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A RELATIONSHIP MATRIX COMBINING PEDIGREE AND MARKERS (WHEN SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT GENOTYPED)

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- Other group led by OF Christensen (University of Aarhus, DK) developed the theory in parallel
 – with fruitful cross-fecundation

Example

- Pedigree; grey is genotyped
- Numbers are records of a quantitative trait (e.g. weight)
- Can't easily assign a record to a genotyped individual



Plan

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- Derivation of a joint matrix H
- Compatibility of genomic and pedigree relationships

Pedigree relationships: A

Additive relationships = 2*(kinships or coancestries)

• $A_{ij} = 2\phi_{ij}$

- Pedigrees describe how genes are <u>potentially</u> transmitted
- Systematic "tabular" rules to compute any A_{ij} (Emik & Terrill 1947)
- The whole array of A_{ij} is disposed in a matrix A.
- A^{-1} is very sparse and easy to create(Henderson 1976)
 - Extraordinary development of whole-pedigree methods in livestock genetics

Genomic (or molecular) relationships: G

- The predecessors are poorly known
 - Li and Horvitz 1953, Cockerham 1969, Ritland 1996, Caballero & Toro 2002, VanRaden 2008 and many others
- Genomes are of finite size
 - Some sib pairs are more equal than others (Hill & Weir 2011, etc)
 - Pedigree relationships are not "fair"

Genomic (or molecular) relationships: G

- If we could see genes then we could just count
- Instead of genes, we see markers, which are not genes
 - Markers are stretches of DNA that can be accurately read across individuals
 - Biallelic SNP markers are used right now (e.g. A/a). Many of them: 50,000 to 800,000 / individual



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VanRaden genomic relationships

- (VanRaden, 2008, more known as Yang et al., 2010)
- Crossproduct across numerically coded genotypes

•
$$G_{ij} = \frac{\mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{z}_j}{2\sum p_k q_k}$$

- z_i : vector of n elements
 - with standardized genotypes as {0,1,2} 2p_k for genotypes {AA, Aa, aa} at locus k = 1, n
- p_k : across-population frequency of $\{a\}$ at locus k
- Whole-population G = ZDZ'
 - Semipositive definite, not easy to invert



Genomic and pedigree relationships

- Pedigree (A) are estimated IBD relationships, assuming « unrelated » founders
- Genomic (G) are Identical by state (IBS) relationships, corrected to be in IBD scale (see later)
- Genomic relationships are similar to pedigree relationships but more accurate

• If pedigree correct, typically crude $sd(G - A) \approx 0.04$ and $cor(A, G) \approx 0.80$

Applications

- Most applications come from the model
- y = Xb + Wu + e
 - Phenotype = environmental effects + genetic value + residual
- Assuming
 - $Var(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{A}\sigma_u^2$ $Var(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{G}\sigma_u^2$ Relationships

 - $Var(e) = R \longrightarrow$ Typically simple structure
- In (G)BLUP equations we use relationships:

 $\begin{pmatrix} X'R^{-1}X & X'R^{-1}W \\ W'R^{-1}W & W'R^{-1}W + Var(u)^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{b} \\ \widehat{u} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X'R^{-1}y \\ W'R^{-1}v \end{pmatrix}$ • $Var(u)^{-1} = G^{-1}\sigma_{u}^{-2}$ or perhaps $Var(u)^{-1} = A^{-1}\sigma_{u}^{-2}$

Genomic predictions and Pedigree predictions

- Relationships can be obtained from pedigree (pedigree relationships) or from markers (genomic relationships)
 - We expect markers to be better than pedigree because they are more "real" but they are expensive... (40-150 \$ / individual)
 - We expect Artificial Selection based on markers ("Genomic Selection") to be more efficient than based on pedigree

Genomic predictions and Pedigree predictions

- genomic predictions are 10-25% more accurate than pedigree predictions in terms of cross-validation R^2
 - e.g. VanRaden et al. 2009 (dairy cattle)

Trait	pedigree	genomic
Net merit	11	28
Milk yield	28	47
Fat yield	15	42
Protein yield	27	47
Fat percentage	25	55
Protein percentage	28	51
Productive life	17	26
SCS	23	37
VanRaden	et al J. Dairy Sci. 92:1	6–24

Table 2. Coefficients of determination $(\mathrm{R}^2\times\,100)$ for 2008 daughter d

Similar results in sheep, pigs, chicken and goats (and plants)

Pedigrees in livestock genetics

- They are deep and connect most animals
- From 100,000's to 1,000,000's
- However, only some animals are genotyped
 - Important animals such as bulls, also recent animals
 - MANY animals are ungenotyped (perhaps 99%)
- This makes us unhappy
 - A spans all animals but has no marker information and is less precise
 - **G** is more precise but does not include all animals
 - So far, we use horrible procedures for precorrection

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Single Step as a missing data problem

- We can see genotype as a missing data problem (Christensen & Lund, 2010)
- Use the prediction and the distribution of the prediction

Missing data

Fill-in missing data: data augmentation

- « data augmentation refers to a scheme of augmenting the observed data so as to make it more easy to analyze » (Tanner & Wong, 1987)
- Augmenting = adding genotypes
- Imputing algorithms work from low to high density markers
- For animals nongenotyped (at all), they may give a point estimate based on most likely genotype
- Why is this bad?

