

CS 364
COMPUTATIONAL
BIOLOGY

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Outline

- Recap UPGMA algorithm
- Neighbor Joining algorithm (start)
- Begin: midterm review

3 handouts!

- * Handout 10
- * NJ handout
- * midterm study guide

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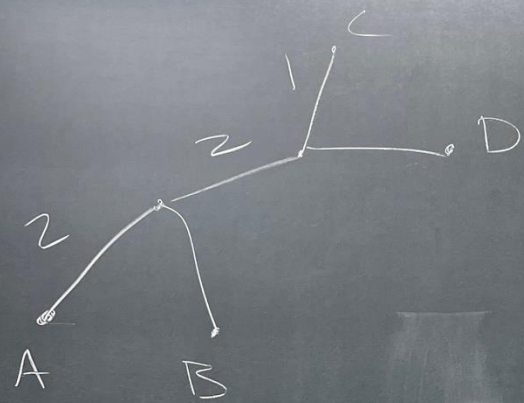
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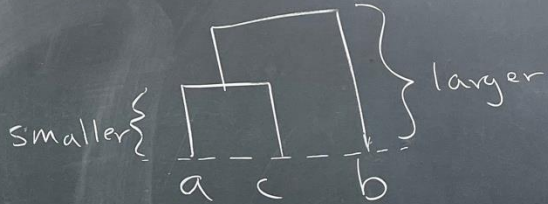
- Mutation rates differ significantly across species.
- Natural selection (both positive and negative) can change the tempo of evolution.



induced $\delta'(A, C) = 5$

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ultrametric $\forall a, b, c$
 $\max\{\delta(a, b), \delta(b, c)\} \geq \delta(a, c)$



~~7, 7, 9~~
 $\max\{7, 7\} \nless 9$
 7, 7, 5 \star



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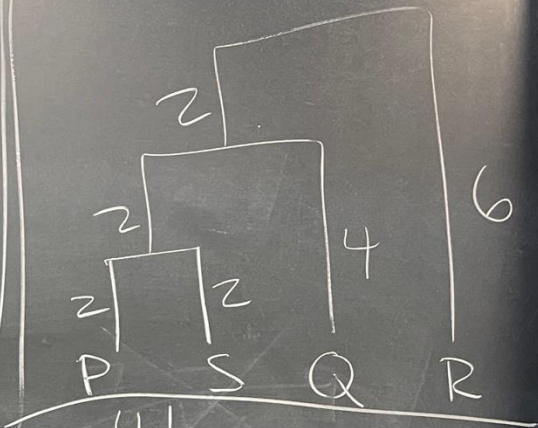
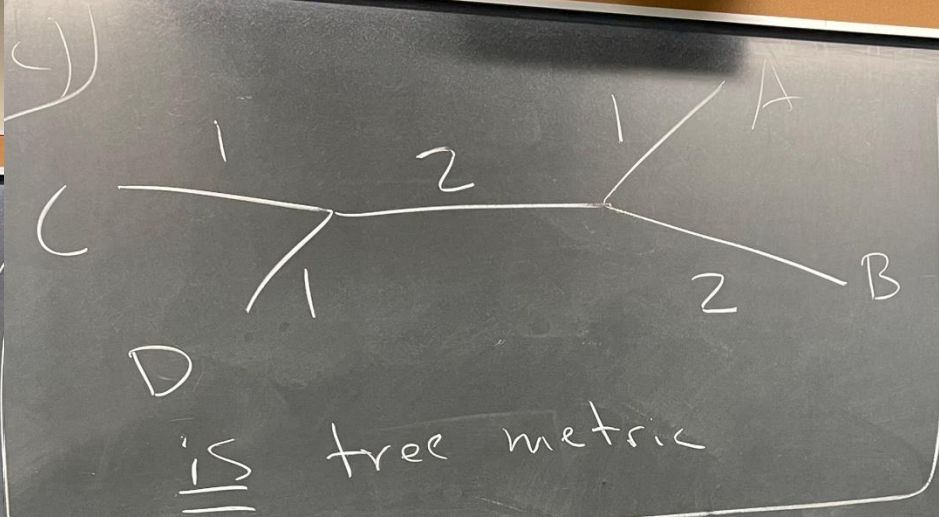
During each iteration we must do $O(n^2)$ work to compute the new matrix of distances. We merge two nodes each iteration, so we have $O(n)$ iterations total. This gives us a runtime of $O(n^3)$, which can be improved by reusing some distances from the previous iteration.

