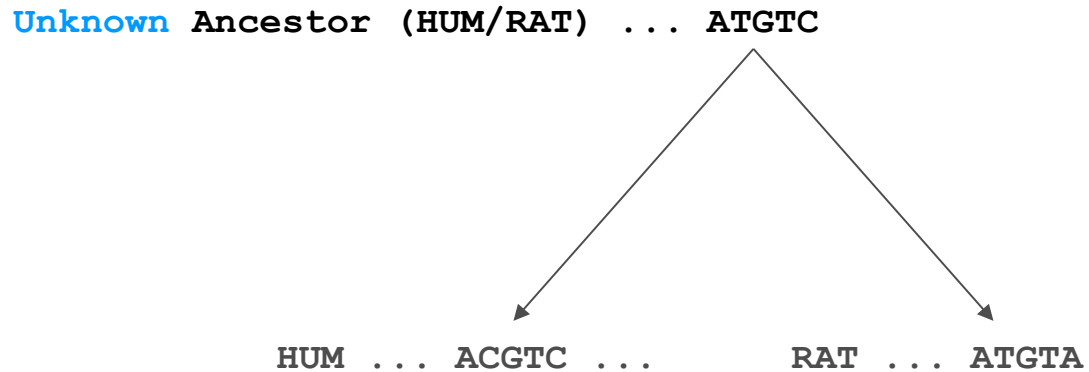


# Evolutionary Distances



# *Evolution is the interplay of mutation and selection*

attgcgatgca	attgcgatgca				
attgc <b>ca</b> tgca	attgc <b>ca</b> tgca				neutral
a <b>g</b> atgcgatgca	a <b>g</b> atgcgatgca	a <b>g</b> atgcgatgca	a <b>g</b> atgcgatgca		advantageous
attgc <b>ca</b> tgca					disadvantageous
<del>attgcgatg<b>ct</b></del>	<del>attgcgatg<b>ct</b></del>				lethal

**Mutation generates diversity**

**Selection affects the frequency of sequences in the gene pool**

# *Evolution is directed in time*

attgcgatgca

attgcgatgca

Ancestor sequences

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attgc**cat**gca

attgc**cat**gca

many descendants  
of the same  
ancestor

a**at**gcgatgca

a**at**gcgatgca

a**at**gcgatgca

attgc**a**atgca

Many sequences that we observe today go back to the same ancestral sequence. **They are called homologous sequences.**

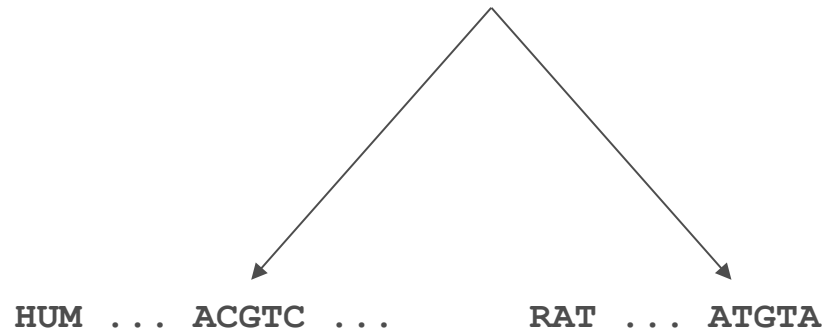
# *Homologous sequences we observe today are brothers rather than parents and children*

HUM ...ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAACGTCAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGAGAATGTTCC...

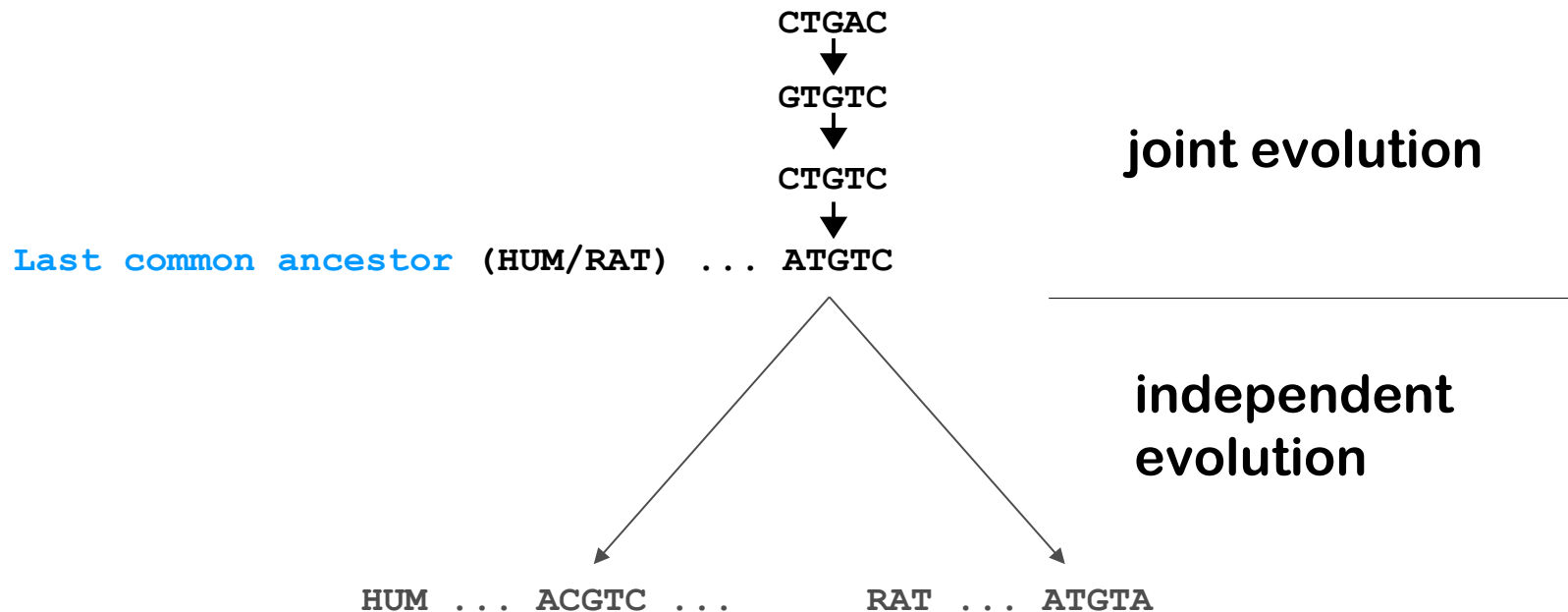
RAT ...ATGTAAGCCCCGGCTCTGCCCATGTAAGGTCAAGGCTCACGGCAAGAAGGTTGCTGATCCAAAGCTGC...

