

# Algorithmic Approaches for Biological Data, Lecture #21

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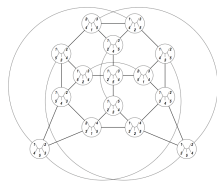


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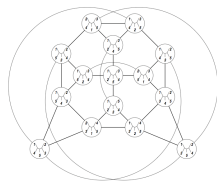
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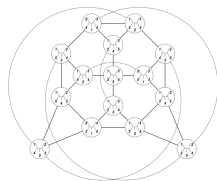
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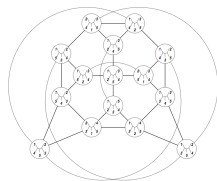


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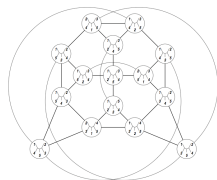
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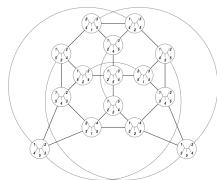
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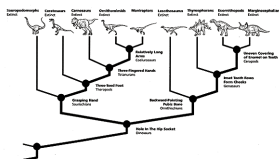
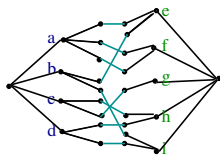
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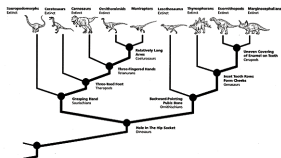
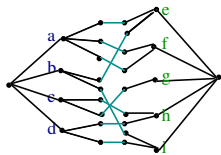
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- 1 For above, choose start and end points to be the worst for breath first search (i.e. 'hide' the endpoint so that it takes the most number of steps to reach it).
