# Tutorial 6. Molecular Phylogenetics

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## Agenda

- Phylogenetic tree reconstruction:
  - Given a set of DNA/protein sequences
  - Construct a tree that most likely refers to historical evolutionary events
    - Distance-based methods:
      - Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic mean (UPGMA)
      - Neighbor Joining (NJ)
    - Sequence-based methods:
      - Maximum parsimony
      - Maximum likelihood

## Solving the problem: Ideas

- What do you do when you encounter a computationally hard problem?
  - Define an easier version of the problem
    - By making certain assumptions
  - Design smart algorithms/data structures to avoid redundant calculations
  - Use heuristics to solve it, not necessarily getting the optimal solution

### UPGMA

- Algorithm:
  - Compute the distance between each pair of sequences (distance matrix)
  - Treat each sequence as a cluster
  - Merge the two closest clusters and update the distance matrix.
    - The distance between two clusters is the average distance between all their sequences:

$$d(C_i, C_j) = \frac{1}{|C_i| |C_j|} \sum_{r \in C_i, s \in C_j} d(r, s)$$

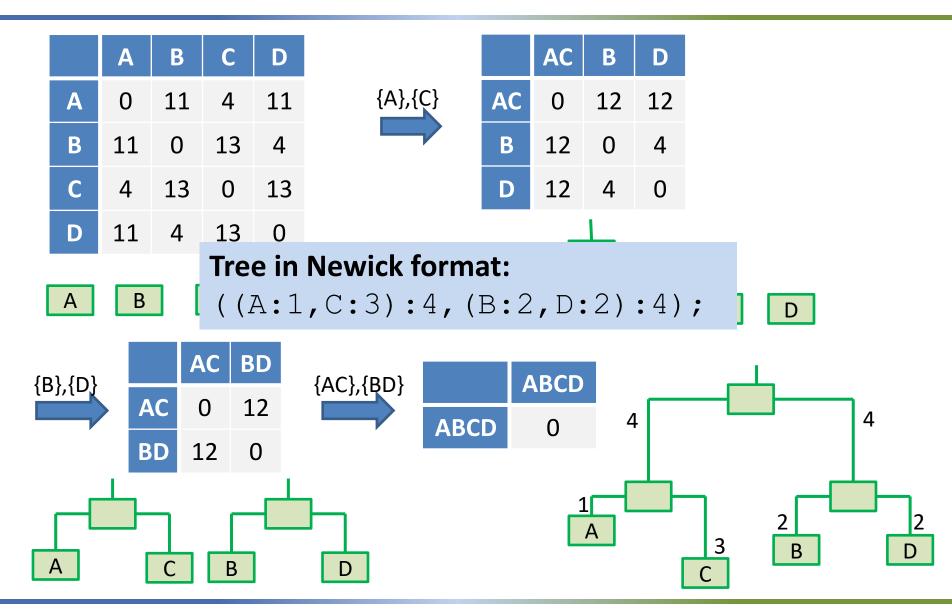
- Repeat previous steps until only one cluster is left

#### Exercise: UPGMA

- Given the distance matrix, construct the phylogenetic tree using UPGMA algorithm. Calculate the branch lengths (the tree is additive) and represent the tree in Newick format.
- Note: we will specify if we want the branch length in the question.

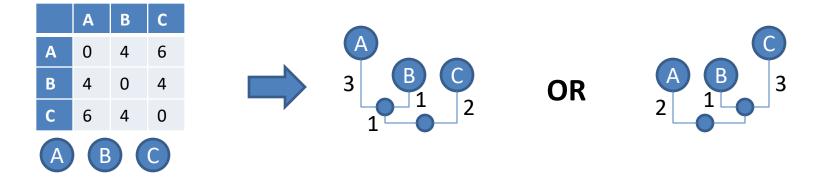
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Α	0	11	4	11
В	11	0	13	4
С	4	13	0	13
D	11	4	13	0

#### Answer: UPGMA



## Introduction to Neighbour Joining

- Problems with UPGMA
  - Hard to assign branch length
  - Not always unique



- Idea of Neighbour Joining
  - Merge some species that are relatively close to each other and distant from the other species

## **Neighbor Joining**

- Repeat the following steps until all branch lengths are assigned
  - Find two sets connected to hub with minimum Q, say set  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  (given r = the current number of clusters)  $u(C_x) = \sum_y d(C_x, C_y) \qquad Q(i, j) = (r-2)d(C_i, C_j) - u(C_i) - u(C_j)$ - Insert an internal node  $C_k$  connecting  $C_i$ ,  $C_j$  and the hub
  - Compute the distances with following equations:

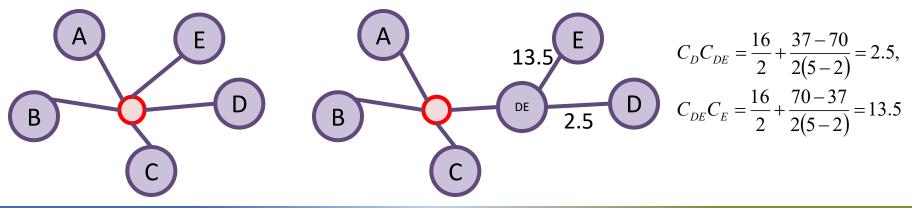
$$d(C_i, C_k) = \frac{d(C_i, C_j)}{2} + \frac{u(C_i) - u(C_j)}{2(r-2)} \qquad d(C_j, C_k) = \frac{d(C_i, C_j)}{2} + \frac{u(C_j) - u(C_i)}{2(r-2)}$$
$$d(C_l, C_k) = \frac{d(C_i, C_l) + d(C_j, C_l) - d(C_i, C_j)}{2}$$

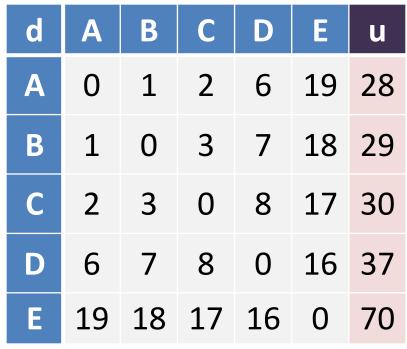
### **Exercise 4: Neighbor Joining**

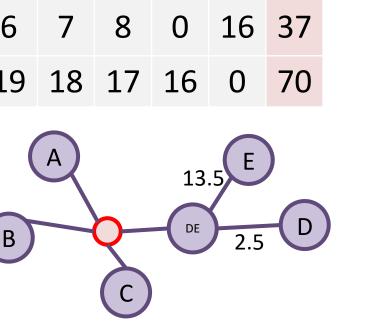
 Construct the phylogenetic tree with the following distance matrix using neighbor joining algorithm.

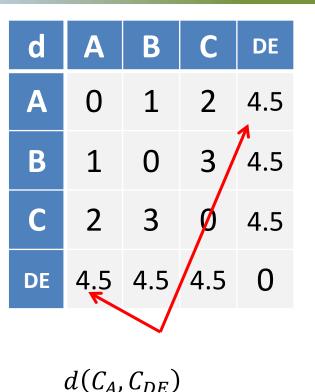








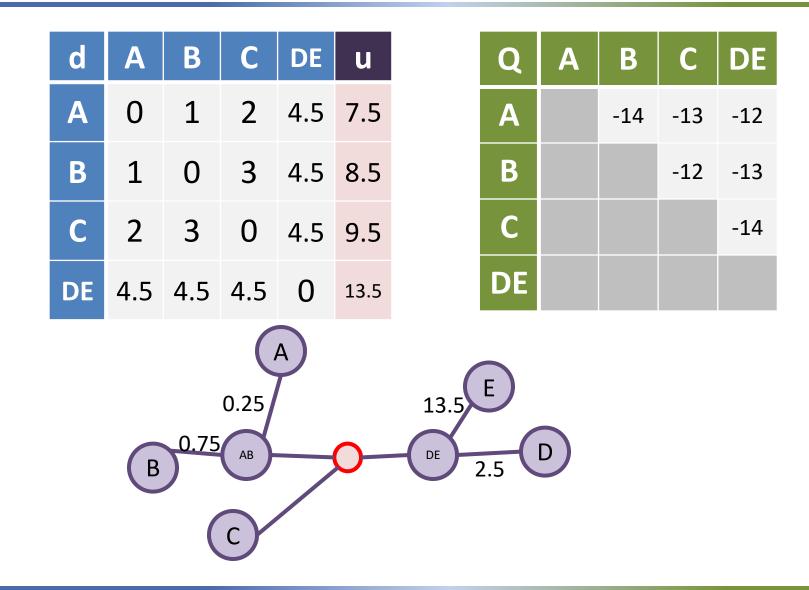




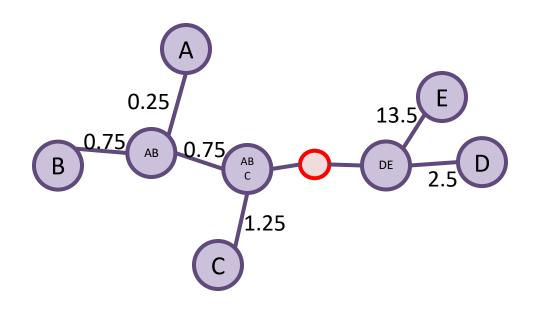
$$=\frac{d(C_D,C_A)+d(C_E,C_A)-d(C_D,C_E)}{2}$$