Problem with point estimates of genotypes

Imagine a major gene



- Point estimate of genotype of the descendants: "Aa"
- Clearly, based on y there is Mendelian segregation where one descendant received "AA" and the other "aa"
- There is variation of true genotype around the point estimate of the genotype
- If we do not consider this variation we consider the offspring as identical twins

Augmenting genotypes

- Gengler et al. (2007) conceived an algebraic way to deal with these point estimates (== to McPeek et al. 2004)
- Christensen & Lund (2010) showed how to take the variation into account
- Genotype of descendants = half their parents + Mendelian sampling



AA with probability $\frac{1}{2}$ Aa with probability $\frac{1}{2}$

E(Genotype) = $\frac{3}{2}$ "A" + $\frac{1}{2}$ "a" Variance(Genotype)= $\frac{1}{4}$ "A" + $\frac{1}{4}$ "a"

Augmenting genotypes

Genotype =
$$\frac{3}{2}$$
 "*A*" + $\frac{1}{2}$ "*a*"
Variance(Genotype)= $\frac{1}{4}$ "*A*" + $\frac{1}{4}$ "*a*"

- Yes <u>this is weird</u> but it allows linear and algebraic treatment of an almost impossible problem
- You can see it as a linear simplification of a superpolynomial problem
- This allows using the classical machinery of animal breeding (relationships and matrix algebra)

Inferring genotypes

- Gengler's gene content prediction (2007)
- Linear approximation to the imputation problem ۲
- This method can be applied to any member of a pedigree and g

generalized to a set of individuals
Observed
genotype

$$\mathbf{z}_{genotyped} = \mathbf{A}_{1,2}\mathbf{A}_{2,2}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}_{genotyped} - 2p)$$

Expected
genotype

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{non \, genotyped} = E\left(\mathbf{z}_{non \, genotyped} \mid \mathbf{z}_{genotyped}\right) = \mathbf{A}_{1,2}\mathbf{A}_{2,2}^{-1}\left(\mathbf{z}_{genotyped} - 2p\right)$$

$$Var\left(\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{non \, genotyped}\right) = Var\left(\mathbf{z}_{non \, genotyped} \mid \mathbf{z}_{genotyped}\right) = \left(\mathbf{A}_{1,1} - \mathbf{A}_{1,2}\mathbf{A}_{2,2}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{2,1}\right) 2pq$$

non genotyped

Let
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

genotyped



ng: « non genotyped » *g*: « genotyped »

Chistensen & Lund use Var(A) = E(Var(A|B)) + Var(E(A|B)) to consider the prediction of the genotype and its variance

Covariances of all animals

Legarra et al. 2009; Aguilar et al., 2010; Christensen & Lund, 2010

$$Var\begin{pmatrix}\mathbf{u}_{1}\\\mathbf{u}_{2}\end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{H}_{11} & \mathbf{H}_{12}\\\mathbf{H}_{21} & \mathbf{H}_{22}\end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\text{non genotyped}}_{\begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{21} + \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathbf{G}\\\mathbf{G}\mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{G}\end{bmatrix}$$

genotyped

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Overall modification

- Look at A as a « prior » (pedigree) relationship and to G as an « observed » (genomic) relationship
 - G is observed for some individuals only, whose « a priori » (pedigree) relationship matrix was A₂₂
- Try to construct a « posterior » relationship matrix

Joint distributions

Unconditional distribution of genetic values of Genotyped individuals

$$p(\mathbf{u}_2) = N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{G})$$
 and

After seeing their genotypes !

Conditional distribution of Non-Genotyped individuals

$$p(\mathbf{u}_{1}|\mathbf{u}_{2}) = N(\mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathbf{u}_{2}, \mathbf{A}_{11} - \mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1}\mathbf{A}_{21})$$

Because they have no genotypes, this depends only on pedigree
Joint distribution

Joint distributions

... for those inclined to algebra

Covariances of all animals

Legarra et al. 2009; Aguilar et al., 2010; Christensen & Lund, 2010

Exactly same results...

