

# Computing Triplet and Quartet Distances Between Trees

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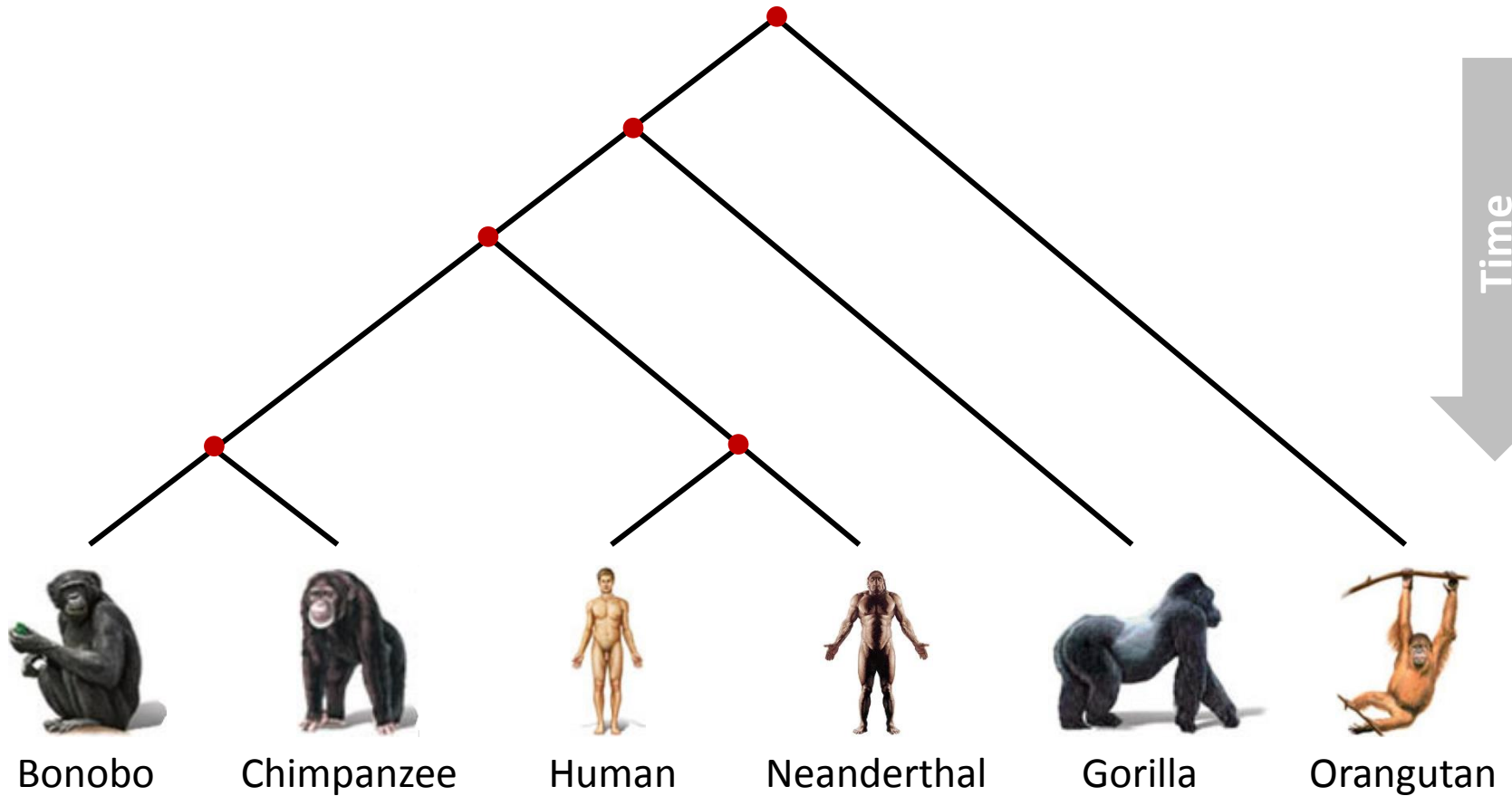
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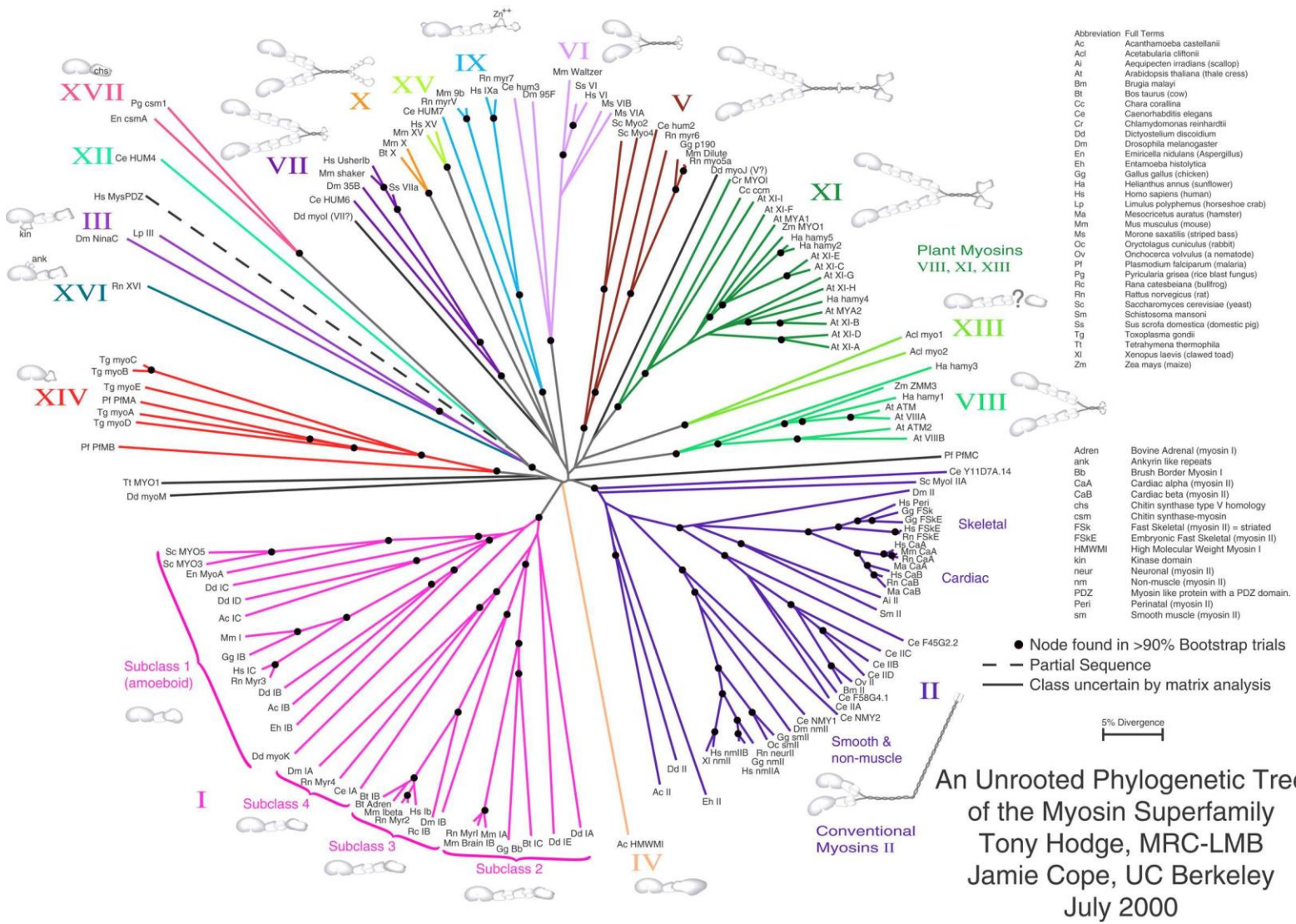
# Outline

- Evolutionary **trees**
  - **rooted** vs. **unrooted**, binary vs. arbitrary degree
- Tree distances
  - Robinson-Foulds, **triplet**, **quartet**
- Results and previous work
  - **triplet**, **quartet** distances
- Algorithms
  - **triplet (quartet)**
- Experimental results (ALENEX 2014)

# Rooted Evolutionary Tree



# Unrooted Evolutionary Tree



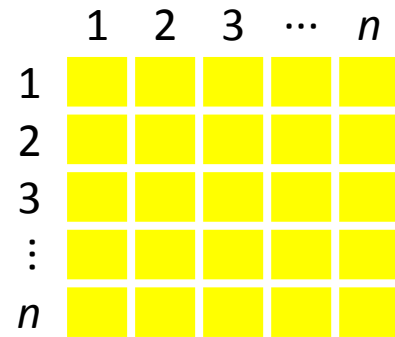
An Unrooted Phylogenetic Tree of the Myosin Superfamily  
 Tony Hodge, MRC-LMB  
 Jamie Cope, UC Berkeley  
 July 2000

Dominant modern approach to study evolution is from DNA analysis

# Constructing Evolutionary Trees – Binary or Arbitrary Degrees ?

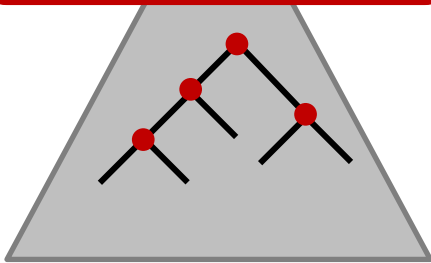


Distance matrix



**Binary trees**

(despite no evidence  
in distance data)



