# Chapter 7 Linkage

## Introduction

**Recombination fraction** 

**Genetic map construction** 

Locating genes affecting traits

## **Distances Between Genes**

- The recombination fraction C<sub>AB</sub> between loci A and
   B is the probability that the gamete transmitted by an individual is recombinant
- Linkage parameter  $\lambda_{AB} = 1 2C_{AB}, 0 \le C_{AB} \le \frac{1}{2}$

Physical distance  $d_{AB}$  (kb)

Genetic map distance  $X_{AB}$  (*cM*) Haldanc map function (1919)

$$C_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-2X_{AB}})$$
$$X_{AB} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(1 - 2C_{AB})$$

## Kosambi map function (1944)

$$X_{AB} = \frac{1}{4} \ln(\frac{1+2C_{AB}}{1-2C_{AB}})$$

# **Estimation of Recombination**

### • Backcross method

Table7.1

other.

Two-locus counts for a backcross. Each locus has two alleles, with one dominant to the

		Offspring				
	Genotype	AB/ab	Ab/ab	aB/ab	ab/ab	
	Phenotype	AB	Ab	aB	ab	Total
Observed		а	b	С	d	п
Expected		$\frac{n}{4}$	$\frac{n}{4}$	$\frac{n}{4}$	$\frac{n}{4}$	п

$$X_{A}^{2} = \frac{(a+b-n/2)^{2}}{n/2} + \frac{(c+d-n/2)^{2}}{n/2} = \frac{(a+b-c-d)^{2}}{n}$$

$$X_{B}^{2} = \frac{(a+c-b-d)^{2}}{n}$$

$$X_{AB}^{2} = \frac{(a+d-b-c)^{2}}{n}$$

$$X^{2} = \frac{(a+d-b-c)^{2}}{n/4} + \frac{(b-n/4)^{2}}{n/4} + \frac{(c-n/4)^{2}}{n/4} + \frac{(d-n/4)^{2}}{n/4}$$

$$= X_{A}^{2} + X_{B}^{2} + X_{AB}^{2}$$

Example: The maize data reported by Goodman et al (1980)

<i>E</i> 12, <i>U</i> 4	<i>E</i> 12, <i>U</i> 8	<i>E</i> 15, <i>U</i> 4	<i>E</i> 15, <i>U</i> 8
<i>E</i> 12, <i>U</i> 4	E12,U4	E12,U4	E12,U4
53	13	9	55

$$X_{Mdh5}^{2} = \frac{(66-64)^{2}}{130} = 0.03$$

$$X_{Got3}^{2} = \frac{(62-68)^{2}}{130} = 0.28$$

$$X_{Mdh5,Got3}^{2} = \frac{(108-22)^{2}}{130} = 56.89$$

$$X_{Mdh5,Got3}^{2} = \frac{20.5^{2}+19.5^{2}+23.5^{2}+22.5^{2}}{32.5} = 57.02$$

Table 7.2	
Two-locus counts for a backcro	ss for linked loci.
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	Genotype	AB/ab	Ab/ab	aB/ab	ab/ab	
	Phenotype	AB	Ab	aB	ab	Total
Observed		а	b	С	d	n
Expected		$\frac{n}{2}(1-c_{AB})$	$\frac{n}{2}c_{AB}$	$\frac{n}{2}c_{AB}$	$\frac{n}{2}(1-c_{AB})$	п

$$\hat{c} = \min(\tilde{p}, 1 - \tilde{p})$$

$$L(c_{AB}) \propto (1 - c_{AB})^{a+d} (c_{AB})^{b+c}$$

$$S_{cAB} = -\frac{a+d}{1 - c_{AB}} + \frac{b+c}{c_{AB}}$$

$$I_{cAB} = \frac{n}{c_{AB}(1 - c_{AB})}$$
$$\hat{c}_{AB} = \frac{b + c}{n}$$
$$Var(\hat{c}_{AB}) = \frac{c_{AB}(1 - c_{AB})}{n}$$
$$\hat{c} = \min(\frac{b + c}{n}, 0.5)$$