Overall modification: example

Figure 1. Example pedigree. Genotyped animals are in bold.

Overall modification: example

1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00					$\begin{array}{c} 0.50 \\ 0.50 \end{array}$	0.50 0.50			$0.25 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.25$		0.50	$ \begin{array}{c} 0.13 \\ 0.13 \\ 0.13 \\ 0.38 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 0.13 \\ 0.13 \\ 0.13 \\ 0.13 \end{array}$
				1.00						0.50			0.25	0.25	0.13	0.13
					1.00					0.50			0.25	0.25	0.13	0.13
						1.00					0.50		0.25			0.13
							1.00				0.50		0.25			0.13
0.50	0.50							1.00				0.50			0.25	0.25
		0.50	0.50						1.00			0.50		0.25	0.38	0.25
				0.50	0.50					1.00			0.50	0.50	0.25	0.25
						0.50	0.50				1.00		0.50			0.25
0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25					0.50	0.50			1.00		0.13	0.56	0.50
				0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25			0.50	0.50		1.00	0.25	0.13	0.50
			0.50	0.25	0.25				0.25	0.50		0.13	0.25	1.00	0.56	0.19
0.13	0.13	0.13	0.38	0.13	0.13			0.25	0.38	0.25		0.56	0.13	0.56	1.06	0.34
0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.19	0.34	1.00

Table 1. Numerator relationship matrix A for the pedigree in Figure 1¹

¹Cells with 0 are empty to show the pattern. Coefficients for genotyped animals are in bold. Matrix A_g is obtained by setting the out-of-diagonal coefficients of genotyped animals to 0.7.

This is the regular relationship matrix. Assume now that animals 9 to 12 have a genomic relationship of 0.7

Overall modification: example

Table 3. Modified relationship matrix H including genomic information for genotyped animals and all relatives for the pedigree in Figure 1¹

1.00		0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.43	0.35	0.26	0.34	0.39
	1.00	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.43	0.35	0.26	0.34	0.39
0.18	0.18	1.00		0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.35	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.43	0.35	0.18	0.30	0.39
0.18	0.18		1.00	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.35	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.43	0.35	0.68	0.55	0.39
0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	1.00		0.18	0.18	0.35	0.35	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.43	0.34	0.34	0.39
0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18		1.00	0.18	0.18	0.35	0.35	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.43	0.34	0.34	0.39
0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	1.00		0.35	0.35	0.35	0.50	0.35	0.43	0.26	0.31	0.39
0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18		1.00	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.50	0.35	0.43	0.26	0.31	0.39
0.50	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	1.00	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.85	0.70	0.53	0.69	0.78
0.35	0.35	0.50	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.70	1.00	0.70	0.70	0.85	0.70	0.60	0.73	0.78
0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.50	0.50	0.35	0.35	0.70	0.70	1.00	0.70	0.70	0.85	0.68	0.69	0.78
0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.50	0.50	0.70	0.70	0.70	1.00	0.70	0.85	0.53	0.61	0.78
0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.85	0.85	0.70	0.70	1.35	0.70	0.56	0.96	1.03
0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.70	0.70	0.85	0.85	0.70	1.35	0.60	0.65	1.03
0.26	0.26	0.18	0.68	0.34	0.34	0.26	0.26	0.53	0.60	0.68	0.53	0.56	0.60	1.18	0.87	0.58
0.34	0.34	0.30	0.55	0.34	0.34	0.31	0.31	0.69	0.73	0.69	0.61	0.96	0.65	0.87	1.41	0.80
0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	1.03	1.03	0.58	0.80	1.53

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This parents now are related

This guy now is inbred

Understanding H matrix

- It is a projection of G matrix on the rest of individuals "so that" G matrix makes sense
 - e.g. parents of two animals related in G should be related in A
- It is a Bayesian updating of the pedigree matrix based on new information from genotypes
- The approximation of multivariate normality is good because we have many markers
- Typically
 - A⁻¹ in the millions but extremely sparse
 - G and A₂₂ in the thousands
 - · Leads to a very efficient method of genomic evaluation:

Single Step GBLUP

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Single Step = Your regular BLUP with small modifications

W: incidence matrix of animals on data $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X'}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{X} & \mathbf{X'}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{W} \\ \mathbf{W}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{X} & \mathbf{W}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{H}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{u}^{-2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{u}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X'}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{W}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix}$ $\mathbf{H}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{G}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$ G This **G** could be *any* matrix describing « genomic » covariances of breeding values; it does not restrict to VanRaden's A: pedigree (2008) GBLUP relationship matrix

