Modeleing Complex Phenotypes DCM&B seminar

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- LMM model that scales to thousands of traits.

Genetics of many traits

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Today we can measure thousands of traits simultaneously

Genome-wide gene expression **Proteomics / metabolomics** morphometrics genotype-environment interactions



New methods are necessary to take advantage of these data

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Case study:

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Quantitative Genetics of Gene Expression

Gene expression is a readout of cellular activities



Metabolism, and cell-signaling activity is difficult to measure but may be key determinants of fitness



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Posterior Likelihood Prior $p(\mathbf{G} \mid \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{G})\pi(\mathbf{G})}{p(\mathbf{Y})}$

Bayes' Theorem





Animal model likelihood

 $p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{G}) \quad \mathbf{y}_i \sim N(\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{R})$









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Model k latent traits that linearly relate to observed traits.

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 Λ is not identifiable without constraints (rotation and scaling). Column variances sum to one

$$\Sigma_a + \Sigma_e = I_k, \quad \Sigma_{h^2} = \Sigma_a = I_k - \Sigma_e$$

Narrow sense heritability

$$h_j^2 = rac{\sigma_{a_j}^2}{\sigma_{a_j}^2 + \sigma_{e_j}^2} = \sigma_{a_j}^2.$$

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Constraints of **G** and **R**

Informative priors on covariance matrices

(1) Limited number of pathways are relevant for trait variation or number of factors is low, $k \ll p$.

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Remaining variables: $\mathbf{B}_{ij} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 > 10^6)$, $(\Psi_u, \Psi_e) \sim IG$.

As a demonstration, we collected gene expression from:

Ayroles et al (2009) Systems genetics of complex traits in Drosophila melanogaster. Nat Genet, 41, 299-307.

40 lines of *D. melanogaster*

gene expression of >10,000 genes

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Expression profiles of 414 genes and measures of competitive fitness of 40 wild-derived lines of *Drosophila melanogaster* from Ayroles et. al. 2009.

Ccompetitive fitness – percentage of offspring bearing a line's genotype given original proportion of the line.

Fixed effect of sex and random effects of the sex:line interaction were modeled.

Drosophila results



Software and paper

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Dissecting High-Dimensional Phenotypes with Bayesian Sparse Factor Analysis of Genetic Covariance Matrices, Runcie and Mukherjee, Genetics, **194**:3, 753–767.

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Homology on homology

Morphology



From D. Boyer.



Distance between heel bones across primates for evolutionary analysis.



Algorithms to automatically quantify the geometric similarity of anatomical surfaces, Boyer et. al. PNAS 2011.

Geometric algorithm





Topological methods

What happens when the shapes are not isomorphic ?





Topological methods

Broken claw tips.



Use integral geometry

- (1) Hadwiger integrals
- (2) Minkowski functionals
- (3) Euler integration
- (4) Radon transform.

Betti numbers



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Evolution of homology as birth-death pair.



$\operatorname{Dgm}_0(f)$

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Point cloud data





Filtration, X_0


























Persistent homology

Construct a filtration



$$H_p(\mathbb{X}_0) \to H_p(\mathbb{X}_1) \to H_p(\mathbb{X}_2) \to H_p(\mathbb{X}_3) \to H_p(\mathbb{X}_4) \to$$

Images of linear maps $\phi_p^{i,j} : H_p(\mathbb{X}_i) \to H_p(\mathbb{X}_j)$ induced by inclusion. Determine when a homology class is born and when it dies.

$H_{\rho}(\mathbb{X}_5) \to H_{\rho}(\mathbb{X}_6)$

Metrics on diagrams





L²-Wasserstein distance

$$d_{L^2}(X,Y)^2 = \inf_{\phi:X o Y} \sum_{x\in X} ||x-\phi(x)|$$

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Height function: *v*₁



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$$\mathsf{PHT}(M) : S^{d-1} \to \mathcal{D}^{d-1}$$
$$v \mapsto (X_0(M, v), X_1, (M, v) \dots, A_{d-1})$$

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Euler characteristic curve





Mao Li

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Likelihood model for surfaces Data $\equiv (X_1, ..., X_n) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} p_{\theta}$, stated as

$$Lik(Data \mid \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} a(\theta) h(x_i) \exp(-\langle \theta,$$

 $T(x_i)\rangle$).

Exponential family and ECT

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Distances without alignment

Theorem (Turner-M)

Let $f: S^2 \to L_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $g: S^2 \to L_2(\mathbb{R})$ be the ECT for two finite simplicial complexes M_f and M_g respectively. Both f and g are generically injective. Let μ be the measure on S². If $f_*(\mu) = g_*(\mu)$, the push forwards of the measure are equal, then there is some $X \in O(3)$ such that $M_a = X(M_f)$.

The distributions of the Euler characteristic curves are sufficient statistics.

Picture of heel bone



Figure : Images of a calcaneus from two different angles.



106 primates



Primate calcanei



Figure : Phenetic clustering of phylogenetic groups of primate calcanei (n = 106). 67 genera are represented. Asterisks indicate groups of extinct taxa. Abbreviations: Str, Strepsirrhines; Plat, platyrrhines; Cerc, Cercopithecoids; Om, Omomyiforms; Adp, Adapiforms; Pp, parapithecids; Hmn, Hominoids. Note that more primitive prosimian taxa cluster separately from simians (Om, Adp, Str.). Also note that monkeys (Plat, Cerc, Pp) cluster mainly separately from apes (Hmn).

Comment from Doug

"In at least one way the method matched shapes with family groups better than any of the other previous methods... it linked a Hylobates specimen with the the other ape specimens (pan, gorilla, pongo, and oreopithecus). Previous both hylobatids (which ARE apes) always ended up closest to some Alouatta specimens."

Comparing methods



C. Automatically placed landmark data


Can you hear the shape of a drum ?



Mao Li

Association studies of shape phenotypes







Variation in baboon microbiome networks



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Effect of **G** and **R** in above equation on inference.

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	# factors			R type		# traits		Sample size		
	а	b	С	d	е	f	g	h	i	j
G and R										
# traits	100	100	100	100	100	20	1000	100	100	100
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# factors	10	25	50	10	5	10	10	10	10	10
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Sample Size										
# sires	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	50	100	500
<pre># offspring/sire</pre>	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	10	10

^{*a*} \mathbf{R} – sparse factor.

^b \mathbf{R} – factor.

. ^c **R** – Wishart

^d number of heritable factors.

Recovering factors

Scenario		Expected	Median	Range	
# factors	a	10	10	(10,10)	
	b	25	25	(23,25)	
	c	50	49	(48,50)	
R type	d	10	10	(10,10)	
	e	NA	56	(44,66)	
# traits	f	10	9	(8,11)	
	g	10	10	(10,10)	
Sample size	h	10	10	(10,10)	
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	j	10	10	(10,10)	

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Comparison triangles



Universe with *positive* curvature. Diverging line converge at great distances. Triangle angles add to more than 180°.



Universe with *negative* curvature. Lines diverge at ever increasing angles. Triangle angles add to less than 180°.



Universe with no curvature. Lines diverge at constant angle. Triangle angles add to 180°.