

# Intro to Cladistic Analysis



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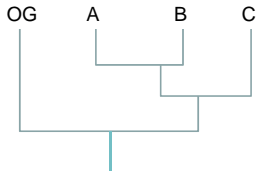
## I. Overview



### A. Scope

#### 1. Ingroup vs. outgroup

e.g., angiosperms vs. non-angiosperms  
e.g., primates vs. non-primates



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## I. Overview



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#### 1. Characters & Character states

##### a. Morphological Characters

e.g., Phyllotaxy: 0 = alternate; 1 = opposite; 2 = whorled.

e.g., Carpel Presence: 0 = absent; 1 = present.

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or

e.g., Position 36 in *rbcL* gene: A; G; C; T.

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(e.g., amino acid sequence characters)

e.g., Position 5 in *rubisco*: 0 = glutamine; 1 = proline; etc.

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#### d. Data Matrix

	VERTEBRAE	LEGS	ENDOTHERMY	FUR	MAMMARY GLANDS	OPPOSABLE THUMB	TAIL
Snail	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Fish	1	0	0	0	0	-	1
Lizard	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bird	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cow	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Monkey	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gorilla	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Human	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

\*Note: a "-" denotes that the character is inapplicable—i.e., not relevant—for that species.

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# I. Overview



## C. Recognizing synapomorphies to resolve cladogram

1. Uses the OG to root the cladogram (cladogram is rooted Between the OG and the IG)
2. Parsimony

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Leaf shape

IG Sp. A **cordate**  
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IG Sp. C **elliptic**  
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**Problem:** These are equally parsimonious

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Leaf shape

IG Sp. A cordate  
 IG Sp. B cordate  
 IG Sp. C elliptic  
 IG Sp. D elliptic  
 OG Sp. elliptic

1 step on this rooted network

2 steps on this rooted tree, either way...

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## II. Cladogram Construction

A. Choose best cladogram

1. Start with all possible ingroup topologies

	char 1	char 2	char 3	char 4
Species A	0	0	1	1
Species B	1	0	0	0
Species C	1	0	1	1
Species D (outgroup)	1	1	1	0

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## II. Cladogram Construction

2. Use parsimony to map characters

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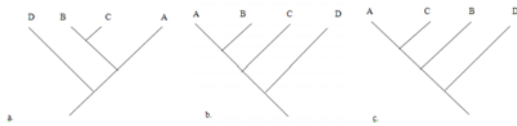
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## II. Cladogram Construction