**Neighbor Joining**

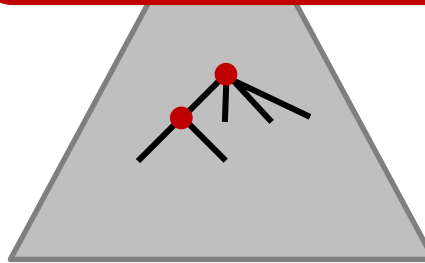
Saitou, Nei 1987

[  $O(n^3)$  Saitou, Nei 1987 ]

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**Arbitrary degree**

(compromise ; good  
support for all edges)



**Refined Buneman Trees**

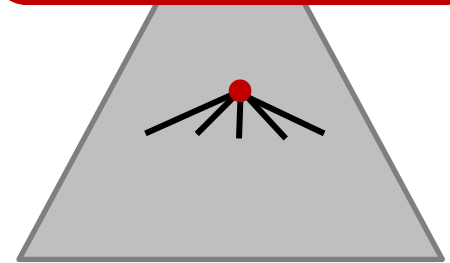
Moulton, Steel 1999

[  $O(n^3)$  Brodal *et al.* 2003 ]

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**Arbitrary degrees**

(strong support for all  
edges ; few branches)



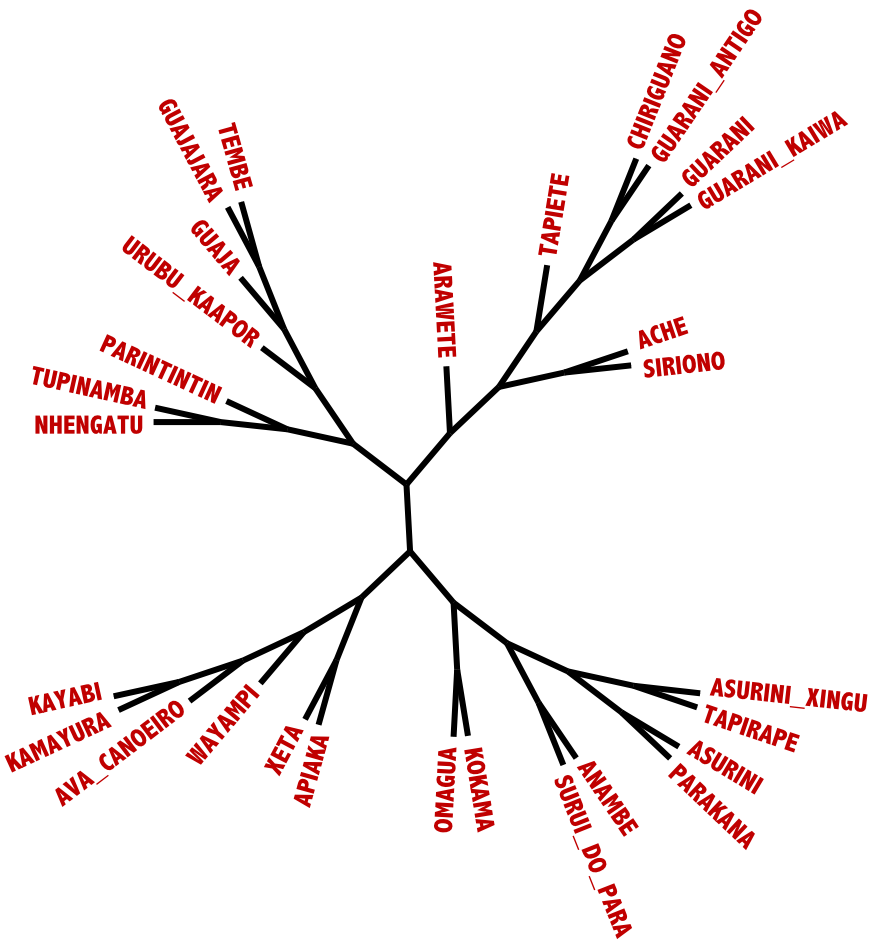
**Buneman Trees**

Buneman 1971

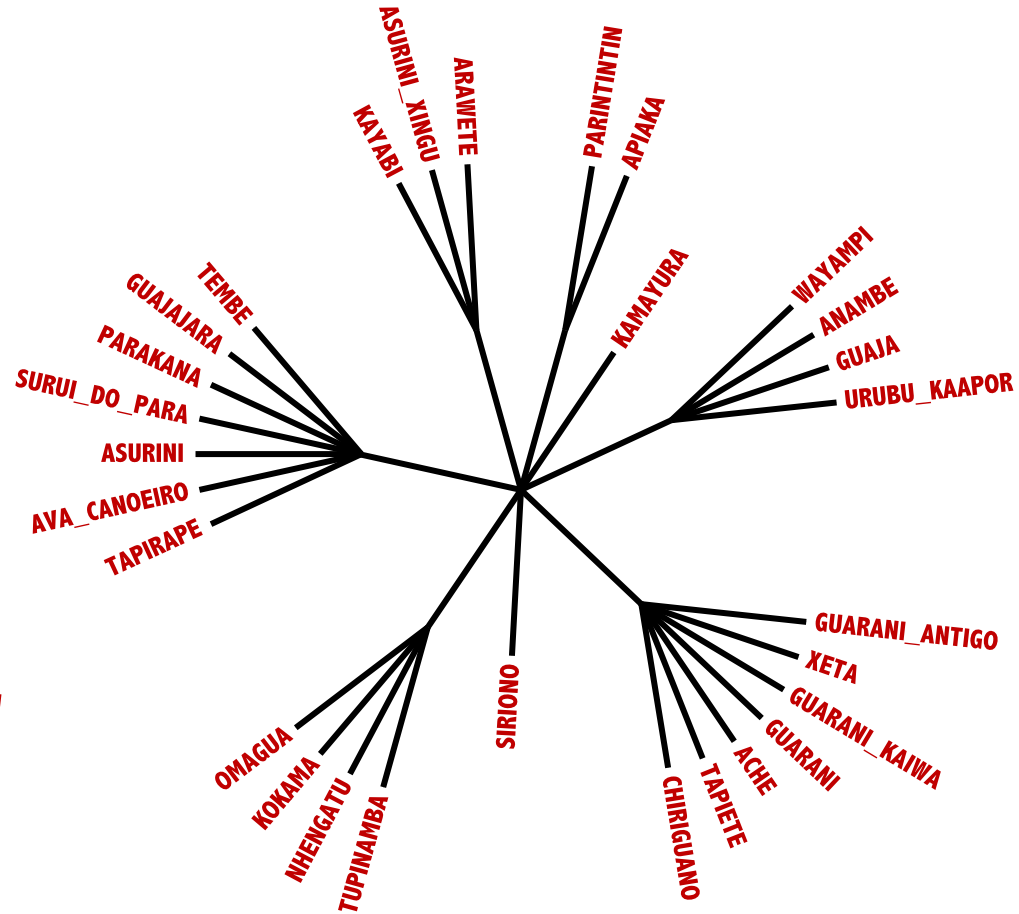
[  $O(n^3)$  Berry, Bryan 1999 ]

# Data Analysis vs Expert Trees – Binary vs Arbitrary Degrees ?

*Cultural Phylogenetics of the Tupi Language Family in Lowland South America.*  
R. S. Walker, S. Wichmann, T. Mailund, C. J. Atkinson. PLoS One. 7(4), 2012.

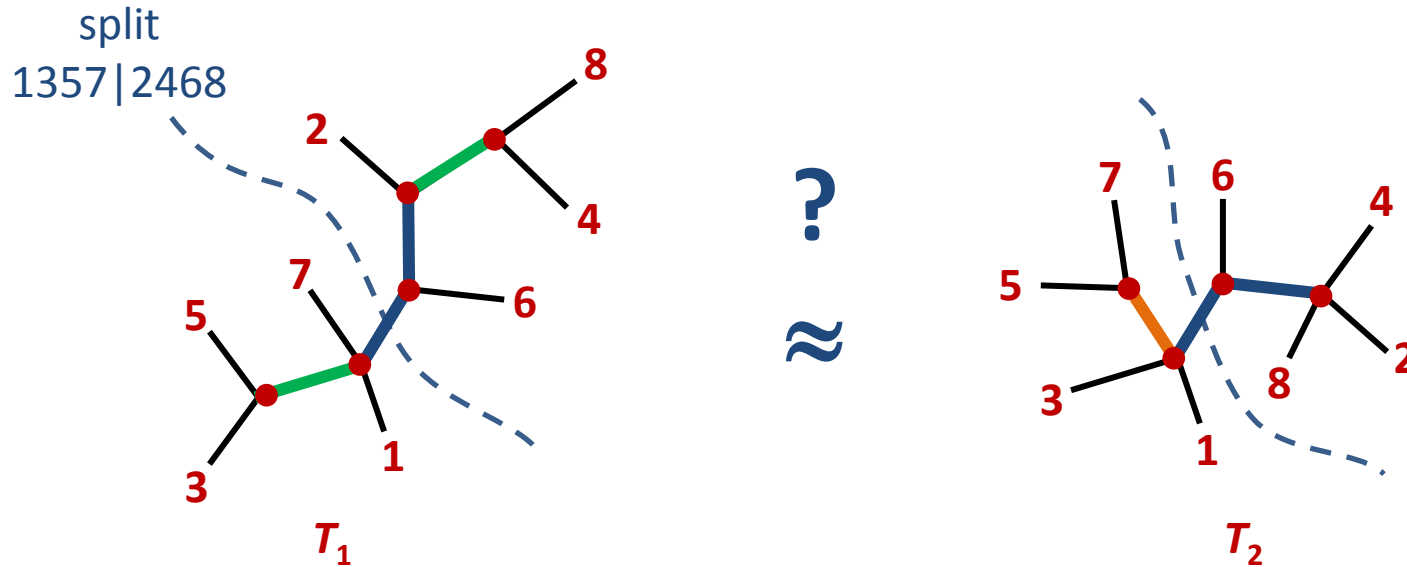


Neighbor Joining on linguistic data



Linguistic expert classification  
(Aryon Rodrigues)

