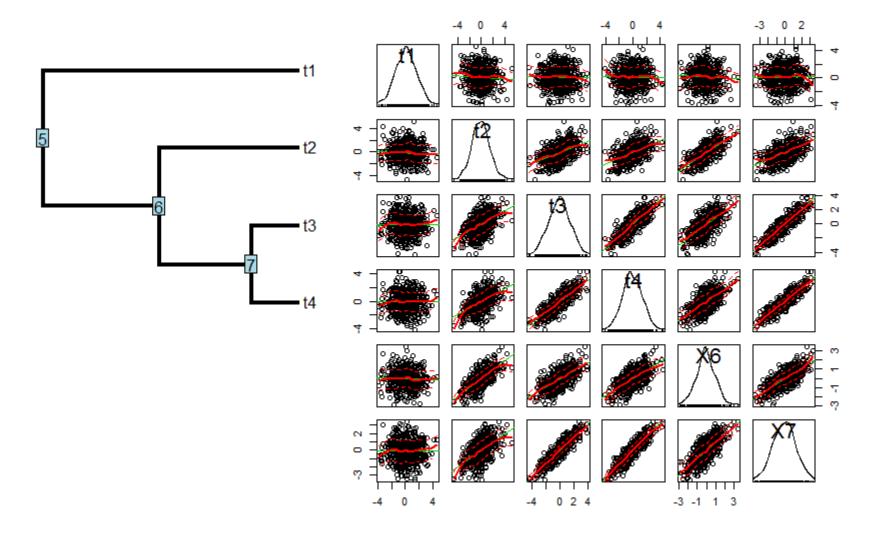
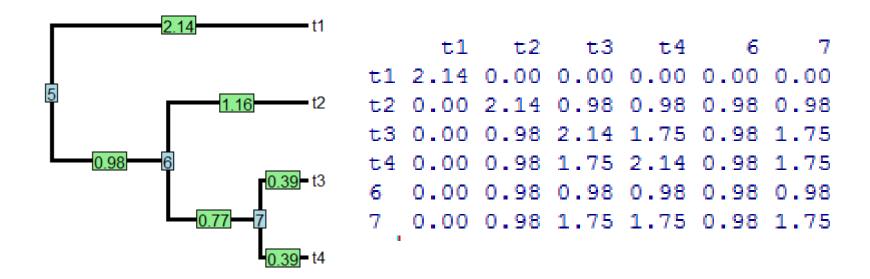
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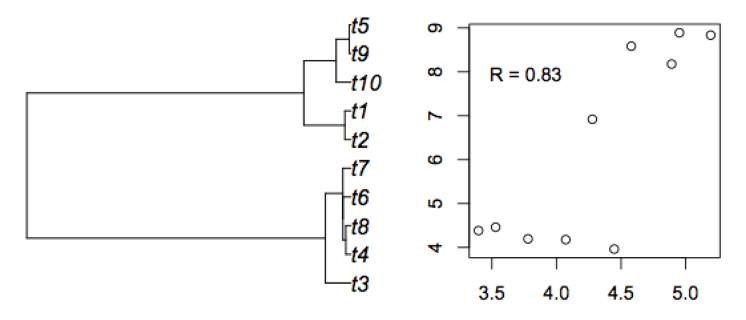


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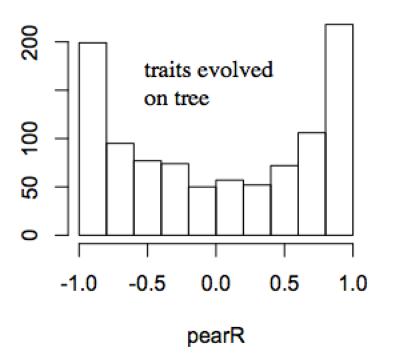


