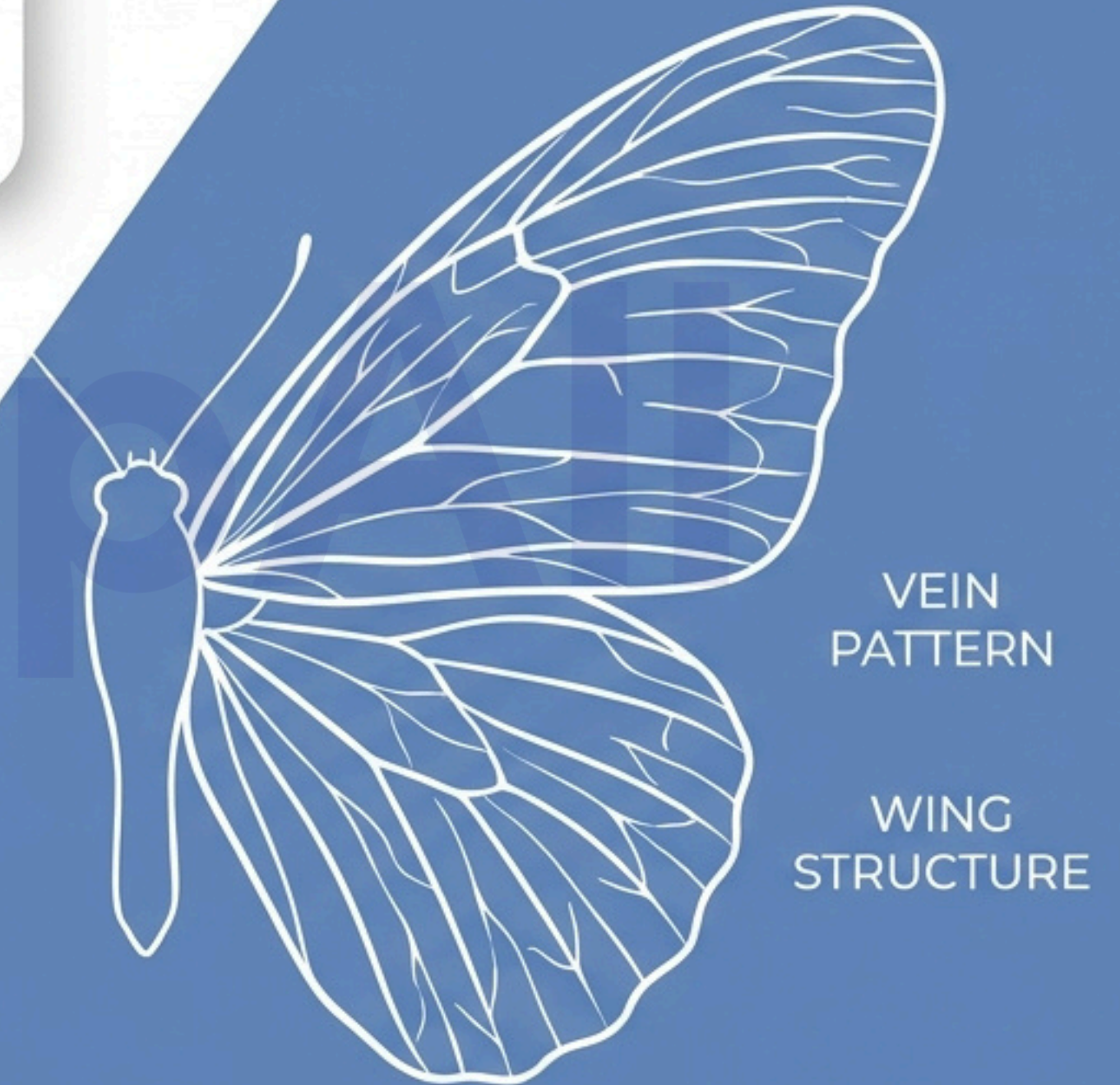
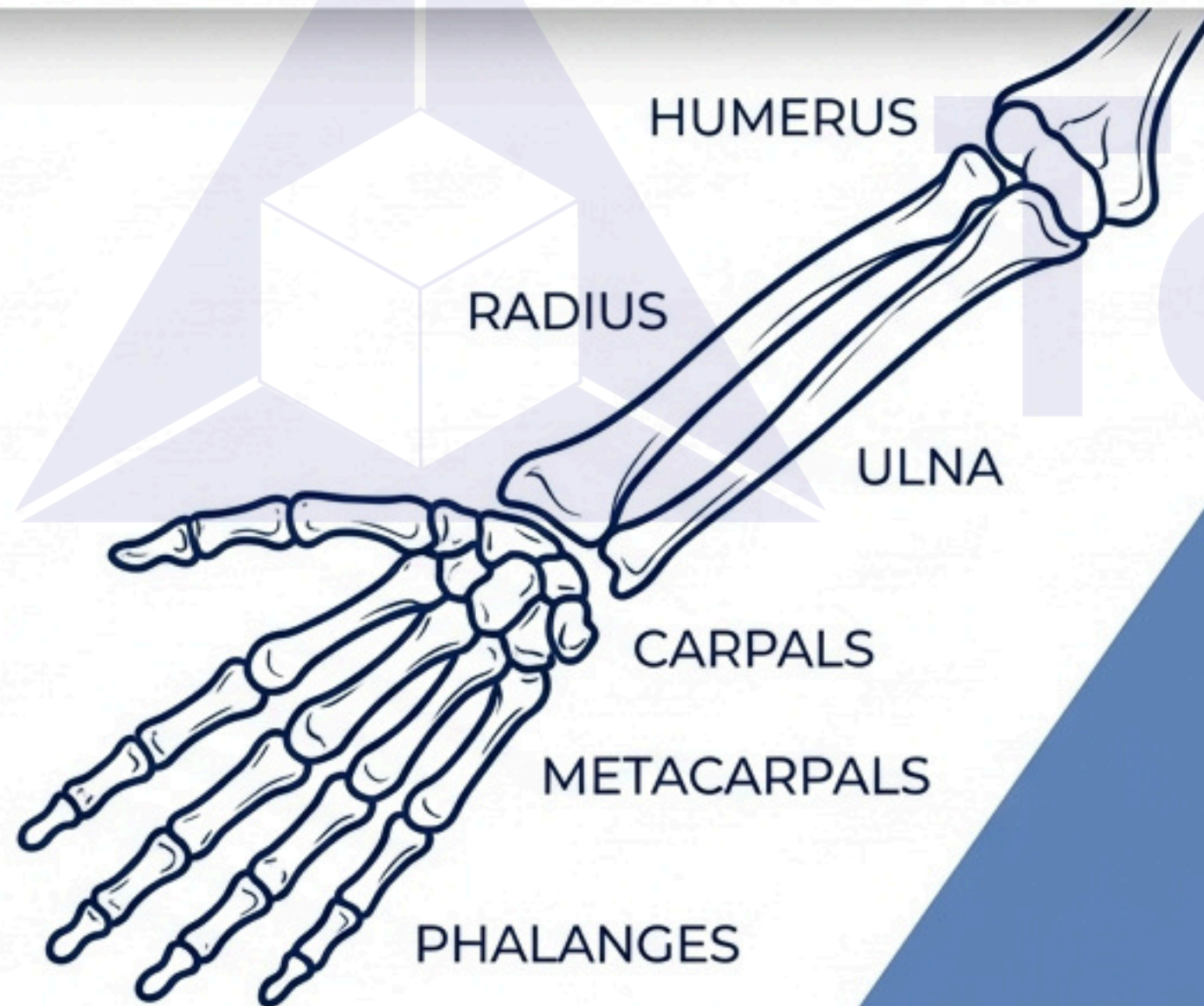


