

CS 466

Introduction to Bioinformatics

Lecture 15

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Course Announcements

HW 3 will be released Oct 23 – due Oct 31 by 11:59pm

Project proposal due on Nov 5 by 11:59pm
(Motivation, Datasets/papers, Planned method/experiments, Timeline)

Project report due on Dec 20

Outline

- Recap: RNA Secondary Structure Prediction
- Phylogenetics introduction
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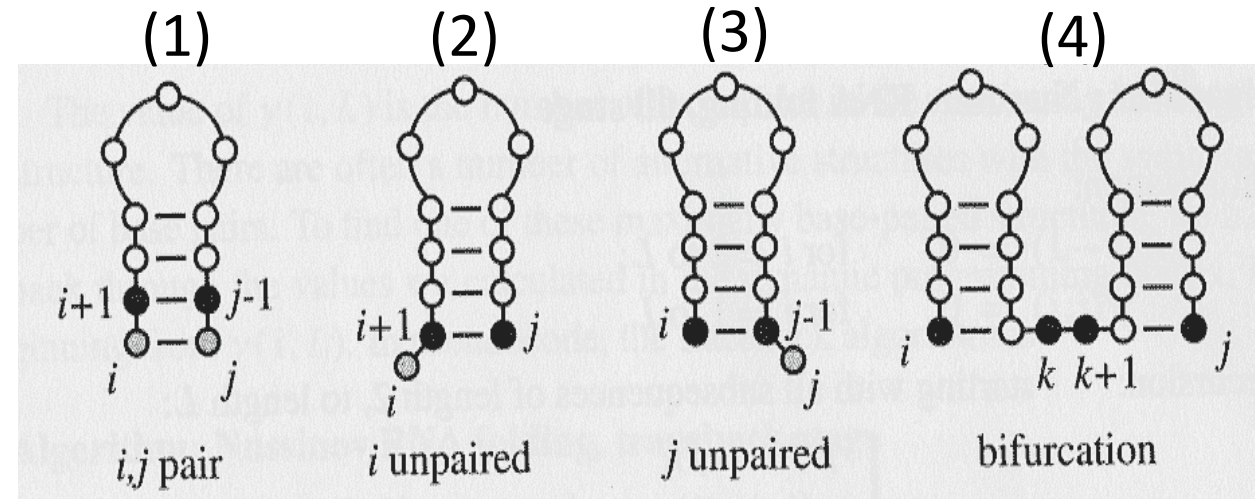
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Nussinov Algorithm – Dynamic Programming

Problem: Given RNA sequence $\mathbf{v} \in \{A, U, C, G\}^n$, find a *pseudoknot-free secondary structure* with the maximum number of complementary base pairings

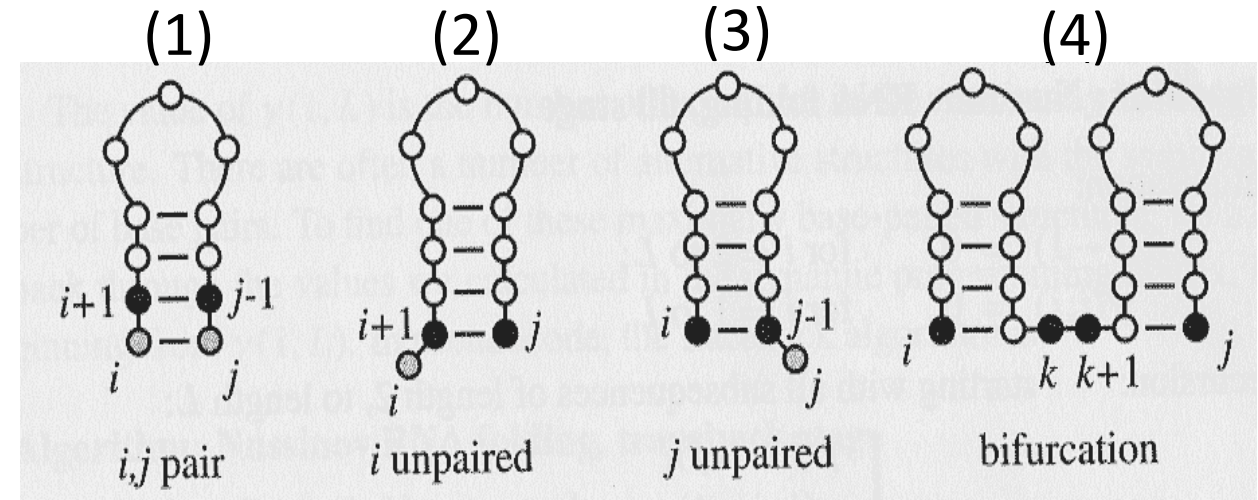
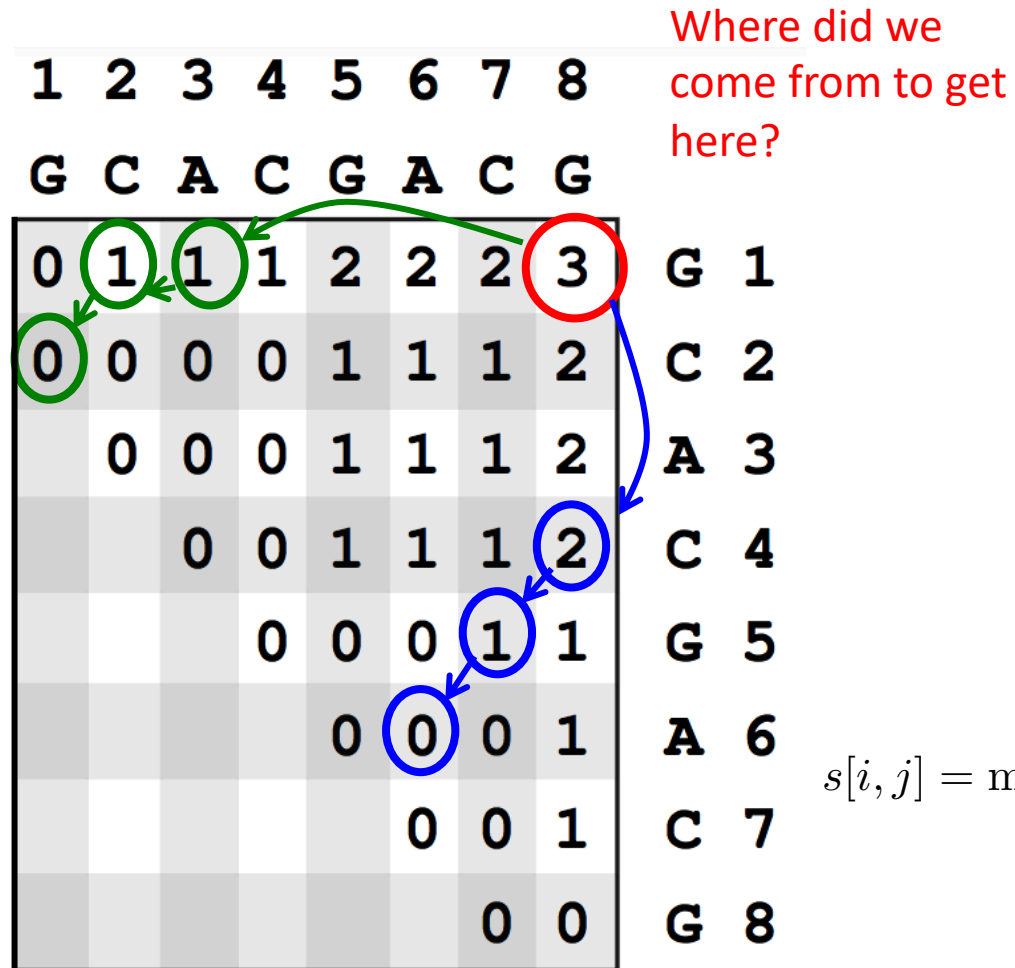
Let $s[i, j]$ denote the maximum number of pseudoknot-free complementary base pairings in subsequence v_i, \dots, v_j



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Question:
Which case is redundant?

Nussinov Algorithm – Example With Bifurcation



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Repeat until stack is empty:

pop (i, j)

if $i \geq j$ continue

else if $s[i+1, j] = s[i, j]$

push $(i+1, j)$

else if $s[i, j-1] = S[i, j]$

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else if $s[i+1, j-1] + 1 = s[i, j]$

record (i, j) base pair

push $(i+1, j-1)$

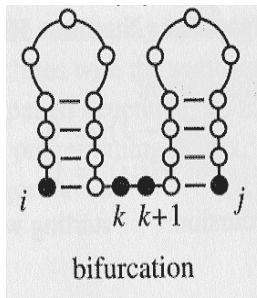
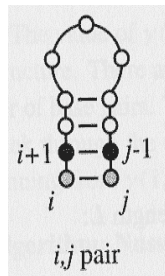
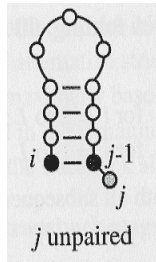
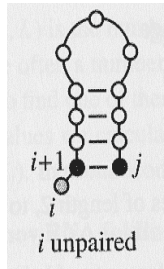
else for $k = i+1$ to $j-1$

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push (i, k)

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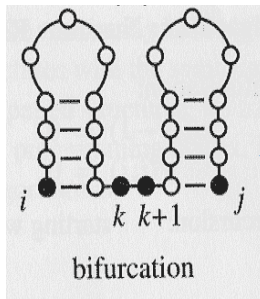
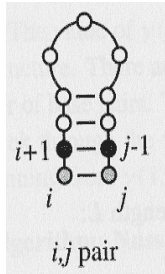
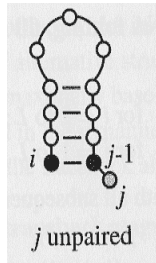
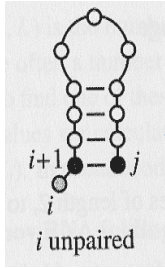
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BackTrack(i, j)
if $i < j$

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    if  $s[i+1, j] = s[i, j]$ 
        BackTrack( $i+1, j$ )
    else if  $s[i, j-1] = S[i, j]$ 
        BackTrack( $i, j-1$ )
    else if  $s[i+1, j-1] + 1 = s[i, j]$ 
        Output  $(i, j)$ 
        BackTrack( $i+1, j-1$ )
    else for  $k = i+1$  to  $j-1$ 
        if  $s[i, k] + s[k+1, j] = s[i, j]$ 
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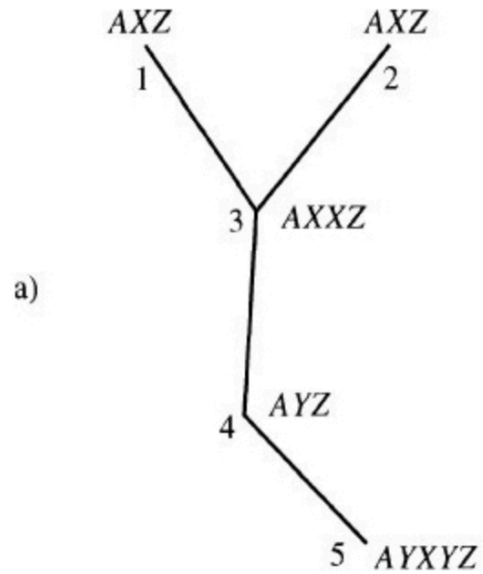
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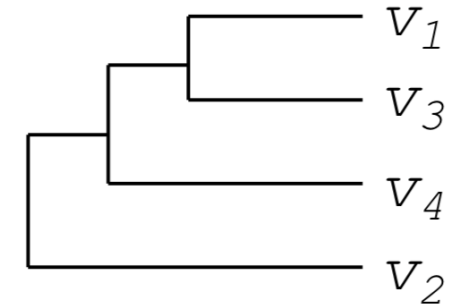
Alignments and Trees



Tree / star alignment

b)

3	A	X	X	_	Z
1	A	X	_	_	Z
2	A	_	X	_	Z
4	A	Y	_	_	Z
5	A	Y	X	X	Z



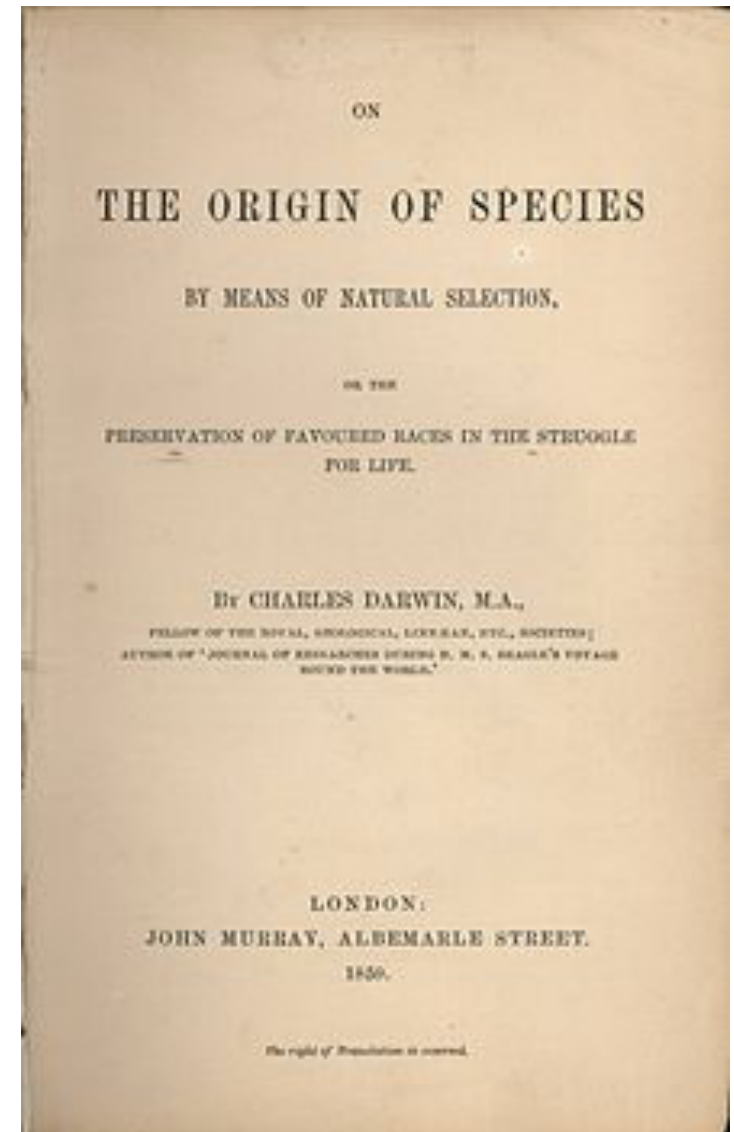
Guide tree in
progressive alignment

Tree topology represents similarity/distance between sequences

Biological sequences typically come from the present

Evolutionary Studies and Phylogenies

- Since Darwin's book (1859) until 1960s:
Phylogeny reconstruction from
anatomical features
- Subjective observations led to
inconclusive/incorrect phylogenies

