



NOTES on "Phylogenetic Reconstruction"

Each step is critical, here are some advices:

- 1. Clear the fasta header helps to manipulate the data, making it less confuse.
- 2. GI number contains max 10 characters and they are unique for each gene.
- 3. Why make a redundancy test? Gene copies or highly similar genes (e.g. from strains) might be remove.
- 4. Delete regions manually in the alignment has to be done in many cases. Why? For instance, it is used as criterion to improve the alignment or the homologs searching.
- 5. Previous to this step, is mandatory—if you don't know how your gene(s) 'evolve'—to identify their best substitution model (aa or nts). Use jModelTest or Prottest to achieve this purpose. Read our manual (step 11). Also, phylogenetic trees based on Maximum Likelihood (ML) or distances are good options, you should try a third approach: the Bayes methods. One good strategy/exercise show both tree topologies, ML and Bayes.

Make your tree pretty using FigTree RECONSTRUCTION Taxa 1 Taxa 3 Bacteria Archaea

EXAMPLE 2

EXAMPLE 1



EXAMPLE 3