- $F_2$  population method: (homework)
- Direct method: Three-generation method



Figure 7.1 Three generation pedigree

• Lod scores with phase known (pg 238)

$$Z(c) = \log\left[\frac{L(c)}{L(0.5)}\right]$$
$$L(c) \propto (1-c)c^{3}$$
$$Z(c) = \log\left[16(1-c)c^{3}\right]$$

• Lod scores with phase unknown (pg 240)

# **Genetic Map Construction**



• By Haldane map function,

$$C_{AC} = C_{AB} (1 - C_{BC}) + (1 - C_{AB}) C_{BC}$$

- Sum of adjacent recom. fraction (sar)
- If the order of the loci A, B, C was mistakenly believed to be B, A, C, then the sar under the wrong order would be calculated as  $C_{AB} + C_{AC}$ . From the relation derived under the true order,

$$C_{AB} + C_{AC} \ge C_{AB} + C_{BC}$$

The sar under the wrong order is not less than that under the correct order.

• Two problems with using the sar as a criterion for

determining the correct order for a set of loci (pg 241).

- Seriation
- Simulated annealing
- Branch and bound
- Error detection

# Linkage Disequilibrium Mapping

### Pedigree-based and population-based approaches. Random sample

- Genotype data : pg 126
- Haplotype data :

## **Conditional data**

- Genotype data : Suppose a disease locus has alleles N, D and a marker locus has two alleles  $M_1, M_2$ . In the whole population, the allele frequencies are  $p_N p_D$  at the disease locus and  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  at the marker locus. Allowing for the linkage disequilibrium D between the loci, the four gametes have frequencies

 $NM_{1}: y_{1} = p_{N}m_{1} + D$   $NM_{2}: y_{2} = p_{N}m_{2} - D$   $DM_{1}: y_{3} = p_{D}m_{1} - D$  $DM_{2}: y_{4} = p_{D}m_{2} + D$ 

For a random-mating population, the conditional frequencies a of marker allele  $M_1$  in each of the three disease genotypic categories are

$$a_1 = \Pr(M_1 | NN) = \frac{y_1^2 + y_1 y_2}{p_N^2} = m_1 + \frac{D}{p_N}$$

$$a_{3} = \Pr(M_{1} | DD) = \frac{y_{3}^{2} + y_{3}y_{4}}{p_{D}^{2}} = m_{1} - \frac{D}{p_{D}}$$

$$a_{2} = \Pr(M_{1} | ND) = \frac{y_{1}y_{4} + y_{2}y_{3} + 2y_{1}y_{3}}{2p_{N}p_{D}}$$

$$= m_{1} + \frac{D}{2p_{N}} - \frac{D}{2p_{D}} = \frac{1}{2}(a_{1} + a_{3})$$

$$L(a_1, a_3)_1 \propto (a_1)^{x_1} (1 - a_1)^{2n_1 - x_1}$$
  

$$L(a_1, a_3)_2 \propto (a_1 a_3)^{n_{21}} (a_1 + a_3 - 2a_1 a_3)^{n_{22}} (1 - a_1 - a_3 + a_1 a_3)^{n_{23}}$$
  

$$L(a_1, a_3)_3 \propto (a_3)^{x_3} (1 - a_3)^{2n_3 - x_3}$$

$$Var(\hat{a}_{1}) = \delta_{1}\beta_{1}\beta_{13}/\gamma$$
$$Var(\hat{a}_{3}) = \delta_{3}\beta_{3}\beta_{13}/\gamma$$
$$Cov(\hat{a}_{1},\hat{a}_{3}) = -n_{2}\delta_{1}\beta_{1}\beta_{13}/\gamma$$

