# Lecture 20: Clustering and Evolution 

Study Chapter 10.4-10.8

## Clique Graphs



- A clique is a graph where every vertex is connected via an edge to every other vertex
- A clique graph is a graph where each connected component is a clique
- The concept of clustering is closely related to clique graphs. Every partition of $n$ elements into $k$ clusters can be represented as a clique graph on $n$ vertices with $k$ cliques.



## Transforming Graphs into a Clique Graphs



- Clusters are maximal cliques (cliques not contained in any other complete subgraph)
- 1,6,7 is a non-maximal clique.
- An arbitrary graph can be transformed into a clique graph by adding or removing edges



## Corrupted Cliques Problem


Determine the smallest number of edges that need be added or removed to transform a graph to a clique graph

Input: A graph G

Output: The smallest number of edge additions and/or removals that transforms $G$ into a clique graph

## Distance Graphs



- One can turn a distance matrix into a distance graph
- Genes are represented as vertices in the graph
- Choose a distance threshold $\theta$
- If the distance between two vertices is below $\theta$, draw an edge between them
- The resulting graph may contain cliques
- These cliques represent clusters of closely located data points!


## Transforming Distance Graph into Clique Graph <br> 

The distance graph (threshold $\theta=7$ ) is transformed into a clique graph after removing the two highlighted edges

|  | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ | $g_{6}$ | $g_{7}$ | $g_{8}$ | $g_{9}$ | $g_{10}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $g_{1}$ | 0.0 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 9.3 | 2.3 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 6.1 | 7.0 |
| $g_{2}$ | 8.1 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 12.0 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 12.8 | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| $g_{3}$ | 9.2 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 11.1 | 8.1 | 1.1 | 10.5 | 11.5 |
| $g_{4}$ | 7.7 | 0.9 | 11.2 | 0.0 | 11.2 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 12.0 | 1.6 | 1.1 |
| $g_{5}$ | 9.3 | 12.0 | 0.7 | 11.2 | 0.0 | 11.2 | 8.5 | 1.0 | 10.6 | 11.6 |
| $g_{6}$ | 2.3 | 9.5 | 11.1 | 9.2 | 11.2 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 12.1 | 7.7 | 8.5 |
| $g_{7}$ | 5.1 | 10.1 | 8.1 | 9.5 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 8.3 | 9.3 |
| $g_{3}$ | 10.2 | 12.8 | 1.1 | 12.0 | 1.0 | 12.1 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 11.4 | 12.4 |
| $g_{9}$ | 6.1 | 2.0 | 10.5 | 1.6 | 10.6 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| $g_{10}$ | 7.0 | 1.0 | 11.5 | 1.1 | 11.6 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 12.4 | 1.1 | 0.0 |

(a) Distance matric, d (distances shorter than 7 ane shown in bold).

After transforming the distance graph into the clique graph, the dataset is partitioned into three clusters

(b) Distance graph for $\theta=7$

(c) Clique graph

Figure 10.6 The distance graph (b) for $\theta=7$ is not quite a dique graph. However, it
can be transformed into a clique graph (c) by removing edges $\left(g_{1}, g_{10}\right)$ and ( $\left.g_{1}, g_{9}\right)$.

## Heuristics for Corrupted Clique Problem



- Corrupted Cliques problem is NP-Hard, some heuristics exist to approximately solve it:
- CAST (Cluster Affinity Search Technique): a practical and fast algorithm:
- CAST is based on the notion of genes close to cluster C or distant from cluster C
- Distance between gene $i$ and cluster $C$ :
$d(i, C)=$ average distance between gene $i$ and all genes in $C$
Gene $i$ is close to cluster $C$ if $d(i, C)<\theta$ and distant otherwise


