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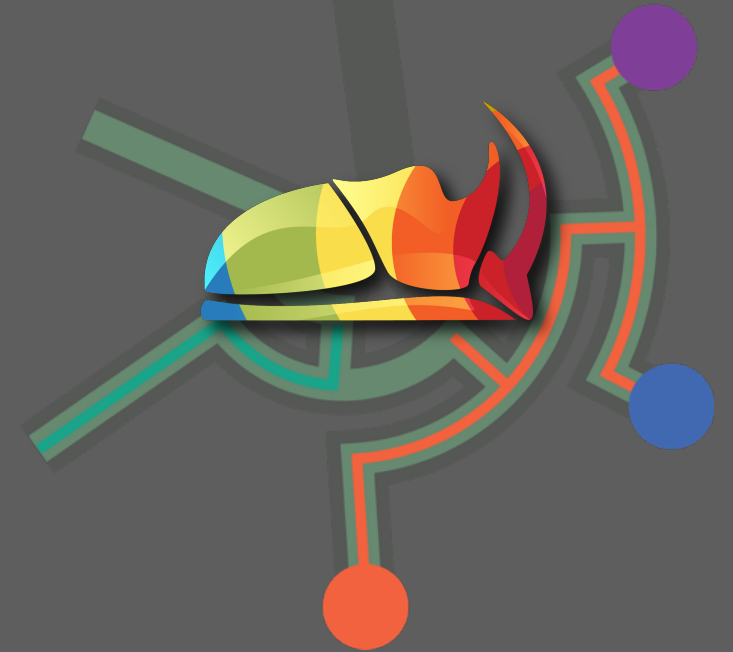
## Lecture 8

# Reconstructing phylogenetic trees. Part I

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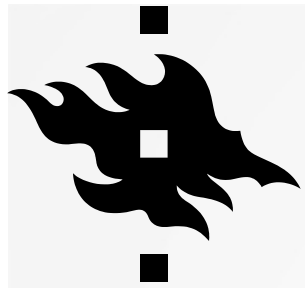
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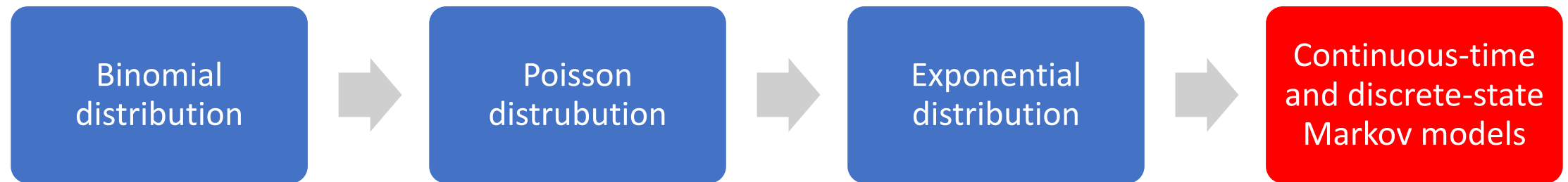
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# PLAN OF THE TODAY'S LECTURE

1. Calculating likelihood on a tree: Felsenstein's pruning algorithm
2. Overview of the main properties of Markov models
3. General workflow for tree inference using DNA

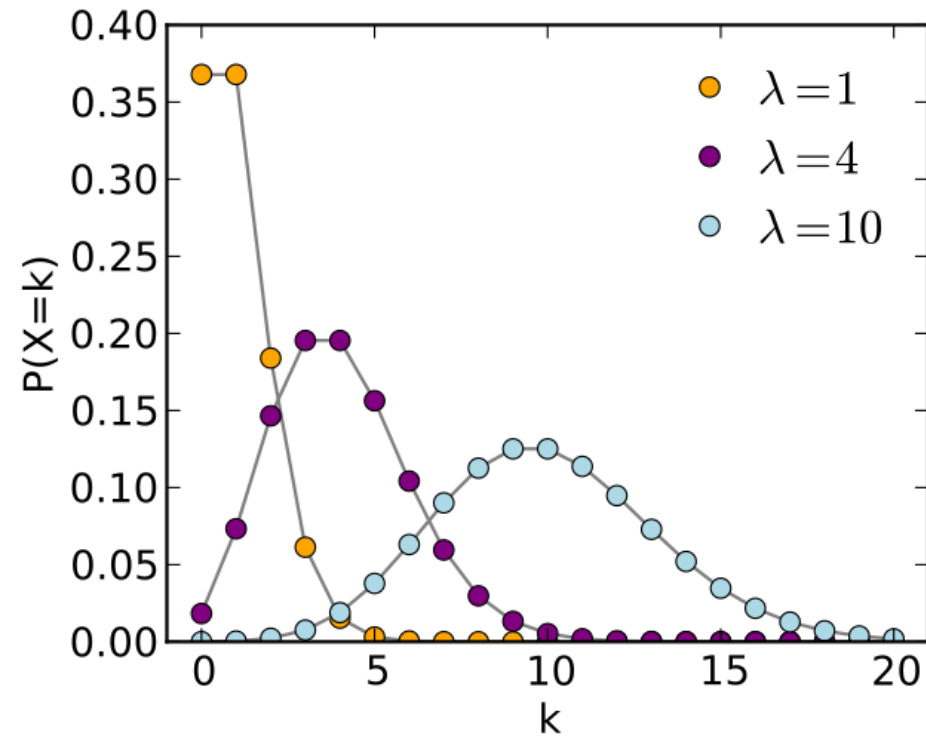
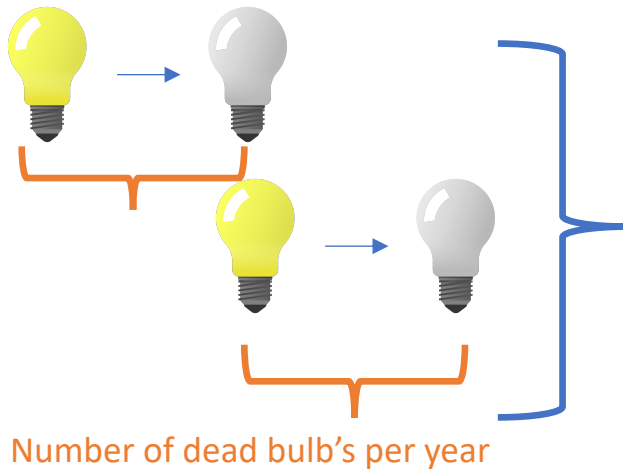
# Ingredients to derive continuous-time Markov models



# Poisson distribution

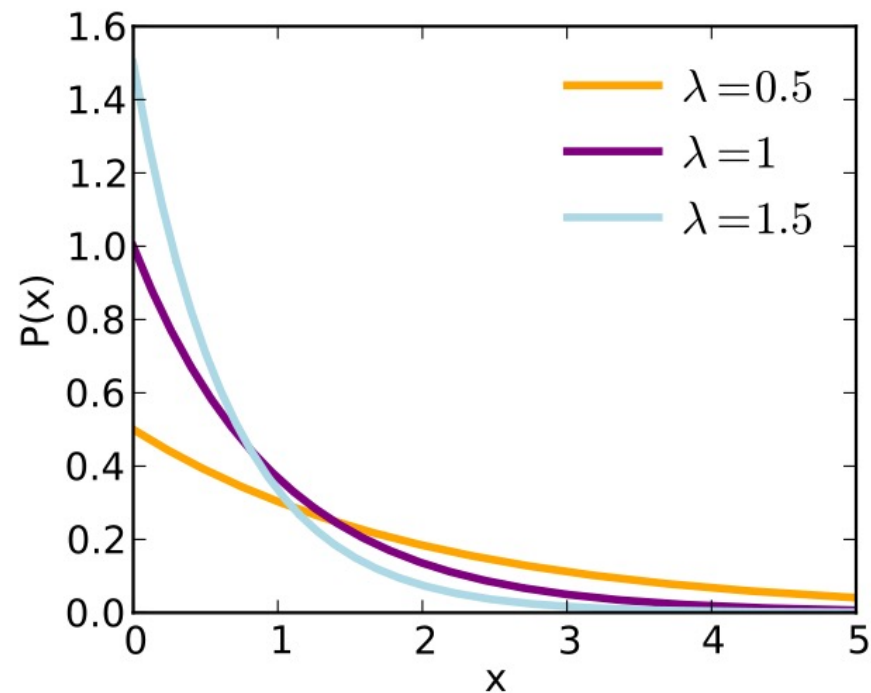
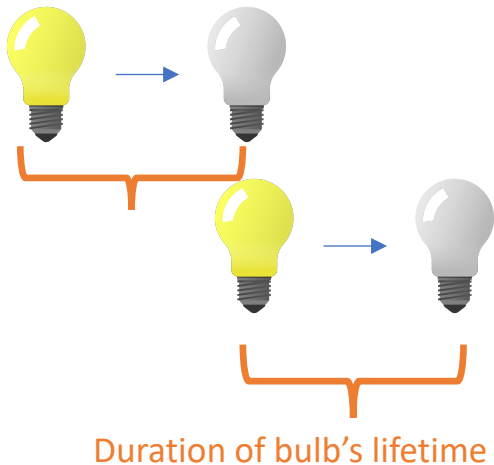
$$\text{Poisson}(k | \lambda, t) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^k}{k!}$$

