

# Clustering II

With application to gene-expression  
profiling technology

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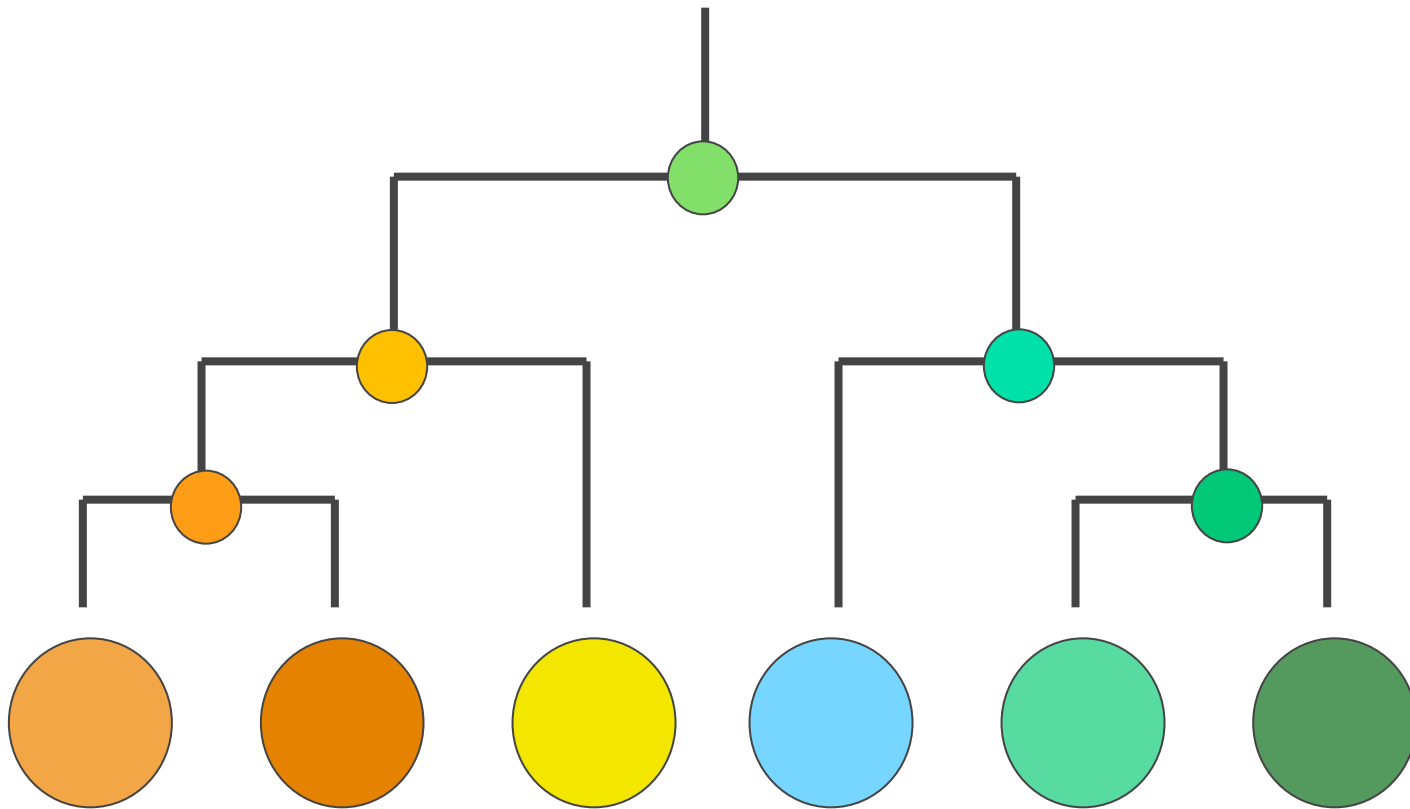
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# Hierarchical Clustering