$$=\frac{6+19-16}{2}=4.5$$

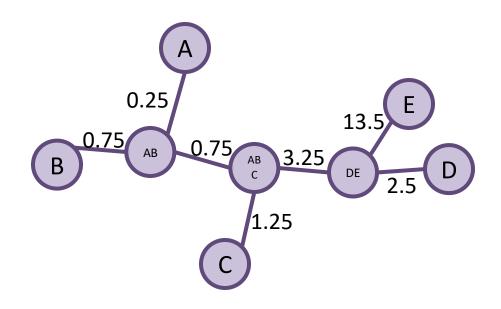
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AB	0	2	4	6	AB		-10.5	-10.5
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DE	4	4.5	0	8.5	DE			



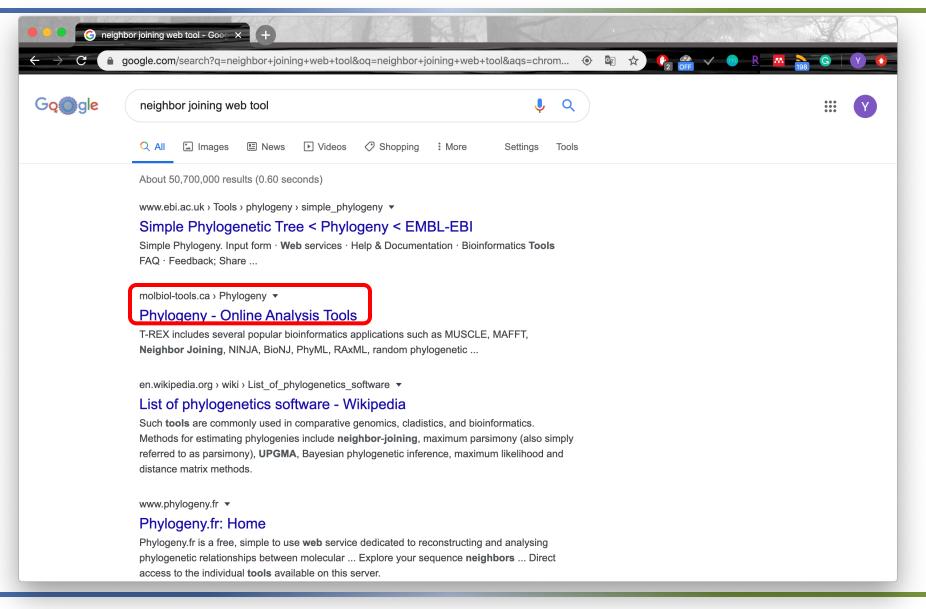
d	ABC	DE
ABC	0	3.25
DE	3.25	0



#### Demonstration: Neighbor Joining

- Find a web tool to perform Neighbor Joining using the distance matrix in the previous exercise.
- Compare the tree constructed manually in the previous exercise with the one produced by the web tool.

### Step 1: find the tool



### Step 2: select the tool

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• <u>FastME</u> provides distance algorithms to infer phylogenies. FastME is based on balanced minimum evolution, which is the vi FastME improves over NJ by performing topological moves using fast, sophisticated algorithms. The first version of FastME on Neighbor Interchange (NNI). The new 2.0 version also includes Subtree Pruning and Regrafting (SPR), while remaining as fast as number of facilities: distance estimation for DNA and proteins with various models and options, bootstrapping, and parallel comput Lefort V. et al. Molecular Biology & Evolution <b>32(10)</b> : 2798-800, 2015).	ly included Neare NJ and providing	əst ga
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• ProtTest (David Posada, University of Vigo, Spain) - estimates the empirical model of aminoacid substitution that fits the da candidate models. PROTTEST calculates AIC, AICc and BIC values, and obtain a rank of model fits, model-averaged param measures of parameter importance. Mac OSX, Windows and Linux versions are available for downloading.		
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• <u>POWER</u> (PhylOgenetic Web Repeater) - allows users to carry out phylogenetic analysis on most programs of PHYLIP p POWER provide two pipelines to process the analysis. One of them includes multiple sequence alignment (MSA) at the begin whereas the other begin phylogenetic analysis with aligned sequence. Very user friendly. (Reference: C. X. Lin, et al. 2005, N	ning of the pipeli	ne