Homology vs. Analogy

Decoding the Anatomical and Biochemical Evidence for Evolution

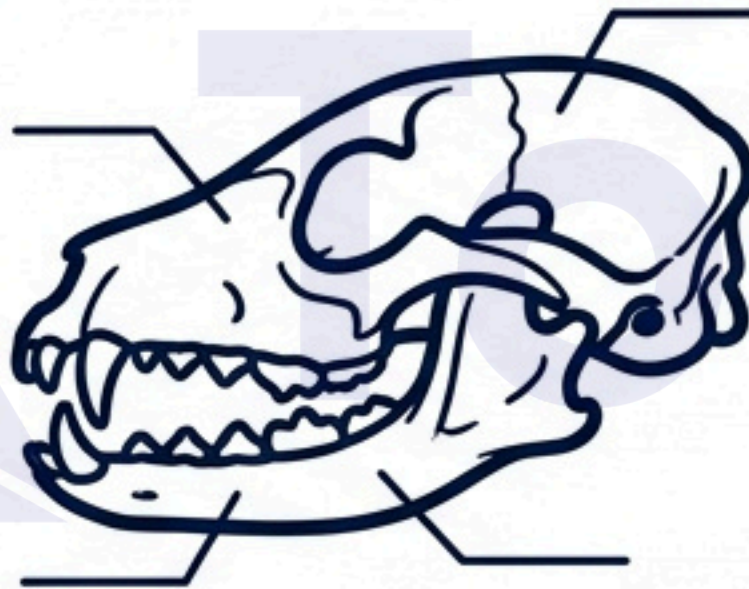


Reading the Clues of Ancestry

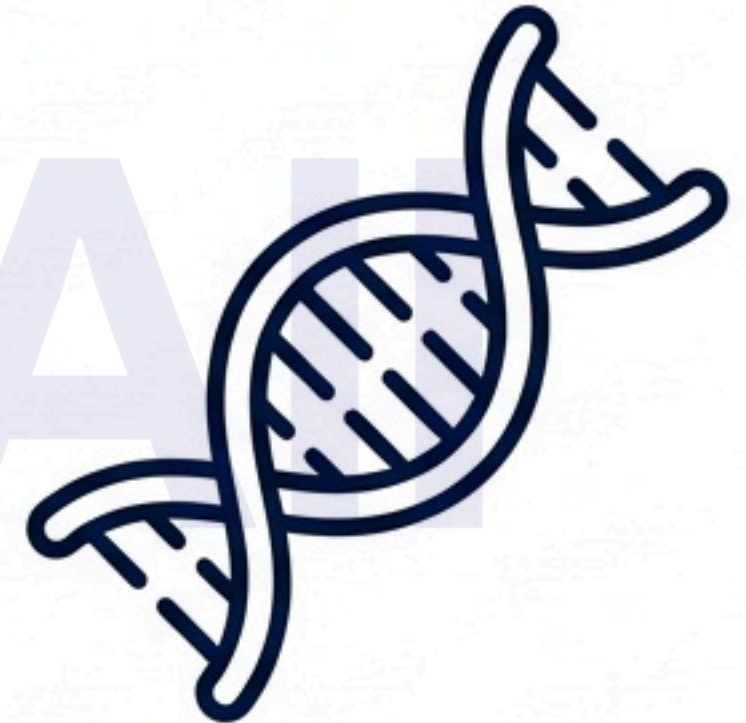
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Anatomical & Morphological



