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# Integrating single marker tests in genome scans for selection : the local score approach



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#### MOTIVATION

- Detect genomic regions with high genetic differentiation between populations, signatures of adaptive selection.
- Single-marker statistics have a large variance and ignore LD (Linkage Disequilinrium).



- Haplotype-based tests require individual data, not availale when sequencing DNA pools (Pool-seq).
- Window-based tests: how to choose window size? Statistical significance of a window?
- Local score: detects regions statistically enriched in markers with high genetic differentiation, without defining fixed windows.

#### DEFINITION

- For each marker m, score  $X_m = -log10(p_m) \xi$  (black points),  $p_m$  p-value of a test for selection (i.e. rejecting neutrality).
- Cumulate scores using the Lindley process (solid line)

$$h_0 = 0, \ h_m = max(0, h_{m-1} + X_m)$$



- Excursions above 0 of the Lindley process, indicate genomic regions enriched in high scores / low p-values (green interval).
- Here  $p_m$  is the p-value of the FLK test (Bonhomme *et al*, 2010).

#### **IMPORTANT FEATURES**

- One single tunning parameter: ξ, p-value threshold in log10 scale.
  → High values put emphasis on high scores: strong selection.
  - $\rightarrow$  Low values put emphasis on extended regions: recent selection.
  - $\rightarrow \xi = 1$  recommended to optimize detection power.
- Statistical significance of an excursion depends on:
  - $\rightarrow$  the number of markers in the sequence ( M)
  - $\rightarrow$  the auto-correlation of scores ( $\rho).$
- Two new approaches to compute it, as a function of *M* and *ρ*:

   → analytical formula: valid if single-marker p-values are uniform under neutrality.
  - $\rightarrow$  re-sampling approach: valid for all datasets.

#### SIMULATION RESULTS

- Two divergent populations, one neutral and one under selection.
- Methods: **single-marker test** (FLK), **haplotype-based test** (hapFLK, Fariello *et al*, 2013), **window-based FLK tests** (mean, diffx, prob >2), **local score**, detection threshold computed from our re-sampling approach (SLgT) or neutral simulations (SLgE).
- Observed type I error 6% for SLgT, 5% for other tests.



#### APPLICATION TO DIVERGENT QUAIL LINES

- Divergent selection on behaviour, **pool-seq** from each line (G50).
- Chromosome 1: much clearer signal with the local score.
- Ten significant regions genome-wide, with **relevant candidate genes** related to autistic disorders or behavorial traits in Humans.



#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- The local score accounts for LD whithout individual genotypes.
- Statistical significance of candidate regions easy to compute.
- **Increased detection power** compared to single-marker, windowbased or haplotype-based tests.
- Can be applied to any single-marker test providing p-values.