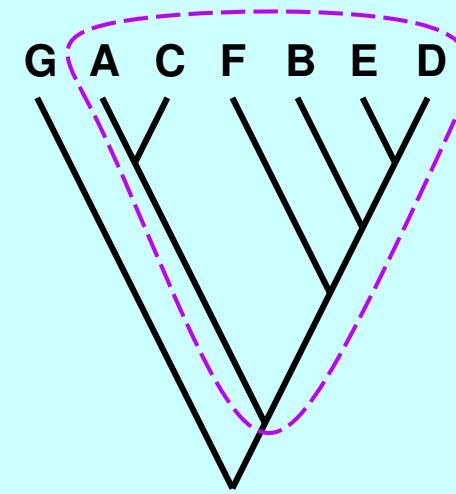
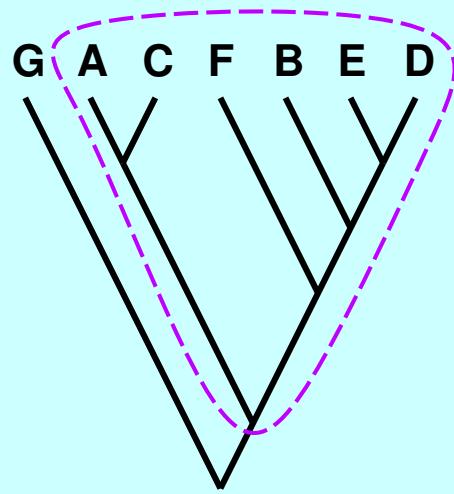
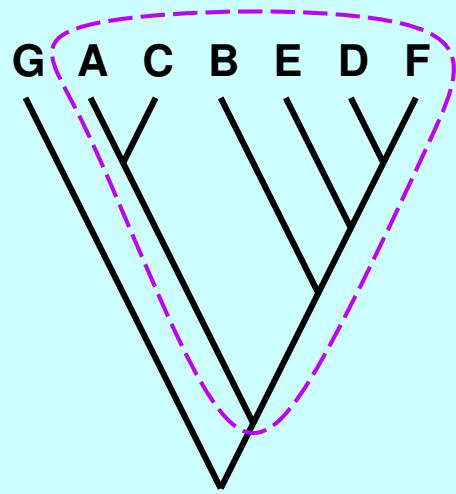


(for unrooted trees we would use partitions induced by branches instead of clades)

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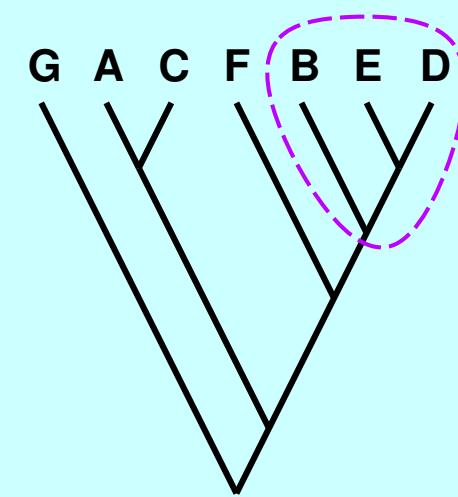
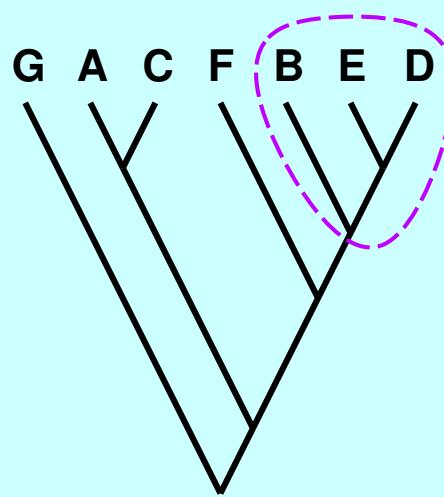
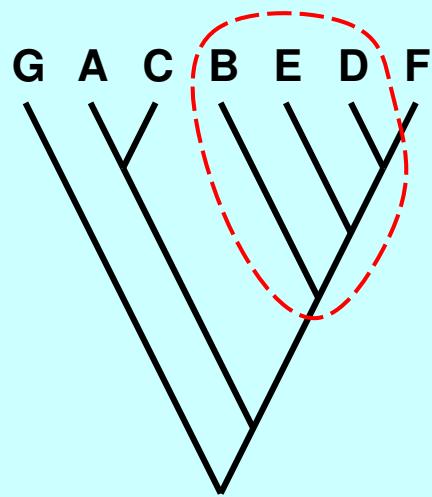