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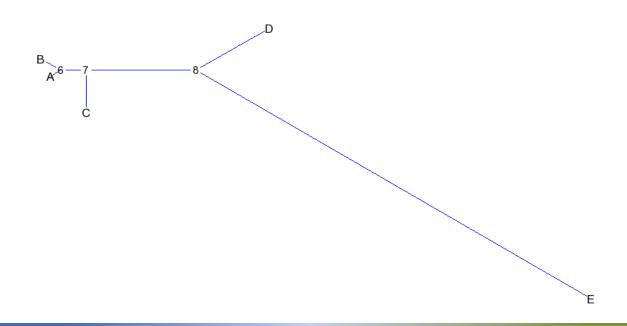
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## The Phylip format

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### Step 4: show the results

- Tree in the Newick format:
  - (D:2.5000,E:13.5000,(C:1.2500,(A:0.3333,B:0.6667):0.750 0):3.2500);
  - Note: the above Newick format is for the tree rooted at node "8".



### Comparison

• The tree produced by the web tool is almost the same as the one constructed manually.

- There are some possible reasons if the results are different:
  - Different ways to break ties
  - Different formulas used in the web tool

### Maximum parsimony

- Rational:
  - Mutations are rare
  - A tree is likely to be true if it involves few mutations
- "Small parsimony" problem:
  - Sequences at the leaf nodes and the rooted tree structure are given
  - Find the <u>ancestral sequences</u>
  - Note: if the tree structure is not known, the problem is NP hard

### Maximum parsimony

	Large parsimony	Small parsimony
Observed sequences	Given	Given
Ancestral sequences	Need to work out	Need to work out
Tree topology	Need to work out	Given
Number of mutations	Minimum among all tree topologies	Minimum subject to the given tree topology
Algorithms	No efficient algorithms known (NP hard)	Simple version, extended version

## Small parsimony (simple version)

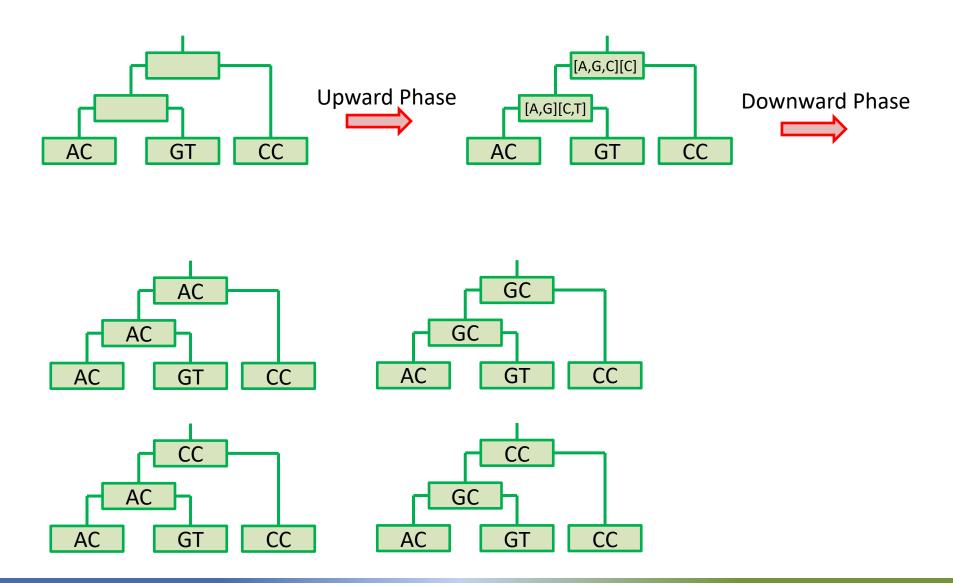
• Upward Phase:

$$\begin{split} &- \text{ If } S_{\text{left-child}} \cap S_{\text{right-child}} = \{ \}, \\ & \text{ then } S_{\text{current}} \leftarrow S_{\text{left-child}} \cup S_{\text{right-child}} \\ &- \text{ If } S_{\text{left-child}} \cap S_{\text{right-child}} \neq \{ \}, \\ & \text{ then } S_{\text{current}} \leftarrow S_{\text{left-child}} \cap S_{\text{right-child}} \end{split}$$

• Downward Phase:

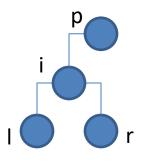
$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{root}} \gets \mathsf{any} \ \mathsf{one} \ \mathsf{in} \ \mathsf{S}_{\mathsf{root}} \\ & - \mathsf{lf} \ \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{parent}} \in \mathsf{S}_{\mathsf{current}} \ \mathsf{then} \ \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{current}} \gets \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{parent}} \\ & - \mathsf{lf} \ \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{parent}} \notin \mathsf{S}_{\mathsf{current}} \ \mathsf{then} \ \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{current}} \gets \mathsf{any} \ \mathsf{one} \ \mathsf{in} \ \mathsf{S}_{\mathsf{current}} \end{split}$$

## Example: small parsimony (simple version)



## Small parsimony (extended version)

- Upward Phase (same as before):
  - $If S_{left-child} \cap S_{right-child} = \{ \}, \\ then S_{current} \leftarrow S_{left-child} \cup S_{right-child} \\ If S_{left-child} \cap S_{right-child} \neq \{ \}, \\ then S_{current} \leftarrow S_{left-child} \cap S_{right-child} \\ \end{array}$

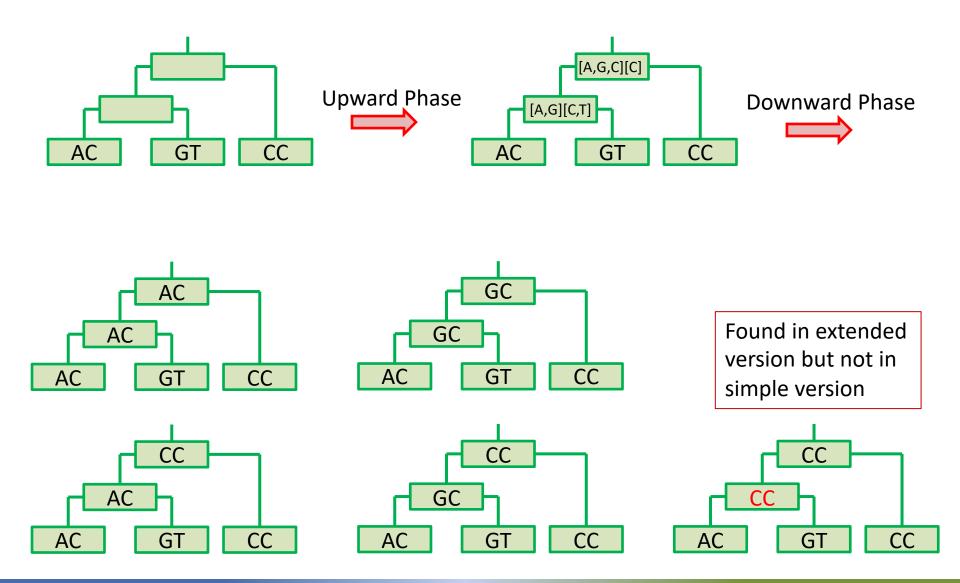


• Downward Phase (majority vote):

In turn,  $C_{root} \leftarrow one in S_{root}$ 

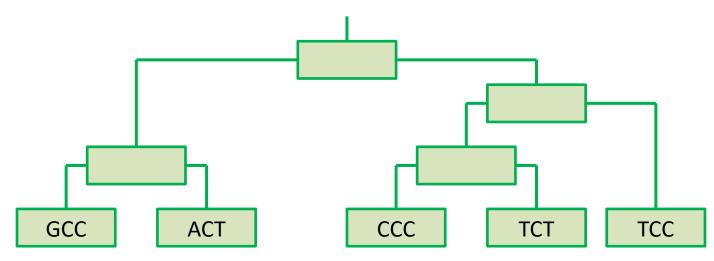
- Compare the characters in {C $_{parent}$ }, S $_{child1}$ , and S $_{child2}$  and find those having the most appearances
- In turn, choose one to be C<sub>current</sub>

#### Example: small parsimony (extended version)



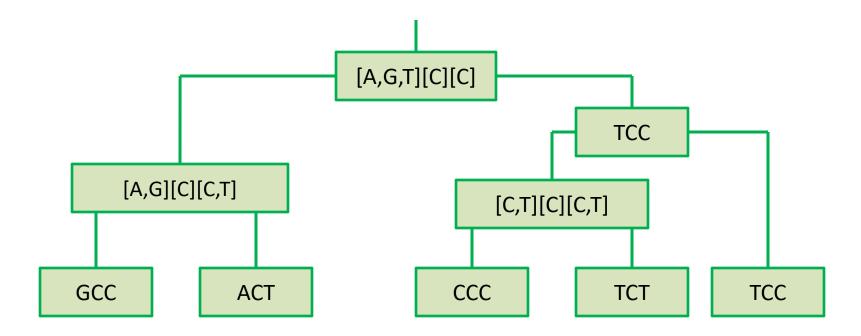
### Exercise 1: Small parsimony

- You are given the following tree topology. Considering each site independently, find:
  - the ancestral sequences such that the number of mutations is minimum, using both simple and extended versions;
  - the optimal number of mutations.