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- 3 What is a graph on 6 vertices with the worst start/end pair for breath first search?
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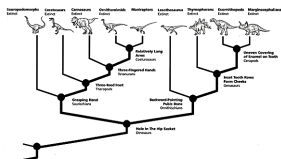
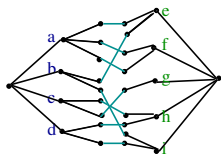
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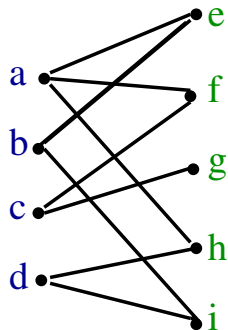


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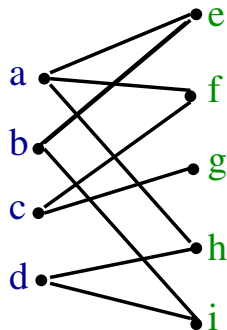
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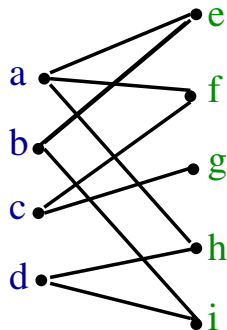
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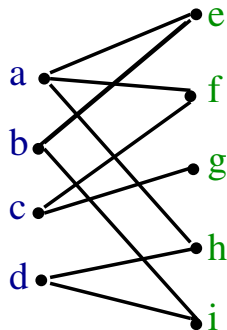
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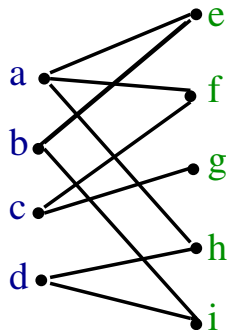
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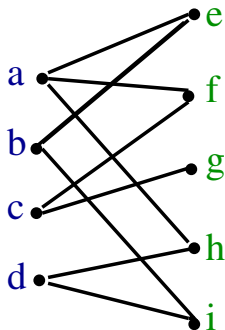
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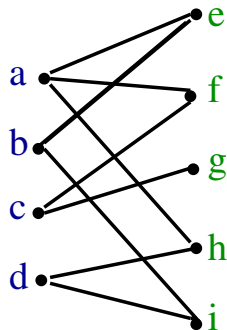