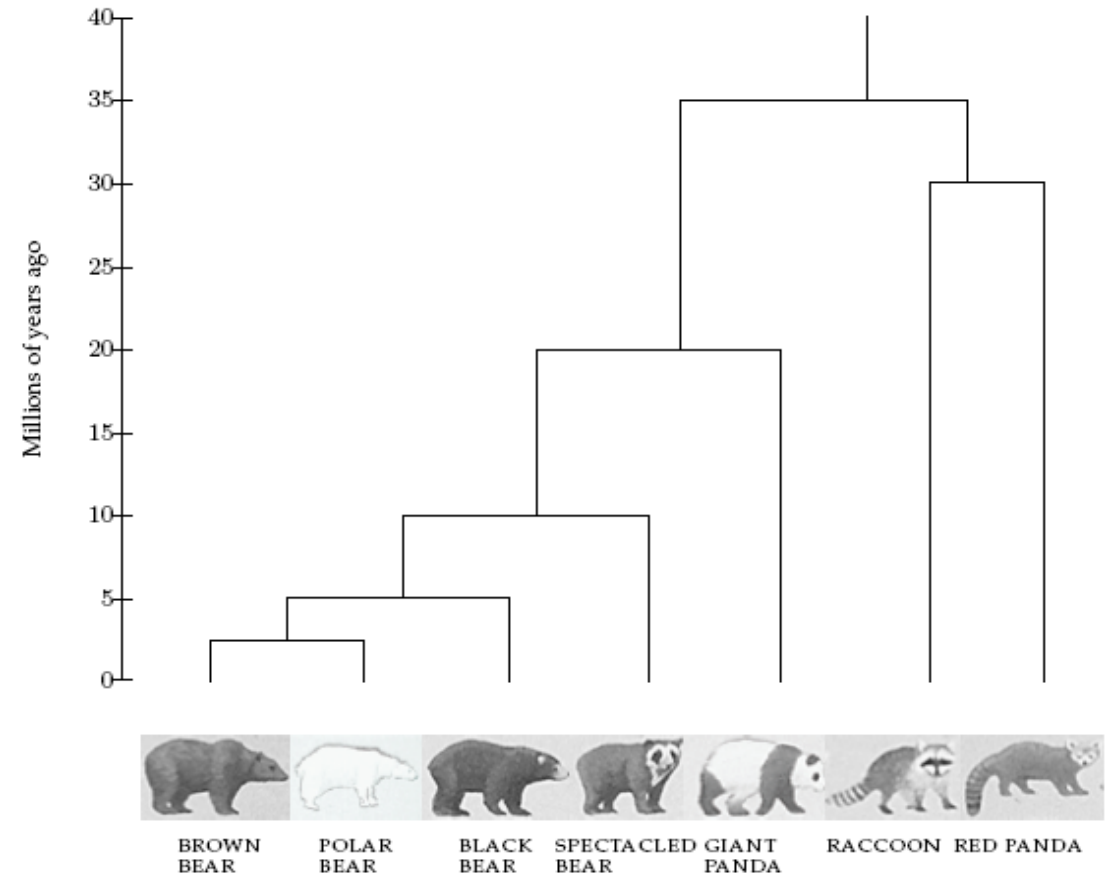


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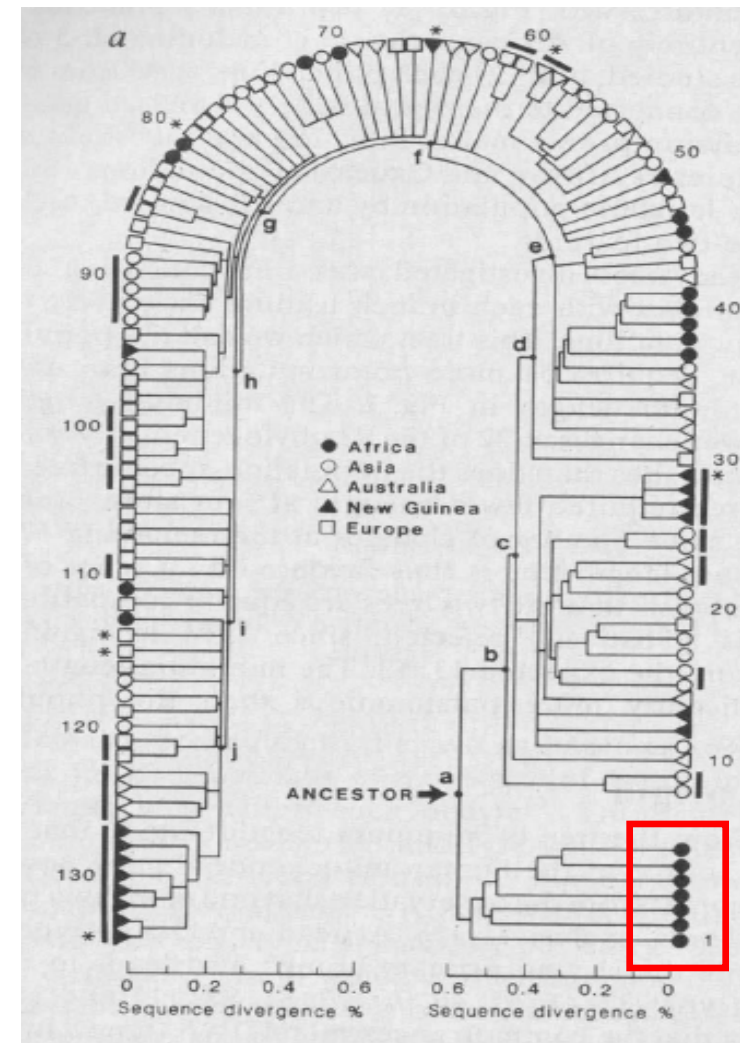
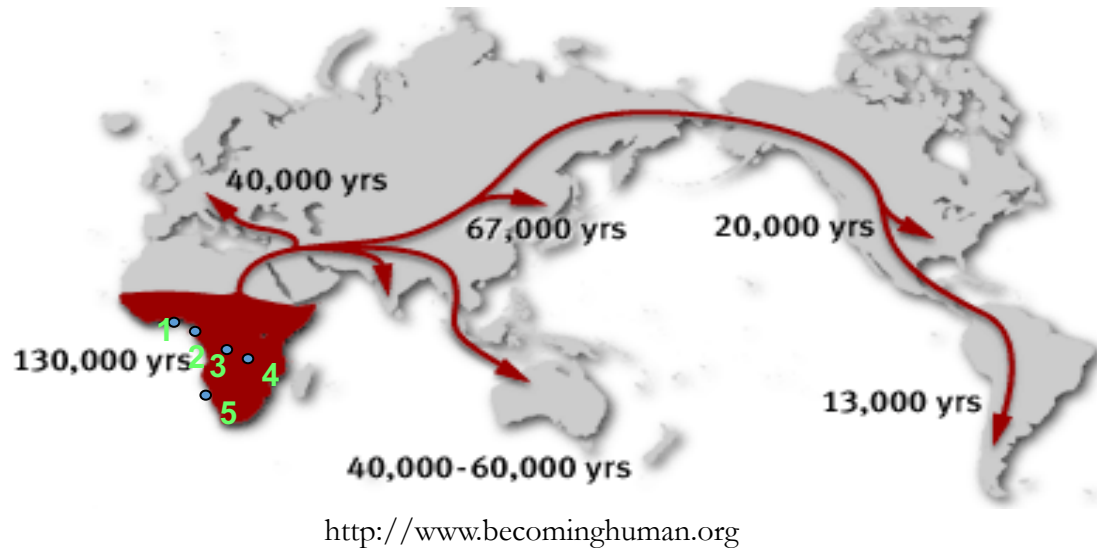
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Example

- Giant pandas look like bears but have features that are unusual for bears and typical for raccoons
- In 1985, Steven O'Brien and colleagues solved the giant panda classification problem using DNA sequences and algorithms



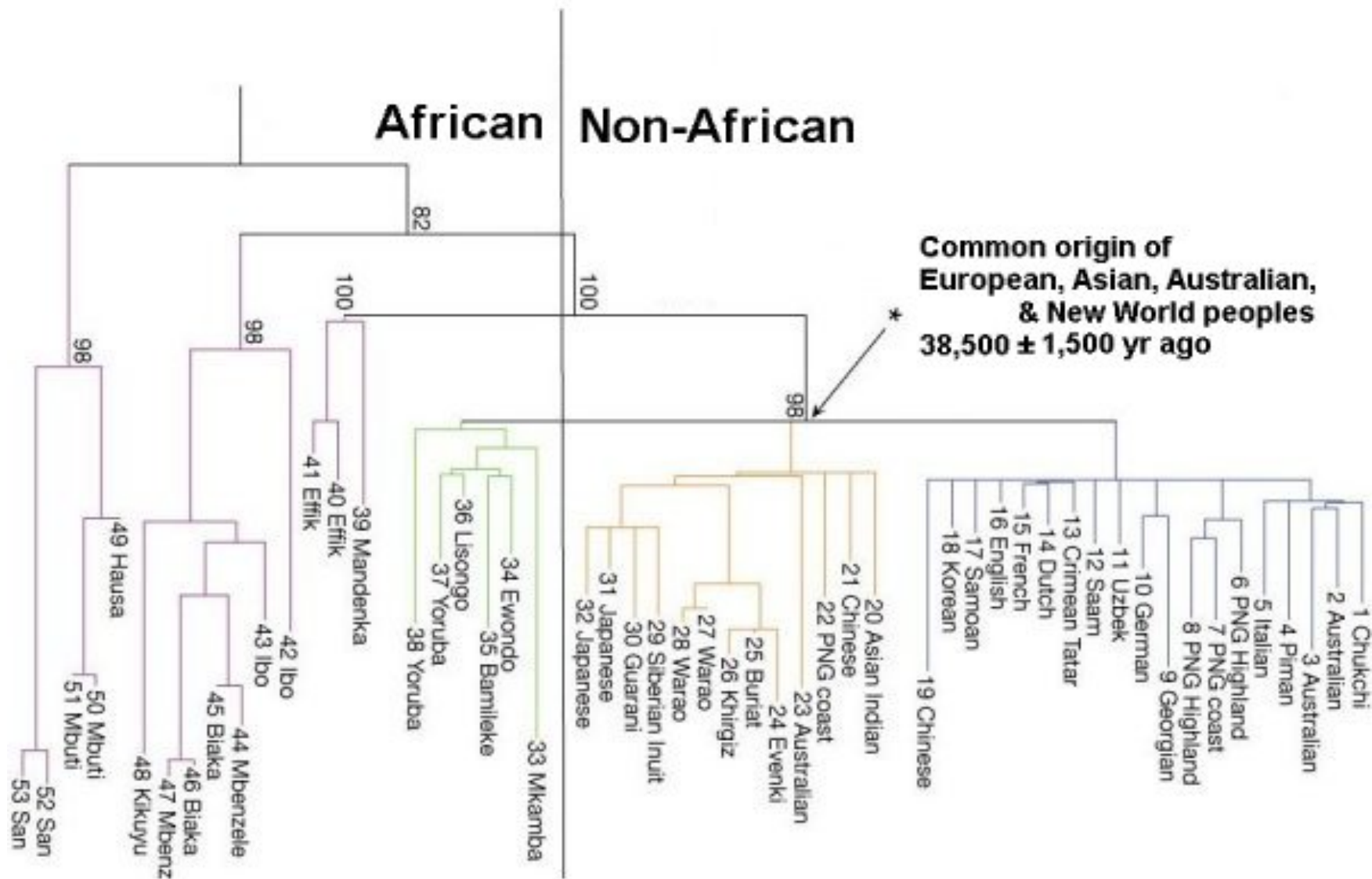
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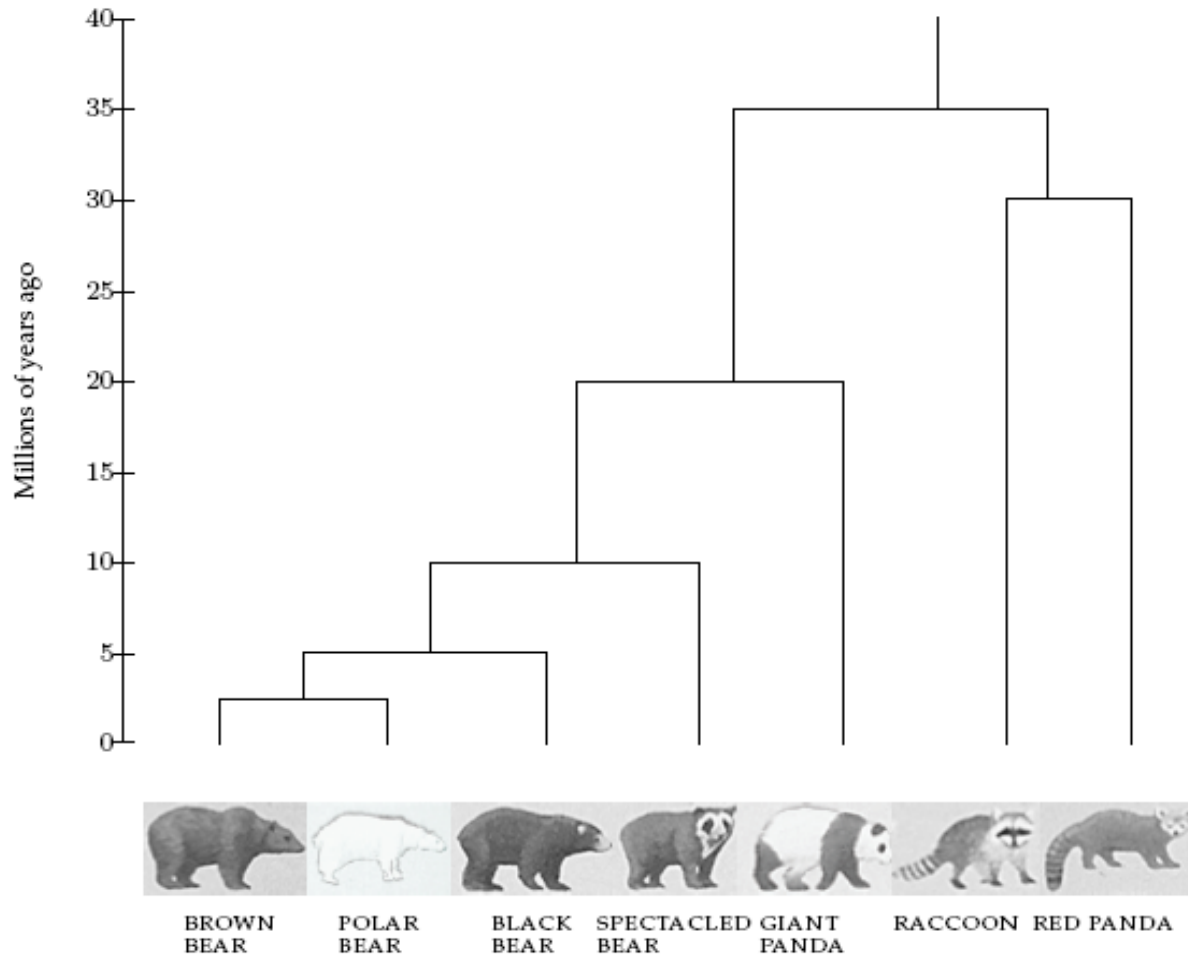
Vigilant, Stoneking, Harpending, Hawkes, and Wilson (1991)

Out of Africa Hypothesis claims that our most ancient ancestor lived in Africa roughly 200,000 years ago