# Evolutionary Tree Comparison



Common	Only $T_1$	Only $T_2$
1357 2468	35 124678	57 123468
13567 248	48 123567	

**Robinson-Foulds distance** = # non-common splits = **2** + **1** = **3**

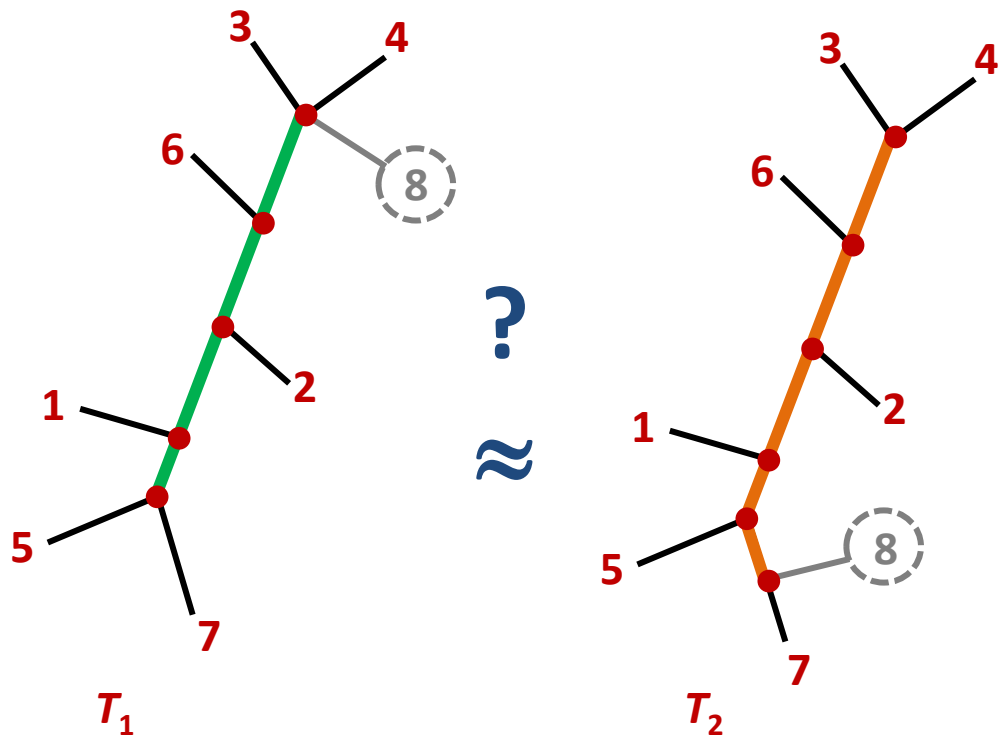
D. F. Robinson and L. R. Foulds. Comparison of weighted labeled trees.

In *Combinatorial mathematics, VI*, Lecture Notes in Mathematics, pages 119–126. Springer, 1979.

[Day 1985]  $O(n)$  time algorithm using 2 x DFS + radix sort

# Robinson-Foulds Distance (unrooted trees)

D. F. Robinson and L. R. Foulds. Comparison of weighted labeled trees. In *Combinatorial mathematics, VI*, Lecture Notes in Mathematics, pages 119–126. Springer, 1979.



Common	Only $T_1$	Only $T_2$
(none)	12567 348	125678 34
	1257 3468	12578 346
	157 23468	1578 2346
	57 123468	578 12346
		78 123456

$$\text{RF-dist}(T_1, T_2) = 4 + 5 = 9$$

$$\text{RF-dist}(T_1 \setminus \{8\}, T_2 \setminus \{8\}) = 0$$

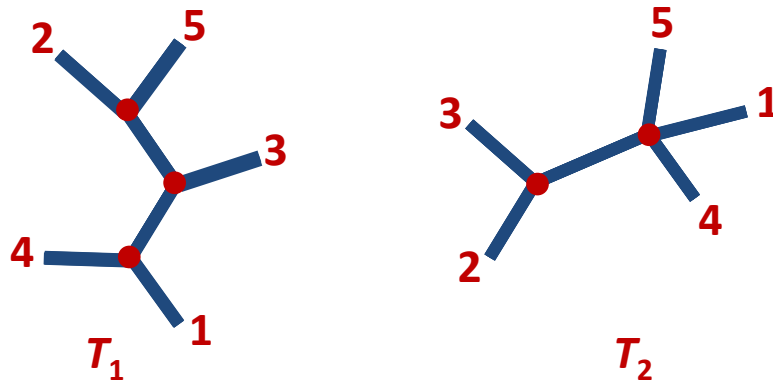
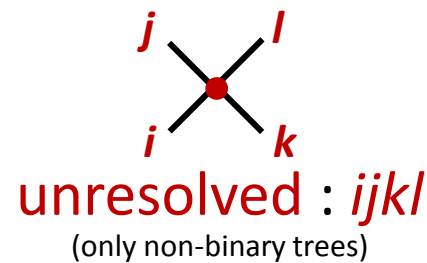
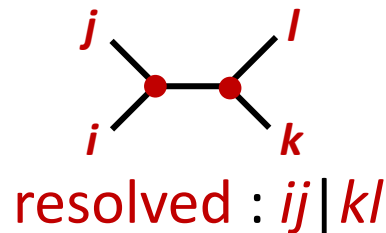
*Robinson-Foulds very sensitive to outliers*



# Quartet Distance (unrooted trees)

G. Estabrook, F. McMorris, and C. Meacham. Comparison of undirected phylogenetic trees based on subtrees of four evolutionary units. *Systematic Zoology*, 34:193-200, 1985.

Consider all  $\binom{n}{4}$  **quartets**, i.e. topologies of subsets of 4 leaves  $\{i,j,k,l\}$



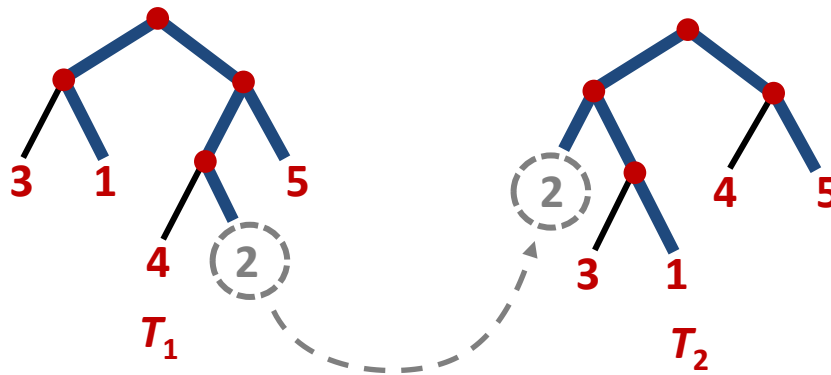
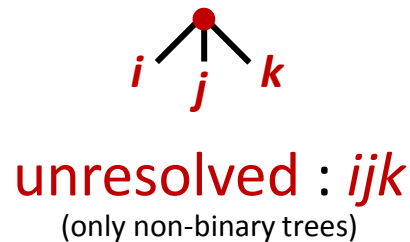
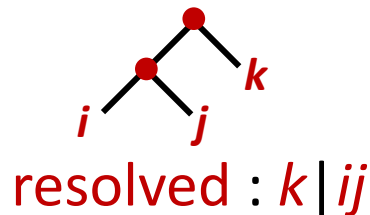
Quartet	$T_1$	$T_2$
$\{1,2,3,4\}$	14 23	14 23
$\{1,2,3,5\}$	13 25	15 23
$\{1,2,4,5\}$	14 25	1245
$\{1,3,4,5\}$	14 35	1345
$\{2,3,4,5\}$	25 34	23 45

$$\text{Quartet-dist}(T_1, T_2) = \binom{n}{4} - \# \text{ common quartets} = 5 - 1 = 4$$

# Triplet Distance (rooted trees)

D. E. Critchlow, D. K. Pearl, C. L. Qian: The triples distance for rooted bifurcating phylogenetic trees. *Systematic Biology*, 45(3):323-334, 1996.