They share common ancestors  
Almost always the ancestor is unknown

Unknown Ancestor (HUM/RAT) ... ATGTC



*For every pair of homologous sequences there exists a last common ancestor (LCA)*

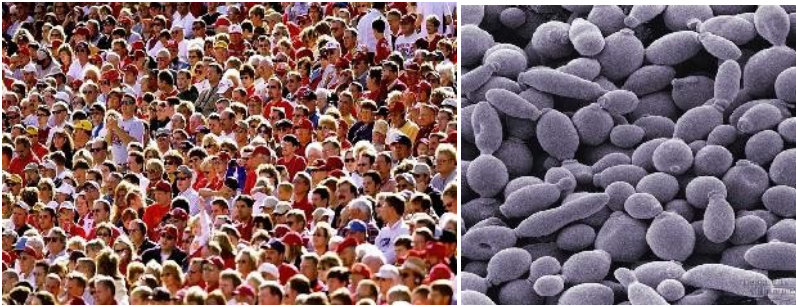


***For some pairs the last common ancestor is recent, for some it lived long ago***



**LCA of man and chimp  
lived about 6 million  
years ago**

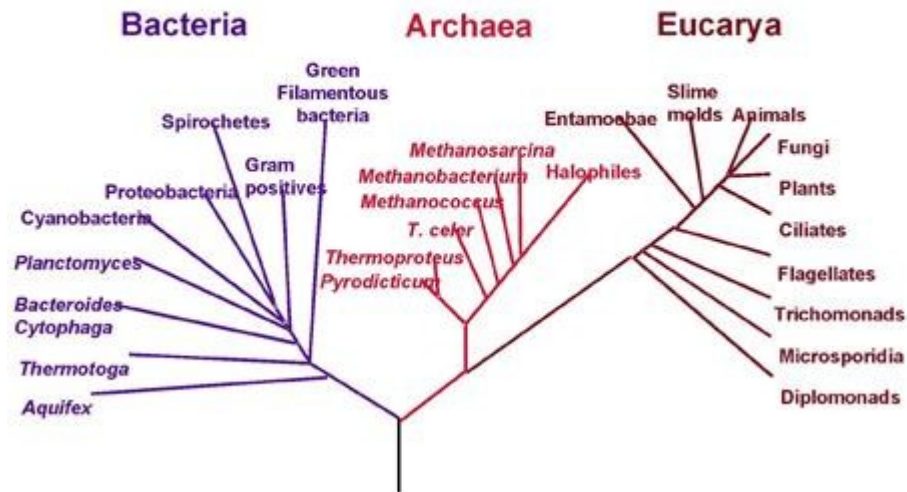
***That's recent***



**LCA of man and  
yeast lived about  
1 billion years  
ago**

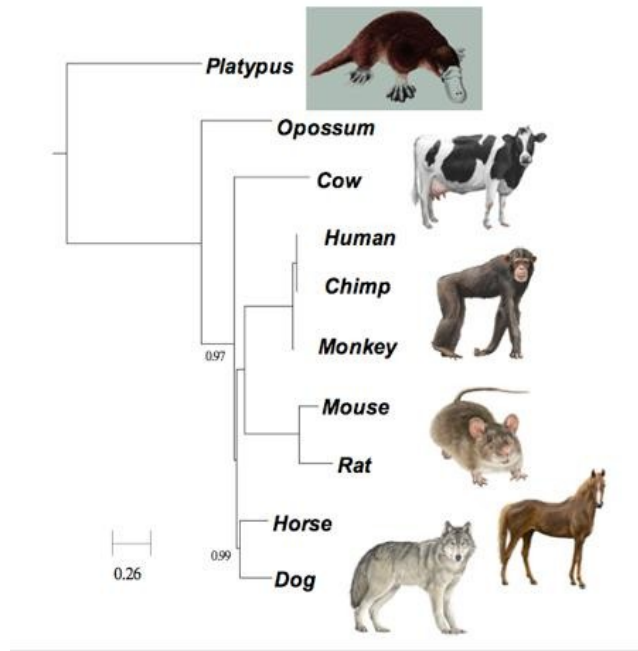
***All genomes on earth are believed to go back to common ancestors***

### Phylogenetic Tree of Life



***Some genomes have a more recent common ancestor than others. Their genomes are more similar.***

*The more recent the common ancestor the less mismatches accumulated in the sequences*

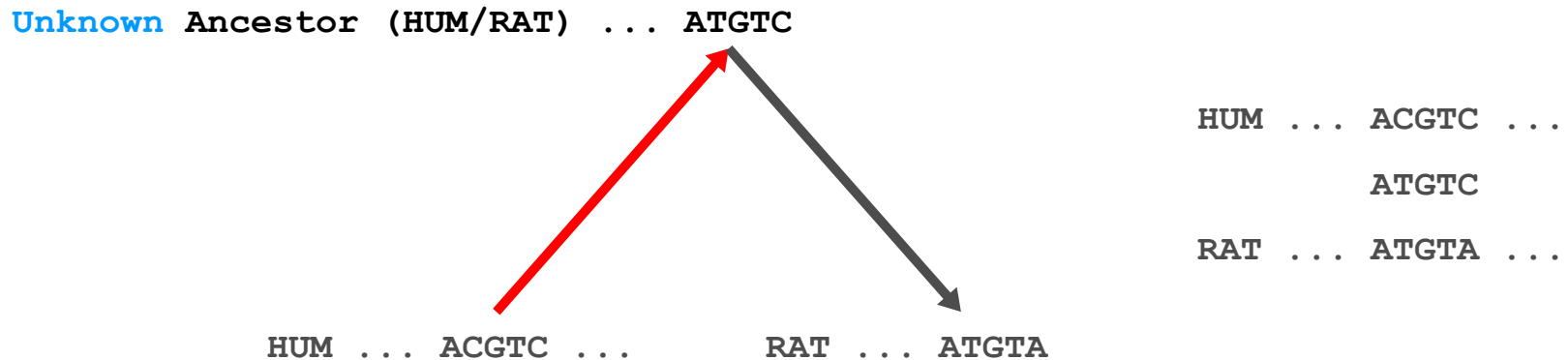


Organism	Mismatches compared to human sequence
Chimp	0
Mouse	9
Fruit Fly	29
Wheat	43
Yeast	51