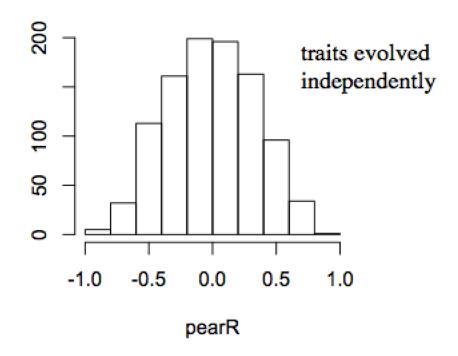
The expected distribution of the tips & nodes of the tree under Brownian motion is multivariate normal with variance-covariance matrix in which each *i,j*th term is *proportional* to the height above the roots for the common ancestor of *i* and *j*.

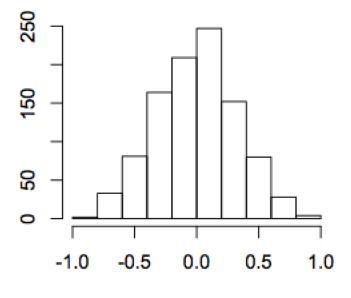
- Example:
- 1) Simulate the independent evolution of 2 traits on this tree:
- 2) Calculate the pearson correlation coefficient between the two traits. Here is one example:



3) Repeat 1000 times and look at the distribution of correlation coefficients. In contrast, the expected distribution, for random data sets with N = 10 is shown on the right. For N = 10, the critical significance value at p <= 0.05 is 0.63; the type I error rate is a whopping 60%!

