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Introduction

treesiftr is an R package [R] for visualizing the relationship between phylogenetic trees and phylogenetic data. Phylogenetic trees are crucial to the study of comparative biology, taxonomy, and evolution. However, understanding how to read a phylogenetic tree, and how a phylogenetic tree relates to underlying phylogenetic data, remains challenging.

In today's lab exercise, we will learn about the data in a phylogenetic matrix, and then use these data in the matrix to visualize a phylogenetic tree. We will use RStudio [RStudio] to conduct our exercise.

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> *Tip*
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> Linked text goes to the glossary. If you see a term you
don't recognize, remember
> you can refresh your memory at the bottom of this
worksheet!
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The fossil bear matrix

The data matrix included with treesiftr is a matrix of binary ("0" and "1") characters compiled to estimate a topology of living and extinct bear species [abella12]. This matrix is fairly typical in size for a paleontological matrix, comprising 62 characters. It is, however, atypically complete, with only

18%

missing data. In the following exercises, missing data will be represented by a thin black line. The "0" state will be represented in pale blue, and the "1" in brown.

treesiftr

treesiftr works by subsetting a phylogenetic matrix using the ``start``, ``stop`` and ``step`` arguments. The ``start`` argument controls where in the matrix you would like to begin visualizing characters. For example, a start value of 1 would indicate to begin visualizing characters from the first character in the matrix. The ``stop`` value indicates what will be the first character in the last visualization. A stop value of 10 would indicate that the first character in the last visualization should be character 10. The ``step`` value indicates how many characters at once to visualize. A step value of three would indicate characters should be viewed in threes. For example, if ``start` = 1`, ``stop` = 10`, and `step = `3``, 10 visualizations will be produced. The first will visualize characters 1, 2, and 3. The final will be characters 10, 11, and 12.

A [maximum parsimony](#glossary) tree is then estimated from each dataset. The tree is [scored](#glossary) under both parsimony and Lewis' Mk model [Lewis2001] for discrete character data. The data and tree are then visualized using ggtree, based upon the ggplot2 package. This application makes use of Shiny to provide a graphical interface, but in this tutorial, we will use the R Studio interface to visualize our data.

Installation

Currently, treesiftr can be installed via the devtools
```install\_github```  
function. treesiftr has a number of required packages.  
Install and load the below.

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```{r setup, message=FALSE}
devtools::install_github("wrightaprilm/treesiftr")
library(treesiftr)
library(treesiftr)
library(phangorn)
library(alignfigR)
library(ggtree)
library(ggplot2)
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## Subsetting the phylogenetic matrix

The first step to making a treesiftr visualization is to  
select the subset of  
the phylogenetic matrix that we would like to visualize.  
This is performed via a function called  
```generate\_sliding```. The below command will subset the

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```{r message=FALSE, warning=FALSE}
Locate package data and read alignment
fdir <- system.file("extdata", package = "treesiftr")
aln_path <- file.path(fdir, "bears_fasta.fa")
bears <- read_alignment(aln_path)
Read in a starting phylogenetic tree
tree <- read.tree(file.path(fdir, "starting_tree.tre"))

Generate our list of dataframe subsets
sample_df <- generate_sliding(bears, start_char = 1,
stop_char = 5, steps = 1)
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The result of this is a dataframe, shown below:

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```{r}
sample_df
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This dataframe displays the start character (the first

character that will be visualized) and stop character (the final character that will be visualized).

We can then build trees from each subset:

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```{r message=FALSE, warning=FALSE}
output_vector <- generate_tree_vis(sample_df = sample_df,
alignment =
aln_path, tree = tree, phy_mat = bears)
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The above code saves the trees to a vector, but does not visualize them. They can be visualized by naming the vector, like so:

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```{r}
output_vector
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``Phangorn`` [Schliep2011, Schliep2017] requires a starting tree to estimate a parsimony tree. We specify the tree we read in earlier for this purpose. The trees, which were generated with ``ggtree`` [ggtree] have been saved to a vector, which can be displayed in its entirety, or subsetting to look at specific trees.

Questions

1. Visualize characters 1 and 2. What is the parsimony score for this character set? Once you have answered this question, check your answer by adding the parsimony score using the ``pscore`` argument:

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```{r message=FALSE, warning=FALSE}
output_vector <- generate_tree_vis(sample_df = sample_df,
alignment =
aln_path, tree = tree, phy_mat = bears,
 pscore = TRUE)
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2. Visualize characters 2 and 3. What [monophyletic]

(#glossary) group from the tree of characters 1 and 2 is no longer on this tree?

3. What is the parsimony score of the 31-34 character set?

4. Which character, 8, 9 or 10, represents a [reversal] (#glossary) from a [derived] (#glossary) state to [ancestral] (#glossary)?

5. What information would we need to decide if the "1" state possessed by `_Zaragocyon_daamsi_` in character 52 is an [autapomorphy] (#glossary)?

6. Do all characters with the same parsimony score have the same likelihood score? You can add the likelihood score to the visualization using the below code:

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```{r message=FALSE, warning=FALSE}
output_vector <- generate_tree_vis(sample_df = sample_df,
alignment =
aln_path, tree = tree, phy_mat = bears,
 pscore = TRUE, lscore =
TRUE)
output_vector
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7. Compare characters 46-49 and 47-50. Why does set 47-50 have a better likelihood than 46-49?

8. What is the relationship between the likelihood score and increasing the number of characters visualized?

9. What is the minimum number adding a character can add to the parsimony score?

10. These trees are fully resolved. Based on your exploration of the data, does this degree of resolution make sense?

Glossary

Ancestral State: A character state possessed by the ancestor of a group

Autapomorphy: A character state that is unique to a specific taxon.

Derived State: A character state that is different from the ancestral state.

Likelihood Score: The likelihood of the observed data under a specific model.

Maximum likelihood: A phylogenetic optimality criterion under which phylogenetic data are modeled according to sets of assumptions. Under this criterion, the tree that has the best ("maximum") likelihood score under the assumed model is to be preferred.

Maximum parsimony: A phylogenetic optimality criterion. This criterion holds that the tree implying the fewest changes in the characters used to generate it should be preferred.

Monophyletic: A group on a phylogeny of an ancestor and all of its descendants.

Parsimony Score: The number of changes implied by a character on a tree.

Reversal: A change from the derived state back to the ancestral state.

References