Tutorial - 2

- 1. What is a phylogenetic tree?
- 2. What do the root, leaves, branches, and branch lengths represent in a phylogenetic tree?
- 3. What is the difference between rooted tree and unrooted tree in phylogenetic trees?
- 4. State the additive property and four-point condition in phylogeny.
- 5. What are the key characteristics of distance matrix methods in phylogenetics
- 6. Describe the UPGMA algorithm.
- 7. Describe the steps involved in constructing a phylogenetic tree using the UPGMA method.
- 8. Explain the UPGMA (Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean) algorithm for constructing phylogenetic trees.
- 9. Use UPGMA method Given the following distance matrix for four species (A, B, C, and D), calculate the UPGMA tree and provide the detailed steps involved in the calculation.

	A	В	С	D
A	0	5	9	2
В	5	0	10	6
С	9	10	0	3
D	2	6	3	0

- 10. What are the characteristics of the UPGMA method?
- 11. Describe neighbour-joining algorithm
- 12. Differences between UPGMA and neighbour-joining algorithms.

13. Build the tree from the following distance matrix between species A, B, C, and D using the neighbor-joining algorithm.

	A	В	С	D
A	0	6	7	5
В		0	10	9
С			0	6
D				0

14. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Neighbor-Joining algorithm?