Handout 9, page 2

① $\max\{\delta(A,B), \delta(A,C)\} \geq \delta(B,C)$
 $\max\{3, 4\} \not\geq 5$
not ultrametric

②

δ	A	B	C	D
A	0	3	4	4
B		0	5	5
C			0	2
D				0



③ verify $\binom{4}{3}$ triplets

P, Q, R \Rightarrow distance pairs 8, 12, 12

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$$\frac{4!}{3!1!} = 4$$

ultrametric

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Next phylogenetic tree algorithm:
Neighbor-Joining (NJ)

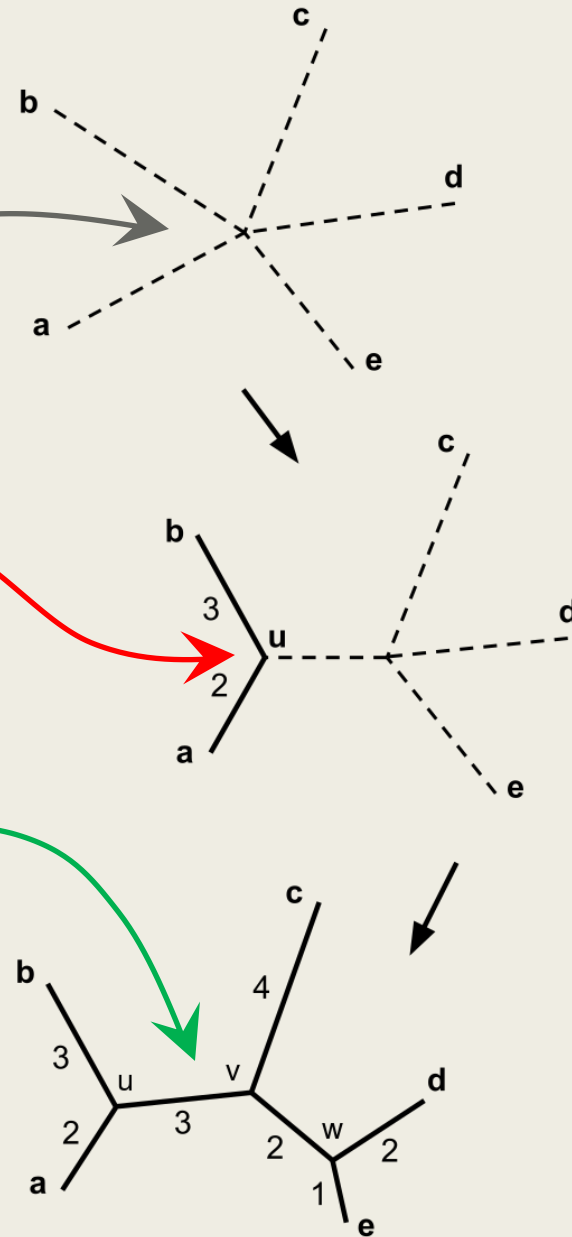
Notes about UPGMA vs NJ

- NJ was first described in 1987 by Saitou and Nei. Their paper currently has 73,000 citations (an average of over 5 citations a day for the last 37 years!)
- Both UPGMA and NJ are greedy, polynomial-time clustering algorithms that produce edge weights as well as binary tree topologies.
- NJ creates unrooted trees (direction of evolution is not apparent on all branches), while UPGMA creates rooted trees.
- NJ is much better for representing multi-species evolution and in general creates more realistic trees that better approximate the original dissimilarity map.