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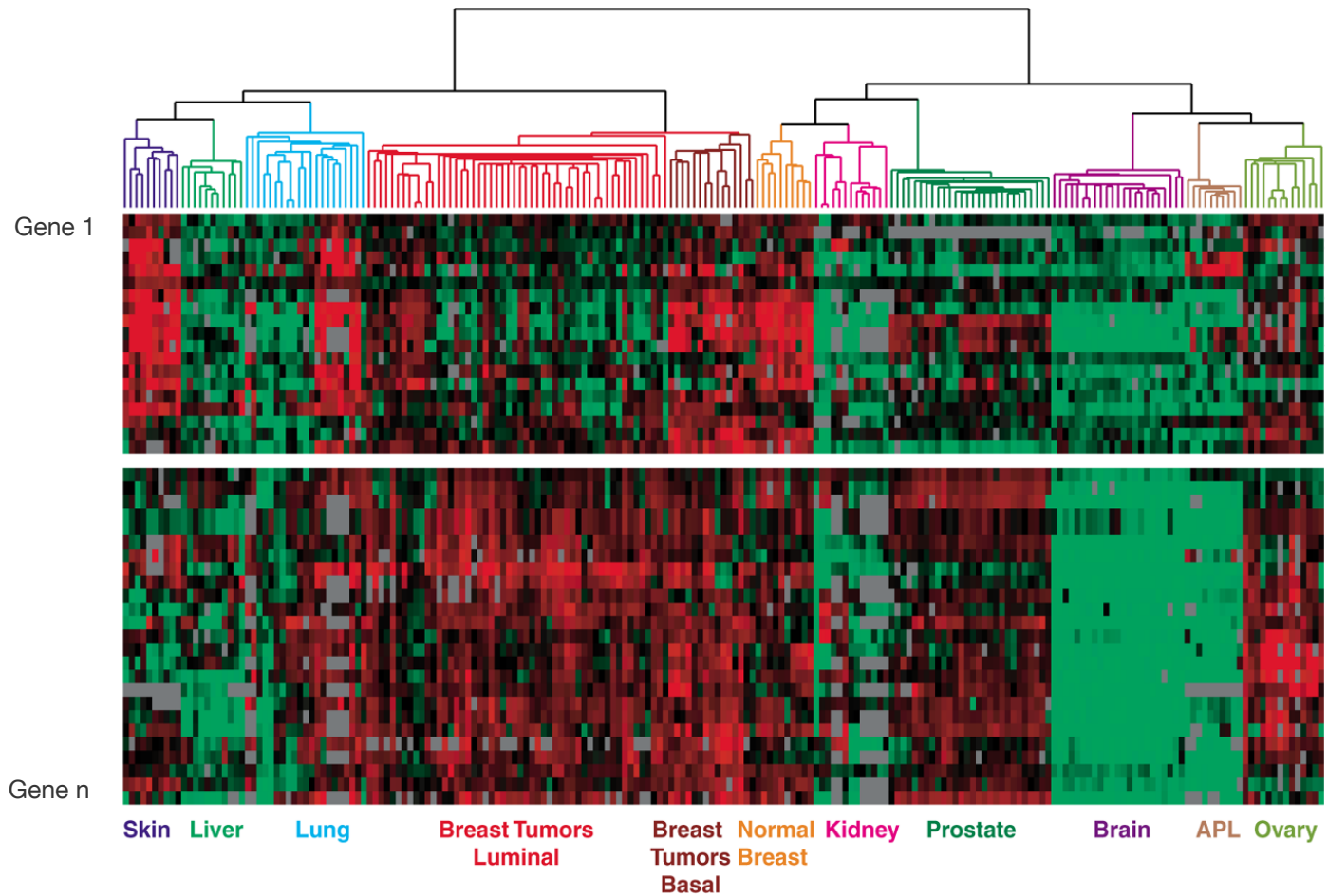
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Tumors in similar tissues cluster together



Reference: Botstein & Brown group

gene over expressed  
gene under expressed

# Hierarchical clustering

Start with each gene in its own cluster

Until all genes are merged into a single cluster

Complexity is at least  $O(n^2)$ ;  
Naïve  $O(n^3)$

Merge the closest pair of clusters into a single cluster

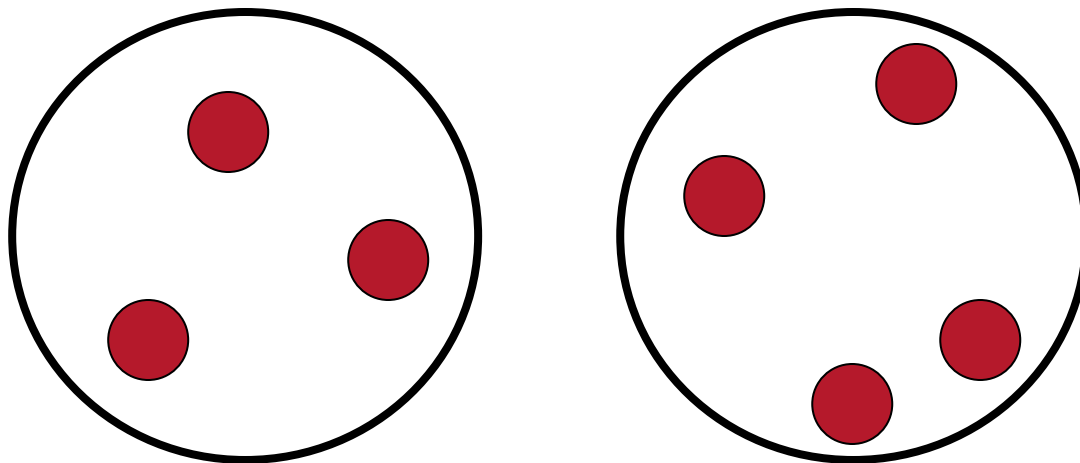
Compute distance b/w new cluster and each of the old clusters

Merges are “greedy”

S. C. Johnson (1967)  
“Hierarchical Clustering Schemes”  
Psychometrika, 2:241-254

# Hierarchical clustering

- Distance metric
- Linkage criteria
  - Single/Minimum linkage (nearest neighbors)
  - Complete/Maximum linkage (farthest neighbors)
  - Average linkage (average of all pairs)



# Single-Link Hierarchical Clustering

**Input.** Pre-computed matrix of distances between all pairs of genes (i, j).

**Scheme.** Erase rows and columns in the distance matrix as old clusters are merged into new ones.

**Begin.**

Each gene in its own cluster.

For each cluster i, create/maintain index  $dmin[i]$  of closest cluster.

