Estimating experiment-wise error rates by permutation

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Multipe testing problem in Genome-wide Analysis

– Many tests performed

– 100,000 SNPs
– 300,000 SNPs
– 500,000 SNPs
– 1,000,000 SNPs

Multiple testing in GWA cont'd

- Often several phenotypes
- Often several genetic models

- Example:
  – 10 phenotypes
  – 4 models
  – 500,000 SNPs

Multiple testing in GWA cont'd

- Number of tests then:
  – 10 * 4 * 500,000 = 20 million = 2e+07

- Necessary significance level for experiment-wise p of 0.05 using Bonferroni:
  – 0.05 / 2e+07 = 2.5e-09

But:

- Tests are not necessarily independent

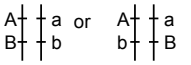
  – LD between SNPs
  – Correlation between phenotypes
  – Correlation between genotypes

- The effective number of tests is less than the number of tests performed

LD: From Genotypes to Haplotypes

	BB	Bb	bb
AA	AABB	AABb	Aabb
Aa	AaBB	AaBb	Aabb
aa	aaBB	aaBb	aabb

Joint genotype AaBb



Haplotypes

- For unrelated individuals – Haplotypes can be reconstructed with 100% accuracy if:
  - All loci are homozygous
  - No more than 1 locus is heterozygous
- If more 2 or more loci are heterozygous then
  - The haplotypes are ambiguous
  - However usually one set (pair) of haplotypes is more likely

Haplotype Reconstruction

- Haplotype construction is not robust over large genetic distances
- Beware of using "best" haplotype configuration
  - It is important to take account of uncertainty in phase assignment if haplotypes are to be used in subsequent analysis
- The ability to estimate accurate haplotype assignments is dependent on the size of data set.
  - Generally smaller data sets give less accurate results

Linkage Equilibrium

- Alleles in random association are said to be in linkage equilibrium.
  - Where the gametic frequencies are:
    - A_1B_1: $p_1 \times q_1$
    - A_1B_2: $p_1 \times q_2$
    - A_2B_1: $p_2 \times q_1$
    - A_2B_2: $p_2 \times q_2$
- Eg for marker A p_1=0.2 and p_2=0.8 and for marker B q_1=0.6 and q_2=0.4
  - Under linkage equilibrium for this example the expected frequencies are:
    - $A_1B_1 = Pe_{11} = 0.12$
    - $A_1B_2 = Pe_{12} = 0.08$
    - $A_2B_1 = Pe_{21} = 0.48$
    - $A_2B_2 = Pe_{22} = 0.32$
- Alleles not in random association are said to be in linkage disequilibrium

Linkage Disequilibrium

- Observed the following data for 100 Chromosomes

Observed	Frequency
A_1B_1 = 18	Po_{11} = 0.18
A_1B_2= 2	Po_{12} = 0.02
A_2B_1= 42	Po_{21} = 0.42
A_2B_2= 38	Po_{22} = 0.38

- $D = Po_{11}\,Po_{22} - Po_{12}\,Po_{21}$
- For this example
  - D=0.06

Linkage Disequilibrium

- D can be standardized to [-1,1] or [0,1]
- The strength of association is often indicated as the standardized disequilibrium, D´.
  - $D' = D/D_{max}$ if D is positive
  - $D' = D/D_{min}$ if D is negative
  - D_{max} = the smaller of p_1q_2 (Pe_{12}) and p_2q_1 (Pe_{21})
  - D_{min} = the larger of $-p_1q_1$ ($-Pe_{11}$) and $-p_2q_2$ ($-Pe_{22}$)

For this example D´ = 0.06/0.08= 0.75

Linkage Disequilibrium

- Another measure of the strength of association is r.

$r=D/(p_1p_2q_1q_2)^{1/2}$

$X^2=r^2N$ (1 df)

For this example $r = 0.06/(0.2 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.4 \cdot 0.6)^{1/2} = 0.3062$

$X^2=0.093746 \cdot 100=9.376$ p=0.0022

LD

- If one haplotype is not observed |D'|=1
  - Complete LD
    - There is not a 100% correlation between the allele at one locus and the allele at the second locus
- If two haplotypes are not observed r^2=1.0
  - Perfect LD
    - There is 100% correlation between the allele at one locus and the allele at the second locus
    - If r^2 =1.0 for two loci genotyping one locus provides as much information as genotyping both loci

LD

- D' provides information on historic recombination events
- r^2 provides information on the correlation of two loci
  - Better measure for association studies

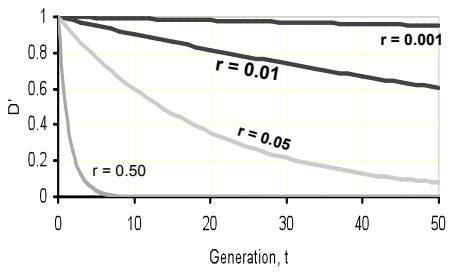
r^2 and D'

- There are a variety of programs which calculate r^2 and D'
- For Example HAPLOVIEW
- Calculates pair-wise haplotypes using the EM algorithm
  - Then calculates D' and r^2

Linkage Disequilibrium

- With random mating (assumptions: large population with no mutation, migration or selection) linkage equilibrium is eventually obtained
- The rate of decay will depend on the recombination fraction between loci.
- The greater the rate of recombination the quicker the decay.