- $\lambda$  is called the rate parameter
- Poisson distr. shows the number of changes  $k$  given  $\lambda$  and time  $t$



# Exponential distribution

$$\text{Exponential } (t | \lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

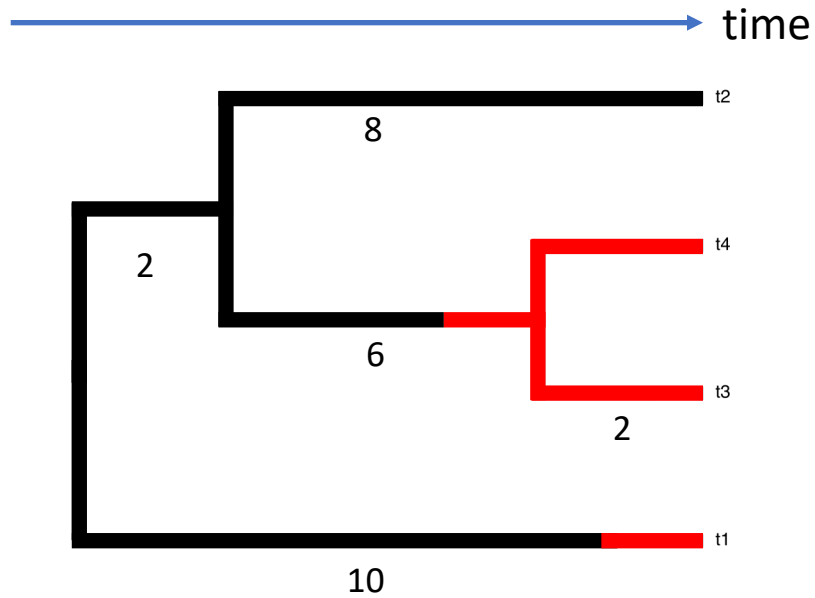


- Exponential and Poisson are the same processes but different aspects
- Same interpretation of the parameter  $\lambda$  (=rate)
- $\lambda$  is the mean number of changes over time interval in Poisson

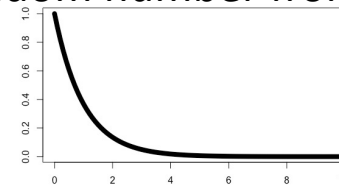
# Simulating data under Markov models on a tree



Random number generator



1. Randomly select state at the root from a uniform distribution. RND=0.4 (starting state 1)
2. Draw a random number from Exponential distribution with  $\lambda = 1$ . RND=2.4

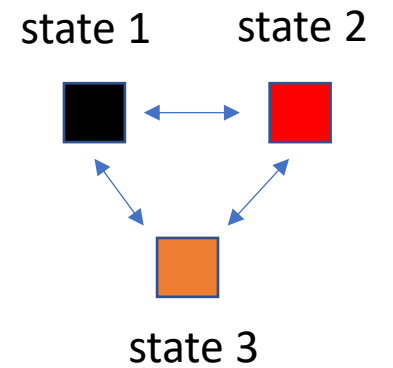


3. Draw a random number from  $\text{Exp}(\lambda = 1)$ . RND=8
4. Draw a random number from  $\text{Exp}(\lambda = 1)$ . RND=4.2 (to state 2)
5. Draw a random number from  $\text{Exp}(\lambda = 2)$ . RND=4.6
6. Draw a random number from  $\text{Exp}(\lambda = 2)$ . RND=4.9
7. Draw a random number from  $\text{Exp}(\lambda = 1)$ . RND=9.1 (to state 2)
8. Draw a random number from  $\text{Exp}(\lambda = 2)$ . RND=3.3

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{state 1} \begin{array}{c} \blacksquare \\ \blacktriangleleft \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \blacktriangleright \\ \blacksquare \end{array} \text{state 2}$$

Initial vector  $\pi = (1/2, 1/2)$

# From rates to probabilities



- **Transition rate matrix.** Infinitesimal rates
- **Probability transition matrix.** Exponentiate rate matrix

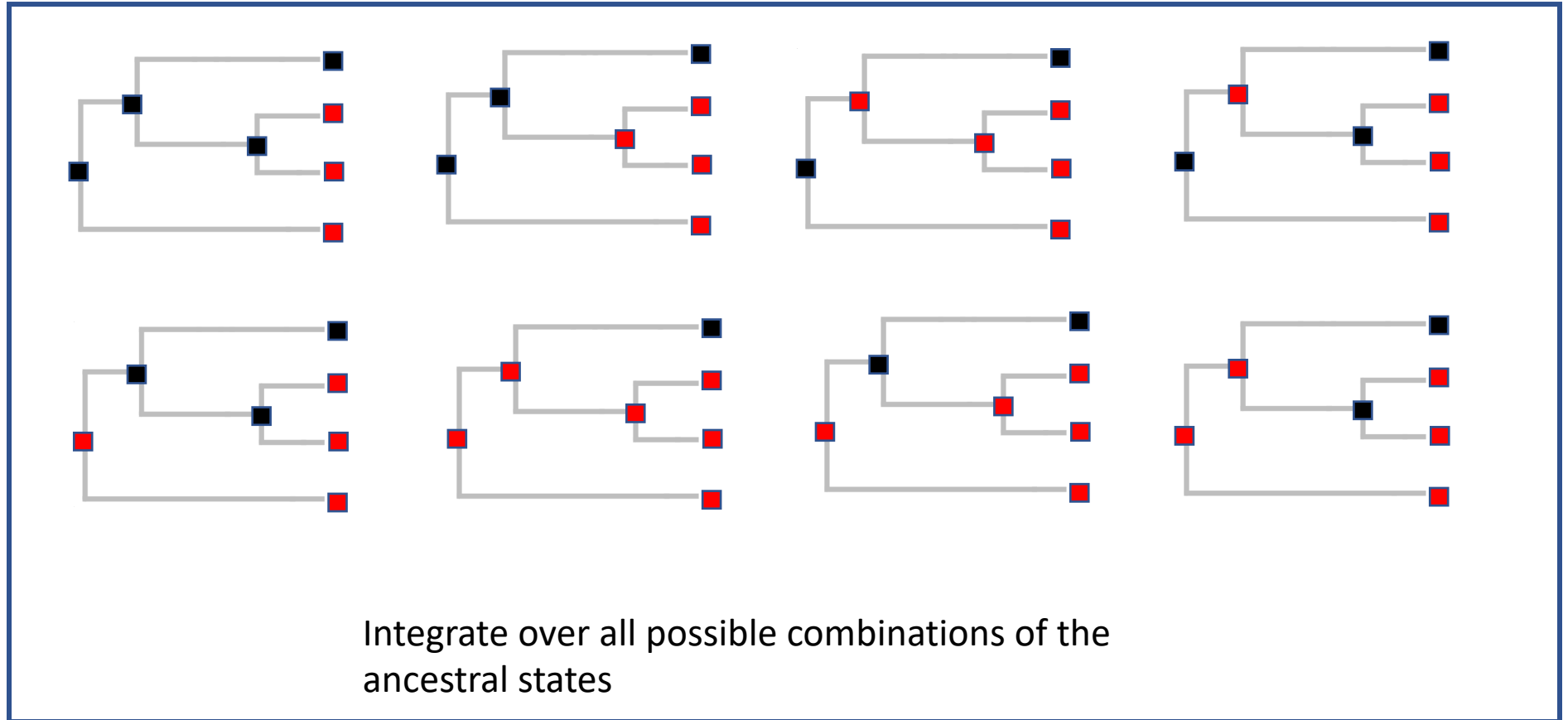
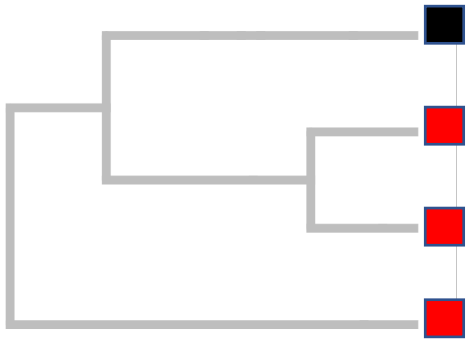
$$Q = \begin{matrix} & \blacksquare & \color{red}\blacksquare & \color{orange}\blacksquare \\ \blacksquare & \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 & 0.4 & 0.1 \\ 0.8 & -1 & 0.2 \\ 0.96 & 0.24 & -1.2 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$P(Q, t) = e^{Qt}$$
$$e^{Q*1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.72 & 0.2 & 0.08 \\ 0.46 & 0.46 & 0.08 \\ 0.46 & 0.2 & 0.34 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix exponential transforms rates into probabilities:

$$e^{Qt} = 1 + \frac{Qt^1}{1!} + \frac{Qt^2}{2!} + \frac{Qt^3}{3!} + \dots$$

# Inference: estimating tree likelihood





# Let's calculate likelihoods

- HTH

- H?H

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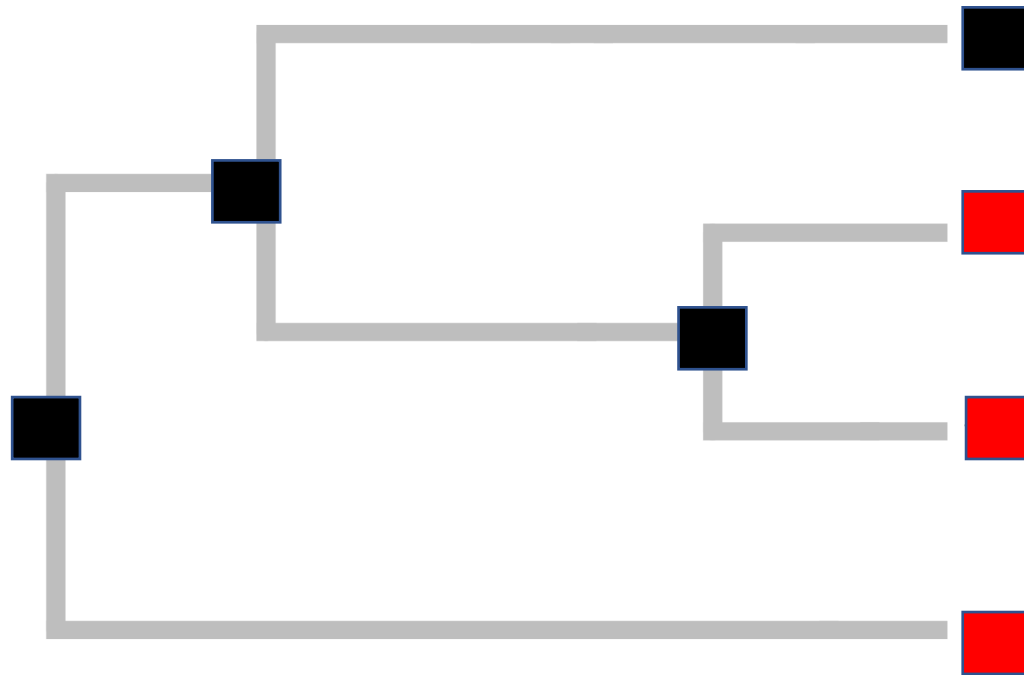
$$e^{Q*10} = \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.33 \\ 0.66 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

- S2 -> S1 after t=0.1

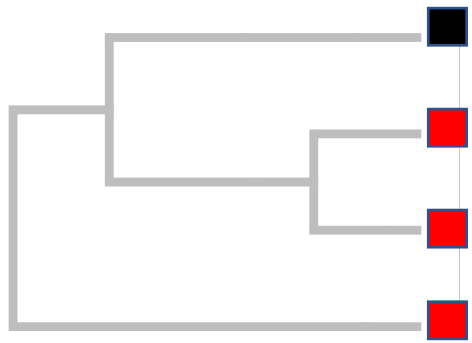
- S2 -> S2 after t=10

Let's calculate likelihoods

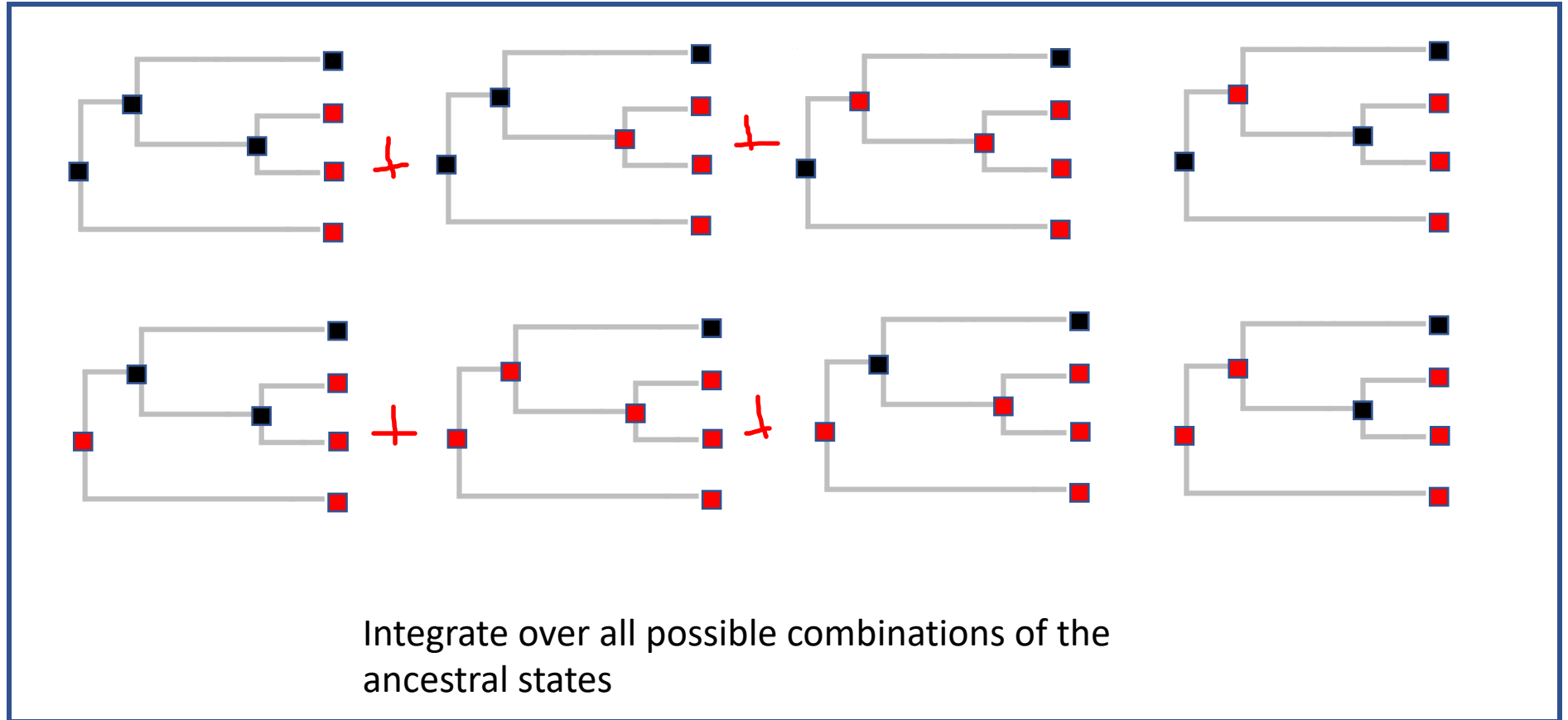
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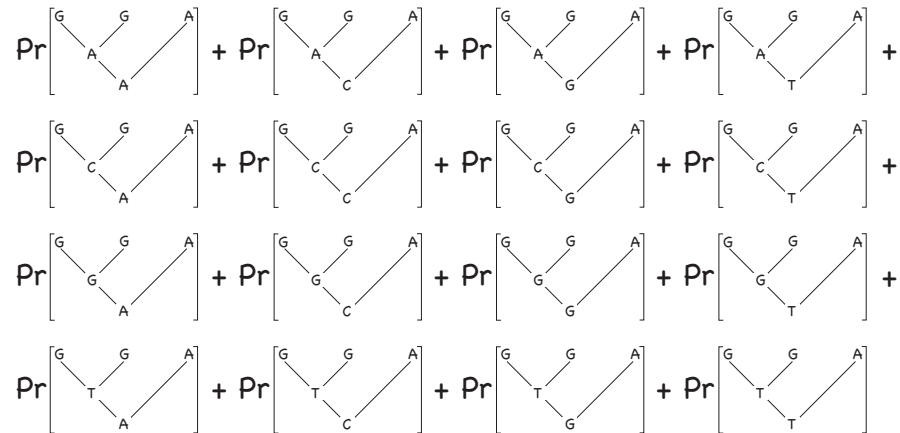