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4	3	5.5

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# Single-Link Hierarchical Clustering

## Iteration.

- Find closest pair of clusters (i1, i2).
  - Replace row i1 by min of row i1 and row i2.
  - Infinity out row i2 and column i2.
  - Update dmin[i] and change dmin[i'] to i1 if previously dmin[i'] = i2.
- Merging into a cluster  
- Updating matrix with dist between new cluster & old clusters

Closest pair

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New min distance



# Single-Link Clustering: Main Loop

```
for (int s = 0; s < ? ; s++) {
```

Find closest pair of clusters (i1, i2).

Replace row i1 by min of row i1 and row i2.

Infinity out row i2 and column i2.

Update dmin[i]

Change dmin[i'] to i1 if previously dmin[i'] = i2.

```
}
```

# Single-Link Clustering: Main Loop

```
for (int s = 0; s < N-1; s++) {
    // find closest pair of clusters (i1, i2)
    int i1 = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        if (d[i][dmin[i]] < d[i1][dmin[i1]]) i1 = i;
    int i2 = dmin[i1];

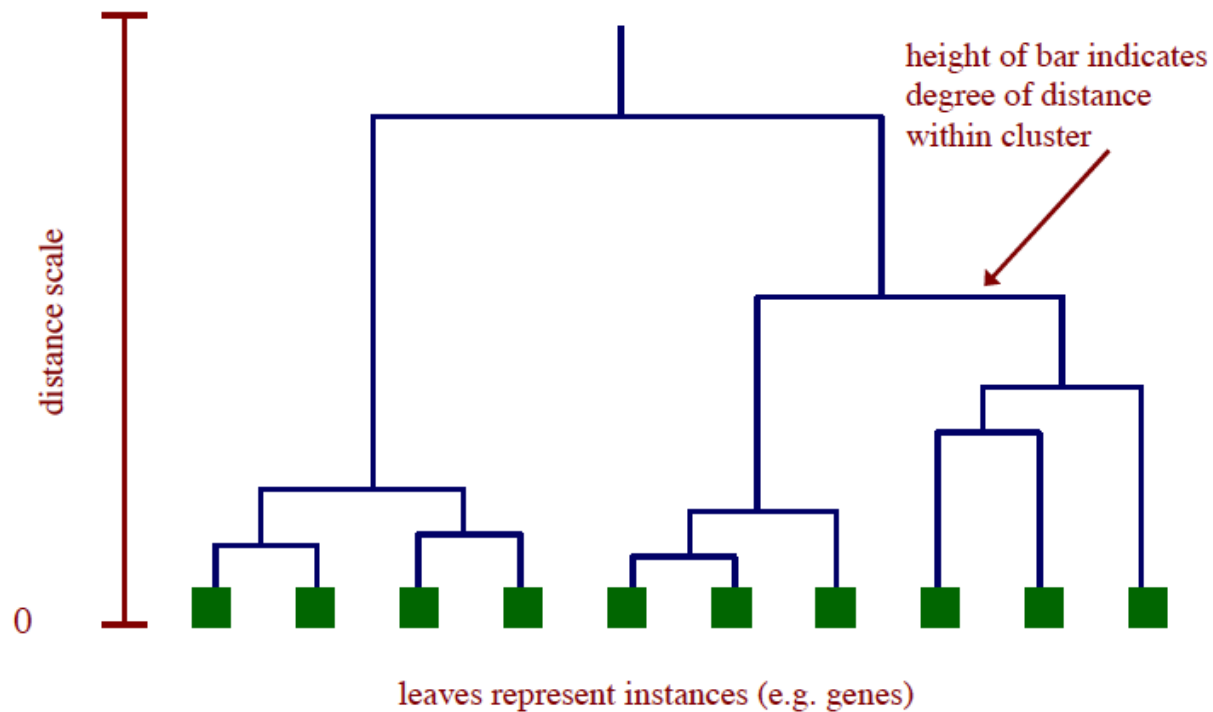
    // overwrite row i1 with minimum of entries in row i1 and i2
    for (int j = 0; j < N; j++)
        if (d[i2][j] < d[i1][j]) d[i1][j] = d[j][i1] = d[i2][j];
    d[i1][i1] = INFINITY;

    // infinity-out old row i2 and column i2
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        d[i2][i] = d[i][i2] = INFINITY;

    // update dmin and replace ones that previous pointed to
    // i2 to point to i1
    for (int j = 0; j < N; j++) {
        if (dmin[j] == i2) dmin[j] = i1;
        if (d[i1][j] < d[i1][dmin[i1]]) dmin[i1] = j;
    }
}
```