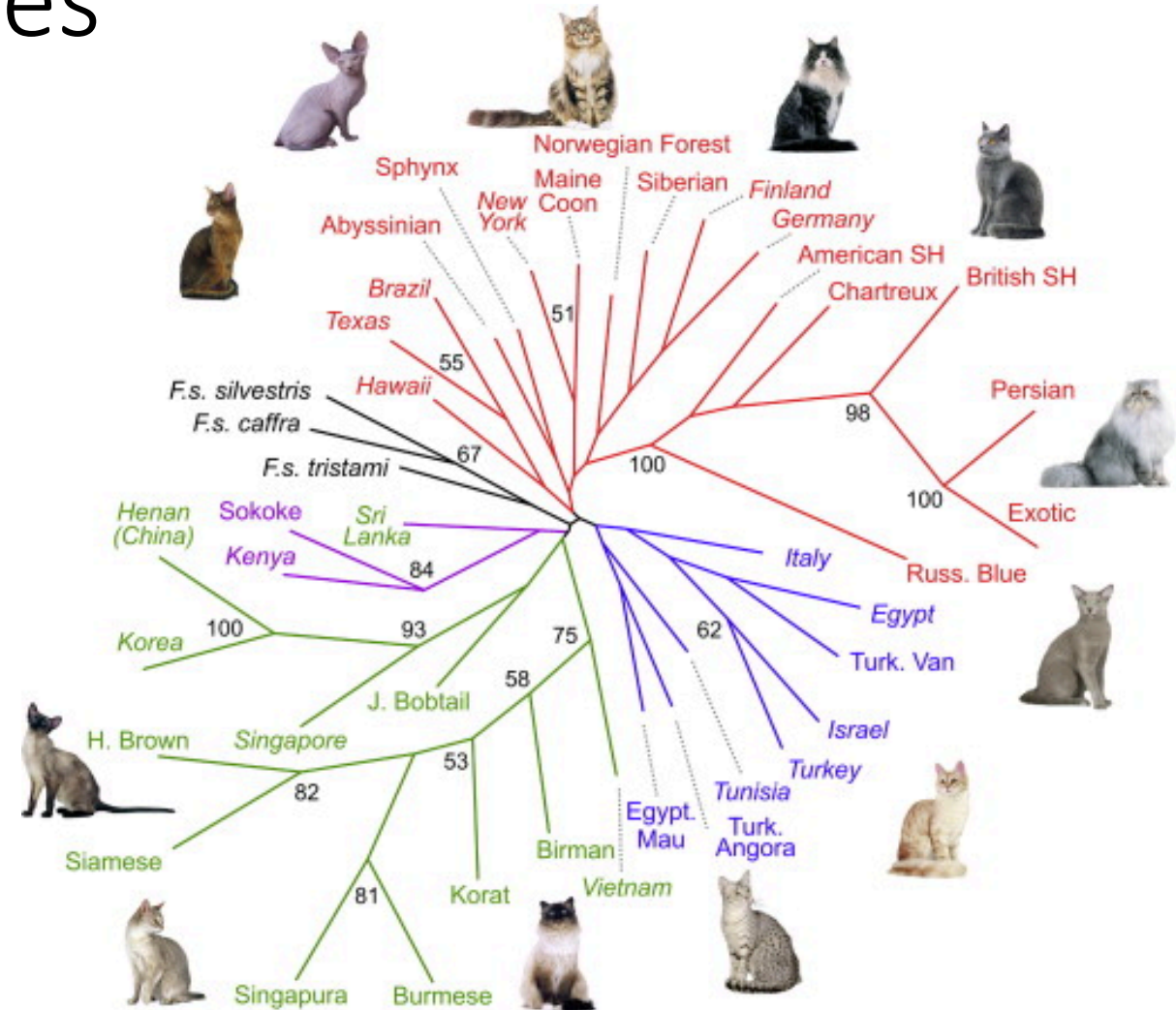
Evolutionary Tree of Humans



Evolutionary Tree of Species



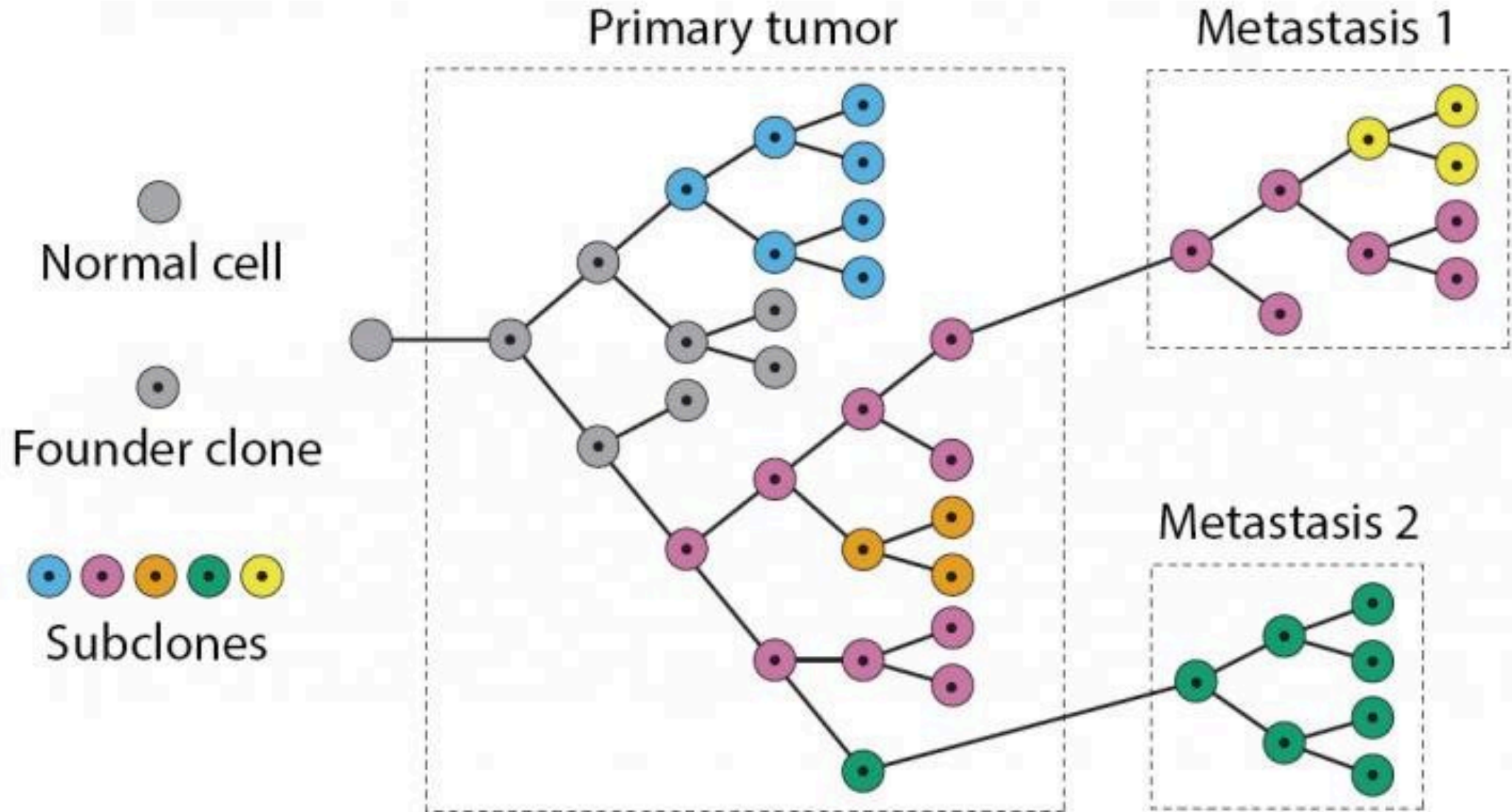
<http://bix.ucsd.edu/bioalgorithms/>



[Lipinski *et al.*, 2008]

Question: What are the evolutionary relationships between species?

Evolutionary Tree of a Tumor



<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/09/160909223504.htm>

Phylogenetic Tree Reconstruction

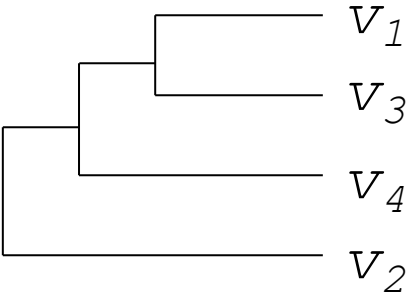
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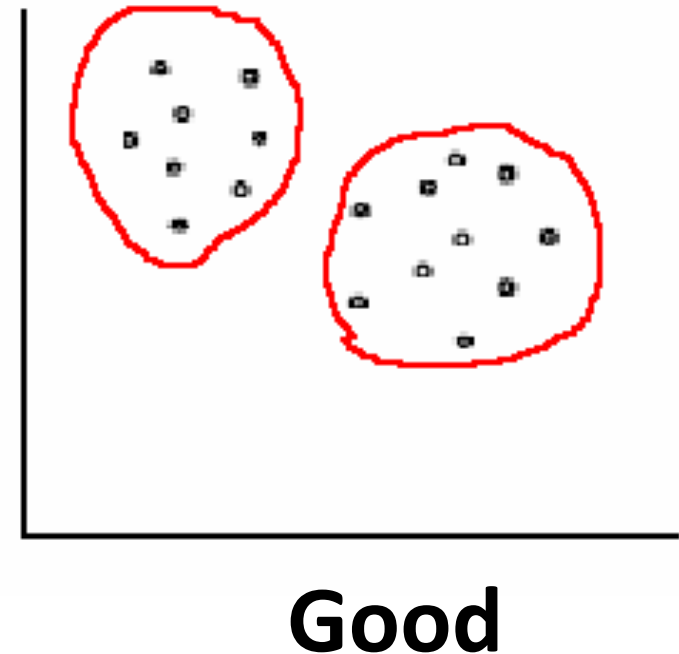
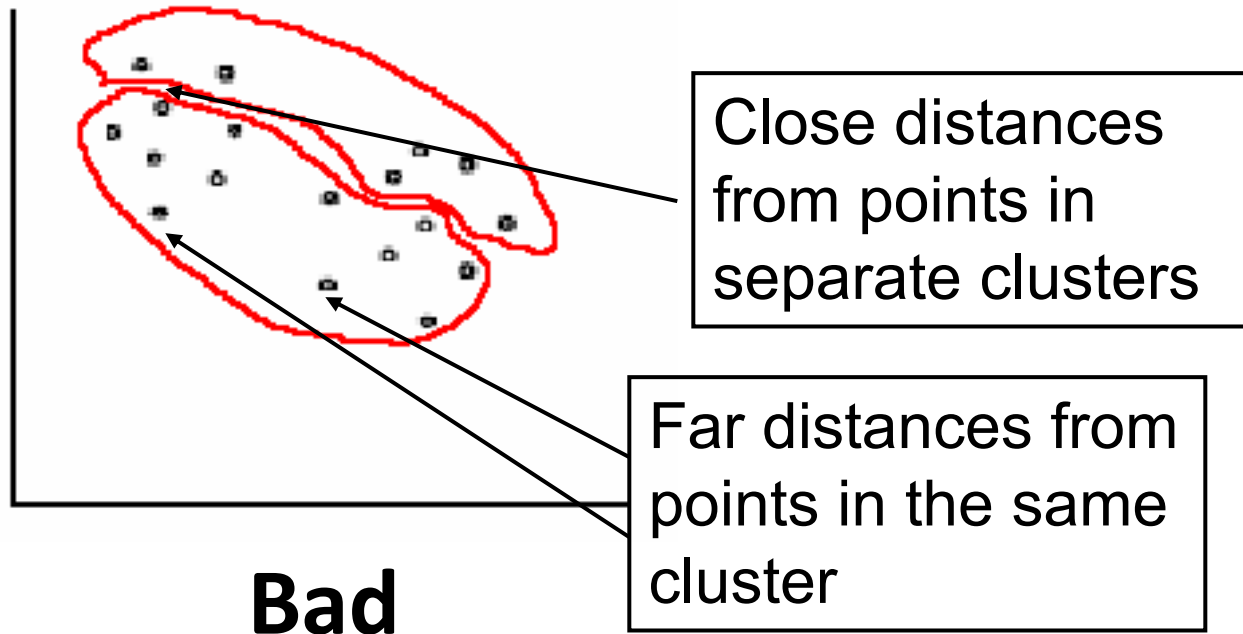
Clustering

Given:

(1) $n \times n$ matrix $D = [d_{i,j}]$

Want:

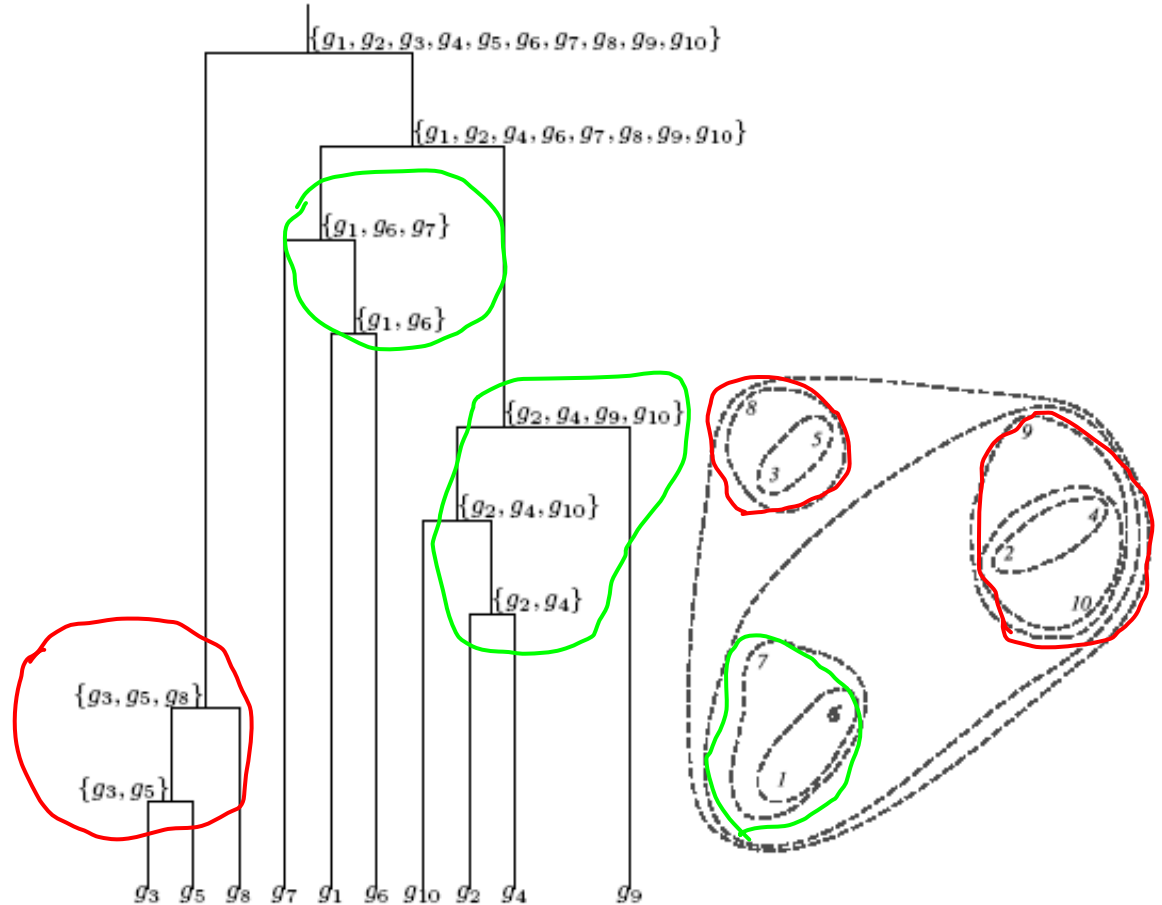
- (1) Homogeneity within clusters
- (2) Separation between clusters



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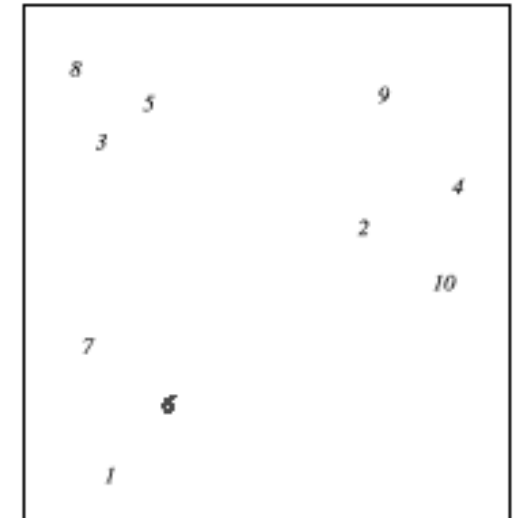
Organize elements into a tree such that:

- Leaves are elements
- Paths between leaves represent pairwise element distance
- Similar elements lie within same subtrees



