#### **Lecture 2. Tree space and searching tree space**

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The number of rooted bifurcating trees:

$$1 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times \ldots \times (2n-3)$$

$$= (2n-3)! / ((n-2)! 2^{n-2})$$

# which is:

species	number of trees
1	1
2	1
3	3
4	15
5	105
6	945
7	10,395
8	135,135
9	2,027,025
10	34,459,425
11	654,729,075
12	13,749,310,575
13	316,234,143,225
14	7,905,853,580,625
15	213,458,046,676,875
16	6,190,283,353,629,375
17	191,898,783,962,510,625
18	6,332,659,870,762,850,625
19	221,643,095,476,699,771,875
20	8,200,794,532,637,891,559,375
30	$4.9518  imes 10^{38}$
40	$1.00985 \times 10^{57}$
50	$2.75292 \times 10^{76}$

#### Mapping an unrooted tree into a rooted tree



... one with one fewer species.

#### For one tree topology

The space of trees varying all 2n - 3 branch lengths, each a nonegative number, defines an "orthant" (open corner) of a (2n - 3)-dimensional real space:











#### **Tree space**



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# **Nearest-neighbor interchanges (NNIs)**



is rearranged by dissolving the connections to an interior branch



and reforming them in one of the two possible alternative ways:



(The triangles are subtrees)

# all 15 trees, connected by NNIs



# with parsimony scores



#### Subtree pruning and regrafting (SPR) rearrangement



А

Break a branch, remove a subtree



В

Η

D

I

#### Tree bisection and reconnection (TBR) rearrangement



#### **Greedy search by sequential addition**



Greedy search by addition of species in a fixed order (A, B, C, D, E) in the best place each time.

#### **Goloboff's time-saving trick**



Goloboff's economy in computing scores of rearranged trees Once the "views" have been computed, they can be taken to represent subtrees, without going inside those subtrees

#### **Star decomposition**



"Star decomposition" search for best tree can happen in multiple ways

## **Disk-covering**



"Disk covering" – assembly of a tree from overlapping estimated subtrees

# **Shortest Hamiltonian path problem**



#### Search tree for this problem



#### **Search tree of trees**



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#### same, with parsimony scores in place of trees



#### **Polynomial time and exponential time**



How does the time taken by an algorithm depend on the size of the problem? If it is a polynomial (even one with big coefficients), with a big enough case it is faster than one that depends on the size exponentially.

#### **NP completeness and NP hardness**



(This diagram is not quite correct – see the diagrams on the Wikipedia page for "NP-hard").

#### P = problems that can be solved by a polynomial time algorithm

NP complete = problems for which a proposed solution can be checked in polynomial time but for which it can be proven that if one of them is in P, all are.

NP hard = problems for which a solution can be checked in polynomial time, but might be not solvable in polynomial time.

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