# Dendrogram

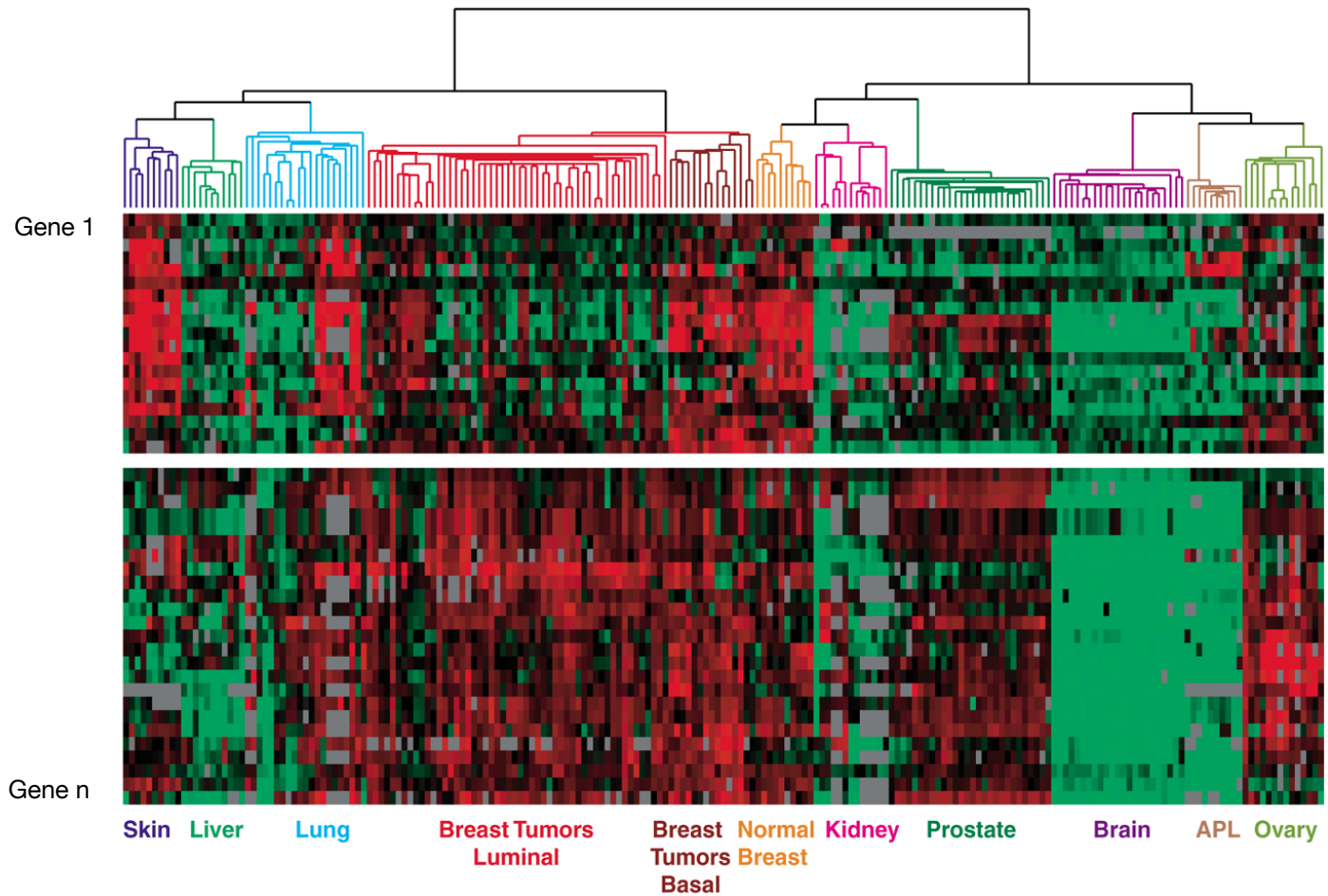
- Leaves = genes.
- Internal nodes = hypothetical ancestors.



Reference: <http://www.biostat.wisc.edu/bmi576/fall-2003/lecture13.pdf>

# Dendrogram of Human tumors

Tumors in similar tissues cluster together.



Reference: Botstein & Brown group

■ gene over expressed  
■ gene under expressed

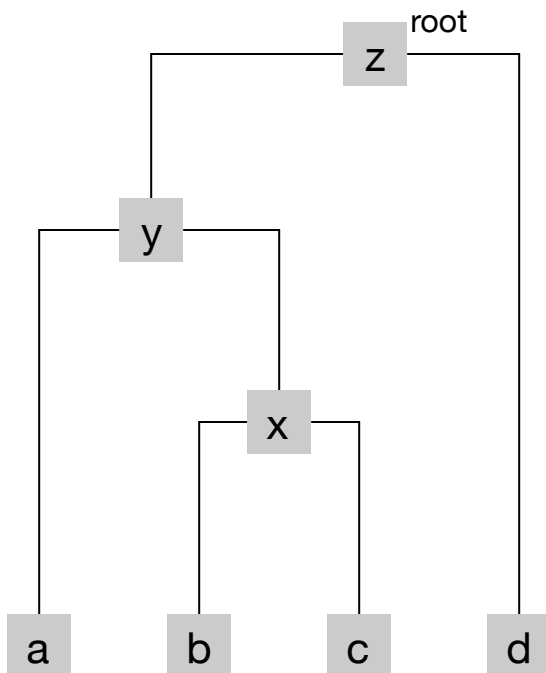
# Ancestor Tree

**Root.** Node with no parent.

**Leaf.** Node with no children.

**Depth.** Length of path from node to root.

**Least Common Ancestor.** Common ancestor with largest depth.



```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    TreeNode a = new TreeNode("GENE1");  
    TreeNode b = new TreeNode("GENE2");  
    TreeNode c = new TreeNode("GENE3");  
    TreeNode d = new TreeNode("GENE4");  
  
    TreeNode x = new TreeNode("NODE1", b, c);  
    TreeNode y = new TreeNode("NODE2", a, x);  
    TreeNode z = new TreeNode("NODE3", d, y);  
  
    System.out.println(a.lca(b));  
    a.lca(b).showLeaves();  
}
```

