

Method, maximum parsimony

Maximum [parsimony](#) is a method for inferring relationships between [witnesses](#), biological sequences or other data by finding the relationship that minimises the number of changes that needs to be invoked to account for the observed data. In general, this implies that witnesses will be grouped according to readings they share to the exclusion of others.

In other languages

DE: Methode der maximalen Parsimonie, or English used

FR: méthode de la parcimonie maximum

IT: metodo della massima parsimonia

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