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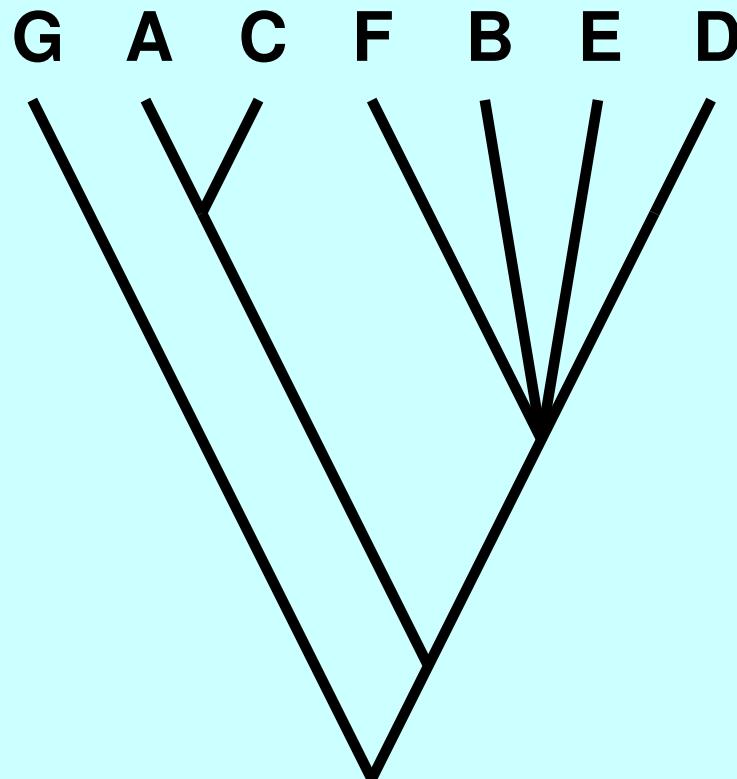
(Do we count this one if the trees are considered rooted? unrooted?)

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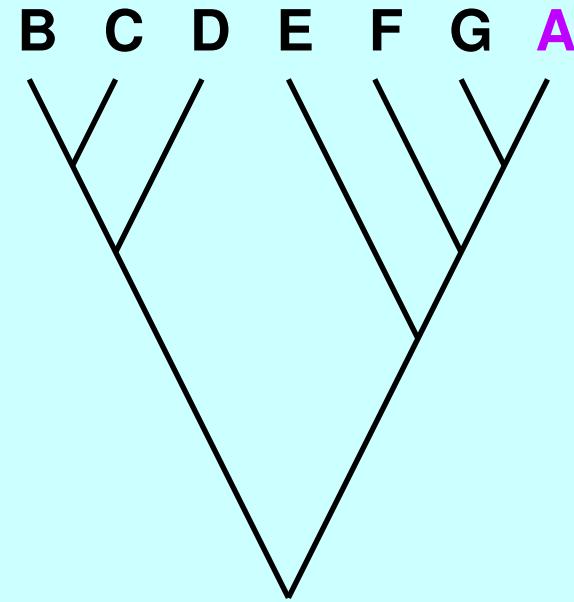
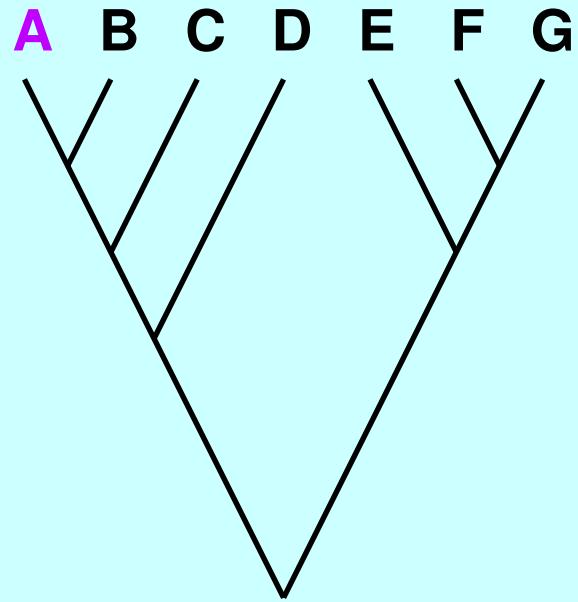


Here is a clade that is found on only two of the trees, so it is not included in the Strict Consensus Tree.