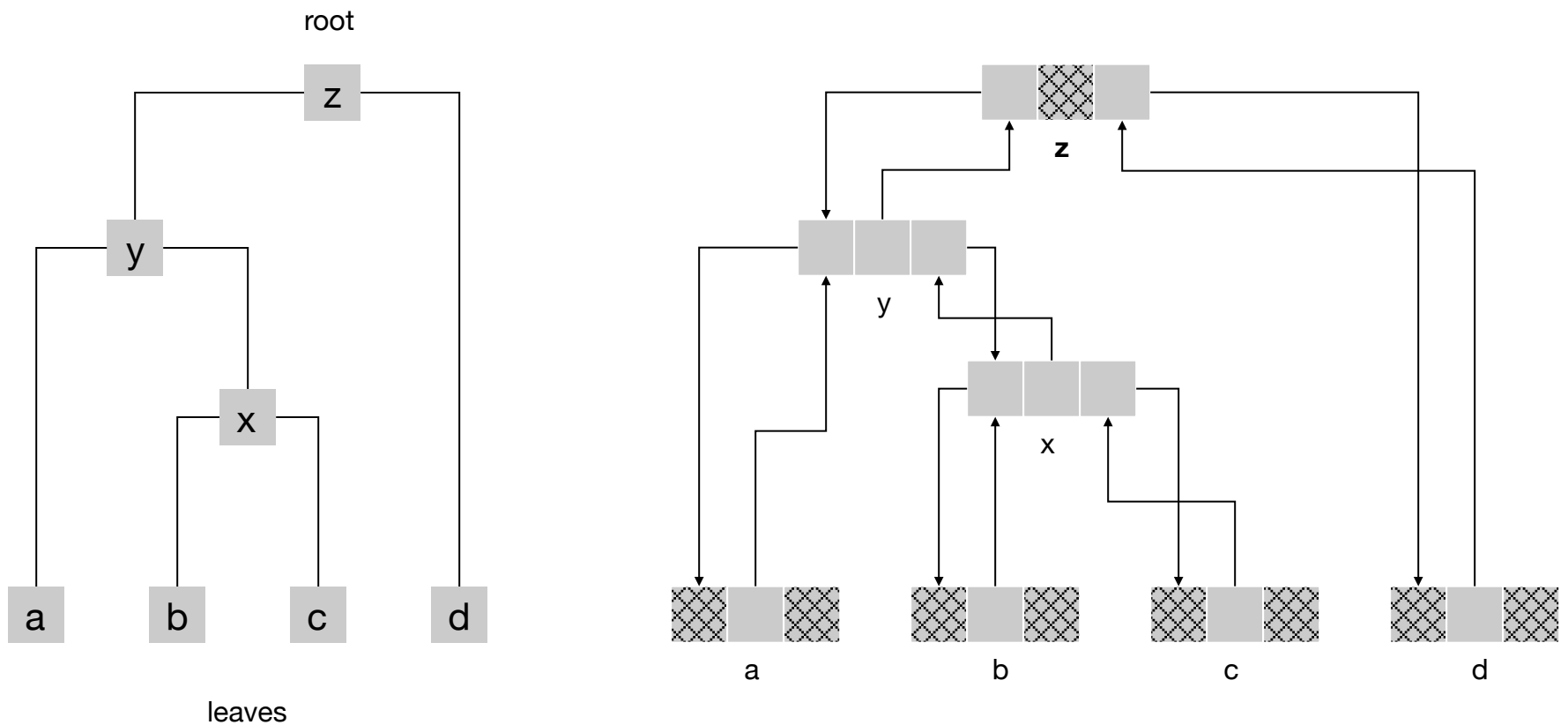
$\text{lca}(a, b) = y$ , leaves of  $y = \{ a, b, c \}$

leaves

# Ancestor Tree: Implementation

**Node.** Left pointer, right pointer, parent pointer.

**Consequence.** Can go up or down the tree.



# Ancestor Tree

```
public class TreeNode {
    private TreeNode parent;           // parent
    private TreeNode left, right;     // two children
    private String name;              // name of node

    // create a leaf node
    public TreeNode(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    // create an internal node that is the parent of x and y
    public TreeNode(String name, TreeNode x, TreeNode y) {
        this.name = name;
        this.left = x;
        this.right = y;
        x.parent = this;
        y.parent = this;
    }
}
```