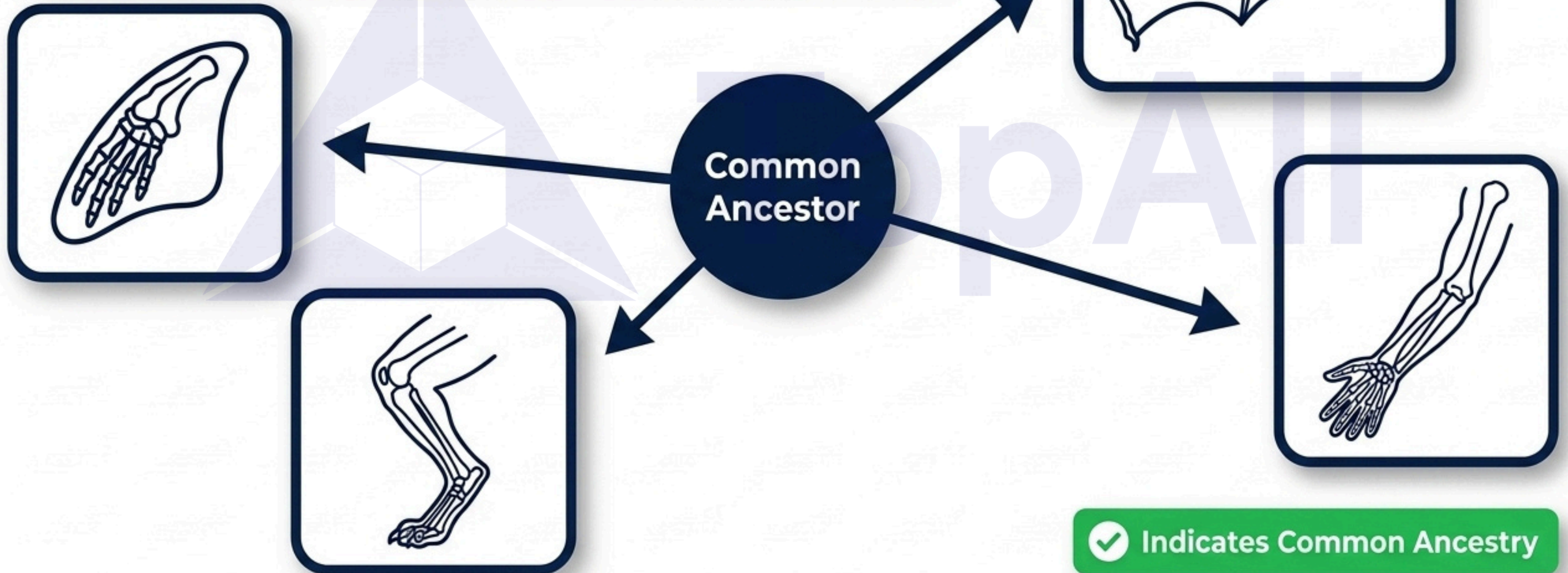
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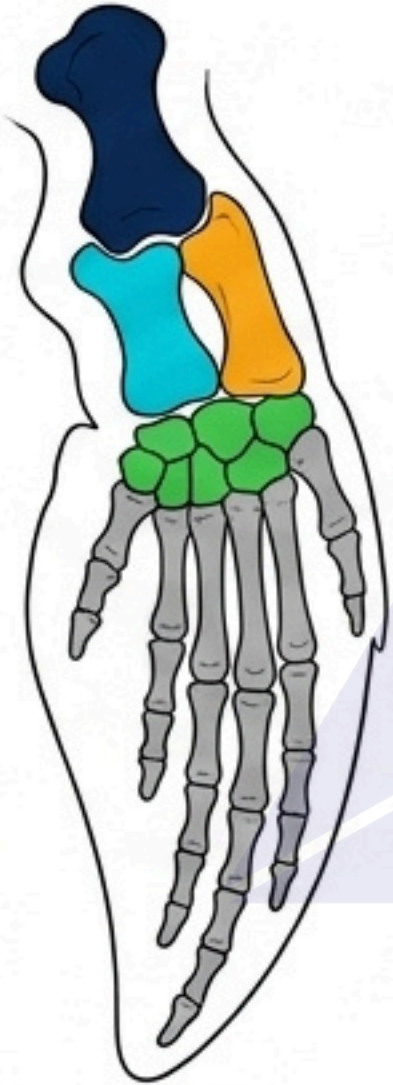
Similarities and differences among today's organisms provide a living map of shared ancestry. This deck isolates the physical and molecular clues hidden in modern flora and fauna.