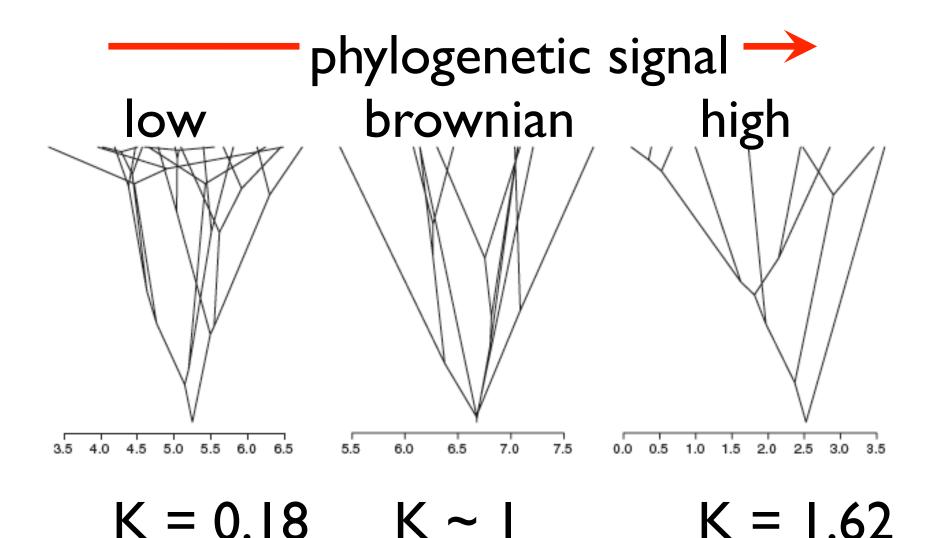


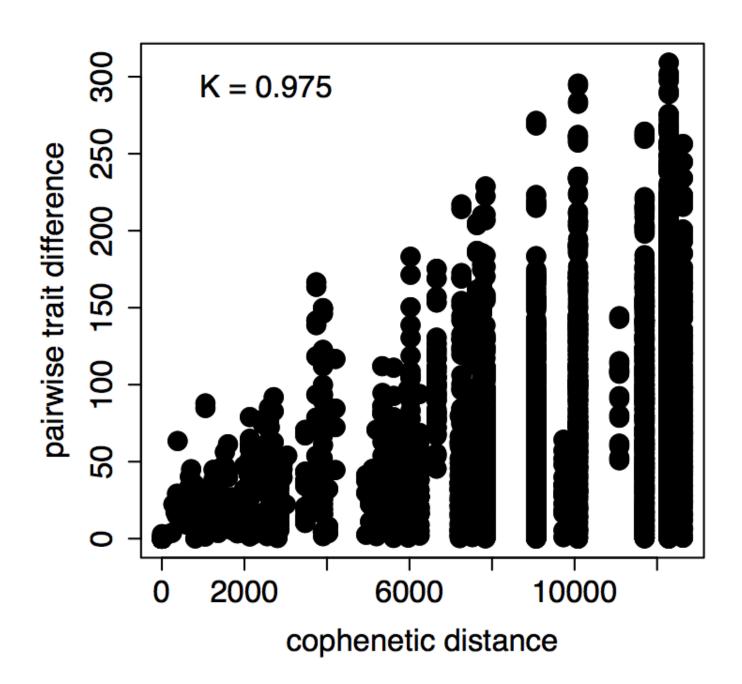


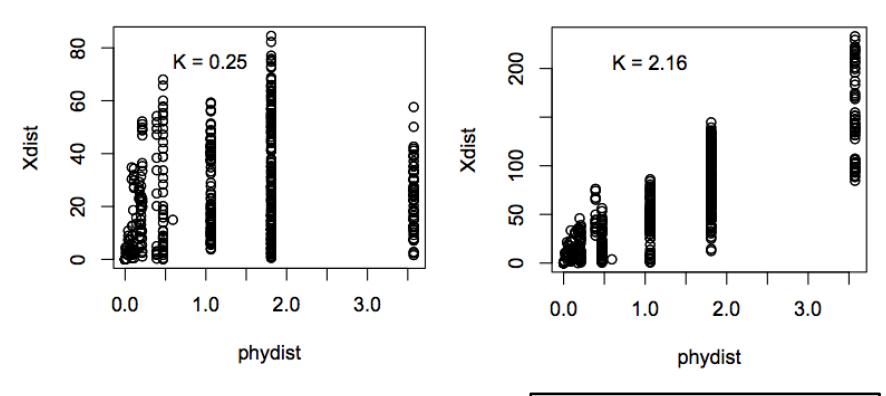


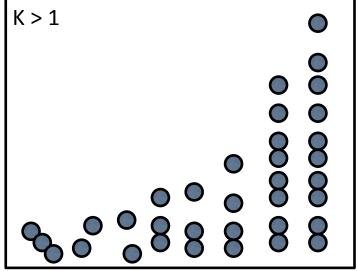
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Returning to our example above with the 10 taxon tree, here is the distribution of independent contrasts under the null hypothesis. Type I error for 1000 reps is 0.051% - perfect!

