# CS 364 COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

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#### ■ Recap Sankoff's Algorithm

#### ■ Perfect Phylogeny problem

# ■ Gusfield's Algorithm Notes:

- Lab 6 posted, due Mon
- Partners required
- Final project info coming soon!

Recap Sankoff's algorithm (weighted parsimony)

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- For Sankoff we need a mutational scoring matrix (example with characters *a*,*b*), which does not have to be symmetric. Row is the "before" state, column is the "after" state.



# Recap Sankoff's algorithm

Initialization: Let  $A_v(x)$  be the minimum parsimony score of assigning character x to vertex v. To begin  $A_{\text{leaf}}(x) = 0$  if the leaf is assigned character x, and  $\infty$  otherwise. This prevents us from ever tracing back to a non-assigned leaf label.

Bottom-up recursive step: Let  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  be the two children of vertex v. For all x in our character state set, let

$$
A_v(x) = \min_{y} \{A_{c_1}(y) + \sigma(x, y)\} + \min_{z} \{A_{c_2}(z) + \sigma(x, z)\}.
$$

Keep track of a back-pointer to the minimum  $y$  and  $z$ .

Top-down traceback: Choose root state x such that  $A_{\text{root}}(x)$  is the minimum. Follow back-pointers to find the assigned state of every internal vertex.























# Handout 14 (second example)



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### Runtime of Small Parsimony

Suppose there are: *n* leaves (samples/taxa) *k* possible states (i.e. 4 for DNA)

What is the complexity of Fitch's algorithm? O(nk)

What is the complexity of Sankoff's algorithm?

 $O(nk^2)$ 

#### Runtime of Small Parsimony



Perfect Phylogeny

#### Introduction

- With Fitch and Sankoff we were only looking at a single site
- When we have multiple sites, an important question is whether or not there exists a phylogeny that is "consistent" with all the sites
- By consistent we often mean that a mutation at a given site only occurs once
- If we can construct a phylogeny where each mutation only occurs once, this is called a *perfect phylogeny*
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#### Solving the big parsimony problem

Given a set of *m* characters, can we reconstruct the most parsimonious tree (i.e. the tree with the lowest parsimony score)?

Possible algorithm: go through every possible tree, compute the parsimony score for each character using Fitch or Sankoff, then pick the tree(s) with the lowest total score.

Problem: there are a LOT of trees:

3 taxa = 3 trees, 5 taxa = 105 trees, 10 taxa = 34,459,425 …

In fact this problem is NP-hard



Images: Getty, State Symbols USA, OBP, NWF



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#### ■ Notation:

- *n species or samples*
- *m sites in the genome or traits/characteristics*

#### Perfect Phylogeny example



# Perfect phylogeny

- Each mutation happens exactly once
- Mutations can never revert (you can only go 0->1, not back)
- Biologically; every character is absent in the ancestor, and evolves exactly once



1) Sort the columns high-to-low, treating them as binary numbers



Note 10101 (21) > 10100 (20) > 01010 (10) > 00100 (4) > 00010 (2)

2) Write out mutation number strings (with terminating \$)



3) Build a tree - just like a suffix tree with taxa as positions!

















3) Build a tree from root to leaves, with mutations on the edges



Note: Does not have to be a binary tree (in what situation?)

Board example





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**J** OBL let Oi = set of samples with musclin (they have a 1)  $O_{z} = \{A, C, E\}$ O CO2 containment  $O_{1} = \{A, C\}$ Thm: I a perfect phylogeny  $O_3 = \frac{5}{2} B. D_3$  $\begin{array}{ccc} \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \end{array}$  $O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$ disjoint

# Radix Sort

 $\sqrt{v_{BL}}$ Radit Sort digits  $|Z|$  $|4$  $20$  $\circlearrowleft$  $\overline{\rightarrow}$  $127$  $20$  $\overline{\leq}$  $\sum$ S  $\sqrt{2}$  $\lesssim$  $214$  $\rightarrow$  $|27$  $\sqrt{2}$  $253$  $\mathcal{N}$  $S3$  $\overline{\phantom{0}}$  $\bigcap$  $\geq$  $\sqrt{2}$  $\mathcal{F}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $Z$  $\overline{\phantom{0}}$ least<br>Significant<br>Cligit  $\Rightarrow O(nm)$ 

#### Radix sort columns high to low

#### Handout 15: Example 2













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- Notation:
- *entire matrix of characters is often called M*
- *Oi is the set of samples with character i*
- *n samples (taxa) and m characters (sites or traits/characteristics)*

# Observations so far…

- Theorem: there exists a perfect phylogeny if and only if for all pairs of characters *i,j*, either:
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- If column *i* > column *j* as binary numbers, then either
- *Oi* ⋂ *Oj =* ∅ *(disjoint), or*
- *Oi* <sup>⊃</sup> *Oj (i contains j)*

# Thinking deeper about parsimony…

# Types of evolution

**Convergent evolution:** distantly related species that develop the same characteristic (often abbreviated character) independently Convergent





Divergent evolution: similar species that develop different characters over time



#### Character *a* could have evolved three times or *b* could have evolved twice



#### Examples of convergent evolution

- Flight in bats and birds
- Opposable thumbs in primates and pandas
- Blue eyes in humans and lemurs ■
- $C_4$  photosynthesis in many plants



Images: wikipedia

It happens but it is rare! Want a tree that *minimizes evolution*

#### Example of convergent evolution:  $C_4$  photosynthesis in plants

Williams, Johnston, Covshoff, Hibberd (2013). "Phenotypic landscape inference reveals multiple evolutionary paths to  $C_4$  photosynthesis".



# Problems with parsimony

- Impractical (except for special cases exact solution is NP-complete).
- Scales linearly with number of characters going to be a problem for genomic data!
- Treats all characters the same but some characters are more important than others
- Assumes convergent evolution is rare and that all mutations are equally likely
- Can be inconsistent converges to the wrong answer when you have lots of data (long branch attraction)

# Long branch attraction

If mutations happen at random, then long branches in the tree will tend to have more mutations -> they will look more similar -> they will be "attracted" to each other.



- What is the runtime?
	- Sorting *m* characters
	- Building the tree
- Why does it work?

- Guaranteed to correctly reconstruct a perfect phylogeny if it exists
- If it does not exist, Gusfield will give you something "close" [we do not define here what "close" means]
- Can we tell if a perfect phylogeny exists just by looking at the character matrix?