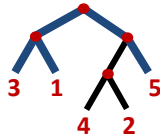
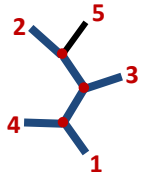
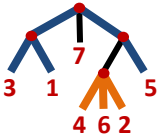
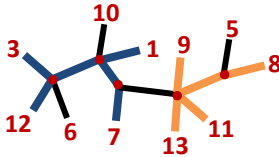
Consider all  $\binom{n}{3}$  triplets, i.e. topologies of subsets of 3 leaves  $\{i, j, k\}$



Triplet	$T_1$	$T_2$
{1,2,3}	2   13	2   13
{1,2,4}	1   24	4   12
{1,2,5}	1   25	5   12
{1,3,4}	4   13	4   13
{1,3,5}	5   13	5   13
{1,4,5}	1   45	1   45
{2,3,4}	3   24	4   23
{2,3,5}	3   25	5   23
{2,4,5}	5   24	2   45
{3,4,5}	3   45	3   45

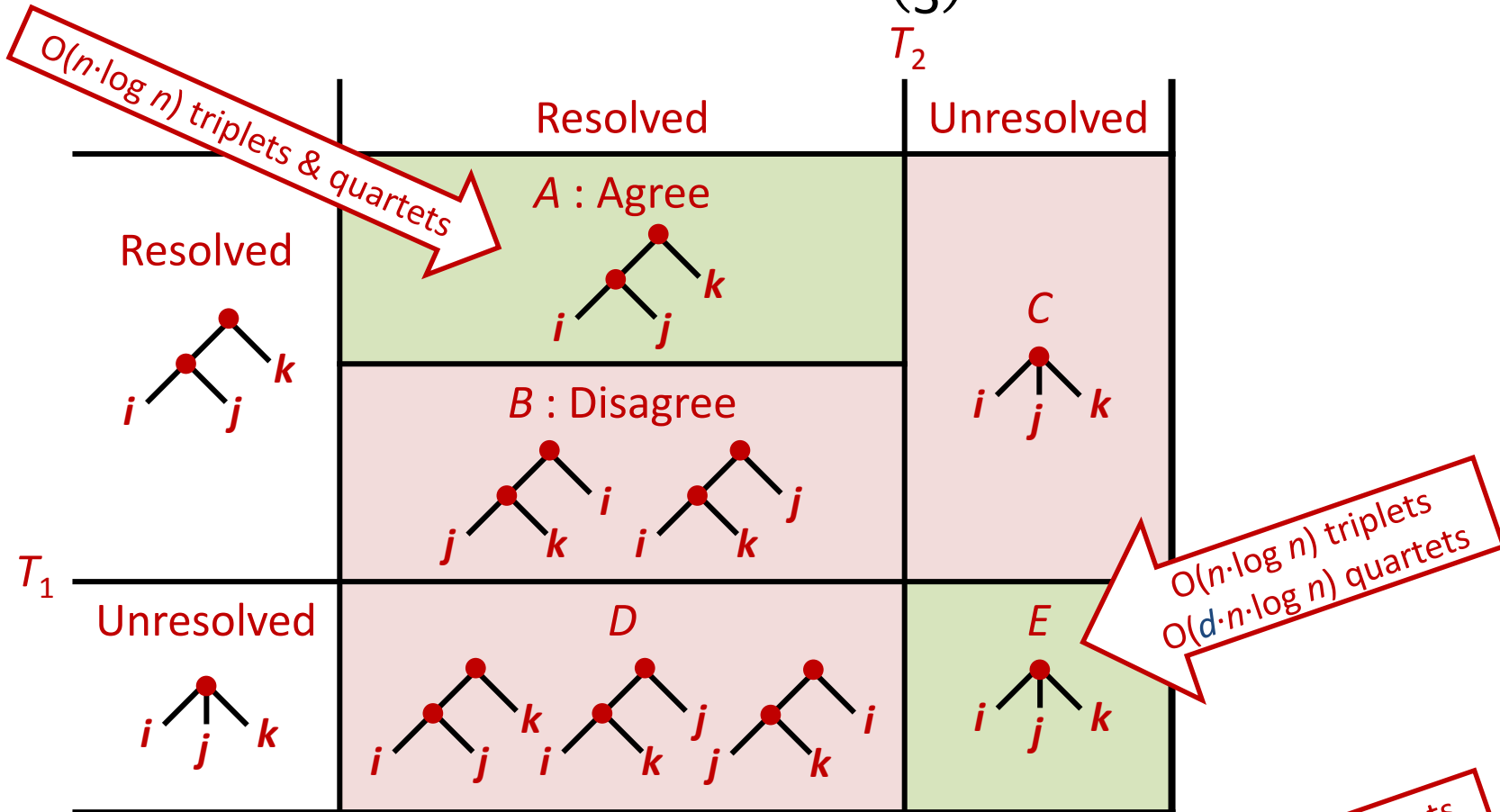
$$\text{Triplet-dist}(T_1, T_2) = \binom{n}{3} - \# \text{ common triplets} = 10 - 5 = 5$$

# Computational Results

	Rooted Triplet distance	Unrooted Quartet distance
Binary	 <p> <math>O(n^2)</math> CPQ 1996  <math>O(n \cdot \log^2 n)</math> SBFPM 2013  <math>O(n \cdot \log n)</math> [SODA 2013]                 </p>	 <p> <math>O(n^3)</math> D 1985  <math>O(n^2)</math> BTKL 2000  <math>O(n \cdot \log^2 n)</math> BFP 2001  <math>O(n \cdot \log n)</math> BFP 2003                 </p>
Arbitrary degrees	 <p> <math>O(n^2)</math> BDF 2011  <math>O(n \cdot \log n)</math> [SODA 2013]                 </p>	 <p> <math>O(d^9 \cdot n \cdot \log n)</math> SPMBF 2007  <math>O(n^{2.688})</math> NKMP 2011  <math>O(d \cdot n \cdot \log n)</math> [SODA 2013]                      [ALENEX 2014]                 </p>

# Distance Computation

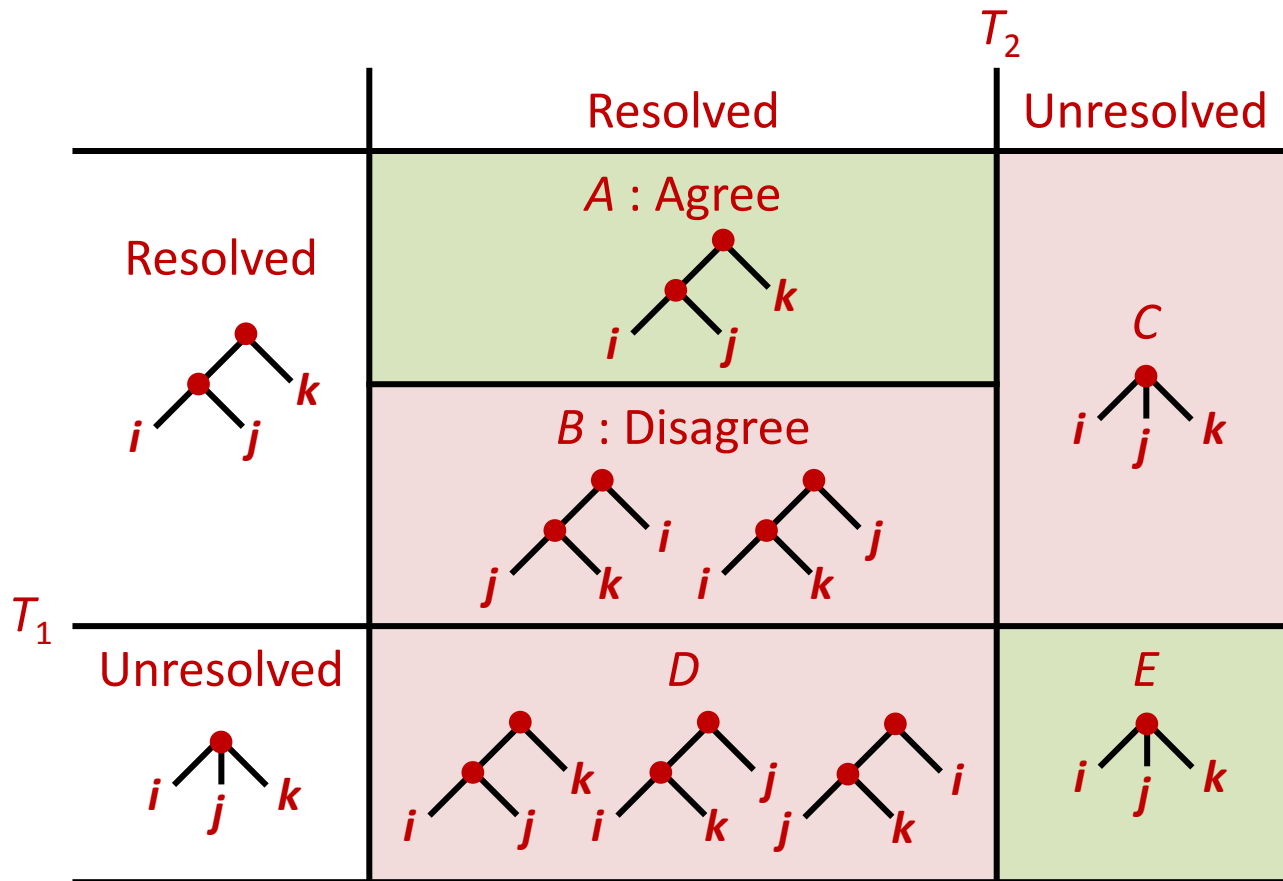
$$\text{Triplet-dist}(T_1, T_2) = B + C + D = \binom{n}{3} - A - E$$



Sufficient to compute **A and E**  
 **$D + E$  and  $C + E$  unresolved in one tree**  
 (For binary trees C, D and E are all zero)