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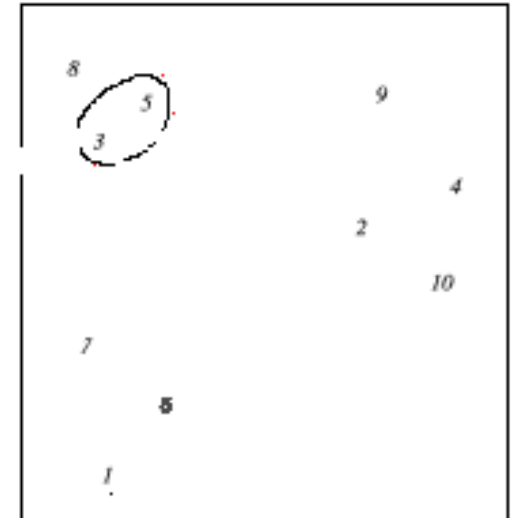
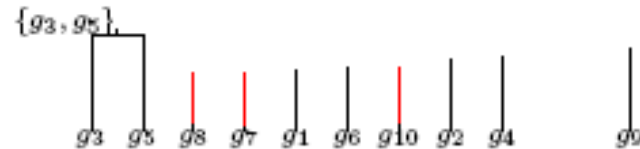
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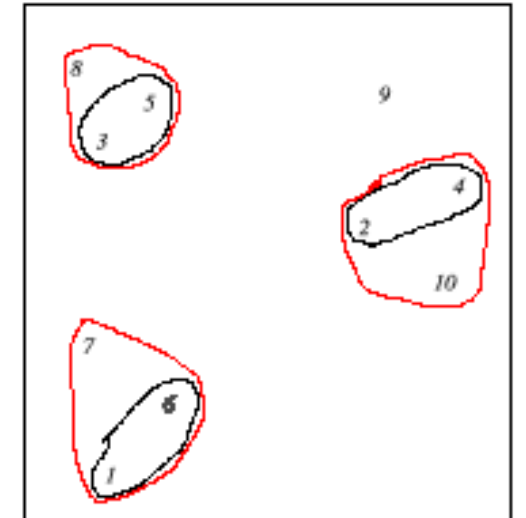
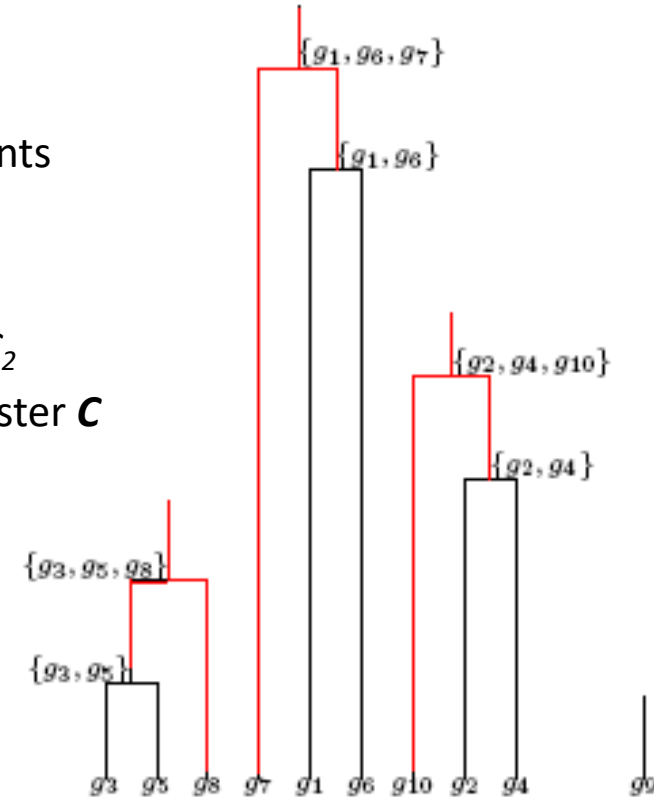
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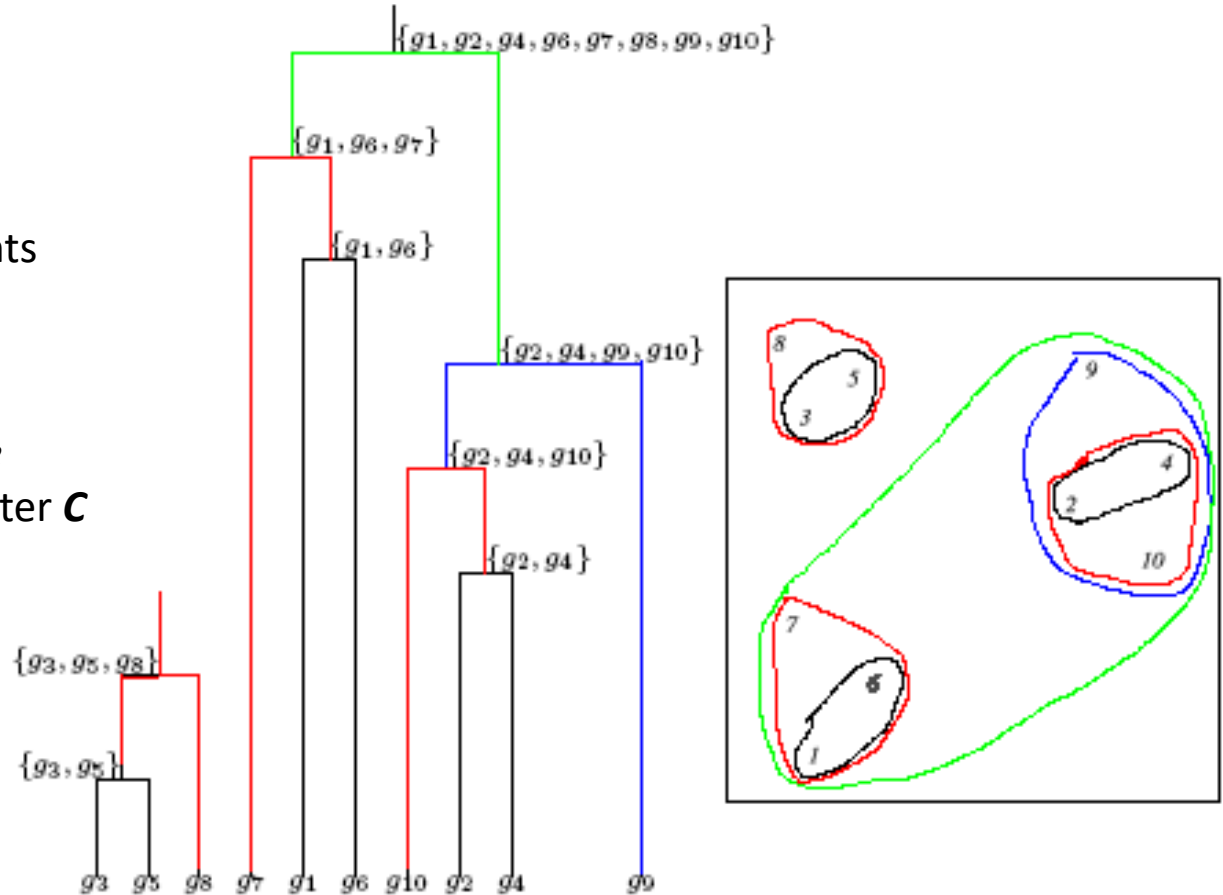
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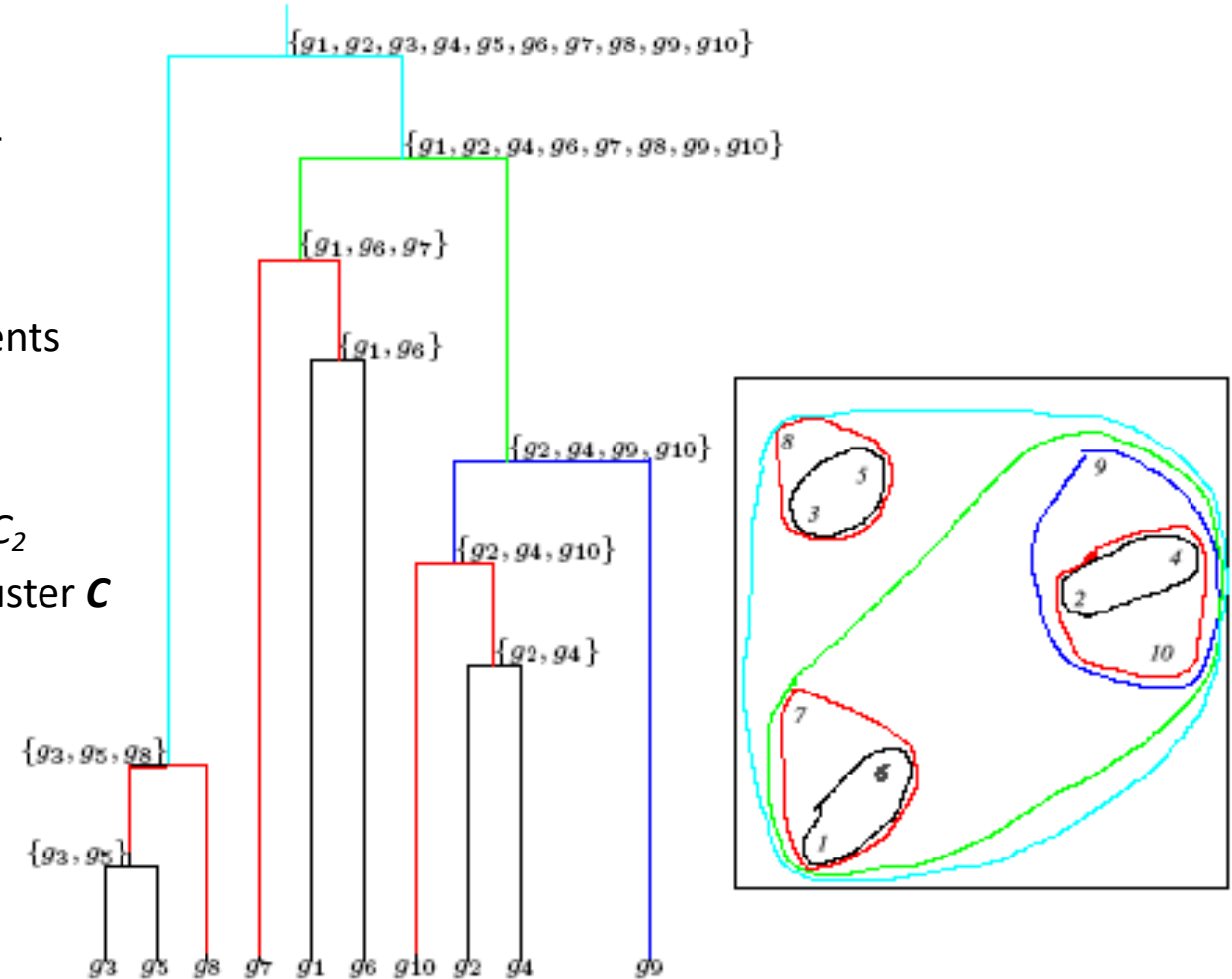
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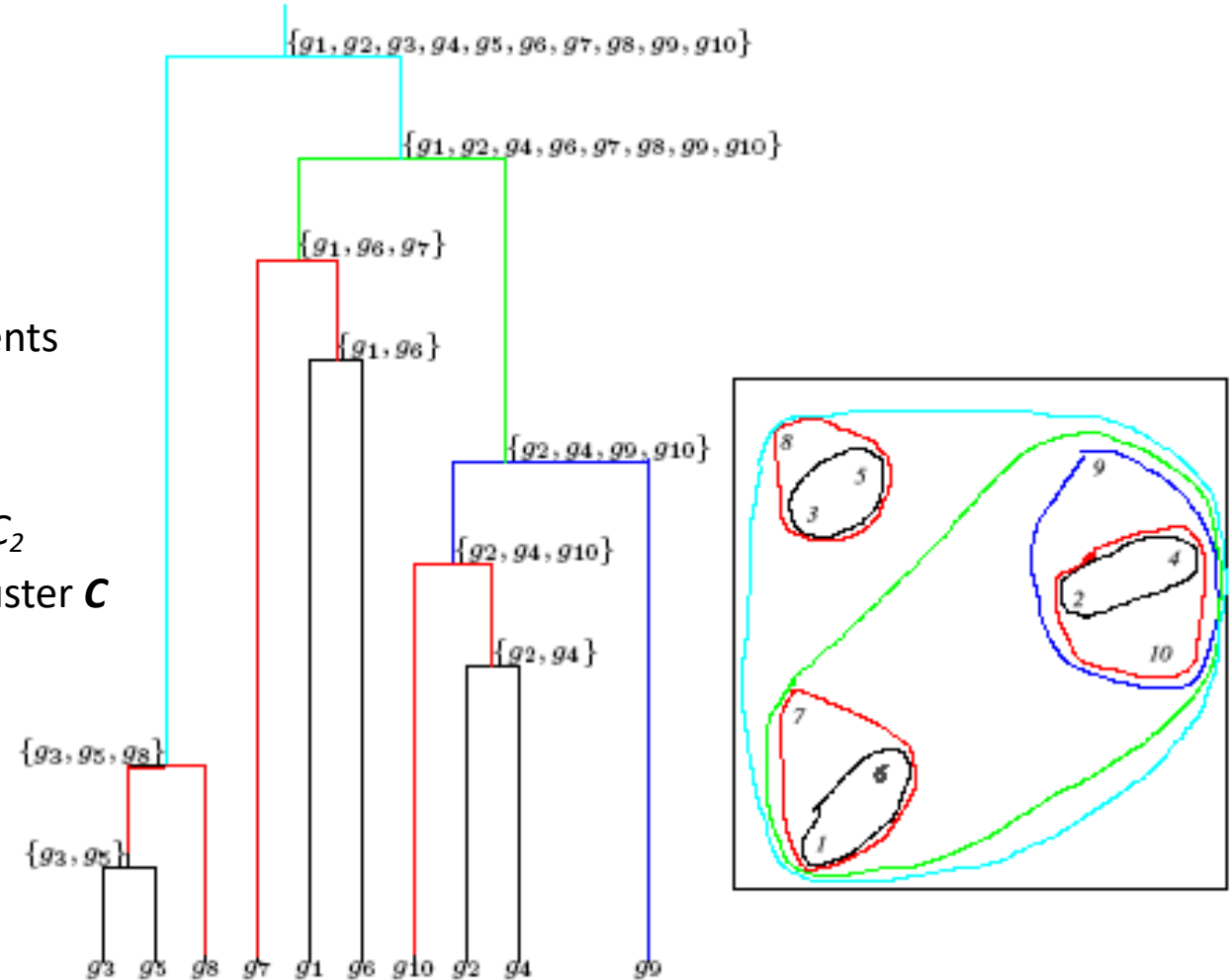
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Definition of distance
between clusters affects
clustering!



