The Lander-Green Algorithm

Biostatistics 666 Lecture 22

Last Lecture... Relationship Inferrence

- Likelihood of genotype data
- Adapt calculation to different relationships
 - Siblings
 - Half-Siblings
 - Unrelated individuals

Importance of modeling error

Today ...

- The Lander-Green Algorithm
- Multipoint analysis in general pedigrees
- The basis of modern pedigree analysis packages



Fundamental Calculations

- Enumerate possible IBD states
- Transition probability for neighboring IBD states

Probability of genotype data given IBD state

Lander-Green Algorithm

$$L = \sum_{I_1} \dots \sum_{I_m} P(I_1) \prod_{i=2}^m P(I_i | I_{i-1}) \prod_{i=1}^m P(X_i | I_i)$$

- More general definition for I, the "IBD vector"
- Probability of genotypes given "IBD vector"
- Transition probabilities for the "IBD vectors"



"IBD Vector" Specifications

- Specify IBD between all individuals
- Must be compact
- Must allow calculation of:
 - Conditional probabilities for neighboring markers
 - Probability of observed genotypes

"IBD Vector"

- Specify the outcome of each meiosis
 - Which of the two parental alleles transmitted?
- Implies founder allele carried by each individual
- Implies whether a pair of chromosomes is identical-by-descent





What we are doing ...

- Listing meioses
- Alternating outcomes
- The outcomes of all meioses define our "IBD vector"



Example ... Descent Graph



This is one representation of inheritance in the pedigree. The 8 founder alleles are labeled A-H and we their descent through the pedigree is specified when we fix the outcome of each meiosis.

So far ...

- A set of 2n binary digits specifies IBD in a pedigree with n non-founders
- There are 2^{2n} such sets ...
- Next, must calculate the probability of the observed genotypes for each one...



Founder Allele Graphs / Sets

- Calculated for each marker individually
- List of founder alleles compatible with:
 - Observed genotypes for all individuals
 - A particular gene flow pattern
- Likelihood of each set is a product of allele frequencies

Observed Genotypes

- For each family
- For each marker
- Some pattern of observed genotypes



Gene flow pattern

- In turn, specify gene flow throughout the pedigree
- For each individual, we know precisely what founder allele they carry



Combine the two...

- Conditional on gene flow...
- Founder allele states are restricted
 - In this case, there is only one founder allele set: {1, 1, 1, ?}
- Likelihood is a product of allele frequencies
 - P(allele 1)³ P(any allele)



Finding founder allele sets

- Group founder alleles transmitted to the same genotyped individuals
- If a founder allele passes through an homozygote or different heterozygotes
 - Its state is either fixed or impossible
 - Fixes state of other alleles in the group

No. of Possible States for Grouped Founder Alleles

- No compatible states
- One Possible State
 - If >1 founder allele passes through a person with a homozygous genotype or two heterozygous persons
- Two Possible States For Each Allele
 - Observed genotypes are all identical and heterozygous
- Every marker allele is possible
 - Founder alleles that are not passed to genotyped persons



Example ... Descent Graph



Founder Alleles in Corresponding		Drobability
		Drahahility
Group	Allele States	Probability
Group	Allele States (any allele)	Probability 1
(B) (A,C,E)	Allele States (any allele) (1,2,1) or (2,1,2)	Probability 1 P(1) ² P(2)+P(2)F











With two meioses

$$T^{\otimes 2} = \begin{bmatrix} (1-\theta)^2 & (1-\theta)\theta & \theta(1-\theta) & \theta^2 \\ (1-\theta)\theta & (1-\theta)^2 & \theta^2 & \theta(1-\theta) \\ \theta(1-\theta) & \theta^2 & (1-\theta)^2 & (1-\theta)\theta \\ \theta^2 & \theta(1-\theta) & (1-\theta)\theta & (1-\theta)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



With three meioses

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In general ...

- Transition matrix is patterned
- Transition probability depends on:
 - No. of meiosis were outcome changed
 - No. of meiosis were outcome did not change
 - Product of powers of θ and (1θ)





All The Ingredients To ...

Single Marker



Appropriate Problems

- Large number of markers
 - Analysis of >5,000 markers possible
- Relatively small pedigrees
 - 20-30 individuals
 - 2x larger pedigrees for the X chromosome. Why?

So far ...

- Key components for Lander-Green
- Extending definition of IBD vector
- Probability of genotypes given IBD
- Transition probabilities
- Next: Practical applications!

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Reading

- Historically, two key papers:
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