Decay of linkage disequilibrium over tir



Three examples …

Ex1:
Two SNPs, SNP1 and SNP2, 1000 people genotyped

	A/A	A/B	B/B
A/A	199	176	0
A/B	269	0	227
B/B	68	61	0

Measures of LD: D' = 0.0638
r2 = 0.0036

Three examples

Ex2:
Two SNPs, SNP1 and SNP2, 1000 people genotyped

	A/A	A/B	B/B
A/A	375	0	0
A/B	176	214	106
B/B	0	0	129

Measures of LD: D' = 0.7357
r2 = 0.4650

Three examples

Ex3:
Two SNPs, SNP1 and SNP2, 1000 people genotyped

	A/A	A/B	B/B
A/A	551	0	0
A/B	0	214	0
B/B	0	0	235

Measures of LD: D' = 1.0000
r2 = 1.0000

Analysis

- Tested against binary phenotype
  - 449 controls
  - 551 cases

How to correct?

- Bonferroni:
  - By the number of tests
- What is the number of tests?
  - ?
- Permutation ?

Permutation in principle

- Predictor variables, e.g. SNPs
- Outcome variable, e.g. affection status

Affection status	SNP1	SNP2
1	A/B	A/B
0	A/A	A/B
0	A/A	B/B
1	B/B	A/A
1	B/B	A/B
0	A/B	A/A

Permutation in principle

- Permute order of outcomes
- Keep order of independent variables

Affection status	SNP1	SNP2
1	A/B	A/B
0	A/A	A/B
0	A/A	B/B
1	B/B	A/A
1	B/B	A/B
0	A/B	A/A

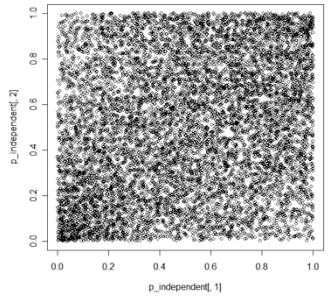
Original data and 9 replicates (permutations)

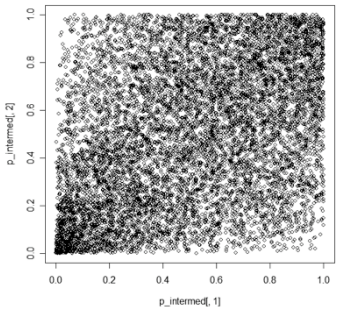
1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

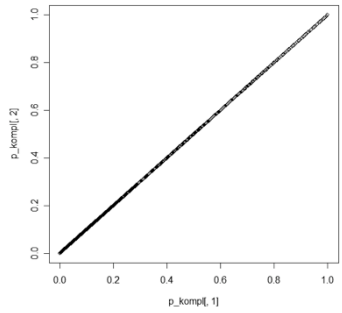
Permutation in principle

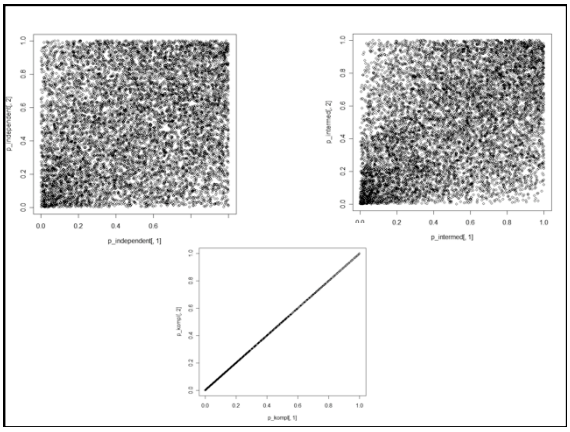
- Permute order of outcomes, keeping order of independent variables
- Calculate p-values for each of the permutations
- Store p-values per permutation

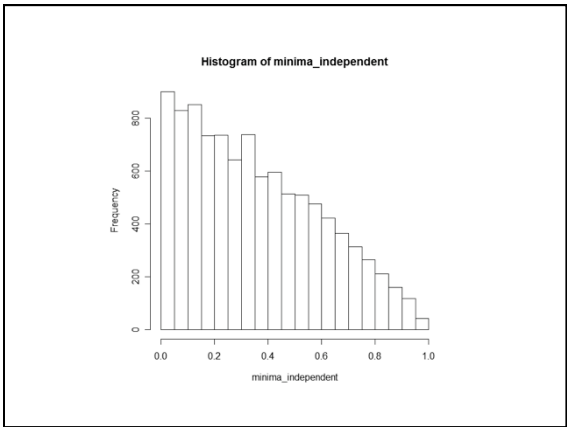
- Compute and store minimum of replicate-wise p-values
  -> test distribution of test statistic
- Compare p-value found against distribution of minimum p-values (equivalent to maximum of test statistic)
  – > correct for multiple testing