Hierarchical Clustering – Linkage Criteria

Names	Formula
Maximum or complete-linkage clustering	$\max \{ d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B \}.$
Minimum or single-linkage clustering	$\min \{ d(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B \}.$
Mean or average linkage clustering, or UPGMA	$\frac{1}{ A \cdot B } \sum_{a \in A} \sum_{b \in B} d(a, b).$
Centroid linkage clustering, or UPGMC	$\ c_s - c_t\ $ where c_s and c_t are the centroids of clusters s and t , respectively.
Minimum energy clustering	$\frac{2}{nm} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n,m} \ a_i - b_j\ _2 - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \ a_i - a_j\ _2 - \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m \ b_i - b_j\ _2$

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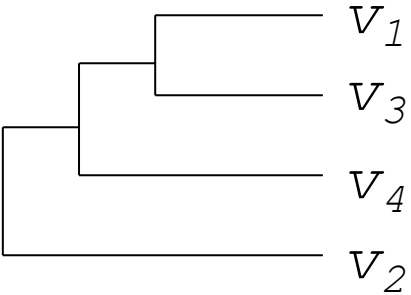
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Distance

A **distance** (metric) on a set X is a function $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. for all $x, y, z \in X$:

- $i. \quad d(x, y) \geq 0$ [non-negativity]
- $ii. \quad d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$ [identity of indiscernibles]
- $iii. \quad d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ [symmetry]
- $iv. \quad d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ [triangle inequality]

Examples:

- $X = \mathbb{R}$ and $d(x, y) = |x - y|$
- $X = \Sigma^*$ and d is Hamming distance
- $X = \Sigma^*$ and d is edit distance

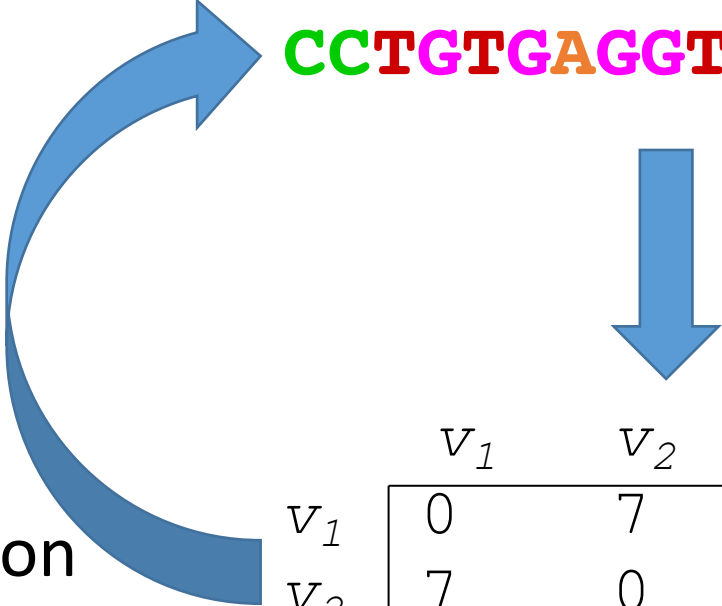
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Genes of length m in
 n species

Easy: use (weighted) edit distance

Reverse
transformation
not possible
due to loss of
information

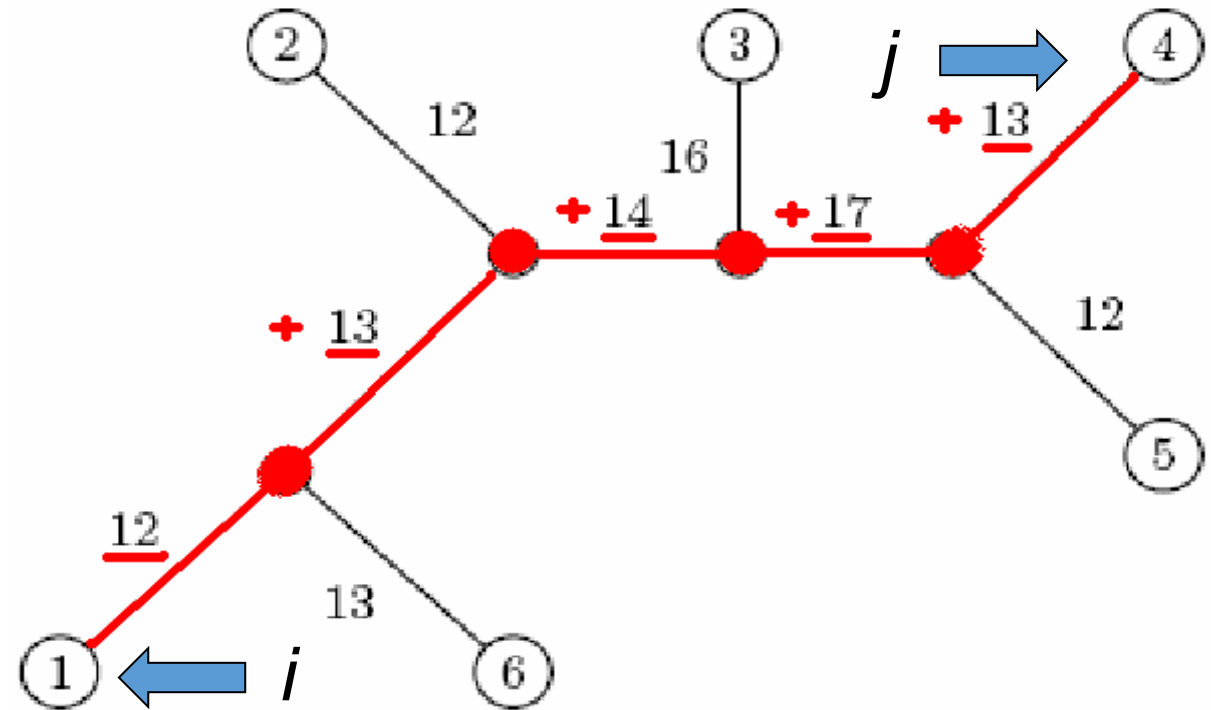


	v_1	v_2	v_3	v_4
v_1	0	7	11	10
v_2	7	0	4	6
v_3	11	4	0	2
v_4	10	6	2	0

$n \times n$ distance matrix

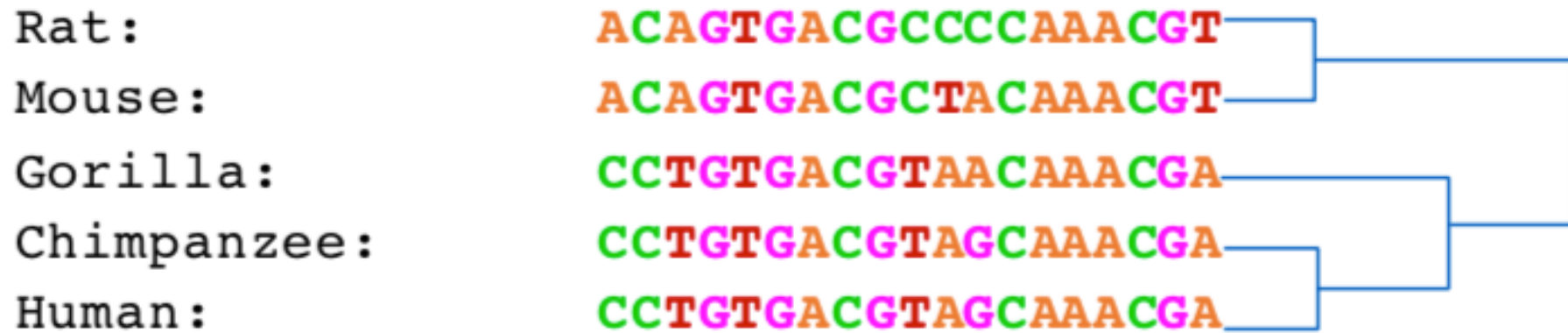
Distances in Trees

Given a tree T with positive edge weights $w(e)$, **tree distance** $d_T(i, j)$ between two leaves i and j is the sum of weights of edges on the unique path from i to j



$$d_T(1,4) = 12 + 13 + 14 + 17 + 13 = 69$$

General Distance vs. Tree Distance



Tree distance $d_T(i, j)$ not necessarily equal to $d_{i, j}$ as given by distance matrix obtained from alignment

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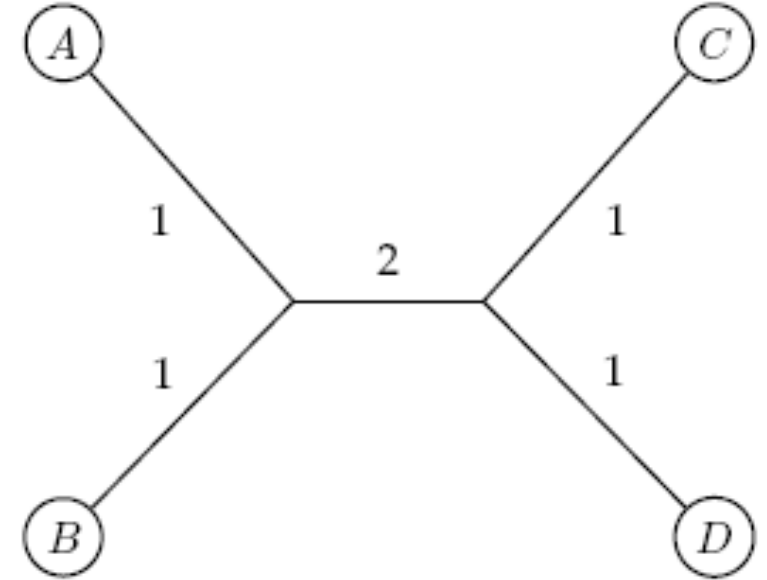
Distance-Based Phylogeny: Given $n \times n$ distance matrix $D = [d_{i,j}]$, find edge-weighted tree T with n leaves that best fits D

Question: How to define 'best fit'?


Additive Distance Matrices

Matrix D is  ADDITIVE if there exists a tree T with $d_{ij}(T) = D_{ij}$

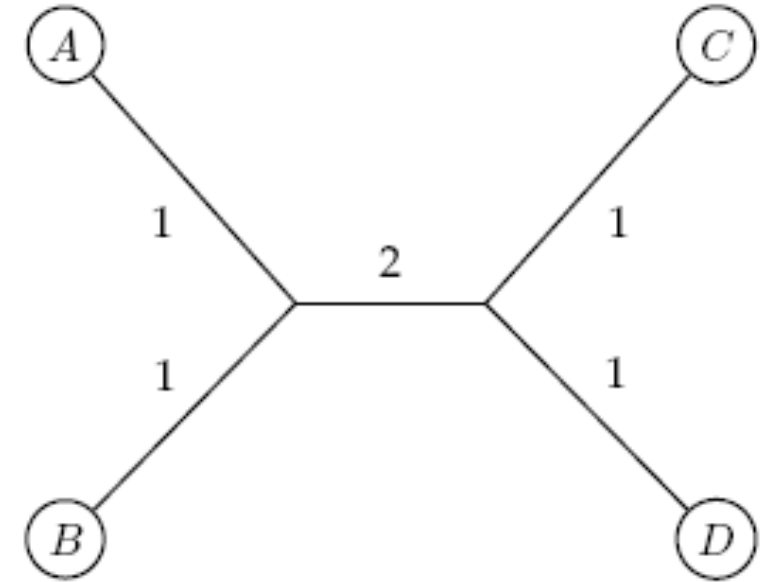
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A	0	2	4	4
B	2	0	4	4
C	4	4	0	2
D	4	4	2	0



NON-ADDITIVE
otherwise 

	A	B	C	D
A	0	2	2	2
B	2	0	3	2
C	2	3	0	2
D	2	2	2	0

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This is a constructive definition

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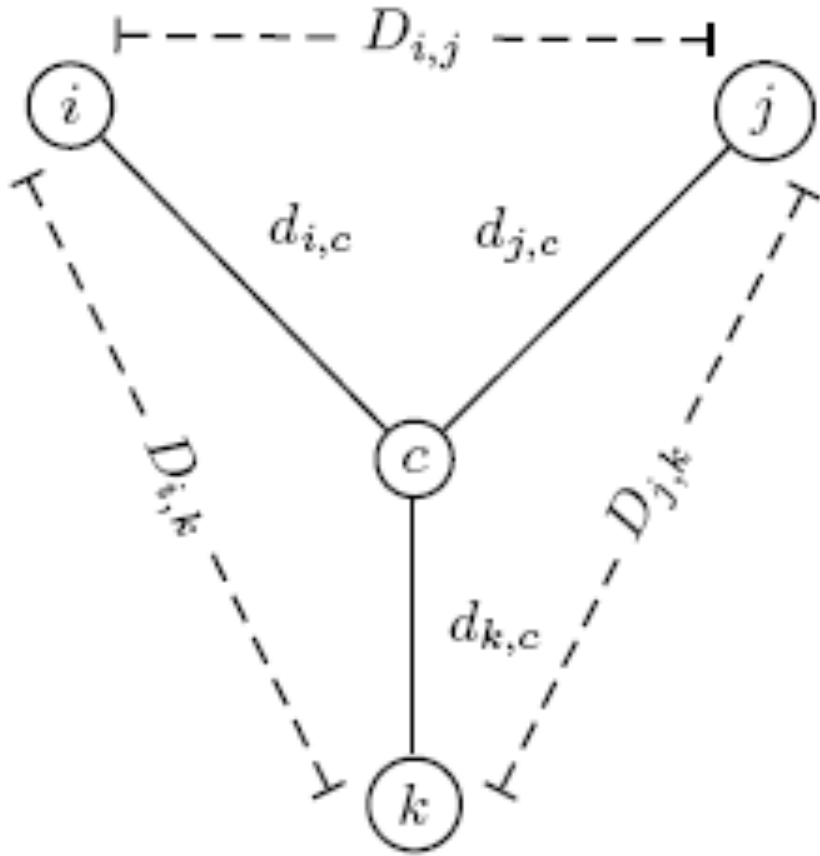
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Both problems can be solved in polynomial time

Additive Distance Problem with $n = 3$ Sequences



Additive Distance Problem with $n > 3$ Sequences

Unrooted binary tree with n leaves has $2n - 3$ edges and $\binom{n}{2}$ pairwise distances:

- $2n - 3$ variables
- $\binom{n}{2}$ equations

NON-ADDITIVE
otherwise 

	A	B	C	D
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C	2	3	0	2
D	2	2	2	0

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Solution not always possible for $n > 3$

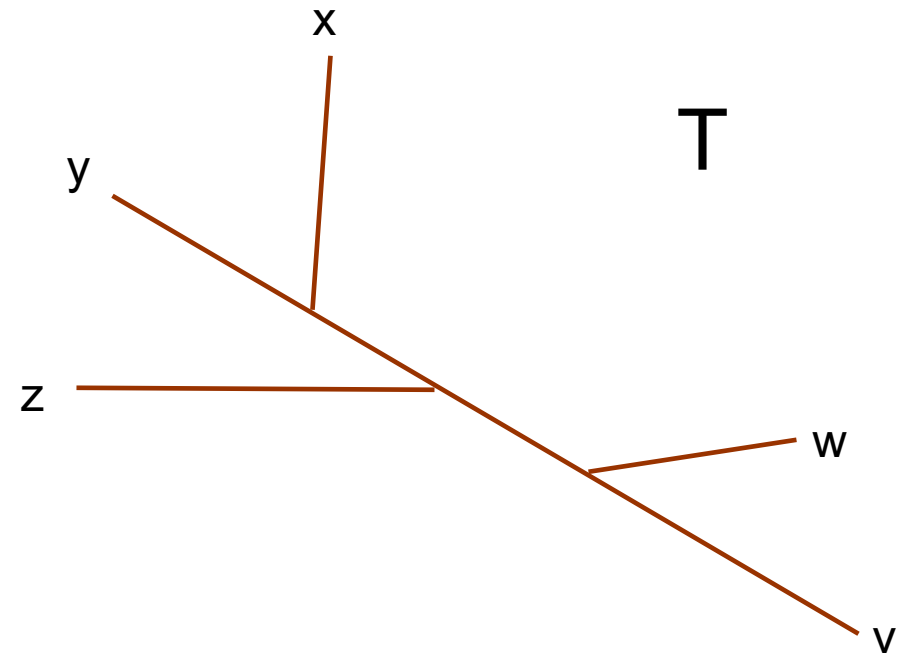
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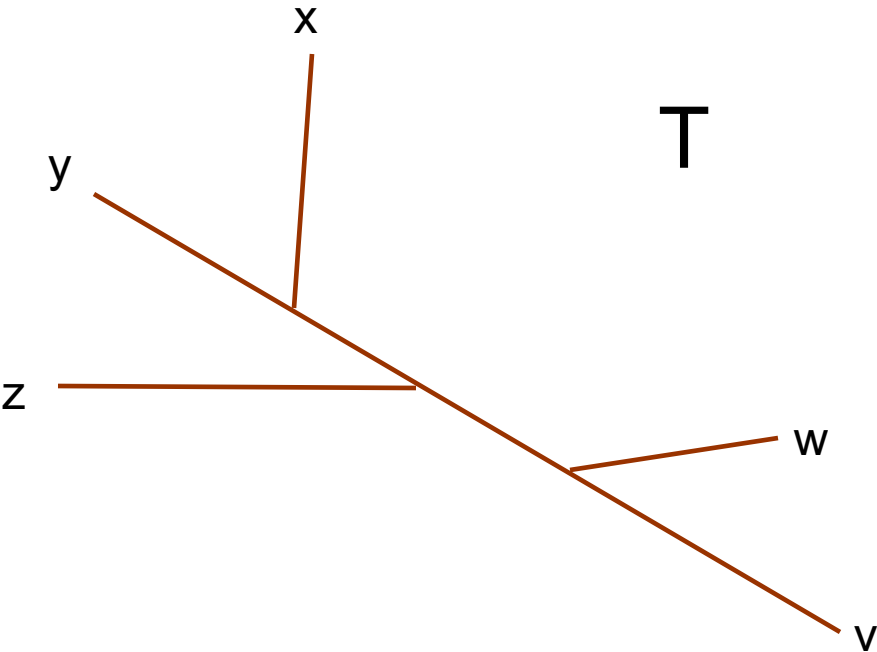
	v	w	x	y	z
v	0	10	17	16	16
w		0	15	14	14
x			0	9	15
y				0	14
z					0