## CAST Algorithm



1. $\operatorname{CAST}(S, G, \theta)$
2. $P \leftarrow \varnothing$
3. while $S \neq \varnothing$
4. $\quad v \leftarrow$ vertex of maximal degree in the distance graph $G$
5. $\quad C \leftarrow\{v\}$
6. while a close gene $\boldsymbol{i}$ not in $C$ or distant gene $i$ in $C$ exists
7. Find the nearest close gene $i$ not in $C$ and add it to $C$
8. Remove the farthest distant gene in $C$
9. Add cluster $C$ to partition $P$
10. $\quad S \leftarrow S \backslash C$
11. Remove vertices of cluster $C$ from the distance graph $G$
12. return $P$
$S$ - set of elements, $G$ - distance graph, $\theta$ - distance threshold

## Evolution and DNA Analysis: the Giant Panda Riddle

- For roughly 100 years scientists were unable to figure out which family the giant panda belongs to
- Giant pandas look like bears but have features that are unusual for bears and typical for raccoons, e.g., they do not hibernate
- In 1985, Steven O'Brien and colleagues solved the giant panda classification problem using DNA sequences and algorithms


## Evolutionary Tree of Bears and Raccoons




## Evolutionary Trees: DNA-based Approach



- 40 years ago: Emile Zuckerkandl and Linus Pauling brought reconstructing evolutionary relationships with DNA into the spotlight
- In the first few years after Zuckerkandl and Pauling proposed using DNA for evolutionary studies, the possibility of reconstructing evolutionary trees by DNA analysis was hotly debated
- Now it is a dominant approach to study evolution.


## Out of Africa Hypothesis



- Around the time the giant panda riddle was solved, a DNA-based reconstruction of the human evolutionary tree led to the Out of Africa Hypothesis that claims our most ancient ancestor lived in Africa roughly 200,000 years ago
- Largely based on mitochondrial DNA


## Human Evolutionary Tree (cont'd)

 http://www.mun.ca/biology/scarr/Out_of_Africa2.htm


## The Origin of Humans:

"Out of Africa" vs Multiregional Hypothesis


## Out of Africa:

- Humans evolved in Africa ~150,000 years ago
- Humans migrated out of Africa, replacing other humanoids around the globe
- There is no direct descendence from Neanderthals


## Multiregional:

- Humans evolved in the last two million years as a single species. Independent appearance of modern traits in different areas
- Humans migrated out of Africa mixing with other humanoids on the way
- There is a genetic continuity from Neanderthals to humans


## mtDNA analysis supports "Out of Africa" Hypothesis

- African origin of humans inferred from:
- African population was the most diverse (sub-populations had more time to diverge)
- The evolutionary tree separated one group of Africans from a group containing all five populations.
- Tree was rooted on branch between groups of greatest difference.


## Evolutionary Tree of Humans (mtDNA)



## The evolutionary tree separates one group of Africans from a group containing all five populations.

Vigilant, Stoneking, Harpending, Hawkes, and Wilson (1991)


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## Evolutionary Tree of Humans: (microsatellites)




## Human Migration Out of Africa



1. Yorubans
2. Western Pygmies
3. Eastern Pygmies


## Evolutionary Trees


How are these trees built from DNA sequences?

- leaves represent existing species
- internal vertices represent ancestors
- root represents the oldest evolutionary ancestor


## Rooted and Unrooted Trees


In the unrooted tree the position of the root ("oldest ancestor") is unknown. Otherwise, they are like rooted trees

(a) Unrooted tree

(b) Rooted tree

(c) The same
rooted tree

## Distances in Trees



- Edges may have weights reflecting:
- Number of mutations on evolutionary path from one species to another
- Time estimate for evolution of one species into another
- In a tree $T$, we often compute

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d_{i j}(T) \text { - tree distance between } i \text { and } j
$$

## Distance in Trees




## Distance Matrix



- Given $n$ species, we can compute the $n \times n$ distance matrix $D_{i j}$
- $D_{i j}$ may be defined as the edit distance between a gene in species $i$ and species $j$, where the gene of interest is sequenced for all $n$ species.
$D_{i j}-$ edit distance between $\boldsymbol{i}$ and $j$