NJ at high level

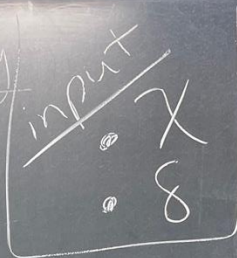
- Start with a star tree
- At each stage, add another node that connects two other nodes. Chose this node to minimize some function of the distances.
- Repeat until we have a binary tree (i.e. every node has three edges)

So just like UPGMA, we join two taxa at each iteration, but instead of choosing the minimum entries in Δ , we choose the minimum entries in Q , a matrix which is a function of distances.



Neighbor Joining

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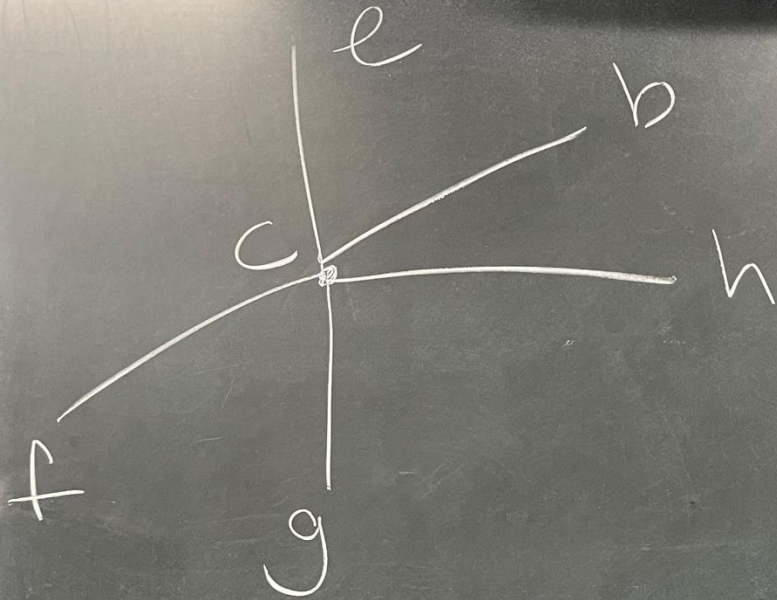
• create star topology

$$N_c = \text{neighbors}(c)$$

ex: $N_c = \{f, g, h, b, e\}$

• $n = |N_c|$ • $d = \text{copy}(\delta)$

ex $n = 5$



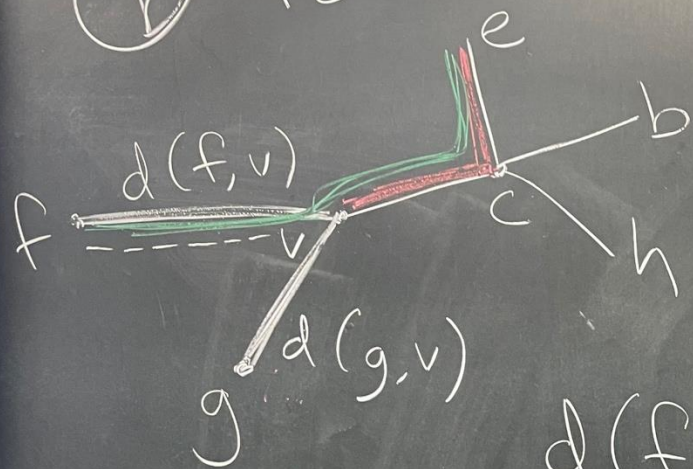
$$S_i = \sum_{k \in N_c} d(i, k)$$

iterative while $n > 2$

① find f & g that minimize Q -criterion

$$Q(i, j) = (n-2)d(i, j) - S_i - S_j$$

(b) form new vertex v



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+

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$$d(f, v) + d(g, v) = d(f, g)$$