**Cytochrome C: An enzyme needed for respiration**



# *The mismatches we observe can result from mutations in both evolutionary branches*



We can reverse the mutations in one branch and concatenate both branches resulting in a “mutation history” that transfers one observed sequence into another

# *The more mutations the more expected mismatches*

A sequence of length 20

GAGTATGGTGCGGAGAGAAT

GACTACGGTGAAAGAGAGAAC

In 20 million years 5 random positions mutated

This resulted in 5 mismatch positions

*How many mismatches do you expect after 40 million years?*

# *The same sequence position can mutate multiple times*

GAGTATGGTGCGGAGAGAAT

A sequence of length 20

GAC**T**AC**C**GGTG**A**AGAGAGAAC

In 20 million years 5 random positions mutated

C**A**CTAG**G**GGTG**C**AGAG**C**GACC

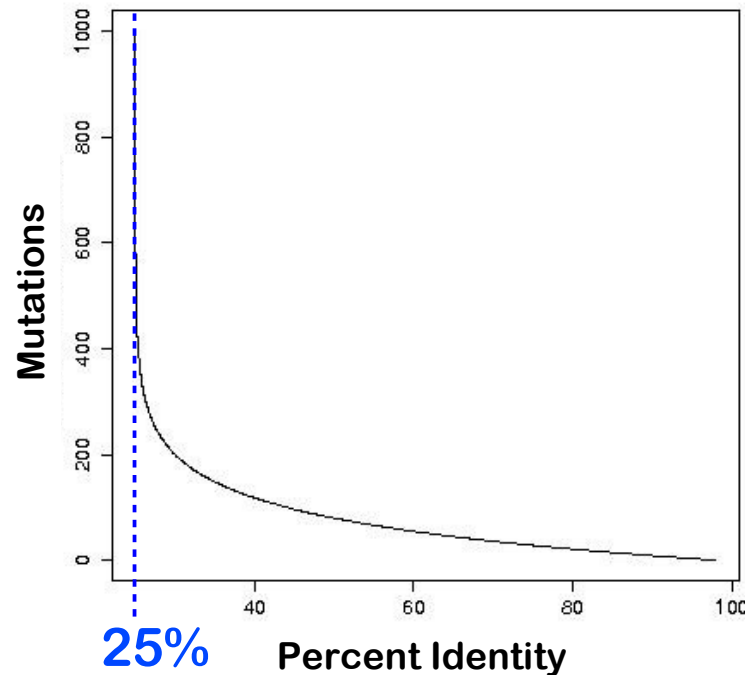
In another 20 million years 5 more random positions mutated

C**A**CTAG**G**GGTG**C****A**AGAG**C**GACC

*The 10 mutations lead to only 7 mismatch positions*

*How many mismatch positions do you expect after 50.000 random mutations?*

# *The percentage of mismatches does not grow linearly with the number of mutations*



After thousands of mutations the sequences will be totally randomized

With 4 letters you expect 25% identity of two unrelated sequences by chance

*How can we get a formula for the curve above?*

# *We count A positions in sequence 2*

HUM ...ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCC...

RAT ...ATGTAAAGCCCCGGCTCTGCCCAGGTC AAGGCTCACGGCAAG AAGGTTGCTGATGCCCTGGCCAAAGCTGC...

*Count all positions:*

absolute frequency: 15  
relative frequency: 0.21

HUM ...ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAAATGTTCC...

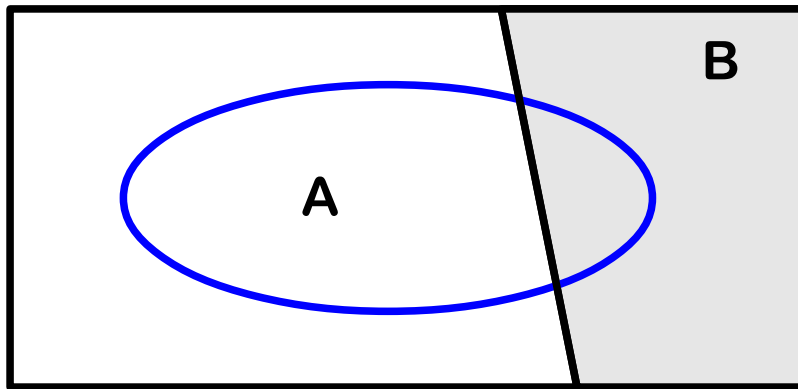
RAT ...ATGTAAAGCCCCGGCTCTGCCCAAGTCAAGGCTCACGGCAAGAAGGTTGCTGATGCCCTGGCCAAAGCTGC...

*Count only positions with an A in sequence 1:*

absolute frequency: 12  
relative frequency: 0.75

# *Restricting a data set changes relative frequencies*

$$r(A|B) = \frac{h(A \cap B)}{h(B)} = \frac{r(A \cap B)}{r(B)}$$



**A:** all data points with property 1

**B:** all data points with property 2

**h:** absolute frequency

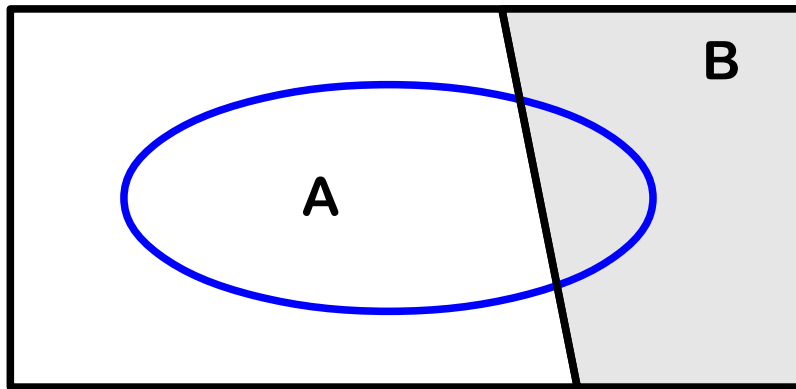
**r:** relative frequency

**A|B:** A restricted to B

***The probabilistic analogue to data set restriction is conditional probability***

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

**Probability of A given B**



$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B|A) = P(B) P(A|B)$$

***Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if conditioning on  $B$  does not change the probability of  $A$***

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

**From**

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B|A) = P(B) P(A|B)$$

**we get the multiplication rule for independent events**

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$$



# *One random experiment that depends on the outcome of another*

1. experiment  $X \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$

2. experiment

If  $X = „A“$ :

$Y \sim (0.7, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „C“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.7, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „G“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.7, 0.1)$