## Edit Distance vs. Tree Distance



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$$

- Note the difference with
$d_{i j}(T)$ - tree distance between $i$ and $j$


## Fitting Distance Matrix



- Given $n$ species, we can compute the $n \times n$ distance matrix $D_{i j}$
- Evolution of these genes is described by a tree that we don't know.
- We need an algorithm to construct a tree that best fits the distance matrix $D_{i j}$


## Fitting Distance Matrix

 Lengths of path in an (unknown) tree $T$

- Fitting means $\underbrace{D_{i j}}=\overbrace{d_{i j}(T)}$

Edit distance between species (known)

## Reconstructing a 3 Leaved Tree



- Tree reconstruction for any $3 \times 3$ matrix is straightforward
- We have 3 leaves $i, j, k$ and a center vertex $c$



## Observe:

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\begin{aligned}
& d_{i c}+d_{j c}=D_{i j} \\
& d_{i c}+d_{k c}=D_{i k} \\
& d_{j c}+d_{k c}=D_{j k}
\end{aligned}
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## Reconstructing a 3 Leaved Tree (contd)




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\begin{gathered}
d_{i c}+d_{j c}=D_{i j} \\
+{\frac{d_{i c}}{}+d_{k c}=D_{i k}}_{2 d_{i c}+\underbrace{d_{j c}+d_{k c}}_{j c}}=D_{i j}+D_{i k} \\
2 d_{i c}+D_{j k}=D_{i j}+D_{i k} \\
d_{i c}=\left(D_{i j}+D_{i k}-D_{j k}\right) / 2
\end{gathered}
$$ Similarly,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& d_{j c}=\left(D_{i j}+D_{j k}-D_{i k}\right) / 2 \\
& d_{k c}=\left(D_{k i}+D_{k j}-D_{i j}\right) / 2
\end{aligned}
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## Trees with > 3 Leaves



- An unrooted tree with $n$ leaves has $2 n-3$ edges




- This means fitting a given tree to a distance matrix $D$ requires solving a system of " $n$ choose 2 " or $1 / 2 x(x-1)$ equations with $2 n-3$ variables (over-specified)
- This is not always possible to solve for $n>3$ given arbitrary/noisy distances


## Additive Distance Matrices


Matrix $D$ is
ADDITIVE if there exists a tree $T$ with

|  | A | B | C | D |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| B | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| C | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| D | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | $d_{i j}(T)=D_{i j}$



NON-ADDITIVE otherwise

|  | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{B}$ | C | $\mathbf{D}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| B | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| C | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| D | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |

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## Distance Based Phylogeny Problem



- Goal: Reconstruct an evolutionary tree from a distance matrix
- Input: $n \times n$ distance matrix $D_{i j}$
- Output: weighted tree $T$ with $n$ leaves fitting $D$
- If $D$ is additive, this problem has a solution and there is a simple algorithm to solve it


## Using Neighboring Leaves to Construct the Tree D(11) (1ix In

- Find neighboring leaves $i$ and $j$ with common parent $k$
- Remove the rows and columns of $i$ and $j$
- Add a new row and column corresponding to $k$, where the distance from $k$ to any other leaf $m$ can be computed as:

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D_{k m}=\left(D_{i m}+D_{j m}-D_{i j}\right) / 2
$$



## Finding Neighboring Leaves



- Or solution assumes that we can easily find neighboring leaves given only distance values
- How might one approach this problem?
- It is not as easy as selecting a pair of closest leaves.


## Finding Neighboring Leaves



- Closest leaves aren't necessarily neighbors
- $i$ and $j$ are neighbors, but $\left(d_{i j}=13\right)>\left(d_{j k}=12\right)$

- Finding a pair of neighboring leaves is a nontrivial problem! (we'll return to it later)


## Neighbor Joining Algorithm



- In 1987 Naruya Saitou and Masatoshi Nei developed a neighbor joining algorithm for phylogenetic tree reconstruction
- Finds a pair of leaves that are close to each other but far from other leaves: implicitly finds a pair of neighboring leaves
- Advantages: works well for additive and other nonadditive matrices, it does not have the flawed molecular clock assumption


## Degenerate Triples



- A degenerate triple is a set of three distinct elements $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$ where $D_{i j}+D_{j k}=D_{i k}$
- Called degenerate because it implies $\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}$, and k are collinear.
- Element $j$ in a degenerate triple $i, j, k$ lies on the evolutionary path from $i$ to $k$ (or is attached to this path by an edge of length 0 ).


