SESSION 8. EVOLUTION

Resolving a criminal case

A fatal injection with HIV and C-Hepatitis

To show the relationship b/w different HIV isolates in a criminal case, a **phylogenetic tree analysis** can be conducted.

- The case took place in Lafayette in Louisiana about 30 years ago.
- Maria Jones (Victim), a married nurse of age 20 had a relationship with a married gastroenterologist named Robert White of age 34.
- Maria in turn divorced her husband with Robert's promise to divorce his wife but followed through with it.
- Maria did give birth to a child after three times of abortions.
- Robert eventually became exceedingly jealous and controlling to Maria.
- They broke up in July 1994. Before that, Robert had regularly given Maria Vitamin B-12 injection. One day in August 1994, Robert forced to proceed injection.

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- Two weeks later, Maria consulted a physician with a symptom of her lymph nodes were swollen with a viral infection.
- In Dec. She got annual check-up including HIV test and was found HIV positive and Hepatitis C positive.
- She turned to Police in Jan. 1995 and did not deal the accusations seriously.
- It turned out all seven men Maria reported as sexual contacts for the period 1984-1995 were tested and found to be HIV negative.
- During examining Robert's patients' records, Police found a blood sample from a patient with AIDS and another sample from a patient with Hepatitis C.
- Prosecution wanted evidence that the HIV carried by Maria was the same as or very closely related to – the AIDS patient's HIV. In other word, it was important to exclude the possibility that Maria received the infection from some other sources.

Molecular phylogeny

Computational methods of molecular phylogeny

- This criminal case discussed here was the **first time molecular phylogeny was used in court in the USA**.
- <u>Molecular phylogeny</u> the science of constructing phylogenetic trees using molecular sequence data.
- Tree construction methods rely on analysis of a <u>multiple</u> <u>sequence alignment (MSA)</u>.
- Two major approaches: distance-based and character-based

Molecular phylogeny methods

Distance-based approach (computationally simple)

 <u>Neighbor-joining</u>: based on all pairwise comparison of seqs and minimize the total branch length

Character-based approach (more biologically relevant)

- <u>Maximum-parsimony</u>: an optimality criterion under which the phylogenetic tree that minimizes the total number of character-state changes is to be preferred.
- <u>Maximum-likelihood</u>: maximizes tree likelihood given specific parameter values

Building Phylogenetic Trees by Neighbor-Joining:

Is Algorithm (Given a distance matrix):

Iterate Until 2 Nodes are left:

For each node find

$$U_i = \sum_{k=1}^N d_{i,k}$$

Choose pair (i, j) with smallest

$$\delta_{ij} = d_{ij} - \frac{U_i + U_j}{N - 2}$$

Mege two nodes i and j with a new internal node Y, and find branch lengths by

$$b_{iY} = \frac{1}{2}(d_{ij} + \frac{U_i - U_j}{N - 2}) \quad b_{jY} = d_{ij} - b_{iY}$$

Update the distance matrix using

$$d_{Yk} = \frac{1}{2}(d_{ik} + d_{jk} - d_{ij})$$



STEP 2 (<i>N</i> = 4)		d _{ij} U _i		Ui	2δ _{ij}					
		в	С	W		в	С	W		
	Α	5	4	5	14	-20	-18 -	-18	Α	
	в		5	6	16		-18 -	-18	в	
	С			3	12		-	-20	С	
	W				14				W	

C and W are neighbors through internal node X with $d_{CX} = \frac{1}{2} \left(3 + \frac{12-14}{2}\right) = 1$ and $d_{WX} = 3 - 1 = 2$.

$$b_{iY} = \frac{1}{2} (d_{ij} + \frac{U_i - U_j}{N - 2}) \quad b_{jY} = d_{ij} - b_{iY}$$
$$d_{Yk} = \frac{1}{2} (d_{ik} + d_{jk} - d_{ij})$$

 $U_i = \sum_{k=1}^{N} d_{i,k}$

 $\delta_{ij} = d_{ij} - \frac{U_i + U_j}{N - 2}$

STEP 3 (N = 2	3)	d _{ij}	Ui		δ _{ij}		
	В	Х		В	Х		
А	5	3	8	-12	-12	Α	
в		4	9		-12	в	
х			7			х	

Three alternatives (of which here we choose one of the two with an internal node): A and X are neighbors through internal node Y with $d_{AY} = 2$ and $d_{XY} = 1$ or B and X are neighbors through internal node Y with $d_{BY} = 3$ and $d_{XY} = 1$. Whichever is chosen, the remaining distance d_{AY} or d_{BY} will be found in the next d_{ii} matrix.



$$\delta_{ij} = d_{ij} - \frac{U_i + U_j}{N - 2}$$

$$b_{iY} = \frac{1}{2}(d_{ij} + \frac{U_i - U_j}{N - 2}) \quad b_{jY} = d_{ij} - b_{iY}$$
$$d_{Yk} = \frac{1}{2}(d_{ik} + d_{jk} - d_{ij})$$



Bootstrapping (Accuracy and Robustness of tree)

Bootstrapping refers to any test or metric that relies on random sampling with replacement that allows assigning measures of accuracy

Sampling from the original sample of size N to form a new sample (called a 'resample' or bootstrap sample) that is also of size N.