$$\beta_{1} = a_{1}(1-a_{1}) \qquad \beta_{3} = a_{3}(1-a_{3})$$
  

$$\beta_{13} = a_{1}+a_{3}-2a_{1}a_{3}$$
  

$$\delta_{1} = \beta_{13}(2n_{3}+n_{2})-n_{2}\beta_{1}$$
  

$$\delta_{3} = \beta_{13}(2n_{1}+n_{2})-n_{2}\beta_{3}$$
  

$$\gamma = \delta_{1}\delta_{3}-n_{2}^{2}\beta_{1}\beta_{3}$$

$$\hat{m}_{1} = p_{N}\hat{a}_{1} + p_{D}\hat{a}_{3}$$

$$\hat{D} = p_{N}p_{D}(\hat{a}_{1} - \hat{a}_{3})$$

$$Var(\hat{m}_{1}) = p_{N}^{2}Var(\hat{a}_{1}) + p_{D}^{2}Var(\hat{a}_{3}) + 2p_{N}p_{D}Cov(\hat{a}_{1}, \hat{a}_{3})$$

$$Var(\hat{D}) = p_{N}^{2}p_{D}^{2}[Var(\hat{a}_{1}) + Var(\hat{a}_{3}) - Cov(\hat{a}_{1}, \hat{a}_{3})]$$

Yule's coefficient of association

- Haplotype data :

$$a_{1} = \Pr(M_{1} | N) = \frac{\Pr(NM_{1})}{\Pr(N)} = m_{1} + \frac{D}{p_{N}}$$
$$a_{3} = \Pr(M_{1} | D) = \frac{\Pr(DM_{1})}{\Pr(D)} = m_{1} - \frac{D}{p_{D}}$$

$$\hat{m}_{1} = p_{N} \frac{n_{N1}}{n_{N}} + p_{D} \frac{n_{D1}}{n_{D}} = p_{N} \hat{a}_{1} + p_{D} \hat{a}_{3}$$
$$\hat{D} = p_{N} p_{D} (\frac{n_{N1}}{n_{N}} - \frac{n_{D1}}{n_{D}}) = p_{N} p_{D} (\hat{a}_{1} - \hat{a}_{3})$$

- Heterozygote data :

#### **Other tests:**

Case-Control test: The comparison of marker allele frequencies in samples of disease and normal genotypes or haplotypes is called case controlled test.

#### - Mean Haplotype-sharing tests :

Affected sib-pair test : It considers the marker alleles received by two affected children. If there is no linkage between disease and marker loci, the distribution of ibd alleles should have nothing to do with disease status.

**Table 7.7** Observed and expected frequencies for four haplotypes when only het-erozygotes at a disease locus are available.

		$M_1$		$M_2$	
	Exp.	Obs.	Exp.	Obs.	Total
Ν	$\frac{1}{2}a_1$	$\frac{1}{2n_2}(n_{21}+n_{22}^c)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-a_1)$	$\frac{1}{2n_2}(n_{23}+n_{22}^r)$	$\frac{1}{2}$
D	$\frac{1}{2}a_3$	$\frac{1}{2n_2}(n_{21}+n_{22}^r)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-a_3)$	$\frac{1}{2n_2}(n_{23}+n_{22}^c)$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Total	$a_2$	$\frac{1}{2n_2}(2n_{21}+n_{22})$	$1 - a_2$	$\frac{1}{2n_2}(2n_{23}+n_{22})$	1