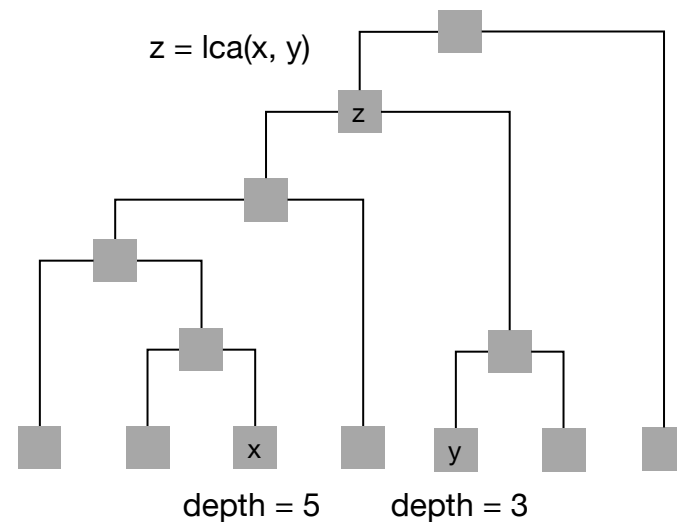
# Ancestor Tree: Helper Functions

```
// return depth of this node in the tree  
// depth of root = 0  
public int depth() {  
    int depth = 0;  
    for (TreeNode x = this; x.parent != null; x = x.parent)  
        depth++;  
    return depth;  
}  
  
// return root  
public TreeNode root() {  
    TreeNode x = this;  
    while (x.parent != null)  
        x = x.parent;  
    return x;  
}
```



# Ancestor Tree: Least Common Ancestor

```
// return the lca of node x and y
public TreeNode lca(TreeNode y) {
    TreeNode x = this;
    int dx = x.depth();
    int dy = y.depth();
    if (dx < dy) {
        for (int i = 0; i < dy-dx; i++) y = y.parent;
    }
    else {
        for (int i = 0; i < dx-dy; i++) x = x.parent;
    }
    while (x != y) {
        x = x.parent;
        y = y.parent;
    }
    return x;
}
```

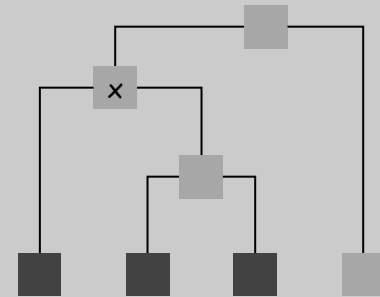


# Ancestor Tree: Tree Traversal

```
// return string representation
public String toString() { return name; }

// print all leaves in tree rooted at this node
public void showLeaves() {
    if (left == null && right == null) System.out.println(this);
    else {
        left.showLeaves();
        right.showLeaves();
    }
}

// print the tree rooted at this node
public void show() {
    if (left == null && right == null) return;
    System.out.println(name + " " + left.name + " " + right.name);
    left.show();
    right.show();
}
```



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# Hierarchical clustering implementation

# Single-Link Clustering: Java Implementation

## Single-link clustering.

- Read in the data.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int M = StdIn.readInt();
    int N = StdIn.readInt();

    // read in N vectors of dimension M
    Vector[] vectors = new Vector[N];
    String[] names = new String[N];
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        names[i] = StdIn.readString();
        double[] d = new double[M];
        for (int j = 0; j < M; j++)
            d[j] = StdIn.readDouble();
        vectors[i] = new Vector(d);
    }
}
```

# Single-Link Clustering: Java Implementation

## Single-link clustering.

- Read in the data.
- Precompute  $d[i][j]$  = distance between cluster  $i$  and  $j$ .
- For each cluster  $i$ , maintain index  $dmin[i]$  of closest cluster.

	dmin	dist
0	1	5.5
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2	4	5.6
3	1	2.14
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# Single-Link Clustering: Main Loop

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```

Find closest pair of clusters (i1, i2).

Replace row i1 by min of row i1 and row i2.

Infinity out row i2 and column i2.

Update dmin[i]

Change dmin[i'] to i1 if previously dmin[i'] = i2.

```
}
```

# Single-Link Clustering: Main Loop

```
for (int s = 0; s < N-1; s++) {
```

- Closest pair of clusters (i, j) is one with the smallest dist value.
- Replace row i by min of row i and row j.
- Infinity out row j and column j.
- Update dmin[i] and change dmin[i] to i if previously dmin[i] = j.

	dmin	dist		0	1	2	3	4	
Closest pair	0	1	5.5	gene0	-	5.5	7.3	8.9	5.8
	1	3	2.14	1	5.5	-	6.1	2.14	5.6
	2	4	5.6	2	7.3	6.1	-	7.8	5.6
	3	1	2.14	3	8.9	2.14	7.8	-	5.5
	4	3	5.5	4	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	-

← gene1 closest to gene3, dist = 2.14

	dmin	dist		0	1	2	3	4	
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	1	0	5.5	node1	5.5	-	6.1	-	5.5
	2	4	5.6	2	7.3	6.1	-	-	5.6
	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
	4	1	5.5	4	5.8	5.5	5.6	-	-

New min dist