The Anatomy of Homology

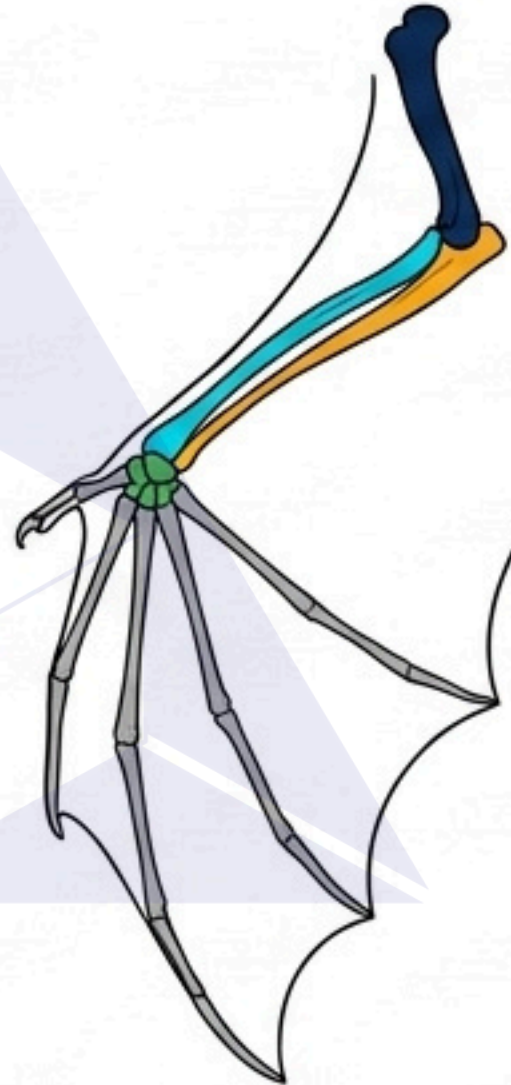
Structures that share a similar internal anatomical layout but perform completely different outward functions.



Animal Forelimbs: The Mammalian Blueprint



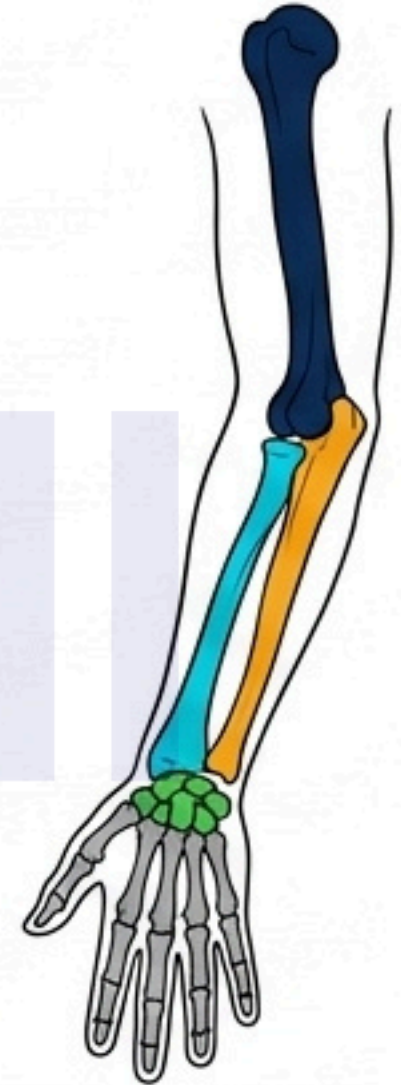
Whale (Swimming)



Bat (Flying)