# Parameterized Triplet & Quartet Distances

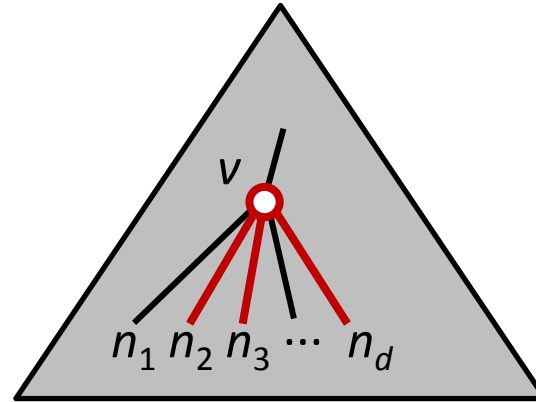
$$B + \alpha \cdot (C + D), \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$



BDF 2011  $O(n^2)$  for triplet, NKMP 2011  $O(n^{2.688})$  for quartet  
[SODA 2013/ALENEX 2014]  $O(n \cdot \log n)$  and  $O(d \cdot n \cdot \log n)$ , respectively

# Counting Unresolved Triplets in One Tree

$$\sum_v \sum_{i < j < k} n_i \cdot n_j \cdot n_k$$

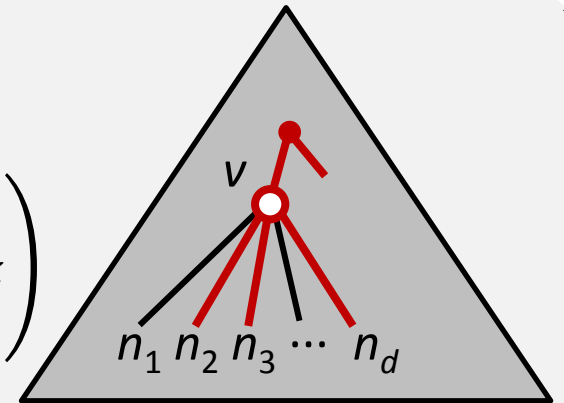


Triplet anchored at  $v$

Computable in  $O(n)$  time using DFS + dynamic programming

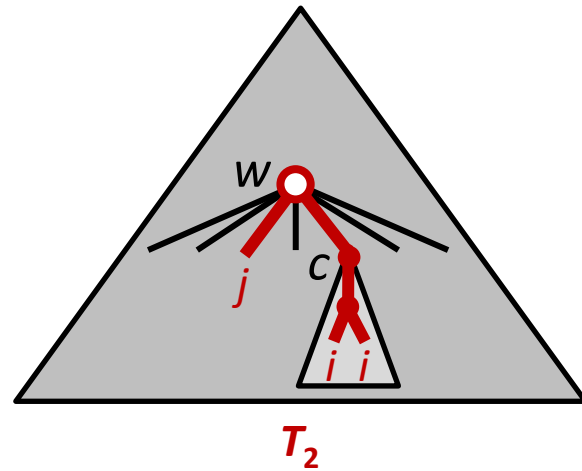
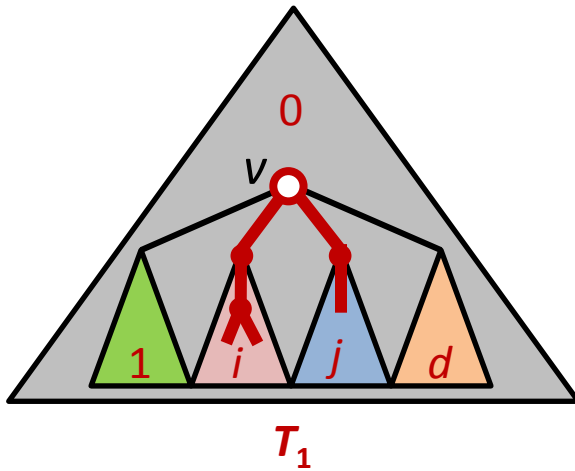
## Quartets (root tree arbitrary)

$$\sum_v \left( \sum_{i < j < k < l} n_i \cdot n_j \cdot n_k \cdot n_l + \left( n - \sum_l n_l \right) \sum_{i < j < k} n_i \cdot n_j \cdot n_k \right)$$



Quartet anchored at  $v$

# Counting Agreeing Triplets (Basic Idea)



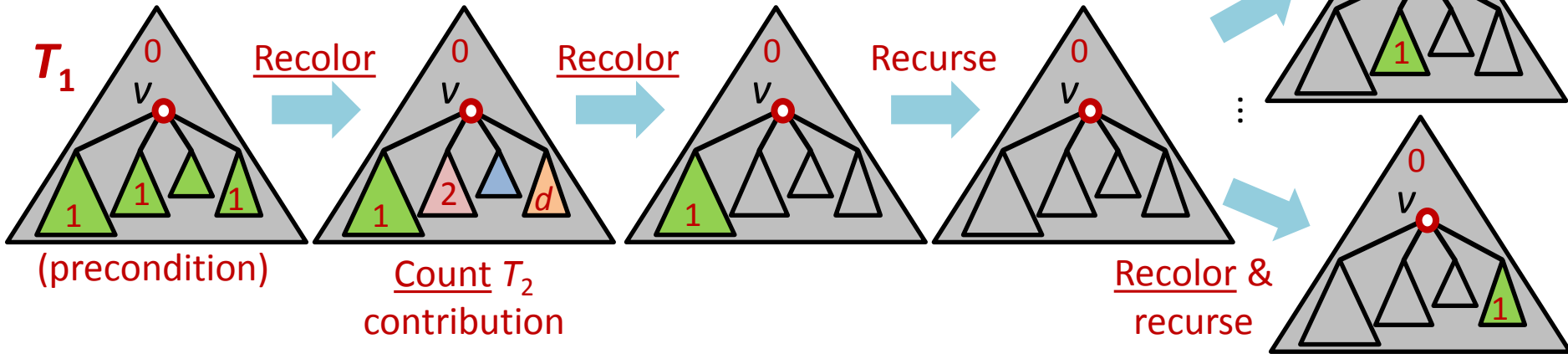
$$\sum_{v \in T_1} \sum_{w \in T_2} \sum_c \sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} \binom{n_i^c}{2} (n^w - n^c - n_i^w + n_i^c)$$

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} n_i^w$$

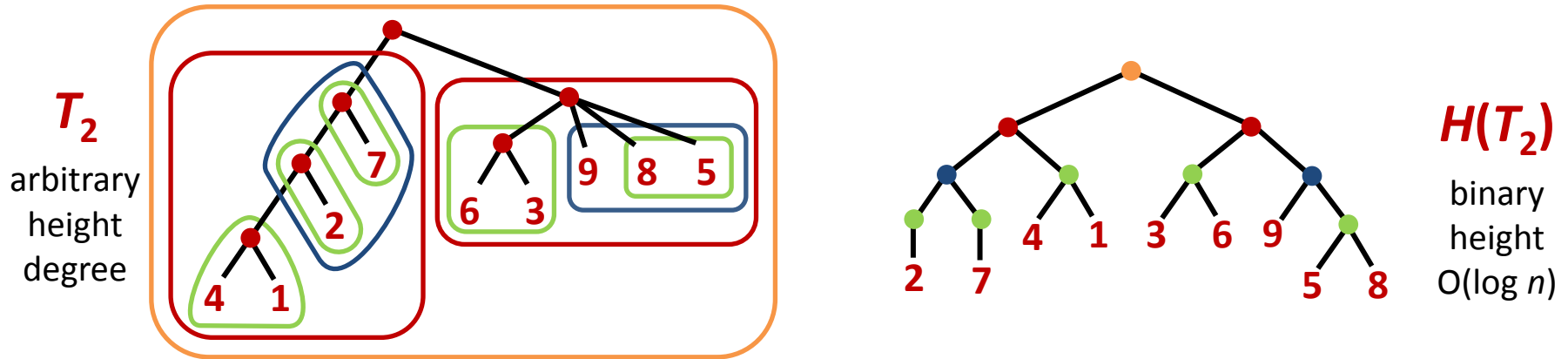
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# Efficient Computation

Limit recolorings in  $T_1$  (and  $T_2$ ) to  $O(n \cdot \log n)$



Reduce recoloring cost in  $T_2$  from  $O(n^2)$  to  $O(n \cdot \log^2 n)$

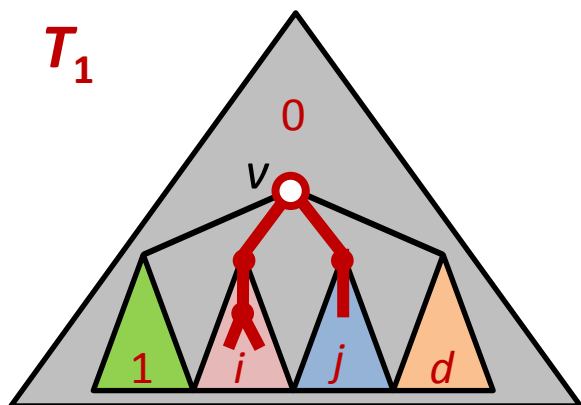


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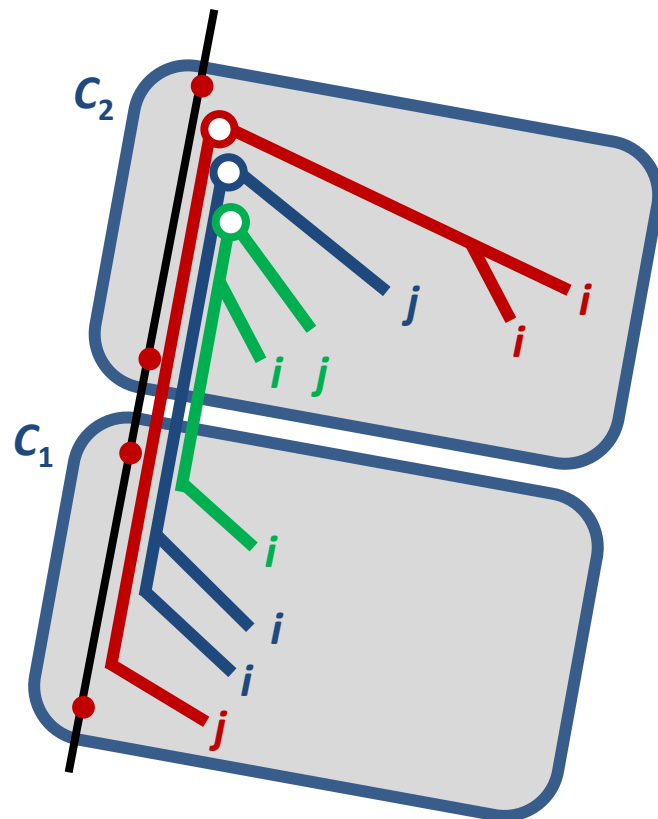
- Contract  $T_2$  and reconstruct  $H(T_2)$  during recursion