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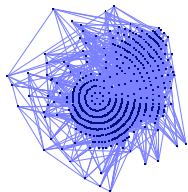
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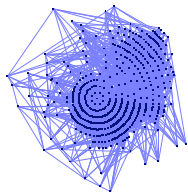
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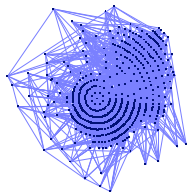
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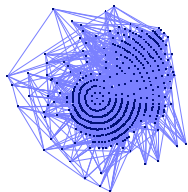


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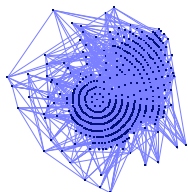
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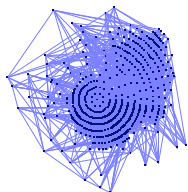
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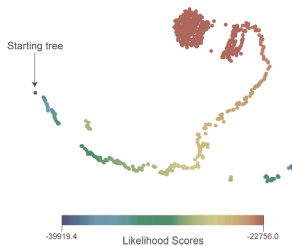
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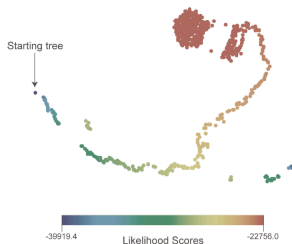
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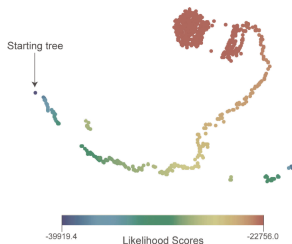
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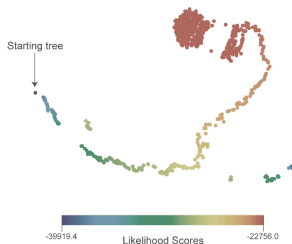
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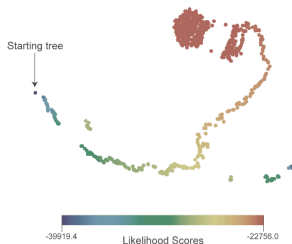