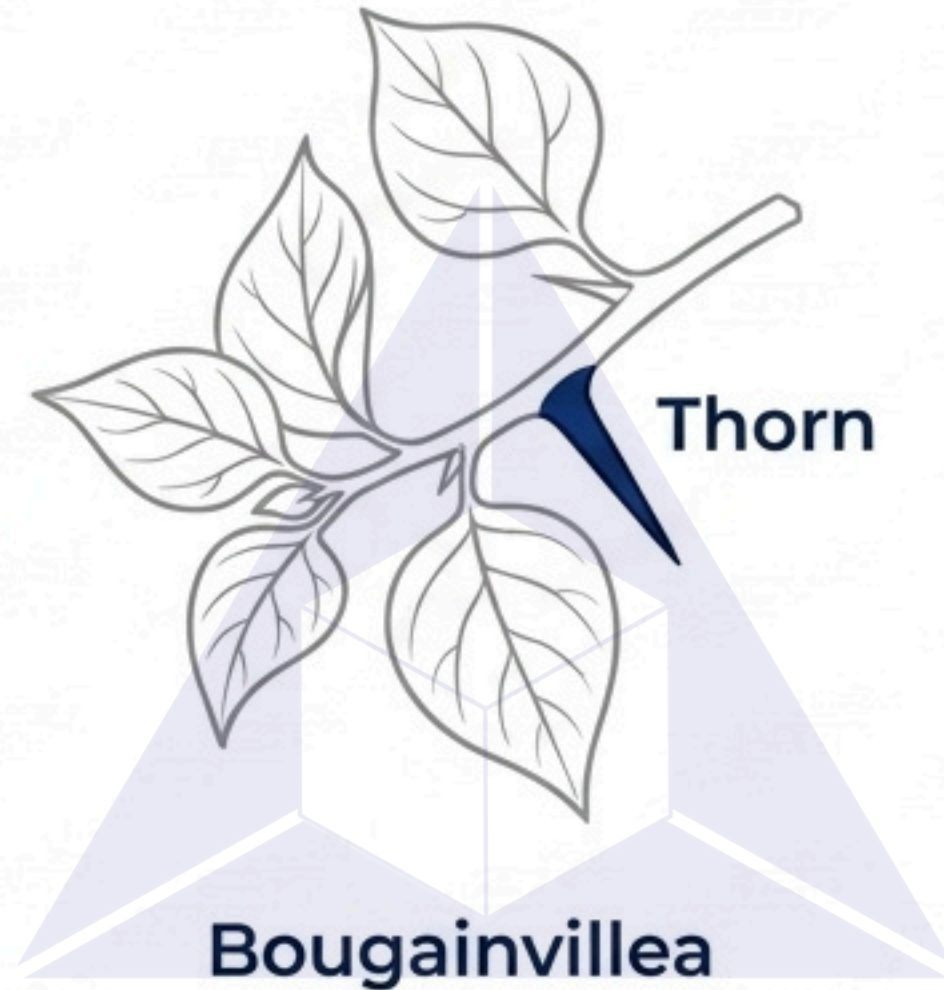
Cheetah (Running)



Human (Grasping)

The same underlying structure developed along different directions to meet unique environmental needs.

Homology in the Plant Kingdom



Both structures arise from the exact same structural origin—the axillary bud—but one evolved to protect (thorn) and the other to climb (tendril).

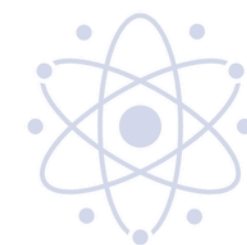


Exam Tip: Plant homology is tested just as frequently as animal forelimbs. Memorize *Bougainvillea* and *Cucurbita*!