#### - Transmission disequilibrium test:

	67-501	342	r child			
				Probabilit	y of	
Genotype	Frequency		$T: M_1D$	$T: M_1D$	$T: M_2D$	$T: M_2D$
		D	$NT: M_1$	$NT: M_2$	$NT: M_1$	$NT: M_2$
$M_1D/M_1D$	$\Pr(M_1D)^2$	1	1	0	0	0
$M_1D/M_1N$	$2 \Pr(M_1 D) \Pr(M_1 N)$	1/2	1/2	0	0	0
$M_1N/M_1N$	$\Pr(M_1N)^2$	0	0	0	0	0
$M_1D/M_2D$	$2 \operatorname{Pr}(M_1 D) \operatorname{Pr}(M_2 D)$	1	0	1/2	1/2	0
$M_1 D/M_2 N$	$2 \operatorname{Pr}(M_1 D) \operatorname{Pr}(M_2 N)$	1/2	0	(1-c)/2	c/2	0
$M_1 N/M_2 D$	$2 \operatorname{Pr}(M_1 N) \operatorname{Pr}(M_2 D)$	1/2	0	c/2	(1-c)/2	0
$M_1 N/M_2 N$	$2 \Pr(M_1 N) \Pr(M_2 N)$	0	0	0	0	0
$M_2D/M_2D$	$\Pr(M_2D)^2$	1	0	0	0	1
$M_2D/M_2N$	$2 \operatorname{Pr}(M_2 D) \operatorname{Pr}(M_2 N)$	1/2	0	0	0	1/2
$M_2N/M_2N$	$\Pr(M_2N)^2$	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7.8 Genotypes and transmitted gametes for heterozygous markers.

 $Pr(M_1D) = pm + D$   $Pr(T:M_1, NT:M_1 | T:D) = m^2 + mD/p$   $Pr(T:M_1, NT:M_2 | T:D) = m(1-m) + (1-c-m)D/p$   $Pr(T:M_2, NT:M_1 | T:D) = m(1-m) + (c-m)D/p$   $Pr(T:M_2, NT:M_2 | T:D) = (1-m)^2 - (1-m)D/p$ 

$$Pr(T:M_1, NT:M_2 | M_1M_2, T:D) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(1-2c)D}{2[2m(1-m)p + D(1-2m)]}$$
  

$$Pr(T:M_2, NT:M_2 | M_1M_2, T:D) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(1-2c)D}{2[2m(1-m)p + D(1-2m)]}$$

#### - Population admixture

$$p_{DM_{I}} = p_{D_{I}} p_{M_{I}}$$

$$p_{DM_{II}} = p_{D_{II}} p_{M_{II}}$$

$$p_{DM} = \alpha p_{DM_{I}} + (1 - \alpha) p_{DM_{II}}$$

$$= [\alpha p_{D_{I}} + (1 - \alpha) p_{D_{II}}] [\alpha p_{M_{I}} + (1 - \alpha) p_{M_{II}}]$$

$$+ \alpha (1 - \alpha) (p_{D_{I}} - p_{D_{II}}) (p_{M_{I}} - p_{m_{II}})$$

$$= p_{D} p_{M} + \alpha (1 - \alpha) (p_{D_{I}} - p_{D_{II}}) (p_{M_{I}} - p_{m_{II}})$$

• Estimating marker-disease distances

- Old disease : When the disease mutation has been present in the population for a long time, the amount of linkage disequilibuium even to nearby markers is expected to be zero.

$$r^{2} = \frac{\hat{D}^{2}}{\hat{p}_{N}\hat{p}_{D}\hat{m}_{1}\hat{m}_{2}} = \frac{X^{2}}{n}$$
$$E(r^{2}) = \frac{1}{1+4NC}$$

• Young disease : For young disease, chromosome carrying the disease allele are also likely to carry the marker allele that was present on the chromosome(s) on which the disease mutation occurred.

$$p_{D_i} = \alpha \Pr(no \ recom.) + [1 - \alpha \Pr(no \ recom.)] p_{N_i}$$

#### Homework:

- 1. Page 236: The  $F_2$  individuals will fall into four recognizable classes when there is dominance at both loci. (a) verify Table 7.4 (b) show that the likelihood of  $C_{AB} \propto (2+\theta)^a (1-\theta)^{b+c} (\theta)^d$  (c) verify  $S(\theta)$ ,  $I(\theta)$ ,  $\hat{c}_{AB}$  and  $Var(\hat{c}_{AB})$ .
- 2. Page 240: If the parents are double heterozygotes of unknown phase, verify Pr(type I child), Pr(two type I children), Z(c) of two type II children, Z(c) for two independent families, one with two type I children and one with one of each type of child.