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Example of a Linkage Study

- In the US, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the most common cause of blindness in the elderly.
- Disease is heterogeneous, with two common forms of severe disease, termed "wet" and "dry" disease.
- Linkage study examined 734 genetic markers (~1 per 5Mb) in 412 affected relative pairs.
- Evidence for linkage to several regions, including chr1 (~240 cM) and chr22 (~25 cM). We now know these correspond to CFH and TIMP3 susceptibility alleles.
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AMD Linkage Study, Results of Marker by Marker Analysis



Colors: All AMD, "Wet" Subtype, "Dry" Subtype

AMD Linkage Study, Results of Multipoint Analysis



Colors: All AMD, "Wet" Subtype, "Dry" Subtype



Affected Sib Pair Linkage Tests

- Consider affected sibling pairs
 - Pairs selected to have similar phenotypes ...
 - ... show increased similarity at loci that change disease risk
- Scan the genome and test whether pair genotypes are more similar than expected ...



Likelihood for a Single ASP

$$L_{i} = \sum_{j=0}^{2} P(IBD = j \mid ASP) P(Genotypes \mid IBD = j) = \sum_{j=0}^{2} z_{j} w_{ij}$$

Risch (1990) defines

 $w_{ij} = P(Genotypes_i | IBD = j)$

We only need proportionate W_{ij}

w_{ij} for single marker analyses

Relative		IBD			
Ι	II	0	1	2	
(a,b)	(c,d)	$4p_ap_bp_cp_d$	0	0	
(a,a)	(b,c)	$2p_a^2 p_b p_c$	0	0	
(a,a)	(b,b)	$\mathbf{p_a}^2 \mathbf{p_b}^2$	0	0	
(a,b)	(a,c)	$4p_a^2 p_b p_c$	$p_a p_b p_c$	0	
(a,a)	(a,b)	$2p_a^3 p_b$	$p_a^2 p_b$	0	
(a,b)	(a,b)	$4p_a^2 p_b^2$	$(p_{a}p_{b}^{2}+p_{a}^{2}p_{b})$	$2p_ap_b$	
(a,a)	(a,a)	p_a^4	p_a^3	p_a^2	
rior Probability		1/4	1/2	1/4	

MLS Linkage Test

$$L(z_0, z_1, z_2) = \prod_i \sum_j z_j w_{ij}$$

$$LOD = \log_{10} \prod_{i} \frac{z_0 w_{i0} + z_1 w_{i1} + z_2 w_{i2}}{\frac{1}{4} w_{i0} + \frac{1}{2} w_{i1} + \frac{1}{4} w_{i2}}$$

The MLS statistic is the LOD evaluated at the MLEs of z_0, z_1, z_2 These MLEs can be calculated using an EM algorithm

P(Affected Pair | IBD=j)

 $P(\text{Affected Pair} | \text{IBD} = 0) = (p^2 f_{11} + 2p(1-p)f_{12} + (1-p)^2 f_{22})^2$ = K^2

 $\begin{aligned} P(\text{Affected Pair} | \text{IBD} = 1) &= p^3 f_{11}^2 + 2p^2 (1-p) f_{11} f_{12} + p(1-p) f_{12}^2 \\ &\quad + 2p(1-p)^2 f_{12} f_{22} + (1-p)^3 f_{22}^2 \\ &= \lambda_0 K^2 \end{aligned}$

 $P(\text{Affected Pair} | \text{IBD} = 2) = p^2 f_{11}^2 + 2p(1-p)f_{12}^2 + (1-p)^2 f_{22}^2$ $= \lambda_{MZ} K^2$

P(Affected Sibling Pair), P(IBD = j | Affected Sibling Pair)

$$P(ASP) = \sum P(IBD = i)P(ASP|IBD = i) = (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_0 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{MZ})K^2 = \lambda_{sib}K^2$$

$$P(IBD = j|ASP) = \frac{P(IBD = j)P(ASP|IBD = j)}{P(ASP)}$$

$$P(IBD = 0|ASP) = 0.25 \frac{1}{\lambda_{sib}}$$

$$P(IBD = 1|ASP) = 0.50 \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_{sib}}$$

$$P(IBD = 1|ASP) = 0.25 \frac{\lambda_{MZ}}{\lambda_{sib}}$$

$$1 \le \lambda_0 \le \lambda_{sib} \le \lambda_{MZ}$$

Possible Triangle Constraint



Important Limitation

- A major limitation of our approach so far is that it considers one marker at a time
- This may not allow us to extract all available information about IBD...

Today ...

- Refresher on IBD probabilities
- Intuition behind multipoint calculations
- Framework for multipoint calculations
 - Using a Markov Chain to speed analyses





$$P(IBD = i \mid X) = \frac{P(IBD = i, X)}{P(X)}$$

$$=\frac{P(IBD=i)P(X \mid IBD=i)}{P(X)}$$

$$= \frac{P(IBD = i)P(X \mid IBD = i)}{\sum_{j} P(IBD = j)P(X \mid IBD = j)}$$



$$P(X | IBD=0) = p_1^4 = \frac{1}{16}$$
$$P(X | IBD=1) = p_1^3 = \frac{1}{8}$$
$$P(X | IBD=2) = p_1^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(X) = \frac{1}{4}p_1^4 + \frac{1}{2}p_1^3 + \frac{1}{4}p_1^2 = \frac{9}{64}$$

$$P(IBD=0|X) = \frac{\frac{1}{4}p_1^4}{P(X)} = \frac{1}{9}$$
$$P(IBD=1|X) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}p_1^3}{P(X)} = \frac{4}{9}$$
$$P(IBD=2|X) = \frac{\frac{1}{4}p_1^2}{P(X)} = \frac{4}{9}$$