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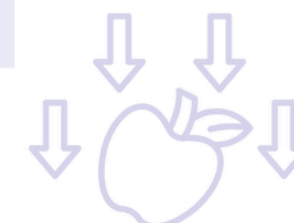
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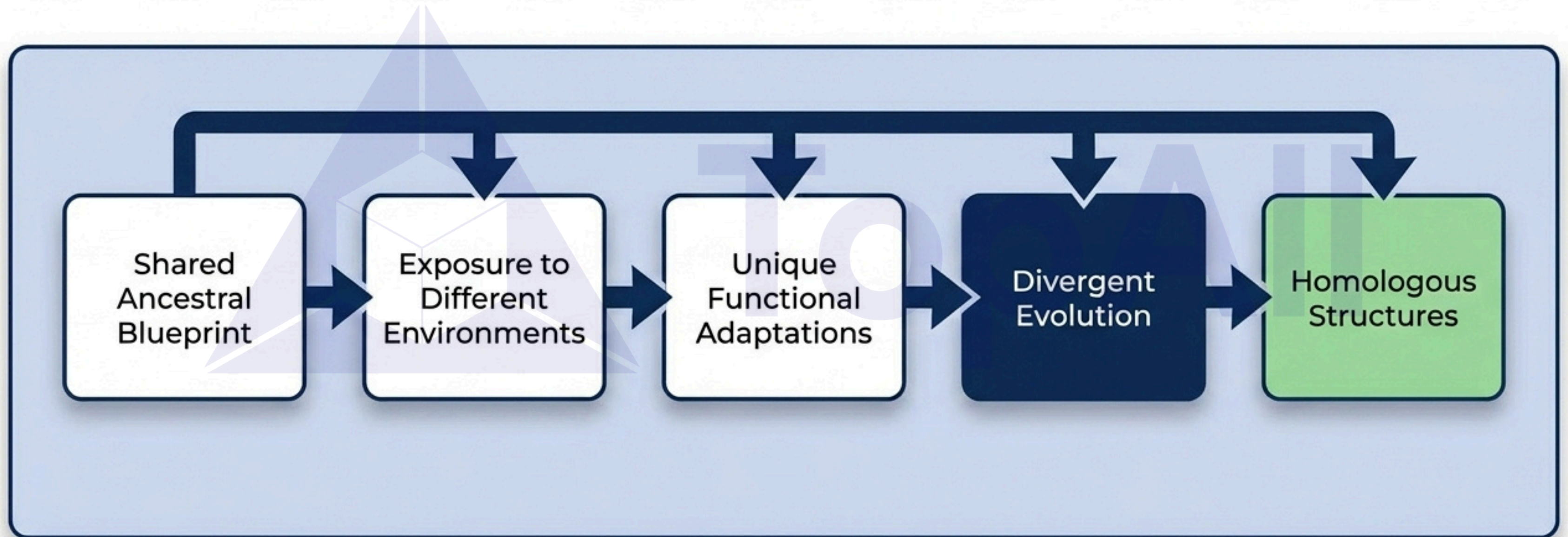
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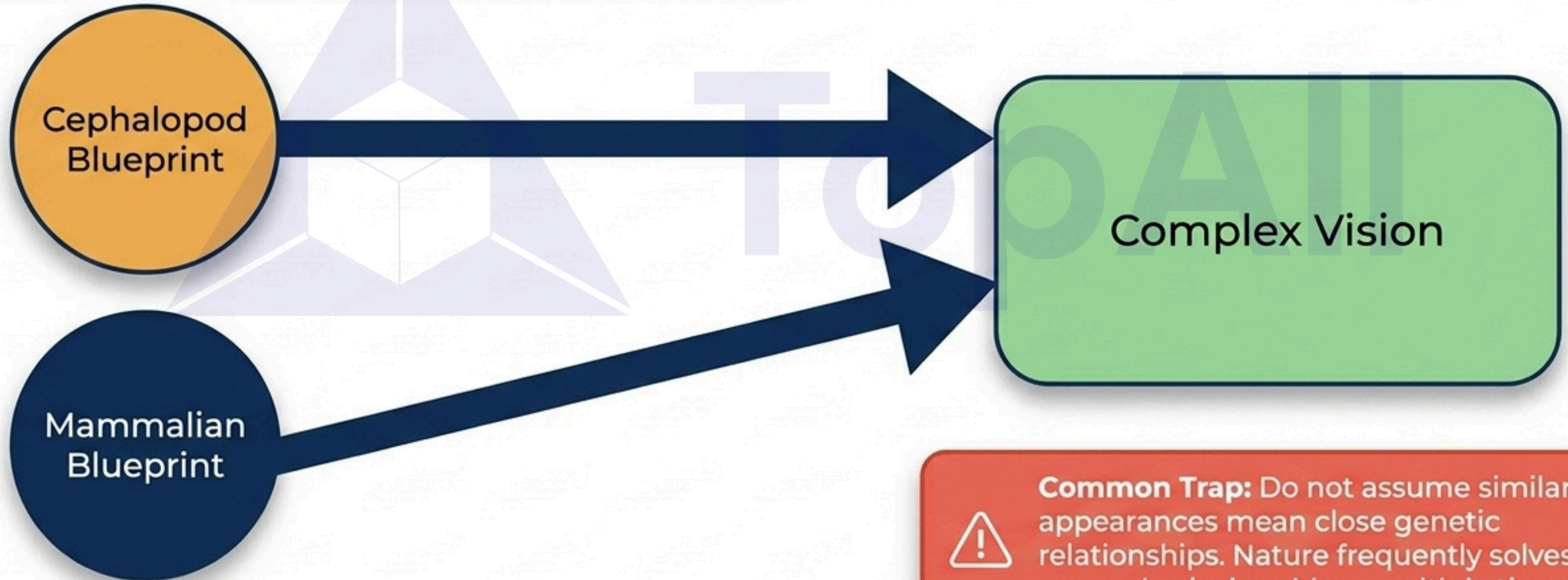
The Engine of Homology: Divergent Evolution

The evolutionary process where a single ancestral trait branches out to serve distinct evolutionary needs over millions of years.



The Anatomy of Analogy

Structures that are anatomically fundamentally different but have evolved to perform identical functions.



Common Trap: Do not assume similar appearances mean close genetic relationships. Nature frequently solves the same physical problem multiple times!

Animal Analogy: Convergent Solutions

Entirely different internal architectures, identical functional result: Flight.