## Looking for Degenerate Triples



- If distance matrix $D$ has a degenerate triple $i, j, k$ then $j$ can be "removed" from $D$ thus reducing the size of the problem.
- If distance matrix $D$ does not have a degenerate triple $i, j, k$, one can "create" a degenerative triple in $D$ by shortening all hanging or leaf edges in the tree.


## Shortening Hanging Edges



- Shorten all "hanging" edges (edges that connect leaves) until a degenerate triple is found

|  | A | B | C | D |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A | 0 | 4 | 10 | 9 |
| B | 4 | 0 | 8 | 7 |
| D | 10 | 8 | 0 | 9 |
|  | 9 | 7 | 9 | 0 |



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\left.\right|_{\delta=1}
$$




Now (A,B,D)
are degenerate

## Finding Degenerate Triples



- If there is no degenerate triple, all hanging edges are reduced by the same amount $\delta$, so that all pair-wise distances in the matrix are reduced by $2 \delta$.
- Eventually this process collapses one of the leaves (when $\delta=$ length of shortest hanging edge), forming a degenerate triple $i, j, k$ and reducing the size of the distance matrix $D$.
- The attachment point for $j$ can be recovered in the reverse transformations by saving $D_{i j}$ for each collapsed leaf.


## Reconstructing Trees for Additive Distance Matrices





$i$
$j$
$k$$\leftarrow A$


|  | A | C | D |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A | 0 | 8 | 7 |
| C | 8 | 0 | 7 |
| D | 7 | 7 | 0 |



|  | A | C | D |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| C | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| D | 1 | 1 | 0 |

$i$
$j$
$k$$\leftarrow \stackrel{A}{D}$



## AdditivePhylogeny Algorithm



1. AdditivePhylogeny $(D)$
2. if $D$ is a $2 \times 2$ matrix
3. $\quad T=$ tree of a single edge of length $D_{1,2}$
4. return $T$
5. if $D$ is non-degenerate
6. $\delta=$ trimming parameter of matrix $D$
7. for all $l \leq i \neq j \leq n$
8. $\quad D_{i j}=D_{i j}-2 \delta$
9. else
10. $\delta=0$

## AdditivePhylogeny (contád



1. Find a triple $i, j, k$ in $D$ such that $D_{i j}+D_{j k}=D_{i k}$
2. $x=D_{i j}$
3. Remove $j^{t h}$ row and $j^{\text {th }}$ column from $D$
4. $\quad T=$ AdditivePhylogeny $(D)$
5. Add a new vertex $v$ to $T$ at distance $x$ from $i$ to $k$
6. Add $j$ back to $T$ by creating an edge ( $v, j$ ) of length 0
7. for every leaf / in $T$
8. if distance from / to $v$ in the tree $\neq D_{l, j}$
9. output "matrix is not additive"
10. return
11. Extend all "hanging" edges by length $\delta$
12. return $T$

## The Four Point Condition



- AdditivePhylogeny provides a way to check if distance matrix $D$ is additive
- An even more efficient additivity check is the "four-point condition"
- Let $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n$ be four distinct leaves in a tree


## The Four Point Condition (cont'd)


Compute: 1. $D_{i j}+D_{k l}, 2 . D_{i k}+D_{j l}, 3 . D_{i l}+D_{j k}$


2 and 3 represent the same number: the length of all edges + the middle edge (it is counted twice)


1 represents a smaller number: the length of all edges - the middle edge

## The Four Point Condition: Theorem



- The four point condition for the quartet $i, j, k, l$ is satisfied if two of these sums are the same, with the third sum smaller than these first two
- Theorem: An $n \times n$ matrix $D$ is additive if and only if the four point condition holds for every quartet $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n$


## Next Time



- How to create trees if the matrices are not additive

