Genomic Relationships and Speciation Times of the Great Apes from a Coal-HMM

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An Evolutionary Relationship of Them
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Input Data

States and transitions of the model
Transition Probabilities

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Emission Probabilities

1. Substitution rate matrix $Q$
2. The phylogenetic tree corresponding to the hidden state
3. What does it mean to know the phylogenetic tree?
Value of interest 2.

Divergence Times
Value of interest 3.

Speciation Times

\[ \tau_2 = (b - 2N_{HCG}\mu)/(1/\log(1-\psi) + 1/\psi), \]
where \( \psi = 1 - \exp(-\tau_2/2N_{HC}\mu) \)

\[ \tau_1 = a + b - (\tau_2 + 2N_{HCG}\mu) \]

\[ \eta = (s, u, v, a, b, c, \tilde{a}) \]
Experiment

Dataset
Five long contiguous human-chimp-gorilla-orangutan (HCGO) alignments from the NIH (Targets 1, 106, 121, and 122 on four different autosomes and Target 46 on the X chromosome)

Probabilities estimation in HMM
Run Baum-Welch!
Result 1.

Transition Parameters

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Interpretation

- Together with other results, HC1 is strongly supported and usually is being expanded kilo-basepairs, while alternatives are not.
Result 2.

**Speciation Times**

Interpretation

- This measure is consistently around 4Myrs even at X chromosome.
Result 3.

Interpretation

- The divergence times are much higher than speciation times.
- It's because of large effective sizes in the ancestral species.
Result 4.

Interpretation

- It looks counterintuitive, but it matches with the result of simulations.
Future Work

1. Handling much more complex coalescent-with-recombination process when more data become available
2. Introducing more hidden states in the HMM to provide a more detailed approximation of the different coalescent times.
Thank you and Questions?