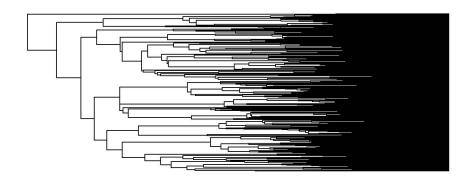


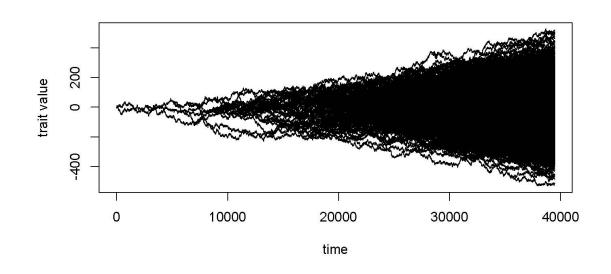




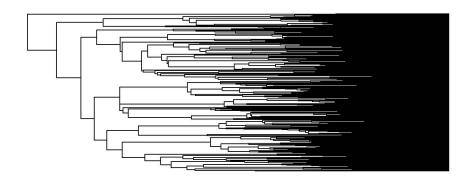


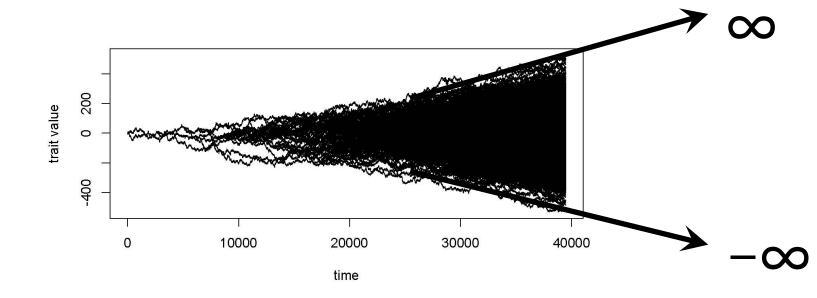
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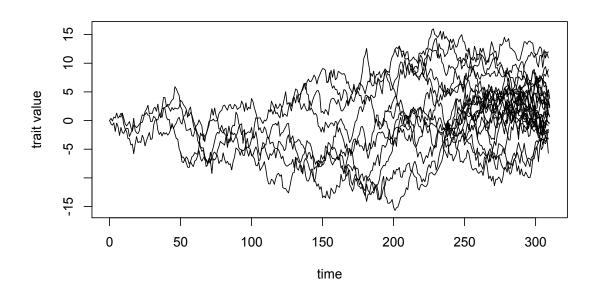
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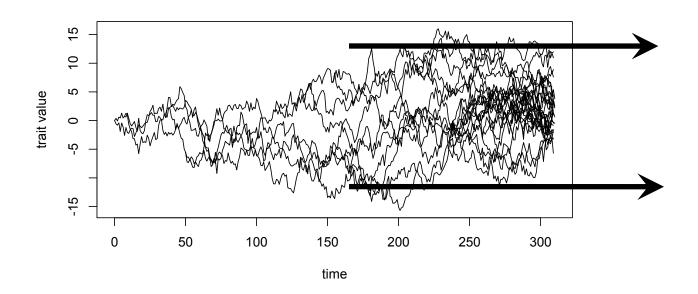
