

EXERCISES_GMATRIX

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We will use mice data from Legarra et al. (2008). Copy /home/ads-guest3/andres/mice_cours to your directory. This data is also used in “Exercises_optional”.

A. Compute genomic relationships with compute_G

The objective of this exercise is to build genomic relationship matrices. I will use first home-made programs. The data set corresponds to

Go to mice_cours/progs and look at the program compute_G.f90 . This program computes relationships following VanRaden’s 2008 first ($\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{ZZ}' / 2 \sum_{all\ SNPs} p_i(1-p_i)$) or

second ($\mathbf{G} = \frac{1}{nsnp} \sum \frac{\mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{z}_i'}{p_i q_i}$) \mathbf{G} (which was used by Yang et al. in human genetics). Actually,

to make \mathbf{G} positive definite, it computes $\mathbf{G} = 0.95 \mathbf{ZZ}' / 2 \sum_{all\ SNPs} p_i(1-p_i) + 0.05\mathbf{I}$.

Go to ../data and run it:

```
$ ../progs/compute_G
genofile?
mice_genotypes.txt
out file for G :
mice_genotypes.txt.G

out file for G-1 :
mice_genotypes.txt.Gi

which G?
 1 - VanRaden firstG = ZZ'/sum(2pq)
 2 - VanRaden secondG = Yang et al. = mean (Z_i Z_i' / (2p_i
q_i))
1
write out G ? (T:F)
T
write out G inverse? (T:F)
F
Column position in file for the first marker:          12
Format to read SNP file:
(i10,1x,10946i1)

Number of SNPs :          10946
nanim=          1884 nsnp=          10946
...
```

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average freq 0.512276949805317      var(freq)
7.708975460608908E-002
X re-setup
G computed, time 108.8205
G-1 computed, time 7.727821
Rank G:          1884

```

It creates a file, `mice_genotypes.txt.G`. Take a look. Let's see the aspect of diagonal and off-diagonal; if SNP's are in H-W equilibrium, they should average to 1 and 0 respectively. Take a look:

```
awk '$1==$2' mice_genotypes.txt.G | less
```

looks like this is around 1 but there are values higher and lower than 1. The minimum is 0.82; the maximum is 1.29. We can use awk to compute the mean (you can use R or whatever).

```
awk '$1==$2' mice_genotypes.txt.G | awk 'BEGIN{r=0}; {r=r+$5}; END{print r/NR}'
```

which is 1.029 so this population has an average inbreeding of 0.02. The base population was actually composed of 8 inbred lines, whose descendants mated during 50 generations. Now, off-diagonals:

```
awk '$1!=$2' mice_genotypes.txt.G | less
```

for off-diagonals. Off diagonal have a minimum of -0.28 and a maximum of 1.17. This maximum possibly correspond to a couple of twins (or clones) that do exist in the population.

Activities:

- 1) can you find those twins?
- 2) Plot a histogram of relationships. How does it look?
- 3) Take the code. Right after computation of allelic frequencies (line 117), put `freq(i)=0.5` to fix them in fact to 0.5. Compile and run the exercise again. How do diagonals and off-diagonals look like?

B. Computing and using genomic relationships with pregsf90

This software allows computing of genomic relationships in an efficient manner, and they can be used for GBLUP or Single Step. We'll see three programs in this session:

preGSf90 : computes \mathbf{G} and prepares matrix \mathbf{H}^{-1} for SingleStep.
blupf90: does BLUP using (if it does exist) genomic information
remlf90: estimation of genetic parameters
They are in directory mice_data/bin

1. Cálculo de la matriz de parentesco genómica y H:

```
$ ../bin/preGSf90  
name of parameter file?  
mice.par
```

File mice.par is a “standard” BLUPF90 parameter file, with one extra option:

```
OPTION SNP_file mice_genotypes.txt
```

This option makes pregsf90 reading a genotype file and an “equivalences” file mice_genotypes.txt_XrefID. Here, we have the OPTIONS that make \mathbf{G} closest to “pure” $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}' / 2 \sum_{all\ SNPs} p_i(1-p_i)$.

The printout on screen is very informative, do read it !!

We are going to write unto a file matrix \mathbf{G} and its inverse, \mathbf{G}^{-1} . We need to add the following OPTIONS:

```
OPTION saveAscii  
OPTION saveG  
OPTION saveGInverse
```

Run it and take a look at \mathbf{G} .

There are files with 2sum(pq) (sum2pq), frequencies (freqdata.out) and a file with $\mathbf{G}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1}$ (GimA22i) which is used by all applications.

Take a look at \mathbf{G} so created. Compute means of diagonals and off-diagonals. Are they identical to above?

Take a look at \mathbf{G}^{-1} (file Gi).

NOTE: you will see that \mathbf{G} is indexed now by row, column numbers instead of the original id's in the genotype file (but if you use renumf90 for recoding first there is no problem). These old id's can be retrieved using one of the OPTIONS.

2. Genetic evaluations using GBLUP

Although GBLUP can be seen as a SingleStep where all animals in data have genotype, we will use another way to fit a GBLUP here. The f90 series of programs has a utility to include external files with covariance structures; see the wiki http://nce.ads.uga.edu/wiki/doku.php?id=user_defined_files_for_covariances_of_random_effects for an explanation.

So you can use parameter file `mice_blup.par` to test GBLUP. You can check `mice_blup.par` to use pedigree relationships instead, with file `pedigri.dat`.

This file makes a genetic evaluation for Body Weight. You can try to plot EBV's of pedigree BLUP against GBLUP.

3. GREML.

This is basically the same but using `remlf90` or `airemlf90` instead of `blupf90`.

What you can do first is to estimate variance components for Body Weight using the files above. What do you get? Are parameter estimates the same?

Now analyse the 4th column (trait: Body Length) of the data file instead, both for pedigree or genomics.

What do you get? Are parameter estimates the same for pedigree or genomics?