3. Choose cladogram with fewest steps

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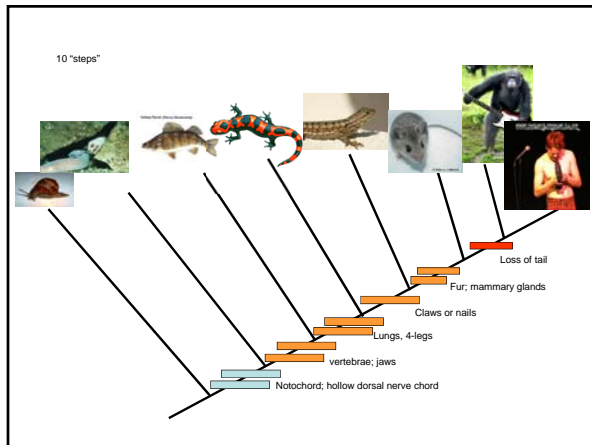
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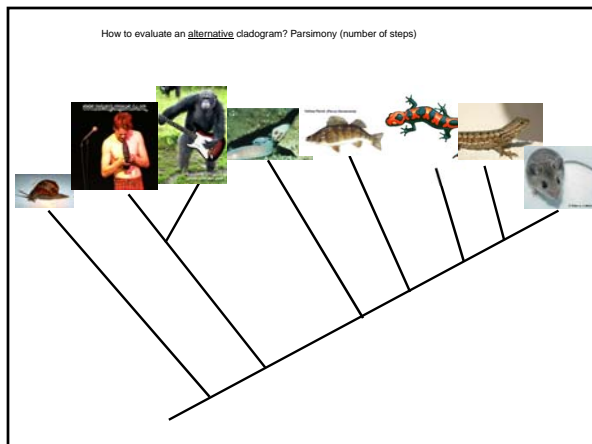
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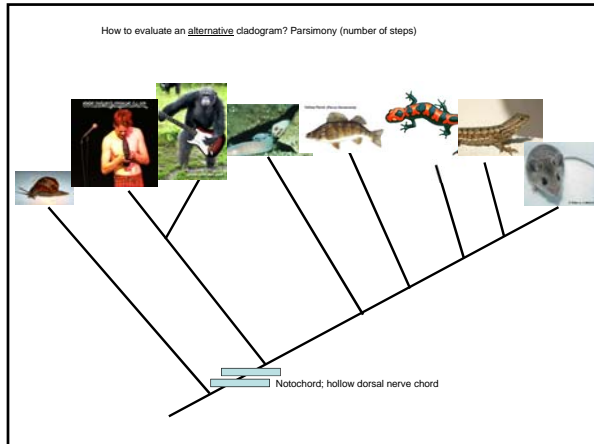
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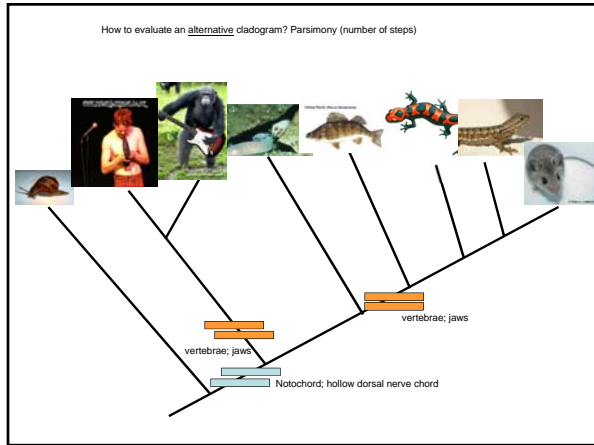
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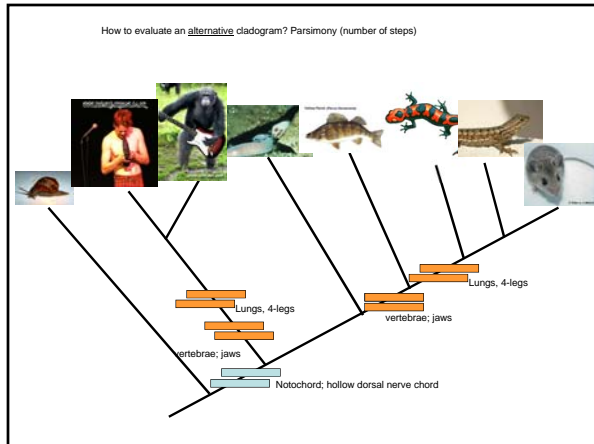
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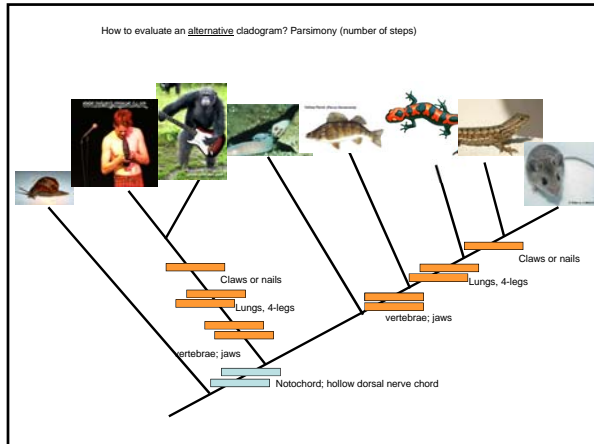
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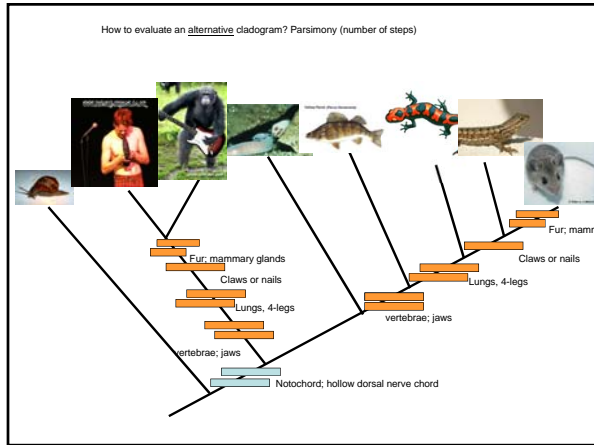
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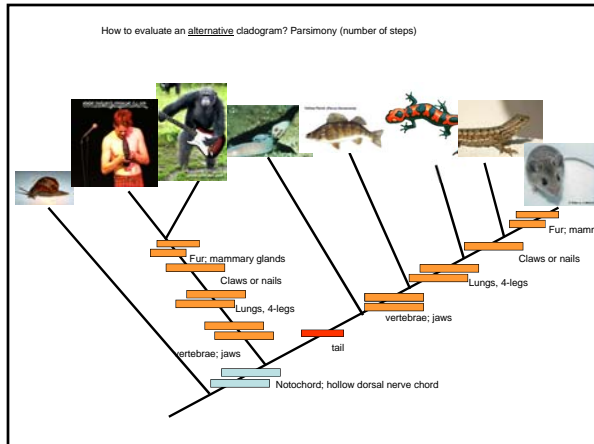
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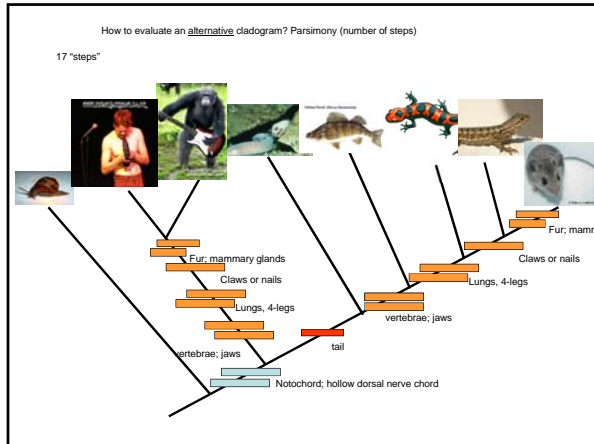