## Their strict consensus tree

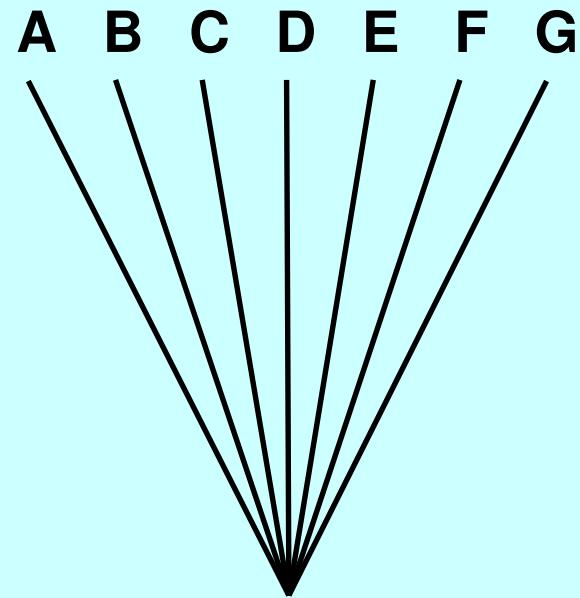


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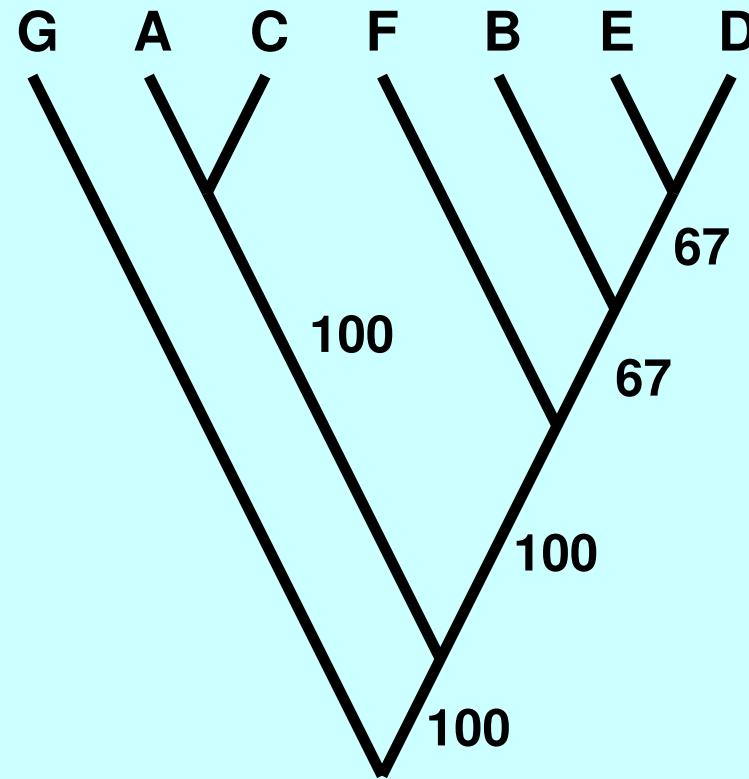
Only one species moves ...

## A distressing case for the strict consensus tree



... but the strict consensus tree becomes totally unresolved.

# Majority-rule consensus tree



## The Adams consensus tree

For rooted trees, Adams (1972, 1986) suggested:

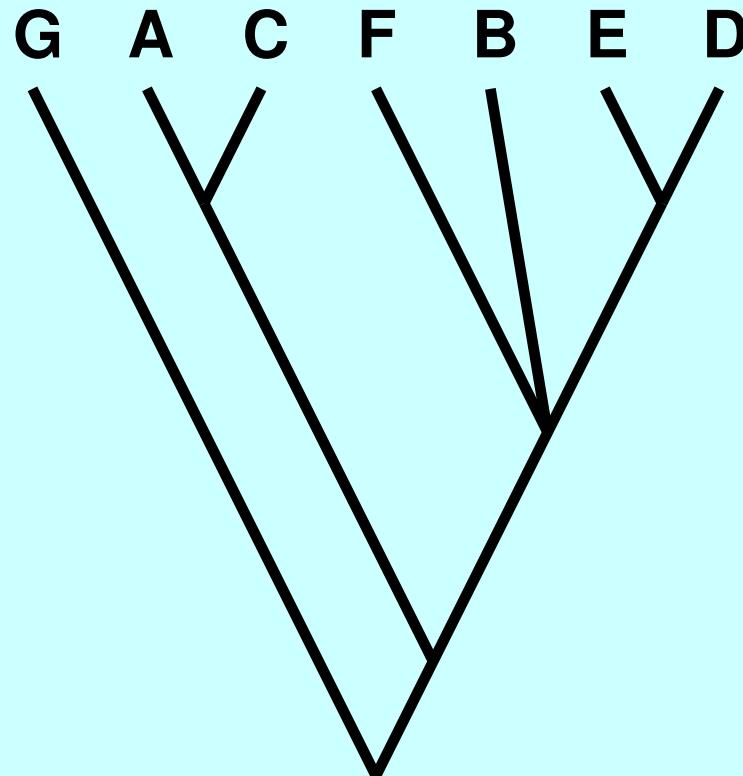
1. Take all rooted triples on each tree.
2. Retain those that are not contradicted, where lack of resolution does not count as contradiction.
3. Construct a tree of these.

