Local Statistics for Genome-Wide Association Studies

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I. Multiple-testing / local fdr

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30,000 genes / 1,000,000 genetic markers (SNPs) ...

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D Family-Wise Error-Rate: prob to falsely reject at least one hypothesis

$$FWER = \mathbb{P}_{H_0}(fp > 0).$$

□ Bonferroni's majoration:

FWER =
$$1 - \mathbb{P}_{H_0}(fp = 0) = 1 - (1 - \alpha)^n \leq \max(n\alpha; 1).$$

 $\rightarrow \alpha' = \frac{\alpha}{n}$

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Local fdr kernel-based estimation:

□ Semi-parametric.

Does not require any assumption on the HI distribution (f_i) .

Provides more realistic estimates.

 $\Box \pi_0$, h and k must be pre-determined.

Tests must be independent.

Implementation

- Estimation of π_0
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- Truncated distributions

practical generalizations

(Storey 01)

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(Sheather and Jones 91) (Silverman 86) (Scott 92)

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 - Biased and unbiased cross-validation estimations.
 - Derivative-based methods.

- Computation of $\widehat{f}_1(x)$
 - O Naive computation requires a quadratic complexity.
 - Discrete convolution through Fast-Fourier-Transforms allows a far more efficient linear complexity.

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- Semi-supervised situations
 - □ Among the null hypotheses ⇒ some are known to be true while other are known to be false (control-genes).
 - Prior information is taken into account in the estimation procedure.
 - C Known local FDR τ_{i0} are kept fixed: contribute to the estimation for the other observations / not updated at each step of the algorithm.

Implementation

- Truncated distributions within an interval I
 - \Box e.g. : *p*-values computed by Monte-Carlo \rightarrow *p*-values > 1/S

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 \Box the restrictions of f_1 , f_0 and f to I need to be normalized.

$$q = \int_{I} f(x) dx = \pi_0 \underbrace{\int_{I} f_0(x) dx}_{q_0} + \pi_1 \underbrace{\int_{I} f_1(x) dx}_{q_1}$$

- R package 'kerfdr'
 - Simple and straightforward to use
 - Many options for more advanced users
 - Fast thanks to Fast-Fourier-Transforms
 - \Box Includes the estimation of π_0 and of the bandwidth
 - Handles semi-supervised situations and truncated distributions
 - Produces graphics



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• The smaller the *RMSE*, the better the performances.

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- Estimates of kerfdr not very sensitive to the bandwidth
- kerfdr performs as well the other methods when f₀ and f₁ are well separated (µ₁ = 0.001, data not shown)
- It outperforms them in more difficult situations (µ1 = 0.01) especially in terms of stability.

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Correction improves the quality of the estimates.

Corrected estimates almost as good as the untruncated reference !!!

(Hedenfalk et al 01)

kerfdr

Application 2: differential gene-expressions

3,226 genes studied among two groups of BRCA1 (7 patients) and BRCA2 (8 patients).



□ Application 3: genome-wide association

203 controls from Rennes genotyped using a 100K Affy (100,000 SNPs covering the genome).





□ Algorithm available *via* the CRAN or at

http://stat.genopole.cnrs.fr/software/kerfdr

- Guedj et al. kerfdr: a semi-parametric kernel-based approach to local FDR estimations. BMC Bioinfo. 2009
- Strimmer. A unified approach to FDR estimation. BMC Bioinfo. 2008

II. Local replications / local score

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 - **Population Stratifications**

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Allele and locus heterogeneity.

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Local Replication: definition

A local accumulation of high statistics of association in a given genomic region...

... replicated among the different populations.







Population I





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Sliding-Frames ?! >> the frame size has to be specified

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Monte-Carlo simulations permuting case-control labels but a more important time of execution.

In Statistics: asymtoptic and exact distributions

e.g. Iglehart (1972) Extreme values in the in the gi/g/1 queues. Annals of Mathematical Statistics.

In Computer Science: clever detection of Local Scores

e.g. Ruzzo and Tompa (1999) A linear time algorithm for finding all maximal scoring subsequences. *Proceedings from ISMB*.

In Genomics: biological sequences analysis/alignment

e.g. Karlin (2005) Statistical signals in Bioinformatics. PNAS.