# Counting Agreeing Triplets (II)



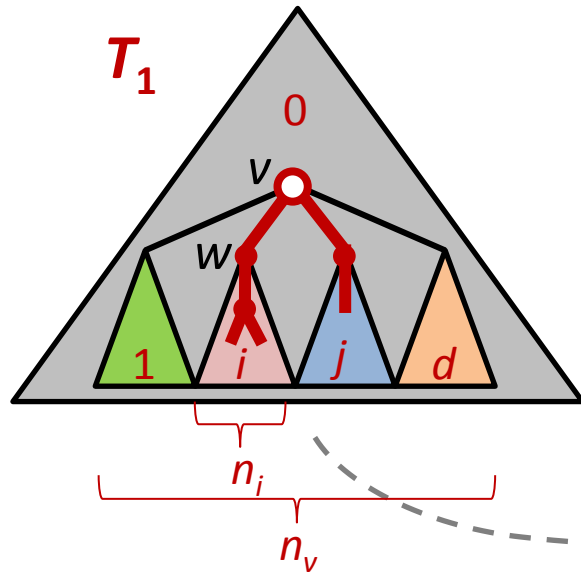
node in  $H(T_2)$  =  
component  
composition in  $T_2$



Contribution to agreeing triplets at node in  $H(T_2)$

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} n_i^{C_1} \cdot n_{i \uparrow * }^{C_2} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} \binom{n_i^{C_1}}{2} (n_*^{C_2} - n_i^{C_2}) + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} (n_*^{C_1} - n_i^{C_1}) n_{(ii)}^{C_2}$$

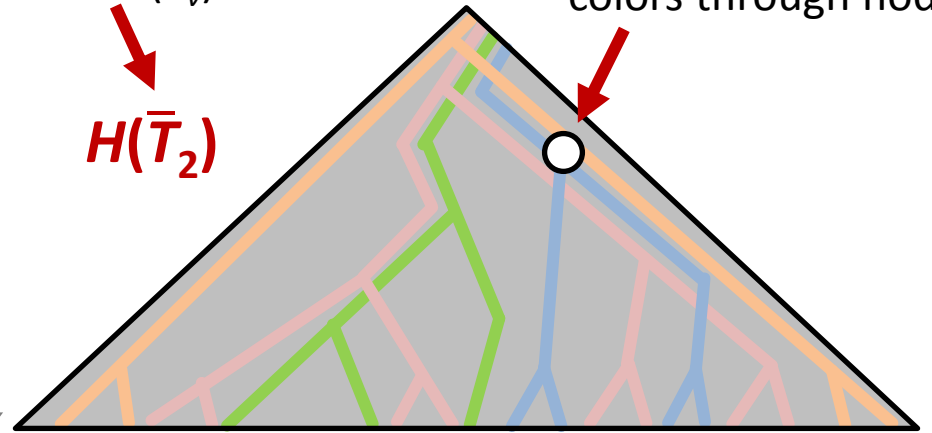
# From $O(n \cdot \log^2 n)$ to $O(n \cdot \log n)$



Compressed version of  $T_2$  of size  $O(n_v)$

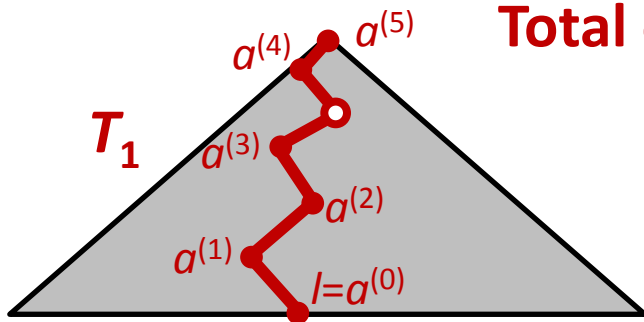
$H(\bar{T}_2)$

Update  $O(1)$  counters for all colors through node



Colored path lengths  $\sum_{2 \leq i \leq d} \log \binom{|\bar{T}_2|}{n_i} = \sum_{2 \leq i \leq d} n_i \cdot \log \frac{n_v}{n_i}$

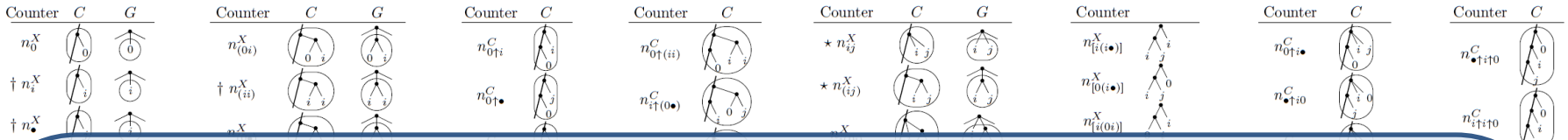
**Total cost for updating counters**



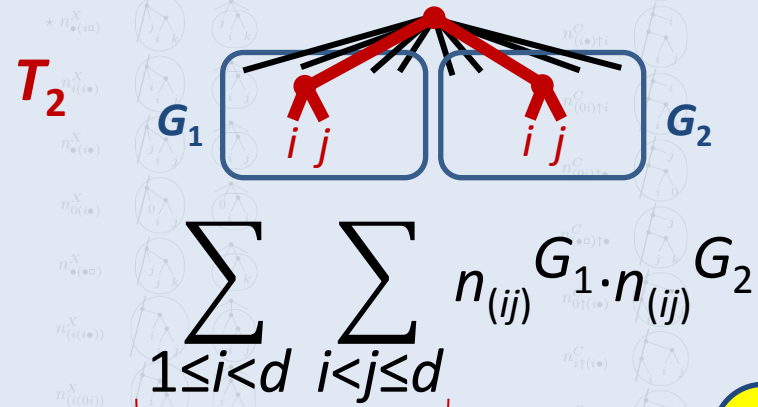
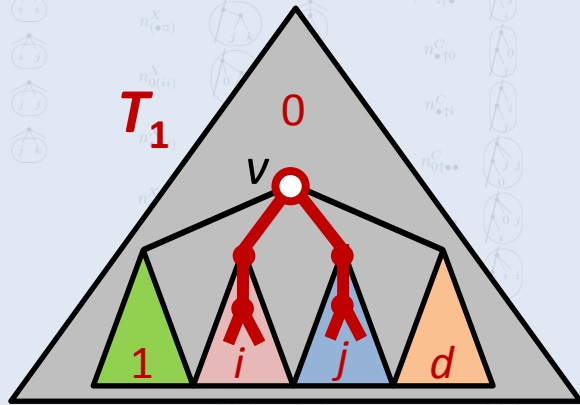
$$\sum_{\text{leaf } l \in T_1} \sum_{\substack{\text{ancestor } a^{(j)} \\ \text{not heavy child}}} \log \frac{n a^{(j+1)}}{n a^{(j)}} = n \cdot \log n$$

# Counting Quartets...

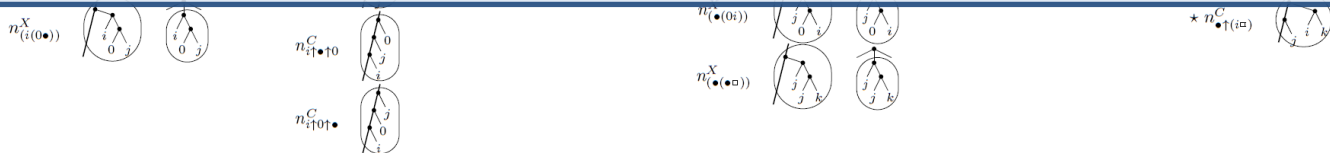
- Root  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  arbitrary
- Keep up to  $7d^2 + 97d + 29$  different counters per node in  $H(T_2)$ ...



