

## Glossary

**1. Computational Phylogenetics**

Computational Phylogenetics is the application of computational algorithms, methods and programs to Phylogenetic analyses.

**2. Consistency**

Conformity in the application of something, typically that which is necessary for the sake of logic, accuracy, or fairness.

**3. Distribution**

A set of numbers and their frequency of occurrence collected from measurements over a statistical population.

**4. Econometrics**

Application of mathematical and statistical techniques to economics in the study of problems, the analysis of data, and the development and testing of theories and models.

**5. Efficiency**

The quality or property of being efficient.

**6. Estimator**

In Statistics, a derived random variable that generates estimates of a parameter of a given distribution, such as  $\bar{X}$ , the mean of a number of identically distributed random variables  $X_i$ . If  $\bar{X}$  is unbiased,  $\bar{x}$ , the observed value should be close to  $E(X_i)$

**7. Extremum**

It is the maximum or minimum value of a function.

**8. Explicit**

Fully and clearly expressed.

**9. Inconsistent**

Displaying or marked by a lack of consistency.

**10. Parameters**

A quantity, such as a mean, that is calculated from data and describes a population.

**11. Population**

The set of individuals, items, or data from which a statistical sample is taken.

**12. Probability Distribution**

A function of a discrete random variable (that is, a variable whose values are obtained from a finite or countable set) yielding the probability that the variable will have a given value.

**13. Psychometrics**

The branch of psychology that deals with the design, administration, and interpretation of quantitative tests for the measurement of psychological variables such as intelligence, aptitude, and personality traits.

**14. Sufficiency**

The condition or quality of being sufficient.

**15. Variance**

The square of the standard deviation.