If  $X = „T“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.7)$

*The outcome of  $X$   
determines the  
distribution of  $Y$*

# *Dependent random experiments can be described by conditional probabilities*

1. experiment  $X \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$

2. experiment

If  $X = „A“$ :

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$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.7, 0.1)$

If  $X = „T“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.7)$

$P(X=A \text{ and } Y=A)$

$= P(X=A) P(Y=A | X=A)$

$= 0.25 \times 0.7$

$= 0.175$

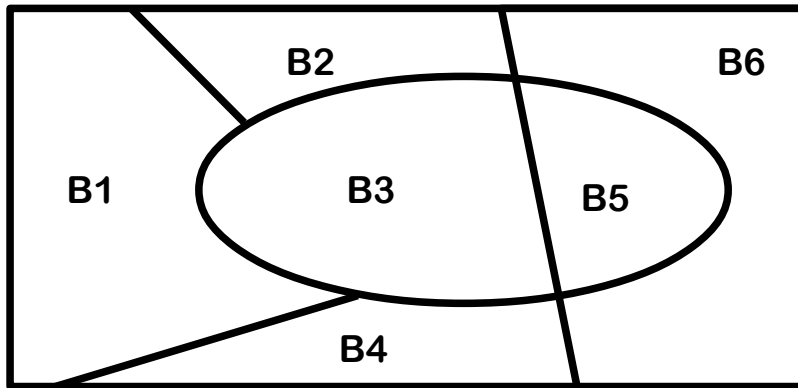
$\neq P(X=A) P(Y=A)$

$= 0.25 \times 0.25$

$= 0.0625$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B|A) = P(B) P(A|B)$$

***A partition is a family of disjoint sets whose union is the full space***



$$B_1, \dots, B_n$$

$$B_i \subset \Omega$$

$$B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$$

$$B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n = \Omega$$

## ***Law of total probability***

For an event  $A$  and a partition  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  we have

$$A = (A \cap B_1) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap B_n)$$

Since the sets are disjoint we have

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B_1) + \dots + P(A \cap B_n)$$

and

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i) P(B_i)$$

# *Dependent random experiments can be described by conditional probabilities*

1. experiment  $X \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$

2. experiment

If  $X = „A“$ :

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If  $X = „C“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.7, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „G“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.7, 0.1)$

If  $X = „T“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.7)$

$P(Y=A)=$

$P(X=A) P(Y=A|X=A)$

+

$P(X=C) P(Y=A|X=C)$

+

$P(X=G) P(Y=A|X=G)$

+

$P(X=T) P(Y=A|X=T)$

$= 0.25 \times 0.7 + 3 \times 0.25 \times 0.1$

$= 0.25$

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A|B_i) P(B_i)$$

# *Bayes' Theorem*

We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(A|B) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B)} \\ &= \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B|A) P(A) + P(B|A^c) P(A^c)} \end{aligned}$$

... by the law of total probability  
note that  $(A, A^c)$  is a partition

Bayes Theorem transforms the term  $P(A|B)$  into terms involving  $P(B|A)$

*Law of inverse probability*

# Zonks

The candidate can choose between 3 closed doors

Behind one of the doors is a new car, behind the two others are Zonks (stuffed animal ca. 3 Euro)

Candidate picks door 2

We have

$$P(\text{door 2} = \text{car}) = 1/3$$



# *The show proceeds always in the same pattern*

The host opens a door with a Zonk that the candidate has not chosen

(Note that this is always possible)

With only two doors left he asks the candidate whether he wants to switch doors

*Do you switch?*

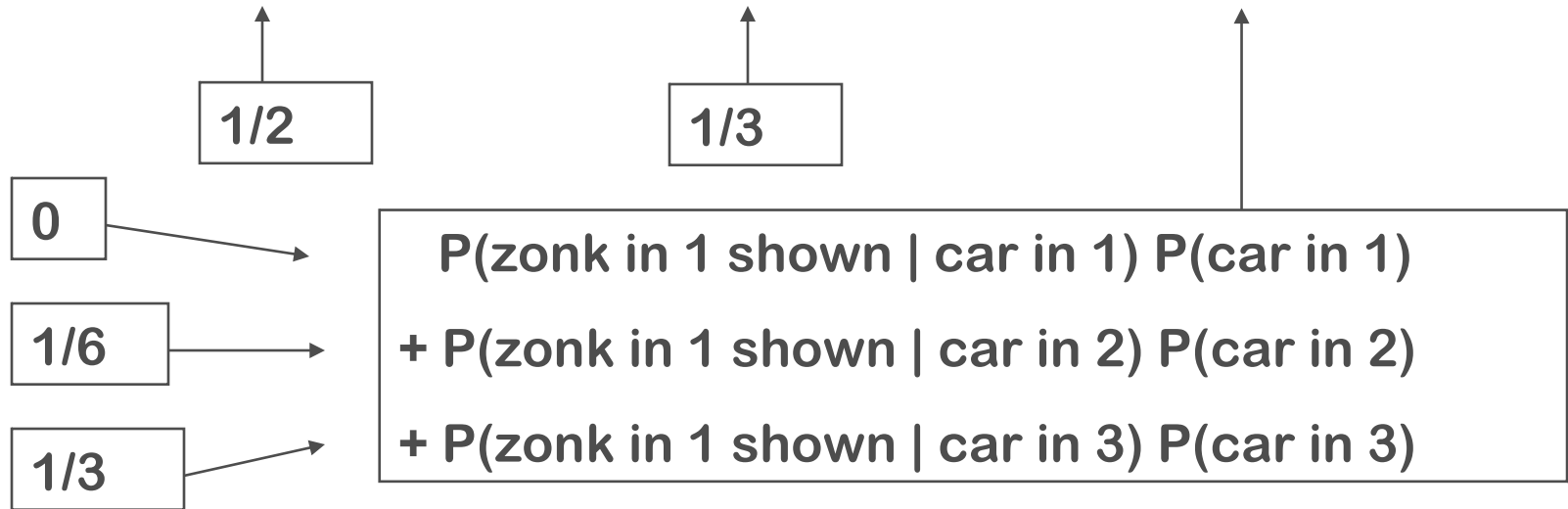




# *Here is what Bayes' rule has to say*

$P(\text{car in 2} \mid \text{zonk in 1 shown}) =$

$P(\text{zonk in 1 shown} \mid \text{car in 2}) P(\text{car in 2}) / P(\text{zonk in 1 shown})$



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1/2

$P(\text{car in 2} \mid \text{zonk in 1 shown}) = 1/3$

$P(\text{car in 3} \mid \text{zonk in 1 shown}) =$

$1 - P(\text{car in 2} \mid \text{zonk in 1 shown}) = 2/3 !$

# *You can double your odds by changing doors*

*Before door 1 was opened:*

door:	1	2	3
P [ car ]:	1/3	1/3	1/3

*After door 1 was opened:*

door:	1	2	3
P [ car ]:	0	1/3	2/3

# *Think of a lethal painfully killing disease*

There is a test for the disease

It has

Sensitivity 0.95

-  $P(\text{test positive} \mid \text{you are ill})$

Specificity 0.98

-  $P(\text{test negative} \mid \text{you are fine})$

1 out 100,000 people have the disease

You are tested and the test is positive

SHIT!!!!!!