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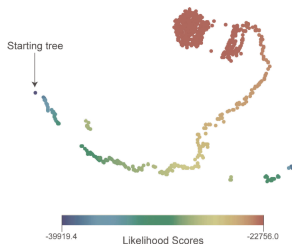


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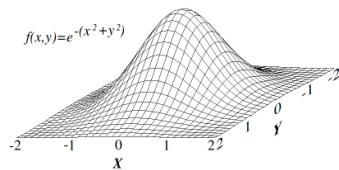
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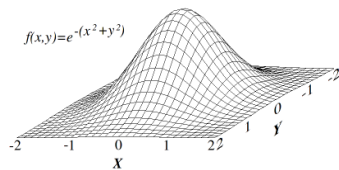
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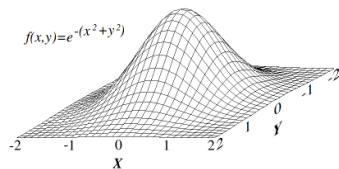
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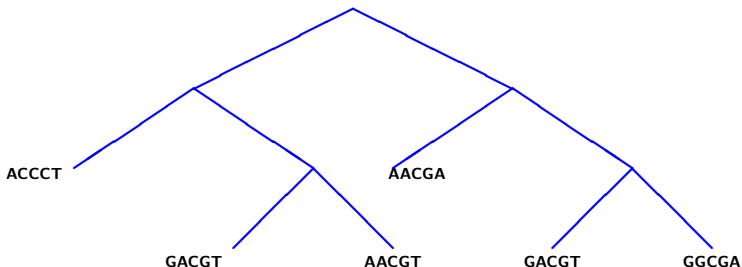
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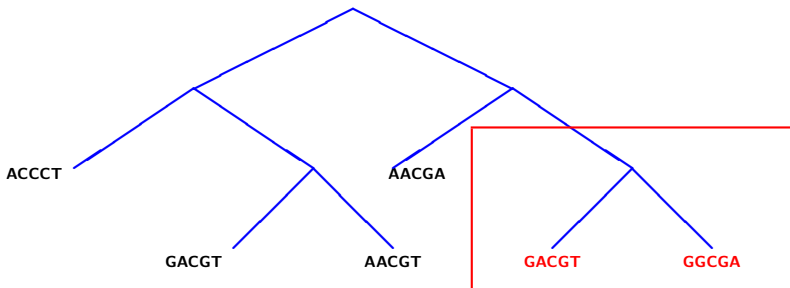
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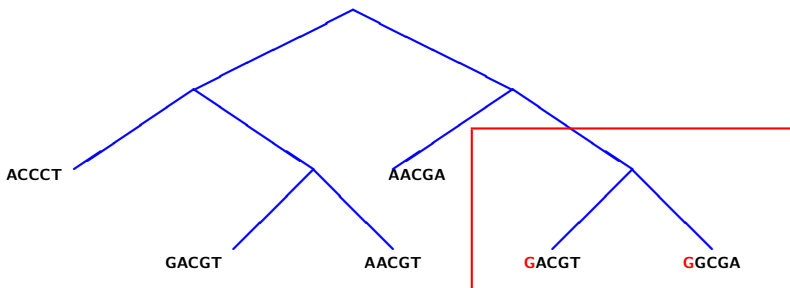
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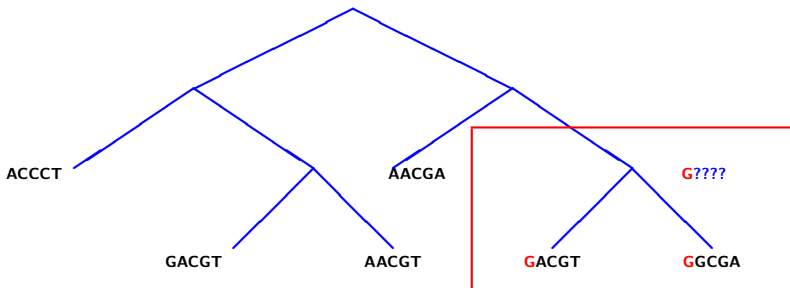
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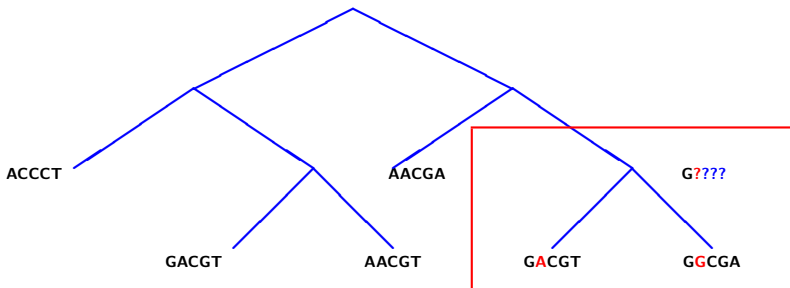
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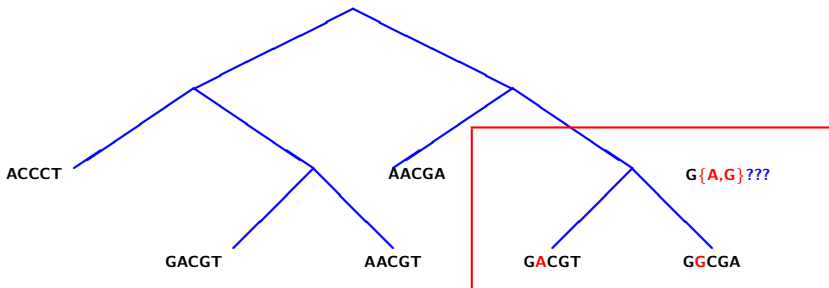
