

MLE for individual ancestries, population covariances, and selection

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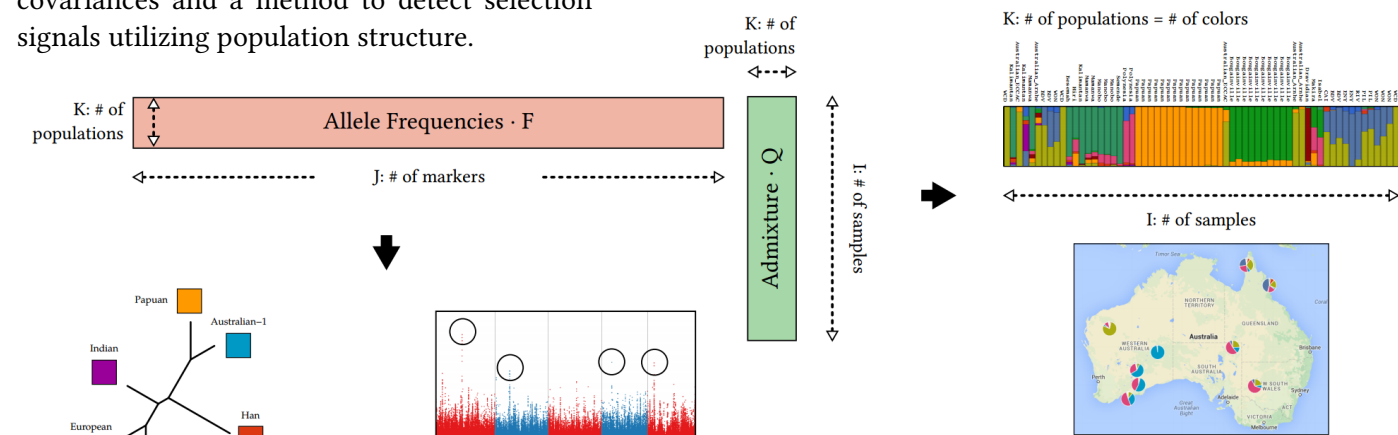
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Overview

Questions about population structure arise in many contexts such as human evolution and disease genetics association studies. The initial focus of our project has been to study population structure by developing a model-based inference strategy using quadratic programming with the active set algorithm.

Inspired by a number of recent methods that use Gaussian distributions to approximate the distribution of allele frequencies among populations, our project has also focused on developing a method to infer population covariances and a method to detect selection signals utilizing population structure.



Population Covariances Inference

$$P(f_j | \Omega, \mu_j) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_j, \mu_j(1 - \mu_j)\Omega)$$

Likelihood Model

$$\ln [P_2(F)] = \ln \left\{ \prod_j \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi c_j \Omega|}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot f_j^T \cdot (c_j \Omega)^{-1} \cdot f_j \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_j \left\{ (K-1) \cdot \ln(2\pi c_j) + \ln[\det(\Omega)] + \frac{1}{c_j} \cdot f_j^T \cdot \Omega^{-1} \cdot f_j \right\}$$

where $c_j = \mu_j(1 - \mu_j)$

$$f'_j = f_j - f_{j0}$$

Repeat until a stopping criteria is reached

Evaluate each point in the simplex using the objective function
Determine the point p_{\min} with the lowest score