*What is the probability that you have the disease?*

# *New hope using Bayes' theorem*

.95 sensitivity:  $P(T+|D+)=.95$

.98 specificity:  $P(T-|D-) =.98$

or  $P(T+|D-)=.02$

## Bayes Theorem:

$$P(D+|T+) = P(T+|D+)P(D+) / P(T+)$$

$$\text{where } P(T+) = P(T+|D+)P(D+) + P(T+|D-)P(D-)$$

$$P(D+|T+) = (.95 \times .00001) / (.95 \times .00001 + .02 \times .99999) \\ = .00047$$

In spite of the positive test the probability that you are ill is less than 0.05 %

# ***The concept of conditional probability can be extended to conditional distributions***

For two discrete random variables X and Y we have

$$P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{P(X=x, Y=y)}{P(Y=y)}$$

If the distribution of X is

$X \sim (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  with values  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,

the conditional distribution of X given Y=y is given by

$$X|\{Y = y\} \sim (q_1, \dots, q_n) \quad q_i = \frac{P(X=x_i, Y=y)}{P(Y=y)}$$

# ***The law of total probability allows us to calculate non conditional distributions from conditional distributions***

If the distribution of Y is

$$Y \sim (r_1, \dots, r_n) \quad \text{with values} \quad (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

and the conditional probabilities of X are given by

$$P(X = x_i | Y = y_j) = q_{ij}$$

Since  $\{Y=y_i\}, i=1,\dots,n$ , is a partition we have

$$P(X = x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n P(X = x_i | Y = y_j) P(Y = y_j)$$

or the distribution of X is given by

$$X \sim (p_1, \dots, p_n) \quad \text{where} \quad p_i = \sum_j q_{ij} r_j$$

# Example with two binary variables

$$X \sim (0.3, 0.7)$$

$$Y|X=1 \sim (0.25, 0.75)$$

$$Y|X=0 \sim (0.75, 0.25)$$

What is the distribution of Y?

$$P(Y=0) = ?$$

$$P(Y=1) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y=0) &= P(X=0)P(Y=0|X=0) \\ &\quad + P(X=1)P(Y=0|X=1) \\ &= 0.3 \times 0.75 + 0.7 \times 0.25 \\ &= 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y=1) &= 1 - P(Y=0) \\ &= 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

$$Y \sim (0.4, 0.6)$$

# *Two random variables can have the same distribution without being independent*

1. experiment  $X \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$

2. experiment

If  $X = „A“$ :

$Y \sim (0.7, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „C“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.7, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „G“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.7, 0.1)$

If  $X = „T“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.7)$

X and Y have the same distribution:

$X \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$

$Y \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$

X and Y are not independent

$$P(Y=T|X=T) = 0.7$$

$$P(Y=T) = 0.25$$



*The  $n \times n$  matrix of probabilities  $P(X=x, Y=y)$  defines the **joint probability** of  $X$  and  $Y$*

For two random variables with values in (A,C,G,T) we can write their joint distribution as

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & m_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

where for example  $m_{23} = P(X=C, Y=G)$

***The joint probability is a discrete probability distribution on the space of all possible combinations of outcomes  $(x_i, y_j)$***

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & m_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

For example  $m_{23} = P((X,Y)=(C,G))$

Note that:  $\sum_{i,j} m_{ij} = 1$

*The joint distribution of **independent** random variables has a product form*

$$X \sim (p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

$$Y \sim (r_1, \dots, r_n)$$

$$m_{ij} = p_i r_j$$

# *Dependent random variables yields a different joint distribution*

1. experiment  $X \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$

2. experiment

If  $X = „A“$ :

$Y \sim (0.7, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „C“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.7, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „G“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.7, 0.1)$

If  $X = „T“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.7)$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0.175 & 0.025 & 0.025 & 0.025 \\ 0.025 & 0.175 & 0.025 & 0.025 \\ 0.025 & 0.025 & 0.175 & 0.025 \\ 0.025 & 0.025 & 0.025 & 0.175 \end{pmatrix}$$

# *The marginal distributions of X and Y do not determine their joint distribution*

In both simulations X and Y have the same distributions:

$$X \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$$

$$Y \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$$

We call these distributions the **marginal distributions** of X and Y

However the joint distributions are different:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0.175 & 0.025 & 0.025 & 0.025 \\ 0.025 & 0.175 & 0.025 & 0.025 \\ 0.025 & 0.025 & 0.175 & 0.025 \\ 0.025 & 0.025 & 0.025 & 0.175 \end{pmatrix} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} 0.0625 & 0.0625 & 0.0625 & 0.0625 \\ 0.0625 & 0.0625 & 0.0625 & 0.0625 \\ 0.0625 & 0.0625 & 0.0625 & 0.0625 \\ 0.0625 & 0.0625 & 0.0625 & 0.0625 \end{pmatrix}$$

**dependent** **independent**

# *The joint distribution determines the marginal distributions*

Given the joint distribution of X and Y

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & m_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad (X, Y) \sim M$$

Both  $\{X=x_1\}, \dots, \{X=x_n\}$  and  $\{Y=y_1\}, \dots, \{Y=y_n\}$  are partitions and the law of total probability defines the marginal distributions

$$P(X = x_i) = \sum_{y_j} P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = \sum_j m_{ij} \quad \text{Sum over the columns}$$

$$P(Y = y_j) = \sum_{x_i} P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = \sum_i m_{ij} \quad \text{Sum over the rows}$$

# ***Dependent random experiments can be described by one marginal distribution and a transition matrix***

1. experiment  $X \sim (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$

2. experiment

If  $X = „A“$ :

$Y \sim (0.7, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „C“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.7, 0.1, 0.1)$

If  $X = „G“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.7, 0.1)$

If  $X = „T“$ :

$Y \sim (0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.7)$

**Marginal distribution of  $X$**

$$X \sim (p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

**A transition matrix  $P$**

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} A & C & G & T \end{matrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