① $\forall i \in N_c$

$$\begin{aligned} d(i, v) &= \frac{1}{2} [d(f, i) - d(f, v)] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} [d(g, i) - d(g, v)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [d(f, i) + d(g, i) \\ &\quad - d(f, g)] \end{aligned}$$

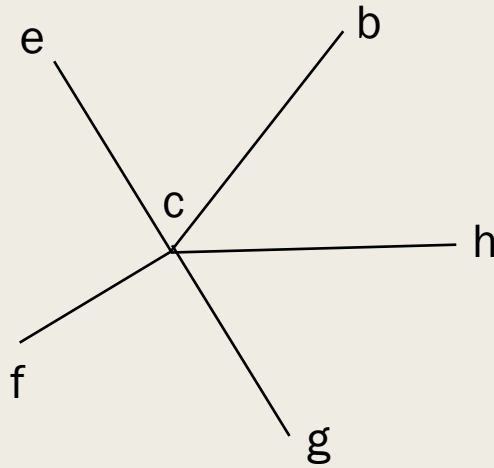
NJ initialization

Input

We are given a set of samples \mathcal{X} and a dissimilarity map δ on \mathcal{X} .

Initialization

- Create a star tree with center vertex c and an edge (c, u) between c and all samples $u \in \mathcal{X}$.
- Let N_c be the set of neighbors of c and $n = |N_c|$ (cardinality of N_c). Set d equal to δ .



$$N_c = \{b, e, f, g, h\}, \quad |N_c| = 5$$

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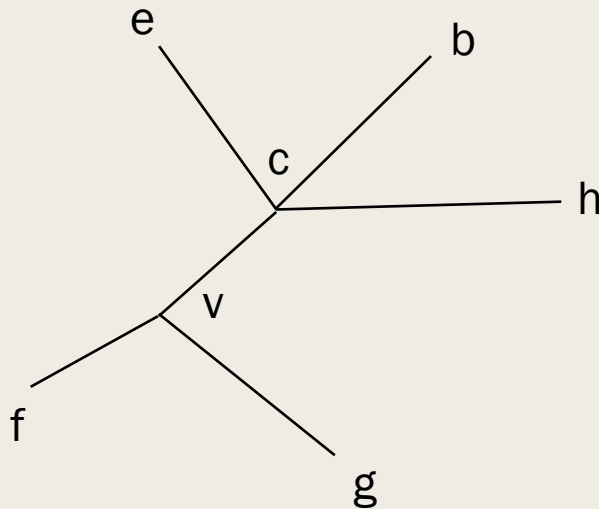
How far away i and j are from all the other vertices
(further away means we'll join them earlier)

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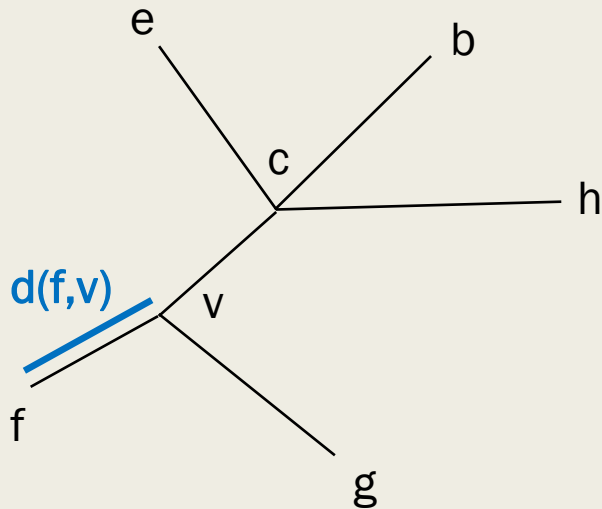


