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can we trust the results obtained?

are part of the results simply accidental?

which PARTS of tree are most reliable?

Clades WITHIN clades



Numerous equally parsimonious trees



Consensus tree





3 commonly used methods:

Bremer support value

Bootstrap

branch support

Parsimony jackknifing

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0123456789

7 X 10

- A B C D E F G





TAXONOMIC CHARACTERS

characters used in phylogenetic analyses are assumed to be **INDEPENDENT** of other characters

NO genetic correlation

ALL these considered to be equally valuable = potentially useful for phylogenetic analyses

but characters **DO INTERACT** within the matrix

character congruence



1. search for shortest tree

- 2. consensus groups disappearing at this stage with Bremer support value = o
- 3. new search for trees with length L < L+1 (L = length of shortest tree found so far),

consensus of these

for these Bremer support value = 1







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- 3. new search for trees with length L < L+1 (L = length of shortest tree found so far), consensus of these

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4. continued until consensus has lost ALL resolution (only polytomy remains)





18 Bremer support value for whole tree

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support value for the group is the difference between length of the shortest tree obtained without constraint and the one found by using constraint

3 commonly used methods:

Bremer support

Relative Fit Difference (RFD)

Goloboff, P. & Farris, J.S. 2001. Methods for quick consensus estimation. *Cladistics* 17: S26-S34.

Parsimony jackknifing

Relative Fit Difference

ability to distinguish between characters that have the same Bremer support value

e.g. F = 5, C = 0 vs. F = 100, C = 95 same Bremer support value

RFD values 1 & 0,053

3 commonly used methods:

Bremer support value

Bootstrap

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Efron, B. 1979. Bootstrap methods: another look at the jackknife. *Ann. Stat*. 7: 1-26.







Kitching, I.J. ym. 1998. Cladistics. 2. Painos. 228 s. Oxford University Press

3 commonly used methods:

Bremer support value

Bootstrap

Freudenstein, J.V. & Davis, J.I. 2010. Branch support via resampling: an empirical study. *Cladistics* 26: 643-656.

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3 commonly used methods:

Bremer (branch) support

Quenoille, M.H. 1949. Approximate tests of correlation in time-series. *J. R. Statist. Soc.* B 11: 68-84.

Parsimony jackknifing

Farris, J.S. & al. 1996. Parsimony jackknifing outperforms neighbor-joining. *Cladistics* 12: 99-124.





of characters will be deleted



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Emil Hans WILLI HENNIG *20.4.1913 [†]5.11.1976

Hennig, W. 1950. Grundzüge einer Theorie der phylogenetischen Systematik Hennig, W. 1966. Phylogenetic systematics

CLADISTIC revolution

CLEAR, EXPLICIT & LOGICAL presentation of basic principles of phylogenetic analysis

SYNAPOMORPHY

MONOPHYLY PARAPHYLY




description nomenclature

CLASSIFICATION of organisms

enables our navigation in the ocean of biodiversity

- 1. Monophyletic group includes ALL descendants of the common ancestor
- In paraphyletic group 1 or more of the descendants are left out





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- In paraphyletic group 1 or more of the descendants are left out
- 3. In polyphyletic group common ancestor is left out



- 1. Monophyletic group is defined by **SYNAPOMORPHY**
- 2. Paraphyletic group by **plesiomorphy**

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3. Polyphyletic group by homoplasy

1. Monophyletic groups provide PRECISE information about relationships

- 2. Paraphyletic group imprecise
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3. Polyphyletic groups **MISLEADING** information

1. Monophyletic group can be separate from tree with 1

WHOLE parts of Tree of Life

cut



- Monophyletic group can be separate from tree with 1 cut
- 2. Paraphyletic with 2



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- 2. Paraphyletic with 2

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3. Polyphyletic with ≥ 2



Farris, J.S. 1974. Formal definitions of paraphyly and polyphyly. Systematic Zoology 23: 548-554 defined groups inspected on the

group membership character

tree currently accepted as the best hypothesis about phylogeny

- 1000000
- A B C D E F G H I

member of group ch. state = 1

does NOT belong to group = 0 optimization (down & up)

root always signed o

in up-pass always assigned value of the immediate ancestor







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Optimality criteria

- 1. evolutionary distance (Un)Weighted Pair-Group Method using Arithmetic averages
 - e.g. UPGMA, WPGMA, NJ neighbor-joining
 - advantage SPEED
 - disadvantages:
 - information reduced to SINGLE numerical value
 - ultrametricity or additivity required
 - NEGATIVE branch lengths

NEVER/rarely present in real material

Manhattan vs. Euclidean distance



Ford, G. 1993. Lecture notes on engineering measurement for software engineers. Carnegie Mellon Univ.

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Mannatian VS. Euclidean distance







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sum of branch lengths = 1,5

BUT at least **2** SUBSTITUTIONS must have happened to produce variation observed

Optimality criteria

- 1. evolutionary distance
- 2. parsimony
 - comparison of hypotheses is based on optimization of individual CHARACTERS

information about individual characters RETAINED

return from tree to matrix possible

ALL terminals treated SIMULTANEOUSLY, not pairwise

Parsimony or models?

optimality criteria:

- 1. evolutionary distance
- 2. parsimony
- 3. model based methods

MODEL of evolution of explicitly defined

Parsimony or models?

Parsimony analysis

what is the best tree (= hypothesis) based on characters, background knowledge & optimality criterion

descent with modification

EXPLANATORY power of the data MAXIMIZED

model of evolution of explicitly defined

Model based analyses – what is a tree with highest likelihood

Maximum likelihood

models accepted *a priori*

Bayesian analyses

WHY should models be incorporated into our analyses?









6% 2% 7% 85%









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Parsimony or models?

can unique events of history be MODELLED?

in parsimony analyses emphasis is on ever more comprehensive heuristics of **tree search**

in model based analyses emphasis is on developing more sophisticated MODELS

analyses are VERY demanding computationally and thus in many cases heuristics of tree search are deliberately VERY **superficial** e.g. RAxML

with NCM model parsimony and ML trees are identical

all characters with same number of states

no common mechanism

Parsimony or models?

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monophyly is one of the CENTRAL PRINCIPLES of cladistics

ONLY MONOPHYLETIC groups (=clades) provide precise information about relationships

consensus tree is ONLY SUMMARY of numerous trees

all trees are **NOT** equal

three commonly used indices to evaluate results

numeric values obtained are dependent on thoroughness of search used in finding them

while ALL of these are commonly used their status and importance is still in dispute

NO logical connection to results obtained based on analyses of REAL & ALL data at least they ARE ABLE to show parts of the tree with the **WEAKEST** hypotheses, parts of trees easiest to refute? candidates for more detailed study!

optimal tree(s) should **NOT** be changed based on

support values still the BEST hypothesis

it is IMPOSSIBLE to know whether our estimates are

truthful UNIQUE nature of history, testing results obtained NOT possible

nomothetic vs idiographic sciences

generalities & laws vs contingent & unique

history includes also unlikely events applicable also to phylogeny

if something is highly unlikely it does NOT mean that it is IMPOSSIBLE

HOME "QUIZ"

Why, in this age of whole genome sequences, it is still relevant to study & use also morphological characters in phylogenetic analyses?

Why does the cutting of continuous sequence stretches within CONSERVED lead into huge speed-up in DO analyses?

come up with arguments for the 1st demo Mon 14.xi.