**$P$  encodes the design of the second experiment given the outcome of the first**

**Every column is a design**

***If the random variables are independent all columns of the transition matrix are the same***

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 \end{pmatrix}$$

**No matter what the outcome of X is. Y is always simulated by the same experimental design.**



***The columns of a transition matrix are (conditional) distributions***

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \\ p_{41} & p_{42} & p_{43} & p_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_{ij} = P(Y = y_j | X = x_i)$$

***All columns sum up to 1***

$$\sum_i p_{ij} = 1 \quad \text{for all } j$$

***Multiplying the first marginal distribution vector with the transition matrix yields the second marginal distribution***

$$X \sim (p_1, \dots, p_n) \qquad Y \sim (q_1, \dots, q_n)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \end{pmatrix} = (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \\ p_{41} & p_{42} & p_{43} & p_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_j &= P(Y = y_j) \\ &= \sum_k P(Y = y_j | X = x_k) P(X = x_k) \\ &= \sum_k p_{kj} p_k \end{aligned}$$

# *We can model the evolutionary mutation process by a transition matrix*

GAGTATGGTGCGGAG**A**GAAT

GACTACGGTGAAGAG**A**GAAC

CACTAGGGTGCAGAG**C**GACC

CACTAGGGTGCAGAG**C**GACC

For each position we **iteratively** apply a transition matrix of the form

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b & b \\ b & a & b & b \\ b & b & a & b \\ b & b & b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a$  is the probability of “no mutation” and  $3 \times b$  the probability of a mutation

# *We can define a unit of evolutionary divergence through a transition matrix*

Normalize the transition matrix such that the expected number of mismatches is 1%

$$P(X = Y) = 0.99$$

This can be done by using the following matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b & b \\ b & a & b & b \\ b & b & a & b \\ b & b & b & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} a = 0.99 \\ b = 1/300 \end{array}$$

Two sequences simulated by this model are 1 **PAM** apart  
**PAM** = **P**oint **A**ccepted **M**utations

# *We can apply the transition matrix to a sequence position by position*

ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT  
GGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCAAGGCCGCACGT  
CAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCA  
AGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCC

## To generate the second sequence:

Draw a random number for every position in the sequence

- If it is larger than 0.01 the base in the second sequence is identical to the first sequence
- Else it is one of the other 3 bases with equal probability

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b & b \\ b & a & b & b \\ b & b & a & b \\ b & b & b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = 0.99$$

$$b = 1/300$$

ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT  
GGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGG**G**GAG**C**ATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCAAGGCCGCACGT  
CAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGC**A**CTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCA  
AGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCC

In average 1% of the positions will be mutated

*1 PAM of evolution has operated on the first sequence*

*We can apply the transition matrix again to the second sequence to generate a third one*

ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT  
GGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCAAGGCCGCACGT  
CAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCA  
AGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCC

$$\downarrow P = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b & b \\ b & a & b & b \\ b & b & a & b \\ b & b & b & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{1 PAM of mutations}$$

ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT  
GGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGG**G**GAG**C**ATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCAAGGCCGCACGT  
CAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGC**A**CTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCA  
AGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCC

$$\downarrow P = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b & b \\ b & a & b & b \\ b & b & a & b \\ b & b & b & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{1 PAM of mutations}$$

ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT  
GGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGG**G**GAG**C**ATGGTGCGG**G**GGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCAAGGCCGCACGT  
CAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGC**A**CTGGAGAATGTTCCACGTCA  
AGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAG**A**ATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCC

The 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> sequence are 2 PAM apart

# *The transition matrix determines the expected number of match positions*

Original sequence:  $X(0)$

$L$ : length of sequence

1x evolved sequence:  $X(1)$

$M(i,j)$ : number of match positions  
between  $X(i)$  and  $X(j)$

2x evolved sequence:  $X(2)$

Expected number of matches:

$P(X_i(0)=X_i(1)) = 0.99$       These sequences are 1PAM apart

$E(M(0,1)) = 0.99 \times L$       99% identity

$P(X_i(1)=X_i(2)) = 0.99$       These sequences are 1PAM apart

$E(M(1,2)) = 0.99 \times L$       99% identity

*What about the number of matches between  $X(0)$  and  $X(2)$ ?*

$P(X_i(0)=X_i(2)) = ?$       *These sequences are 2PAM apart*

$E(M(0,2)) = ?$

# *Two PAM of mutations yield on average less than 2% mismatches*

GAGTATGGTGC GGAGAGAAT

The same position can mutate several times

GACTACGGTGAAGAGAGAAC

It can even remutate  
 $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow A$

CACTAGGGTGCAGAGCGACC

We will on average have less than 2% mismatches

CACTAGGGTGCAGAGCGACC

$$P(X_i(0)=X_i(2)) > 0.98$$

In the example the transition matrix is normalized to 25% mutations instead of 1%



# *There is a conceptual difference between a mutation and a mismatch*

GAGTATGGTGCGGAGAGAAT

**Mutations** are historic events. They can not be observed directly

GACTACGGTGAAAGAGAGAAC

**Mismatches** are observations caused by mutations

CACTAGGGGTGCAGAGCGACC

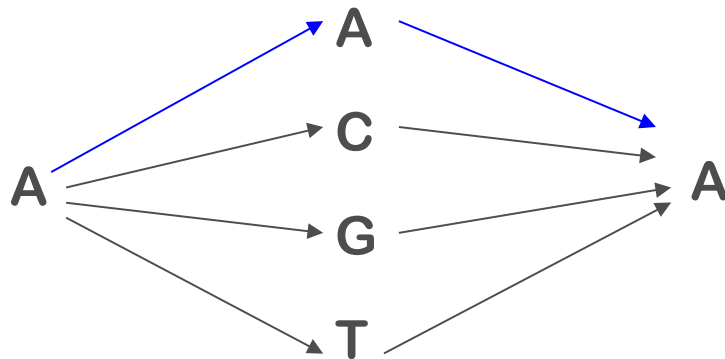
2 PAM lead to an expected 2% mutations

CACTAGGGGTGCAGAGCGACC

But 2% mutations lead to somewhat less than 2 % mismatches

*How do we calculate the expected number of mismatches after 2 PAM ?*

# *Two step transitions*



How do we get from A to A in 2 steps?