Our Data



# Likelihood of DNA sequence

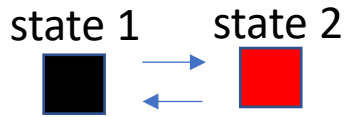
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#NEXUS
begin data;
  dimensions ntax=5 nchar=895;
  format gap=- datatype=dna;
  matrix
  Human   AAGCTTCACCGGCGCAGTCATTCTCATAATCGCCACGGACTT....AACCCAAACAACCCAGCTCTCCCTAAGCTT
  Chimpanzee AAGCTTCACCGGCGCAATTATCCTCATAATCGCCACGGACTT....AACCCAAACAACCCAGCTCTCCCTAAGCTT
  Gorilla   AAGCTTCACCGGCGAGTTGTTCTTATAATTGCCACGGACTT....AACCCAAACAATTCAACTCTCCCTAAGCTT
  ;
end;
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1. Calculate likelihood for each site
2. The likelihood of the entire DNA sequence is the product of the likelihoods for each site
3. Or the sum of the log likelihoods for each site

# Felsenstein's coding data at tips

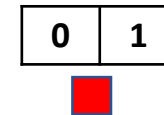
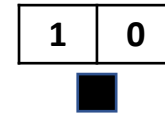
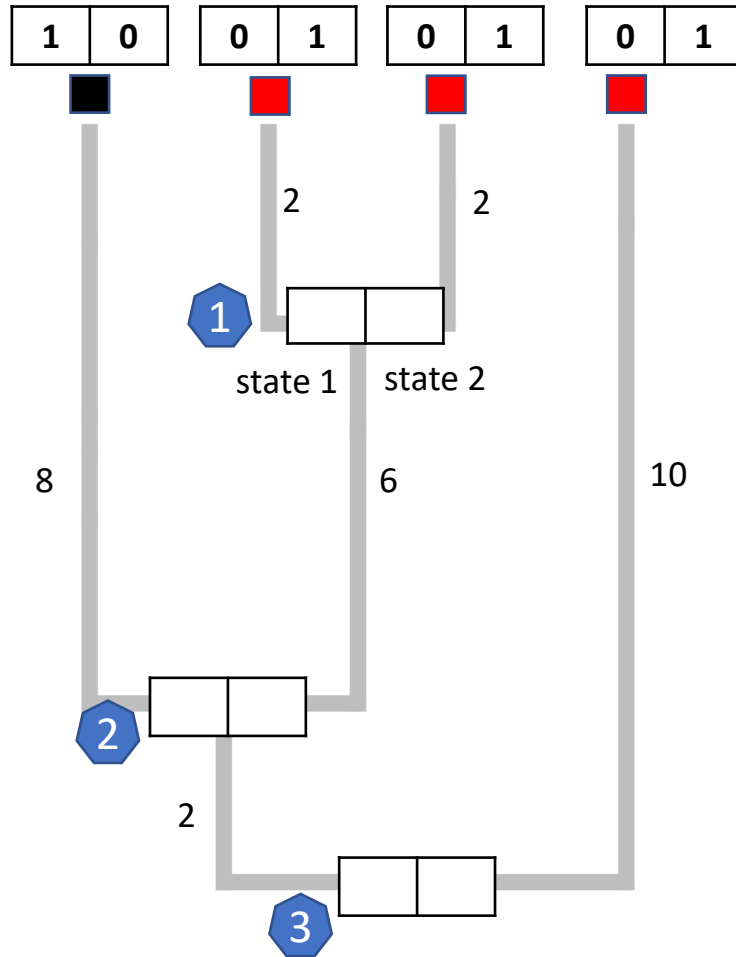
Given values:



$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



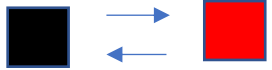
$$\pi = (1/2, 1/2)$$



# Felsenstein's pruning algorithm

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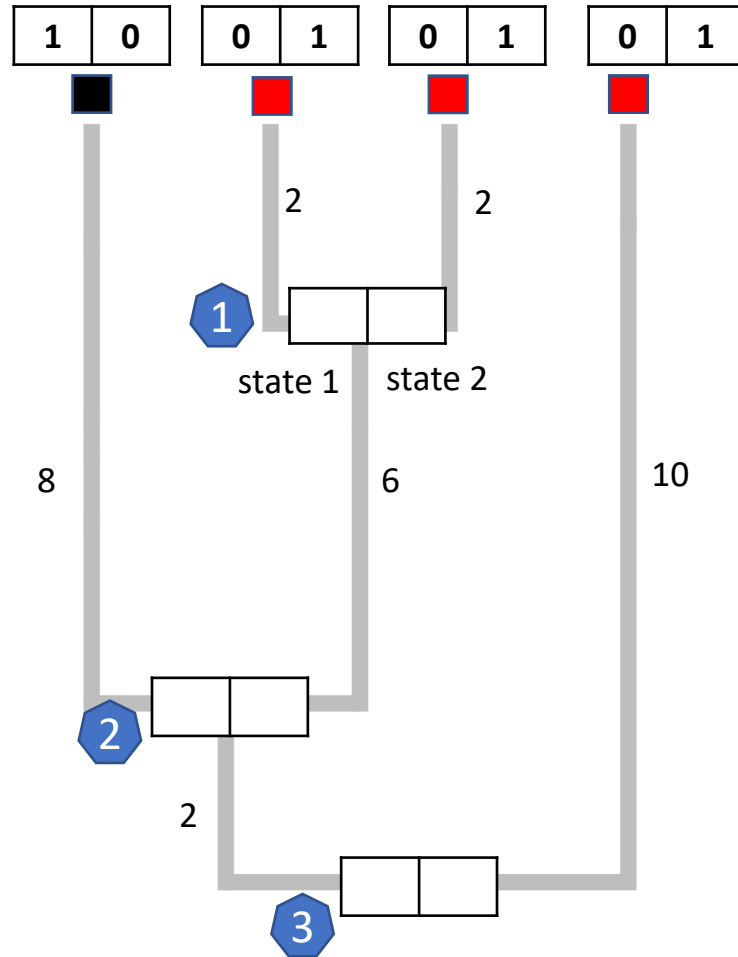
state 1      state 2



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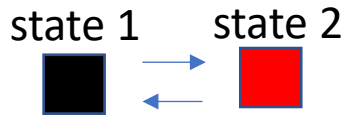


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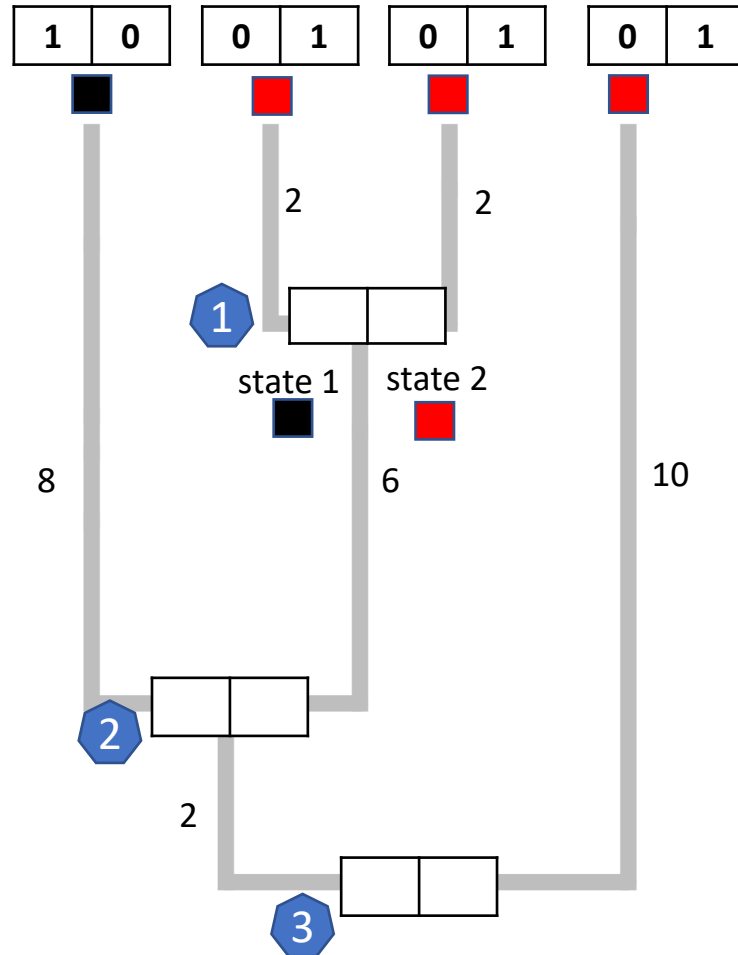
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Node 1