In Genetic Epidemiology:

Fast and simple tool to detect associated genomic regions at the first-stage of GWAS:

Guedj, Robelin et al (2006) Detecting local high-scoring segments: a first-stage approach to genome-wide association studies. *Stat. App. Genet. Mol. Bio.*

Application in a two-stage design:

Aschard, Guedj and Demenais (2007) A two-step multiple-marker strategy for genome-wide association studies. *Proceedings of GAW15*.

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Easily extended to more than two populations and different sets of markers.

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- Based on Real Data (to preserve a realistic pattern of LD).
- 301 and 289 chr19 from French (popA) and Swedish
 (popB) controls (as an empirical distribution of possible diplotypes).
- chr 19 = 674 SNPs genotyped using a 100K Affymetrix chip.
- This data set is used as the basis to simulate new cases and controls.

- Genetic and Disease Model:
- One bi-allelic DSL (*aa*, *aA* and *AA*)
- **\Box** Susceptibility allele frequency: $p_A = 0.3$
- \Box Coef. of consanguinity in the general population: F = 0
- Relative Risk of the homozygous susceptibility genotype: RRAA from 1 to 2.5
- □ Additive Mode of Transmission $\rightarrow RR_{aA} = (RR_{AA}+I)/2$
- The DSL is hidden after the sampling of cases and controls

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- □ Situation 2/4:
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- □ Situation 3/4:
- The two populations have different patterns of LD.The DSL is localised in a block of LD.



- □ Situation 4/4:
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(Guedj, Wojcik et al 06)

Power study

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- Single-marker analysis: H0 is rejected if at least one SNP is replicated in the two populations.

 $\Box pv_{Ai} \leq \alpha \text{ AND } pv_{Bi} \leq \alpha$ Corrected for multipletesting by Bonferroni (FVVER) and Benjamini-Hochberg (FDR).



C Results:







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Results:







DSL chosen randomly





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Application

- Data: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.
- □ 2 populations:

Argentina: 255 cases and 256 controls.

Sweden: 279 cases and 515 controls.

- □ 100K Affymetrix chip.
- Results: 3 regions are 'locally replicated' (significant at the 5% level) with the Local Score approach.
- 2 of them do not share any marker with the results of marker-based replications.

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- Considering Local Replications can help to identify DSL shared across populations ...
- ... but also across diseases: auto-immune diseases
 (e.g. pop_A : lupus / pop_B : psoriasis).

Software : LHiSA

- C++ (not maintained anymore)

- R can work for any study design (case-control, families), with any test statistic (if specified by the user) and handles more than one population (for Local Replications).

http://stat.genopole.cnrs.fr/software/lhisa

Local High-scoring Segments for Association

Par Mickael Guedi — Dernière modification 16/03/2007 12:01

LHISA is an algorithm dedicated to large-scale association studies which aims to identify segments of genome involved in a disease. It is based on Local Score statistic and an automatic selection of the significant segments. Our algorithm is fast and available under different versions. It works with the Pearson genotypic statistics as single-marker score and rely on the trinary data format.

- LHiSA for R (may be slow) / help
- LHiSA in C++ / help
- Web Application / help

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Any questions ??



« That's what I want to say. See if you can find some statistics to prove it! »

Annexe I:

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Control the resulting type-I error rate.

Annexe 2:

Same Marker Set

- X'A = X'AI
 X'A2
 X'A3
 X'A4
 X'A5

 X'B = X'BI
 X'B2
 X'B3
 X'B4
 X'B5

 X'AB = X'AI + X'BI
 X'A2 + X'B2
 X'A3 + X'B3
 X'A4 + X'B4
 X'A5 + X'B5
- Different Marker Sets
- $\mathbf{X'A} = \mathbf{X'A1} \qquad \mathbf{X'A2} \qquad \mathbf{X'A3} \qquad \mathbf{X'A5}$ $\mathbf{X'B} = \mathbf{X'B1} \qquad \mathbf{X'B1} \qquad \mathbf{X'B4} \qquad \mathbf{X'B5}$
- $X'_{AB} = X'_{A1} + X'_{B1}$ X'_{A2} $X'_{A3} + X'_{B3}$ X'_{B4} $X'_{A5} + X'_{B5}$