## Two of the possible triples to examine



The green triple shows the same rooted topology on all three trees. The red triple is contradicted and does not get used in the Adams Consensus Tree.

# The Adams consensus tree



## Steel, Böcker, and Dress's shocking disproof

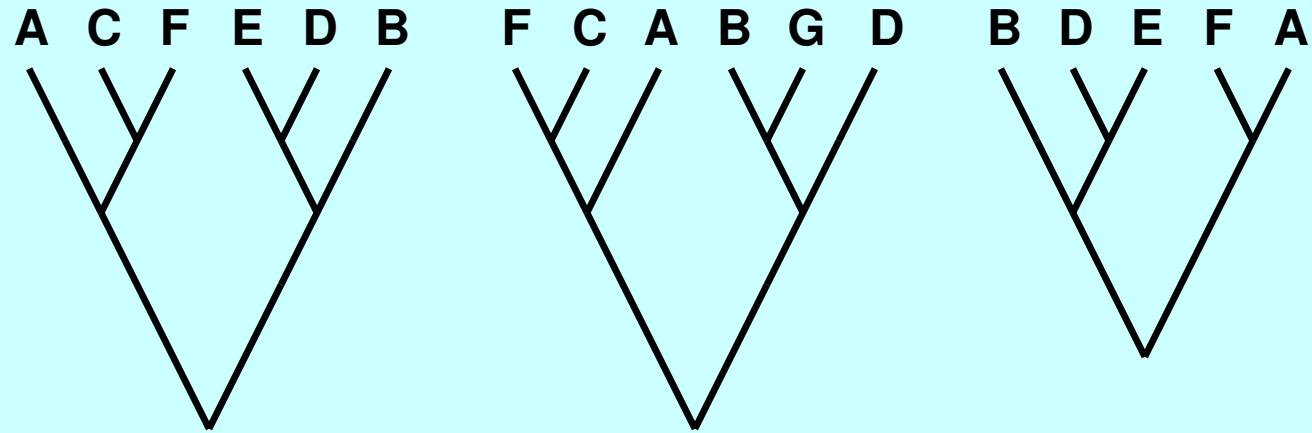
Steel, M., S. Böcker, and A. W. M. Dress. 2000. Simple but fundamental limits for supertree and consensus tree methods. *Systematic Biology* **49**(2): 363-368.

They put forward three minimal requirements for an unrooted Adams-like consensus tree based on observations of quartets, rather than triples. Note that a quartet, like a triple, has three possible topologies, but unrooted ones:  $((A,B),(C,D))$  and  $((A,C),(B,D))$  and  $((A,D),(B,C))$ .

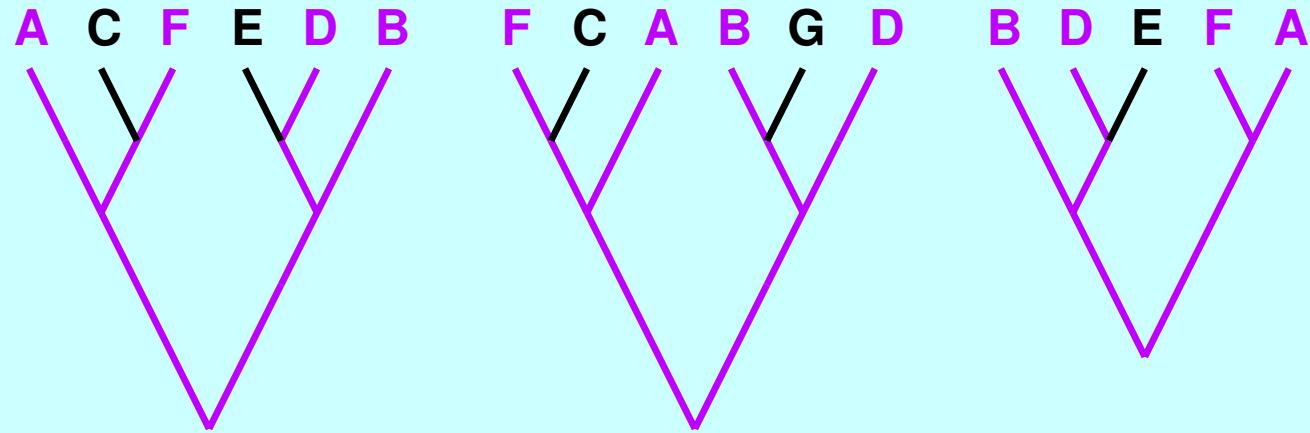
- The result shouldn't be altered by relabelling all the species in a consistent way.
- The result should not depend on the order in which the trees are input.
- If a quartet appears in all trees, it should appear in the consensus.