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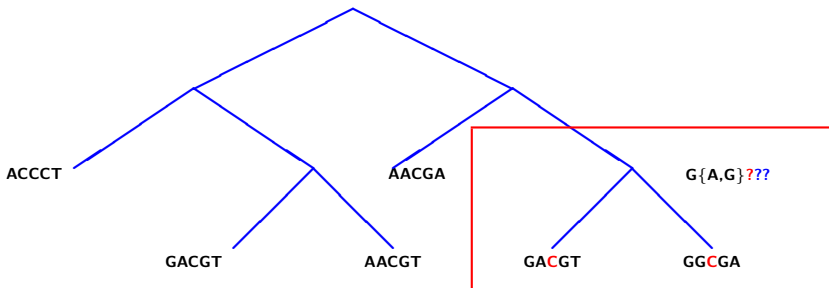
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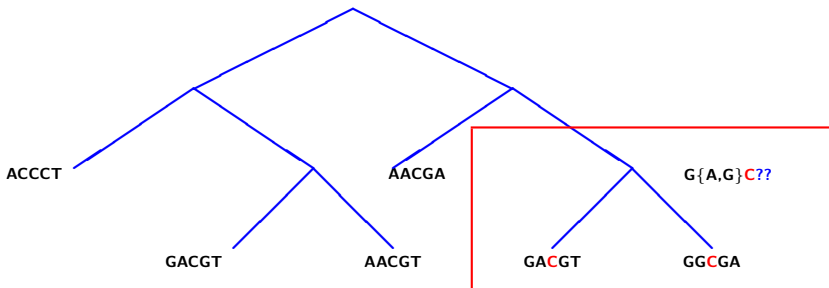
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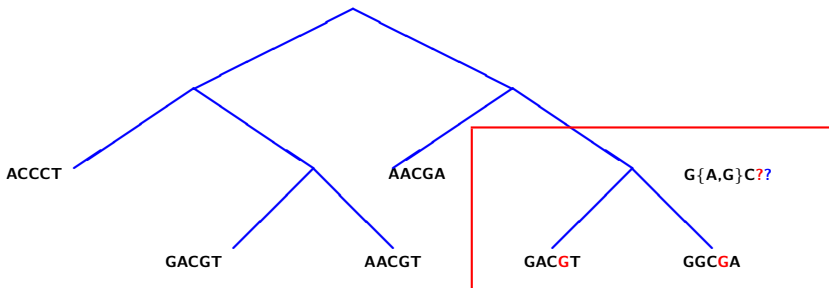
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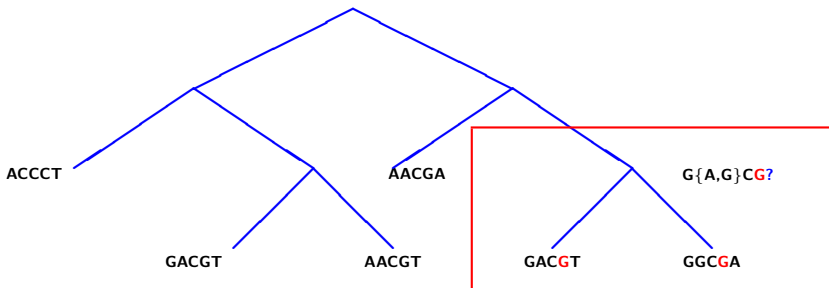
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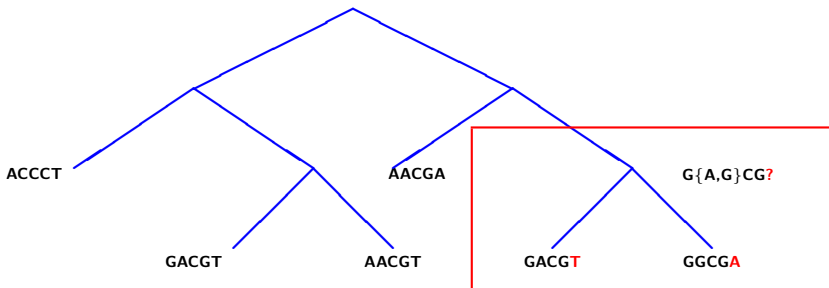
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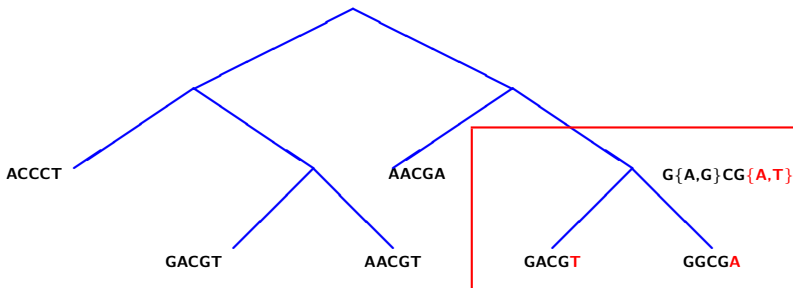
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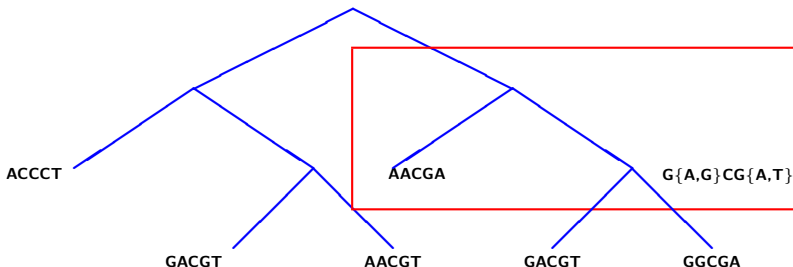
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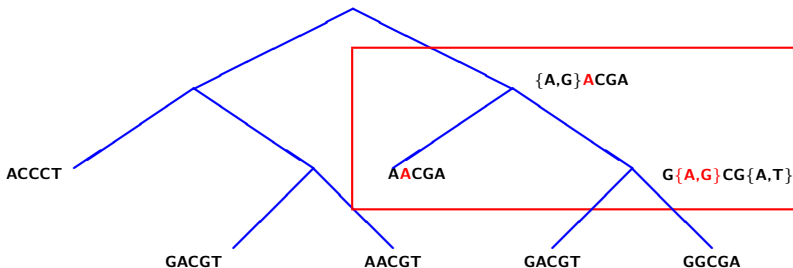
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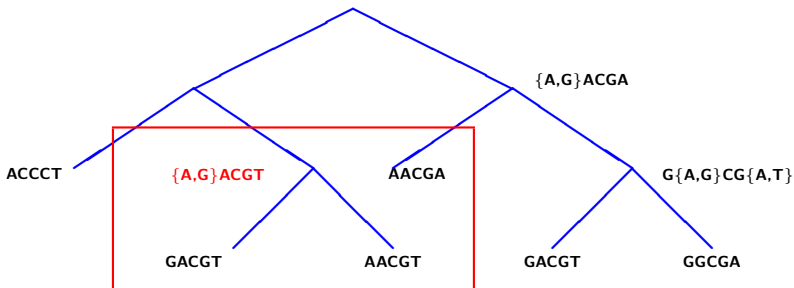
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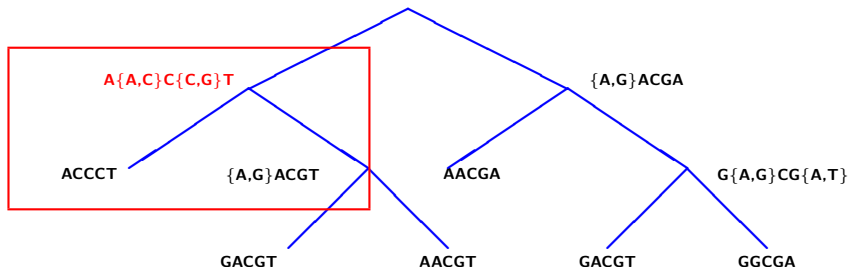
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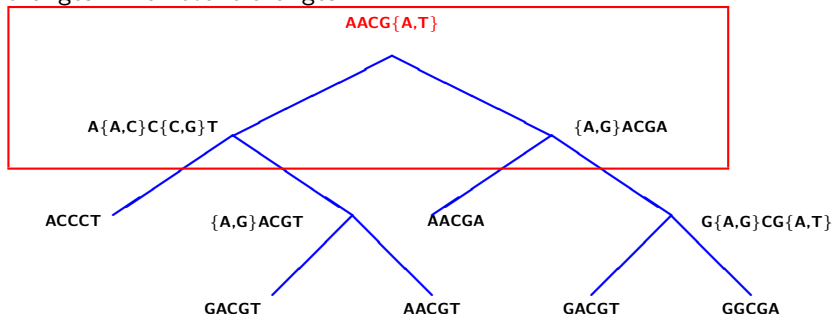