Reflect p_{\min} through the centroid of the remaining vertices to p_t

If the score at p_t is the highest score in the simplex Then

Expand p_t away from the centroid to p_e

Use p_e in place of p_{\min}

Else If the score at p_t is still the lowest score Then

Contract p_t toward the centroid to point p_c

If the score at p_c is no longer the lowest score Then

Use p_c to replace p_{\min}

Else

Determine the point p_{\max} with the highest score

Shrink all points in the simplex around p_{\max}

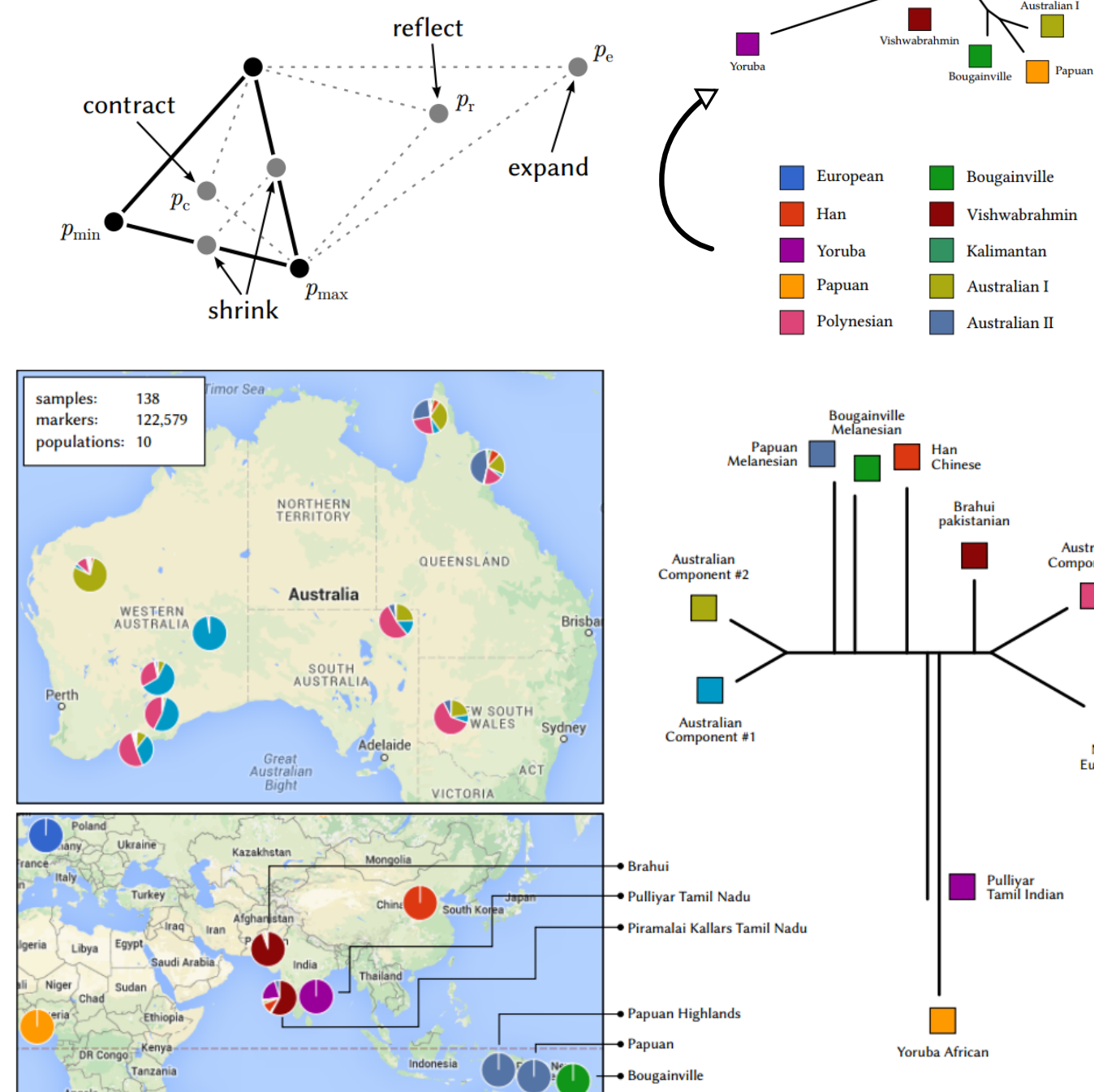
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Else