At state 1

$$\text{Left br. } e^{Q \cdot 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.34 \\ 0.66 & 0.34 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Right br. } e^{Q \cdot 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.34 \\ 0.66 & 0.34 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Pr}(N_1 \text{ at black}) = 0.34 * 0.34 = 0.12$$

At state 2

$$\text{Left br. } e^{Q \cdot 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.34 \\ 0.66 & 0.34 \end{bmatrix}$$

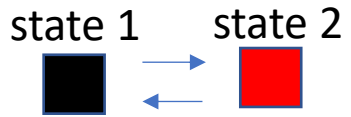
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$$\text{Pr}(N_1 \text{ at red}) = 0.34 * 0.34 = 0.12$$



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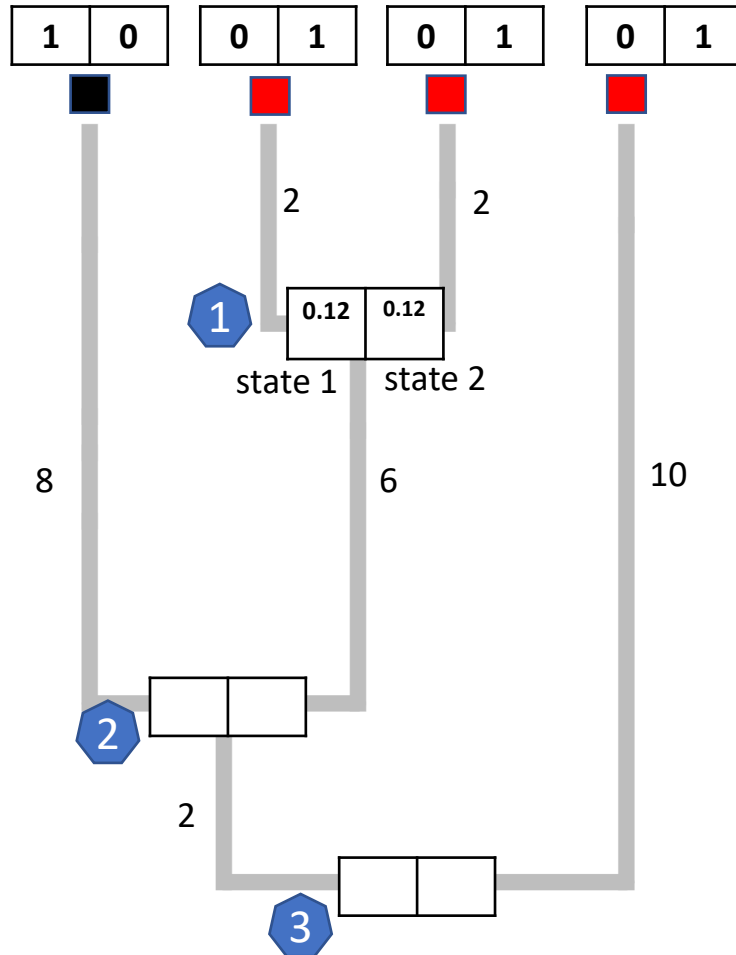
Given values:



$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



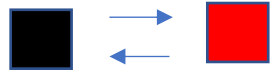
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# Felsenstein's pruning algorithm

Given values:

state 1      state 2

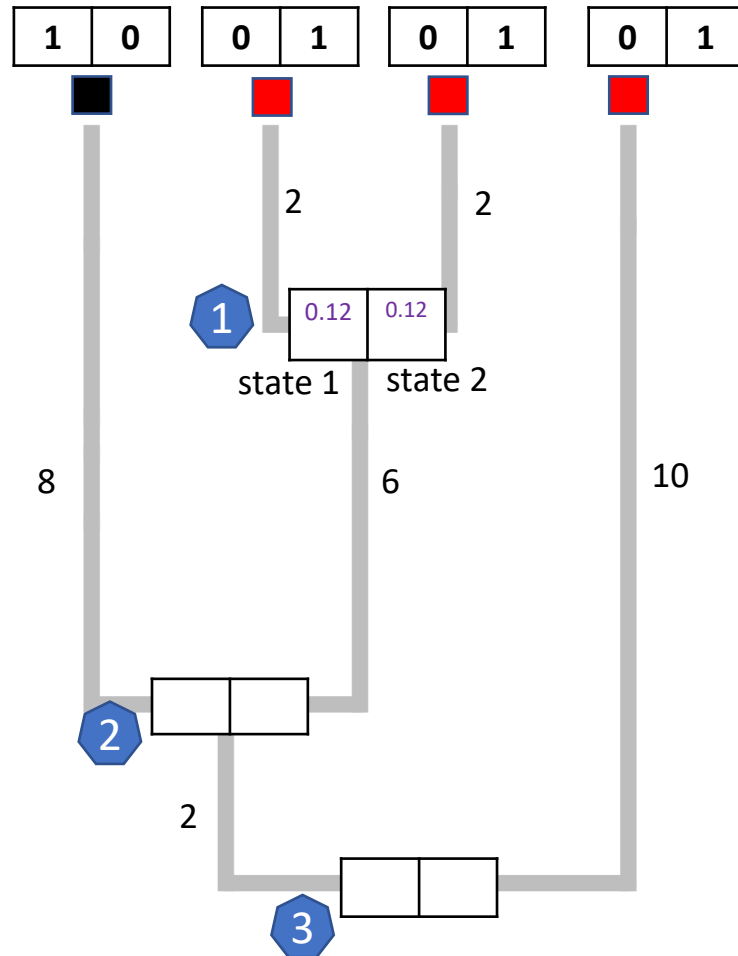


1	0	0	1
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$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\pi = (1/2, 1/2)$$



Node

2

At state 1

$$\text{Left br. } e^{Q \cdot 8} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.33 \\ 0.66 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Right br. } e^{Q \cdot 6} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.33 \\ 0.66 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Pr}(N_2 \text{ at black}) = 0.66 * (0.66 * 0.12 + 0.33 * 0.12) = 0.08$$

At state 2

$$\text{Left br. } e^{Q \cdot 8} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.33 \\ 0.66 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

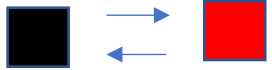
$$\text{Right br. } e^{Q \cdot 6} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.33 \\ 0.66 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Pr}(N_2 \text{ at red}) = 0.66 * (0.66 * 0.12 + 0.33 * 0.12) = 0.04$$