Alas, they then show there is no consensus tree method for unrooted trees that can satisfy all of these!

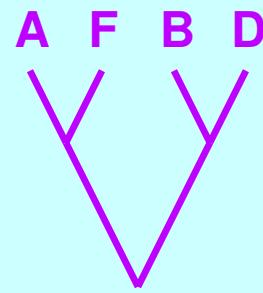
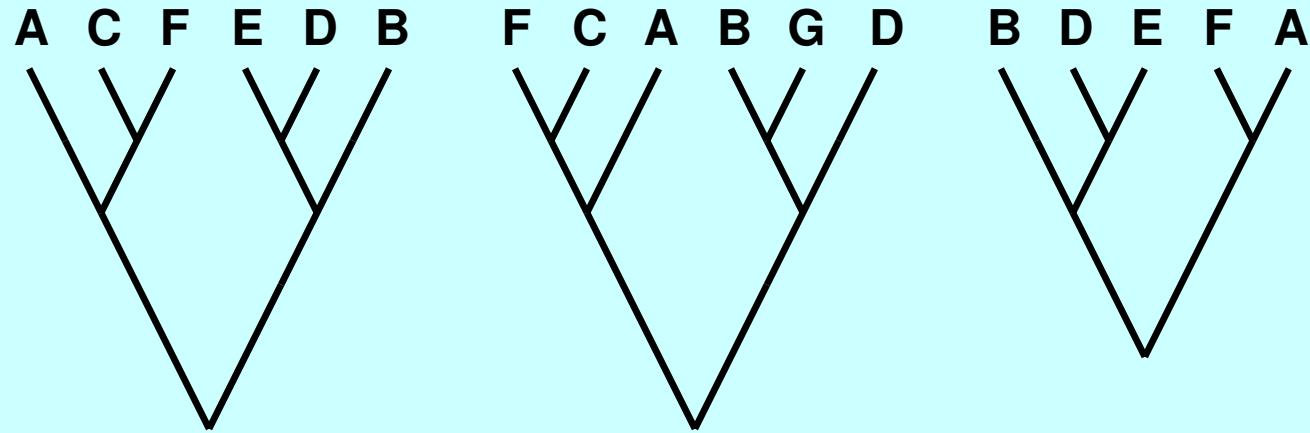
## A consensus subtree



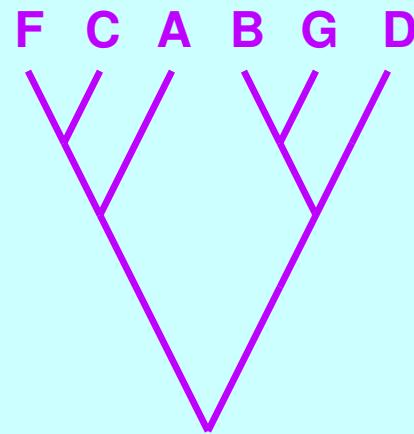
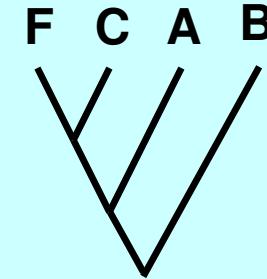
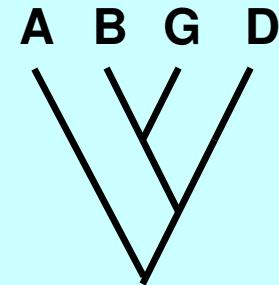
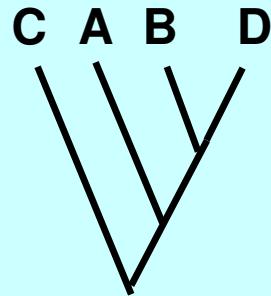
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## A supertree



Construct a tree with all tips, for which each of the smaller trees is a subtree. What to do if there is conflict? There are various suggestions.