Distance based phylogeny reconstruction

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Neighbor joining

- 1. Additive and *O*(*n*^3) time
- 2. Initialization: same as UPGMA
- 3. For each species compute

$$u_i = \frac{\sum_{k=1,k\neq i}^n d_{ik}}{n-2}$$

- 4. Select *i* and *j* for which $d_{ij} (u_i + u_j)$ is minimum
- 5. Make them neighbors in the tree by adding new node *(ij)*, and set tree distance from *(ij)* to *i* and *j* as

$$d_{i,(ij)} = \frac{1}{2}d_{i,j} + \frac{1}{2}(u_i - u_j) \qquad d_{j,(ij)} = \frac{1}{2}d_{i,j} + \frac{1}{2}(u_j - u_i)$$

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6. Update distance matrix *d*: for all clusters *k* do the following

$$d_{(ij),k} = \frac{d_{ik} + d_{jk} - d_{ij}}{2}$$

- 7. Delete columns and rows for *i* and *j* in *d* and add new ones corresponding to cluster *(ij)* with distances as computed above
- 8. Go to 3 until two nodes/clusters are left

NJ

NJ constructs the correct tree for additive matrices



Neighbor joining implementation in Python

- Instead of -1 to denote unusable entries of d we will use 'X'. For this we make changes to
 - Find_closest_pair
 - Update_distance_matrix
 - Make_little_d

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- We also need to modify the functions below to reflect neighbor joining updates
 - Find_closest_pair
 - Update_distance_matrix
 - Distance