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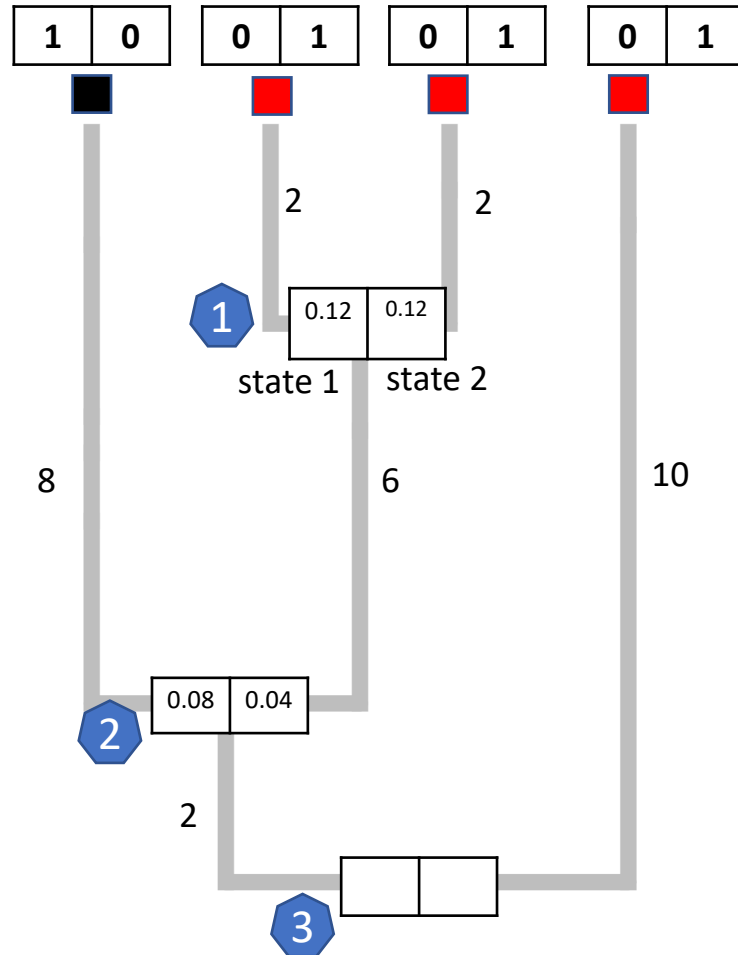
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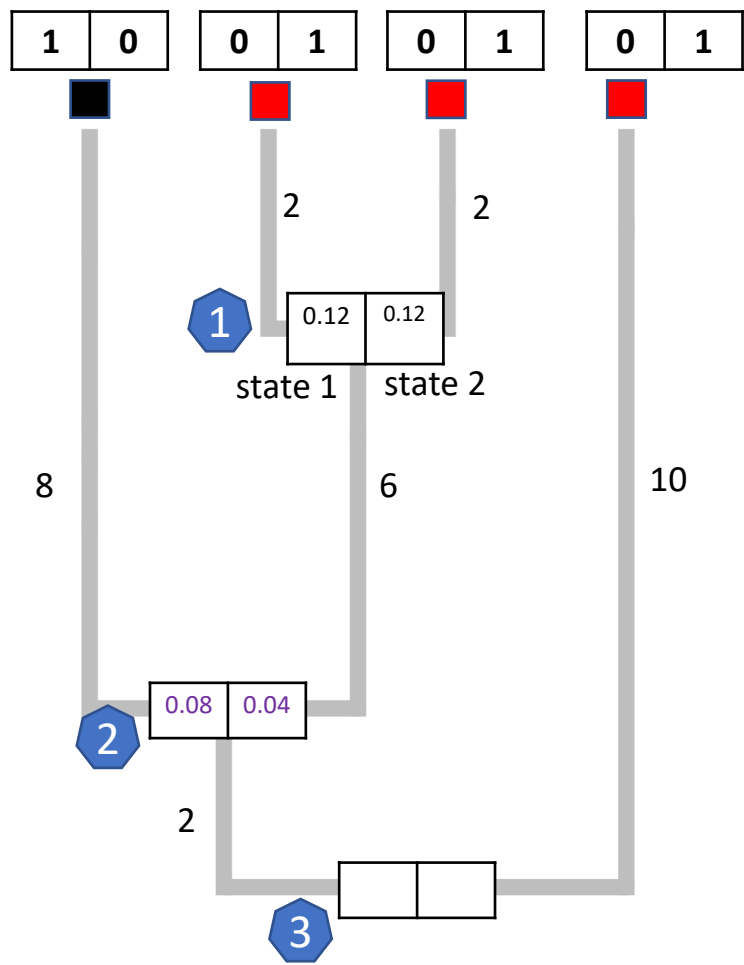
state 1 → state 2  
 state 2 → state 1

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Node 

Left br.  $e^{Q*2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.34 \\ 0.66 & 0.34 \end{bmatrix}$

Right br.  $e^{Q*10} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.33 \\ 0.66 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$

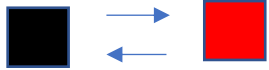
Pr( $N_3$  at **black**) =  
 $(0.08*0.66+0.04*0.34)*0.33=0.02$

Pr( $N_3$  at **red**)=  
 $(0.08*0.66+0.04*0.34)*0.33=0.02$

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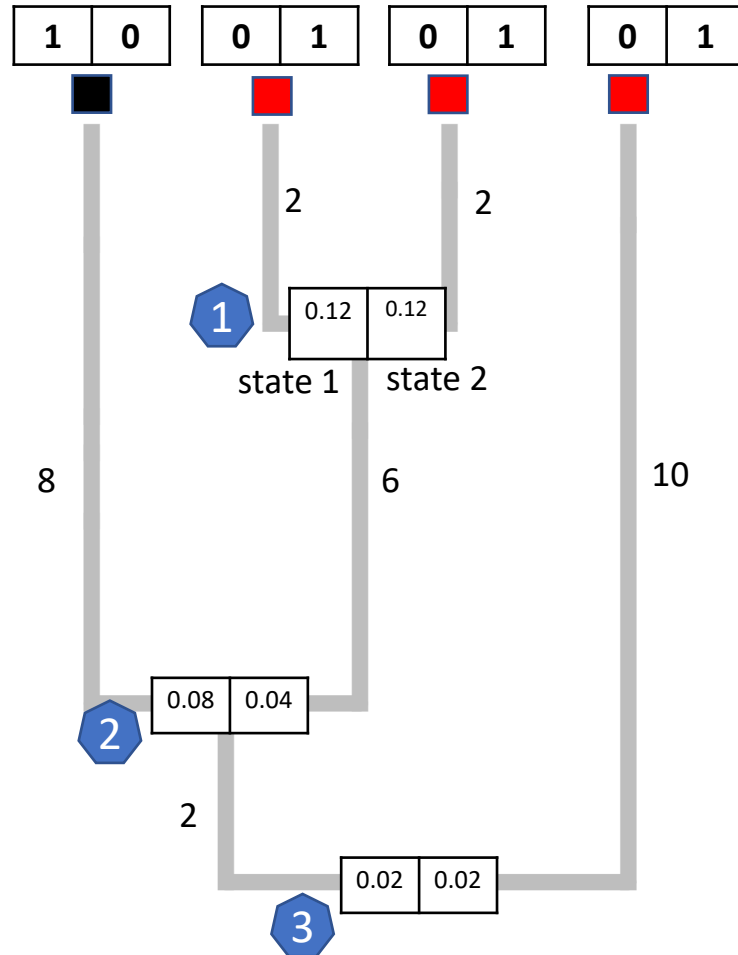
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**Likelihood (at the root):**

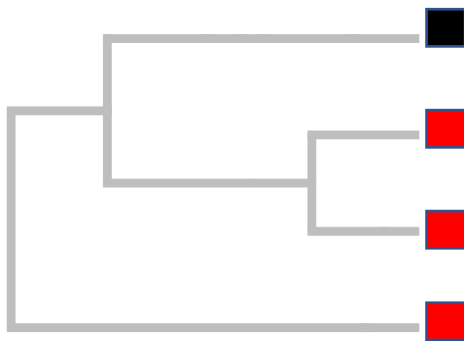
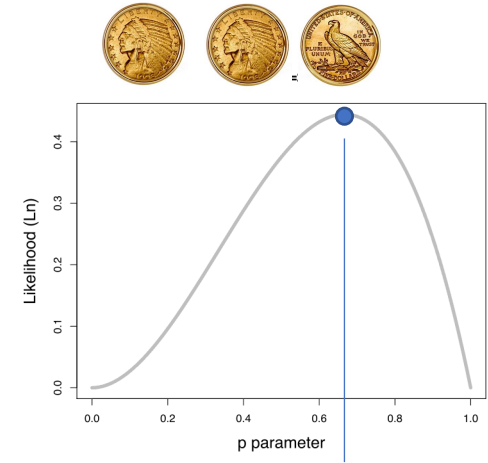
$$L(\text{tree}) = \text{Pr}(\text{black}) * \pi_1 + \text{Pr}(\text{red}) * \pi_2 = 0.02 * 1/2 + 0.02 * 1/2 = \mathbf{0.02}$$

**Log Likelihood:**

$$\ln(0.02) = \mathbf{-3.91}$$

# Maximum Likelihood

Find those values of the following parameters that maximize the likelihood function:



Topology and branch lengths

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & -\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

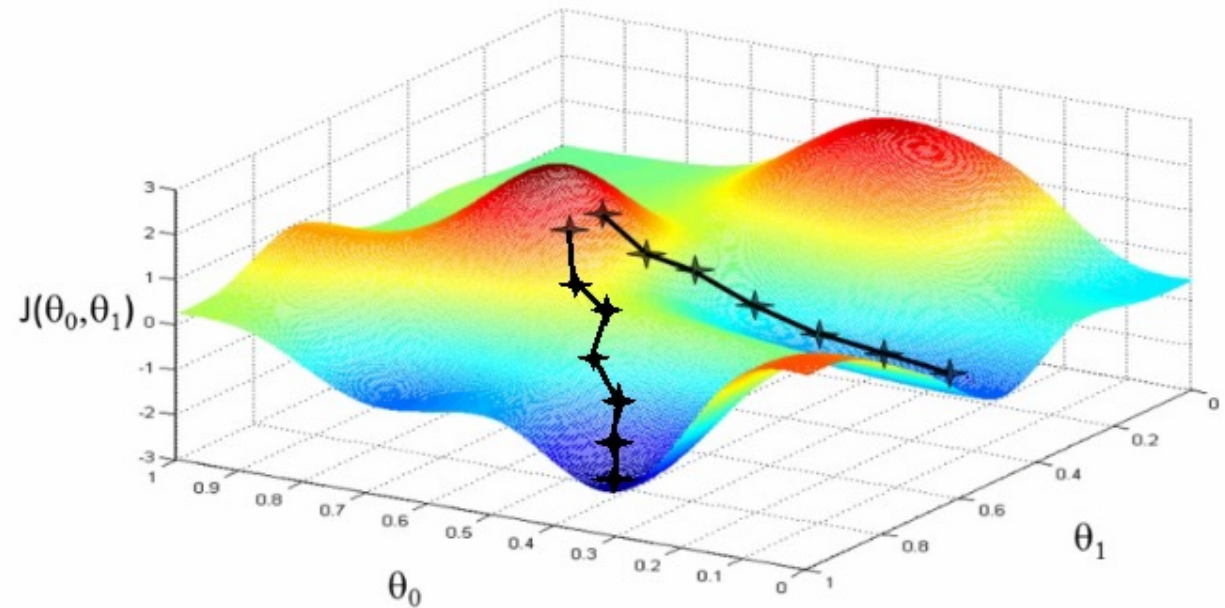
Rates of the rate matrix

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2)$$

Initial vector at the root of tree

# Gradient – ascent algorithm to find a maximum of the likelihood function

1. Start with some initial values
2. Calculate the slope near the neighborhood of the initial values
3. Move along the direction of steepest ascent
4. Maximum is achieved when the slope is zero