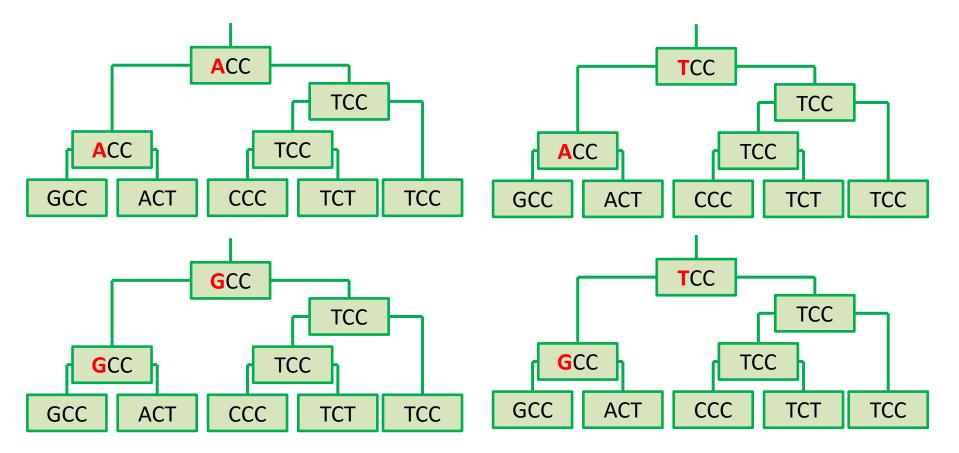
#### Answer: Small parsimony

• Upward phase



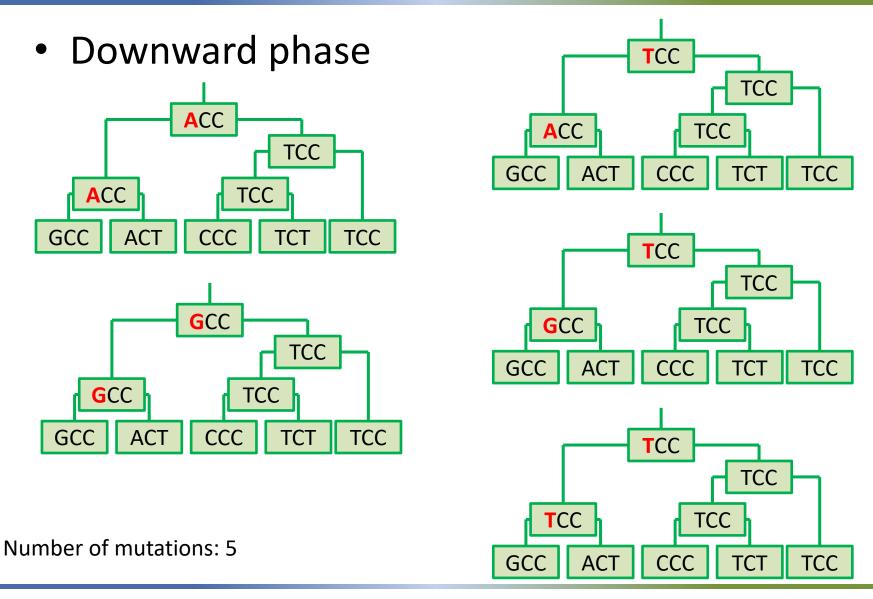
#### Answer: Small parsimony (simple version)

Downward phase



Number of mutations: 5

#### Answer: Small parsimony (extended version)



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## Maximum likelihood

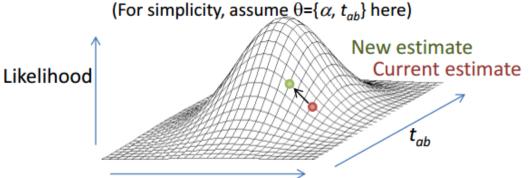
- Maximum likelihood: find parameters (θ) of a model such that the probability of having the observed data under this model, Pr(X|θ), is maximized.
- Small likelihood problem:
  - Tree topology is given
  - Find the mutation rates and divergence times
  - There are effective heuristic methods

