

# Exercises – Phylogenetics

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## Exercise Sheet 1 — 12.10.2017

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### Task 1

(0 Points)

Write down your name on each solution. If you have to use multiple sheets, staple them together. This “exercise” applies to every exercise list.

### Task 2 Properties of trees.

(2 Points)

To prove the equivalence of  $n$  statements

$$S_1 \Leftrightarrow S_2 \Leftrightarrow \dots \Leftrightarrow S_n$$

it is sufficient to show:

$$S_1 \Rightarrow S_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow S_n \Rightarrow S_1.$$

By this circular argumentation, we save to show all pairwise equivalence relations.

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a non-directional graph. Apply the above technique to prove that following statements are equivalent.

- (a)  $G$  is a tree.  
(Use the definition of a tree given by the lecture notes.)
- (b) Every pair of nodes  $\{v_1, v_2\} \in \binom{V}{2}$  is connected by a unique, simple path.
- (c)  $G$  is minimal connected, i.e., for all  $e \in E$ : if  $e$  is removed, the resulting graph  $G' = (V, E \setminus \{e\})$  is not connected.
- (d)  $G$  is connected and  $|E| = |V| - 1$ .
- (e)  $G$  is free of cycles and  $|E| = |V| - 1$ .
- (f)  $G$  is maximal free of cycles, i.e., for all  $e \in \binom{V}{2} \setminus E$ : if  $e$  is added to  $E$ , the resulting graph  $G' = (V, E \cup \{e\})$  contains a cycle.

To make that task a little bit easier, we split the steps of the proof according to your students registration number (Matrikelnummer). Take the **last digit** of your registration number and do the two parts of the proof.

Digit	Parts of proof
0	(c) $\Rightarrow$ (d), (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b)
1	(a) $\Rightarrow$ (b), (e) $\Rightarrow$ (f)
2	(c) $\Rightarrow$ (d), (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b)
3	(f) $\Rightarrow$ (a), (d) $\Rightarrow$ (e)
4	(a) $\Rightarrow$ (b), (e) $\Rightarrow$ (f)
5	(d) $\Rightarrow$ (e), (b) $\Rightarrow$ (c)
6	(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c), (f) $\Rightarrow$ (a)
7	(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c), (f) $\Rightarrow$ (a)
8	(d) $\Rightarrow$ (e), (b) $\Rightarrow$ (c)
9	(e) $\Rightarrow$ (f), (c) $\Rightarrow$ (d)

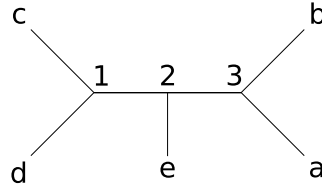
Hint: Some parts are proper for a direct proof, other parts for a proof by contradiction, and sometimes it makes sense to show  $\neg(j) \Rightarrow \neg(i)$  instead of  $(i) \Rightarrow (j)$ .

Please turn over! Bitte wenden!

**Task 3 Rooted and unrooted trees.**

**(2 Points)**

- (a) Consider the following tree. Add a new root at the edge  $\{a, 3\}$ , draw the resulting tree, and give the corresponding NEWICK notation.



- (b) Draw the tree to the following NEWICK notation:

$((D,A)1,(B,C)2)3,E)4;$