Inferring human population history from multiple genome sequences

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How are sequences related?



Problem: Estimate trees only from observed mutations

Previous work: PSMC



[Li and Durbin, 2011]

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But: Inference from only two sequences limited to times beyond 20kya. Also: population splits difficult to model

[Li and Durbin, 2011]



Effect of recombination on Genealogies



Ancestral Cut branch Re-coalesce New tree

[Sequentially Markovian Coalescent, McVean and Cardin, 2005]

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MSMC: mutation probability



Local Inference of first coalescence time

2 haplotypes, similar to PSMC [Li and Durbin, 2011]

> 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.0 0 200
> 400
> 600
> 800
> 1000
> 1200
> 1400

position [kb]

400

500

600



4 haplotypes

8 haplotypes









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real time scaling using mutation rate per generation μ =1.25×10⁻⁸ and a generation time of 30 years













effective population size





Divergence between populations

• Idea: Infer separate coalescence rates within and between populations:



- MSMC can infer separate coalescence rates within populations,
- Given rates within populations, $\lambda_{11}(t)$ and $\lambda_{22}(t)$, and across populations, $\lambda_{12}(t)$, compute relative gene flow as ratio

$$m(t) = \frac{\lambda_{12}(t)}{\left[\lambda_{11}(t) + \lambda_{22}(t)\right] / 2}$$

Testing gene flow inference with simulated split



4 haplotypes: good for splits 50-200kya. 8 haplotypes: good for splits 5-50kya.





















A higher mutation rate of 2.5×10⁻⁸ would push these splits towards too recent times

MSMC Summary on separation history



[Schiffels and Durbin, Nature Genetics, in press]

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Transition probability

$$q(i, j, t \mid k, l, s) = \delta(t - s) \,\delta_{i,k} \,\delta_{j,l} \,q_1(t) + q_2(t \mid s)$$
Probability to remain in state (i,j,t)
Probability to change time (and pair) of first coalescence
$$q_1(t) = e^{-M \, r \, t} + \left(1 - e^{-M \, r \, t}\right) \frac{1}{t} \frac{1}{M} \int_0^t \left(1 + (M - 3) \exp\left(-M \int_u^t \lambda(v) \, dv\right)\right) du$$

$$q_2(t \mid s) = \left(1 - e^{-M \, r \, s}\right) \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{M} 2 \,\lambda(t) \begin{cases} \int_0^t \exp\left(-M \int_u^t \lambda(v) \, dv\right) du & \text{if } t < s \\ \exp\left(-\left(\frac{M}{2}\right) \int_s^t \lambda(v) \, dv\right) \int_0^s \exp\left(-M \int_u^s \lambda(v) \, dv\right) du & \text{if } t > s. \end{cases}$$

depends on:

- coalescence rates $\lambda(t)$
- recombination rate r
- Number of sequences M