## Maximum likelihood

	Large likelihood	Small likelihood
Observed sequences	Given	Given
Ancestral sequences	Consider all possible cases	Consider all possible cases
Time of divergence	Need to work out	Need to work out
Mutation rate	Need to work out	Need to work out
Tree topology	Need to work out	Given
Likelihood	Maximum among all tree topologies	Maximum subject to the given tree topology
Algorithms	No efficient algorithms known (NP hard)	Effective heuristic methods

## Small likelihood

- We try different time of divergence and mutation rates, and change them a little bit each iteration
- After many trials, the likelihood will converge to some local (possibly global) maximum

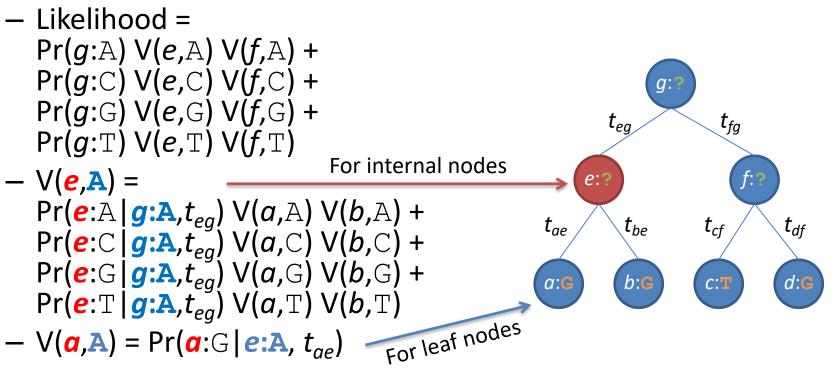


- Key points:
  - Evaluate likelihood given time of divergence and mutation rate using dynamic programming
  - Compare the value of likelihood

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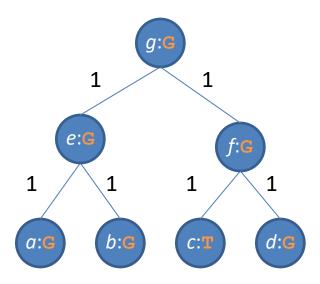
## Computing likelihood [Optional]

- Define table V, where entry V(*i*,*x*) is the likelihood of the sub-tree rooted at *i* when the parent of *i* takes character *x*
- Example:



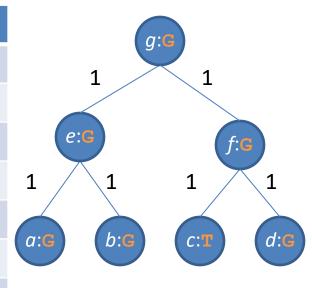
## Exercise: Computing Likelihood [Optional]

 Using Jukes-Cantor model with mutation rate = 0.01, divergence time are drawn on the branches of the tree. Assume the probability of having A, C, G and T are equal (0.25) for the sequence g. Calculate the likelihood of the tree.



## Answer: Computing Likelihood [Optional]

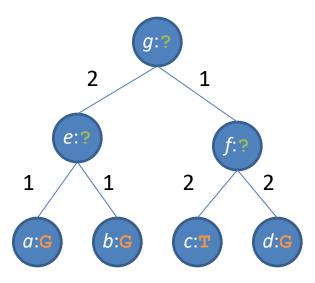
Node	Likelihood
а	$v_a = 0.97$
b	<i>v<sub>b</sub></i> = 0.97
С	<i>v<sub>c</sub></i> = 0.01
d	<i>v<sub>d</sub></i> = 0.97
е	$v_e = (0.97)v_a v_b = (0.97)(0.97)(0.97) = 0.912673$
f	$v_f = (0.97)v_c v_d = (0.97)(0.01)(0.97) = 0.009409$
g	$v_g = (0.25)v_e v_f = (0.25)(0.912673)(0.009409)$ = 0.00214683506



A Particular Case	Probability
1 mutation	0.01
1 no change	0.97

## Exercise: Likelihood [Optional]

 Given that mutation rate = 0.1, divergence time are drawn on the branches of the tree. Assume the probability of having A, C, G, or T are equal for the sequence g, using Jukes-Cantor model, find the likelihood of this tree.



