Polymorphism-aware phylogenetic models
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Introduction

This workshop is available on GitHub.

Our goal is to understand how we can use polymorphism-aware phylogenetic models (PoMo) to improve inferences from population data.

In the course of this workshop, we will infer a phylogenetic tree from test data using IQ-TREE2.

If you need help, please interrupt me anytime!

Preparation - Command line shell

Basic knowledge of the command line shell of your choice is assumed.

- If you do not know basic commands such as cd, ls, or less, just lean back and listen to the presentation.
- Otherwise, try to follow the steps and complete the workshop yourself.

In case you are lost:

- Have a look at the manual pages, if they exist.

```
1  man less
```

- Read how commands are used.

```
1  less --help
```

Preparation - Download workshop and data

Option 1: If you have `git` installed, use it.

```
1  git clone https://github.com/pomo-dev/micphy-workshop.git
2  cd micphy-workshop
```

Option 2: Manually download the archive (requires `wget`, and `unzip`).

```
1  wget https://github.com/pomo-dev/micphy-workshop/archive/master.zip
2  unzip master.zip
3  cd micphy-workshop-master
```

The advantage of Option 1 is that you can:

- update your working tree if I have to change something during the workshop; use `git pull`;
- reset to the initial state if you mess up; use `git reset --hard HEAD` (be careful, this erases all changes made by you).

Preparation - Install IQ-TREE2

Option 1: Install from the repository of your distribution. For example, use the Arch Linux User Repository.

```
1  yay -S iqtree
2  aura -A iqtree
```

Option 2: Compile yourself (not shown).

Option 3: Use `nix-shell` and the `shell.nix` expression provided in the base directory of the repository (requires `nix`).

```
1  nix-shell
```

```
Welcome to the MIC-Phy PoMo workshop.
The following version of IQ-TREE2 is available:
IQ-TREE multicore version 2.1.2 COVID-edition for Linux 64-bit built Jan  1 1980
Developed by Bui Quang Minh, James Barbetti, Nguyen Lam Tung,
Olga Chernomor, Heiko Schmidt, Dominik Schrempf, Michael Woodhams.
```

Preparation - Install IQ-TREE2

Option 4: Download the binary executable from the IQ-TREE2 homepage.

```
1  wget https://github.com/iqtree/iqtree2/releases/download/v2.1.2/iqtree-2.1.2-Linux.tar.gz
```

Make sure that you have permission to execute the file (chmod +x), and that the executable is in your PATH (or that you provide the path during execution).

```
1  tar -xzvf iqtree-2.1.2-Linux.tar.gz
2  chmod +x iqtree-2.1.2-Linux/bin/iqtree2  # Should not be necessary, but who knows.
3  mv iqtree-2.1.2-Linux/bin/iqtree2 ~/bin/ # If ~/bin is in your PATH.
```

Exercise - Test IQ-TREE2 version

IQ-TREE2 version

Check that your IQ-TREE2 version agrees with the one I am using.

```
1  iqtree2 --version
2  # /path/to/iqtree2 --version
3  # ./relative/path/to/iqtree2 --version
```

```
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```

Exercise - Access IQ-TREE2 help

IQ-TREE2 help

Access the IQ-TREE2 help, maybe read through some command line flags.

```
1  iqtree2 --help | less
```

```
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Usage: iqtree [-s ALIGNMENT] [-p PARTITION] [-m MODEL] [-t TREE] ...

GENERAL OPTIONS:
  -h, --help          Print (more) help usages
```

Fruit fly data

We are going to analyze some fruit fly data. The data comprises nine *Drosophila* populations obtained from PopFly[1].

NTH Netherlands
EG Egypt
FR France
GA Gabon
GU Guinea
EF Ethiopia
KN Kenyia
SB South Africa (Barkly East)
SP South Africa (Phalaborwa)

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[1] Hervas et al. (2017); thanks Rui for providing the counts files.

Exercise - Explore fruit fly data

Explore data

Have a look at the data in the `./data` folder.

```
data_description.csv
fruit_flies_10000.cf
fruit_flies_10000.consensus.fasta
fruit_flies_10000.random.fasta
fruit_flies_1000.cf
fruit_flies_1000.consensus.fasta
fruit_flies_1000.random.fasta
```

We have data of two different lengths (1k and 10k sites), and also in counts file and FASTA file formats.

Exercise - Run DNA substitution model

Before running PoMo, we will use a normal DNA substitution model.

DNA substitution model

- Infer a phylogenetic tree using a DNA substitution model.
- Explore the output files. Specifically have a look at the .log, the .iqtree and the .treefile files.

```
1  iqtree2 -nt 4 -redo -mredo -s fruit_flies_10000.consensus.fasta -B 1000
```

Questions

- Which substitution model was used? How was it determined?
- What is the determined maximum log likelihood?
- How does the tree look like (topology, bootstrap values, branch lengths)?

Exercise - Run PoMo I

PoMo

- Infer a phylogenetic tree using PoMo.
- Explore the output files.

```
1  iqtree2 -nt 4 -redo -s fruit_flies_1000.cf -m HKY+F+P -B 1000
```

Questions

- What is the average number of samples per population? What is the estimated heterozygosity? *Why is it important to check the heterozygosity?*
- Which virtual population size was used?
- What is the determined maximum log likelihood?
- How does the tree look like (topology, bootstrap values, branch lengths)?

Exercise - Run PoMo II

PoMo parameters

- Play around with different virtual population sizes.
- Use gamma rate heterogeneity.
- Compare different DNA substitution models.

```
1  f=fruit_flies_1000.cf; m="HKY+F+P+N09+G2"; iqtree2 -nt 4 -redo -s $f -m $m -pre $f.$m
```

Questions

- What are the absolute and relative differences between branch lengths for different virtual population sizes?
- How do your results compare to using normal DNA substitution models. For a fair comparison, you have to run PoMo on the proper data with 10k sites.

Results

Results are provided in the `./results` folder.
PROVIDE ONE GRAPH WITH BRANCH LENGTHS. Probably external vs internal.

Advice

Sometimes, the inference is unsuccessful. This may have several reasons. Two of them are:

- The likelihood derivative is zero or close to zero and numerical underflow occurs. This is especially an issue when N is large. Try using `-safe` (which is slower).
- The algorithm diverges. Try repeating the analysis with a different seed.

In general, it is recommended to perform replicate analyses and compare the parameters and log likelihoods. Further, a good starting tree can save a lot of time and worries.

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