# Models of DNA evolution

- GTR (Generalised time-reversible model) model (Tavaré 1986)

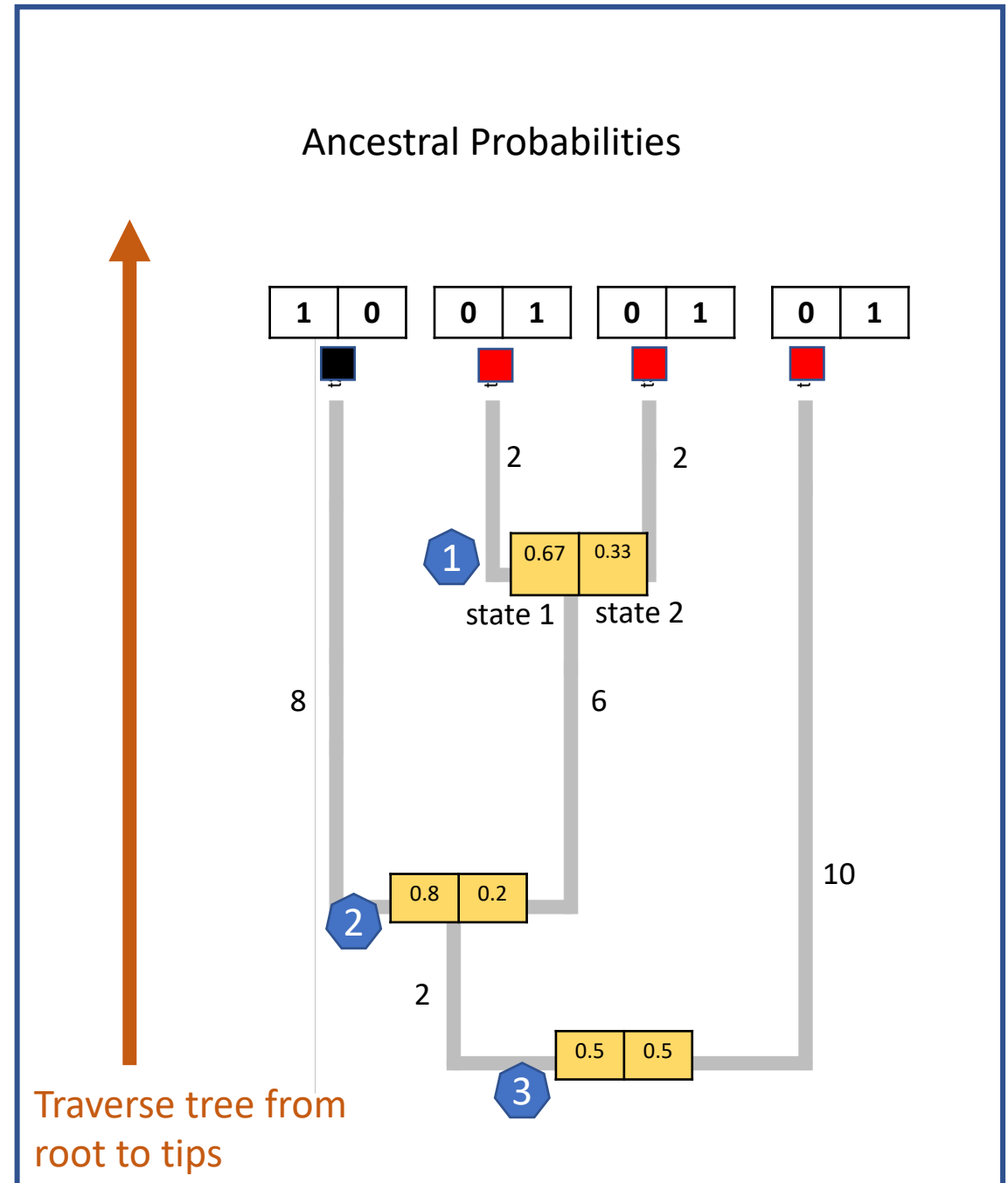
10 parameters

$$Q = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{A} & \text{G} & \text{C} & \text{T} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} \text{A} \\ \text{G} \\ \text{C} \\ \text{T} \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} -(\alpha\pi_G + \beta\pi_C + \gamma\pi_T) & \alpha\pi_G & \beta\pi_C & \gamma\pi_T \\ \alpha\pi_A & -(\alpha\pi_A + \delta\pi_C + \epsilon\pi_T) & \delta\pi_C & \epsilon\pi_T \\ \beta\pi_A & \delta\pi_G & -(\beta\pi_A + \delta\pi_G + \eta\pi_T) & \eta\pi_T \\ \gamma\pi_A & \epsilon\pi_G & \eta\pi_C & -(\gamma\pi_A + \epsilon\pi_G + \eta\pi_C) \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\pi_A \neq \pi_G \neq \pi_C \neq \pi_T$$

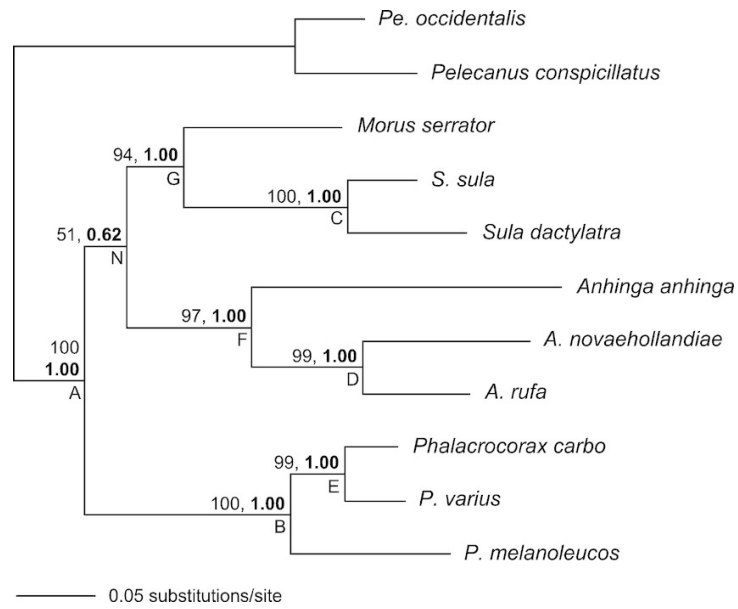


# Ancestral state reconstruction

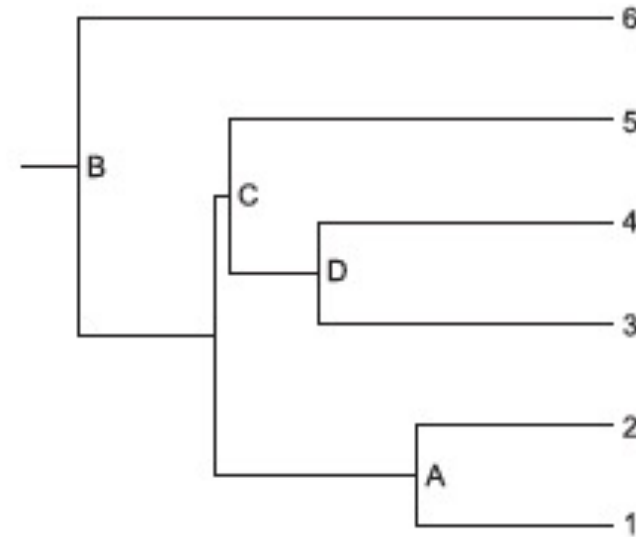


# Note the units for the branch length

- ML trees are not ultrametric
- The branch length indicates the the expected number of changes per site/state over time