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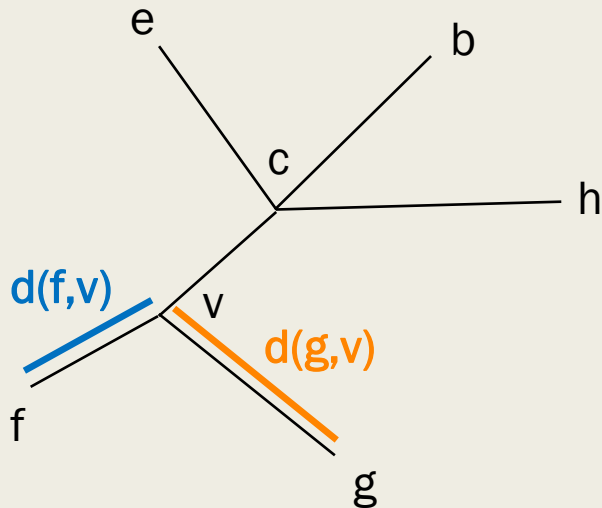


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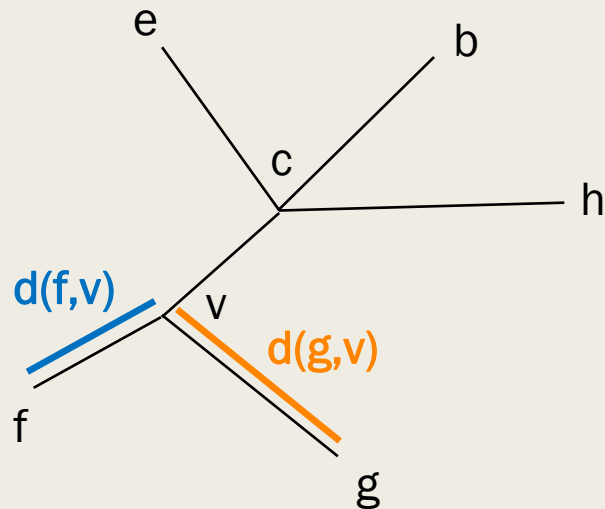
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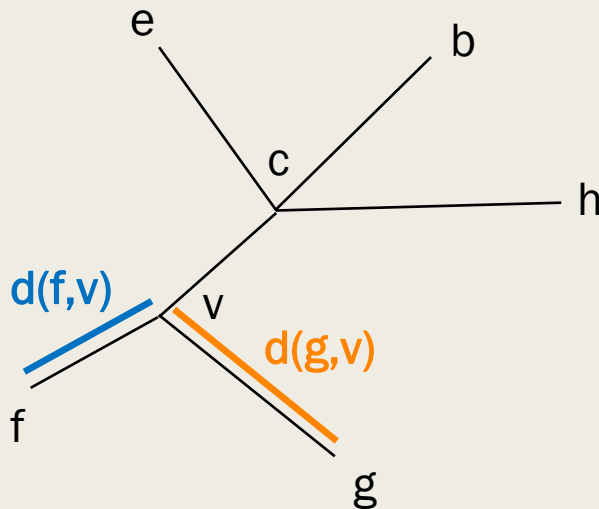