```
}
```

# Store Centroids in Each Internal Node

Cluster analysis.

Centroids distance / similarity.

Easy modification to `TreeNode` data structure.

- Store Vector in each node.
  - leaf nodes: directly corresponds to a gene
  - internal nodes: centroid = average of all leaf nodes beneath it
- Maintain count field in each `TreeNode`, which equals the number of leaf nodes beneath it.
- When setting `z` to be parent of `x` and `y`,
  - set `z.count = x.count + y.count`
  - set `z.vector =  $\alpha p + (1-\alpha)q$` , where `p = x.vector` and `q = y.vector`, and  $\alpha = x.count / z.count$



# Analysis and Micro-Optimizations

**Running time.** Proportional to  $MN^2$  (N genes, M arrays)

**Memory.** Proportional to  $N^2$ .

**Ex.** [M = 50, N = 6,000] Takes 280MB, 48 sec on fast PC.

## Some optimizations.

← input size proportional to MN

- Use float instead of double
- Store only lower triangular part of distance matrix
- Use squares of distances instead of distances.

How much do you think would this help?

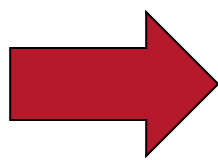
# Hierarchical clustering: problems

- Hard to define distinct clusters
- Genes assigned to clusters on the basis of all experiments
- Optimizing node ordering hard (finding the optimal solution is NP-hard)
- Can be influenced by one strong cluster – a problem for gene expression b/c data in row space is often highly correlated

# Distance Metrics

- Choice of distance measure is important for most clustering techniques
- Linear measures: Euclidean distance, **Pearson correlation**
- Non-parametric: Spearman correlation, Kendall' s tau

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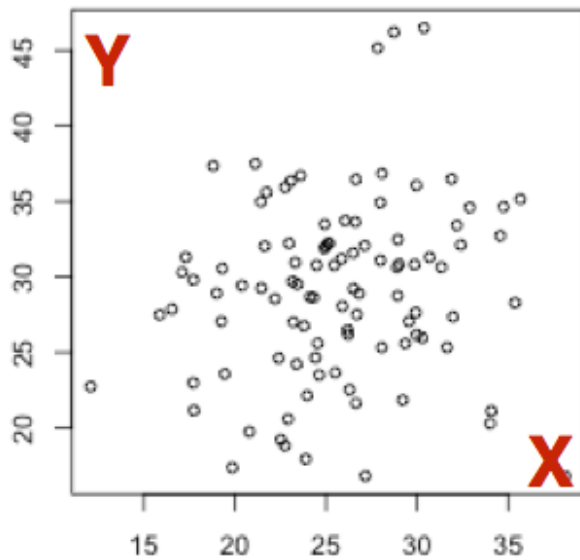


$$r = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{x_i - \bar{x}}{\sigma_x} \right) \left( \frac{y_i - \bar{y}}{\sigma_y} \right)$$

