Cryptic Relatedness and fine scale population structure

# Learning objectives

- Define fine scale population structure and cryptic relatedness
- How is it identified
  - Identity-by-descent
  - Rare variation
- Why it can be important for association analyses, especially of rare variants.

## **Cryptic Population Structure**



# "A large number of loci is required to reveal fine-scale population structure using PCA"



Novembre & Peter (2017) Curr Opin Genet Dev.

## Demographic Inference Time Frames



Identity by Decent (IBD): A method to find both distant and recent relationships



# IBD length is correlated with historical relationships.



#### Pairwise genetic relatedness across



Genet.



Identity-bydescent as a means to look at fine-scale structure over time

Harris et al. (2018) PNAS



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# IBD can estimate effective population size over time.



Browning & Browning (2016) Am. J. Human Genetics

# IBDNe in Samoa!



Harris et al. (https://papers.ssrn. com/sol3/papers.cf m?abstract\_id=3329 885)

## IBD on a large scale

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Eigenvector

#### Construct network from IBD.

Join vertex pairs (genotyped samples) if IBD>12 cM. Edge weights are a function of total detected IBD.



Identify subsets of the clusters that separate in the spectral embedding. Spectral embedding is computed from eigendecomposition of Laplacian matrix. In the plot below, we identify "stable subsets" (filled circles) of the blue and red clusters.



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Detect network clusters. Recursively identify disjoint sets that maximize the modularity of the network. (Here one level of clustering hierarchy is shown.)



Annotate each cluster with two kinds of data: Generations - In all samples, global admixture of 20 populations (donut charts); - For some samples, birth locations of ancestors in pedigrees.



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Visualize geographic distribution of ancestral birth locations in each cluster. Map below shows birth locations of ancestors in the African American cluster. Locations are colored by degree of over-representation (odds ratio), and scaled by number of birth location annotations.



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Novembre et al. (2012) Science

#### Rare VS Common: Population Structure Simulations



#### Rare VS Common: Assignment of Ancestry Proportions



### Rare VS Common: Which has Greater Information? And When?

Information Gain: how well a variant can distinguish between populations. (Rosenberg et al. 2003)

$$I_n(Q;J) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left( -p_j \ln p_j + \sum_{i=1}^{K} q_i p_{ij} \ln p_{ij} \right)$$

Expected Information Gain

- Calculate for a specific site count
- Correct for missing data
- Weighted average to calculate across a range of frequency (rare or common)



$$E(I_n \mid C, M) = \sum_{m \in M} \sum_{l=0}^{C} r_{lm} \times \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left( -p_{jlm} \ln p_{jlm} + \sum_{i=1}^{K} q_i p_{ijlm} \ln p_{ijlm} \right)$$

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#### **Rare Variants Identify Cryptic Populations**

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Rare (MAF < 0.5%)



### What is Their Geographic Ancestry?



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#### Population Average PCA with More Axes



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# Trans-Omics for Precision Medicine (TOPMed) Cohorts

- N ≅ 55K
- Predominantly African, Latino, and European American
  - Samoa
  - Amish
- All are well characterized for heart, lung, blood, and sleep phenotypes

Taliun et al. (2019) Bioarxiv



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# PCA with all variants can't distinguish the two islands well.



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#### Rare variant Sharing in Samoa



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# Estimated Effective Migration Surfaces (EEMS)



# Assumptions: Stepping Stone Model

- Migration can only occur between adjacent demes
- Migration rate between each deme is assumed to be equal



Kimura and Weiss (1964)

#### **EEMS: Migration and diversity within** Peru



Harris et al. (2018) PNAS

## **EEMS** captures long-term migration patterns





Richmond et al. (2015) Molecular Ecology

#### **EEMS in Malaria Parasites of South East Asia**





### Application to Mosquito in W. Africa



## **Robustness of Sampling on EEMS**





# **Concluding summary**

- Fine-scale population structure is subdivisions of individuals on an ever increasingly granular scale
- Identity-by-descent and rare variant sharing are a powerful methods of identifying recent relationships and can be scaled by time.
- Cryptic population structure arises with extended relationships within a cohort, unknown to the investigators.
- EEMS can visualize migration patterns on a fine-scale illustrating cryptic structure not observed with other methods

# Questions?