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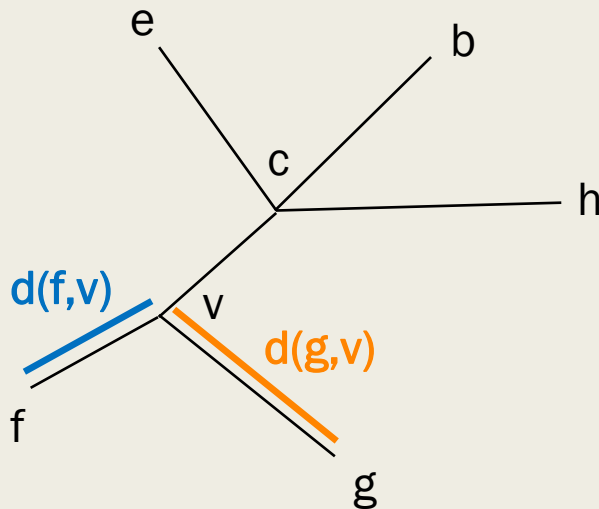
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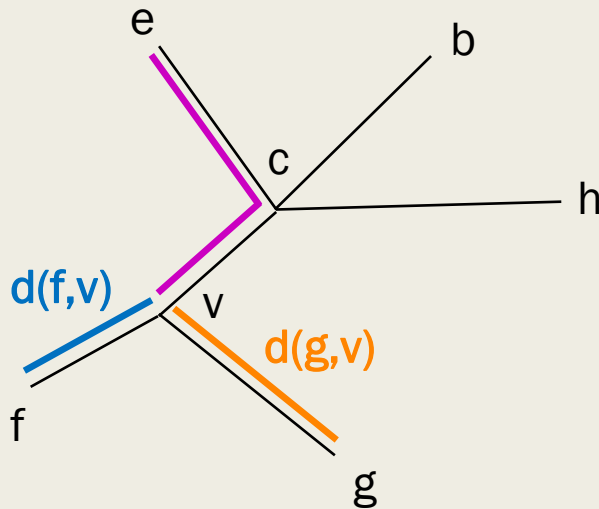
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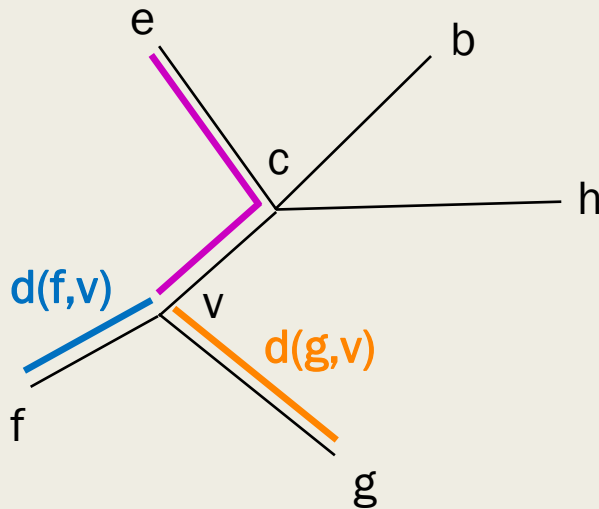
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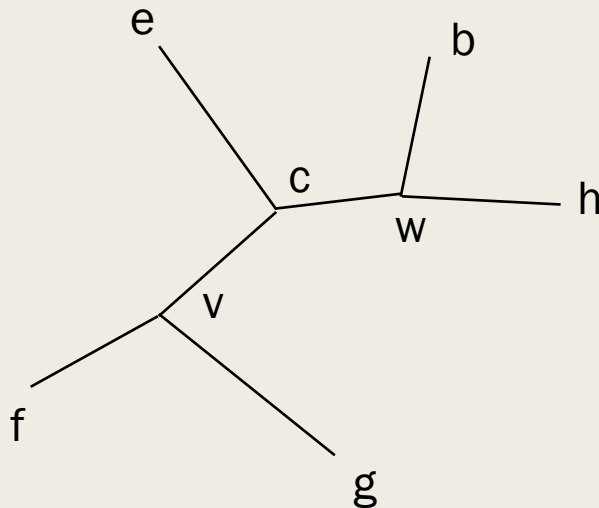
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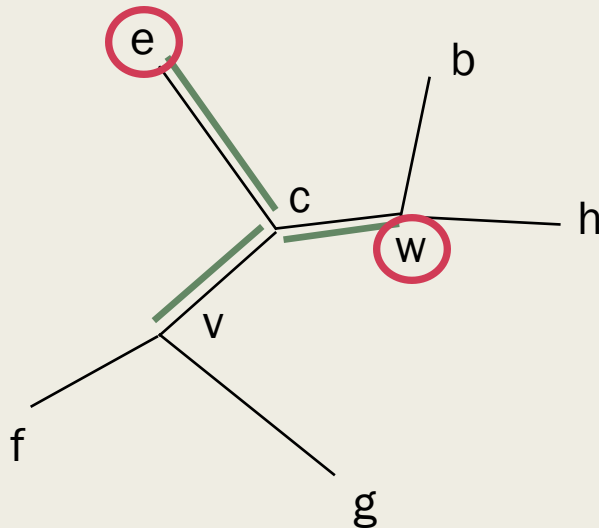