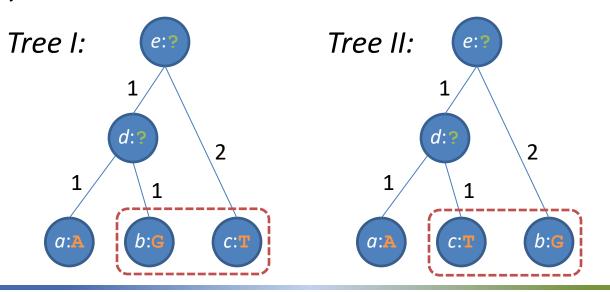
## Exercise: Likelihood [Optional]

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## Example: Comparison of Likelihood [Optional]

Given that transition rate = 0.1, transversion rate = 0.01, divergence time are drawn on the branches of the tree. Assume the probability of having A, T, C, and G are 0.2, 0.2, 0.3 and 0.3 respectively for the sequence *e*. Using Kimura two-parameter model, determine which tree is more likely.



### Example: Comparison of Likelihood [Optional]

X	А	с	G	т	Tree	e  :
V(a,X)	0.88	0.01	0.1	0.01		
V( <i>b,X</i> )	0.1	0.01	0.88	0.01		
V( <i>c,X</i> )	2(0.01)(0.88) +2(0.1)(0.01) = 0.0196	2(0.1)(0.88) +2(0.01)(0.01) = 0.1762	2(0.01)(0.88) +2(0.1)(0.01) = 0.0196	(0.88)(0.88) +2(0.01)(0.01) +(0.1)(0.1) = 0.7846	1	e:?
V( <i>d</i> ,X)	(0.88)(0.88)(0.1) + $(0.01)(0.01)(0.01)$ + $(0.1)(0.1)(0.88)$ + $(0.01)(0.01)(0.01)$ = 0.086242	+(0.01)(0.1)(0.88)	(0.1)(0.88)(0.1) + $(0.01)(0.01)(0.01)$ + $(0.88)(0.1)(0.88)$ + $(0.01)(0.01)(0.01)$ = 0.086242	(0.01)(0.88)(0.1) + $(0.1)(0.01)(0.01)$ + $(0.01)(0.1)(0.88)$ + $(0.88)(0.01)(0.01)$ = 0.001858	d: 1 a:A	2 1 c:T
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		A Particular Case	Probability	1 transversion + 1	no change	(0.01)(0.88)
	1	transition (A<->G, C<->	T) 0.1	2 transitions		(0.1)(0.1)
1 t		transversion	0.01	2 transversions		(0.01)(0.01)
	1	no change	0.88	2 no changes		(0.88)(0.88)

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## Example: Comparison of Likelihood [Optional]

x	А	С	G	т	Tree II:			
V(a,X)	0.88	0.01	0.1	0.01				
V( <i>c</i> , <i>X</i> )	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.88				
V( <i>b,X</i> )	2(0.1)(0.88) +2(0.01)(0.01) = 0.1762	2(0.01)(0.88) +2(0.1)(0.01) = 0.0196	(0.88)(0.88) +2(0.01)(0.01) +(0.1)(0.1) = 0.7846	2(0.01)(0.88) +2(0.1)(0.01) = 0.0196				
V( <i>d,X</i> )	(0.88)(0.88)(0.01) + $(0.01)(0.01)(0.1)$ + $(0.1)(0.1)(0.01)$ + $(0.01)(0.01)(0.88)$ = $0.007942$	(0.01)(0.88)(0.01) + $(0.88)(0.01)(0.1)$ + $(0.01)(0.1)(0.01)$ + $(0.1)(0.01)(0.88)$ = 0.001858	(0.1)(0.88)(0.01) + $(0.01)(0.01)(0.1)$ + $(0.88)(0.1)(0.01)$ + $(0.01)(0.01)(0.88)$ = 0.001858	(0.01)(0.88)(0.01) + $(0.1)(0.01)(0.1)$ + $(0.01)(0.1)(0.01)$ + $(0.88)(0.01)(0.88)$ = $0.007942$	d:? 2 1 1 2 1 b:G			
Likelihood = $(0.2)(0.007942)(0.1762)$								

A Particular Case	Probability
1 transition + 1 transversion	(0.1)(0.01)
1 transition + 1 no change	(0.1)(0.88)
1 transversion + 1 no change	(0.01)(0.88)
2 transitions	(0.1)(0.1)
2 transversions	(0.01)(0.01)
2 no changes	(0.88)(0.88)

Previously.	Likelihood	of Tree I =	0.00123494284
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+(0.2)(0.007942)(0.0196) = 0.0007592698

So, Tree I is more likely than Tree II.

+(0.3)(0.001858)(0.0196)

+(0.3)(0.001858)(0.7846)

## Check list

- What are the beliefs in maximum parsimony?
- What are the differences between the simple version and extended version of parsimony algorithm?
- What are the similarities and differences among the four phylogenetic tree reconstruction algorithms (i.e., maximum parsimony, maximum likelihood, UPGMA, Neighbor-joining)?