Use p_t in place of p_{\min}

End If

End Repeat



Admixture Inference

$$\ln [P_1(Q, F)] = \sum_i \sum_j \left\{ g_{ij} \cdot \ln \left[\sum_k q_{ik} \cdot f_{kj} \right] + (2 - g_{ij}) \cdot \ln \left[\sum_k q_{ik} \cdot (1 - f_{kj}) \right] \right\}$$

Likelihood Model

$$\max_{\Delta_{Q_i}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{Q_i}^T H_{Q_i} \Delta_{Q_i} + D_{Q_i}^T \Delta_{Q_i} \right\}$$

$$\text{s.t. } A \Delta_{Q_i} \leq a$$

$$B \Delta_{Q_i} = b$$

$$\max_{\Delta_{F_j}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{F_j}^T H_{F_j} \Delta_{F_j} + D_{F_j}^T \Delta_{F_j} \right\}$$

$$\text{s.t. } A \Delta_{F_j} \leq a$$

# T Individuals	# Population 0 af	# Population 2 han	# Population 4 au2
152	10 1	10 1	10 1
# K Populations	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
5	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
# Population Assignments per Individual	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
33333	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
3333333	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
44444	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
44444	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
4444444	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
4444444	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
3333333	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
4444444	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000
333	10 1	10 1	10 1
111111111	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
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QPAS