In the first step we need to go from A to somewhere

In the second step we need to go from somewhere to A

We have 4 possible paths:

$A \rightarrow A \rightarrow A$

$A \rightarrow C \rightarrow A$

$A \rightarrow G \rightarrow A$

$A \rightarrow T \rightarrow A$

$A \rightarrow A \rightarrow A$  is much more likely than the other 3 paths but nevertheless, these also yield  $X(0)=A$  and  $X(2)=A$

# *We can get a 2 step transition matrix by matrix multiplication*

The sets  $\{X(1)=y\}$  for all possible values of  $y$  are a partition  
Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X(2) = j | X(0) = i) &= \sum_y P(X(2) = j, X(1) = y | X(0) = i) \\ &= \sum_y P(X(2) = j | X(1) = y) P(X(1) = y | X(0) = i) \\ P_{ij}^{(2)} &= \sum_y P_{iy} P_{yj} \quad \text{matrix multiplication} \end{aligned}$$

*This random mutation process can be iterated*

ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT

1 PAM of mutations

ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGTTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT

2 PAM of mutations

AAGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGTTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTCTGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT

3 PAM of mutations

AAGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGTTCTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTCTGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCCCT

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# *The iterated application of a transition matrix is called a Markov chain*

A Markov chain is a sequence of random experiments defined by

- (a) a start point  $X(0)$
- (b) a transition matrix  $P$

If  $X(t) = i$ , use column  $i$  of  $P$  as the distribution used to generate  $X(t+1)$

Note that the distribution of  $X(t+1)$  only depends on the current state  $X(t)$  and not on the past (  $X(t-1)$ ,  $X(t-2)$ , ... )

*A Markov chain has no memory*

# *The powers of $P$ give multistep transition matrices*

$$P^{(n)} = \underbrace{P \times P \times P \times \dots \times P}_{n\text{-times}} = P^n$$

gives us an  $n$  step transition matrix

For the evolutionary transition matrix the diagonal entries of  $P^{(n)}$  give us the probability of a match after  $n$  iterations

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b & b \\ b & a & b & b \\ b & b & a & b \\ b & b & b & a \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} a &= 0.99 \\ b &= 1/300 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X(0)=X(1)) = P_{1,1} = 0.99$$

$$P(X(0)=X(10)) = P^{(10)}_{1,1} = 0.904$$

$$P(X(0)=X(100)) = P^{(100)}_{1,1} = 0.446$$

$$P(X(0)=X(1000)) = P^{(1000)}_{1,1} = 0.25$$

***The **Chapman Kolmogorov equation** connects different multistep matrices with each other***

$$P^{(n+m)} = P^{(n)} P^{(m)}$$

**To get from i to j in n+m steps we need to go from i to somewhere in the first n steps and then from somewhere to j in the following m steps**

*How many PAM of evolution separate this human sequence segment from its rat homologue?*

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HUM ...ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCC...
RAT ...ATGTAAGCCCCGGCTCTGCCCAGGTCAAGGCTCACGGCAAGAAGGTTGCTGATGCCCTGGCCAAAGCTGC...
      10110100011111100101011110000110111110110101011101101111110011010101
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lengths of segments: 70

match positions : 45

percent identity: 64.2



# *The sequence of transition matrices $P(n)$ relates PAM mutation to percent sequence identity*

For every PAM distance we have a transition matrix

$P$ : 1 PAM

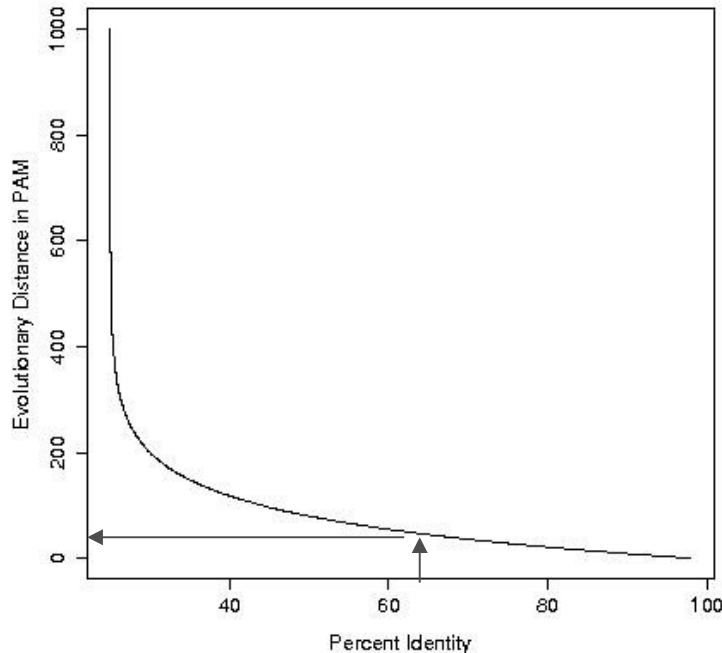
$P^{(2)}$ : 2 PAM

$P^{(3)}$ : 3 PAM

...

The diagonal entries of each multistep matrix  $P^{(n)}$  give the expected proportion of matches after  $n$  PAM of mutation

We expect 64,2% identity after about 47 PAM



# *How many years does evolution need for a PAM of mutation?*

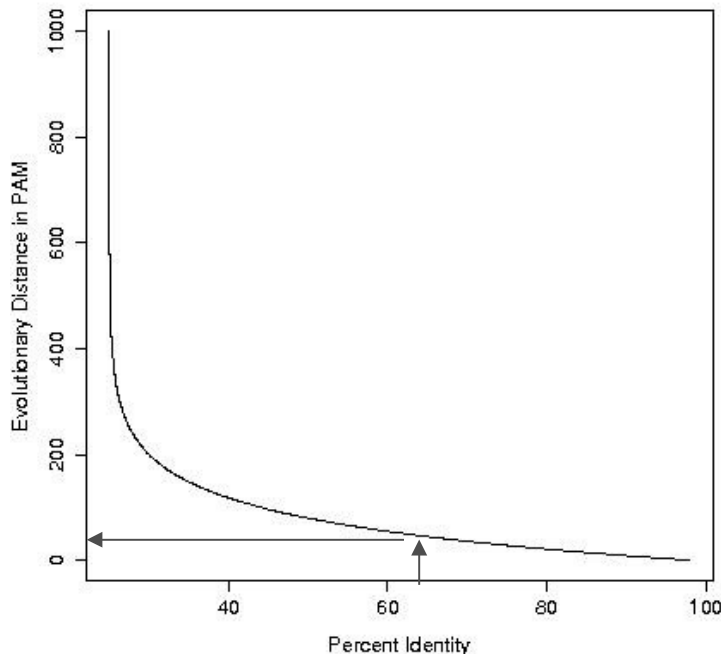
We have estimated the evolutionary distance of the sequences to 47 PAM

How many million years does this correspond to?