<u>Repeats 1000-10000 times</u> of resampling and makes a histogram of means.

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Other randomization and sampling methods



HIV has RNA genome encoding 20 genes



- HIV RNA genome comprises 9749 nt
- Two genes, env and RT are often used for phylogenetic analysis
- Env encodes gp160 -> (gp120 + gp41) presenting in a surface
- **RT** encodes reverse transcriptase that makes dsDNA from RNA.

DNA samples from Victim, patients, and controls (from Lafayette regions)

PCR DNAs with primers of env and RT and sequenced them.

Computational analysis of phylogenetic trees with the sequences using ClustalW

Data is publicly available in NCBI Entrez (AY156734-AY156907)

- 132 env sequences
- 42 RT sequences

clustalw2 rt.fa

	Group	34:	Sequences:	16	Score:12713
	Group	35:	Sequences:	17	Score:12690
	Group	36:	Sequences:	37	Score:12479
	Group	37:	Sequences:	38	Score:12695
	Group	38:	Sequences:	39	Score:12760
	Group	39:	Sequences:	40	Score:12754
	Group	40:	Sequences:	41	Score:12802
	Group	41:	Sequences:	42	Score:12609
Alignment		nent	Score 36782	34	

CLUSTAL-Alignment file created [rt.aln]

clustalw2 rt.aln -tree

Sequence	34:	gi 24209997 gb AY156791.1	805	bp
Sequence	35:	gi 24209965 gb AY156775.1	805	bp
Sequence	36:	gi 24209991 gb AY156788.1	805	bp
Sequence	37:	gi 24209987 gb AY156786.1	805	bp
Sequence	38:	gi 24210001 gb AY156793.1	805	bp
Sequence	39:	gi 24209963 gb AY156774.1	805	bp
Sequence	40:	gi 24209981 gb AY156783.1	805	bp
Sequence	41:	gi 24209971 gb AY156778.1	805	bp
Sequence	42:	gi 24209957 gb AY156771.1	805	bp

Phylogenetic tree file created: [rt.ph]

vi rt.ph

(((gi|24209945|gb|AY156737.1|:0.00000, gi|24209939|gb|AY156734.1|:0.00146) :0.00000, gi|24209951|gb|AY156740.1|:0.00000) :0.00162, gi|24210015|gb|AY1567802.1|:0.00128) :0.00077, (gi|24210009|gb|AY156799.1|:0.00845, gi|24210009|gb|AY156799.1|:0.00845, gi|24210011|gb|AY156735.1|:0.00338) :0.00142, gi|24210007|gb|AY156797.1|:0.00327) :0.00151, (

clustalw2 rt.aln -bootstrap=1000

- Sequence 40: gi|24209981|gb|AY156783.1| 805 bp Sequence 41: gi|24209971|gb|AY156778.1| 805 bp
 - Equence 41. g1/242055/1/gb/A1150//0.1/ 005 b
- Sequence 42: gi|24209957|gb|AY156771.1| 805 bp

Bootstrap output file created: [rt.phb]



Njplot 2 rt.phb

Reformat_giline.py

>gi|24209939|gb|AY156734.1| HIV-1 clone P1.BCM.RT from USA reverse transcriptase (pol) gene, partial cds

P = patient, V=Victim, LA = Lafayette area control



>P1.BCM.RT

Reformat_giline.py

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#!/usr/bin/python
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import re
import sys
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for line in open('rt.fa'):
    line = line.rstrip()
    match = re.search('>.*clone (\S+) ', line)
    if match:
        sys.stdout.write('>')
        print match.group(1)
    else:
        print line
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python reformat_giline.py rt.fa >rt_reformated.fa

Phylogenetic analysis with a new format

clustalw2 rt_reformat.aln -bootstrap=1000



Pseudocode for NJ method

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### Pseudocode for neighbor-joining method
### This pseudcode was designed for the computational biology practice
### Jin-Wu Nam, April 25th 2016
def alnToDMatrix(filename):
 # upload aln file
 # count nt differencs b/w any pairs
 # creat a distance matrix
return DMatrix
def calcTotalDistances(DMatrix):
 # create a dictionary that contains total distance of each node
return TotalDistanceD
def calcDeltaMatrix(DMatrix, TotalDistanceD):
 # calculate detlaMatrix using DMatrix minum Total Distance Matrix
return deltaMatrix
def findMinimumDistPair(deltaMatrix):
 # chrSet = ['S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z']
 # newNodeCharacter = chrSet[len(deltaMatrix)]
 # please find a pair that has the minimum delta value
return minimumPair, newNodeCharacter
def distancesFromNewNode (minimumPair, DMatrix, TotalDistanceD):
 # minimmumPair = findMinimumDistPair
 # using the minumum pair and create a new node.
 # calculate all distances from the new node to other nodes
 # create a new DMatrix
return newDMatrix
DMatrix = alnToDMatrix(aln filename)
while len(DMatrix) > 1:
       TotalDistanceD = calcToDistances(DMatrix)
       deltaMatrix = calcDeltaMatrix(DMatrix, TotalDistanceD)
       minimumPair = findMinimumDistPair(deltaMatrix)
       DMatrix = distancesFromNewNode (minimumPair, DMatrix, TotalDistanceD)
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