Small Additive Distance Problem

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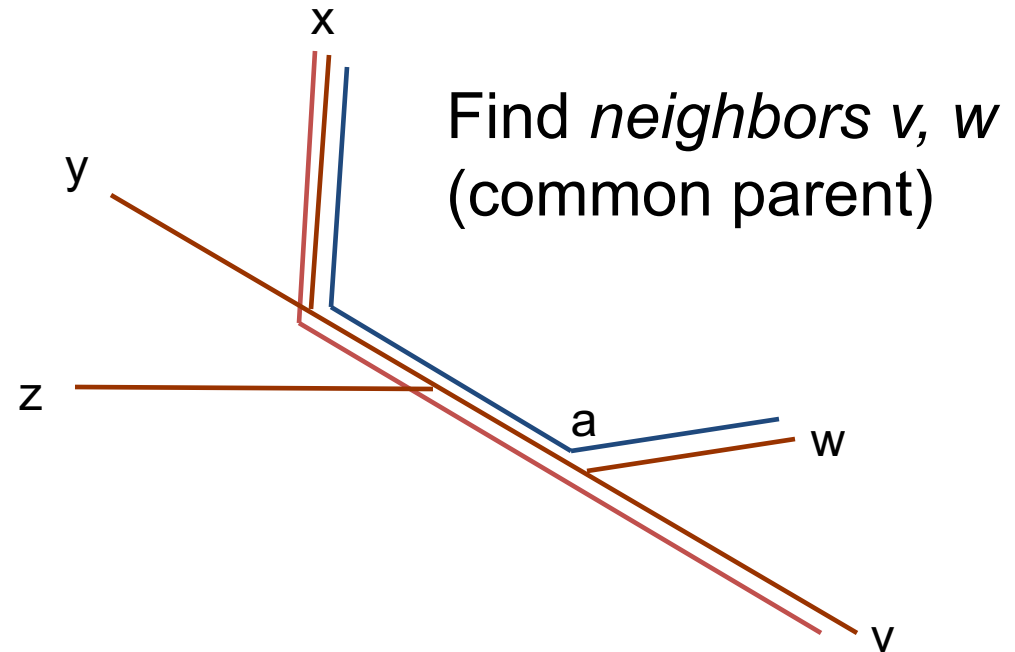
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D₁

	a	x	y	z
a	0	11	10	10
x		0	9	15
y			0	14
z				0



$$d_{ax} = \frac{1}{2} (d_{vx} + d_{wx} - d_{vw})$$

$$d_{ay} = \frac{1}{2} (d_{vy} + d_{wy} - d_{vw})$$

$$d_{az} = \frac{1}{2} (d_{vz} + d_{wz} - d_{vw})$$

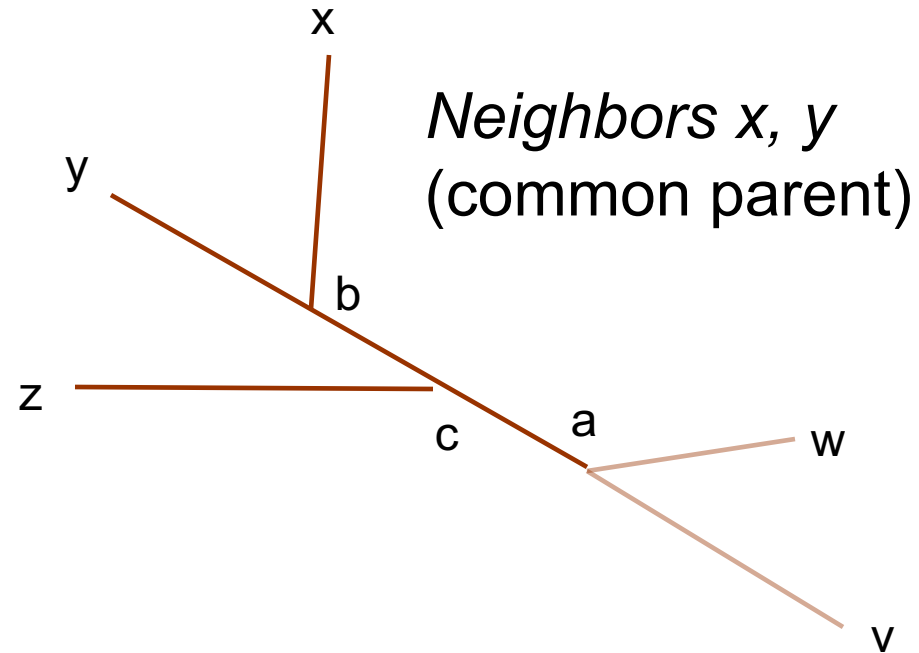
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D_1

	a	x	y	z
a	0	11	10	10
x		0	9	15
y			0	14
z				0

D_2

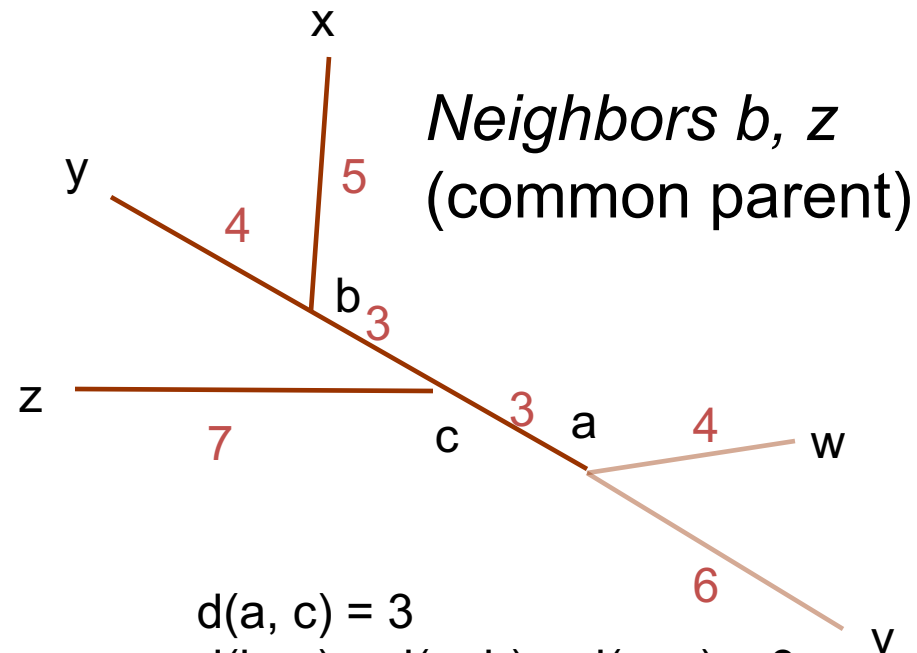
	a	b	z
a	0	6	10
b		0	10
z			0



Small Additive Distance Problem

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a	0	11	10	10
x		0	9	15
y			0	14
z				0



D_2

	a	b	z
a	0	6	10
b		0	10
z			0

D_3

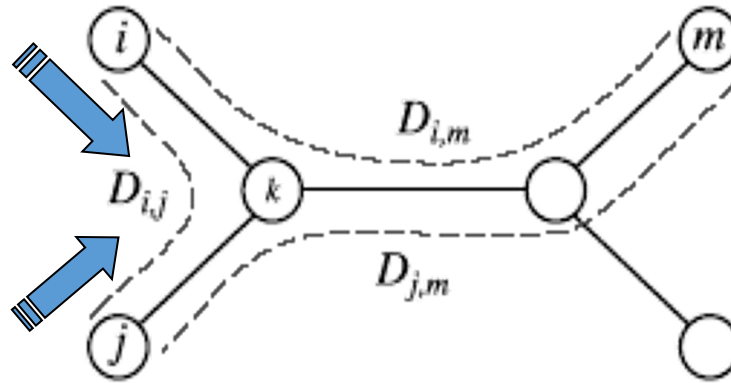
	a	c
a	0	3
c		0

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(a, c) &= 3 \\
 d(b, c) &= d(a, b) - d(a, c) = 3 \\
 d(c, z) &= d(a, z) - d(a, c) = 7 \\
 d(b, x) &= d(a, x) - d(a, b) = 5 \\
 d(b, y) &= d(a, y) - d(a, b) = 4 \\
 d(a, w) &= d(z, w) - d(a, z) = 4 \\
 d(a, v) &= d(z, v) - d(a, z) = 6
 \end{aligned}$$

Correct!!!

Small Additive Distance Problem

1. Find neighboring leaves i and j with parent k
2. Remove the rows and columns of i and j
3. Add a new row and column corresponding to k , where the distance from k to any other leaf m is computed as



$$d_{k,m} = \frac{(d_{i,m} + d_{j,m} - d_{i,j})}{2}$$

4. Repeat steps 1-3 until tree has only two vertices

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Large Additive Distance Phylogeny Problem:

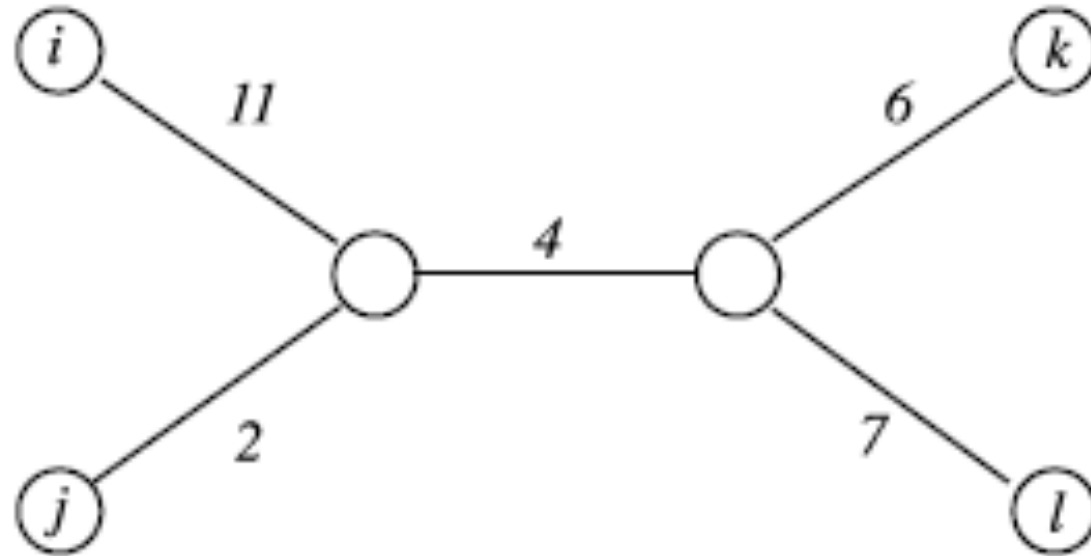
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Large Additive Distance Phylogeny Problem

Idea: find neighboring leaves by simply selecting pair of closest leaves

	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>l</i>
<i>i</i>	0	13	21	22
<i>j</i>		0	12	13
<i>k</i>			0	13
<i>l</i>				0



WRONG!

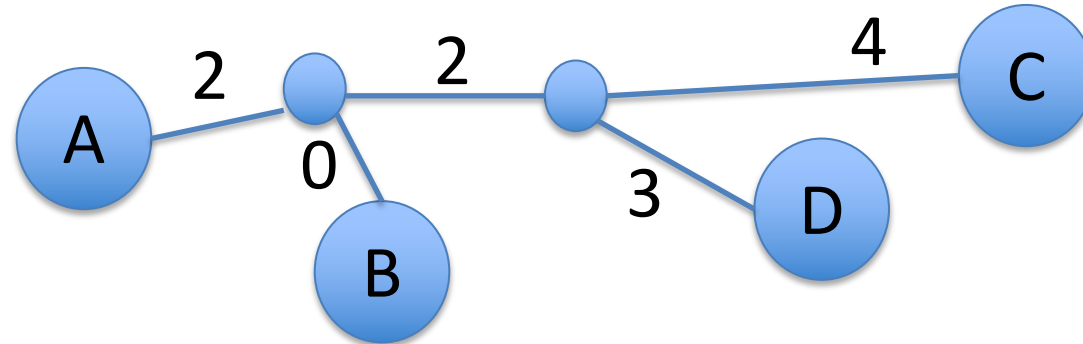
i and *j* are neighbors, but $(d_{ij} = 13) > (d_{jk} = 12)$.

Finding a pair of neighboring leaves is a nontrivial problem!

Degenerate Triples

A **degenerate triple** is a set of three distinct elements $i, j, k \in [n]$ such that $d_{i,j} + d_{j,k} = d_{i,k}$

	A	B	C	D
A	0	2	8	7
B		0	6	5
C			0	7
D				0



Element j in a degenerate triple (i, j, k) lies* on the evolutionary path from i to k

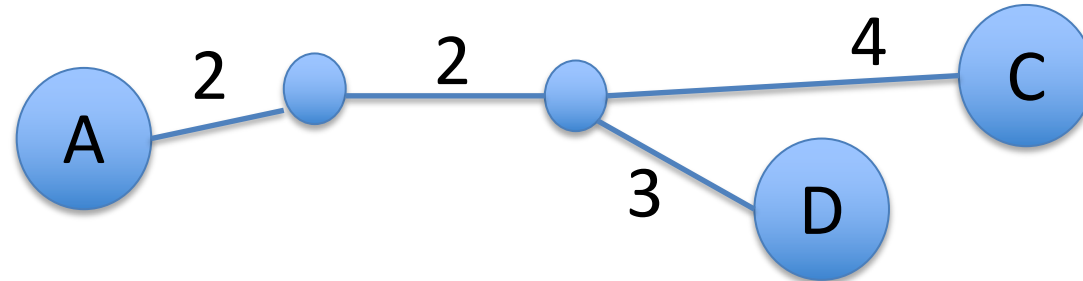
*or is attached to this path by an edge of length 0