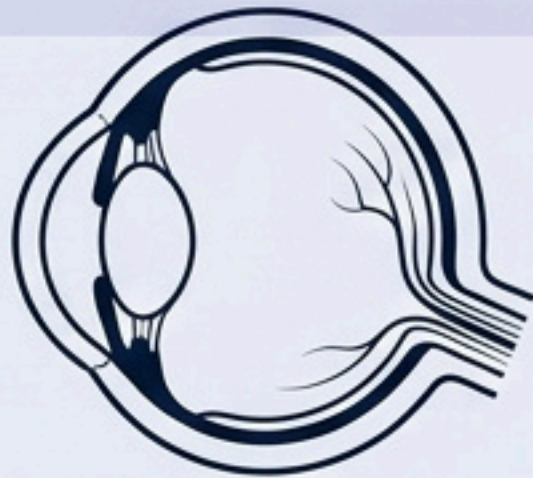


Insect Wing (Membranous)

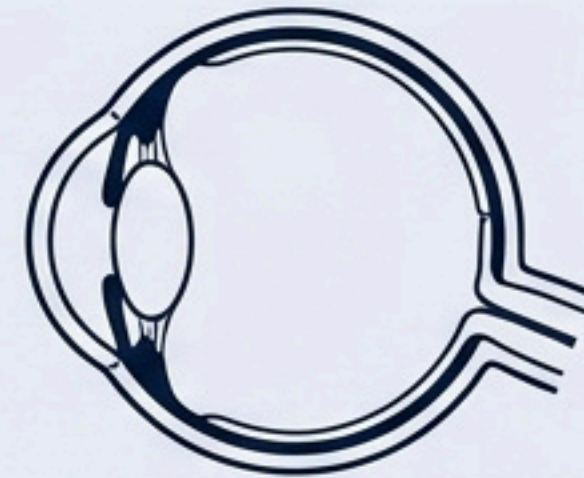


Bird Wing (Vertebrate Limb)

Distinct evolutionary paths, identical functional result: Vision.

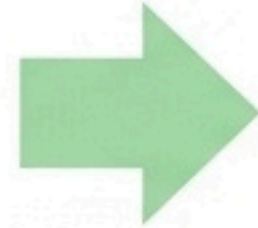


Octopus Eye (Cephalopod)

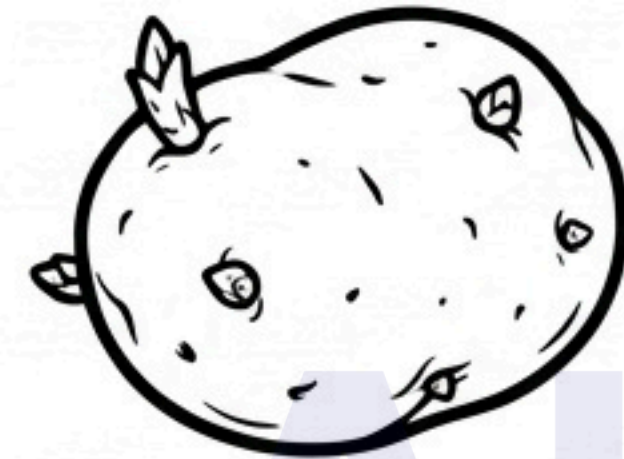


Mammalian Eye

Plant Analogy & Marine Flippers



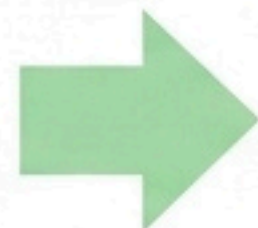
**Converged on
Function:
Food Storage**



Potato
(Stem Modification)



Penguin Flipper
(Bird Blueprint)