Units are the expected number of changes



Units are the time

# Summary

- We have derived a discrete state Markov model from Binomial distribution
- Discrete state Markov model is the core of almost all phylogenetic approaches that use different type of data (morphology, DNA, proteins, etc.)
- We learnt how infer parameters of Markov model using Felsenstein's pruning algorithm

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- Time-homogeneous vs. time-inhomogeneous

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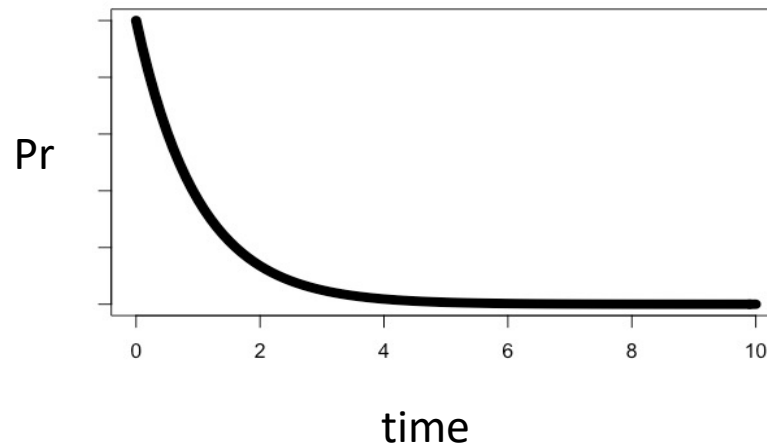
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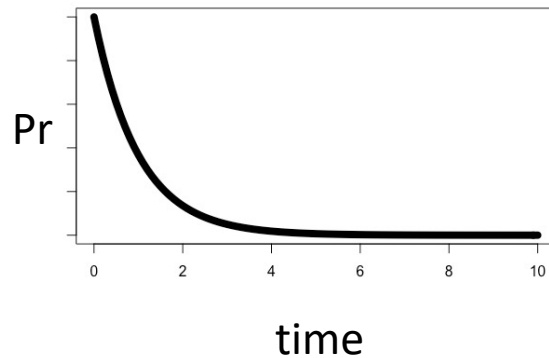
$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{\mathbf{Q} * 0.1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.91 & 0.09 \\ 0.17 & 0.83 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} e^{\mathbf{Q} * 0.1} = (0.54, 0.46)$$

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**Initial vector is at equilibrium**

$$e^{Q*10} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.33 \\ 0.66 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{Q*20} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.66 & 0.33 \\ 0.66 & 0.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\pi$$
$$(0.66, 0.33) * e^{Q*0.1} = (0.66, 0.33)$$



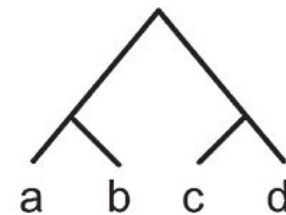
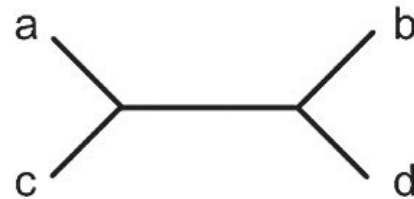
# Time-reversibility

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & -\beta \end{bmatrix} \quad \pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2)$$

Markov model is time-reversible if  $\pi_1 \alpha = \pi_2 \beta$

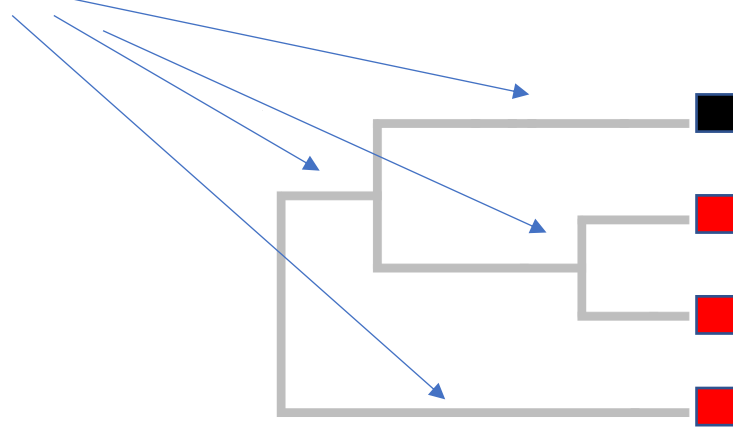
# Why time-reversibility and equilibrium frequencies are important

- All models of the GTR family are time-reversible and have initial vector at equilibrium
  - They allow to express branch lengths in the expected number of changes per site/state per unit of time
  - They allow working with unrooted trees when calculating likelihood as the likelihood is the same irrespective the placement of the root. Rooted trees require additional parameters.



# Time-homogeneous vs. time-inhomogeneous

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & -\beta \end{bmatrix}$$



Time homogeneous Markov model means that  $Q$  is constant (=same rates) over time

# Non-time-homogeneous and non-stationary models

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## Inferring the Root of a Phylogenetic Tree

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*Abstract.*—Phylogenetic trees can be rooted by a number of criteria. Here, we introduce a Bayesian method for inferring the root of a phylogenetic tree by using one of several criteria: the outgroup, molecular clock, and nonreversible model of DNA substitution. We perform simulation analyses to examine the relative ability of these three criteria to correctly identify the root of the tree. The outgroup and molecular clock criteria were best able to identify the root of the tree, whereas the nonreversible model was able to identify the root only when the substitution process was highly nonreversible. We also examined the performance of the criteria for a tree of four species for which the topology and root position are well supported. Results of the analyses of these data are consistent with the simulation results. [Bayesian estimation; hierarchical Bayes; nonreversible models; outgroup; rooting.]

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## Fitting Nonstationary General-Time-Reversible Models to Obtain Edge-Lengths and Frequencies for the Barry–Hartigan Model

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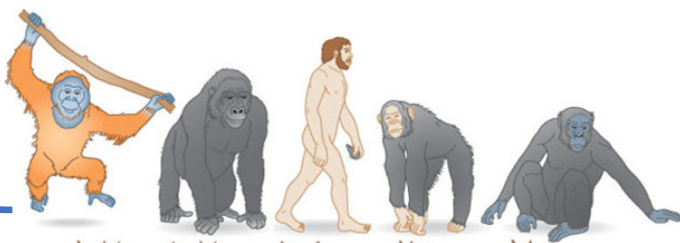
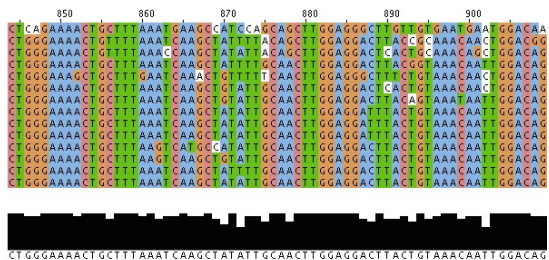
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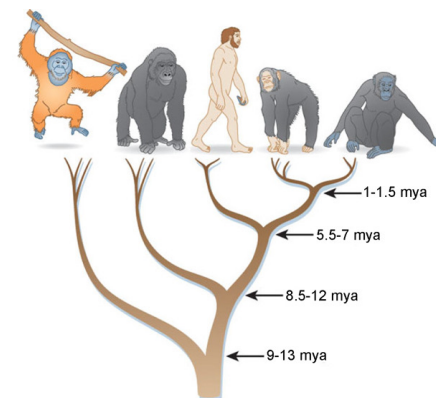


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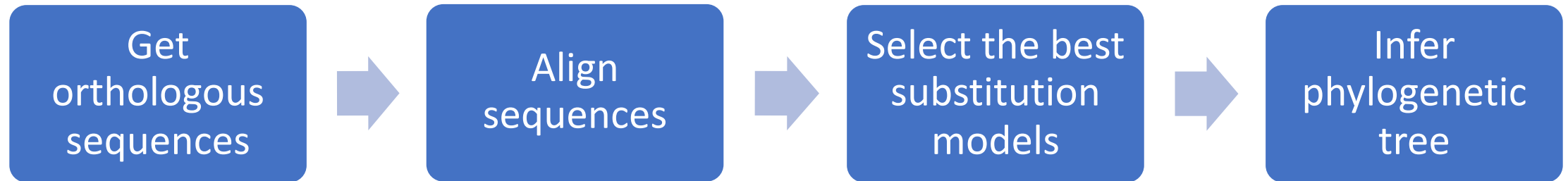
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# The workflow for tree reconstruction using molecules



# Quick Demo

- Phylogeny of dung beetle genus *Helictopleurus* using COI