Degenerate Triples can be **Removed**

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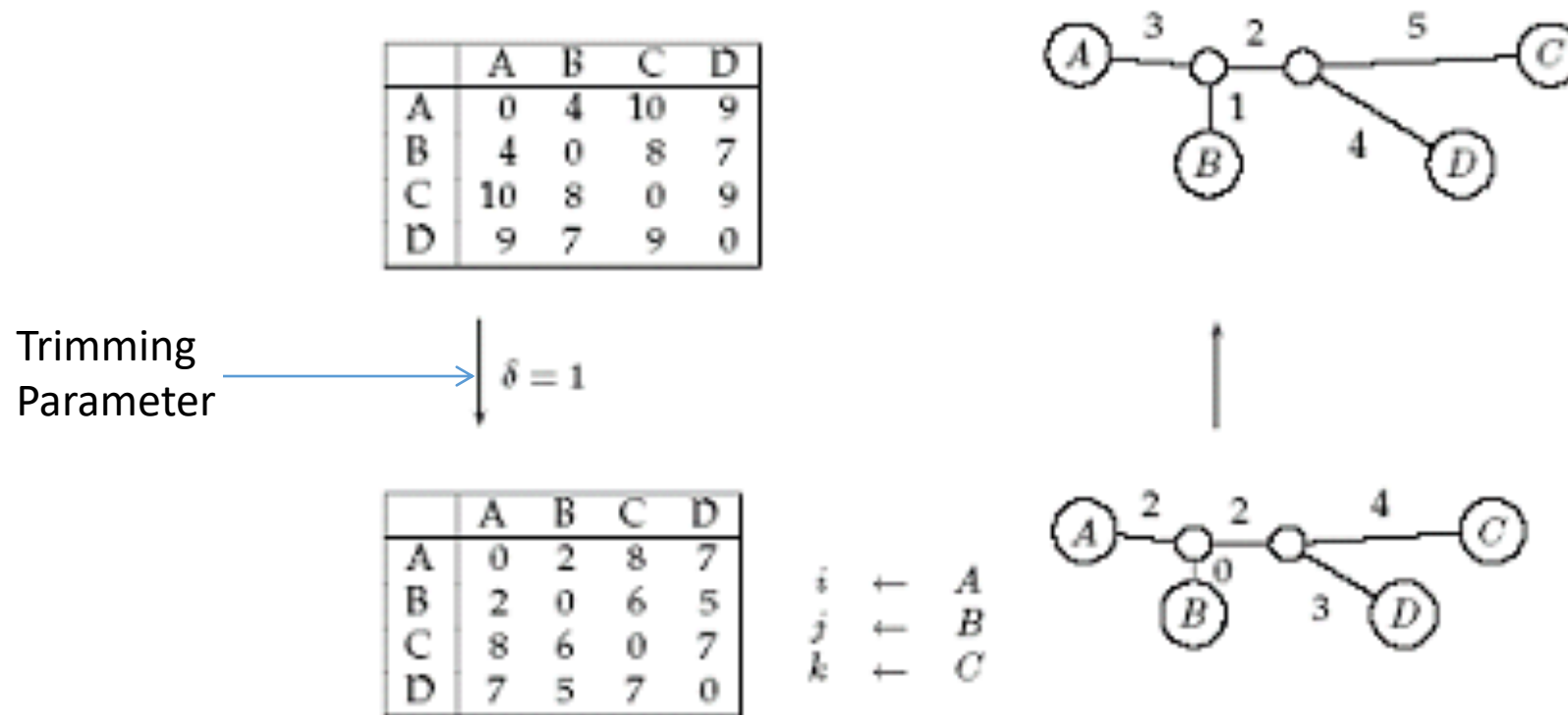


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Looking for Degenerate Triples

If distance matrix D does not have a degenerate triple, one can create one by shortening all hanging edges



Decrease entries in matrix D by 2δ

Additive Phylogeny

- If there is no degenerative triple:
 - Reduce all hanging edges by the same amount δ , so that all pairwise distances in the matrix are reduced by 2δ .
- This process will eventually collapse one of the leaves (when δ equals the length of the shortest hanging edge), forming a degenerate triple (i, j, k) and reducing the size of the distance matrix D
- The attachment point for j can be recovered in the reverse transformations by saving $d_{i,j}$ for each collapsed leaf.

	A	B	C	D
A	0	4	10	9
B	4	0	8	7
C	10	8	0	9
D	9	7	9	0

$\delta = 1$

	A	B	C	D
A	0	2	8	7
B	2	0	6	5
C	8	6	0	7
D	7	5	7	0

$i \leftarrow A$
 $j \leftarrow B$
 $k \leftarrow C$

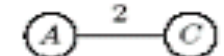
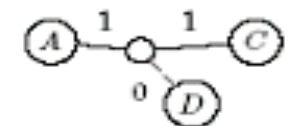
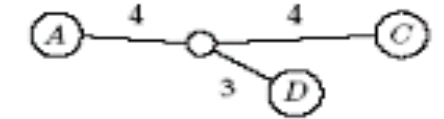
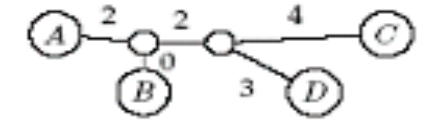
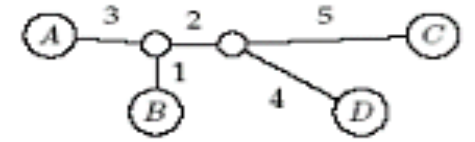
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D	7	7	0

$\delta = 3$

	A	C	D
A	0	2	1
C	2	0	1
D	1	1	0

$i \leftarrow A$
 $j \leftarrow D$
 $k \leftarrow C$

	A	C
A	0	2
C	2	0



Additive Phylogeny

AdditivePhylogeny(D)

if D is a 2×2 matrix

T = tree of a single edge of length $D_{1,2}$

return T

if D is non-degenerate

Compute trimming parameter δ

Trim(D, δ)

Find a triple i, j, k in D such that $D_{ij} + D_{jk} = D_{ik}$

$x = D_{ij}$

Remove j^{th} row and j^{th} column from D

$T = \text{AdditivePhylogeny}(D)$.

Add a new vertex v to T at distance x from i to k

Add j back to T by creating an edge (v, j) of length 0

for every leaf l in T

if distance from l to v in the tree $\neq D_{lj}$

output "matrix is not additive"

return

Extend all "hanging" edges by length δ

return T

	A	B	C	D
A	0	4	10	9
B	4	0	8	7
C	10	8	0	9
D	9	7	9	0

$\delta = 1$

	A	B	C	D
A	0	2	8	7
B	2	0	6	5
C	8	6	0	7
D	7	5	7	0

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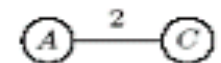
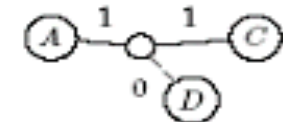
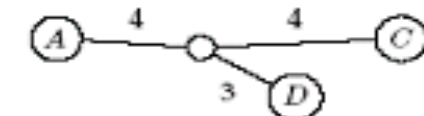
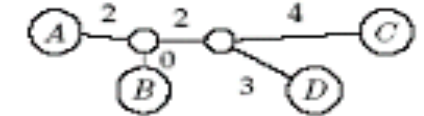
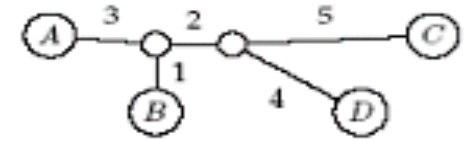
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C	2	0	1
D	1	1	0

$i \leftarrow A$
 $j \leftarrow D$
 $k \leftarrow C$

	A	C
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C	2	0




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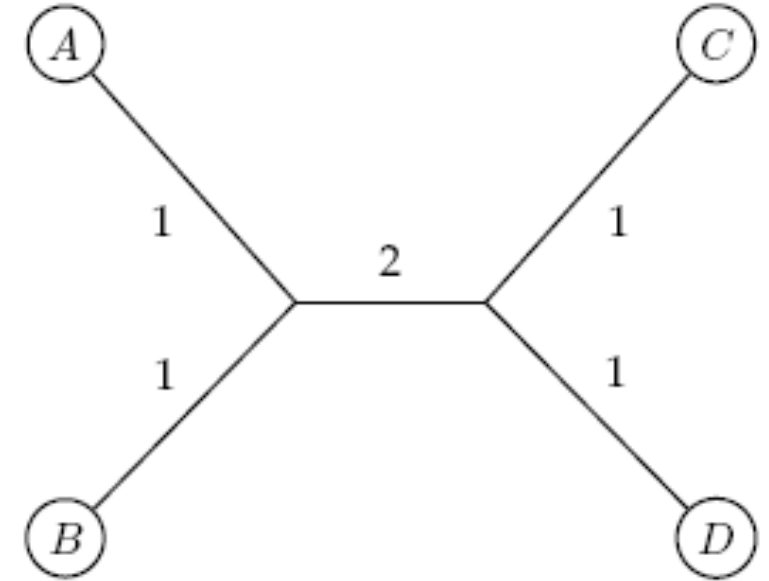
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Additive Distance Matrices

Matrix D is  ADDITIVE if there exists a tree T with $d_{ij}(T) = D_{ij}$

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Question: Can we characterize set of additive matrices?

Four Point Condition (Zaretskii 1965, Buneman 1971)

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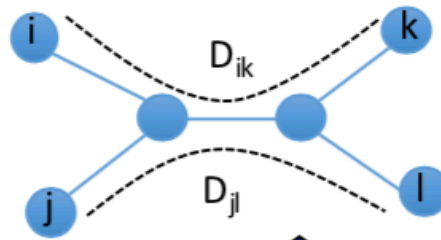
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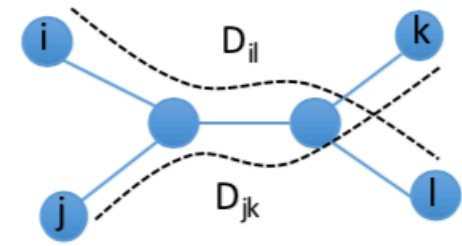
Three sums:

1. $d_{i,j} + d_{k,l}$
2. $d_{i,k} + d_{j,l}$
3. $d_{i,l} + d_{j,k}$

2 and 3 represent the
same number:
(length of all edges)
+ 2 * (length middle
edge)



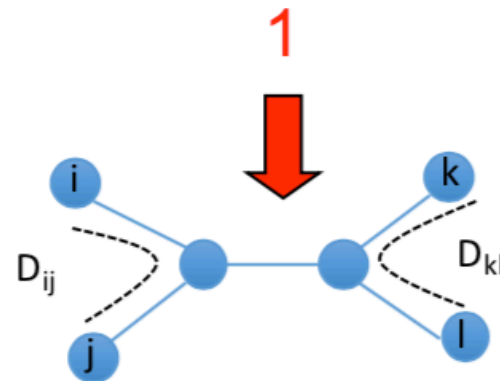
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1 represents a
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– (length middle
edge)



1



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If two leaves are the same, four point condition is triangle inequality
(e.g. set $l = j$)

Four point condition generalizes triangle inequality and defines a subset of distances, namely additive distances

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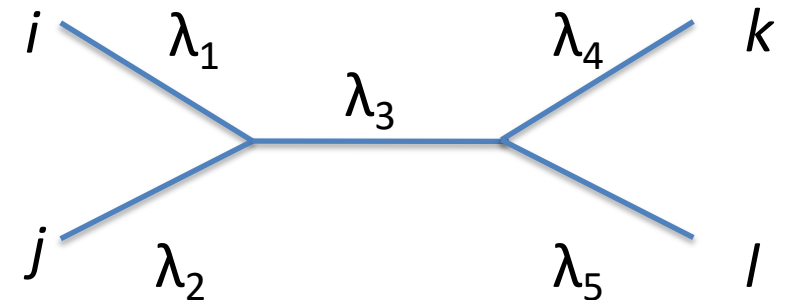
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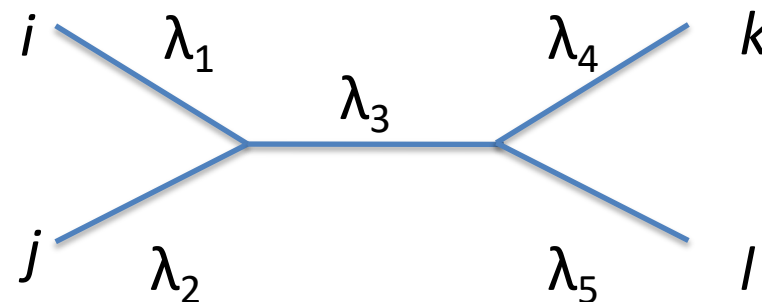
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$$\begin{aligned} d_{i,k} + d_{j,l} &= (\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4) + (\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_5) = d_{i,l} + d_{j,k} \\ &\geq (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) + (\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) = d_{i,j} + d_{k,l} \end{aligned}$$

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Proof: (\Leftarrow) Assume four point condition holds. Need an algorithm to construct T . AdditivePhylogeny(T) is one such algorithm*. Neighbor joining is another algorithm.

*we have not proved correctness nor shown how to correct δ

Additive Distance Matrix

Four point condition of matrix $D = [d_{i,j}]$:

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Theorem: Let D be an $n \times n$ matrix. The following statements are equivalent.

1. Matrix D is additive.
2. There exists a unique tree T (modulo isomorphism) s.t. $d_{i,j} = d_T(i, j)$ for all $(i, j) \in n^2$.
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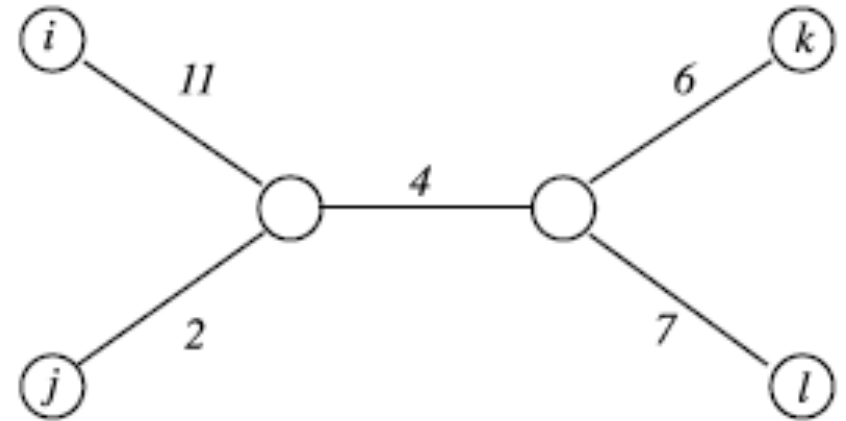
Large Additive Distance Phylogeny Problem:

Given $n \times n$ matrix $D = [d_{i,j}]$, find tree T with n leaves and edge weights such that $\max_{(i,j) \in [n]^2} |d_T(i,j) - d_{i,j}|$ is minimum.

Equivalently, find additive matrix D' closest to input matrix D

Neighbor Joining Algorithm (Saitou and Nei 1987)

- Constructs binary unrooted trees.
- Recall: leaves a and b are neighbors if they have a common parent
- Recall: closest leaves are not necessarily neighbors
- NJ: Find pair of leaves that are “close” to each other but “far” from other leaves

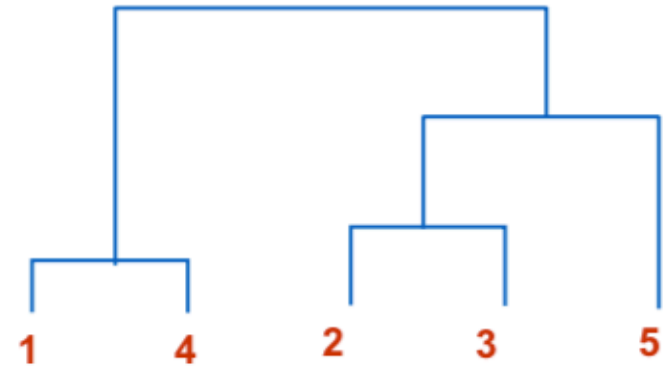
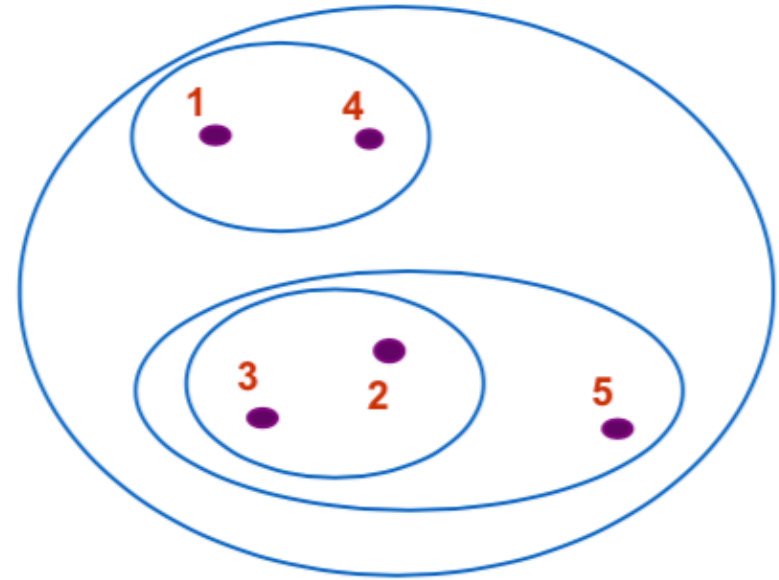


Two advantages: (1) reproduces correct tree for additive matrix, and (2) otherwise gives good approximation of correct tree

Distance Trees as Hierarchical Clustering

Leaves = Data points.