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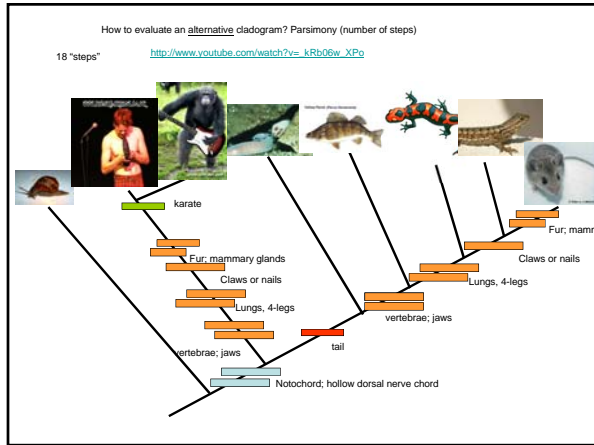
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## II. Cladogram Construction

B. The size of the problem

1. Number of stars in the universe

**The Question**  
(Submitted January 15, 1997)  
How many stars are there, named and un-named, known to exist?

**The Answer**  
This is a very good question! There are too many stars for scientists to actually count one-by-one, so other methods of estimating the total number of stars are used. We believe that there are on the order of  $10^{23}$  stars in our Universe. If you write that number out, it looks like this: 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000. This is a lot of stars!

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## II. Cladogram Construction



### C. Major Parsimony-based cladistic programs



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