Intuition For Multipoint Analysis

- IBD changes infrequently along the chromosome
- Neighboring markers can help resolve ambiguities about IBD sharing
- In the Risch approach, they might ensure that only one w is *effectively* non-zero



Ingredients for Multipoint Model

- Probability of observed genotypes at each marker conditional on IBD state
- Probability of changes in IBD state along chromosome
- Hidden Markov Model







The Likelihood of Marker Data

$$L = \sum_{I_1} \sum_{I_2} \dots \sum_{I_M} P(I_1) \prod_{i=2}^M P(I_i \mid I_{i-1}) \prod_{i=1}^M P(X_i \mid I_i)$$

- General formulation, allows for any number of markers.
- Combined with Bayes' Theorem can estimate probability of each IBD state at any marker.
- This is not a linkage test yet!

P (X_m | I_m)

		IBD			
Sib	CoSib	0	1	2	
(a,b)	(c,d)	$4p_ap_bp_cp_d$	0	0	
(a,a)	(b,c)	$2p_a^2p_bp_c$	0	0	
(a,a)	(b,b)	$p_{a}^{2}p_{b}^{2}$	0	0	
(a,b)	(a,c)	$4\bar{p}_a^2\bar{p}_bp_c$	$p_a p_b p_c$	0	
(a,a)	(a,b)	$2p_a^{3}p_b^{-3}$	$p_a^2 p_b$	0	
(a,b)	(a,b)	$4p_{a}^{2}p_{b}^{2}$	$(p_{a}p_{b}^{2}+p_{a}^{2}p_{b})$	$2p_ap_b$	
(a,a)	(a,a)	p_a^4	p_a^3	p_a^2	
Prior Probability		1/4	1/2	1/4	

Question: What to do about missing data?

 What happens when some genotype data is unavailable?

P(I_{m + 1} | **I**_m)

• Depends on recombination fraction θ

- This is a measure of distance between two loci
- Probability grand-parental origin of alleles changes between loci
- Leads to probability of a change in IBD:

$$\psi = 2\theta(1-\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{I}_{m+1} \mid \mathbf{I}_{m})$$

	1	IBD State at $m + 1$			
		0	1	2	
IBD state	0	$(1-\psi)^2$	2ψ(1-ψ)	ψ^2	
at marker	1	ψ(1-ψ)	$(1-\psi)^2+\psi^2$	ψ(1-ψ)	
m	2	ψ^2	$2\psi(1-\psi)$	$(1-\psi)^2$	

 $\psi=2\theta(1\!-\!\theta)$

Example

- Consider two loci separated by $\theta = 0.1$
- Each loci has two alleles, each with frequency .50
 - If two siblings are homozygous for the first allele at both loci, what is the probability that IBD = 2 at the first locus?

The Likelihood of Marker Data

$$L = \sum_{I_1} \sum_{I_2} \dots \sum_{I_M} P(I_1) \prod_{i=2}^M P(I_i \mid I_{i-1}) \prod_{i=1}^M P(X_i \mid I_i)$$

- General, but slow unless there are only a few markers.
- How do we speed things up?

A Markov Model

 Re-organize the computation slightly, to avoid evaluating nested sum directly

Three components:

- Probability considering a single location
- Probability including left flanking markers
- Probability including right flanking markers
- Scale of computation increases linearly with number of markers

The Likelihood of Marker Data

$$L = \sum_{I_j} P(I_j) P(X_j | I_j) P(X_1 ... X_{j-1} | I_j) P(X_{j+1} ... X_M | I_j)$$

= $\sum_{I_j} P(I_j) P(X_j | I_j) L_j(I_j) R_j(I_j)$

- A different arrangement of the same likelihood
- The nested summations are now hidden inside the L_i and R_i functions...

Left-Chain Probabilities

$$\begin{split} L_m(I_m) &= P(X_1, \dots, X_{m-1} \mid I_m) \\ &= \sum_{I_{m-1}} L_{m-1}(I_{m-1}) P(X_{m-1} \mid I_{m-1}) P(I_{m-1} \mid I_m) \\ L_1(I_1) &= 1 \end{split}$$

- Proceed one marker at a time.
- Computation cost increases linearly with number of markers.

Right-Chain Probabilities

$$R_{m}(I_{m}) = P(X_{m+1}, ..., X_{M} | I_{m})$$

= $\sum_{I_{m+1}} R_{m+1}(I_{m+1})P(X_{m+1} | I_{m+1})P(I_{m+1} | I_{m})$
$$R_{m}(I_{m}) = 1$$

 $R_M(I_M) = 1$

- Proceed one marker at a time.
- Computation cost increases linearly with number of markers.

Pictorial Representation

Single Marker



Extending the MLS Method ...

$$w_{j} = P(X_{j} | I_{j})P(X_{1}...X_{j-1} | I_{j})P(X_{j+1}...X_{M} | I_{j})$$
$$= P(X_{j} | I_{j})L_{j}(I_{j})R_{j}(I_{j})$$

 We just change the definition for the "weights" given to each configuration!

Possible Further Extensions

- Modeling error
 - What components might have to change?
- Modeling other types of relatives
 - What components might have to change?
- Modeling larger pedigrees
 - What components might have to change?

Today

 Efficient computational framework for multipoint analysis of sibling pairs