

The epic battle between Markov and phylogenetic invariants: equations

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Symmetry in phylogenetics: Sequence and leaf permutations

$$\Delta_1 = \{ \text{residual for } T_1 = \begin{array}{c} A \text{---} \text{---} C \\ B \text{---} \text{---} D \end{array} \}$$

$$\Delta_2 = \{ \text{residual for } T_2 = \begin{array}{c} A \text{---} \text{---} B \\ C \text{---} \text{---} D \end{array} \}$$

$$\Delta_3 = \{ \text{residual for } T_3 = \begin{array}{c} A \text{---} \text{---} B \\ D \text{---} \text{---} C \end{array} \}$$

ALGEBRA ALERT

i.e. a “representation”
of \mathfrak{S}_4 on $\{T_1, T_2, T_3\}$

seqA
seqB
seqC
seqD



PHYLOGENETIC
METHOD

→ $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3)$

seqD
seqC
seqB
seqA



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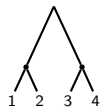
seqA
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→ $(\Delta_3, \Delta_1, \Delta_2)$

The leaf action



seqA
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METHOD

→ $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3)???$

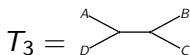
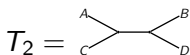
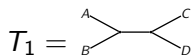
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i.e. “action” of $\times^4 GL(n)$
with Markov matrices M_i

Ideally **tree support** should depend only on “internal” part of tree

Isn't this what “phylogenetic invariants” achieve?

Phylogenetic invariants



Consider polynomials $f(P) = f(p_{AAAA}, p_{AAAC}, p_{AAAG}, \dots, p_{TTTT})$

Phylogenetic “invariant”: (Cavender, Felsenstein, Lake, etc.)

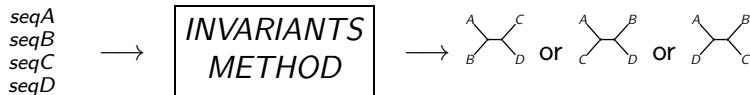
$$f(P_1) = 0 \quad f(P_2) \neq 0 \quad f(P_3) \neq 0$$

Algebraic statistics (Sturmfels, Pacter, et. al.): *Ideals, varieties, etc.*

Our perspective: *Groups, modules, etc.*

In either case f becomes an infinite space $\langle f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots \rangle$

Back to sequence and leaf permutations



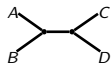
Permute seqA \leftrightarrow seqB \implies $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3) \rightarrow (\Delta_1, \Delta_3, \Delta_2)$?

'Biologically symmetric' invariants (E 2009, R&H 2012)

'Invariant' invariants! (F-S pers. comm.)

Quartet

Stabilizer



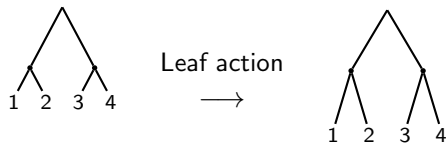
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G} &= \mathfrak{S}_2 \wr \mathfrak{S}_2 \\ &= \langle (AB), (CD), (AC)(BD) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

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Irreducible representations
of \mathcal{G} provide distinguished basis
for invariants (S&J 2009)

From an algebraic point of view, this is only half the story.
What about the leaf action?

The problem with phylogenetic invariants $\langle f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots \rangle$



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BIG INSIGHT

$$p'_{ijkl} = \sum$$

*Linear combination of p_{ijkl} ,
coeffs from M_i*

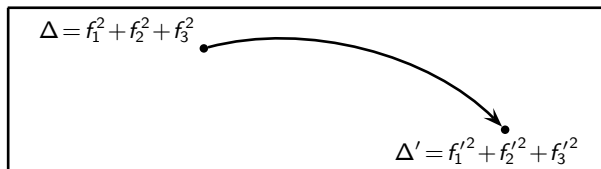
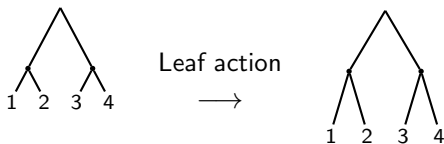


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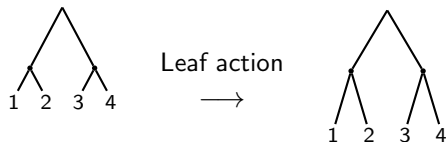
The problem with using phylogenetic invariants $\langle f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots \rangle$

Tree “residual” $\Delta := \sum_i |f_i(P)|^2$ depends on choice of *basis* $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots\}$



*Any measure Δ entails a choice of phylogenetic “invariants” equivalent to alternative choice evaluated at a displaced P .
i.e. Δ is not invariant to leaf action*

Markov invariants solve this problem!