Unfortunately, this is more difficult to answer, since evolution is not proceeding with a constant speed at all times and at all genome positions

More theory is needed

→ **Molecular Clock**



# ***The 47 PAM model is not the only model that can produce 45 matches***

**With 47 PAM random mutations we expect 64% identity and this is what we have observed for the two sequences of man and rat**

**50 PAM in contrast lead to an expectation of 63% instead of 64% sequence identity**

**Is the observation of 64% in contradiction to the assumption that the sequences could be 50 PAM apart?**

**63% percent is only the expected value. The real outcome of the mutation process could be a little bit less or a little bit more ...**

**... for example 64%**

***We need to proceed from the expected number of match positions to the distribution of this number***

$S^{(47)}$  = number of match positions after 47 PAM

$S^{(47)}$  is a random variable. What is its distribution?

After 47 PAM of mutations the probability that a sequence position is a match position is

$$\begin{aligned} p &= P(X(0)=X(47)) \\ &= 0.64 \end{aligned}$$

The sequence segments have  $n=70$  positions

***What is the distribution of the number of matches?***

# *The number of match positions follows a binomial distribution*

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HUM ...ACGTCAAGGCCGCCTGGGGCAAGGTTGGCGCGCACGGCGAGTATGGTGCGGAGGCCCTGGAGAATGTTCC...
RAT ...ATGTAAGCCCCGGCTCTGCCCAGGTCAAGGCTCACGGCAAGAAGGTTGCTGATGCCCTGGCCAAAGCTGC...
      1011010001111110010101111000011011111101101010111011011111110011010101
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Observation: 45 matches over 70 positions

$S^{(47)}$  is the sum of 70 Bernoulli experiments with parameter  $p = 0.64$

Hence  $S^{(47)} \sim \text{Bin}(0.64, 70)$

$$P(S^{(47)} = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

***We can calculate the likelihood of the 47 PAM model given the observation of 45 match positions***

$$P(S^{(47)} = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

**n=70**     the lengths of the segments

**k=45**     the observed match positions

**p=0.64**   the probability of a match after 47 PAM

$$\binom{70}{45} 0.64^{45} \times 0.36^{25} \approx 0.1$$

***How does this compare to the probability of 45 matches after 50 PAM or 100 PAM ?***

# ***Likelihoods for many possible PAM distances***

1 PAM Model:  $\binom{70}{45} 0.99^{45} \times 0.01^{25} \approx 4.3e - 32$

10 PAM Model:  $\binom{70}{45} 0.90^{45} \times 0.1^{25} \approx 5.6e - 9$

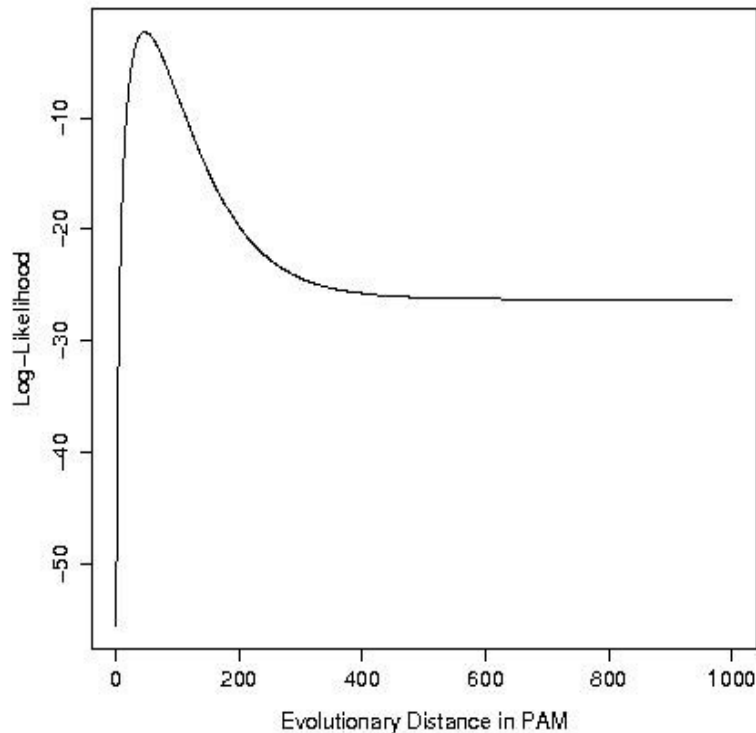
47 PAM Model:  $\binom{70}{45} 0.64^{45} \times 0.36^{25} \approx 0.098$

50 PAM Model:  $\binom{70}{45} 0.63^{45} \times 0.37^{25} \approx 0.096$

100 PAM Model:  $\binom{70}{45} 0.44^{45} \times 0.66^{25} \approx 0.0003$

1000 PAM Model:  $\binom{70}{45} 0.25^{45} \times 0.75^{25} \approx 3.9e - 12$

# *We can draw the log-likelihood as a function of the PAM distance*



This plot is also called a **log-likelihood landscape**

The likelihood peaks at 47 PAM

47 PAM is the **M**aximum **L**ikelihood **E**stimate (MLE)

Small PAM distances can not explain the small number of 45 matches at all

*How precise is the estimate 47 PAM?*



# ***We can compare pairs of models using likelihood ratios***

**Likelihood of the 47 PAM Model:**  $\binom{70}{45} 0.64^{45} \times 0.36^{25} \approx 0.098$

**Likelihood of the 100 PAM Model:**  $\binom{70}{45} 0.44^{45} \times 0.66^{25} \approx 0.0003$

**Likelihood ratio: 326.7**

**Number of white balls: 8.35**

***There is hardly any evidence that any model between 40-60 PAM explains the data better than another model from this interval***

PAM(47) vs. PAM(50)	LR=1.05	(0.06 white balls)
PAM(47) vs. PAM(60)	LR=1.77	(0.83 white balls)
PAM(47) vs. PAM(40)	LR=1.29	(0.37 white balls)
PAM(47) vs. PAM(70)	LR=4.72	(2.24 white balls)
PAM(47) vs. PAM(80)	LR=16.3	(4.03 white balls)
PAM(47) vs. PAM(100)	LR=326	(8.35 white balls)
PAM(47) vs. PAM(1000)		(34 white balls)
PAM(47) vs. PAM(1)		(76.8 white balls)

The sequences are between 40 and 60 PAM apart  
... more should not be said

# End of Chapter 11