

## **The What the Hell Do I Do with All These Trees Lab**

We've generated a lot of trees in the last few weeks. Today we're going to explore different ways to view, compare, and manipulate those trees. First we're going to use *TreeView* to look at a consensus tree generated in *MrBayes*. Then we're going to compare a bunch of trees with the same taxa but different topology using *PAUP\** and generate several types of consensus trees. Finally we're going to generate a consensus tree from trees that have overlapping but not identical taxa using Matrix Representation with Parsimony.

We're going to be using many different files for this lab, so I put together a single file on line containing all of them at [http://ib.berkeley.edu/courses/ib200a/Tree\\_Lab/](http://ib.berkeley.edu/courses/ib200a/Tree_Lab/).

### **TreeView**

*TreeView* is a solid program for viewing trees and generating printable versions of those trees. This will be very useful to you when you're doing your projects, as most of the programs that generate trees either don't print trees at all or make really crappy ones. It is available free on line from <http://taxonomy.zoology.gla.ac.uk/rod/treeview.html>.

-The first thing you need to do is go to the *TreeView* web site, download the Mac version of the program and install it.

-Next download the **MrBayes Consensus Cephalopod** from the web page I set up. This is a consensus tree generated by *MrBayes* for the Cephalopod COI dataset we've been using. It has two trees in it with identical topology. The first has branch lengths and node support values. The second has only branch lengths.

-Open *TreeView* and open the tree file in it.

-Pull down the style menu and change the font size, so that you can easily read the names.

-Push the **Radial Tree** (this button is just a picture that looks like a network) at the top of the page. You will see your tree as a network.

-Push the **phylogram** button and the **Internal labels** button (both just pictures). The tree should now appear as a square phylogram with branchlengths that can be seen in the lengths of the branches and node support values as numbers.

-Use the arrow buttons to view the other tree in the file, which in this case is just the same tree without internal node labels.

-Go to the **tree** menu and select **Define Outgroup**. Double click *Alluroteuthis* (this is an arbitrary choice). Now hit **OK**.

-Pull down the **Tree** menu again and select **Root with outgroup**. This should reroot the tree in the display with *Alluroteuthis* in the outgroup. It will look very different but will still have the same topology.

-To generate a picture for use in your paper pull down the **File** menu and select **Print Preview**. Then click **Picture** to save that tree as a metafile for use with other programs, or **Copy** to paste it into another program.

### **Tree Distances**

Now we're going to use *PAUP\** to generate a number of different tree distance measures on a bunch of trees with the same taxa, like we talked about in class.

-Download the **Cephalopod Matrix** and the **MrBayes Cephalopod Tprbs** from the web site. It contains the first 13 trees from the tprobs file for the cephalopod dataset. This has the highest 50% of trees that I found during stationarity. It also has the estimated posterior probabilities of those trees.

-Open *PAUP\**.

-Before you can open a tree file in *PAUP\** you have to have a data matrix with the same taxa open. So open the matrix file that you downloaded first. Then open the tree file.

-Pull down the **trees** menu and select **Tree to tree distances**.

-For the first run we'll do **symmetric differences**. This is just a measure of the partitions that the two trees do not share. A branch can be viewed as a partition, because it separates the taxa into two groups. So if branches in both trees separate the taxa into the same two groups, then that partition is shared. Thus more similar trees will disagree on fewer partitions and so have smaller symmetric differences.

-Hit **OK**. This should output a matrix of pairwise differences between the trees, and a frequency distribution of those differences. Are the trees with higher posterior probabilities more like the tree with the highest posterior probability? (Remember these trees are listed in the order of their posterior probabilities.) Is the tree with the highest posterior probability more similar to the other trees than they are in general to each other? Why would this be? What trees have the biggest differences?

-Repeat this analysis, only this time use the **Agreement "d"**. This is a measure of how many taxa you have to remove to make two trees the same with a correction added on so that if the taxa removed are further apart you get a bigger number. Thus more similar trees should have smaller differences. How do the trees compare under this

measure of difference? Do the two metrics produce similar histograms? Which metric is more informative?

## Consensus Trees

Now we're going to generate several different consensus trees from that same tree file using *PAUP\**. I want to emphasize that this is not the appropriate way to generate a consensus tree from *MrBayes*. It is much better to use the **sumt** command in *MrBayes*, because that will consider the trees based on their estimated posterior probabilities and will also calculate branch lengths. However, there are many other situations when you would want to use this method, such as if you generate several most parsimonious trees. I'm just using this tree file, because it is convenient.

-Pull down the **Trees** menu and select **Compute Consensus**.

-First let's generate a **Strict Consensus**. Select it then hit **OK**. This will output a tree that only contains nodes present in all your input trees.

When generating consensus trees, *PAUP\** will not hold the consensus trees in its tree buffer. If you want to save the consensus trees, you have to select a file to save them to in the **Compute Consensus** window by clicking **Output to tree file**. There is no need to do that right now, but it may be important for you in the future.

-Now let's generate a **Majority Rule** tree with a cut off at 50%. This will output a tree with all the nodes that appear in more than 50% of the tree. It will also tell you in what percentage of those trees the nodes occurred. Does this have the same topology as the strict consensus? Are they compatible?

-Generate another **Majority Rule** tree, only this time up the cut off, so that you eliminate some clades. The cut off point is always kind of arbitrary, but can not be less than 50%. If it were less than 50%, then you couldn't be sure that all the clades are compatible. How high would the cut off have to be to guarantee that you are going to get the same tree as strict consensus?

## Matrix Representation with Parsimony (MRP)

So it's easy to generate consensus trees if they all have exactly the same taxa, but what do you do if all the trees have different taxa? For example how would you put together a bunch of trees from different studies with overlapping but not identical taxa? Well, it is a matter of big debate. Maybe you shouldn't even do it at all. Maybe it is best to take the data matrices from all those studies and combine them into one supermatrix for analysis. If you do decide to combine trees it is not at all clear what the best method is. The mostly commonly used method is Matrix Representation with Parsimony (MRP). Here we're going to do a made up easy example of it.