THE BIG INSIGHT: $f'_i = \sum$ *Linear combination of f_i ,
coeffs from the M_i*

Markov invariants: $q \rightarrow \lambda q$

Existence theorem (S,C,J,& J, 2009): $\lambda =$ products of $\det(M_i)$

Surely Markov invariants are good because they don't depend on "internal" part of the tree?

Yes! Log-det and Hadamard q -coordinates; the magical squangles

(H,S,& J 2012).

Binary quartet: The simplest case possible

12|34 “flattening” of quartet probability distribution P :

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{00,00} & p_{00,01} & p_{00,10} & p_{00,11} \\ p_{01,00} & p_{01,01} & p_{01,10} & p_{01,11} \\ p_{10,00} & p_{10,01} & p_{10,10} & p_{10,11} \\ p_{11,00} & p_{11,01} & p_{11,10} & p_{11,11} \end{pmatrix}$$

Initial value on “stubby” T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 :

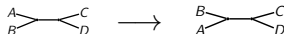
$$P_1 = \begin{matrix} & 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \\ \begin{matrix} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad P_2 = P_3 = \begin{matrix} & 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \\ \begin{matrix} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Notice 3×3 minors are 0 on T_1 and non-zero on T_2 and T_3

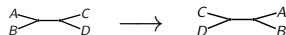
LEAF ACTION+BIG INSIGHT \implies minors are **phylo invariants**

Minors and leaf permutations DETAIL OPTIONAL

Rotation:



Reflection:



Flattening: $P \rightarrow KP$ and P^t , where $K = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

3×3 minors under leaf permutations:

	00	01	10	11
00	○	◇	◇	□
01	◇	★	★	▲
10	◇	★	★	▲
11	□	▲	▲	*

Gives **six** possible leaf perm invariant residuals:

$$\Delta = \circ^2 + \diamond^2 + \square^2 + \star^2 + \blacktriangle^2 + *^2$$

But what about the leaf action?

Leaf action for flattening: $P \rightarrow XPY^t$ (where $X = M_1 \otimes M_2$ and $Y = M_3 \otimes M_4$)

Under the leaf action the minors become all mixed up!

$$\circ, \diamond, \square, \star, \blacktriangle, * \xrightarrow{\text{Leaf action}} \boxed{\text{Linear combination of } \circ, \diamond, \square, \star, \blacktriangle, *, \text{ coeffs from the } M_i}$$

BADNESS!

Markov invariants, “the squangle”: $q \xrightarrow{\text{Leaf action}} \lambda q$

$\Delta = q^2$ provides a tree-topology residual that is invariant to changes of parameter values at leaves of tree

AWESOMENESS!

But wait, there's more: Signed least squares

Three flattenings \implies three squangles: q_1, q_2, q_3 .

Rep theory: $q_1 + q_2 + q_3 = 0$ use $q_3 = -q_2$ in place of $q_1 = 0$.

Leaf action gives semi-algebraic constraints: $u, v, w > 0$

Hypothesis	$E[q_1]$	$E[q_2]$	$E[q_3]$
T_1	0	$-u$	u
T_2	v	0	$-v$
T_3	$-w$	w	0

Least squares estimate: $\hat{u} = \frac{1}{2}(q_3 - q_2)$ or $\hat{u} = 0$.

Residuals: $\Delta = \frac{1}{2}q_1^2$ or $q_2^2 + q_3^2$

Second case sends $q_2, q_3 \rightarrow 0$ as best estimate.

Analogous situation for minors

Origin of signed least squares

Leaf action: $P \rightarrow XPY^t$ (where $X = M_1 \otimes M_2$ and $Y = M_3 \otimes M_4$)

On matrix of minors, inverses get in the act:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1-a & b \\ a & 1-b \end{pmatrix} \implies M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} + & - \\ - & + \end{pmatrix}$$

Leaf action on minors:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \circ & \diamond & \diamond & \square \\ \diamond & \star & \star & \blacktriangle \\ \diamond & \star & \star & \blacktriangle \\ \square & \blacktriangle & \blacktriangle & * \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} + & - & - & + \\ - & + & + & - \\ - & + & + & - \\ + & - & - & + \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} + & - & - & + \\ - & + & + & - \\ - & + & + & - \\ + & - & - & + \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} + & - & - & + \\ - & + & + & - \\ - & + & + & - \\ + & - & - & + \end{pmatrix}$$

Take home message

- ▶ **Theory** says “Markov invariants” $>$ “phylogenetic invariants”
- ▶ In particular, the squangles should give stable tree residual function in face of changing rate parameters.
- ▶ Over to you Barbara...

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