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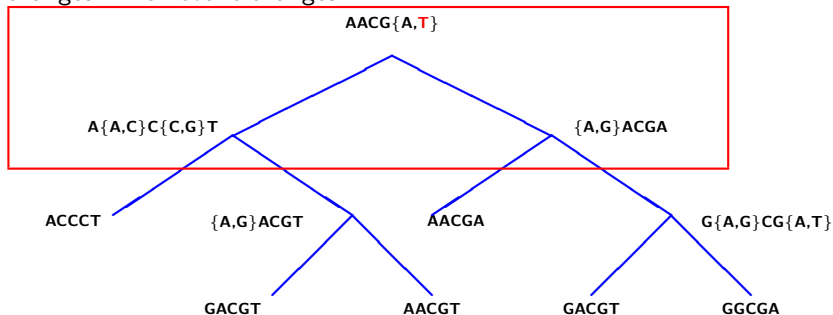
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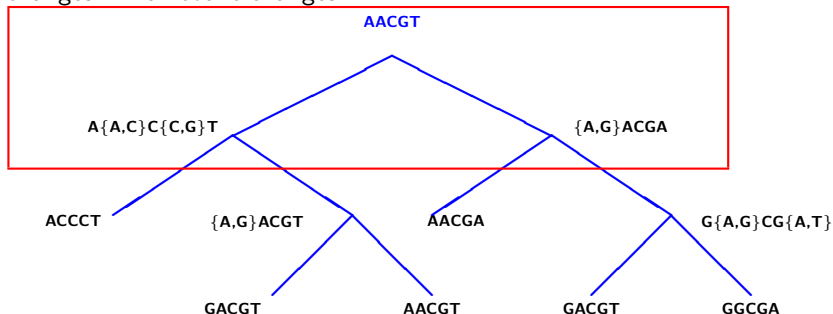
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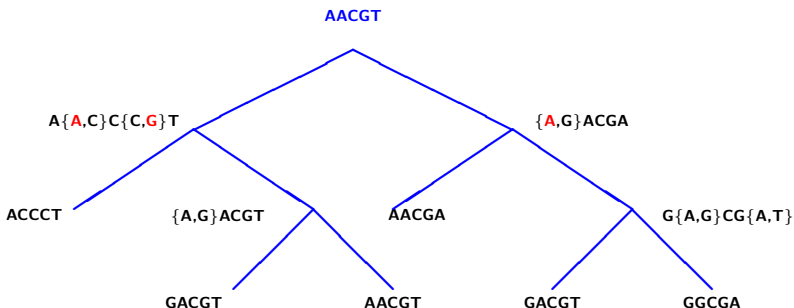
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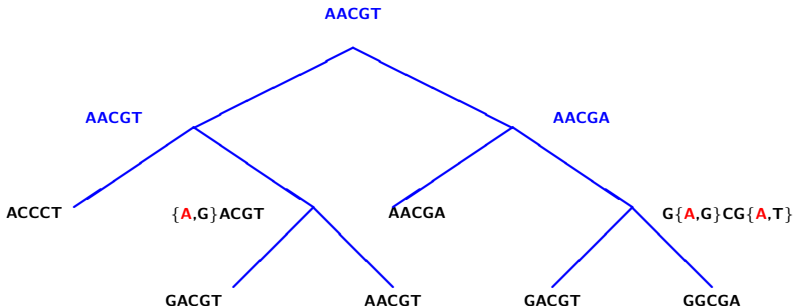
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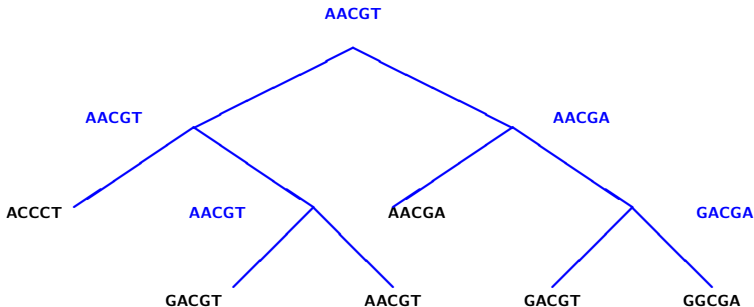
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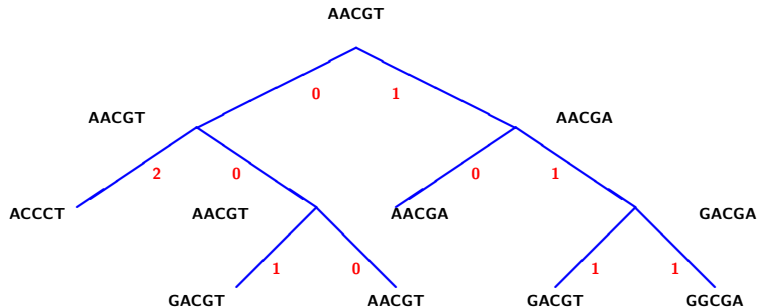
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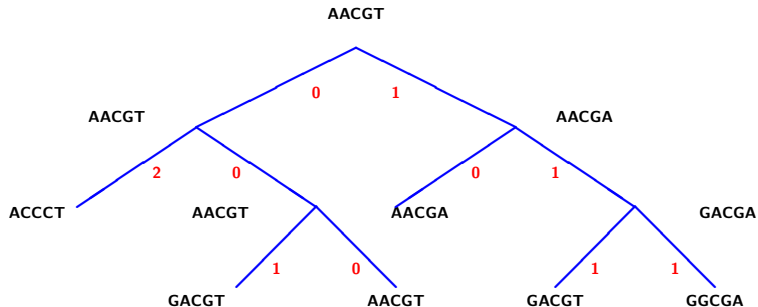
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(Can you find a tree with a score better than 7?)

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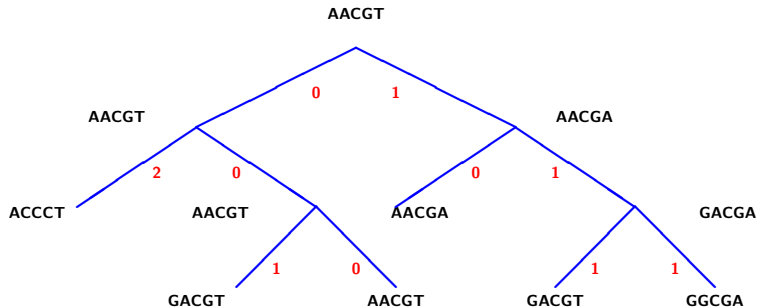
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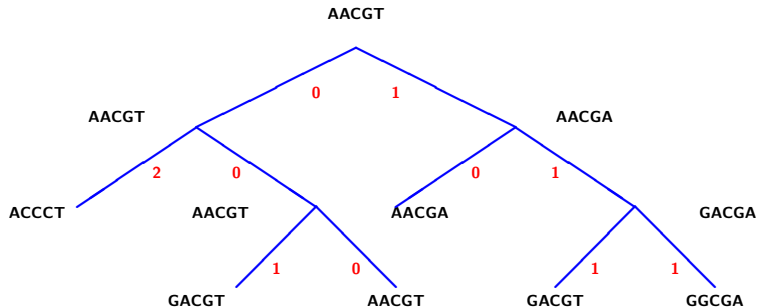
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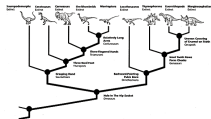
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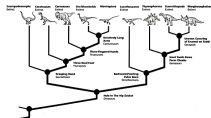
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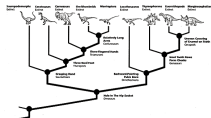
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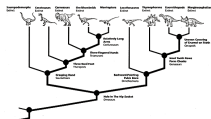
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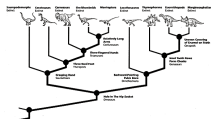
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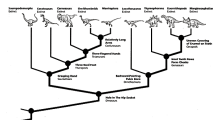
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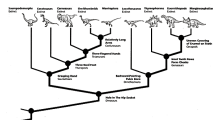
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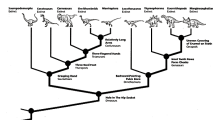


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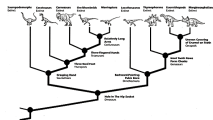
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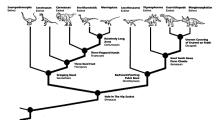
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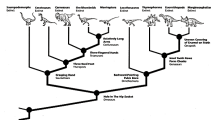
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