Bottleneck in computing disagreeing resolved-resolved quartets

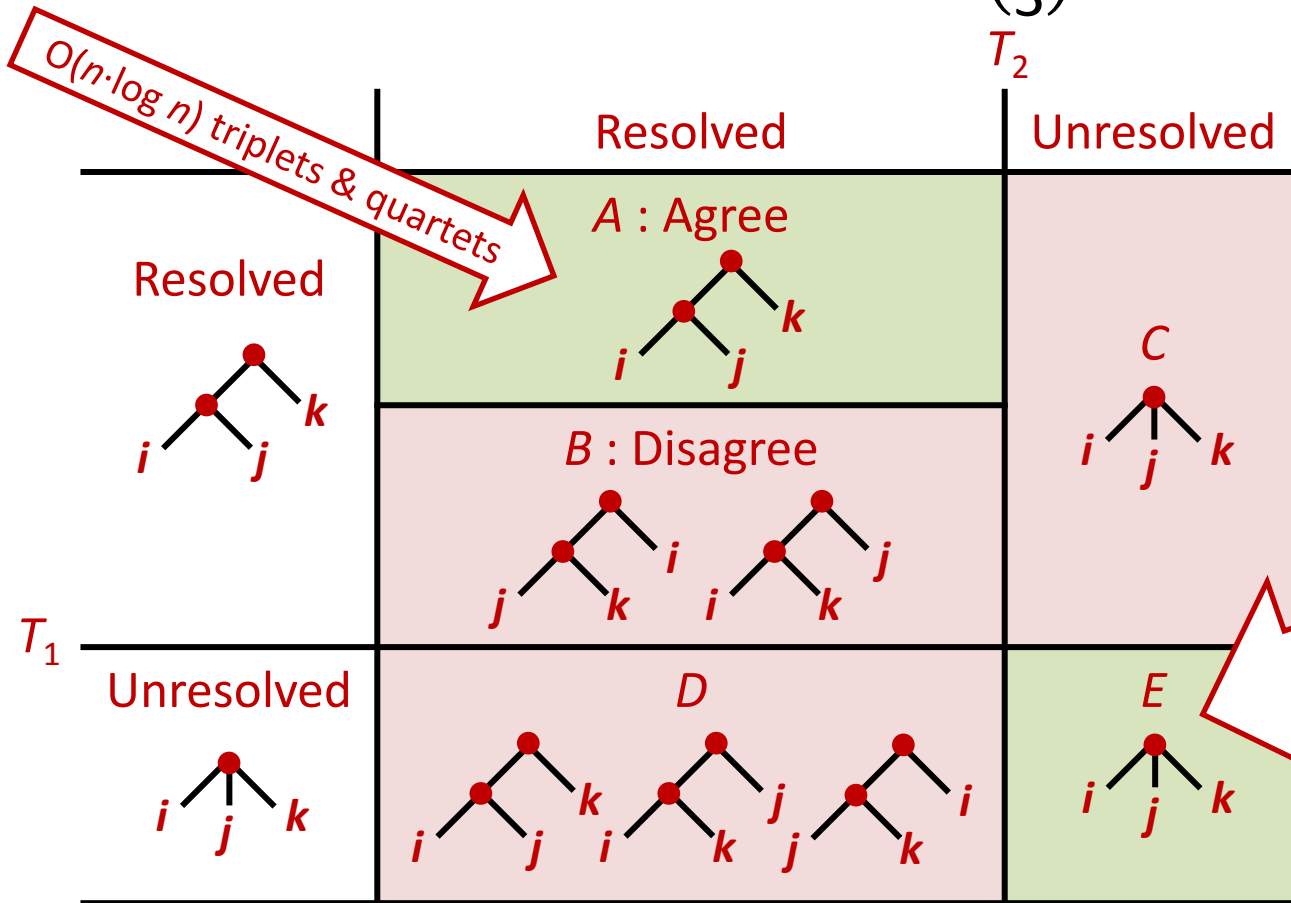


double-sum  $\Rightarrow$  factor  $d$  time



# Distance Computation

$$\text{Triplet-dist}(T_1, T_2) = B + C + D = \binom{n}{3} - A - E$$



$O(n \cdot \log n)$  triplets & quartets

$O(n \cdot \log n)$  triplets  
 $O(d \cdot n \cdot \log n)$  quartets

Sufficient to compute **A and E**

# ALENEX 2014: Implementation

(M.Sc. thesis Morten Kragelund Holt and Jens Johansen)

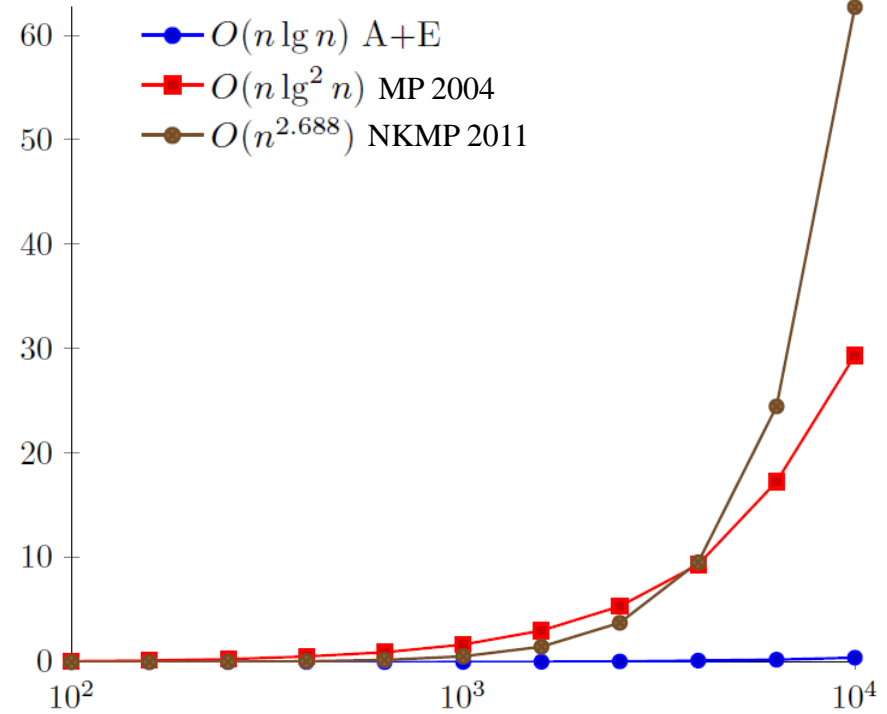
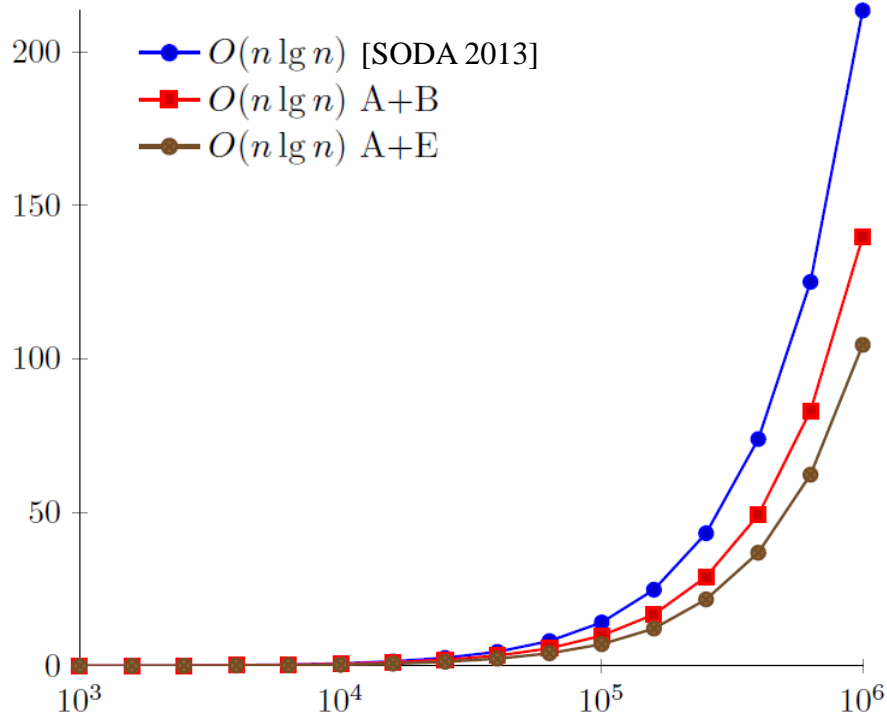
	Binary		Arbitrary degree	
	time	counters	time	counters
Triplet	$O(n \log n)$	6	$O(n \log n)$	$4d+2$
Quartet	$O(n \log n)$	40	$O(\max(d_1, d_2) n \log n)$	$2d^2 + 79d + 22$ (B, with $T_1 \leftrightarrow T_2$ )
			$O(\min(d_1, d_2) n \log n)$	$7d^2 + 97d + 29$ (B, no swap) $d^2 + 12d + 12$ (E, no swap)

Worst-case #counters per node in  $HDT(T_2)$

- First implementation for triplets for arbitrary degree
- Space usage  $\approx 10$  KB per node for quartet (binary trees)
  - ⇒ can handle  $\approx 1,000,000$  leaves
- 64 bit integers, except 128 bit integers for values  $> n^3$ 
  - ⇒ quartet distance of up to  $\approx 2,000,000$  leaves