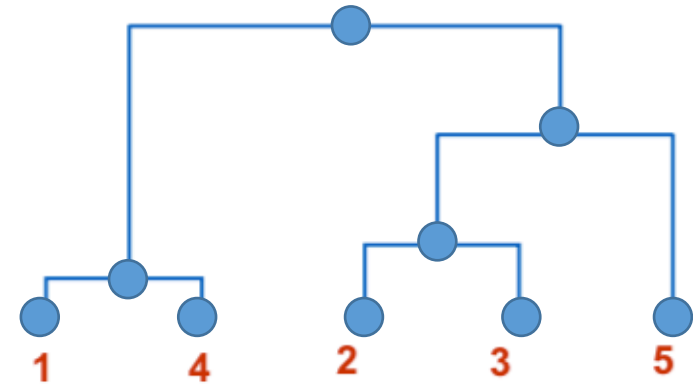
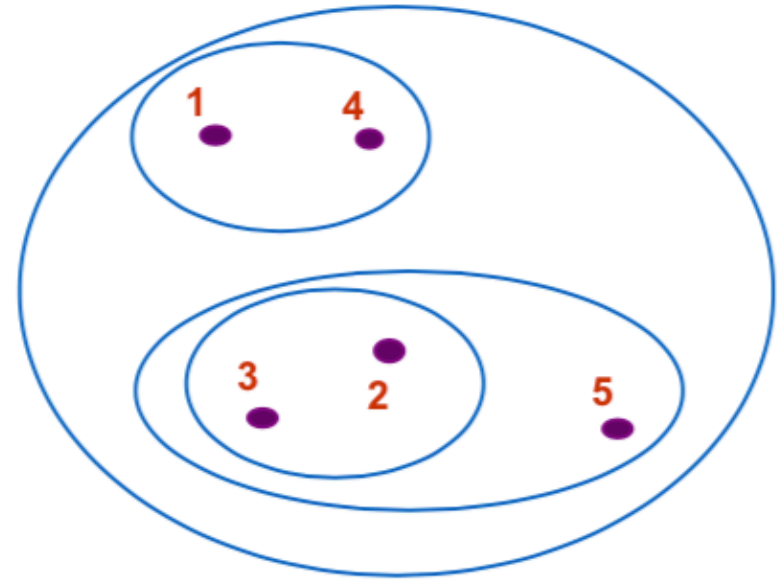
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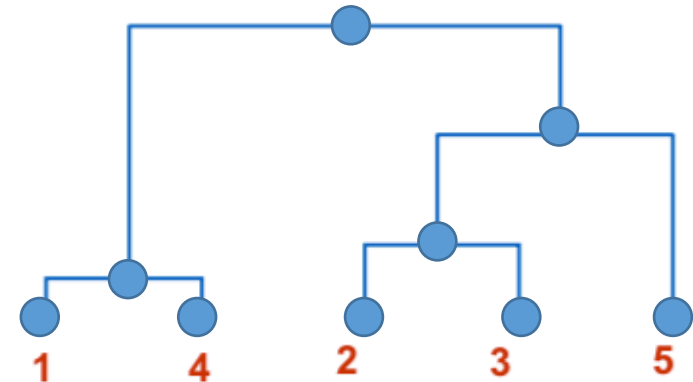
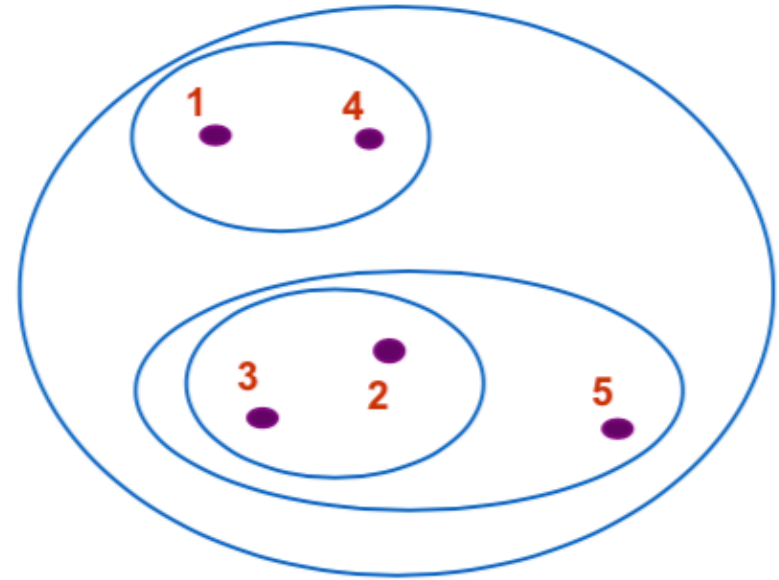
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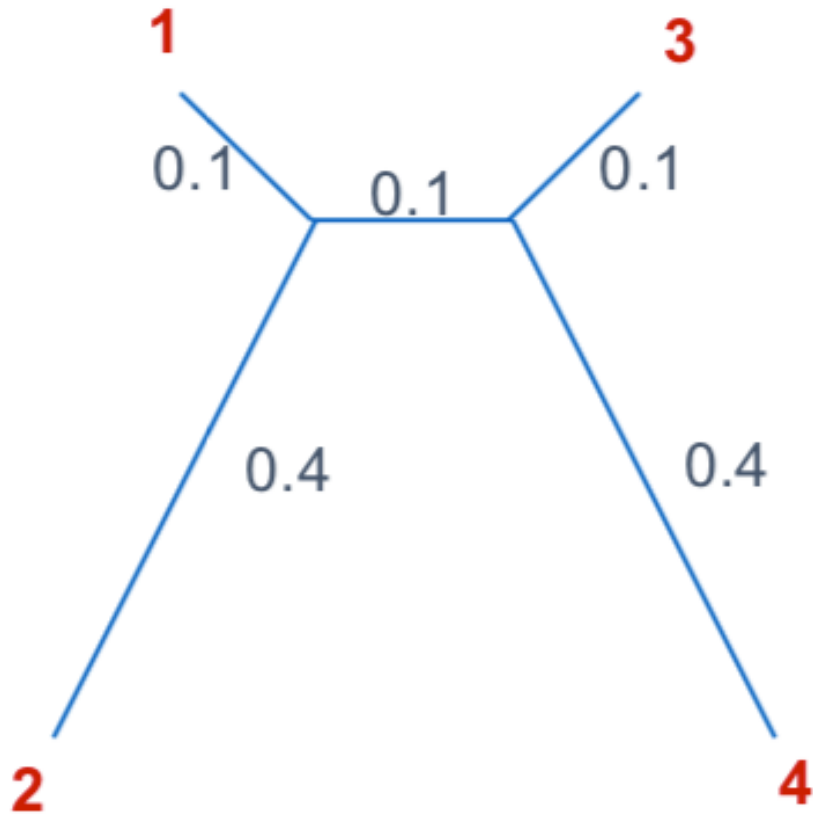
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1. Hierarchical Clustering (\mathbf{D}, n)
2. Form n clusters each with one element
3. Construct a graph \mathbf{T} by assigning one vertex to each cluster
4. **while** there is more than one cluster
5. Find the two closest clusters C_1 and C_2
6. Merge C_1 and C_2 into new cluster C with $|C_1| + |C_2|$ elements
7. **Compute distance from C to all other clusters**
8. Add a new vertex \mathbf{C} to \mathbf{T} and connect to vertices C_1 and C_2
9. Remove rows and columns of \mathbf{D} corresponding to C_1 and C_2
10. Add a row and column to \mathbf{D} corresponding to the new cluster \mathbf{C}
11. **return** \mathbf{T}

Selection criterion: distance
between clusters affects
clustering!



Neighbor Joining: Selection Criterion



Let $\mathbf{C} = \{1, \dots, n\}$ be current clusters/leaves.

Define: $u_i = \sum_k D(i, k)$.

Intuitively, u_i measures separation of i from other leaves.

Goal: Minimize $D(i, j)$ and maximize $u_i + u_j$.

Solution: Find pair (i, j) that minimizes:

$$S_D(i, j) = (n - 2) D(i, j) - u_i - u_j$$

Claim: Given additive matrix D .

$S_D(x, y) = \min S_D(i, j)$ if and only if x and y are neighbors in tree T with $d_T = D$.

Neighboring Joining: Algorithm

Initialization:

Form n clusters C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n , one for each leaf node.

Define tree T to be the set of leaf nodes, one per sequence.

Iteration: (D is $m \times m$)

Pick i, j such that $S_D(i, j) = (m - 2) D(i, j) - u_i - u_j$ is minimal.

Merge i and j into new node $[ij]$ in T .

Assign length $\frac{1}{2} (D(i, j) + 1/(m-2) (u_i - u_j))$ to edge $(i, [ij])$

Assign length $\frac{1}{2} (D(i, j) + 1/(m-2) (u_j - u_i))$ to edge $(j, [ij])$

Remove rows and columns from D corresponding to i and j .

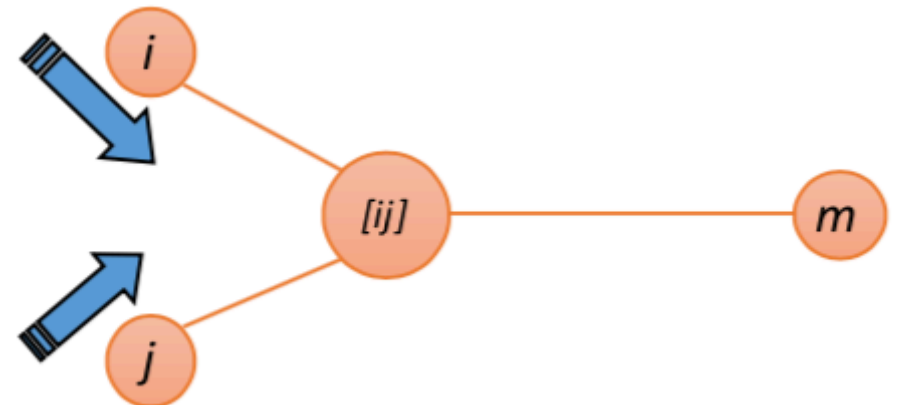
Add row and column to D for new vertex $[ij]$.

Set $D([ij], m) = \frac{1}{2} [D(i, m) + D(j, m) - D(i, j)]$

Termination:

When only one cluster

Question: Does this create rooted or unrooted trees?

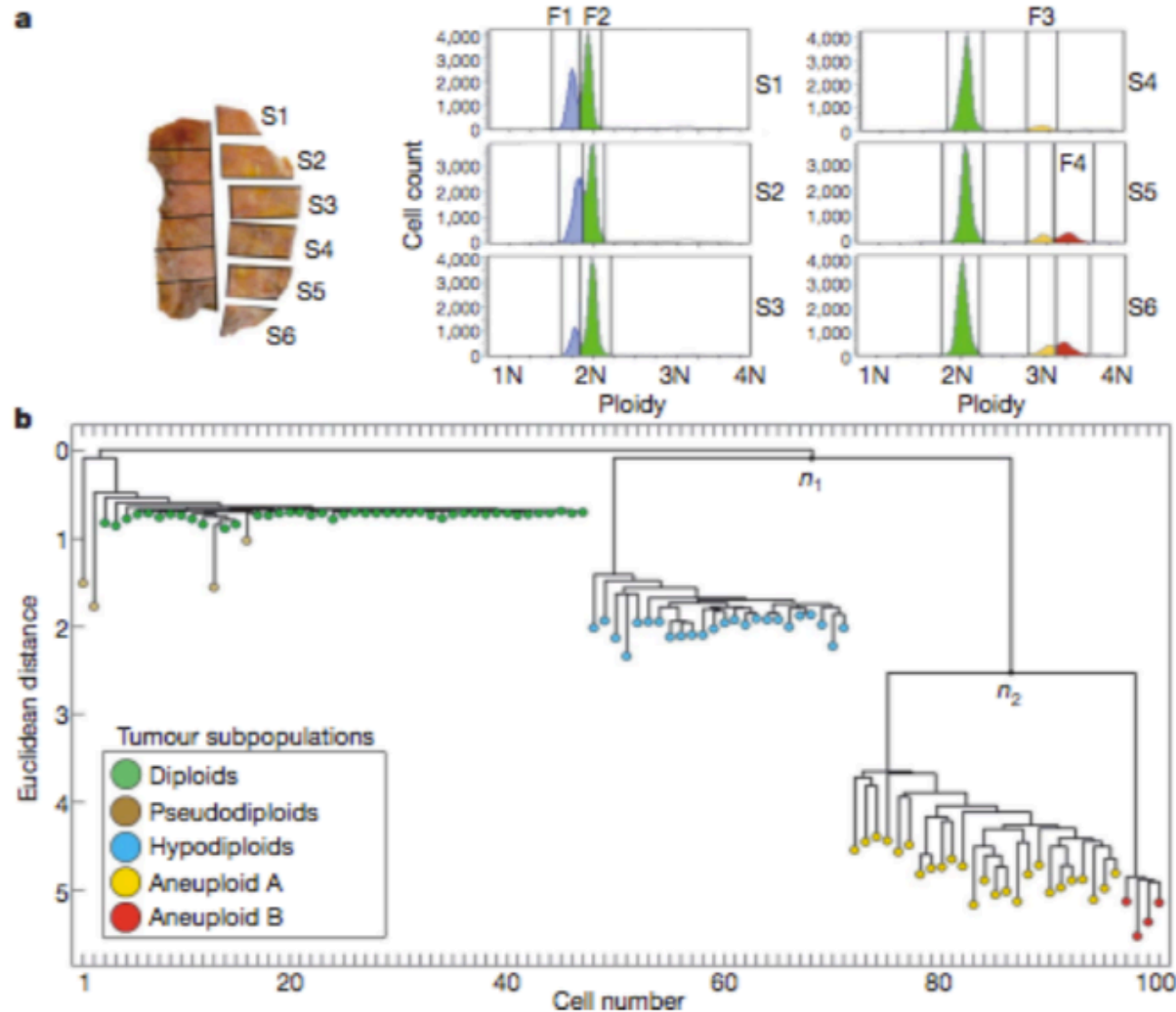


Advantages of Neighbor Joining

Theorem: Let D be an $n \times n$ matrix. If matrix D is additive then neighbor joining produces the unique phylogenetic tree T (modulo isomorphism) such that $d_{i,j} = d_T(i,j)$ for all $(i,j) \in n^2$.

Theorem: Let D be an $n \times n$ matrix. If there exists an additive matrix D' such that $|D - D'|_\infty \leq 0.5$ then neighbor joining applied to D reconstructs the unique tree T (modulo isomorphism) such that $d'_{i,j} = d_T(i,j)$ for all $(i,j) \in n^2$.

Neighbor Joining in Practice



Neighbor Joining tree relating copy number profiles from single cells in a tumor.

[Navin et al, Nature 2011]

Summary

- Recap: RNA Secondary Structure Prediction
- Phylogenetics introduction
- Hierarchical clustering
- Additive distance phylogeny
- Four point condition
- Neighbor joining

Reading:

- Chapter 10.2 and 10.5-10.8 in Jones and Pevzner