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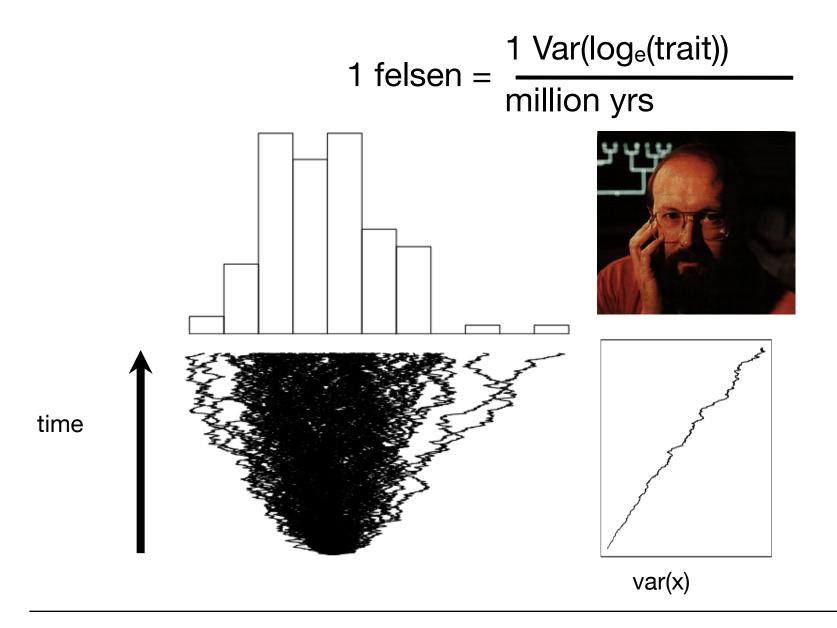
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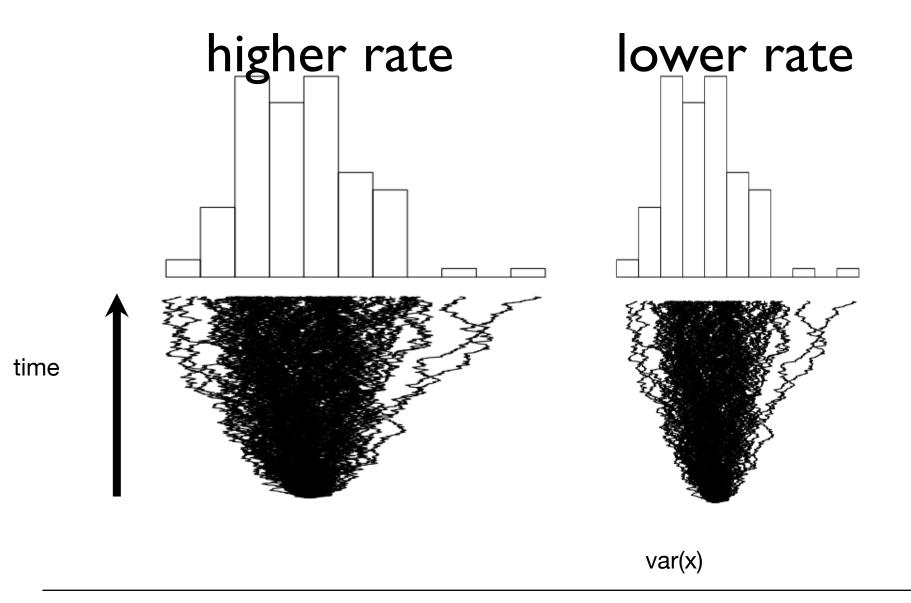
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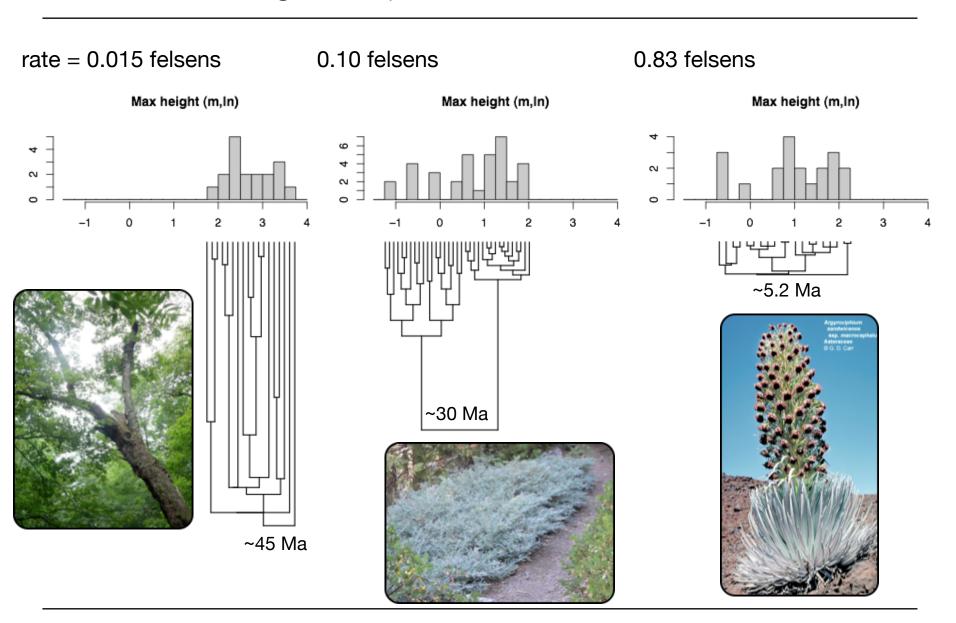
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