# Experimental Results

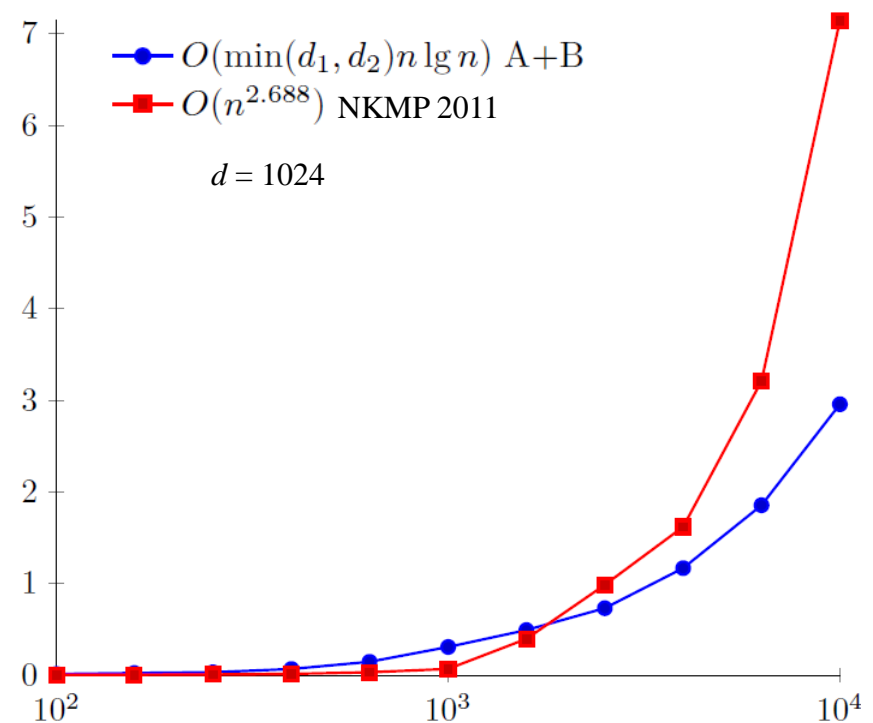
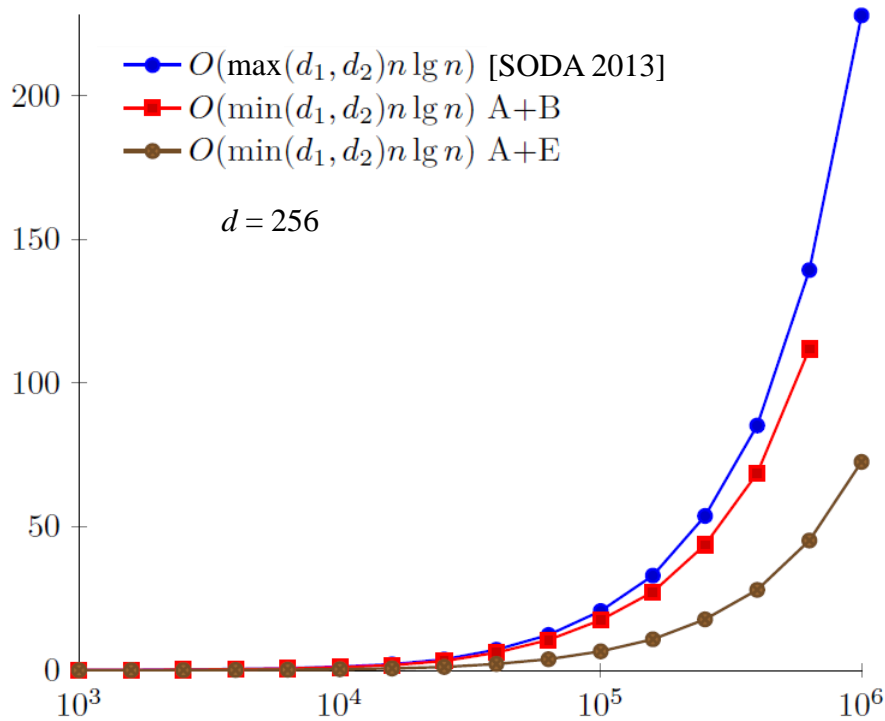
## Quartet Distance – Binary Trees



- [ALENEX 2014] are the first  $O(n \cdot \log n)$  implementations
- MP 2004 overhead from working with polynomials

# Experimental Results

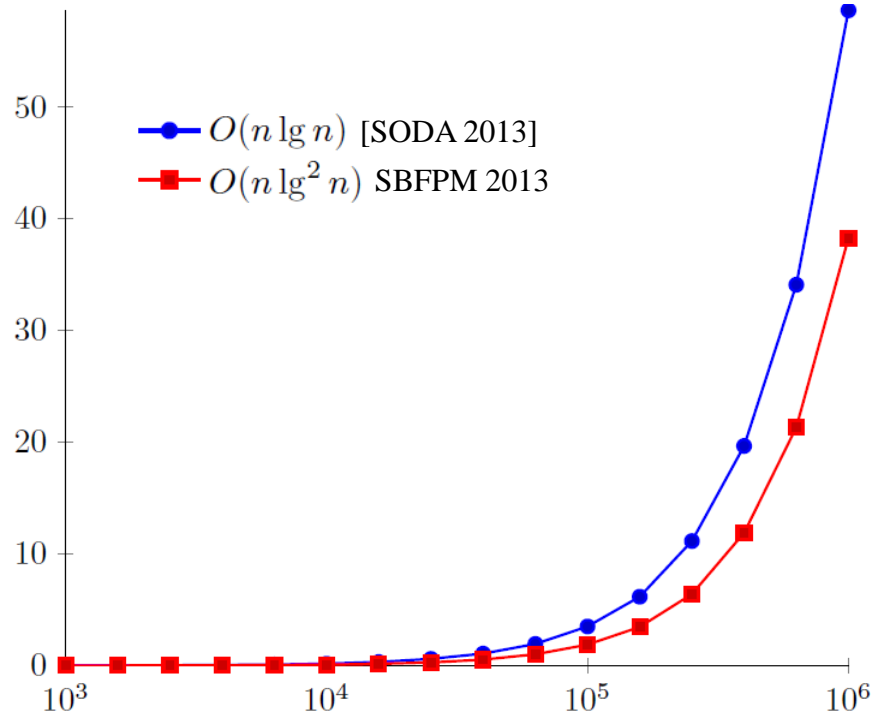
## Quartet Distance – High Degree Trees



- [ALENEX 2014] are the first  $n \cdot \text{poly}(\log n, d)$  implementation

# Experimental Results

## Triplet Distance – Binary Trees

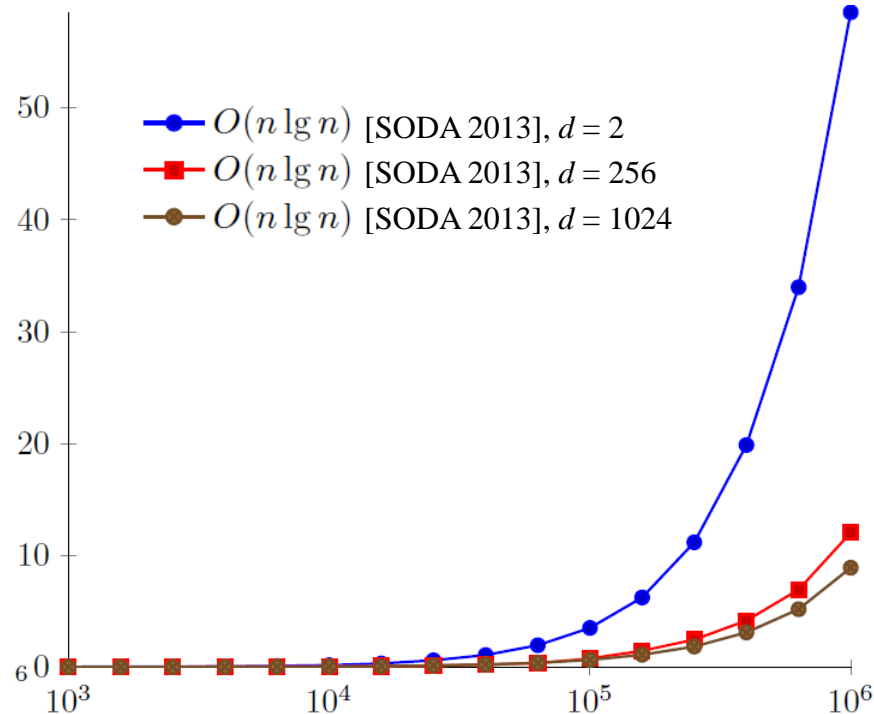


- [ALENEX 2014] are the first  $O(n \cdot \log n)$  implementation
- SBFPM 2013 only binary trees, no contractions



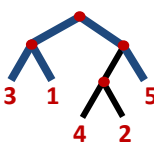
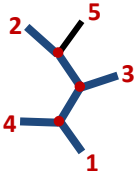
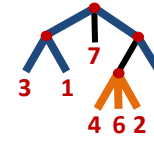
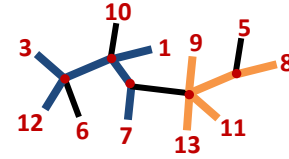
# Experimental Results

## Triplet Distance – High Degree Trees



- [ALENEX 2014] first implementation
- Triplet distance appears hardest for binary trees

# Summary

	Rooted Triplet distance	Unrooted Quartet distance
Binary	 <p> <math>O(n^2)</math> CPQ 1996  <math>O(n \cdot \log^2 n)</math> ★ SBFPM 2013  <math>O(n \cdot \log n)</math> [SODA 2013]                 </p>	 <p> <math>O(n^3)</math> D 1985  <math>O(n^2)</math> BTKL 2000  <math>O(n \cdot \log^2 n)</math> BFP 2001  <math>O(n \cdot \log n)</math> BFP 2003  <math>O(n \cdot \log n)</math> ★ [SODA 2013]                 </p>
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$o(n \cdot \log n)$  ?

$d$  = minimal degree of any node in  $T_1$  and  $T_2$   
 ★ = fastest implementation for large  $n$

$O(n \cdot \log n)$  ?

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