**Converged on
Function:
Swimming**

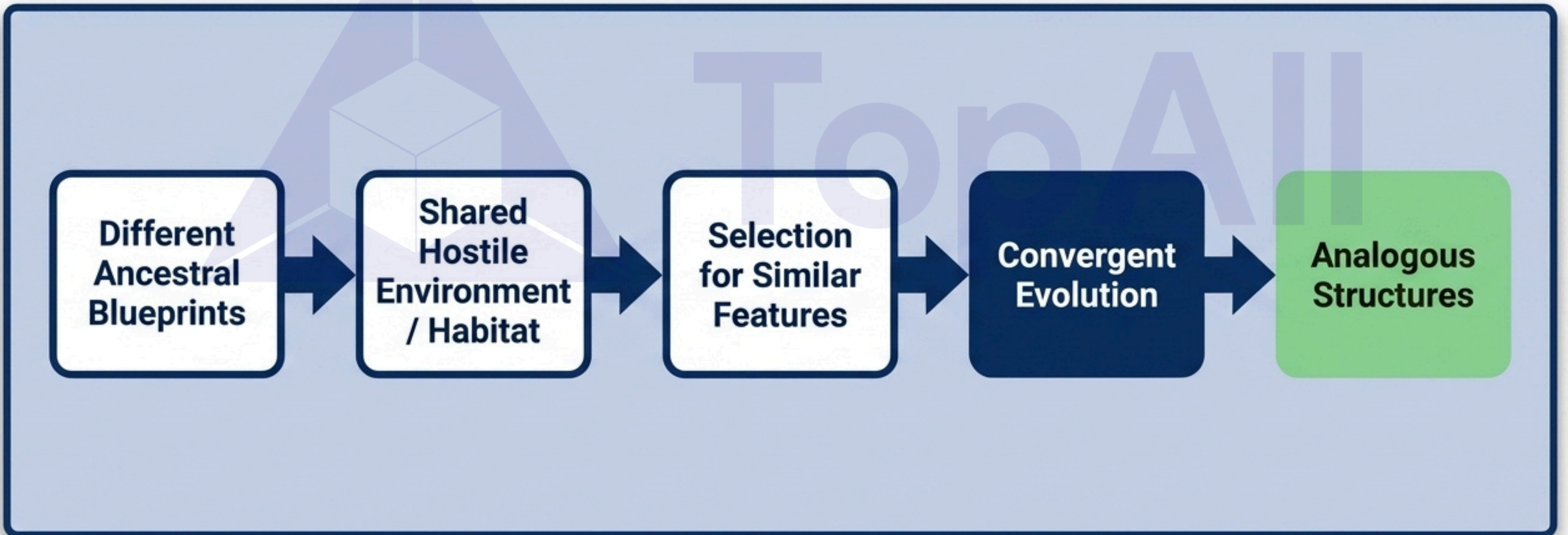


Dolphin Flipper
(Mammal Blueprint)

The Engine of Analogy: Convergent Evolution



Unrelated groups of organisms developing remarkably similar adaptive features in response to the exact same environmental pressures.

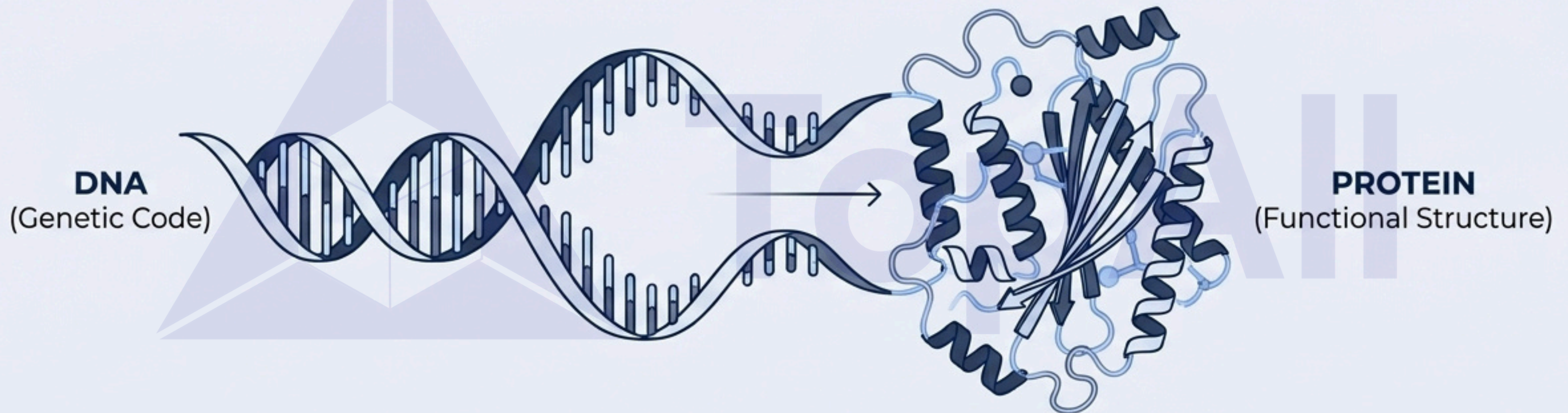


The Diagnostic Matrix

Characteristics	Homologous Organs	Analogous Organs
Origin / Ancestry	Indicates shared common ancestry	Does NOT indicate shared ancestry
Anatomical Structure	Fundamentally Similar	Fundamentally Different
Function	Usually Different	Always Similar
Evolutionary Process	Divergent Evolution	Convergent Evolution
Core Examples	Vertebrate forelimbs, Bougainvillea thorn	Butterfly/bird wings, Sweet potato/potato

Biochemical Evidence: The Molecular Blueprint

Similarities in proteins and genes performing a specific function among diverse organisms provide molecular clues to shared ancestry.



Biochemistry confirms Anatomy. Molecular similarities point to the exact same shared ancestry as the structural similarities seen in fossils and forelimbs.



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The Evolutionary Bottom Line



Homology = Divergent Evolution. Same internal blueprint, adapted for different jobs. (Evidence of shared ancestry).

Analogy = Convergent Evolution. Different internal blueprints, adapted to solve the same job. (Evidence of shared environmental pressures).



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Biochemistry validates Anatomy. The molecular record of genes and proteins perfectly mirrors the physical fossil and morphological record.