A₂₂: pedigree matrix among genotyped individuals

Single Step GBLUP

- Easy modification to a general purpose BLUP software
 - Only changes: addition of G^{-1} and A_{22}^{-1}
 - Matrices G^{-1} and A_{22}^{-1} can be computed with external tools
- <u>Can fit any model</u> (probit, GxE,...)
- Simple extraction of SNP effects for prediction or (multimarker) GWAS:

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{a}} = \boldsymbol{Z}'\boldsymbol{G}^{-1}\widehat{\boldsymbol{u}}_2/k$$

Some results in Pigs

- Christensen et al., 2012
 - Joint two-trait analysis: daily gain (massively recorded) and feed efficiency (scarcely recorded)
 - 2600 genotyped, 300,000 records
 - Single Step increased accuracy by 0.10 in both traits compared to pedigree BLUP and reduced bias compared to simple GBLUP
- Lourenço et al., 2014, PIC data
 - Litter size, fertility
 - 2,000,000 animals in data, 5,000 animals genotyped
 - Single Step increased accuracy by 0.10-0.20 compared to pedigree BLUP

Single-Step Heat Stress GWAS

- Aguilar et al., unpublished
- Multiple-Trait Test-Day model heat tolerance
 - ~ 90 millions records, ~ 9 millions pedigrees
 - ~ 3,800 genotyped bulls

Complete evaluation ~ 16 h

Marker effects (after backsolving)

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- Populations evolve with time, but genotypes came years after pedigree started
- Genomic Predictions are shifted from Pedigree Predictions
 - This makes them not directly comparable
- Underlying hypothesis of Christensen & Lund (allelic frequencies constant across time) or Legarra et al. (average genetic value does not change) false
- This can be modelled in a quantitative framework

G = ZZ'/k or G = ZDZ'

Consider a model $y = \mu + u + e$, Var(u) = G

- Adding or substracting constants from **G** shifts $\hat{\pmb{u}}$ by a constant absorbed by $\hat{\mu}$
- Multiplying G by a constant changes the genetic variance

- The population for which average(u) = 0 and for which the genetic variance is defined is called the *genetic base*
 - Founders of the pedigree in classical **A**
 - Whole set of genotyped animals in most typical **G**
- Typically, genotyped animals come *after* pedigree starts
 - e.g. Lacaune sheep pedigree go back to 1960 but genotypes start in 1995
- Drift (and selection) causes :
 - Average genetic values "drift" (in particular in small populations)
 - Genetic variance reduces

- Vitezica et al. (2011) and Christensen et al. (2012) provided an unbiased method that forces the same genetic base across G and A:
 - $G^* = a + bG$
 - *a* accounts for old relationships among non genotyped ancestors
 - b accounts for reduction in the genetic variance
 - *a* and *b* can be obtained equating average inbreeding and average relationships:

$$a + b \ \overline{\mathbf{G}} = \overline{\mathbf{A}}_{22}$$

$$a + b \overline{diag(G)} = \overline{(diag(A_{22}))}$$

In H-W b = 1 - a/2 and this is Wright's fixation index (Powell et al., 2011):

$$\left(1 - \frac{G_{ij}^*}{2}\right) = \left(1 - \frac{G_{ij}}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{(\overline{A}_{22} - \overline{G})}{2}\right)$$

Christensen, 2012

- Christensen (2012) suggests fitting A to G instead of the opposite
 - Ancestral relationships that can be seen in G go undetected in A
- Christensen analitically integrates out p_i (=allele frequencies) in a model that
 - uses p = 0.5 as reference in ALL loci
 - uses a relationship matrix \mathbf{A}^{γ} with <u>related</u> founders

Relationship across founders

Classically we assume

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Christensen changes this into:

$$\mathbf{A}^{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} & \gamma & \gamma & \gamma \\ \gamma & 1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} & \gamma & \gamma \\ \gamma & \gamma & 1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} & \gamma \\ \gamma & \gamma & 1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} & \gamma \\ \gamma & \gamma & \gamma & 1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

He was unaware of Jacquard (1974) who posited this structure

Conclusions

- We have a rather good theory on mixing pedigree and genomic relationships for a single population
- This theory is useful for genomic predictions and for GWAS in complex scenarios such as livestock
- The associated computational methods are quite efficient

• BUT

- It is sensible to pedigree or genotyping mistakes (label switching)
- Compatibility needs a reasonable data set (representative samples)

TODO list

- Extend to multiple origins (=crosses of lines or breeds)
- Include linkage among markers (useful ?)
- Improve computational algorithms
- Understand those differences between *realized* (G) and *expected* (A) relationships, in order to come up with a comprehensive theory

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