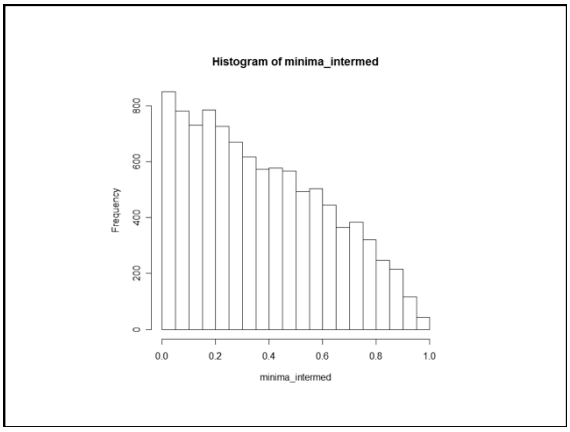


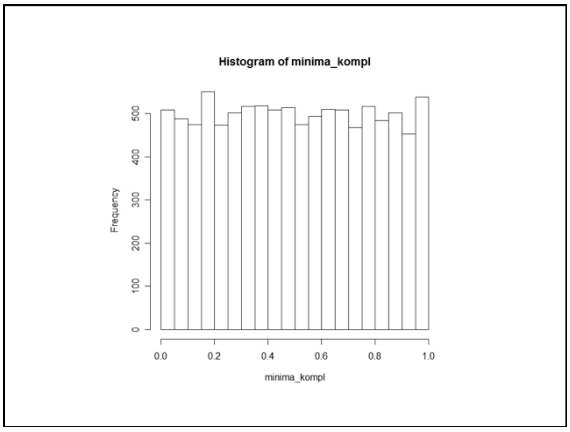












Quantile of distributions

1%	5%	10%	
0.006	0.027	0.055	ex1
0.006	0.029	0.060	ex2
0.009	0.049	0.100	ex3

Two technical notes

- Compute p-value
  - P-value found = p_f
  - N replications, of which M <= p_f
  - $P_{\text{post permut}}$ = (M+1)/(N+1)
- How many permutations for value of α to be tested
  - Recommendations:
  - N = 10/(α)
  - E.g. a = 0.05, then N = 10/0.05 = 10/(1/20) = 200

Papers on the way

Am. J. Hum. Genet. 74:765–769, 2004

A Simple Correction for Multiple Testing for Single-Nucleotide Polymorphisms in Linkage Disequilibrium with Each Other

Dale R. Nyholt

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Efficient Computation of Significance Levels for Multiple Associations in Large Studies of Correlated Data, Including Genomewide Association Studies

Frank Dudbridge and Bobby P. C. Koeleman

Papers on the way

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Evaluation of Nyholt's Procedure for Multiple Testing Correction

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Brief Report

Estimation of the Multiple Testing Burden for Genomewide Association Studies of Nearly All Common Variants

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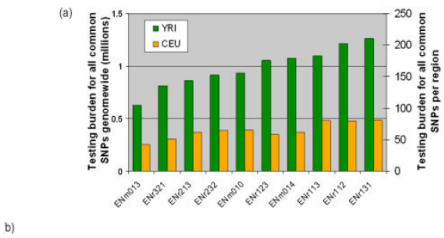

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Estimation of Significance Thresholds for Genomewide Association Scans

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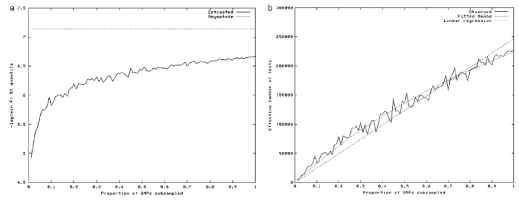

Fig. 1. (a) Significance threshold as a function of marker density in combined NBS and SBC sample from permutation procedure. At current density (359K single nucleotide polymorphisms typed) the significance threshold is about 2.2×10^{-7}. The dotted line shows the estimated asymptote of 7.2×10^{-8}. (b) Fitted Monod function to the effective number of tests associated with the significance threshold. At infinite density the number of tests is estimated at 693,138 giving the asymptote in (a).

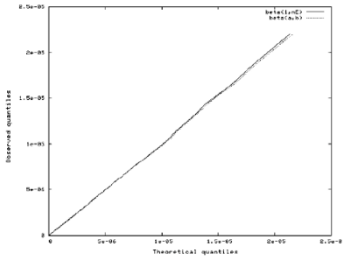

Fig. 3. Quantile–quantile plot comparing fitted Beta distributions with minimum *P*-values from permutation replicates.