Find a feasible starting point

Initialize the corresponding active set

Repeat

Solve the equality problem defined by the active set

Compute the Lagrange multipliers of the active set

If the solved approximation is within the feasible region

If all Lagrange multipliers are negative

Return the solved approximation

Else

Remove the constraint with the largest Lagrange multiplier

End If

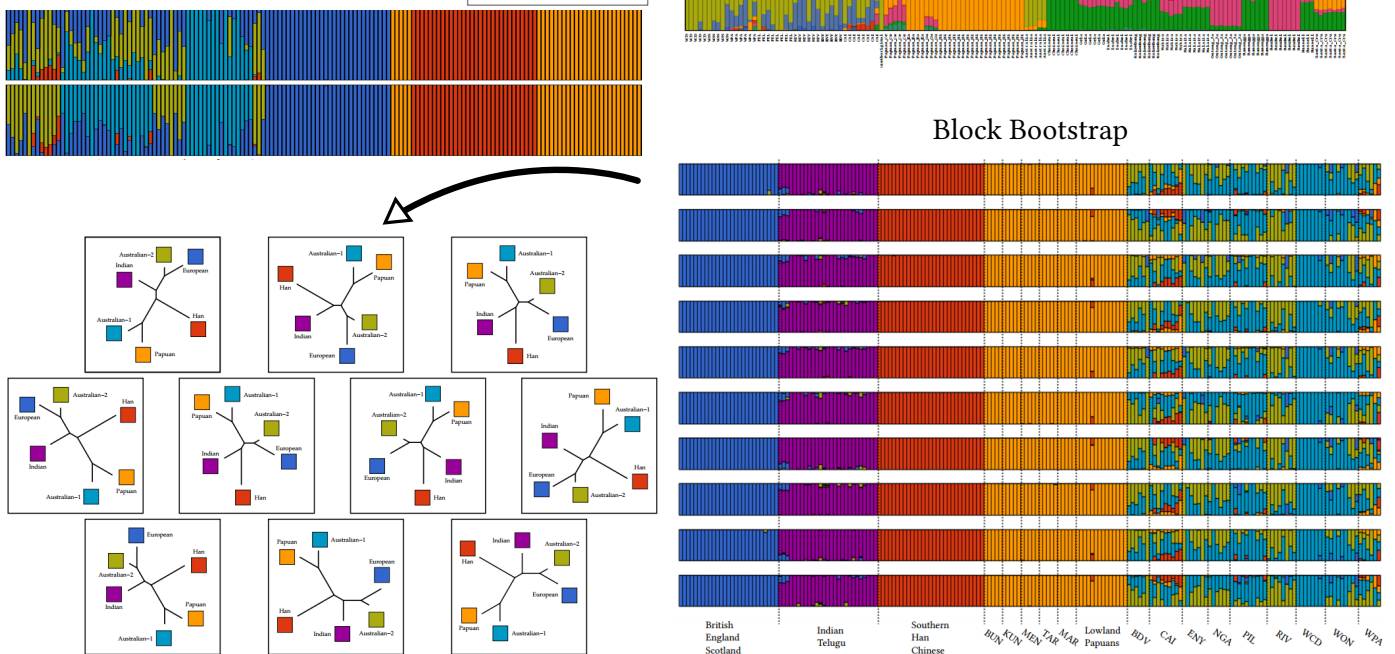
Else

Take the shortest step back into the feasible region

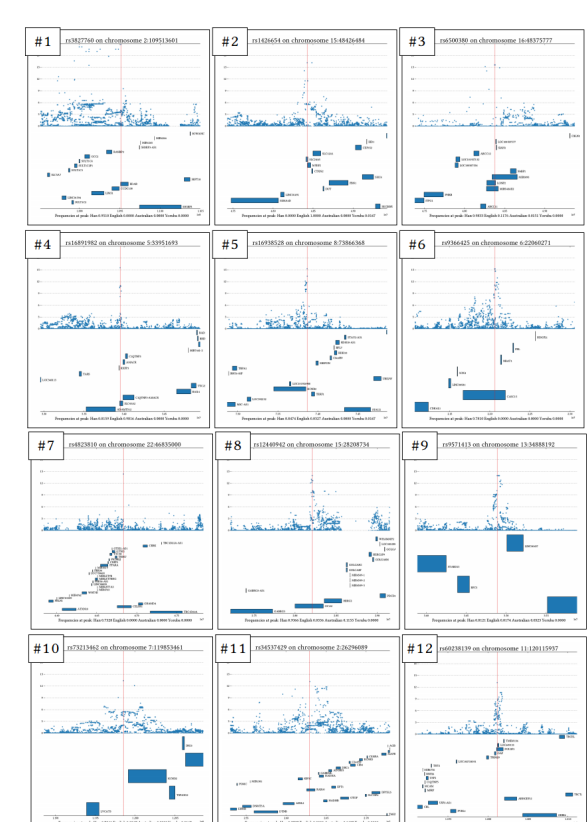
Insert the corresponding constraint into the active set

End If

End Repeat



Selection Detection



Obtain the full genotype dataset G with N markers and M samples

Sample N' markers with respect to LD ($N' > 100,000$) to form G'

QPAS over $\ln(P_1)$ using G'

Produce admixture proportions Q' of size M by K

Produce allele frequencies F' of size K by N'

Nelder-Mead over $\ln(P_2)$ using F'

Produce variance covariance matrix Ω'

QPAS over $\ln(P_1)$ using G while fixing Q'

Produce allele frequencies F of size K by N

Repeat for each marker in F

Set l_{ratio} to zero

Repeat for each α in a range of an even interval starting from 1.0

Set l_{new} to $\ln(P_2)$ calculated for this marker using $\alpha \times \Omega'$

Set l_{old} to $\ln(P_2)$ calculated for this marker using Ω'

If $2 \times (l_{\text{new}} - l_{\text{old}})$ is greater than l_{ratio}

Set l_{ratio} to $2 \times (l_{\text{new}} - l_{\text{old}})$

End Repeat

Emit l_{ratio}

End Repeat

Top Twelve Peaks

- Hair thickness and curliness
- Earwax moisture and underarm odor
- Skin pigmentation
- Skin pigmentation
- 'maxDrinks' and alcohol related
- A melanoma tumor repressor
- Neural tube defect and hair follicles
- Skin pigmentation
- Intergenic
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- Insulin dependent regulation of glucose
- Taste cells in the mouth