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Handout 10

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$$|N_c| = n = 5$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad S_c = 3 + 2 + 5 + 5 = \boxed{15}$$

(a)

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$$3 \cdot 2 - 18 - 18$$

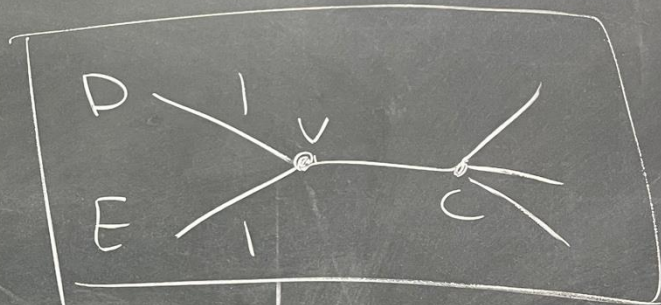
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$$(b) \quad d(D, v) = \frac{1}{2} d(D, E) - \frac{1}{2(n-2)} [S_D - S_E]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} [0]$$

$$= 1$$

$$d(E, v) = 1$$



$$(c) \quad d(A, v) = \frac{1}{2} (6-1) + \frac{1}{2} (6-1) = 5$$

$$d(B, v) = \frac{1}{2} (5-1) + \frac{1}{2} (5-1) = 4$$

$$d(c, v) = \frac{1}{2} (5-1) + \frac{1}{2} (5-1) = 4$$

Begin: midterm 1 review

Topics for Midterm 1

1) String search

2) BWT and Read Mapping

3) Genome Assembly

4) Pairwise Sequence Alignment

5) Multiple Sequence Alignment and Phylogenetics

(2) BWT and Read Mapping

- Input: previously assembled reference sequence and millions-billions of reads from a new individual of the same species
- Output: the location(s) where each read maps (+ where the mismatches are)
- Pairwise sequence alignment is too slow
- What is the runtime of constructing the BWT and FM-Index? After that, what is the runtime of pattern matching? (see Lab 2)

(3) Genome Assembly

- Often the first step in studying the genetics of a new species
- Input: millions-billions of reads (used to be “long” reads, now are “short”)
- Output: contigs (ideally long and accurate, making up as much of the original genome as possible)
- Overlap graph assembly (Overlap Layout Consensus: OLC). Accurate but very slow
- De Bruijn graph (DBG) assembly. Fast but sometimes not as accurate
- What are the runtimes of these assembly algorithms in terms of n , m , R ?

(4) Pairwise Sequence Alignment

- Used for studying the relationship between homologous sequences (often genes or regions from different species)
- Could be run after assembling two very different species
- Could be run on repetitive but diverged regions from the same individual
- We are giving up runtime by allowing gaps and mismatches
- Input: two sequences x and y , typically of similar length but not always. We also need a substitution matrix and gap penalty
- Output: optimal alignment(s) between x and y , AND an alignment score (higher is more similar, negative is usually not biologically meaningful)
- Two dynamic programming variations: global sequence alignment (align entire x with entire y) and local alignment (align highly similar regions in x and y)

How to study

- Go over all slides and readings => create study sheet (handwritten)
- Redo all handouts and questions/problems during class
 - *Including runtime*
- Come to office hours and lab next week to ask questions! (and/or Piazza)

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