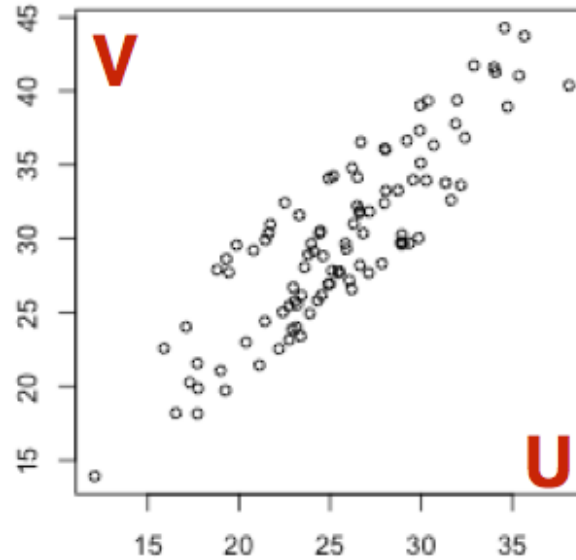
$$\rho = 1 - \frac{6 \sum_{i=1}^n [\text{rank}(x_i) - \text{rank}(y_i)]^2}{n(n^2 - 1)}$$

# Distance Metrics

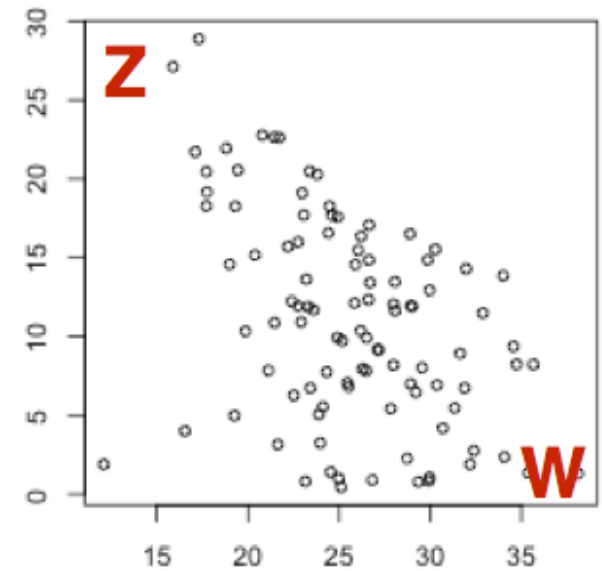
Consider the following plot of 3 pairs of genes



No correlation



Positive correlation

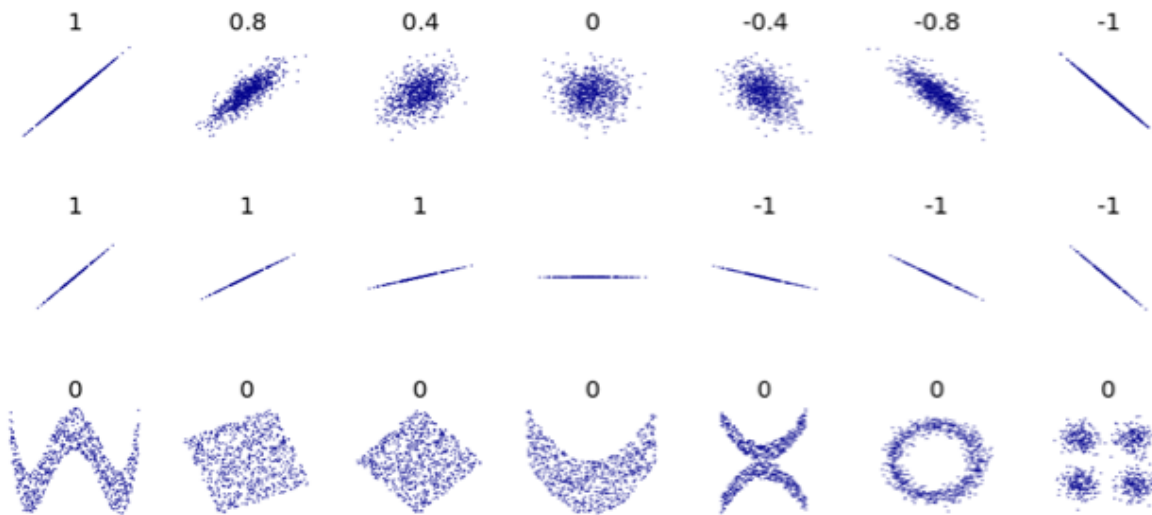


Negative correlation

# Distance Metrics

Pearson correlation (r) is a measure of the linear correlation (dependence) between two variables X and Y.

$$r = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{s_X} \right) \left( \frac{Y_i - \bar{Y}}{s_Y} \right)$$



$+1 \leq r \leq -1$   
+1 is total positive correlation  
0 is no correlation  
-1 is total negative correlation.

# Distance Metrics

11 datapoints

Mean (x) = 9

Var (x) = 11

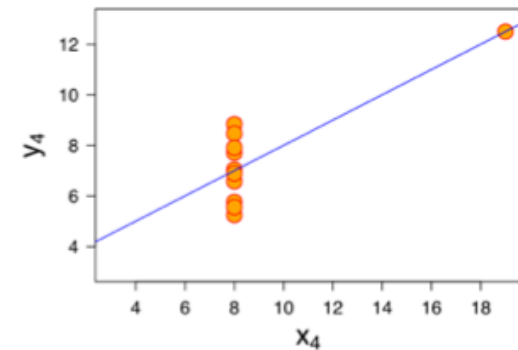
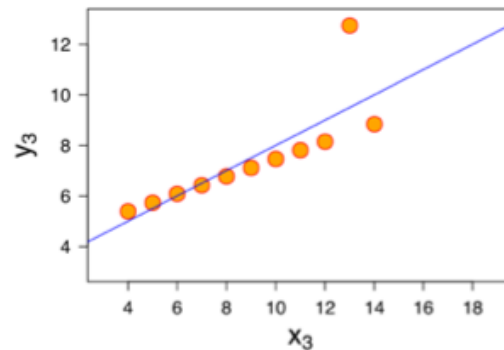
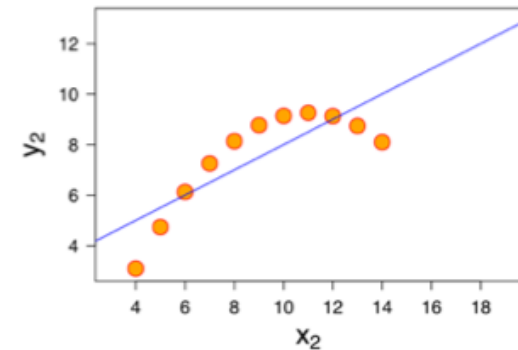
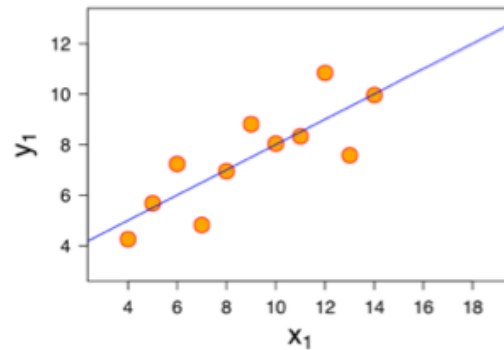
Mean (y) = 7.50

Var (y) ~ 4.12

Cor (x, y) = 0.816

Linear regression line:  
 $y = 3.00 + 0.500x$

## Anscombe's quartet



Anscombe, F. J. (1973). "Graphs in Statistical Analysis". American Statistician 27 (1): 17–21.

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$$\rho = 1 - \frac{6 \sum_{i=1}^n [\text{rank}(x_i) - \text{rank}(y_i)]^2}{n(n^2 - 1)}$$

# Distance Metrics

- Choose your distance measure carefully.
- In general, before you *begin analysis*:
  - *Explore* your data by:
    - Doing simple **sanity-checks**: “Is the mean, variance, and range of values as expected?”, “Are there too many missing values?”
    - **Looking** at your data [There is no substitute for this]: Plot small portions of the data in different ways and visualize trends, shapes, relationships, etc.



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# The End